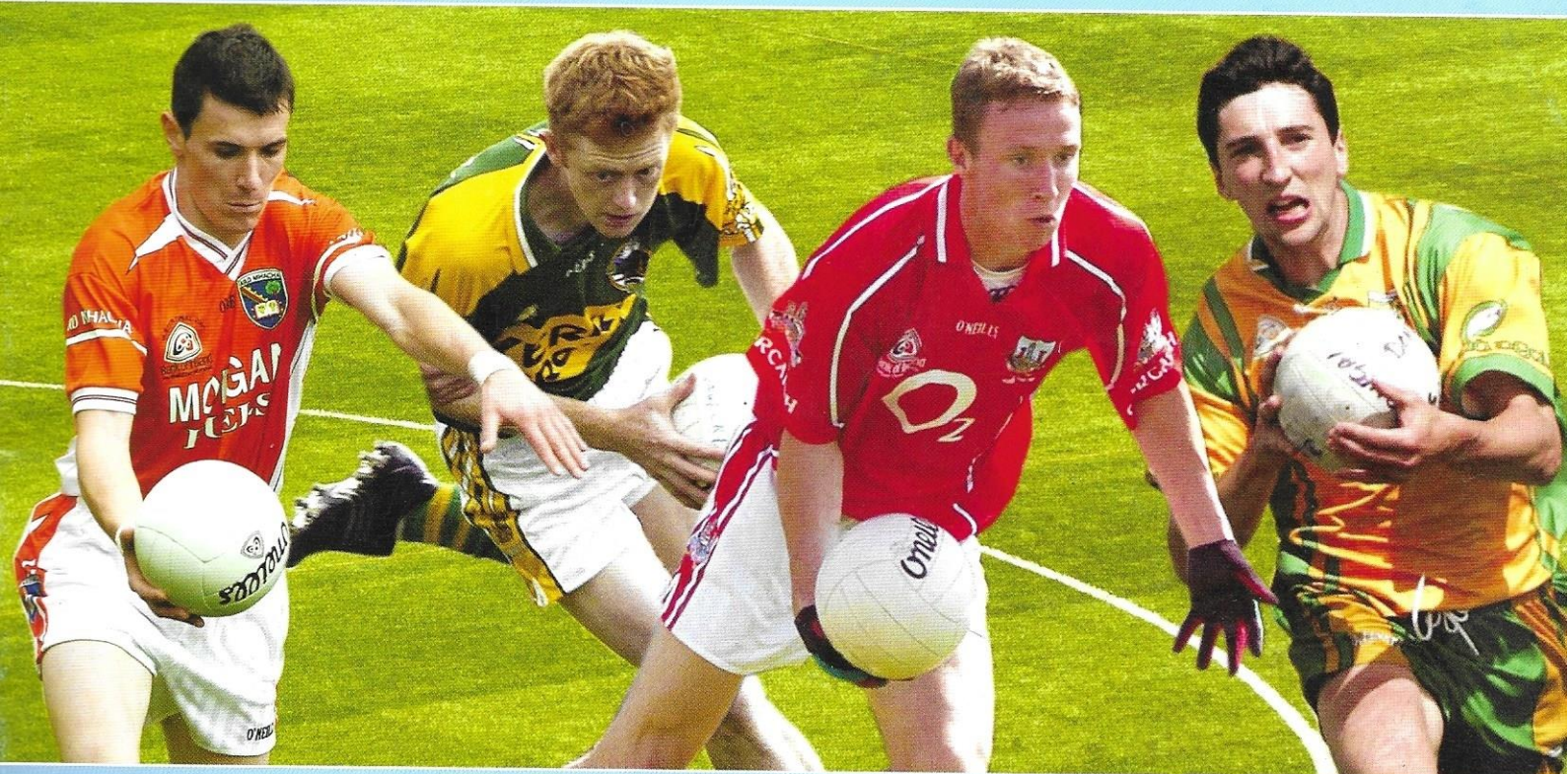




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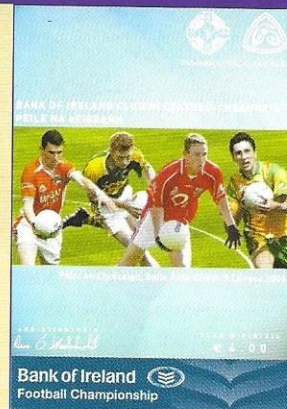
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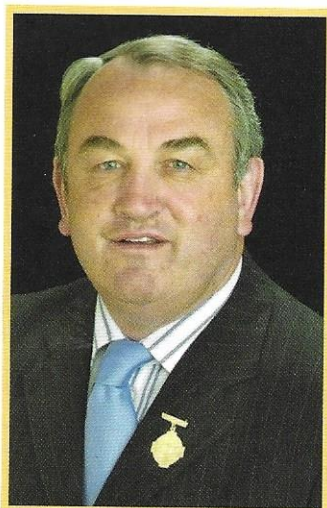


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The best from Ulster and Munster meet in Croke Park this afternoon for the right to contest a Bank of Ireland Senior Football Semi-Final in a couple of weeks. The winner of our two games today play each other in that Semi-Final. I welcome the Players, Team Mentors, County Board Officials and Supporters from the four counties to Croke Park. 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 I thank them for their on-going support.

Armagh have impressed right from their opening game in the Ulster Championship and it is to the credit of the team management and the players that they have maintained their focus and commitment in all their games. Opponents Kerry returned to something like their old form in the game last weekend against Longford, but today's encounter is a definite step up in class as the Ulster champions will be stern opponents. With a semi-final place at stake expect a fiercely committed encounter from two great footballing sides.

Cork may have surprised many with their gritty display against Kerry in the drawn Munster Final, but they showed that this was no flash in the pan with a well-merited victory over their great rivals in the replay. Opponents Donegal have improved dramatically over the course of the season and the team's confidence will certainly have been boosted by last weekend's fine win over Fermanagh. Each side will feel they have the necessary credentials to reach the semi-final and perhaps another chance against their Provincial Final opponents.

While the four teams will undoubtedly be under a fair amount of pressure today, spare a thought for the two referees. Decisions have to be made in an instant with no time for a TV replay. Consider also the pace of today's modern game and the level of concentration required from our

referees which needs to be greater than ever. I attended a recent Referee's Seminar at which one of our most prominent referees gave a presentation on a recent game in which he officiated. The attention to detail involving prior consultation with the other match officials and the level of concentration required in what was a high intensity encounter was extremely interesting. Being fit and knowing the rules are a definite prerequisite for any intercounty referee but a strong personality and an ability to handle the most intense pressure is now more essential than ever.

Players and some officials now seem to challenge more and more refereeing decisions and it is not an easy situation for any referee handling these situations. I accept (as do referees) that match officials sometimes make mistakes, but no referee ever goes out to intentionally favour any team. There is an unbelievable level of scrutiny by match analysts on every referee's performance. It is very easy with the benefit of technology to show where a referee erred, but would these same analysts have made the correct call themselves if the decision had to be made in a split second?

The referee has his performance officially monitored in every championship game and a comprehensive performance report and rating card is submitted after each game. An analysis of refereeing performances to date in both codes is showing an overall improvement on last year. This is down to the increased attention to referee training and in particular to the big efforts being made by all referees themselves both on and off the field. So today, spare a thought for our referees because they will play as important a role as the thirty players.

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

Ráth Dé oraibh go léir,

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01.43	Ciarraí amach ar an bpáirc
01.45	Ard Mhacha amach ar an bpáirc
02.00	Tús an chéad chluiche
03.30*	Críoch an chéad chluiche
03.40	Dún na nGall amach ar an bpáirc
03.42	Corcaigh amach ar an bpáirc

03.54	Paráid na Fóirne
03.58	Amhrán na bhFiann
04.00	Tús an dara chluiche
05.30*	Críoch an dara chluiche

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## Message from Bank of Ireland



On behalf of Bank of Ireland, I would like to welcome you to Croke Park today for the first two quarter-final matches in the 2006 Bank of Ireland Football Championship. Today we have a fascinating line up with Armagh meeting Kerry and Cork taking on Donegal in their first ever championship clash.

Armagh and Cork arrive here today with the provincial titles already to their name and will be giving all they can in the pursuit of those semi-final slots. Although Kerry and

Donegal were unsuccessful in their provincial title bids, they have shown strong form through the qualifiers with impressive wins against Fermanagh and Longford.

As Armagh and Kerry meet today for their sixth championship clash, the records favour Kerry who are ahead on three victories and have yet to lose a quarter-final match. However there's no doubt that the Orchard county men will be determined to even the score and recreate their 2002 All Ireland victory over Kerry.

Meanwhile Cork, who have yet to concede a goal in this year's championship are facing Brian McIver's youthful Donegal team. This is the first ever senior Championship clash between these counties. Their last competitive match in 2005 saw Donegal score three goals, which is not something that Billy Morgan will want to happen today, as victory would bring the Rebels to a record eighth All Ireland semi-final under his guidance.

Now in its thirteenth year, Bank of Ireland are delighted to be sponsors of the key sporting event in Ireland that is the Bank of Ireland Football Championship. This Football Championship has already had many action packed and exciting clashes and we look forward to the rest of the season of more fantastic football.

Finally, I would like to wish all teams today, Cork, Donegal, Armagh and Kerry the best of luck and look forward to what I know will be an afternoon of great football.

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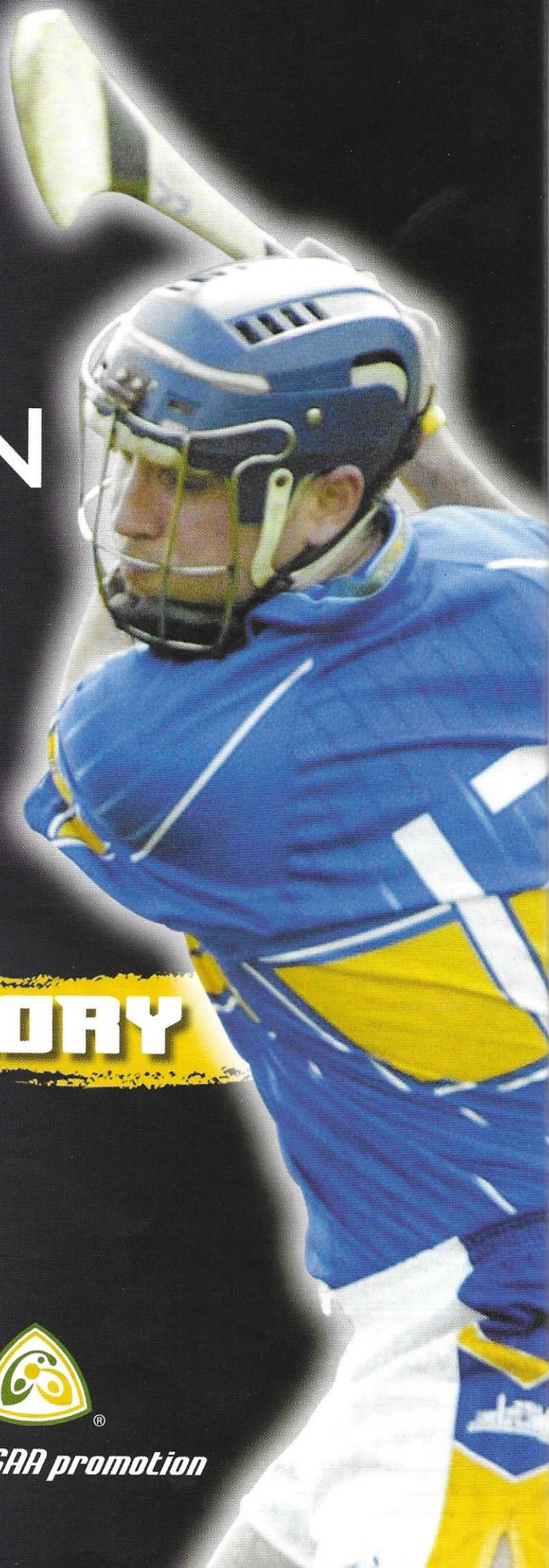
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## SCORING & SAVING

Mick O'Connell, generally acknowledged as one of Kerry's greatest ever midfielders, could also claim to have recorded a double that had nothing to do with excellence around the middle of the field, but everything to do with scoring and saving at opposite ends of the pitch.

The Valentia man's feat that is probably unique in the history of gaelic football took place, not in Croke Park nor even in an intercounty match, but in a club game in Kerry. The game was the final of the "Kerryman" Shield at Tralee between Mid and South Kerry in 1964. Early in the game when Mid-Kerry were awarded a penalty, Mick, who was operating at midfield, took over in goal and saved the shot. And when later in the game South Kerry were awarded a penalty, Mick, the team's place-kicker, was the man to take it and duly obliged by planting the ball in the net.

It was almost certainly a unique 'double' as there is no record of that feat being performed by an outfield player in an intercounty or club football fixture before or since. A truly remarkable achievement by a truly remarkable man.

## A RARE TREBLE

Kerry have recorded many remarkable feats in their long illustrious history – and at every level and stage of the championship. In this regard the All-Ireland semi/final draws of 1941 deserve mention, as their three teams – senior, junior and minor – were all involved in stalemate in the penultimate round.

Not for the first time Kerry came through Munster with a clean sheet on all fronts, but there was to be no hat-trick of All-Ireland final appearances. The senior team did deliver when, having drawn their semi/final with Dublin (0-4 all) at Croke Park, they ran out easy winners of the second meeting – 2-9 to 0-3 at Tralee the following Sunday. The junior squad followed suit; finishing level – 3-9 to 4-6 – with Laois at Portlaoise and getting it right in the replay at Killarney on a 3-7 to 1-0 scoreline.

But the treble was not completed. Emerging Roscommon had a fine minor team on duty in the semi/final and Kerry did well to share the spoils – 3-4 to 2-7 at Tralee. The replay at St. Coman's Park was always going the home team's way and Kerry's treble bid failed on a score of 3-3 to 5-7.

However, 1941 – the year in which Kerry moved to the top of the senior championship roll of honour for the first time – also marked the only season in which a county, football or hurling, was involved in three drawn All-Ireland semi/finals. As Kerry went on to take the senior and junior titles it was a rewarding year as well for the Kingdom.

## TWO REMARKABLE DECADES

Even the most casual glance at the championship records shows the remarkable achievements of Dublin in the last decade of the 19th century and the first of the 20th. In the years 1890 to 1909 capital teams set all kinds of records which none of their contemporaries came close to equalling.

Dublin's first ventures in the championship had not been impressive: a non-appearance in 1887 followed by defeats to Wexford (1888), Louth (1889) and Wexford again in 1890. But then in 1891 the capital's fortunes took off with the annexation of All-Ireland honours and that was the first of eleven titles they were to win by 1908. By the end of the century Dublin had won six titles with their closest rivals being Limerick and Tipperary with two apiece.

The new century opened with Dublin's first defeat in Leinster since 1895 (Wexford surprising the Metropolitans in the first round at Kilkenny), but the Liffesiders resumed winning ways in 1901 with another All-Ireland title which was retained the following year.

Kerry and Kildare arrived on the scene to keep Dublin title-less for three years, but it was only a temporary interruption with Dublin taking a hat-trick of titles between 1906 and 1908 to take their All-Ireland titles total to eleven along with 13 provincial crowns. Tipperary with three national titles and Cork with nine provincial crowns were their closest rivals.

However, Dublin's greatest era came to an unexpected end when Louth beat them in the 1909 provincial semi/final and then followed an eleven-year barren period during which neither All-Ireland nor provincial honours were annexed. Dublin never came close to repeating the magnificent achievements of those early years and eleven titles in 18 years could well stand for all time.

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Tá curaidh Uladh ag imirt peil den scoth faoi láthair agus Craobh Uladh buaite acu trí uair as a chéile. Tá neart, scil, taithí agus féin-mhuinín thar na beartaibh acu agus tá siad lán-dírthe i mbliana ar Sam a bhuachaint dona dara huair. Beidh sé fíor-dheacair iad a stopadh. Bhí an Ríocht go dona i gcaobhchomórtas na Mumhan ach seo an cluiche a bhí uathu le cúpla bliain anuas agus tá go leor le cruthú ag an bhfoireann seo freisin.

Braithfidh toradh an chluiche seo ar choimhlintí áirithe ar fud na páirce agus, gan amhras, ar an gcath thaobhline idir Joe Kernan agus Jack O'Connor. Ag an bpointe seo tá an lámh in uachtar ag Kernan ó thaobh cluichí cruaidh a bhuachaint. B'fhéidir go mbeidh athrú ar sin um thráthnóna agus beidh lucht leanta na Ríochta ag súil go mbeidh. Beidh fíor-choimhlint i lár an ghoirt inniu - áit a bheidh leithéidí McGeeney, McGrane agus Ó Sé ar bharr a maitheasa. Beidh buntáiste faoi

leith ag an bhfoireann a bheidh i gceannas anseo mar tá tosaithe den scoth ag an dá dhream. Tá McDonnell, McConville agus Clarke ar na tosaithe is fearr sa tír gan amhras agus cuirfidh siad fíorbhrú ar línte cúil Chiarraí inniu. Chuir James Masters scanradh orthu faoi dhó i mbliana agus caithfidh siad bheith san airdeall ón gcéad fheadóg inniu.

Ar an dtaobh eile den bpáirc, cad faoi thosaithe na Ríochta agus cúlaithe Ard Mhacha? Bhí feabhas mór ar na Muimhnigh in aghaidh Longfoirt le leithéidí Gooch agus Brosnan ag teach chucu féin faoi dheireadh. Rinneadh athruithe sontasacha agus d'aimsíodar na cúil. Tá clú agus cáil ar chúlaithe Ard Mhacha faoin am seo agus ní ghéillfidh siad faic os chomhair an chúil. Má bhíonn Donaghy ar imeall na cearnóige i ngleic le Bellew nach orainn a bheidh an tadh bheith i láthair don choimhlint áirithe seo. Cluiche fíor-shuimiúil a bheidh ann agus tá sé fíor-dheacair buaiteoir a phiocadh. Beidh na Tuaisceartaigh mar rogha an údar agus tá sé sin iontuigthe ach níl deireadh leis an Ríocht go fóill. Bhí dhá ath-imirt ag Ard Mhacha i mbliana - cad faoi ceann eile?

Ta borradh faoi leith faoi Reibiliúnaigh Chorcaí i mbliana faoi stiúir Billy Morgan. Tá Craobh na Mumhan buaite acu agus tabharfaidh siad aghaidh ar neasóirí Uladh um thráthnóna. Bhíodar go dona ar fad in aghaidh Luimní ach tháinig feabhas orthu don chluiche ceannais. Is cinnte go bhfuil siad ag brath ro-mhór ar

James Masters agus má eiríonn le Brian McIver plean a chur le chéile chu srian a chur ar Masters beidh na Deargaigh i dtrioblóid. Tá cúlaithe Thír Chonaill thar bharr faoi láthair cé go bhfuil a lán-chúlaí in easnamh orthu go fóill. Bhí Neil McGee thar bharr ar Stephen McDonnell i gcluiche ceannais Uladh agus bhí an dá líne cúil ar fheabhas in aghaidh Fhear Mhonaigh an tseachtain seo chaite.

Braithfidh Corcaigh Graham Canty uathu go mór um

thráthnóna agus tá athruithe déanta ag Morgan don chluiche seo. Tá cuid dena himreoirí óga ag déanamh go maith agus ag feabhsú le gach cluiche. Is cinnte go bhfuil na Conallaigh ag dul i bhfeabhas freisin cé nach bhfuil siad maith go leor go fóill chun craobh a bhaint. Ceaptar go bhfuil siad maith go leor, áfach, chun cluiche an lae inniu a bhaint agus moltar iad chun dul ar aghaidh don cluiche leathcheannais.



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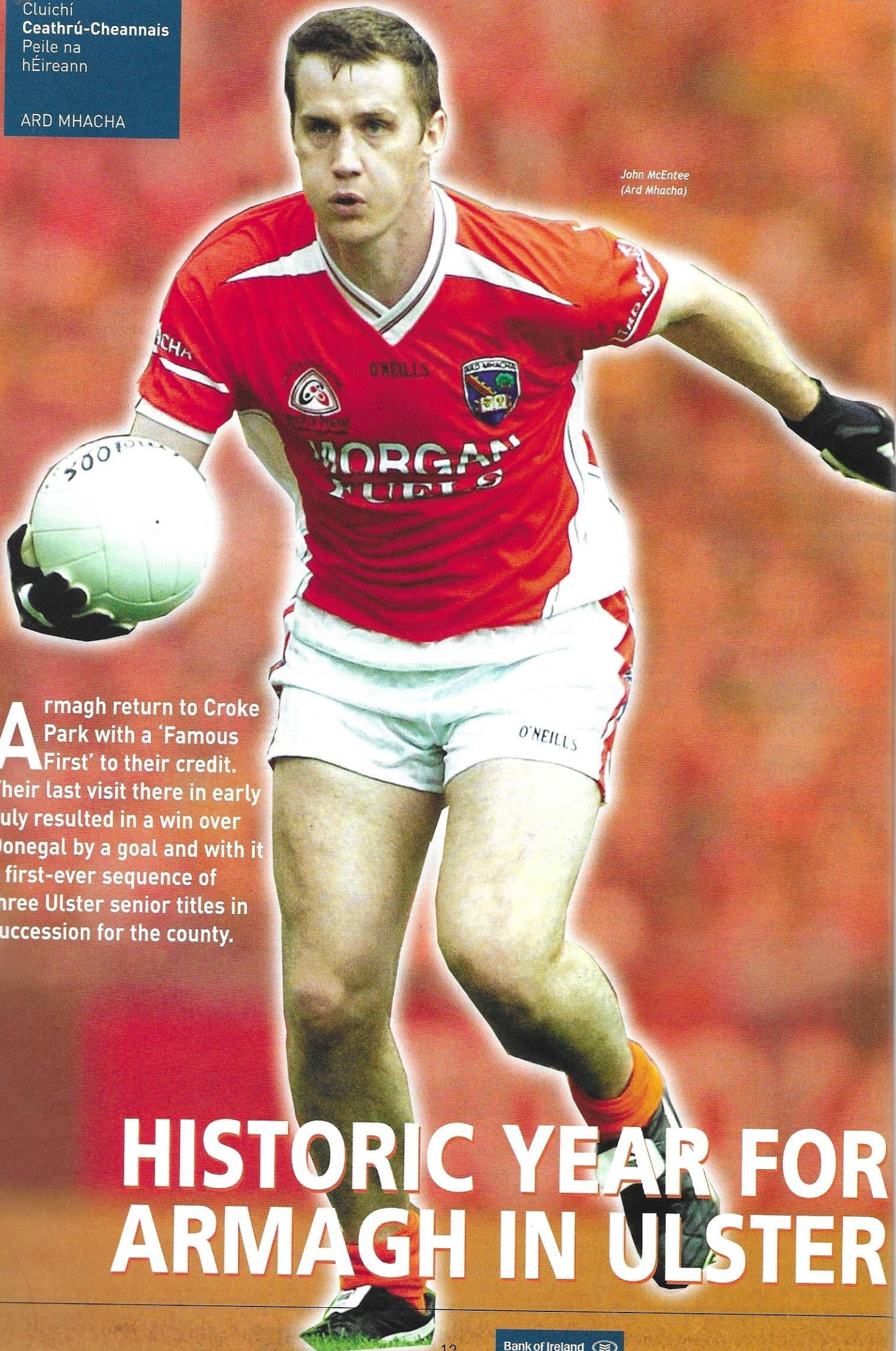
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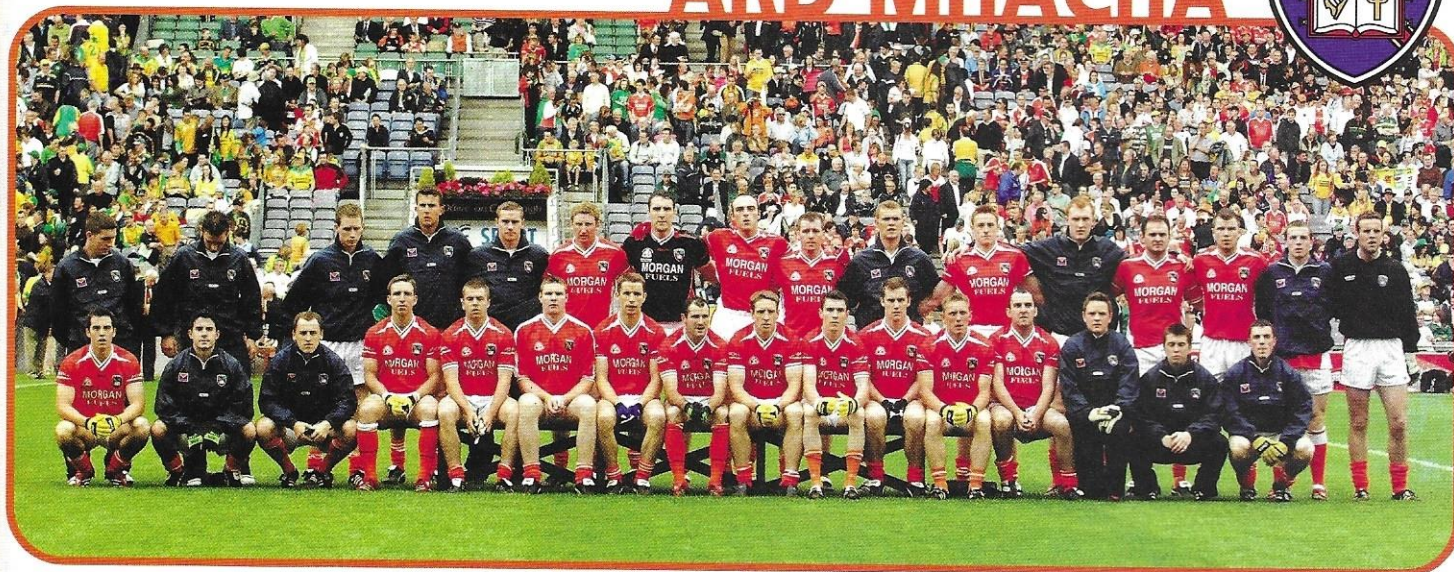
John McEntee  
(Ard Mhacha)



**A**rmagh return to Croke Park with a 'Famous First' to their credit. Their last visit there in early July resulted in a win over Donegal by a goal and with it a first-ever sequence of three Ulster senior titles in succession for the county.

# HISTORIC YEAR FOR ARMAGH IN ULSTER

# ARD MHACHA



## THE ARMAGH SQUAD WHICH WON THE ANGLO-CELT CUP.

**Back Row (Left to Right):** Brian Mallon, Peadar Toal, Fintian Moriarty, Philip Loughran, Tony McEntee, Francie Bellew, Paul Hearty, Malachy Mackin, Ciarán McKeever, Gareth Swift, Charlie Vernon, Paul Keenan, Aidan O'Rourke, Ronan Clarke, J P Donnelly, Alan Hearty.

**Front Row (Left to Right):** Aaron Kernan, Micheal O'Rourke, Patrick McKeever, Enda McNulty, Paul McCormack, John Toal, Paul McGrane, Steven McDonnell, Kieran McGeeney, Andy Mallon, John McEntee, Paul Duffy, Martin O'Rourke, Ciarán McKinney, Stephen Kernan, Liam O'Hare.

That success was also a tribute to the consistently high standard of play that the Orchard County have maintained over a lengthy period.

Paul McGrane struck a decisive blow for Armagh in the Ulster final by collecting the only goal of an enjoyable and competitive game immediately after the start of the second half. That score separated the sides at the final whistle.

The exchanges were keen all through the match. Donegal led three times during the first half. However, McGrane's goal after only

fifty seconds of the second half put Armagh 1-4 to 0-4 ahead. However, Donegal did not buckle and by the forty-fifth minute were just a point adrift.

But the defending champions continued to play with a cool and purposeful approach. And, helped by a splendid save by goalkeeper Paul Hearty near the end, finished worthy winners by 1-9 to 0-9.

While McGrane's goal was a match-winning highlight for Armagh, there were many other strands to the success story.

Francie Bellew was a tower of strength at full

back, turning in one of his best-ever displays in the county colours. Aaron Kernan also did much to mould the defence into a solid unit with his clever play in the half back line.

McGrane and Kieran McGeeney teamed to good effect in midfield, while Ronan Clarke masterminded matters up front, with John McEntee and Oisín McConville proving very able aids.

The win—Armagh's sixth Ulster title in eight years—leaves little doubt that the Orchard County remain a formidable power and a team that is also hungry for further successes.

## LAST 5 CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS WITH KERRY

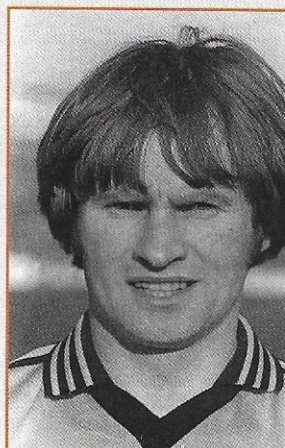
<b>2002 All-Ireland Senior Final</b>			
Armagh	1-12;	Kerry	0-14.
<b>2000 All-Ireland Semi-Final.</b>			
Armagh	2-11;	Kerry	2-11.
<b>2000 All-Ireland Semi-Final Replay (After extra time).</b>			
Armagh	1-15;	Kerry	2-15.
<b>1982 All-Ireland Semi-Final</b>			
Armagh	1-11;	Kerry	3-15.
<b>1953 All-Ireland Final</b>			
Armagh	1-6;	Kerry	0-13.

## LAST 5 CHAMPIONSHIP OUTINGS

2006			
Armagh	1-9;	Donegal	0-9.
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Armagh	0-11;	Fermanagh	2-5.
Armagh	1-13;	Monaghan	0-10.
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## PADDY MORIARTY

**P**addy was Armagh's first All Star when selected at left full forward in the second-ever team in 1972 and went on to be a versatile footballer.



He scored a splendid goal from the full forward position in the 1977 Ulster final win, Armagh's first title in 24 years. Moriarty lined out at centre half back in the All-Ireland final against Dublin, scored a goal from a penalty and had another penalty saved by Paddy Cullen in the Metropolitan goal at the expense of a "50".

A member of the Wolfe Tones club, he won a second All Star in 1977—but at centre half back—and interprovincial medals in 1979 and 1980 as a defender. Paddy also wore the Armagh jersey in hurling and won a National League Division II medal.



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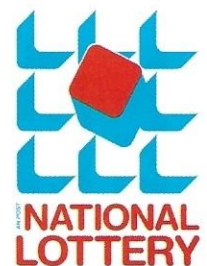
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# ARD MHACHA & CIARRAÍ PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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PREVIOUS  
MEETINGS

1953

Kerry 0-13 Armagh 1-6

With Armagh making their All-Ireland final debut and Kerry without a title for seven years, there was huge interest in this first-ever meeting of the counties and that was reflected in the attendance of 86,155 – the largest for a final to date. The Kingdom were favourites to cure their 'seven-year itch' and started correspondingly with points by Jim Brosnan and Tom Ashe. Appearing nervous, the Ulster champions had to wait until the 15th minute to open their account when Gerry O'Neill pointed, but they swept into the lead shortly after when Mal McEvoy goaled.

However, the Kingdom were soon on terms thanks to a brace of points from Tadgh Lyne, but O'Neill and McEvoy added to their personal tallies before Brosnan finished the first-half scoring to leave the Orchard county leading by 1-3 to 0-5.

Three minutes after the resumption Brosnan brought Kerry level and the sides were still deadlocked following an exchange of points between McEvoy and Lyne. Shortly afterwards Lyne edged Kerry in front, but at the 50th minute Armagh were presented with an opportunity to grab the lead when they were awarded a penalty. However, Billie McCorry's shot went just the wrong side of the post and Kerry swept upfield for a J.J. Sheehan point. The same player added another before Lyne had the insurance score, with Brian Seeley's late point of little consolation to Armagh.

**Kerry scorers:** T. Lyne 0-6, J. Brosnan 0-3, J. J. Sheehan 0-2, T. Ashe 0-1, J. Lyne 0-1.

**Armagh scorers:** M. McEvoy 1-1, G. O'Neill 0-3, J. Cunningham 0-1, B. Seeley 0-1.

**Ciarraí** - J. Foley, J. Murphy, N. Roche, D. Murphy, C. Keneally, J. Cronin, M. Palmer, S. Murphy, D. Hanafin, J. Brosnan, J. J. Sheehan, T. Lyne, T. Ashe, S. Kelly, J. Lyne.  
**Sub** - G. O'Sullivan for Hanafin.  
**Ard Mhacha** - E. McMahon, G. Morgan, J. Bratten, J. McKnight, F. Kernan, P. O'Neill, S. Quinn, M.

O'Hanlon, M. McEvoy, J. Cunningham, B. Seeley, B. McCorry, P. Campbell, A. O'Hagan, G. O'Neill. **Subs** - G. Wilson for McMahon, G. Murphy for Wilson, J. O'Hare for Quinn.

1982

Kerry 3-15 Armagh 1-11

Reigning All-Ireland champions for the previous four years, Kerry were heavily favoured for their second meeting with Armagh in this year's semi/final. The Kingdom had been taken to a replay by Cork in the provincial final but their nine point win in the replay was impressive. Armagh just edged out Donegal before defeating Antrim and Fermanagh.

However the underdogs' tag didn't bother the challengers and they made an impressive start with John Corvan's opening-minute shot coming back off the crossbar with Fran McMahon on hand to point the rebound. But Kerry responded in kind and Jack O'Shea rattled the crossbar at the other end much to Brian McAlinden's relief. Shortly afterwards though, the Armagh net-minder was retrieving the ball from the net as Tom Spillane, Ger Power, "Ogie" Moran and O'Shea combined to set up Mikey Sheehy for a goal.

Joe Kernan had a goal for Armagh at the 20th minute, but Kerry still looked the part as they turned over leading by 1-10 to 1-5. On the resumption John Egan grabbed a quick 1-1 to dim Armagh hopes considerably and they were ended at the 44th minute when Eoin Liston fired home goal number three. The leaders relaxed somewhat after that and Armagh had late points by Kernan, Noel Marley, Corvan, Brian McGeown and McMahon to make the final scoreline respectable.

**Kerry scorers:** M. Sheehy 1-4, E. Liston 1-3, J. Egan 1-1, T. Spillane 0-2, G. Power 0-2, D. Moran 0-2, S. Walsh 0-1.

**Armagh scorers:** J. Kernan 1-3, J. Corvan 0-3, F. McMahon 0-2, N. Marley 0-1, B. Hughes 0-1, B. McGeown 0-1.

**Ciarraí** - C. Nelligan, G. O'Keeffe, J. O'Keeffe, P. Lynch, P. O'Shea, T.

Kennelly, T. Doyle, J. O'Shea, S. Walsh, G. Power, T. Spillane, D. Moran, M. Sheehy, E. Liston, J. Egan.

**Subs** - M. Spillane for Doyle, P. Spillane for Moran.

**Ard Mhacha** - B. McAlinden, D. Stevenson, J. McKerr, J. Donnelly, N. Marley, P. Moriarty, P. Rafferty, F. McMahon, C. McKinstry, D. Dowling, J. Kernan, B. Canavan, J. Corvan, B. Hughes, S. Devlin. **Subs** - A. Short for Dowling, K. McNally for Canavan, B. McGeown for Devlin.

2000

Kerry 2-11 Armagh 2-11

After six minutes a draw looked the unlikely of outcomes to this semi-final as Kerry led by 1-3 to nil. A Dara Ó Cinnéide penalty was preceded by a Mike Frank Russell point and followed by minors from John Crowley and Ó Cinnéide. Amazingly, after a quarter of an hour's play the sides were level as Paddy McKeever's point preceded Barry O'Hagan's goal and was followed by a brace of minors from Cathal O'Rourke. Then Kerry took it up again to move four points clear before Armagh had the final two scores of a hectic opening half to leave it 1-7 to 1-5.

Within four minutes of the restart Tony McEntee and Oisín McConville had Armagh on terms and further exchanges saw the sides deadlocked at 1-9 apiece with quarter of an hour remaining. A point by Noel Kennelly and a Maurice Fitzgerald goal apparently set Kerry on the road to victory before O'Rourke reduced the deficit to three at the 63rd minute. Seven minutes later Andrew McCann fired home an equalising goal and then Kieran McGeeney shot over what appeared to be the winner, but Fitzgerald rescued Kerry with a late free.

**Kerry scorers:** D. Ó Cinnéide 1-2, M. Fitzgerald 1-1, M. F. Russell 0-3, J. Crowley 0-1, D. Ó Sé 0-1, D. Daly 0-1, A. MacGearailt 0-1, N. Kennelly 0-1.

**Armagh scorers:** B. O'Hagan 1-1, O. McConville 0-3, C. O'Rourke 0-3, A. McCann 1-0, P. McKeever 0-1, T. McEntee 0-1, P. McGrane 0-1, K. McGeeney 0-1.

Replay

Kerry 2-15 Armagh 1-15  
(after extra time)

After the epic drawn encounter hopes were high for another superb meeting 13 days later and those hopes were realised as the counties battled it out for more than 100 minutes before Kerry advanced to the All-Ireland final. Just over 50,000 spectators were in Croke Park for the second instalment and in a much less frantic opening half the sides were happy enough to swap points until Oisín McConville's 34th-minute goal helped Armagh into an interval lead of 1-7 to 0-6.

On the restart John McEntee pushed Armagh five clear, but the leaders failed to score for nearly 20 minutes and four Kingdom points reduced their lead to the minimum. A goal by Mike Frank Russell edged Kerry in front at the 63rd minute, but McConville brought Armagh level, and another exchange of points sent the game into extra time.

A blistering 1-2 at the start of the first period gave Kerry some daylight, but by the change of ends Armagh were within two points (2-13 to 1-14). That was as close as they got though with Maurice Fitzgerald getting the last score of an enthralling encounter.

**Kerry scorers:** M. F. Russell 2-3, D. Ó Cinnéide 0-3, M. Fitzgerald 0-2, E. Fitzmaurice 0-1, D. Ó Sé 0-1, D. Daly 0-1, A. MacGearailt 0-1, J. Crowley 0-1, L. Hassett 0-1, N. Kennelly 0-1.

**Armagh scorers:** O. McConville 1-9, S. McDonnell 0-2, D. Marsden 0-1, J. McEntee 0-1, B. O'Hagan 0-1, C. O'Rourke 0-1.

**Ciarraí** - D. O'Keeffe, M. Hassett, S. Moynihan, M. McCarthy, T. Ó Sé, E. Fitzmaurice, T. O'Sullivan, D. Ó Sé, D. Daly, D. O'Dwyer, D. Ó Cinnéide, N. Kennelly, M. F. Russell, A. MacGearailt, J. Crowley. **Subs** - L. Hassett for MacGearailt, M. Fitzgerald for O'Dwyer, T. Griffin for O'Sullivan, MacGearailt for Ó Cinnéide, E. Galvin for Crowley.

**Ard Mhacha** - B. Tierney, J. McNulty, G. Reid, E. McNulty, K. Hughes, K. McGeeney, A. McCann, P. McGrane, J. McEntee, C. O'Rourke, B. O'Hagan, P.

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# ARD MHACHA & CIARRAÍ PREVIOUS MEETINGS



McKeever, D.Marsden, T.McEntee, O.McConville. Subs - A.O'Neill for O'Hagan, S.McDonnell for O'Rourke, J.Donaldson for T.McEntee, G.Houlahan for McKeever, A.O'Rourke for McGrane.

2002  
Armagh 1-12 Kerry 0-14

Kerry were in pursuit of their 33rd All-Ireland title with Armagh still seeking their first when the counties clashed four

years ago, and it was a day to remember for the Orchard county as they secured their debut title before 79,500 spectators at Croke Park. But for most of the way the game appeared to be going as predicted with favourites Kerry looking the more likely winners,

although the Armagh pursuit was never far behind.

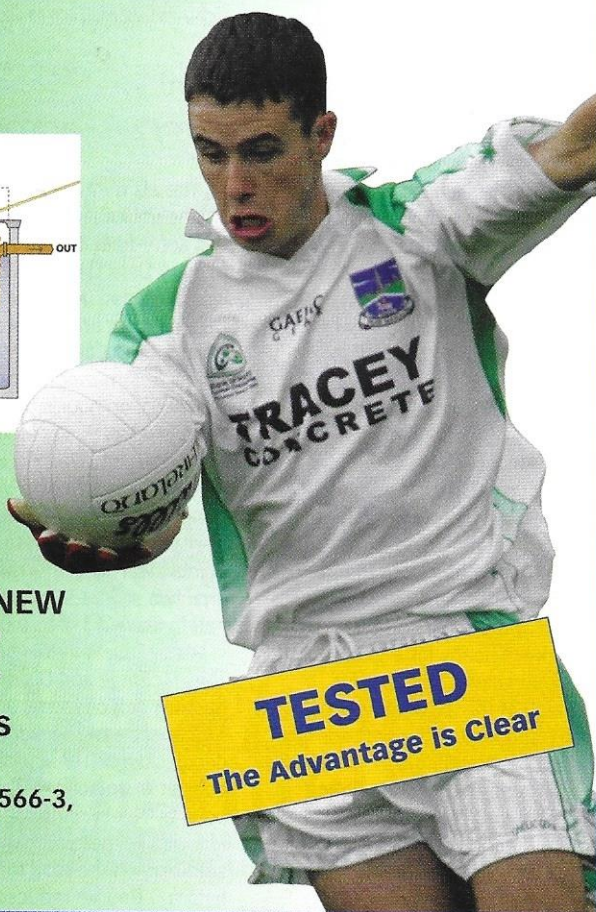
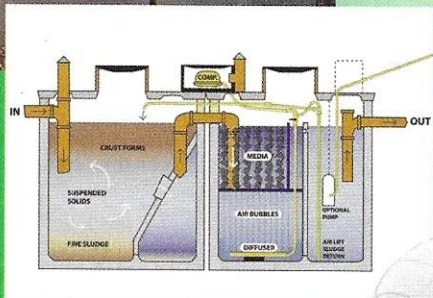
Little divided the sides in a tense opening quarter which ended 0-4 each, but Kerry moved up a gear in the second and, having fallen behind to John McEntee's point, shot five in six minutes to make it 0-9 to 0-5. Armagh trailed by five when they were awarded a penalty just before the break but Oisín McConville's effort was comfortably saved by 'keeper Declan O'Keefe. A Diramuid Marsden point was of some consolation to leave it 0-11 to 0-7.

The third quarter was basically an exercise in point-swapping as Marsden and McConville (2) elicited replies from Dara Ó Cinnéide (2) and Liam Hassett. It appeared as if Kerry would hold on, but 15 minutes from time McConville scored the only goal of the game and four minutes later Ronan Clarke fired over the equaliser. The last ten minutes yielded just one point, but Steven McDonnell's score created history as Armagh became the fifth Ulster team to take the Sam Maguire.

**Armagh scorers:** O.McConville 1-2, S.McDonnell 0-3, D.Marsden 0-3, R.Clarke 0-3, J. McEntee 0-1. **Kerry scorers:** D.Ó Cinnéide 0-5, M. F. Russell 0-3, L.Hassett 0-2, C.Cooper 0-2, E.Brosnan 0-1, E.Fitzmaurice 0-1.

**Ard Mhacha -** B.Tierney, E.McNulty, J.McNulty, F.Bellew, A.O'Rourke, K.McGeeney, A.McCann, J.Toal, P.McGrane, P.McKeever, J.McEntee, O.McConville, S.McDonnell, R.Clarke, D.Marsden. **Subs -** B.O'Hagan for J.McEntee, T.McEntee for McKeever.

**Ciarraí- D.O'Keefe, M. Ó Sé, S.Moynihan, M.McCarthy, T. Ó Sé, E.Fitzmaurice, J.Sheehan, D. Ó Sé, D.Daly, S.O'Sullivan, E.Brosnan, L.Hassett, M.F.Russell, D.Ó Cinnéide, C.Cooper. Subs - A.MacGearailt for O'Sullivan, T.O'Sullivan for M. Ó Sé, J.Crowley for Hassett, B.O'Shea for Daly.**



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# TRADITIONAL

**I**t promises to be quite a battle. Can Armagh warhorse Francie Bellew defuse Kerry's new Bomber, Kieran Donaghy, at Croke Park this afternoon? Donaghy is the name on everybody's lips following his exploits against Longford in last Saturday's Fitzgerald Stadium qualifier. And his performance was a prime example of just how quickly fortunes can turn around in sport. The 6ft 3' star played no part in the Munster final replay defeat at the hands of Cork after he was harshly dismissed for two bookable offences in the drawn encounter. As he had also been sent off for a double-yellow in the league

basketball star Donaghy at full forward, Kerry went back to basics and back to the route one style of football that last served them to such devastating effect in the 2004 All Ireland final win against Mayo. Donaghy's aerial ability was there for all to see from the very start and after running riot early on, his marker Barry Gilleran was soon trotting disconsolately to the touchline and an early shower after manager Luke Dempsey decided to end his misery early.

However, the experienced Bellew, a Crossmaglen clubmate of Armagh manager Joe Kernan, is an entirely different proposition for Donaghy, who has been hailed

**"It will be a different story with the**

against Tyrone, Donaghy was hit with an automatic two-week ban for a repeat offence within 48 weeks. As a result, Donaghy missed out while Anthony Lynch, shown a straight red card in the Killarney stalemate, was granted a dramatic late reprieve.

But Donaghy, deployed at midfield against Cork, was given a new role at full forward as Kerry boss Jack O'Connor tinkered with his side for the visit of Longford. And the move paid off in spectacular fashion. With

as the new Eoin 'Bomber' Liston after last weekend's super-show, Kerry's 2004 All-Ireland winning captain Dara Ó Cinnéide is anticipating a mighty battle on the edge of the Armagh square, one which will go a long way towards deciding today's quarter-final tie. Ó Cinnéide said: "Francie would be regarded as one of the best full backs in the game at the moment. He's coming off the back of a man-of-the-match performance in the Ulster final against Donegal at Croke Park so his game is on the up too.

"Francie would be regarded as a traditional-style full back, he's a stopper, he doesn't mind coming in high and he's a forceful player that runs in straight lines. Kieran Donaghy would be regarded as a traditional style full forward - they're talking of him in the same breath as Bomber Liston but one swallow

## KIERAN DONAGHY



# ONAL BATTLE

doesn't make a summer and one game won't make a Bomber Liston out of Kieran Donaghy.

"But Kerry will be hoping that he wins a share of ball off Francie Bellew despite Francie's good form at the moment".

Donaghy's positioning at full forward for the Longford game may have come as a surprise to some people. But Ó Cinnéide was one of those shrewd observers expecting such a move.

"Students of the county championship in Kerry might have told you before the game that it would have worked fairly well," Ó Cinnéide explained.

"Kieran plays there with his club

Kieran Donaghy at the edge of the square certainly invited that. It paid off well - Kieran set up something like 3-4 and had a very good game. It certainly kept the traditionalists happy.

"But encouragingly for Kerry the last day, Eoin Brosnan has come back into a bit of form and Colm Cooper has developed again. He played reasonably well against Cork the second day but the ball just wouldn't go over the bar for him.

"Mike Frank Russell has got a second chance to make an impression this year and he'll be hoping to take it. Even if Donaghy didn't work out the next day, it wouldn't be the end of the

## likes of Francie poking at his heels..."

Austin Steaks the odd time and played all of last year's championship at full forward. He was very good and on a couple of occasions the opposition doubled up on him but still Kieran was fetching balls, setting up, scores and taking them himself.

"It will be a different story altogether on Saturday of course, with the likes of Francie poking at his heels but if he can win even half the amount of ball he won against Longford, he will do a bit of damage.

"It would be nice if it (the Donaghy tactic) did work out again but based on the evidence before last Saturday, things hadn't been working for Kerry. They had struggled to find their targets inside and fellas out the field weren't releasing the ball as quick because they didn't have that big target inside.

"They went back to their roots, kicking long ball and having

world because they could bring him out to midfield and try to bring a few other things.

"That's Jack O'Connor's job and the other selectors to think of the different combinations and permutations. But I would imagine that Donaghy, even with close marking and his name in lights, will still manage to win a few balls.

"He's a level headed lad and has been around a few years with this Kerry team. There are plenty of fellas around the place, including Jack O'Connor and the older players, to advise him."

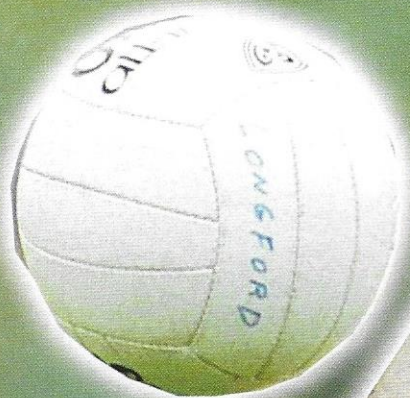
So there you have it — the expert view from the Kingdom. Let battle commence!



## FRANCIE BELLEW

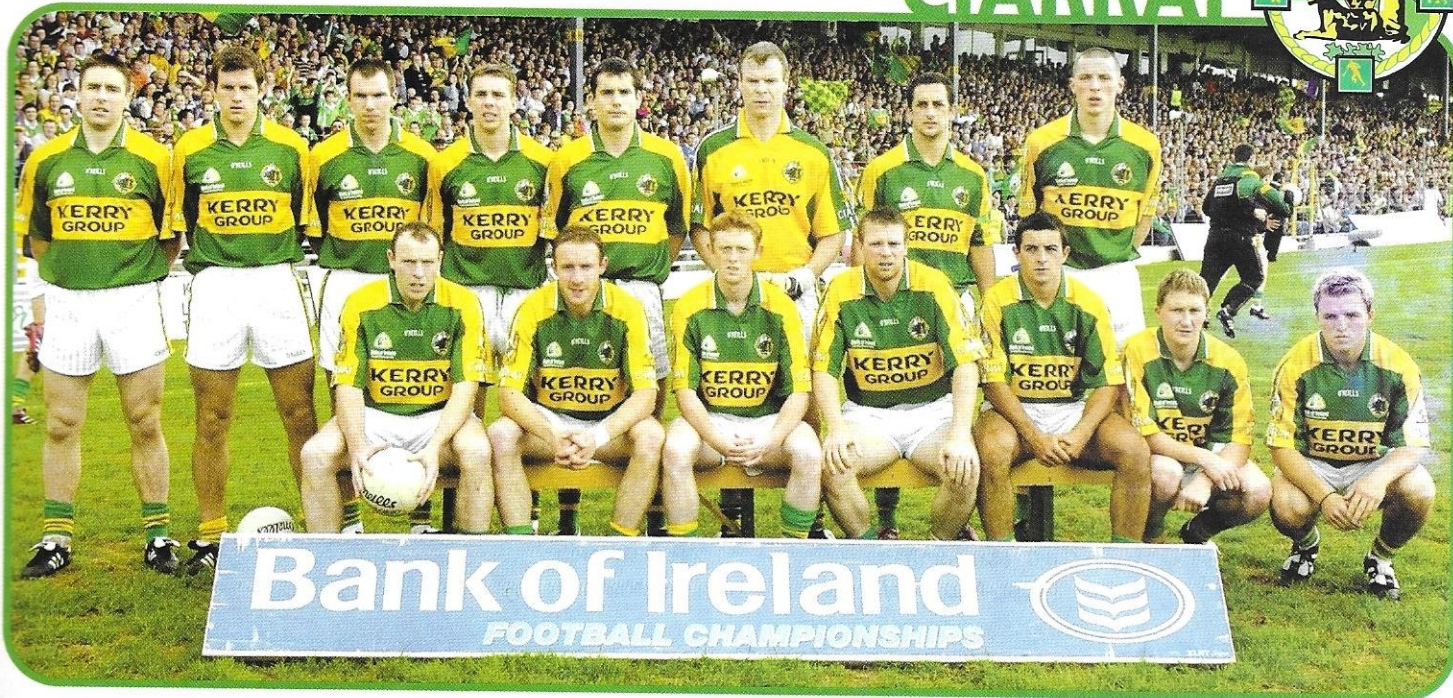
Eoin Brosnan  
(Ciarraí)

**E**oin Brosnan displayed an impressive flair for goals as Kerry returned to the winning trail at the expense of novel senior championship rivals Longford at Fitzgerald Stadium last week-end in a Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior football Qualifier round four tie.



# KERRY END GOAL FAMINE FOR CROKE PARK RETURN

# CIARRAÍ



THE KERRY TEAM WHICH DEFEATED LONGFORD AT FITZGERALD STADIUM, KILLARNEY.

Back Row (Left to Right): Darragh Ó Sé, Eoin Brosnan, Michael McCarthy, Marc Ó Sé, Tom O'Sullivan, Diarmuid Murphy, Paul Galvin, Kieran Donaghy.  
Front Row (Left to Right): Seamus Moynihán, Tommy Griffin, Colm Cooper, Tomás Ó Sé, Aidan O'Mahony, Mike Frank Russell, Darren O'Sullivan.

Kerry failed to score a single goal in their four game campaign in Munster, which ended with their hopes of a fourth successive provincial title ended by Cork in a replay last month.

However, they ended the goals famine in some style, with Brosnan showing the way with three well-taken scores.

It is not often that a three-goal getter is passed over for the man-of-the match accolade selection. However, there was little disputing the fact that full forward Kieran Donaghy well

deserved that honour. His high fielding and deft distribution set the scene for the goals feast.

Longford were in no way overawed by Kerry and played attractive football. They faced an uphill battle after only sixteen minutes when they trailed by 3-2 to 0-3. The visitors scored a goal in the second half, but the Kingdom finished good winners by 4-11 to 1-11.

Donaghy and Brosnan were not the only architects of the Kerry win. Colm Cooper had his best game in some time and finished with

1-3, all but a point from play. Mike Frank Russell also did well in attack and rifled over two points.

Darragh Ó Sé showed up well in midfield, while Michael McCarthy and Aidan O'Mahony set a high standard at the back.

This was an encouraging comeback to winning form for Kerry after their disappointing display against Cork in the Munster replay. It will be a welcome boost for this latest challenge.

## LAST 5 CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS WITH ARMAGH

### 2002 All-Ireland Senior Final

Kerry 0-14; Armagh 1-12.

2000 All-Ireland Semi-Final Replay After extra time.

Kerry 2-15; Armagh 1-15.

Kerry 2-11; Armagh 2-11.

### 1982 All-Ireland Semi-Final

Kerry 3-15; Armagh 1-11.

### 1953 All-Ireland Final

Kerry 0-13; Armagh 1-6.

## LAST 5 CHAMPIONSHIP OUTINGS

### 2006

Kerry 4-11; Longford 1-11.

Kerry 0-9; Cork 1-12.

Kerry 0-10; Cork 0-10.

Kerry 0-17; Tipperary 1-5.

Kerry 0-16; Waterford 0-8.

## BRENDAN LYNCH

**B**rendan was one of the outstanding forwards of the late sixties and seventies, yet he was goalkeeper in the Kerry team that lost the 1965 All-Ireland minor final to Derry.

He moved out to midfield for the 1966 minor championship and was in attack in the team that won the Sam Maguire Cup in 1969. He collected another such award a year later.

Lynch also captained Kerry to the 1969 League title at only 20, and led the Kingdom again to the League crown four years later. Earlier in 1973 he captained the Combined Universities team that won the Railway Cup title for the only time.



# CIARRAÍ

DATHANNA: ORÁISTE IS BÁN

# ARD MHACHA



1

**PAUL HEARTY**

P. Ó hAghartaigh  
(Crossmaglen)

2

**ANDY MALLON**

A. Ó Mealláin  
(Pearse Óg)

3

**FRANCIE BELLEW**

P. Ó Beilliú  
(Crossmaglen)

4

**ENDA McNULTY**

E. Mac an Ultaigh  
(Na Fianna)

5

**AARON KERNAN**

A. Mac Thiarnáin  
(Crossmaglen)

6

**CIARÁN McKEEVER**

C. Mac Iomhair  
(St. Patrick's)

7

**PAUL DUFFY**

P. Ó Dufaigh  
(Pearse Óg)

8

**KIERAN McGEENEY**

C. Mac Géibheannaigh  
(Na Fianna, Dublin)

9

**PAUL McGRANE**

P. Mag Ráine  
(Ballyhegan)

10

**MARTIN O'ROURKE**

M. Ó Ruairc  
(Dromintee)

11

**JOHN McENTEE**

S. Mac an tSaoi  
(Crossmaglen)

12

**MALACHY MACKIN**

M. Ó Maicín  
(St. Patrick's)

13

**STEVEN McDONNELL**

S. Mac Donáill  
(Killeavey)

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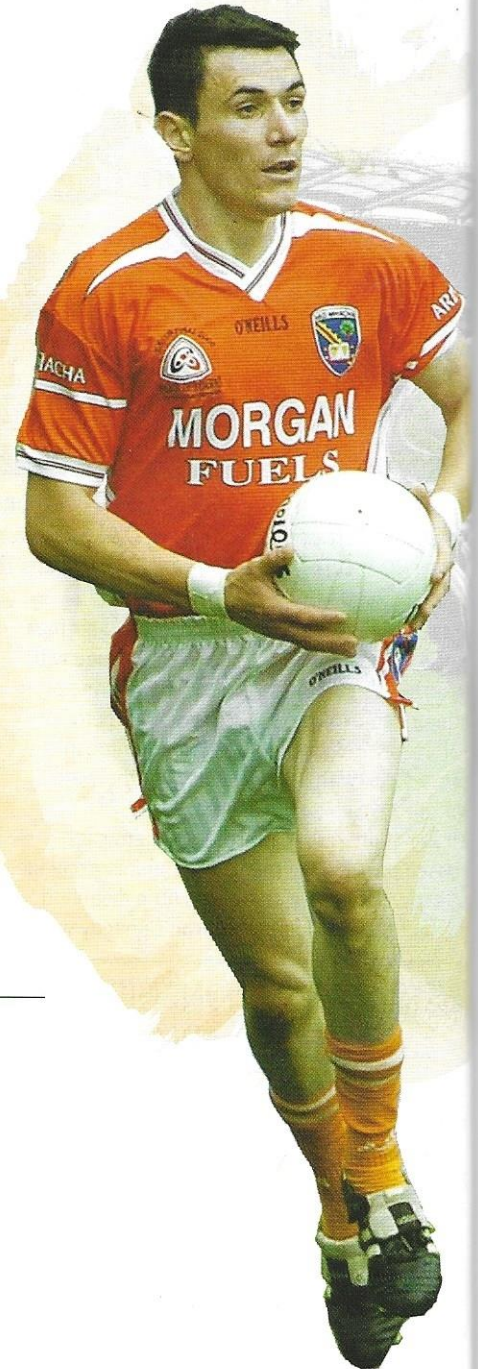
**RONAN CLARKE**

R. Ó Cléirigh  
(Pearse Óg)

15

**OISÍN McCONVILLE**

O. Mac Conmhaoil  
(Crossmaglen)



## FIR IONAIÐ

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| (16) Ciarán McKinney<br>C. Mac Coinnigh<br>(Pearse Óg) | (19) Stephen Kernan<br>S. Mac Thiarnáin<br>(Crossmaglen) | (23) Fionn Moriarty<br>F. Ó Muirheartaigh<br>(Wolfe Tones) | (27) Michael O'Rourke<br>M. Ó Ruairc<br>(Dromintee) |
| (17) J. P. Donnelly<br>S.P. Ó Donaile<br>(Harps)       | (20) Paul McCormack<br>P. Mac Cormaic<br>(Keady)         | (24) Liam O'Hare<br>L. Ó hÍr<br>(St. Patrick's)            | (28) Peadar Toal<br>P. Ó Tuathail<br>(Harps)        |
| (18) Paul Keenan<br>P. Ó Cianáin<br>(Carrickcruppin)   | (21) Philip Loughran<br>P. Ó Luachráin<br>(Clady)        | (25) Aidan O'Rourke<br>A. Ó Ruairc<br>(Dromintee)          | (29) Gareth Swift<br>G. Ó Fuada<br>(Harps)          |
|  | (22) Paddy McKeever<br>P. Mac Iomhair<br>(Ballyhegan)    | (26) Brian Mallon<br>B. Ó Mealláin<br>(Tír na nÓg)         | (30) Charlie Vernon<br>C. de Bhearnún<br>(Harps)    |

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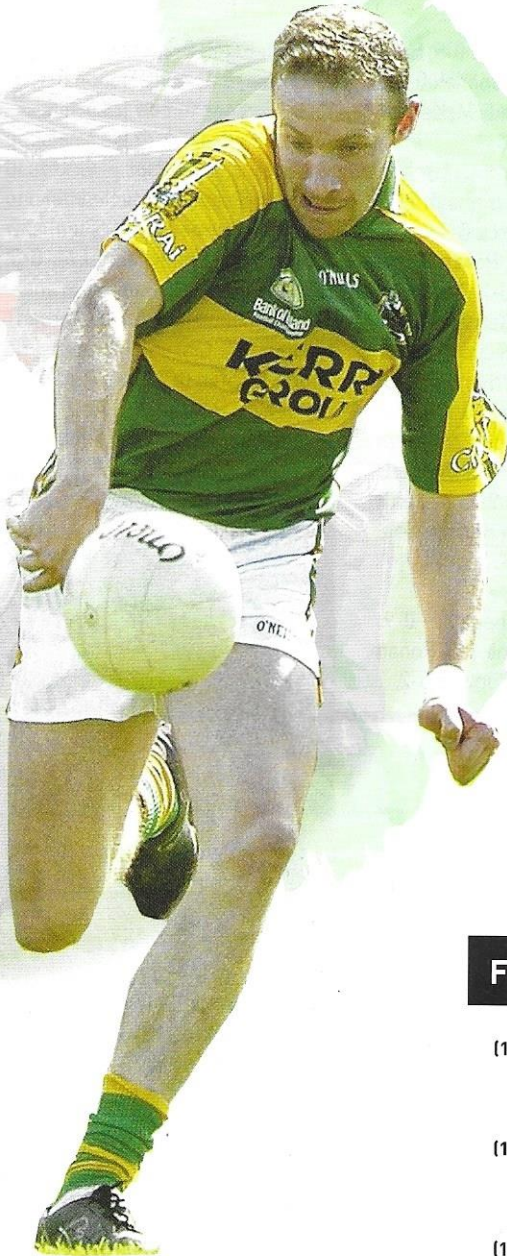
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DATHANNA: UAITHNE IS ÓR

# CIARRAÍ



## 1 DIARMUID MURPHY

D. Ó Murchú  
(An Daingean)

## 2 MARC Ó SÉ

M. Ó Sé  
(An Ghaeltacht)

## 3 MICHAEL MCCARTHY

M. Mac Cárthaigh  
(Kilcummin)

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T. Ó Suilleabháin  
(Rathmore)

## 5 TOMÁS Ó SÉ

T. Ó Sé  
(An Ghaeltacht)

## 6 SEAMUS MOYNIHAN

S. Ó Muineacháin  
(Glenflesk)

## 7 AIDAN O'MAHONY

A. Ó Mathúna  
(Rathmore)

## 8 DARRAGH Ó SÉ

D. Ó Sé  
(An Ghaeltacht)

## 9 TOMMY GRIFFIN

T. Ó Griffin  
(An Daingean)

## 10 SEÁN O'SULLIVAN

S. Ó Suilleabháin  
(Cromane)

## 11 EOIN BROSNAN

E. Brosnacháin  
(Dr. Crokes)

## 12 PAUL GALVIN

P. Ó Gealbháin  
(Finuge)

## 13 COLM COOPER

C. Cúipéir (Capt.)  
(Dr. Crokes)

## 14 KIERAN DONAGHY

C. Ó Duinneacha  
(Austin Stacks)

## 15 MIKE FRANK RUSSELL

M. P. Ruiséal  
(Laune Rangers)

### FIR IONAIÐ

(16) Kieran Cremin  
C. Ó Creimín  
(Dr. Crokes)

(17) Declan O'Sullivan  
D. Ó Suilleabháin  
(Dromid Pearses)

(18) Darren O'Sullivan  
D. Ó Suilleabháin  
(Glenbeigh/Glencar)

(19) Eamonn Fitzmaurice  
E. Mac Muiris  
(Finuge)

(20) Bryan Sheehan  
B. Ó Síocháin  
(St. Mary's)

(21) Mossie Lyons  
M. Ó Liatháin  
(Castleisland  
Desmonds)

(22) Paul O'Connor  
P. Ó Conchúir  
(Kenmare)

(23) Ronan O'Connor  
R. Ó Conchúir  
(St. Michael's/Foilmore)

(24) Killian Young  
C. de Siún  
(Renard)

(25) Pádraig Reidy  
P. Ó Riada  
(Scartaglin)

(26) Brendan Guiney  
B. Ó Géibheannaigh  
(Listowel Emmets)

(27) Ronan Hussey  
R. Ó hEosa  
(Sneem)

(28) Kieran O'Leary  
C. Ó Laoire  
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(29) Aodán Mac Gearailt  
A. Mac Gearailt  
(An Ghaeltacht)

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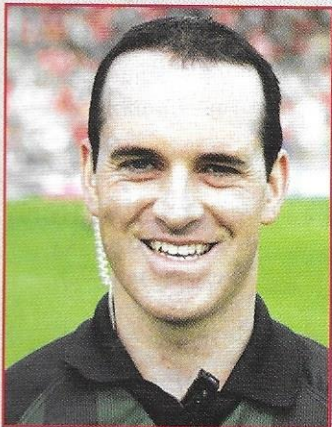
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# HOW THEY REACHED THE QUARTER-FINAL

## AN RÉITEOIR



**David Coldrick**  
(An Mhí)

David refereed his first AIB All-Ireland club senior final last St. Patrick's Day at Croke Park. He was subsequently on Allianz National League duty and took charge of the Derry-Tyrone Ulster senior championship tie at Omagh in late May.

Coldrick has officiated at senior championship games in all four provinces. He was also engaged in all three games between Australia and Ireland in the under-17 international series in 2004 in Australia, and last year was the Irish Referee-Umpire in the opening game between the countries in the International Rules Test series.

The Meath official won minor and under-21 football championship medals with Kilcloon-Moynalty, and is now a member of the Blackhall Gaels club.

## ARD MHACHA

Armagh are appearing in their fifth successive All-Ireland senior football quarter-final. They beat Sligo in 2002, Laois in 2003, lost to Fermanagh a year later, and returned to winning form at the expense of Laois last August.

They are Ulster senior champions for the third successive year—the first county to achieve his feat since Down in 1959 to 1961 inclusive.

This is how they retained the Northern crown:

### 14th May. Clones:

Armagh 0-10; Monaghan 0-10.

**Scorers:** Oisín McConville 0-5, Steven McDonnell 0-2, Kieran McGeeney 0-1, Malachy Mackin 0-1, Ronan Clarke 0-1.

### 20th May. Clones:

Armagh 1-13; Monaghan 0-10.

**Scorers:** Oisín McConville 0-5, Brian Mallon 1-1, Steven McDonnell 0-3, Ronan Clarke 0-2, Paddy McKeever 0-1, Paul Duffy 0-1.

### 11th June. Clones:

Armagh 0-11; Fermanagh 2-5.

**Scorers:** Oisín McConville 0-3, Steven McDonnell 0-3, Ronan Clarke 0-2, Paddy McKeever 0-1, Ciarán McKeever 0-1, Aaron Kernan 0-1.

### 25th June. Clones:

Armagh 0-16; Fermanagh 1-8.

**Scorers:** Oisín McConville 0-4, Ronan Clarke 0-3, Paddy McKeever 0-3, Steven McDonnell 0-2, Malachy Mackin 0-1, Ciarán McKeever 0-1, Aaron Kernan 0-1, Malachy O'Rourke 0-1.

### 9th July. Croke Park:

Armagh 1-9; Donegal 0-9.  
**Scorers:** Paul McGrane 1-0, Ronan Clarke 0-3, Oisín McConville 0-2,

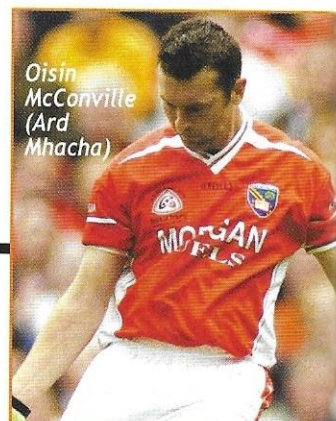
John McEntee 0-2, Steven McDonnell, 0-1, Andy Mallon 0-1.

**Total Scored: 2-59 [65 points].**

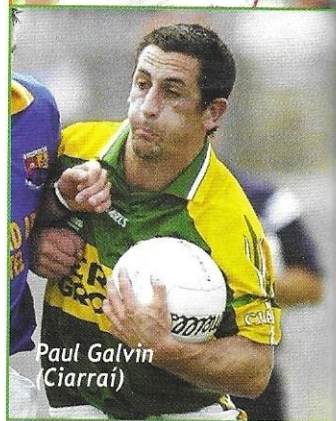
**Total Conceded: 2-42 [48 points].**

**Average: 1.35**

**Scorers:** Oisín McConville 0-19, Steven McDonnell 0-11, Ronan Clarke 0-11, Paddy McKeever 0-5, Brian Mallon 1-1, Paul McGrane 1-0, Malachy Mackin 0-2, Aaron Kernan 0-2, Ciarán McKeever 0-2, John McEntee 0-2, Paul Duffy 0-1, Malachy O'Rourke 0-1, Andy Mallon 0-1, Kieran McGeeney 0-1.



Oisín McConville  
(Ard Mhacha)



Paul Galvin  
(Ciarráí)

## CIARRAÍ

Kerry have been involved in All-Ireland quarter-finals each year since the inaugural series of 2001 and have yet to lose at this stage.

They beat Dublin in a replay at Semple Stadium in 2001, Galway in 2002, Roscommon a year later, Dublin in 2004 and Mayo last August.

Their bid for a fourth successive Munster senior title was ended in a replay by Cork last month at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

### 21st May. Fitzgerald Stadium:

Kerry 0-16; Waterford 0-8.

**Scorers:** Bryan Sheehan 0-6, Declan O'Sullivan 0-4, Colm Cooper 0-2, Paul Galvin 0-2, Eamonn Fitzmaurice 0-1, Paul O'Connor 0-1.

### 11th June. Fitzgerald Stadium:

Kerry 0-17; Tipperary 1-5.

**Scorers:** Bryan Sheehan 0-7, Kieran Donaghy 0-2, Declan O'Sullivan 0-1, Colm Cooper 0-1, Paul Galvin 0-1, Eamonn Fitzmaurice 0-1, Aidan O'Mahony

0-1, Tomás Ó Sé 0-1, Seamus Moynihan 0-1, M. F. Russell 0-1.

### 9th July. Fitzgerald Stadium:

Kerry 0-10; Cork 0-10.

**Scorers:** Bryan Sheehan 0-6, Declan O'Sullivan 0-1, Colm Cooper 0-1, Paul Galvin 0-1, Darren O'Sullivan 0-1.

### 16th July. Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

Kerry 0-9; Cork 1-12

**Scorers:** Bryan Sheehan 0-2, Darragh Ó Sé 0-2, Colm Cooper 0-1, Paul Galvin 0-1, M. F. Russell 0-1, Darren O'Sullivan 0-1, S. O'Sullivan 0-1.

### 29th July. Fitzgerald Stadium:

Kerry 4-11; Longford 1-11.

**Scorers:** Eoin Brosnan 3-0, Colm Cooper 1-3, M. F. Russell 0-2, S. O'Sullivan 0-1, Paul Galvin 0-1, Darragh Ó Sé 0-1, Tommy Griffin 0-1, Kieran Donaghy 0-1, Bryan Sheehan 0-1.

**Total Scored: 4-63 [76 points].**

**Total Conceded: 3-46 [55 points].**

**Average: 1.38**

**Scorers:** Bryan Sheehan 0-22, Colm Cooper 1-8, Eoin Brosnan 3-0, Paul Galvin 0-6, Declan O'Sullivan 0-6, M. F. Russell 0-4, Kieran Donaghy 0-3, Darragh Ó Sé 0-3, Eamonn Fitzmaurice 0-2, Darren O'Sullivan 0-2, P. O'Connor 0-1, Aidan O'Mahony 0-1, Tomás Ó Sé 0-1, Seamus Moynihan 0-1, S. O'Sullivan 0-1, T. Griffin 0-1.

## CORCAIGH

Cork are appearing in their second successive All-Ireland senior football quarter-final. Last August they beat Galway by 2-14 to 2-11. Their only other outing at this stage was in 2002 when they beat Mayo by 0-16 to 1-10.

They had three games in Munster this season:

### 11th June. Limerick:

Cork 0-9; Limerick 0-5.

**Scorers:** James Masers 0-8,

Kieran O'Sullivan 0-1.

### 9th July. Fitzgerald Stadium:

Cork 0-10. Kerry 0-10.

**Scorers:** James Masters 0-7,

Fintan Gould 0-1, Kieran O'Connor 0-1, Kevin McMahon 0-1.

### 16th July. Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

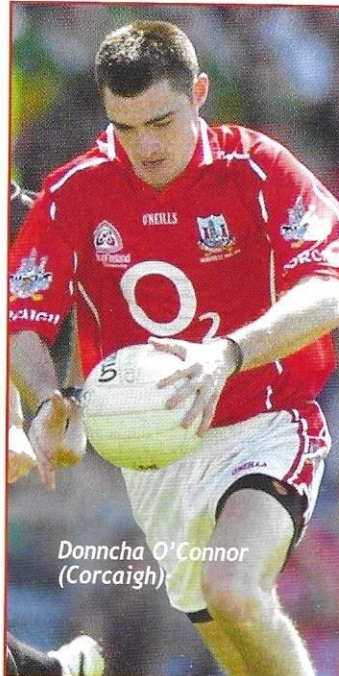
Cork 1-12; Kerry 0-9.

**Scorers:** James Masters 1-6, Donncha O'Connor 0-2, Kieran O'Sullivan 0-1, Fintan Gould 0-1, Sean O'Brien 0-1, John Hayes 0-1.

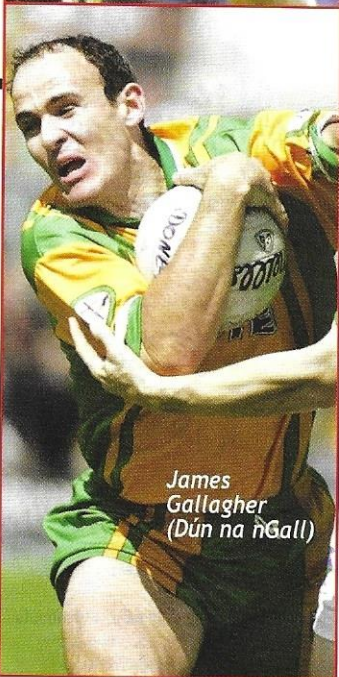
**Total Scored: 1-31 (34 points).**

**Total Conceded: 0-24.**

**Scorers:** James Masters 1-21, Kieran O'Sullivan 0-2, Fintan Gould 0-2, Donncha O'Connor 0-2, Kieran O'Connor 0-1, Kevin McMahon 0-1, Sean O'Brien 0-1, John Hayes 0-1.



Donncha O'Connor  
(Corcaigh)



James  
Gallagher  
(Dún na nGall)

**Scorers:** Rory Kavanagh 1-9, Michael Doherty 1-6, Adrian Sweeney 0-5, Michael Hegarty 0-4, Conall Dunne 0-3, Christy Toy 0-3, Eamonn McGee 0-2, Barry Dunnion 0-2, Ciaran Bonner 0-2, Karl Lacey 0-2, Colin Kelly 0-2, Leon Thompson 0-2, James Gallagher 0-2, Stephen McHugh 0-1.

**Total Scored: 2-45 (51 points).**

**Total Conceded: 2-39 (45 points).**

**Average: 1.13**

## DÚN NA nGALL

Donegal are appearing in a Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior football quarter-final for the first time since 2003 when they played a draw with Galway, 0-14 to the Westerners' 1-11, and won the replay at Castlebar by 0-14 to 0-11.

That draw was their second successive one at the quarter-final stage. In their debut a year earlier they scored 0-14 to Dublin's 2-8, and lost the replay by 1-14 to 0-7. Both games were at Croke Park.

This is their record so far this season:

### 11th June. Ballybofey:

Donegal 1-12; Down 1-11.

**Scorers:** Rory Kavanagh 1-2,

Conall Dunne 0-2, Michael

Hegarty 0-2, Michael Doherty 0-2,

Eamonn McGee 0-1, Barry

Dunnion 0-1, Christy Toy 0-1,

Adrian Sweeney 0-1.

### 18th June, Clones:

Donegal 1-13; Derry 0-11.

**Scorers:** Michael Doherty 1-4, Rory Kavanagh 0-5, Karl Lacey 0-2, Ciaran Bonner 0-2.

### 9th July. Croke Park:

Donegal 0-9; Armagh 1-9.

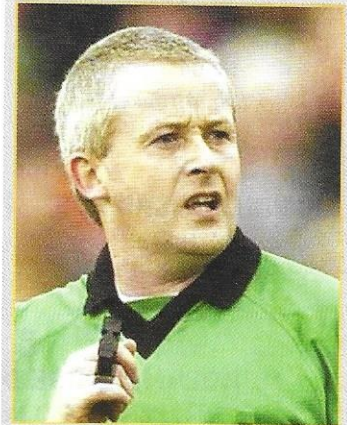
**Scorers:** Adrian Sweeney 0-3, Rory Kavanagh 0-1, Conall Dunne 0-1, Michael Hegarty 0-1, Eamonn McGee 0-1, Barry Dunnion 0-1, Colin Kelly 0-1.

### 30th July. Enniskillen:

Donegal 0-11; Fermanagh 0-8.

**Scorers:** Christy Toy 0-2, Leon Thompson 0-2, James Gallagher 0-2, Michael Hegarty 0-1, Rory Kavanagh 0-1, Colin Kelly 0-1, Adrian Sweeney 0-1, Stephen McHugh 0-1.

## AN RÉITEOIR



### Tomás Quigley (Baile Átha Cliath)

Tomás makes his debut as an All-Ireland senior championship quarter final referee at Croke Park today. However, he is no stranger to All-Ireland duty at headquarters as he took charge of the 2004 minor final between Tyrone and Kerry.

He has been on the intercounty panel since 1998 and his assignments this year included the AIB All-Ireland club senior semi-final between St. Gall's, Antrim, and Nemo Rangers, Cork, at Portlaoise, and the Mayo-Leitrim Connacht senior semi-final at Carrick-on-Shannon in late June.

Quigley, a native of Wexford but now based in Dublin, played hurling and football with Davidstown/Courtnacuddy club in the Model county. He won a county minor hurling medal as a goalkeeper in 1986.

DATHANNA: DEARG IS BÁN

# CORCAIGH



**1**  
**ALAN QUIRKE**  
A. Ó Cuirc  
(Valley Rovers)

**2**  
**MICHAEL PROUT**  
M. de Prut  
(Shamrocks)

**3**  
**DEREK KAVANAGH**  
D. Ó Caomhánaigh  
(Nemo Rangers)

**4**  
**KIERAN O'CONNOR**  
C. Ó Conchubhair  
(Aghada)

**5**  
**MICHAEL SHIELDS**  
M. Ó Siall  
(St. Finbarr's)

**6**  
**GER SPILLANE**  
G. Ó Spealáin  
(Ballygarvan)

**7**  
**ANTHONY LYNCH**  
A. Ó Loingsigh  
(Namh Aban)

**8**  
**PEARSE O'NEILL**  
P. Ó Néill  
(Aghada)

**9**  
**NICHOLAS MURPHY**  
N. Ó Murchú  
(Carrigaline)

**10**  
**SEÁN O'BRIEN**  
S. Ó Briain  
(Nemo Rangers)

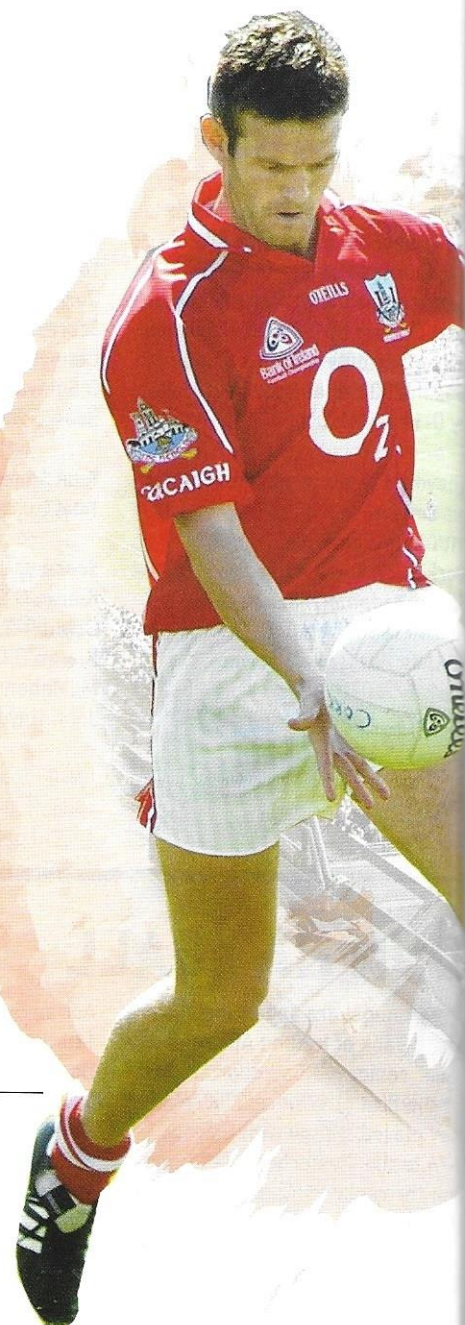
**11**  
**DAVID NIBLOCK**  
D. Nibloc  
(Nemo Rangers)

**12**  
**KEVIN McMAHON**  
C. Mac Mathúna  
(Carbery Rangers)

**13**  
**JAMES MASTERS**  
S. Mac an Mháistír  
(Nemo Rangers)

**14**  
**DONNCHA O'CONNOR**  
D. Ó Conchúir  
(Ballydesmond)

**15**  
**JOHN HAYES**  
S. Ó hAodha  
(Carbery Rangers)



## FIR IONAIÐ

[16] Padraig O'Shea P. Ó Sé (St. Vincent's)	[19] Noel O'Leary N. Ó Laoire (Cill na Martra)	[23] Daniel Goulding D. Ó Goilín (Éire Óg)	[27] Diarmuid Duggan D. Ó Duagáin (Ilken Rovers)
[17] Gary Murphy G. Ó Murchú (Nemo Rangers)	[20] Alan O'Connor A. Ó Conchubhair (St. Colm's)	[24] Fintan Gúil F. Gúil (Machromtha)	[28] Sean Levis S. Mac Dhoineleibhe (Muintir Bhaire)
[18] Eoin Sexton E. Ó Seasnáin (Kilbrittain)	[21] Kevin O'Sullivan C. Ó Suilleabháin (Ilken Rovers)	[25] Alan Cronin A. Ó Croinín (Nemo Rangers)	[29] Dylon Mehigan D. Ó Maothagáin (Nemo Rangers)
	[22] Conor McCarthy C. Mac Cárthaigh (O'Donovan Rossa)	[26] John Wycherely S. Wycherely (Ilken Rovers)	

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## ROGHNÓIRÍ

Liam Ó Muireagáin, Coach  
Tadhg Mac Eoghain,  
Seán Ó Corcráin,  
Gearóid Ó Suilleabháin,  
Seamus Ó Nualláin.

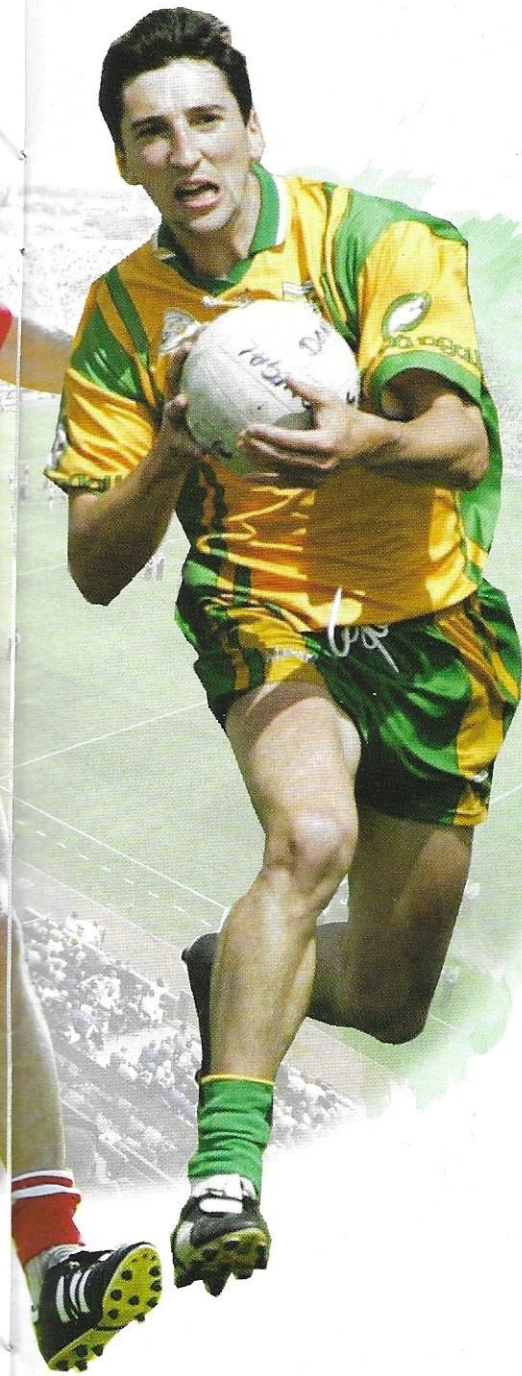






DATHANNA: UAITHNE IS ÓR

# DÚN NA NGALL



**1**  
**PAUL DURCAN**  
P. Ó Dúrcáin  
(Na Ceithre Máistrí)

**2**  
**KARL LACEY**  
C. de Léis  
(Na Ceithre Máistrí)

**3**  
**EAMONN MCGEE**  
E. Mac Aoidh  
(Gaoth Dobhair)

**4**  
**NEIL MCGEE**  
N. Mac Aoidh  
(Gaoth Dobhair)

**5**  
**THOMAS DONOGHUE**  
T. Mac Donnacha  
(Naomh Conall)

**6**  
**BARRY MONAGHAN**  
B. Ó Manacháin  
(Na Ceithre Máistrí)

**7**  
**BARRY DUNNION**  
B. Ó Dúinín  
(Na Ceithre Máistrí)

**8**  
**NEIL GALLAGHER**  
N. Ó Gallchóir  
(Gleann tSúilí)

**9**  
**ANTHONY THOMPSON**  
A. Mac Tomáis  
(Naomh Conall)

**10**  
**CHRISTY TOYE**  
C. Ó Tuathaigh (Capt.)  
(Naomh Micheál)

**11**  
**MICHAEL HEGARTY**  
M. Ó hÉigeartaigh  
(Cill Chartha)

**12**  
**CIARÁN BONNER**  
C. Ó Cnáimhsí  
(Gleann tSúilí)

**13**  
**RORY KAVANAGH**  
R. Caomhánach  
(Naomh Adhamhnán)

**14**  
**JAMES GALLAGHER**  
S. Ó Gallchóir  
(Gaoth Dobhair)

**15**  
**LEON THOMPSON**  
L. Mac Tomáis  
(Naomh Conall)

## FIR IONAID

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|---|---|---|---|
| (16) <b>Michael Boyle</b><br>M. Ó Baoill<br>(An Tearmann)           | (19) <b>Noel Hegarty</b><br>N. Ó hÉigeartaigh<br>(Cill Chartha) | (23) <b>Stephen McDermott</b><br>S. Mac Diarmada<br>(Gleann Fhinne) | (27) <b>Martin Caulfield</b><br>M. Mac Cathmhaoil<br>(Na Rossa)         |
| (17) <b>Raymond Sweeney</b><br>R. Mac Suibhne<br>(An Clochán Liath) | (20) <b>Frank McGlynn</b><br>P. Mag Fhloinn<br>(Gleann Fhinne)  | (24) <b>Conall Dunne</b><br>C. Ó Doinn<br>(Naomh Adhamhnán)         | (28) <b>Brian Roper</b><br>B. Ó Ropeair<br>(Aodh Ruadh)                 |
| (18) <b>Damien Diver</b><br>D. Ó Duibhir<br>(Ard an Rátha)          | (21) <b>Stephen McHugh</b><br>S. Mac Aoidh<br>(Ard an Rátha)    | (25) <b>Colin Kelly</b><br>C. Ó Ceallaigh<br>(Gleann tSúilí)        | (29) <b>Michael Doherty</b><br>M. Ó Dochartaigh<br>(Na Ceithre Máistrí) |
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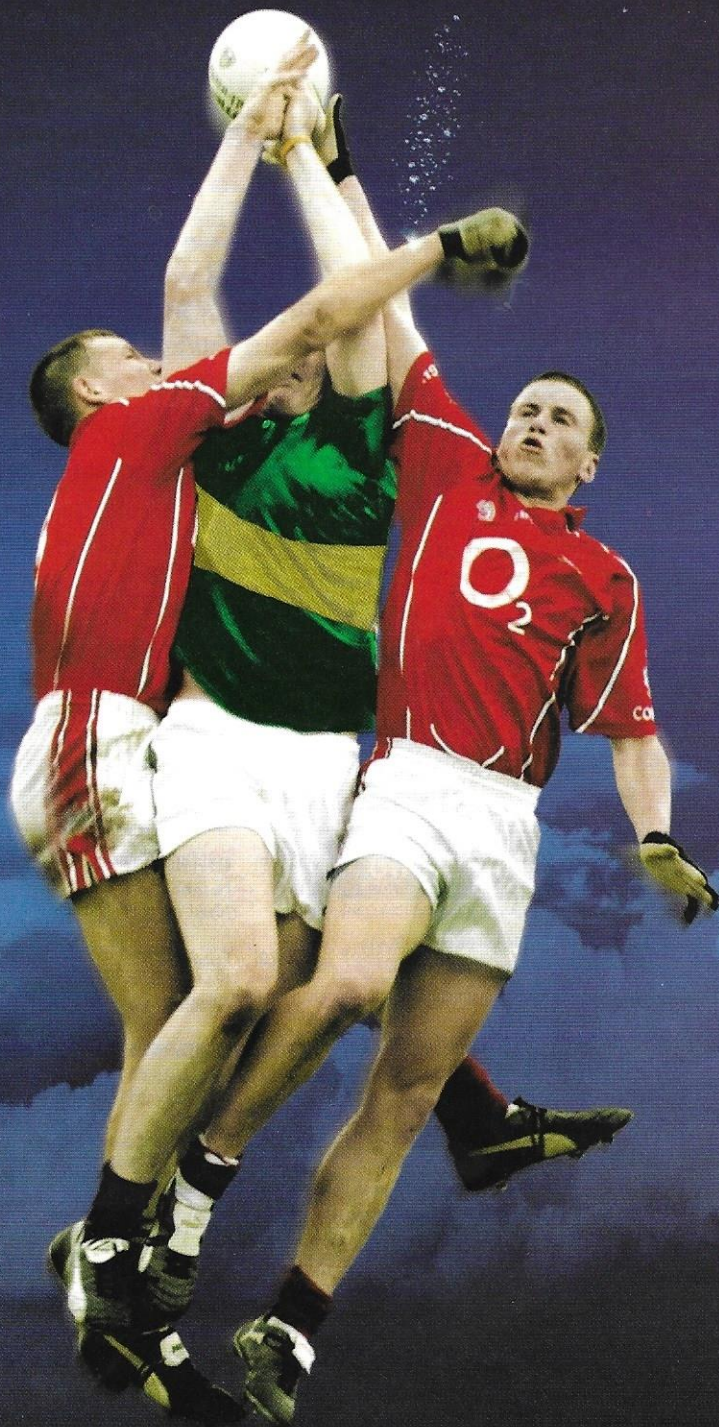
Brian McIver, Manager  
Michael Kelly,  
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# ALL-IRELAND QUARTER/FINALS ... 2001/2005

<b>2001</b>	Thurles	Kerry	1-14	Dublin	2-11			Tyrone	1-21	Fermanagh	0-5	
	Castlebar	Galway	0-14	Roscommon	1-5			Croke Park	Kerry	1-21	Roscommon	3-10
	Croke Park	Meath	2-12	Westmeath	3-9				Donegal	0-14	Galway	1-11
	Clones	Derry	1-9	Tyrone	0-7	replay	Castlebar	Donegal	0-14	Galway	0-11	
replay	Thurles	Kerry	2-12	Dublin	1-12	<b>2004</b>	Croke Park	Fermanagh	0-12	Armagh	0-11	
replay	Croke Park	Meath	2-10	Westmeath	0-11			Mayo	0-16	Tyrone	1-9	
<b>2002</b>	Croke Park	Kerry	2-17	Galway	1-12			Croke Park	Derry	2-9	Westmeath	0-13
		Armagh	2-9	Sligo	0-15				Kerry	1-15	Dublin	1-8
	Croke Park	Cork	0-16	Mayo	1-10	<b>2005</b>	Croke Park	Cork	2-14	Galway	2-11	
		Dublin	2-8	Donegal	0-14			Kerry	2-15	Mayo	0-18	
replay	Croke Park	Dublin	1-14	Donegal	0-7			Croke Park	Tyrone	1-14	Dublin	1-14
replay	An Uaimh	Armagh	1-16	Sligo	0-17			Croke Park	Armagh	2-17	Laois	1-11
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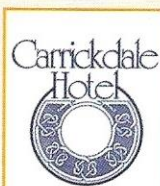
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2 Armagh	86	7	6	1	13 Meath	58	12	7	5	24 Kildare	25	8	2	6
Dublin	86	7	6	1	14 Roscommon	56	9	5	4	Down	25	8	2	6
4 Tyrone	80	10	8	2	15 Longford	50	12	6	6	Wexford	25	8	2	6
5 Westmeath	77	13	10	3	Louth	50	12	6	6	Wicklow	25	8	2	6
6 Derry	75	16	12	4	17 Monaghan	45	11	5	6	28 Tipperary	17	6	1	5
7 Donegal	73	11	8	3	18 Cork	40	5	2	3	29 Antrim	14	7	1	6
8 Laois	70	10	7	3	19 Offaly	33	9	3	6	30 London	0	5	0	5
9 Fermanagh	69	13	9	4	Clare	33	9	3	6	Leitrim	0	6	0	6
10 Galway	67	6	4	2	Limerick	33	9	3	6	Waterford	0	6	0	6
Mayo	67	6	4	2	Cavan	33	9	3	6					

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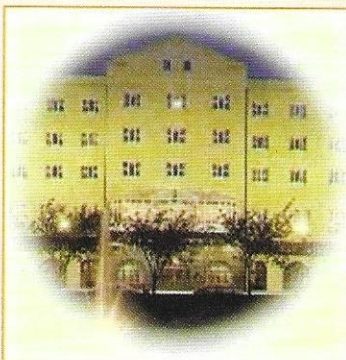


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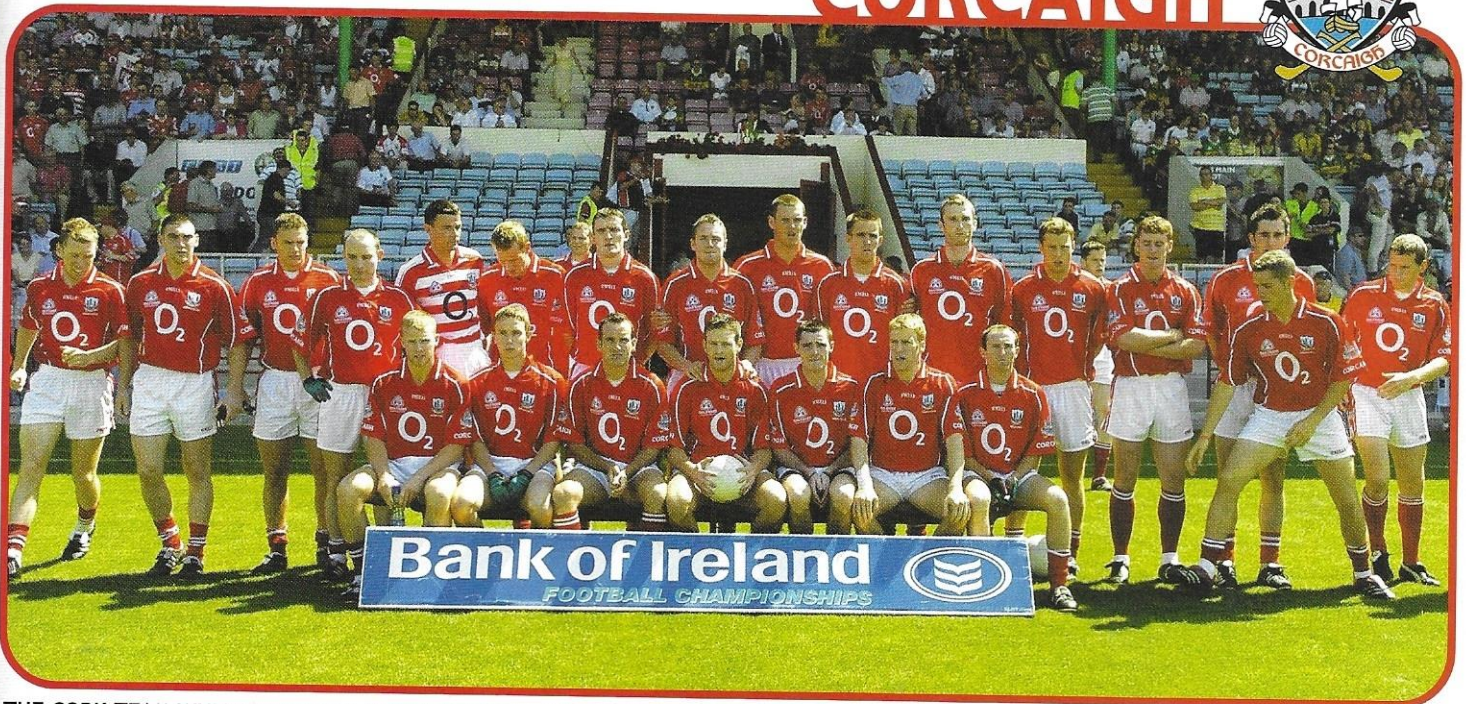
**BEST OF LUCK TO ARMAGH IN TODAY'S MATCH**

James Masters  
(Corcaigh)

The excellent finishing technique of James Masters provided a powerful platform on which Cork built a wholehearted performance to earn victory over defending champions Kerry in the Bank of Ireland Munster senior football championship final replay at Páirc Uí Chaoimh last month.

# MASTERS BRILLIANCE SET THE SCENE FOR CORK TITLE WIN

# CORCAIGH



THE CORK TEAM WHICH DEFEATED KERRY IN THE MUNSTER FINAL REPLAY AT PÁIRC UÍ CHAOIMH.

Masters gave a man-of-the-match display with his clever all round play highlighted by an impressive scoring return of 1-6. His goal after twenty one minutes gave Cork the lead and provided the impetus for their winning surge.

Scores were at a premium in the early stages with Kerry two points ahead after twenty minutes. Then came the only goal of the game to help the home side to an interval lead of 1-4 to 0-5.

Kerry started the second half promisingly

with a point, but once more Masters stepped into the picture with three vital points to strengthen his side's grip on the exchanges.

The Kingdom, as always, continued to battle on determinedly, but Cork, with confidence increasing with each passing minute, powered on to a well-deserved 1-12 to 0-9 win.

While Masters will always be associated in a special way with this first title win in four years—and rightly so—others also left their imprints on the success.

John Hayes and Donncha O'Connor had fine games in attack, while Nicholas Murphy got through a lot of valuable work at midfield.

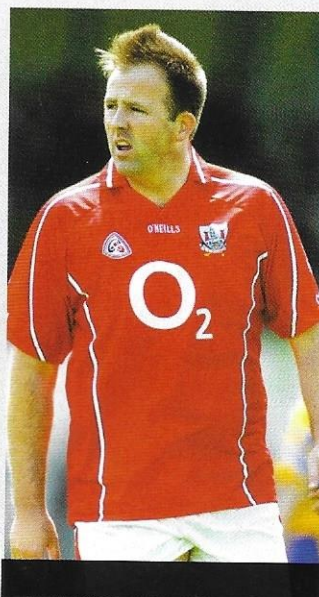
The defence made the defending champions work hard for scores, with pivot Gary Spillane, Graham Canty, until his retirement with an injury, and Anthony Lynch providing the leadership.

This good all round performance must give Cork great encouragement for this bid to reach a second successive All-Ireland semi-final.

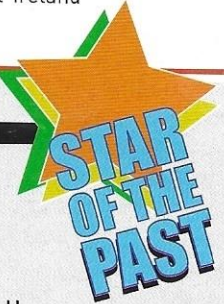
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2006			
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Cork	0-9;	Limerick	0-5
2005			
ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINAL			
Cork	0-9;	Kerry	1-19.
ALL-IRELAND QUARTER-FINAL			
Cork	2-14;	Galway	2-11.



## COLIN CORKERY



Colin, one of Cork's best-ever sharpshooters, contributed much to Cork football over the nineties. He was in the side that lost the 1993 All-Ireland senior final to Derry and won an All Stars award at right full forward later that year.

Corkery, who also won Munster senior medals, was a commanding figure with Nemo Rangers. He helped the club to the 1994 AIB All-Ireland title and captained the club from full forward to the 2003 national title.

The six-foot-plus Corkery also wore the Munster jersey with distinction.

# CORCAIGH

# "LOOK OUT FOR DUNNION AND LYNCH BURSTING FORWARD..."

ONE man's misfortune is often another man's gain. And so it is with Donegal's Barry Dunnion - one of the outstanding performers in the 2006 Bank of Ireland football championship. Supporters in the North-West were aghast when former Allstar wing back Kevin Cassidy was one of two players dropped from Brian McIver's panel prior to the Allianz NFL Division 2 final clash with Louth last April. Eamon McGee has since returned of course but Cassidy did not, deciding to spend his summer in the US. Cassidy was seen as a huge loss to the Donegal side as he was consistently one of the team's best players over the past number of seasons.

But ironically, Cassidy's departure opened the door for dynamic Dunnion and now he owns the number seven jersey on merit. From the Four Masters club in Donegal, Dunnion is one of the most accomplished defenders in the county. The 23-year-old won a senior club championship medal in 2003 and his father Danny is a current selector. Barry won county minor and U21 championships with Four Masters and it was only a matter of time before he progressed to the senior Donegal panel, such was his fine form at club level.

This is Dunnion's third full season with the Donegal seniors but after McIver handed him the chance to nail down a permanent place in the side, he hasn't looked back. Dunnion may be small but what he lacks in size, he more than makes up for with sheer tenacity and natural football ability. He has often been described as the Brian Roper or Martin McHugh of the Donegal defence - high praise indeed.

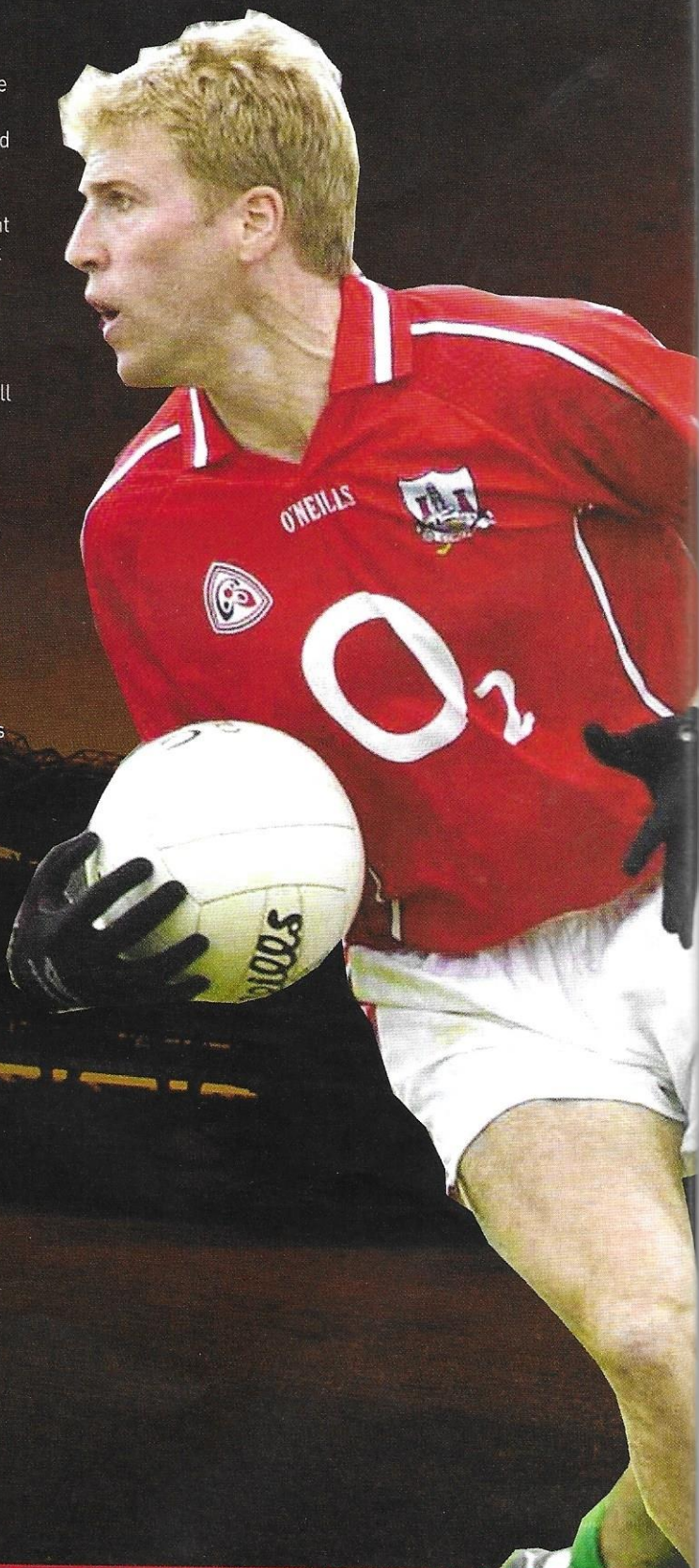
Dunnion is an extremely committed player who seems to excel in the face of adversity. In Donegal's two league final clashes with Louth, he was arguably his county's best player. And in the

early Ulster championship clash with Down, Dunnion ran Rory Kavanagh close for the man of the match award, kicking a point and setting up Kavanagh for a splendid goal. A Sigerson Cup winner with Sligo IT, he also chipped in with a point against Armagh in the recent Ulster final at Croke Park so Cork must beware of his running abilities from deep.

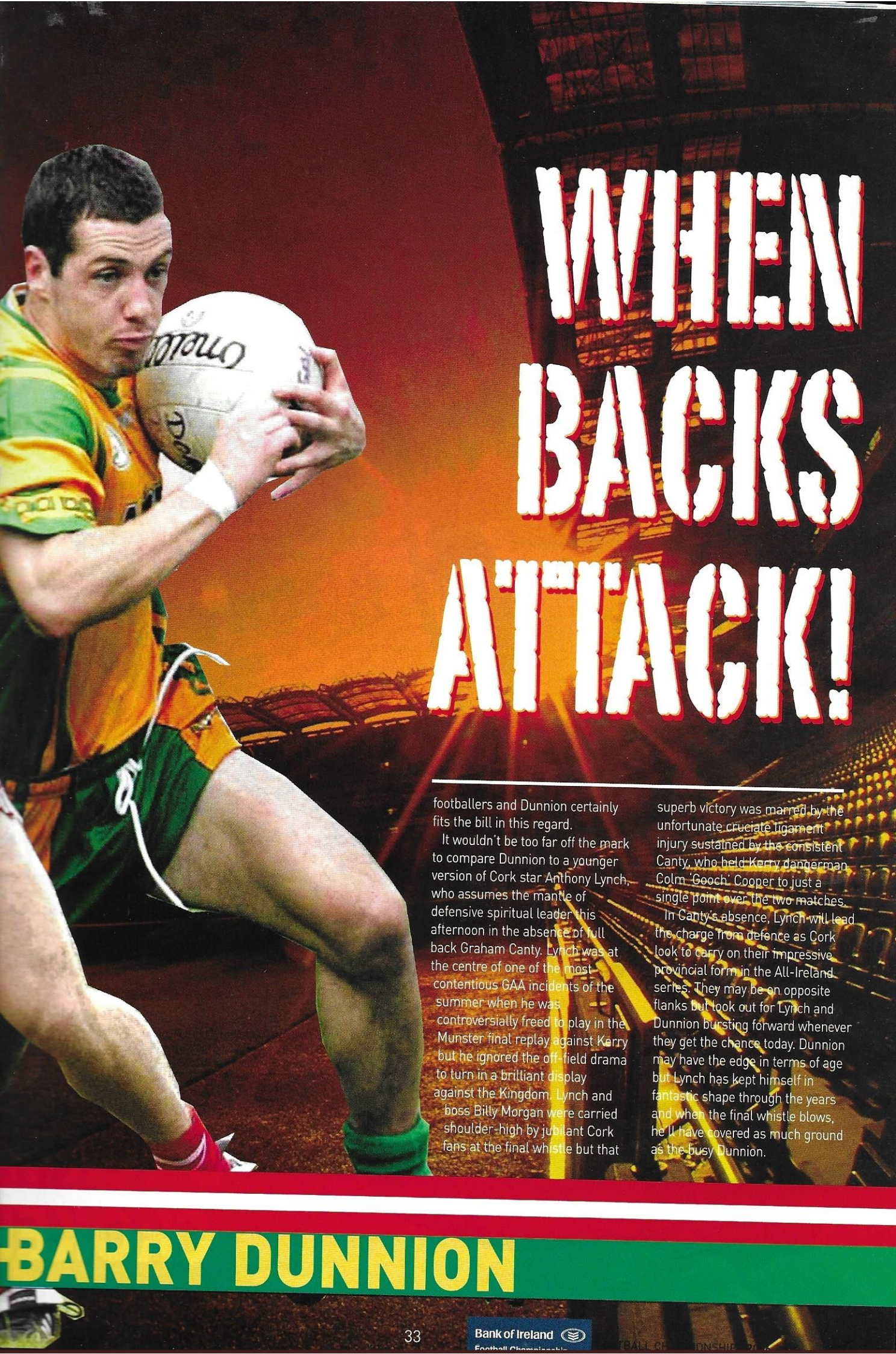
Dunnion is a clever player who is extremely difficult to pick up and blessed with a massive engine, he'll get up and down the park all day long. If Cork's Sean O'Brien continues in his half forward role having made the transition from corner back, he will be expected to perform a much more defensive role in attack for the Rebels as he attempts to keep a check on Dunnion's forward bursts.

But O'Brien himself has been in sparkling form for Cork this summer and is one of those players that you would call upon in a real tight battle. O'Brien is superb at picking up breaks and is one of the bravest men on the Cork panel when it comes to diving on a loose ball. He has made the switch from defence to attack with ease and is the epitome of the typical modern-day half forward, a player who will forage back to help out his midfielders while also picking up possession to instigate attacks.

Defence is seen as the best form of attack for this current Donegal side and deadly Dunnion is the prime example. Two points from four championship outings from wing back is a sign that he loves to get forward and he doesn't duck out of the physical exchanges either. With his low centre of gravity and high energy levels, Dunnion will naturally take plenty of punishment during a game but he's a wiry character and well able to tough it out in the physical stakes. Historically, Donegal fans tend to warm to small, enthusiastic



## ANTHONY LYNCH



# WHEN BACKS ATTACK!

footballers and Dunnion certainly fits the bill in this regard.

It wouldn't be too far off the mark to compare Dunnion to a younger version of Cork star Anthony Lynch, who assumes the mantle of defensive spiritual leader this afternoon in the absence of full back Graham Canty. Lynch was at the centre of one of the most contentious GAA incidents of the summer when he was controversially freed to play in the Munster final replay against Kerry but he ignored the off-field drama to turn in a brilliant display against the Kingdom. Lynch and boss Billy Morgan were carried shoulder-high by jubilant Cork fans at the final whistle but that

superb victory was marred by the unfortunate cruciate ligament injury sustained by the consistent Canty, who held Kerry dangerman Colm 'Gooch' Cooper to just a single point over the two matches.

In Canty's absence, Lynch will lead the charge from defence as Cork look to carry on their impressive provincial form in the All-Ireland series. They may be on opposite flanks but look out for Lynch and Dunnion bursting forward whenever they get the chance today. Dunnion may have the edge in terms of age but Lynch has kept himself in fantastic shape through the years and when the final whistle blows, he'll have covered as much ground as the busy Dunnion.

## BARRY DUNNION

Leon McDonald  
(Dún na nGall)

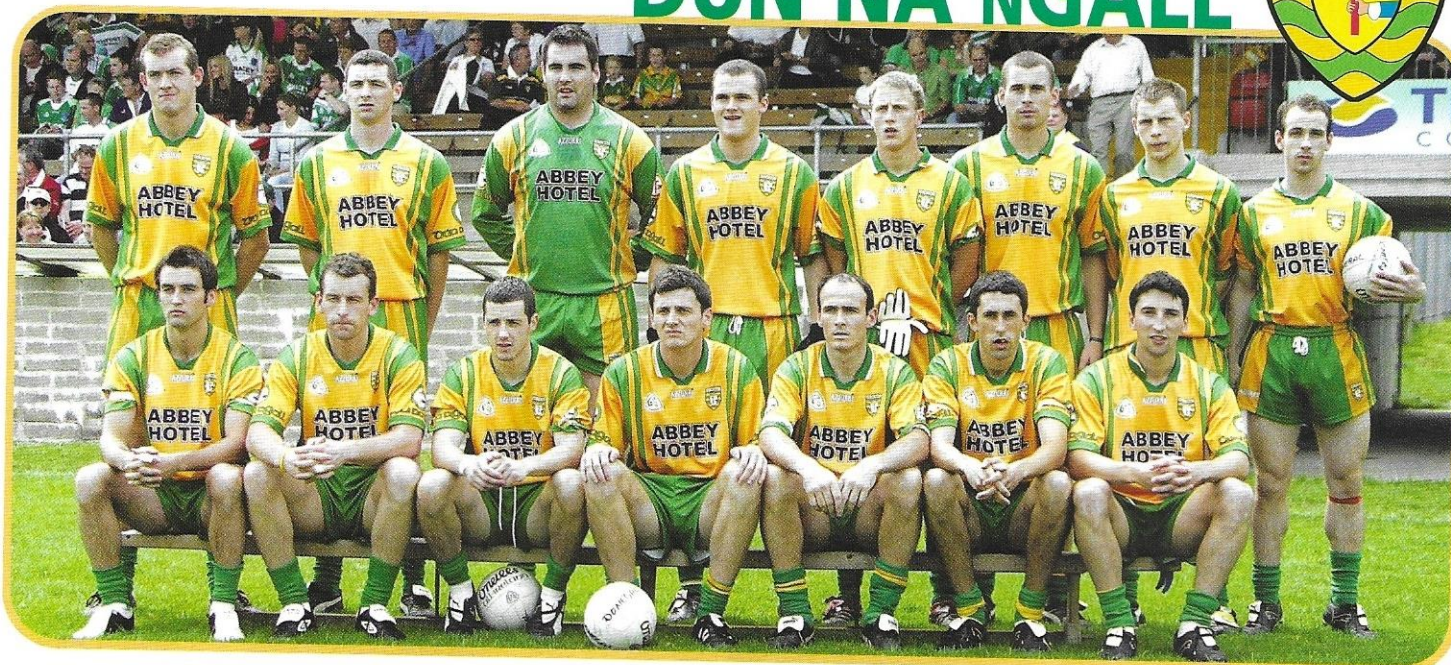
**A** step up in form in the second half provided the platform for Donegal when they opened their All-Ireland senior football championship Qualifiers campaign against Fermanagh at Enniskillen last Sunday.

**SECOND  
HALF  
FORM SEES  
DONEGAL  
BACK IN  
CROKER**





# DÚN NA NGALL



THE DONEGAL TEAM WHICH DEFEATED FERMANAGH IN THE ROUND 4 QUALIFIER AT ENNISKILLEN.

Back row (left to right): Neil Gallagher, Ciarán Bonner, Paul Durcan, Neil McGee, Thomas Donohue, Eamonn McGee, Anthony Thompson, Leon Thompson.  
Front row (left to right): Karl Lacey, Barry Monaghan, Barry Dunnion, Christy Toye (c), James Gallagher, Rory Kavanagh, Michael Hegarty.

Beaten by a goal by Armagh in the Ulster final earlier in July, Donegal failed to find in the first half anything like their sparkle of the Northern championship. They also squandered some good scoring opportunities to turn over at the interval in arrears by 0-5 to 0-3.

However, the North West county stepped up a gear from the start of the second half. After only a few minutes they were foiled of a goal by a superb save by Fermanagh goalkeeper Chris Breen, but responded in positive fashion.

Prompted by good midfield play from Neil Gallagher, the attack made better use of their

opportunities and points from Christy Toye, Leon Thompson, two, and Rory Kavanagh, Donegal edged a point ahead.

They continued to take the game to their opponents, with substitutes Adrian Sweeney, Colin Kelly and Stephen McHugh adding to the points tally to power the way to a hard-earned but merited 0-11 to 0-8 win.

Gallagher had a fine game at midfield, especially in the second half, and made a big contribution in earning Donegal revenge for their fourth round defeat by Fermanagh in 2004.

Thompson also made a good impression up front. He provided the opening for Kavanagh

that led to that great second half save by the Fermanagh goalkeeper and also chipped in with a brace of well-taken and valuable points.

Team captain and right half forward Christy Toye had some bright moments and also scored two points. Eamonn McGee and Barry Dunnion in defence also played important roles in the success.

A solid, rather than power-packed return to winning ways by Donegal, but still a success that is bound to prove a big boost to morale and evoke an extra special response to go one better than on their last appearance at Croke Park in the Ulster final last month.

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#### 2006

Donegal	0-11;	Fermanagh	0-8.
Donegal	0-9;	Armagh	1-9.
Donegal	1-13;	Derry	0-11.
Donegal	1-12;	Down	1-11.

#### 2005

#### All-Ireland Qualifier Round 2

Donegal	1-10;	Cavan	1-11.
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## SEAMUS HOARE

Seamus was a giant in goal for Donegal and Ulster over a long period in the sixties. He helped Donegal to their first Dr. McKenna Cup (all Ulster competition) final win in 1963 and the following year won his first Railway Cup medal.

It is a tribute to his excellence that he went on to win further interprovincial medals in 1965, 1966 and 1968.

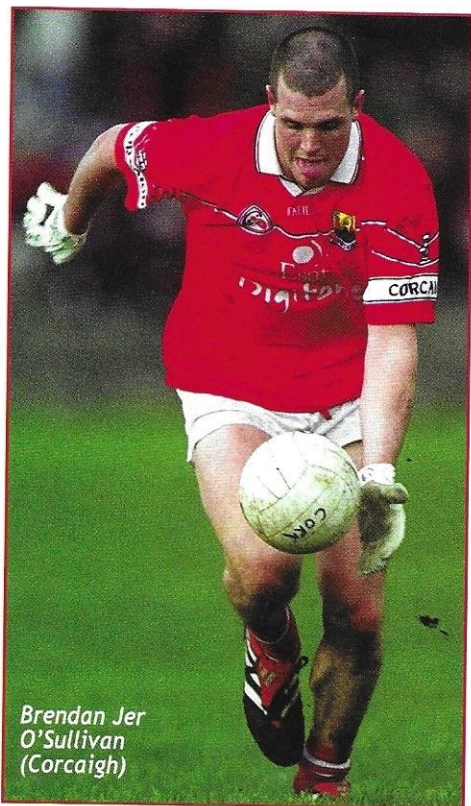
Hoare, a member of the St. Eunan's, Letterkenny, club side, had much earlier advertised his budding skills at interprovincial level with Ulster in the now suspended Colleges' interprovincial championship.

This is Donegal's first senior championship meeting with Cork.



## DÚN NA NGALL

# THEIR LAST WINS



Brendan Jer  
O'Sullivan  
(Corcaigh)

## 2003 Corcaigh

Cork 3-8 Donegal 0-10

**W**inless Donegal never looked like breaking their duck in this night-time fixture under lights at Páirc Uí Rinn. The visitors did show up well in the early skirmishes, but once the hosts got into their stride there was only going to be one winner. Eoin Sexton's first-half goal gave Cork a cushion, but just after the restart Brendan Devenney had a chance to tighten matters considerably, but he was denied by an excellent save by Kevin O'Dwyer.

A Brendan Jer O'Sullivan goal from a penalty extended Cork's lead and a point from the same player gave the Leesiders a nine-point advantage after 47 minutes. The Rebels eased up with the points secured and allowed Donegal reduce the deficit to four points close to the finish. However, the final score fell to Cork when James O'Shea's cross was punched to net by Colin Corkery and, in truth, the

seven-point margin was a fairer reflection of the proceedings.

**Cork scorers:** B.J.O'Sullivan 1-2, C.Corkery 1-1, M.Cronin 0-3, E.Sexton 1-0, C.Crowley 0-1, J.Miskella 0-1.

**Donegal scorers:** B.Devenney 0-4, J.McGuinness 0-2, M.Hegarty 0-2, B.Roper 0-2.

**Corcaigh -** K.O'Dwyer, N.O'Donovan, A.O'Connor, S.O'Brien, S.Levis, E.Sexton, N.O'Leary, N.Murphy, G.Canty, J.O'Donoghue, B.J.O'Sullivan, J.Miskella, J.O'Shea, M.Cronin, C.Crowley.

**Subs -** D.Kavanagh for Sexton, C.Corkery for Crowley, A.Cronin for Miskella, T.Kenny for Murphy, M.McCarthy for O'Sullivan.

**Dún na nGall -** G.McGill, N.McGinley, E.Reddin, N.McCready, R.Sweeney, B.Monaghan, D.Diver, J.Ruane, J.McGuinness, D.McNamara, M.Hegarty, B.Roper, J.McCafferty, B.Devenney, S.Carr.  
**Sub -** B.McLoughlin for McCafferty.

## 2005 Dún na nGall

Donegal 3-11 Cork 1-7

**A**t Ballyshannon, relegated Donegal had little to play for while visitors Cork were still in with a chance, albeit a slim one, of a semi/final berth. Such a scenario pointed to an away victory, but instead the Leesiders slumped to a ten-point loss. There was little to distinguish the protagonists in the opening 25 minutes as each side notched three points, but then James Masters scored a lovely goal for Cork and that was still the gap between the sides at the break - 1-4 to 0-4.

Christy Toye and Adrian Sweeney narrowed home arrears on the restart and, following Anthony Lynch's dismissal for a second yellow card, Sweeney's goal swept the hosts into a lead they never looked like relinquishing. Three Brian Roper points helped Donegal move clear and a Colm McFadden goal six minutes from time sealed the win. Cork did fire over a couple of

late points, but Brendan Devenney notched a third goal for the hosts in injury time.

**Donegal scorers:** C.McFadden 1-2, B.Devenney 1-2, A.Sweeney 1-2, B.Roper 0-3, M.Hegarty 0-1, C.Toye 0-1.

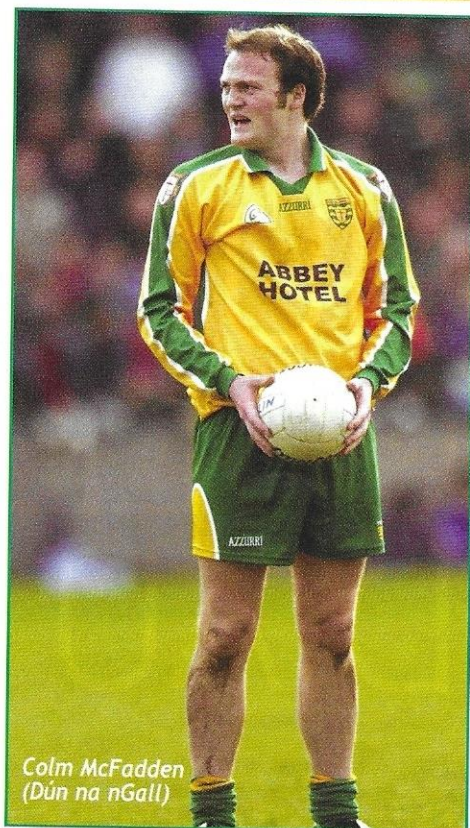
**Cork scorers:** J.Masters 1-3, C.Crowley 0-2, C.McCarthy 0-1, D.Hurley 0-1.

**Dún na nGall -** S.Boylan, E.McGee, R.Sweeney, E.Reddin, K.Lacey, B.Monaghan, K.Cassidy, N.Gallagher, C.Toye, R.Kavanagh, M.Hegarty, B.Roper, C.McFadden, B.Devenney, A.Sweeney.

**Subs -** S.Carr for Reddin, S.McDermott for Kavanagh, C.Sharkey for Boylan, P.McNulty for Sweeney.

**Corcaigh -** K.Murphy, S.O'Brien, D.Duggan, K.O'Connor, E.Sexton, A.Lynch, M.Cronin, N.Murphy, S.Levis, J.Masters, C.McCarthy, A.Cronin, P.Clifford, B.J.O'Sullivan, C.Crowley.

**Subs -** K.McMahon for Murphy, G.Spillane for Lynch, M.Cronin for Clifford, D.Hurley for Crowley.



Colm McFadden  
(Dún na nGall)

# A LEAGUE RELATIONSHIP

The paths of Cork and Donegal have never crossed in the Senior Football Championship and, indeed, the counties have not met at under-21 or minor level either. Their lone championship meeting was at junior level in the 1933 semi/final which Donegal won by 1-8 to 2-3. However, the counties do have a history in the National League with 14 meetings to date, with the record reading Donegal nine wins, Cork four and one draw.

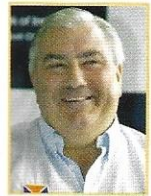
1951/52 – Croke Park (semi/final):  
Cork 3-3; Donegal 0-7

1985/86 – Fermoy:  
Donegal 2-4; Cork 1-6  
1986/87 – Ballyshannon:  
Donegal 0-8; Cork 0-5  
1989/90 – Ballincollig:  
Cork 2-14; Donegal 2-10  
1990/91 – Ballybofey:  
Donegal 1-9; Cork 1-6  
1992/93 – Ballybofey:  
Donegal 1-8; Cork 0-9  
1995/96 – Croke Park (semi/final):  
Donegal 0-10; Cork 0-9  
1996/97 – Ballybofey:

Donegal 2-6; Cork 0-12  
1997/98 – Croke Park (quarter/final):  
Donegal 2-14; Cork 1-9  
1998/99 – Ballybofey:  
Cork 1-8; Donegal 0-10  
1999/00 – Páirc Uí Chaoimh:  
Donegal 2-12; Cork 0-7  
2002 – Ballyshannon:  
Donegal 1-12; Cork 0-9  
2003 – Páirc Uí Rinn:  
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2005 – Ballyshannon:  
Donegal 3-11; Cork 1-7

## NA BAINISTEOIRÍ AGUS NA CAPTAEIN

### Joe Kernan



Joe had a very successful intercounty career with Armagh. He won three Ulster senior medals and scored 2-1 in the county's

unsuccessful All-Ireland senior final outing against Dublin in 1977.

Under his management, Crossmaglen Rangers won the AIB All-Ireland club title in 1977, 1999 and 2000.

Joe scaled the heights at intercounty level when as manager he made an immense contribution to Armagh's memorable breakthrough in 2002 for their historic Sam Maguire Cup win.

He also guided the county to their first Allianz League title in 2005.

### Jack O'Connor



Jack marked his first year as Kerry team manager in 2004 by guiding the Kingdom to the big double of the Allianz League title and All-Ireland senior crown.

Under his management Kerry also reached the All-Ireland senior final last year.

O'Connor had success prior to taking up the senior team manager's role. He filled that position with the side that won the All-Ireland Under-21 title in 1998 and was a selector with the Sam Maguire Cup winning teams of 1997 and 2000.

Jack also had successes as a team manager at both Vocational Schools and Munster Colleges' levels.

### Billy Morgan



Billy gave distinguished service to Cork in senior football both as a player and team manager.

He appeared in the minor grade as a forward, but later moved into goal to become one of the giants in that position.

Morgan had a memorable year in 1973 when he led Nemo Rangers to the All-Ireland club title and Cork to the Sam Maguire Cup.

He was a member of the backroom team when the Rebels last won the All-Ireland senior title in 1990. He has also made a major contribution to the scene as county team manager.

### Brian McIver



Brian has lost little time in making a strong impact in his role as Donegal team manager. Appointed to the position last September, he

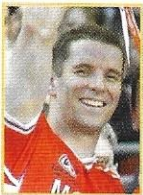
guided the county to promotion to Division I of the Allianz League on the way to runners-up for the Division II title in April.

A native of Tyrone, he achieved AIB All-Ireland club success as manager in 2002 with Ballinderry, Derry. He has also enjoyed success with St. Pius, Magherafelt, in Colleges' competitions.

McIver has also managed clubs in a number of counties in the North. This is his first venture into inter-county management.

### Paul McGrane

One of the best midfielders in the game, Paul celebrated his last Croke Park appearance last month by scoring the only goal in the Ulster senior final against Donegal.



The Ballyhegan clubman is a brilliant link with the history-making Sam Maguire Cup winning team of 2002. Later that year he was chosen at midfield in the All Stars selection.

A former Ulster minor medalist, McGrane won his sixth Ulster senior medal last month. He has also won two interprovincial souvenirs.

### Colm Cooper

Colm is one of the most naturally gifted forwards in the game. A graduate from the minor and under-21 ranks, he won his first



Vodafone All Stars award in 2002, the year Kerry lost the Sam Maguire Cup tie to Armagh

Two years later the Dr. Crokes clubman sparkled as Kerry regained the All-Ireland senior title and he went on to win a second All Stars award.

Cooper has also got among the Allianz League medals, was honoured by Ireland in the International Rules Test series last year in Australia and later won another All Stars award.

### Derek Kavanagh

Derek played a big role with his quality play at midfield in the win over Kerry at Páirc Uí Chaoimh that brought the Munster senior football title back to Cork after an interval of four years.



A wholehearted and determined footballer, Kavanagh has also enjoyed much success with his club, Nemo Rangers. It was a case of third time lucky for the accomplished footballer in 2004 when he helped Nemo to victory over Crossmolina in the AIB All-Ireland club final. The Cork side lost the finals of 2002 and 2003.

Kavanagh is an accomplished footballer who invariably gets through much effective work in every game.

### Christy Toyne

Christy is a former county minor and won Sigerson Cup (Higher Education Championship) medals with IT Sligo in 2004 and 2005.



A hard-working and clever footballer, he made his county senior debut in 2001 while still a teenager, and was in the Donegal teams that lost the Ulster senior finals of 2004 and this year to Armagh.

Earlier this year he led Donegal in fine style to the Allianz National League Division II final, in which they lost in a replay to Louth.



# TEAM STATISTICS

## PLAYERS' CHAMPIONSHIP RECORDS

### ARD MHACHA



Name	Debut	App.	Scores
Francie Bellew	2002	29	0-0
Ronan Clarke	2002	32	4-46
JP Donnelly	2006	2	0-0
Paul Duffy	2005	5	0-1
Paul Hearty	2001	26	0-0
Paul Keenan	—	0	0-0
Aaron Kernan	2005	13	0-18
Stephen Kernan	2004	4	0-0
Philip Loughran	2002	24	0-6
Malachy Mackin	2003	11	1-2
Andy Mallon	2003	25	0-1
Brian Mallon	2004	15	2-14
Oisín McConville	1997	49	10-183
Paul McCormack	2002	5	0-0
Steven McDonnell	2000	41	16-102

Name	Debut	App.	Scores
John McEntee	1998	42	2-34
Kieran McGeeney	1992	54	0-8
Paul McGrane	1993	56	1-17
Ciarán McKeever	2005	12	0-2
Paddy McKeever	1998	42	3-50
Ciarán McKinney	2006	2	0-0
Enda McNulty	1997	44	0-0
Finnian Moriarty	—	0	0-0
Liam O'Hare	—	0	0-0
Aidan O'Rourke	2000	32	0-4
Martin O'Rourke	2001	15	0-10
Michael O'Rourke	—	0	0-0
Gareth Swift	—	0	0-0
Peadar Toal	2006	2	0-0
Charlie Vernon	—	0	0-0

### CIARRAÍ



Name	Debut	App.	Scores
Eoin Brosnan	2001	37	11-31
Colm Cooper	2002	31	9-79
Kieran Cremin	—	0	0-0
Kieran Donaghy	2005	7	0-3
Eamonn Fitzmaurice	1998	45	0-6
Paul Galvin	2003	19	0-16
Tommy Griffin	2000	13	0-1
Brendan Guiney	2005	1	0-0
Ronan Hussey	—	0	0-0
Mossie Lyons	2006	5	0-0
Aodán MacGearailt	1999	25	5-25
Michael McCarthy	1999	44	0-1
Seamus Moynihan	1992	58	0-4
Diarmuid Murphy	2004	18	0-0
Kieran O'Leary	—	0	0-0

Name	Debut	App.	Scores
Darragh Ó Sé	1994	59	1-25
Marc Ó Sé	2002	30	0-4
Tomás Ó Sé	1998	46	3-8
Paul O'Connor	2006	3	0-1
Ronan O'Connor	2002	7	0-1
Aidan O'Mahony	2004	18	0-3
Darren O'Sullivan	2005	6	0-2
Declan O'Sullivan	2003	20	3-15
Sean O'Sullivan	2002	17	1-15
Tom O'Sullivan	2000	42	0-0
Pádraig Reidy	—	0	0-0
Mike Frank Russell	1997	49	8-109
Bryan Sheehan	2005	11	0-26
Killian Young	2006	1	0-0

### CORCAIGH



Name	Debut	App.	Scores
Alan Cronin	2002	14	0-5
Diarmuid Duggan	—	0	0-0
Daniel Goulding	2006	1	0-0
Fintan Gúl	2005	6	0-4
John Hayes	2005	6	1-13
Derek Kavanagh	2001	17	0-2
Sean Levis	2002	12	0-0
Anthony Lynch	1999	26	0-4
James Masters	2005	8	2-35
Dylan Mehigan	—	0	0-0
Conor McCarthy	2004	11	0-8
Kevin McMahan	2004	8	1-5
Gary Murphy	2004	9	0-0
Nicholas Murphy	1998	29	1-6
David Niblock	2006	3	0-0

Name	Debut	App.	Scores
Sean O'Brien	2003	8	0-1
Alan O'Connor	2003	1	0-0
Donncha O'Connor	2006	3	0-2
Kieran O'Connor	2004	8	0-1
Noel O'Leary	2003	8	0-5
Pearse O'Neill	2006	2	0-0
Pádraig O'Shea	—	0	0-0
Kevin O'Sullivan	2004	8	0-3
Michael Prout	2006	3	0-0
Alan Quirke	2006	3	0-0
Eoin Sexton	1997	27	1-3
Ger Spillane	2006	3	0-0
Michael Shields	2006	2	0-0
John Wycherely	—	0	0-0

### DÚN NA nGALL



Name	Debut	App.	Scores
Ciarán Bonner	2006	4	0-2
Brendan Boyle	2002	17	1-1
Michael Boyle	2005	4	0-0
Martin Caulfield	—	0	0-0
Damian Diver	1996	35	0-5
Michael Doherty	2006	2	1-6
Thomas Donoghue	2006	1	0-0
Conal Dunne	2002	5	0-3
Barry Dunnion	2004	7	0-2
Paul Durcan	2004	8	0-0
Neil Gallagher	2005	8	0-0
James Gallagher	2000	4	0-3
Michael Hegarty	1999	34	1-36
Noel Hegarty	—	0	0-0
Rory Kavanagh	2002	9	1-9

Name	Debut	App.	Scores
Colin Kelly	2006	3	0-2
Karl Lacey	2004	11	0-2
Stephen McDermott	2003	15	2-10
Eamonn McGee	2004	11	0-2
Neil McGee	2006	4	0-0
Frank McGlynn	2006	1	0-0
Stephen McHugh	2006	1	0-1
Barry Monaghan	2001	28	0-1
Brian Roper	1996	34	3-32
Adrian Sweeney	1997	38	3-113
Raymond Sweeney	1998	26	0-0
Anthony Thompson	2006	1	0-0
Leon Thompson	2006	1	0-2
Christy Toye	2002	26	3-16



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## DONEGAL 1992 v DERRY 1993 ALL-IRELAND CHARITY MATCH

In aid of The Adams McConnell Ward, Beaumont Hospital

**M**iah Shiels Park, Portsalon, home ground of Fanad Gaels GAA Club, is the place to be next Friday for the Charity Game with a difference, 1992 All Ireland Winners Donegal v 1993 All Ireland Winners Derry. While the game is being held to raise funds for the Adams McConnell Ward, Beaumont Hospital, it is anticipated that the charity ends there as far as both teams are concerned. Players from that golden era will pick up the mantle from the 1993 Ulster Final!

Indeed, at the press launch for the event, Donegal Captain, Anthony Molloy informed the media that there were some old scores to settle from a rain soaked Clones in 1993!! At present, both teams are reporting fully fit squads with Anthony Molloy and Henry Downey once again captaining the sides while the legendary Brian McEniff and Eamon Coleman do battle on the sideline.

The game has a throw-in time of 7.30pm. Tickets for the match are on sale from all clubs in Donegal & Derry, local Credit Unions

or you can simply pay at the gate on the night. Admission is €10/7stg with concession for children and families.

Afterwards, food, much needed refreshments, music and entertainment will be on offer in Saldies Bar & Restaurant and Paddy Mórs Bar, Kerrykeel. There will also be a presentation to the players and officials of both teams.

The game is being organised to raise funds for the Adams McConnell Ward in Beaumont Hospital. Two members of Fanad Gaels GAA Club were treated for brain haemorrhages on the Ward in January and March 2005 respectively and since then a number of others from the local community have also undergone surgery in the Adams McConnell Ward for brain related injuries.

For further information, contact members of the organising committee, Fiona Shiels @087 6594524, Pat Murphy @087 2203350 or Fergus McAteer @086 4043532.

## CORK COACHING AND GAMES DEVELOPMENT SQUADS

**I**n keeping with the Grassroots to National Programme, Cork Coaching and Games Committee (Coiste Oiliúna) has been running development squads over recent months in both football and hurling.

These squads cater for the best club players at under 14 and 15 within their Divisions. The players are brought together and receive a higher standard of coaching than they may be used to at club level. Responsibility for getting the Squads up and running has been given to full time personnel, Keith Ricken and Eamonn Ryan

No players are turned away and the idea is to develop all players skills over a minimum of 8 sessions. Some of these players will not play at county level but will certainly return to their respective clubs a more enlightened player. Those who have the ability to play at county level are detected at an early age and can be monitored and nurtured by the top coaches in the county.

Thus when they come to minors, they are not arriving as unknowns who, if they happen

to play poorly in the first trial game, lose out on the chance to play with their county. This is one of the reasons why the development squads are beginning to become so popular in counties.

The fruits of the Squads is to be seen in Cork at the moment with the Liam Lyne Cup (under 15 Divisional competition) showing up a very high standard of football. All teams involved showed cohesiveness that some clubs find hard to achieve and thus the football was a joy to behold. For example the Avondhu squad have trained together approximately 16 times in the past year, something that would be unimaginable for a Divisional team in the past. One thing that is certain is that these squads are sure to contain a large contingent of future intercounty players. The hard work of people such as Michael O'Neill, Pat Spratt, Jim O'Sullivan, Kevin Greene and many, many others will eventually result in Cork football finally returning to the glory days we so desperately crave!

## QUARTER- FINAL RECORDS

**SOUTHERN TEAMS HAVE  
100% SUCCESS RATE**

**I**f the Ulster representatives in today's double-header at Croke Park peruse the quarter/final records of their respective opponents, they will not be enthralled by what they observe as both Kerry and Cork have a 100% success rate at this stage of the championship.

Since their introduction in 2001, the Kingdom have been involved at this stage of the campaign every year and have defeated Dublin twice (once on a replay), Galway, Roscommon and Mayo, although today will be their first 'last eight' meeting with Ulster opposition. The Leesiders have made two quarter/final appearances to date defeating Mayo by three points in 2002 and Galway by the same margin twelve months ago.

However, Armagh also have an impressive record at this stage of the championship and have been defeated just once in four outings. The Orchard county missed out on the first quarter-finals in 2001, but have been ever-present since. They defeated Sligo on a replay in 2002 and Laois by two points the following year. Fermanagh upset them by the minimum margin in '04, but Laois were again overcome (this time by nine points) last season.

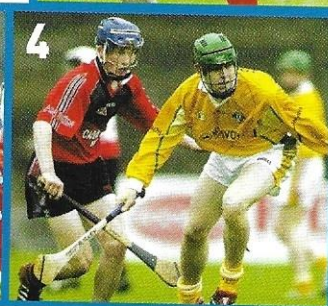
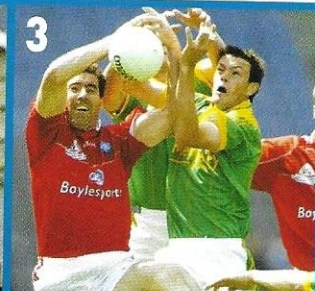
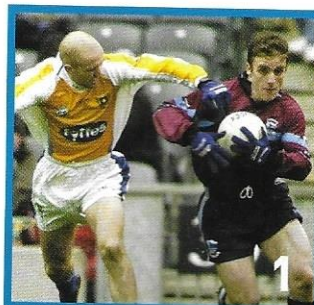
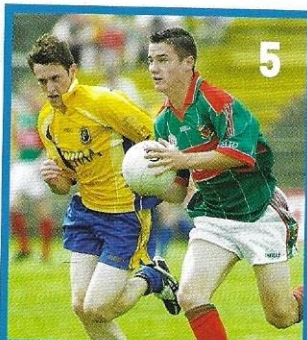
Donegal's record isn't nearly as impressive as their Ulster counterparts. A quirk of their record shows that on the two occasions they have made the 'last eight' they have yet to win, or lose, first time out as in both years so far Donegal have drawn the initial encounter - with Dublin in 2002 and Galway a year later. Defeat to the Metropolitans resulted but the Corribiders were overcome at the second time of asking.

# Cúinne na nÓg

## Winners All 2006 Style

All five questions relate to winners of titles earlier this year.

1. AIB All-Ireland Club senior football final.
2. All-Ireland Junior Football title.
3. Leinster Junior Football title.
4. Ulster minor hurling title.
5. Connacht minor football title.



## How Many Mistakes?

A keen enthusiast at a recent game in Croke Park said the following to a companion:

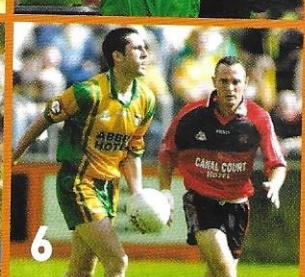
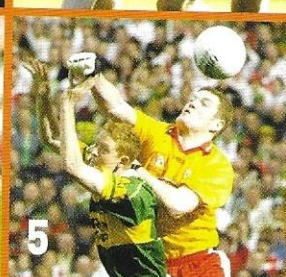
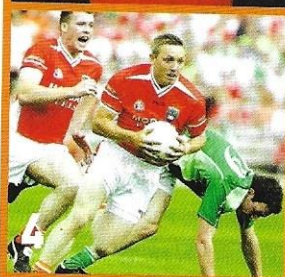
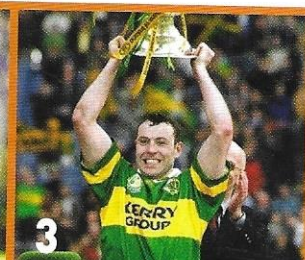
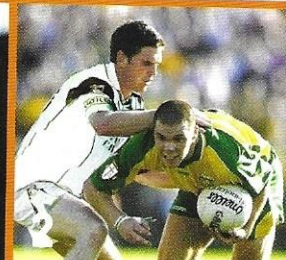
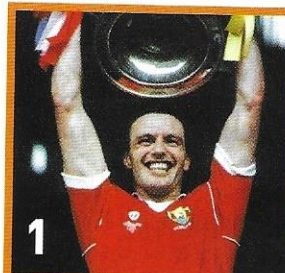
**"I enjoyed Antrim's win over Cavan in the Ulster minor football final at Clones last month.**

**"I was disappointed that they lost to Donegal in an All-Ireland quarter-final last month".**

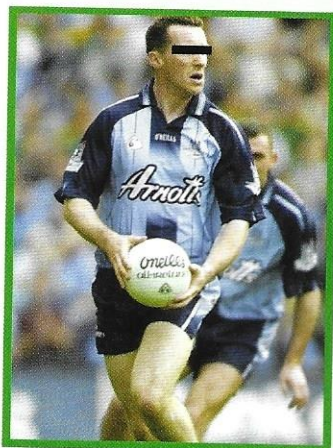
How many mistakes can you find above?

## The Numbers Game

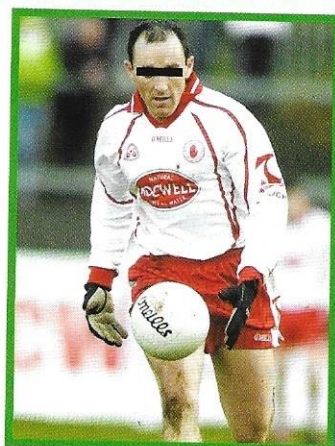
1. One plus.....will add up to the number of years since Larry Tompkins led Cork to their last Sam Maguire Cup win.
2. Three plus..... letters will reveal the name of the county that lost an All-Ireland quarter-final to Donegal in a replay three years ago.
3. One plus.....will add up to the number of years since Seamus Moynihan led Kerry to the Sam Maguire Cup.
4. Six plus.....will reveal the highest number of points, as distinct from goals and points combined, scored by Armagh in a single game in the championship so far.
5. Three plus....letters will reveal the position filled by Pascal O'Connell for Tyrone in last year's All-Ireland senior football final.
6. Five plus.....will reveal the number of points, as distinct from goals and points combined, scored by Donegal in their opening championship game this season.



## Picture Parade



1. Who is the footballer pictured on the left?
2. What is his club?
3. Who is the footballer pictured on the right?
4. What is his club?
5. Has either or both players won an All-Ireland medal?



**The Numbers Game** 1. Fifteen. Cork last won the title in 1990. 2. Three. Galway. 3. Four. Moynihan captained Kerry in 2000. 4. Ten. Armagh scored 0-16 in their replay win over Fermanagh. 5. 7. Goalkeeper. 6. Seven. Donegal's points total was twelve.

**Winners All 2006 Style** 1. Salthill/Knocknacarra. 2. Kerry. 3. Meath. 4. Antrim. 5. Roscommon.

**How Many Mistakes?** Antrim met Donegal, not Cavan, in the Ulster minor final. They lost that game. Antrim lost to Meath, not Donegal, in an All-Ireland quarter-final.

**Picture Parade** 1. Paddy Christie (Dublin). 2. Ballymun-Kickhams. 3. Brian Dooher (Tyrone). 4. Clán na Gael. 5. One—Dooher, who has two medals.

**Fragraí**



# REFEREEING MATTERS IN 2006



*Seamus Gardiner, Spokesman for Referees*

## Time Added-On

The question has been raised again, not often, but a few times this summer - should time-keeping be taken away from the referee? The reason for raising the question is, of course, the allocation of the amount of time to be added on at the end of each half. Before any discussion, as of now, the rules state that the referee alone is the arbiter of time:

**Powers of the Referee:** Rule 1.(i) The referee's decision on any question of fact and in regard to time shall be final.

**Duties of the Referee:** Rule 1.(v) To record playing time, and to extend time in each half for deliberate or incidental delay or to allow for a free - awarded before time had expired - to be taken.

A few years ago nobody knew, except the referee himself, how much time was to be added on. Would he add 2,3 or 4 minutes? Not even the other officials knew. Then, for the sake of transparency, the current practice was introduced - shortly before the allotted time in each half the referee passes the information on to the sideline official who displays it on the board for all to see and it is announced over the public address.

To prevent referees making a mistake and blowing the final whistle before the announced time he is now told to wait until the sideline official has told him the announced time has elapsed. Despite these efforts at transparency many find it difficult to accept that if two minutes has been announced the referee can still allow further time if he has stopped his watch for a delay as in Rule 1. (v) above.

To sum up - for a separate Official Time-Keeper, whether by way of clock or not, needs a change of rule. That should only come after an informed debate on the pros and cons, the practical implications for intercounty game venues and the direct input of experienced referees.

## Referee Reaction. Not Recommended!

Macau Referee Choi Kuok-Kun was seen live on television punching a Hong Kong player who objected to being sent off by kicking a ball at him. They started fighting and had to be separated by other players. Kuok-Kun's assessment was to be banned from refereeing for life!

*Ricky Tomlinson*

## Assessment of Referees

I hesitate even to use the word 'assessment' at all because the word 'assessor' has, in some quarters, been seen as somebody nit-picking the performance of referees. The assessors are people who have played the game, know the rules and are there not only to point out if the referee made mistakes but also to commend his good decisions and hopefully help him to be a better referee. No, he's not an unknown in the stand. He signs his name and phone number to the assessment form which the referee gets as well as the members of the Referees and Appointments Committees.

## Difficult Games

One of the first questions on the assessment form is - Was this a difficult game to referee? Some of the trends in modern possession football make them difficult games to referee - a lot of short lateral handpassing, players crowding the player in possession. The game has changed so much. Colm O'Rourke in the Sunday Independent of July 29th says: "The ratio of handpasses to kicks seems to be running in the order of four to one."

## Who are the Assessors?

As I said, they are former officials, former referees and all have played the game at some level. To be appointed they must be neutral - not from one of the competing counties or the county of the referee himself. Let's face it and admit it - none of us is objective where our own county is concerned. Some of us are totally biased and loudly condemn any free given against us as we cannot see any fault in our own team. This is particularly true when a referee is not blowing all the fouls, we see the ones we should have got and dismiss the ones the other team should have got. So too we differ in what we want from referees - should they blow all the fouls or use the famous 'common-sense' and blow some?

The great clamour for refereeing is general in consistency but we don't all agree on our judgement of what that is. I would argue there is no consistency among analysts, journalists, commentators, officials, spectators on what they require from a referee. But to expect a manager of a defeated team to be objective in his post-match comments is asking a lot. One of

the criteria for being a manager is not sainthood! One notable exception this summer was Mickey Harte of Tyrone. Within minutes of the huge disappointment of being defeated by Laois he was asked a rather pointed and leading question by a TV commentator - "What did you think of the referee?". Mickey answered that the referee did fine in difficult circumstances and went on to pay a very gracious tribute to Laois.



## Rule Teasers

**Question:** The referee speaks to a goalkeeper about attempting to take a kick-out after a wide from outside the small rectangle. The goalkeeper takes the next kick-out from outside the small rectangle. What decision should the referee give?

- (a) Cancel the kick-out and award a 20m free-kick in front of the scoring space?
- (b) Cancel the kick-out and throw in the ball on the 20m line in front of the scoring space?
- (c) Award a 45m free?

**Answer to Rule Teaser: (b)**

**Question:** Both umpires signal that a ball has gone wide but the referee is sure that it was a point. Can the referee over-rule the umpires?

**Answer:** Yes



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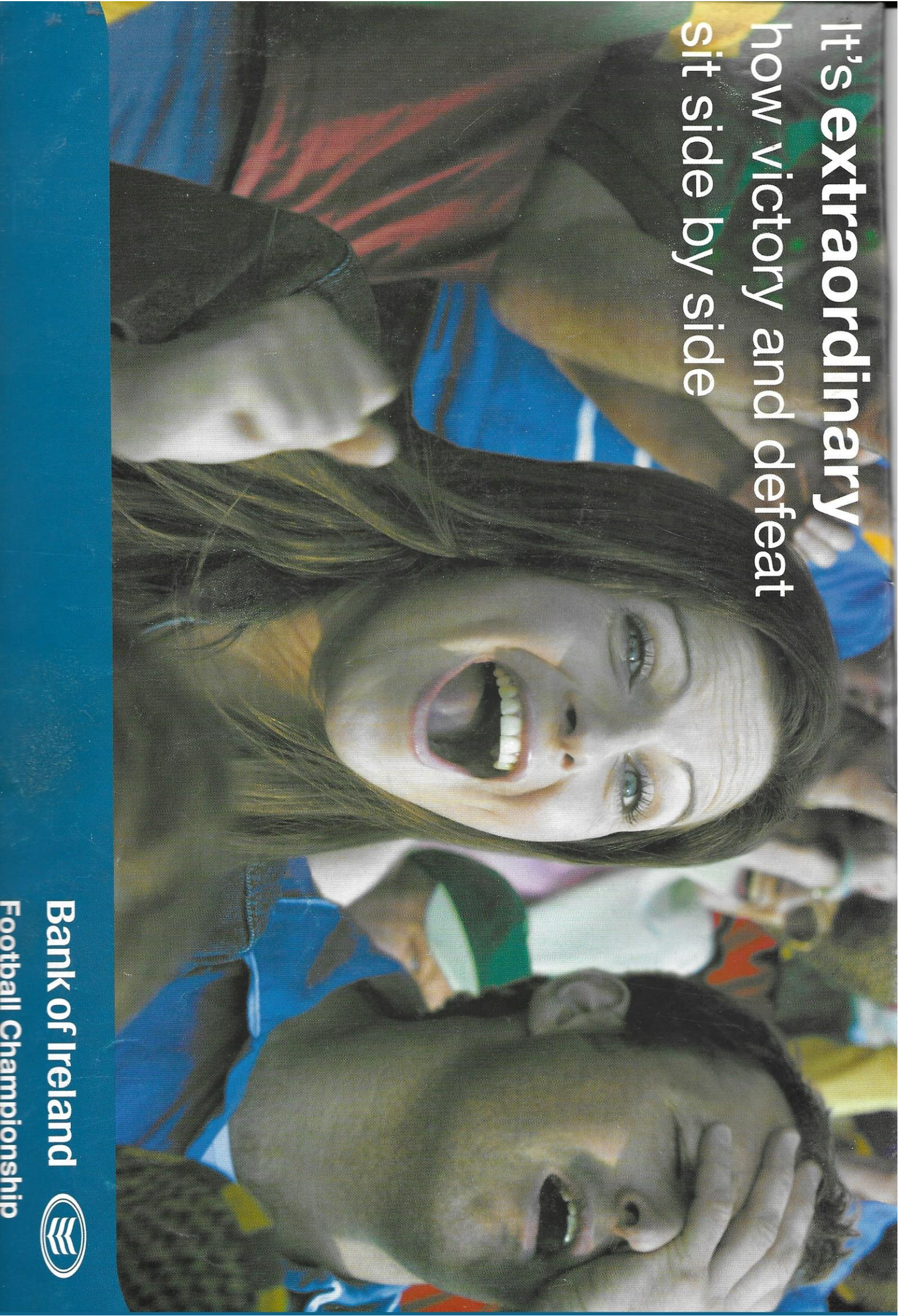
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