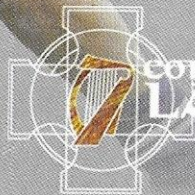


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<b>Pat Keogh</b>	<b>Ceatharlach</b> Stand-by Linesman

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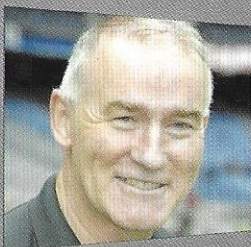


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# Today's Football Referees



**Sean Carroll Westmeath**  
Leinster MFC Final Laois V Carlow

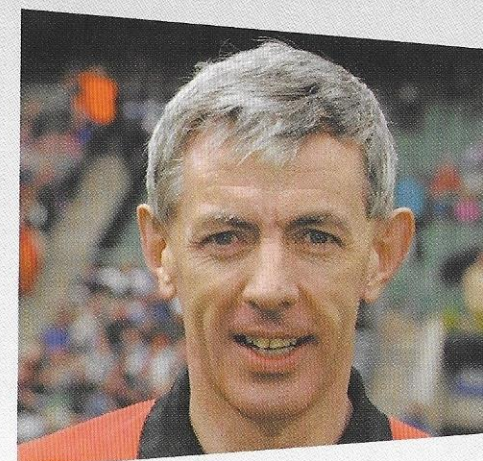
Taking charge of today's Minor final is Westmeath's Sean Carroll. Sean has been refereeing for 14 years and has come through the grades in the county, officiating at the Junior football final in 1999, the Intermediate football final in 2002 and the Senior football final in 2004. 2002 also saw Sean refereeing the Gerry Reilly Tournament and the Leinster Vocational Schools final. He has refereed football finals at all underage levels in his native Westmeath.

On the inter-county scene, Sean was in charge for the Leinster Intermediate Club Football Final in 2006. This year saw him move up into the National Football League ranks when taking charge of the Meath V Waterford match.

No stranger to the small-ball game, he has also refereed the Westmeath Hurling final in 2006 and previous to that the county Junior Hurling final in 2003.

Sean hails from the Downs club where he is club secretary.

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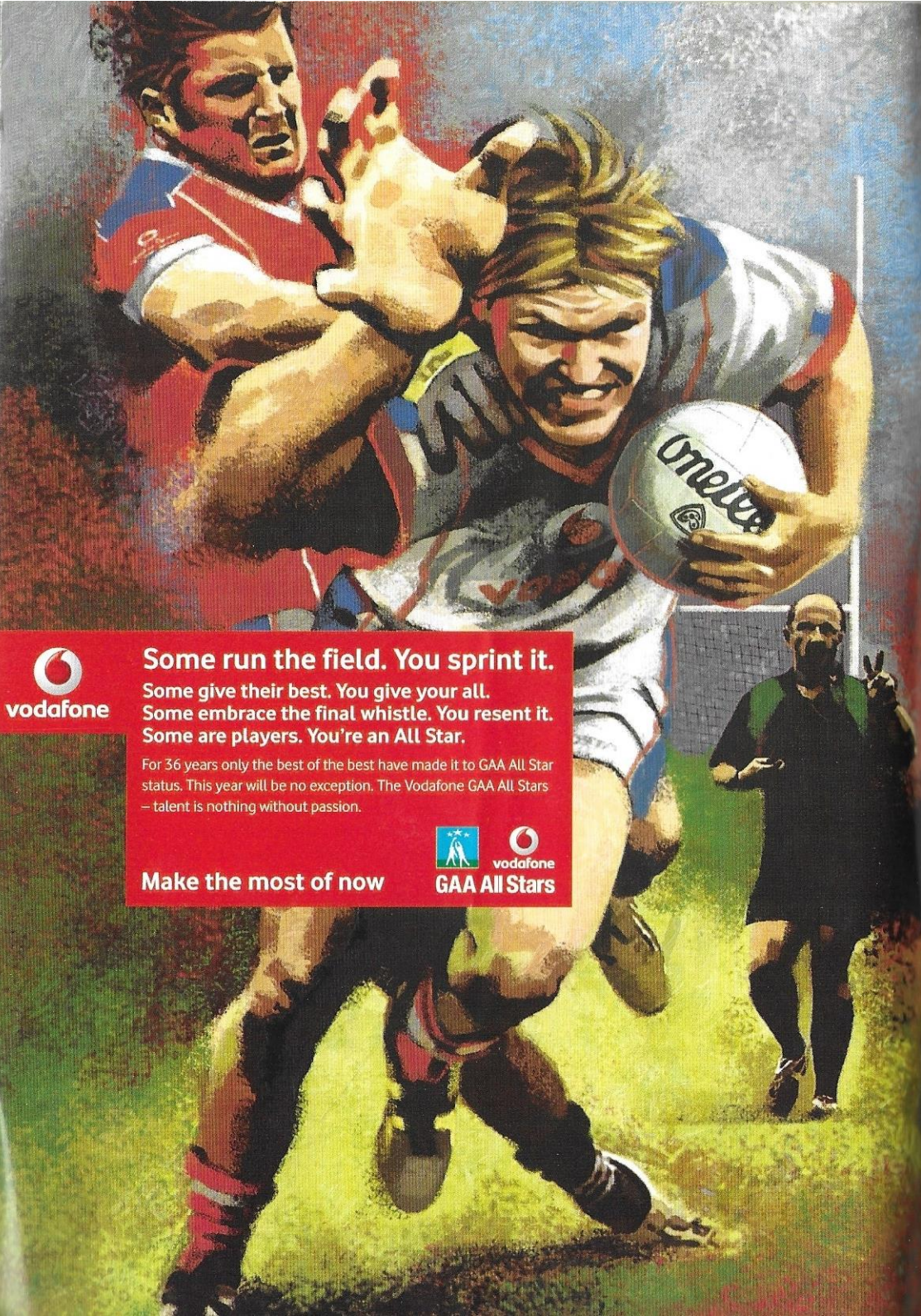
**Michael Hughes Tyrone**  
Leinster SFC Final Dublin V Laois


From the Donaghmore St. Patrick's club in Tyrone, today represents Michael's first provincial Senior Football final having refereed semi-finals in Leinster, Munster and Connacht. This is his third match in the current championship series with games in London and last week's qualifier in Mullingar.

Michael has taken charge of All-Ireland finals at minor, junior and national league level and in Ulster has been the man in the middle at minor and club finals. In Tyrone he has taken charge of 4 county finals along with finals at all other levels. On the international level he has officiated in Australia, Hong Kong and Boston.

Married to Ann with three children Fionnuala, Patrick and Ursula, Michael is the Chief Executive Officer with Rural Community Network a rural community development charity based in Cookstown. Having completed marathons in Dublin, Belfast and London he has ambition to run in the New York marathon.





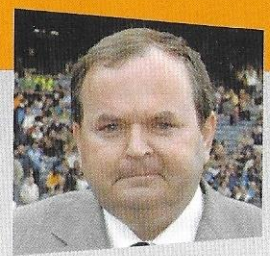
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Championships are being played in a shorter period in early autumn.

Leinster Football Final day is a special day in the GAA calendar. Of late, we have become accustomed to full houses for our finals and we appreciate greatly the support that there is for our games amongst the general public. Over 400,000 supporters have attended our Football championship games and we hope they have enjoyed the experience.

To redress this imbalance we need to sit down with our clubs, county by county and find solutions. We should immediately abolish the Junior and Intermediate County Competitions. Only the strong counties win them and they don't need them. For the rest they are a waste of time, effort and useful dates for games.

As expected by most pundits, Dublin and Laois are here in the senior final. They are here on merit and while Dublin rightly carry the tag of favourites Laois will fancy their chances of causing an upset. We have had a very competitive championship and the series of draws involving Louth and Wicklow and Meath and Dublin did much to contribute to that excitement.

We need immediately to provide each county with a flood-lit all-weather facility. We have the resources to do this and if necessary we should borrow the money to do it. The revenues from Croke Park alone would service the loans.

Our Minor Final is unique today in that Carlow are contesting their first ever final in this grade. Great credit is due to all involved in under-age GAA activity in Carlow because, following on the appearance of the minor hurling team in reaching last year's hurling final, it is amazing that such a small county can one year later produce a top class minor football team.

Having these facilities would make creative fixture-making possible all year round and we could play competitions like the under 21 championship at times when players would be free to play.

The Laois success story is phenomenal also and having already won this year's under 21 title it is a huge achievement that they have a minor and senior team in today's finals.

We need to give our clubs more games and competitions like the Leinster and Ulster Club Leagues need to be expanded. We cannot continue to neglect our clubs and at the same time expect them to continue to provide us with top-class players for our county teams.

While we all enjoy the championship season in both codes, we have to be mindful of the effect that prolonged involvement with county teams is having on the club scene. Whether we like to admit it or not, we are squeezing the life out of our clubs. Clubs are being asked to play during the summer without their best players and inevitably the County

We need also to provide administrative back up for our clubs at central level and if this means employing more people to work in a central Club Development and Support Section at headquarters then it should be done. The Comhairle Programme has done much to help clubs since its inception in the presidency of Joe McDonagh, but having engaged with clubs in all provinces on this programme I, for one, am convinced that we need to do a lot more to help our clubs.

We continue to tell our clubs how central they are to our success. It's time to give them even more tangible evidence of our appreciation of their efforts.

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## For Your Reading Enjoyment

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Today Martin Breheny highlights Leinster's dearth of Senior Football All-Ireland titles in recent years. Pat Teehan supplies previous meetings stats and articles. Leo McGough informs and questions. Alan Milton showcases two more Leinster clubs. An Fear Rua looks at the playing career of Laois Legend Tommy Murphy, Patrick Doherty offers perhaps the last opportunity to win in this year's Leinster championship. Paddy Flanagan gives us Senior and Minor round by round and profiles Eugene Magee. Seamus Gardiner educates on refereeing, while Gerry McDermott takes the pundits to task. Mile buíochas duit, Séamus Ó Faoláin. Photos supplied by John Quirke, Navan.

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Excitement has been building in anticipation of this game, which marks the 29th championship meeting of these two well-acquainted sides. The statistics show Dublin as the dominant side, but both have had challenging contests to take their places here today – Dublin had two memorable opening matches against Meath and progressed to defeat Offaly while Laois faced Longford and Wexford.

This year marks the fourteenth year of Bank of Ireland's sponsorship of the Football Championship. The strength of the partnership was further enhanced this year through the Bank's sponsorship of The Sunday Game on R.T.E. With record attendance figures already this year, we've seen some exciting matches and had many surprises over the course of the Championship

and look forward to a summer of fantastic football.

Once again, this year's theme is "Extraordinary" in recognition of the extraordinary passion and dedication that both players and fans bring to the game. This commitment and devotion, expressed each year by both the players and fans illustrates the extraordinary place that Gaelic Football has in Irish society.

Finally, I would like to wish both Dublin and Laois the best of luck today and look forward to what will undoubtedly be an action-packed Bank of Ireland Leinster Football Final.

**Stephen Mason**  
Regional Manager, Dublin



## A message from ESB

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Dia daoibh go léir – It is a great pleasure to be with you here today for the ESB Leinster Minor Football Final between Carlow and Laois. The sheer depth of tradition and commitment to the game in both these counties guarantees that today's clash has all the elements that go to make a great final.

The stakes are high and competition is keen.

As the first sponsor of the Minor Hurling and Football Championships, ESB's primary motive is to help, in a highly pragmatic way, the development of our national games at youth level. We are very pleased that this sponsorship is clearly assisting in encouraging and harnessing the skill, talent and energy of so many young players throughout Ireland.

Of course we also look forward to seeing many of today's participants graduate to their counties' senior panels in the coming years.

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It is a privilege to be here to see these young men present us with such quality football. On behalf of ESB, I wish them all well and, after today's game is over, may they long carry with them the memory of the great and unique experience of playing in an ESB Leinster Minor Football Final in Croke Park.

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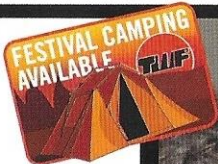
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# Time for Leinster to scratch All-Ireland itch

Martin Breheny  
GAA Editor, Irish Independent



When the 'back door' swung open for the first time in the 2001 Bank of Ireland football championships, two theories emerged.

The first, as expounded by those who regard change as a force so evil that its supporters should be rounded up and held, Guantanamo Bay-style, without trial, claimed it would destroy the provincial championships. The second held that another chance for everybody really translated into a bigger chance for the stronger counties.

In provincial terms that looked good for Leinster and Ulster in particular since numerically they were the largest provinces.

Dublin, Meath, Kildare, Offaly and Laois, plus rapidly developing teams from Westmeath and Wexford appeared to leave Leinster extremely well placed to make a serious impression on the decade's All-Ireland title haul. Indeed, by mid-September 2001, Leinster must have been very happy with the 'back door' system.

Meath, All-Ireland champions in 1996 and 1999, had in the best tradition of Royals, strode past the tradesmen's entrance, opting to march straight in the front door of the All-Ireland final palace. Even Kerry, the original football Kingdom, couldn't stop them. In fact, Kerry were demolished by 15 points in the semi-final.

Dublin, runners-up to Meath in the Leinster final, had engaged in a fascinating two-match struggle with Kerry in the All-Ireland quarter-final before being narrowly edged out. It was disappointing for Dublin but it still underlined the merit of the second chance.

To crown Leinster's appreciation of the new system, Westmeath had embarked on a

glorious qualifier run, beating Wexford, Limerick, Louth and Mayo before taking mighty Meath to a replay in the All-Ireland quarter-final. So as Meath headed into the All-Ireland final, Leinster were in the happy position of having their champions as odds-on favourites for the title while two others had reached the All-Ireland quarter-finals.

And of the ten Leinster teams that had been eliminated, five had been beaten by other Leinster teams. Unquestionably, it looked as if the 'back door' would open a whole new world for Leinster football. Would it be only a matter of time before two Leinster teams met in the All-Ireland final?

And then, lightning struck in a flash of maroon-and-white as Galway, who had built up the electrical storm via the qualifiers, blew every fuse on Meath's circuits in the All-Ireland final. It came as a shock to Meath and Leinster but it still looked as if the new system would, over the longer haul, benefit the province immeasurably.

Six years on Leinster are not only waiting for another All-Ireland win, they haven't even had representatives in the final since 2001. It's Leinster's longest barren spell without an All-Ireland final appearance since 1943-44-45-46-47-48 when they had six successive seasons on the outside watching teams from the other three provinces enjoy the great experience.

Since 2001, Galway, Kerry and Tyrone have won All-Ireland titles via the 'back door' while

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Kerry and Armagh have been beaten finalists. Fermanagh exploited it to reach their first ever All-Ireland semi-final where they were unlucky to lose to Mayo while Donegal and Derry have also made good use of the second chance.

But, for whatever reason, only Westmeath and Longford to a lesser extent, flew the qualifier flag for Leinster to any great degree in 2001-2006. And then, there has been the problem with the Leinster champions at a broader level. One would expect that on the law of averages they could hope to be in the All-Ireland final every second year which indeed used to be the case. Not only that but between 1971 and 1999, Dublin (5), Meath (4) and Offaly (3) won twelve titles between them.

Clearly, what Leinster badly needs is for its champions to press on and win an All-Ireland title, a success that would lift all boats in the east. As a starting point. Leinster, at the very least, needs to be represented in Croke Park on All-Ireland football final day.

While the 'back door' may not have swung very kindly for Leinster, it hasn't impacted on the crowds at their provincial games, certainly not when it comes to finals. But then that's the pattern elsewhere too so those who predicted that provincial games would be played in front of swathes of empty terraces post 2001 misjudged the interest in all stages of the championship.

As Croke Park rocks to another full house today, it's interesting to recall that it wasn't always so on Leinster final days, even those involving Dublin. Re-wind thirty years to the Dublin v Meath clash in 1977, played at a time when Dublin were chasing the All-Ireland double.

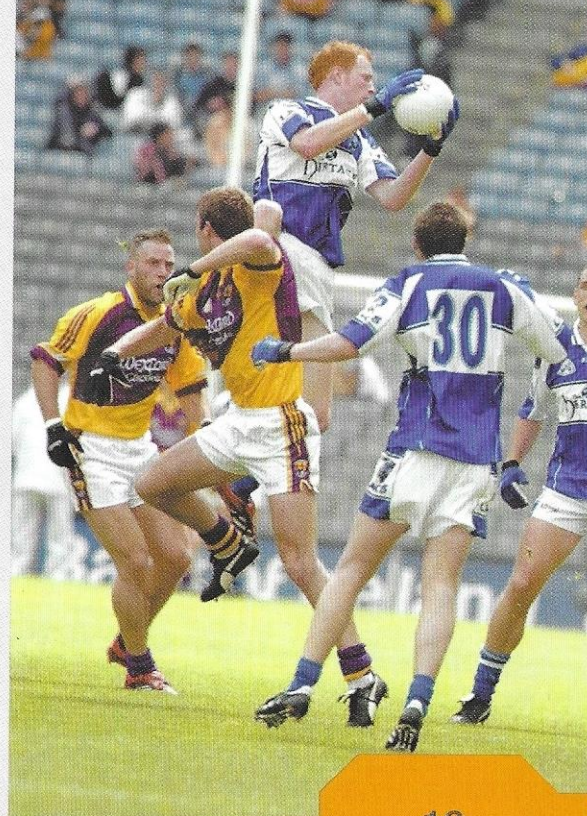
A crowd of 46,044 attended while five years later only 32,504 watched Offaly beat Dublin in the final. And when Dublin played Laois in July 1985, only 33,425 turned up. By 1987, the crowd for the Dublin-Meath final had increased to 48,122. The four-match first round saga between Dublin and Meath in 1991 changed everything in terms of public interest. What's more it

had the very positive benefit of proving to the GAA that Saturday games (even with 'live' television) could be hugely popular.

In crowd terms, Leinster has nothing to worry about, certainly for as long as Dublin continues to prosper which, given that they have a population base of 1.25 million to work off, should be indefinitely. Now, the big question is whether Leinster can provide All-Ireland champions fairly soon. That's an itch they need to scratch. Quite vigorously too.

PS: History comes to Croke Park today in the form of a Carlow team competing in the Leinster minor football final for the first time. Hopefully, they will sow an acorn that will grow into a strapping oak enabling Carlow senior football to seriously challenge for titles in the Leinster jungle some time in the future.

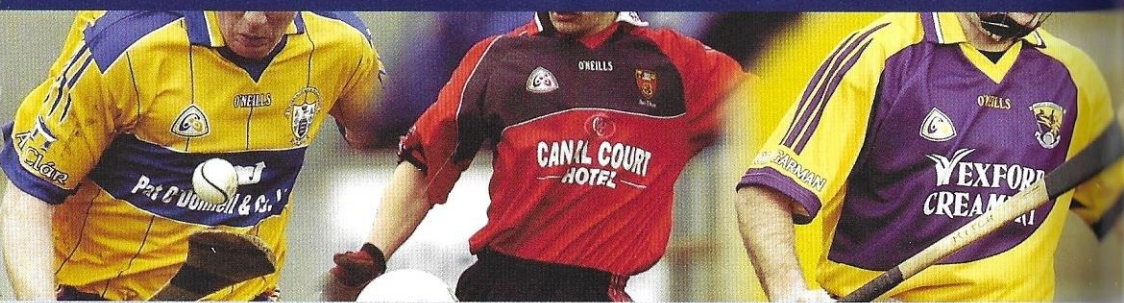
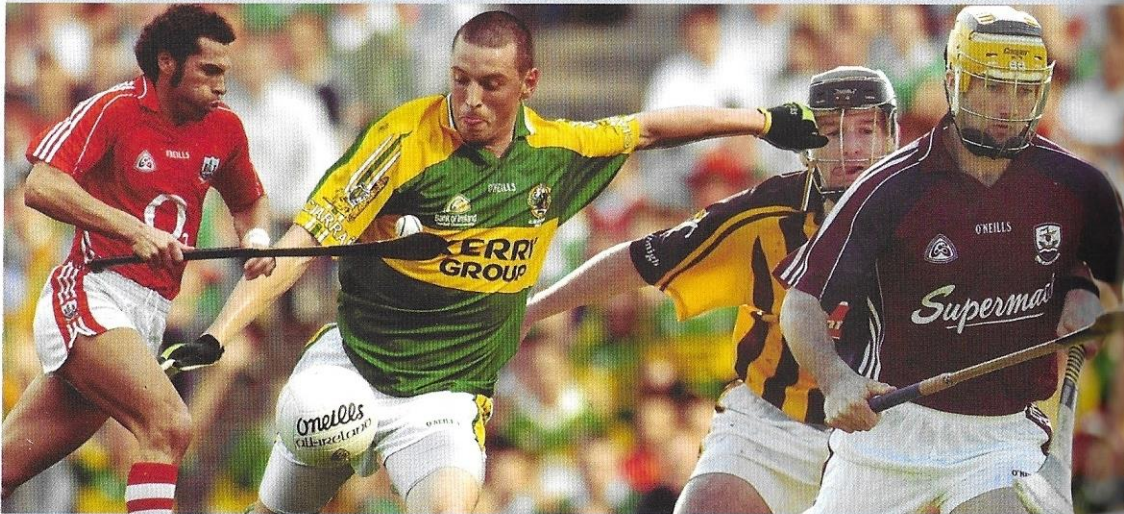
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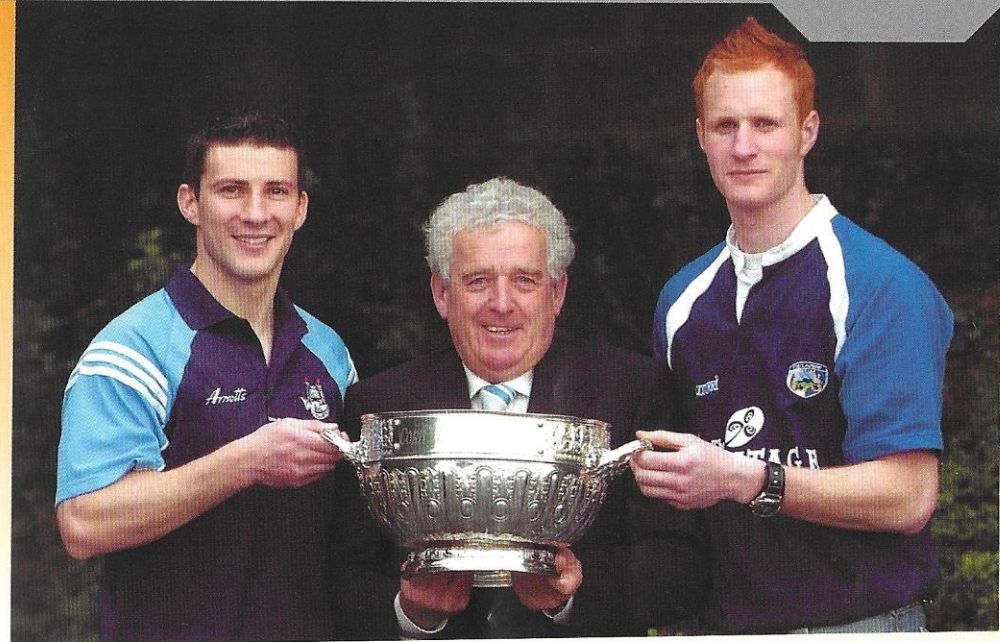
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## Leinster Senior Football Championship Roll of Honour

Following Westmeath's success in the 2004 Leinster final eleven of the twelve Counties have won the Leinster Senior Football Championship the odd one out being Wicklow. Dublin lead the way with a massive 46 titles 25 ahead of their nearest rivals Meath who are in turn seven ahead of third placed Kildare. Today's other finalists Laois have 6 titles, the last in 2003. The full Roll of Honour reads:

Dublin (46) 1891, 92, 94, 96-99, 1901-02, 04, 06-08, 20-24, 32-34, 41-42, 55, 58-59, 62-63, 65, 74-79, 83-85, 89, 92-95, 2002, 2005, 2006

Meath (20) 1895, 1939-40, 47, 49, 51-52, 54, 64, 66-67, 70, 86-88, 90-91, 96, 99, 2001

Kildare (13) 1903, 05, 19, 26-31, 35, 56, 98, 2000

Offaly (10) 1960-61, 69, 71-73, 80-82, 97

Wexford (10) 1890, 1893, 1913-18, 25, 45

Louth (8) 1909, 10, 12, 43, 48, 50, 53, 57

Laois (6) 1889, 36-38, 46, 2003

Kilkenny (3) 1888, 1900, 11

Longford (1) 1968

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Pauric Clancy, Brendan Quigley, Cathal Ryan, Ross Munnally.

**Front L-R:** Colm Parkinson, Paul Lawlor, Michael John Tierney, Chris Conway, Donal Brennan,  
Joe Higgins.



# Laois advance to Leinster Final

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## Laois 0-16 Dublin 0-14

At the end, Mick O'Dwyer did a quick turnaround and disappeared down the tunnel, leaving Croke Park to his liberated squad, their joyous fans and the debris of Dublin's Bank of Ireland Leinster championship ambitions following this Leinster Senior Football Semi-final on June 15th 2003.

As the Laois players danced to a rhythmic beat which hasn't been heard in the county for many years, Dublin were already in their dressing-room, trying to cope with the first wave of a shock which they never saw coming.

They knew Laois were improving but could never have anticipated being hit with such a barrage of creativity, intensity and cuteness.

It was unrelenting and, in the end, was enough to give Laois their first senior championship win over Dublin since 1981 and set up the first Laois-Kildare Leinster final since 1946. It will also be the first Leinster final not involving Dublin or Meath since Offaly beat Laois in 1981.

When questions were asked, Laois answered from the correct curriculum and when the rising intensity levels demanded that the painful hits be absorbed, they offered themselves like martyrs to a cause they really believed in.

O'Dwyer's influence was clearly visible in the confident manner they set about taking the challenge to a Dublin side which likes to set the agenda.

This time, Dublin were forced to respond to Laois' surging momentum and, frankly, they failed the test as they became the third of the 2002 provincial champions to surrender their title.

Laois based their game plan on the simple, yet hugely effective, principle that all things being remotely equal, the team with the greater desire will triumph. There has never been any doubt about Laois' technical ability but it wasn't always matched by a stomach for war against the really powerful guns. There had been signs of improvement in this key facet in recent months but nobody could have envisaged the extent to which it would manifest itself on the biggest day of the season so far.

Laois were helped enormously by an untypically sluggish Dublin performance where their inability to exert any degree of coherent control in the half-back/midfield/half-forward area left them with an almighty struggle.

Their shooting was also quite deplorable - they shot 16 wides to Laois' six - and to add to their misery, Laois goalkeeper, Fergal Byron had another inspired afternoon, decorated with two brilliant first half saves while full-back, Colm Byrne also got in a crucial block on Ray Cosgrove.

Dublin's attacking problems resulted in no fewer than four of the six starting forwards being withdrawn as manager Tommy Lyons attempted to kickstart some degree of rehabilitation after it became evident that Laois' storm wasn't going to blow itself out.

They turned over with a 0-6 to 0-4 lead after playing against the wind and struck for home early in the second half when Damien Delaney and Ian Fitzgerald added two more points. It was the first time that the Laois fans in the crowd of 57,615 really began to sense that the great dream was about to be taken a step further.

Pauric Clancy and Noel Garvan tightened their grip at midfield; Tom Kelly busied himself even further at centre-back; Ross Munnely, Michael Lawlor and Gary Kavanagh went looking for more responsibility while Damien Delaney and 'Beano' McDonald continued to inject real subtlety into the full-forward action.

Laois led by 0-13 to 0-8 after 57 minutes and carried a 0-15 to 0-10 lead into the final five minutes. It really was desperation time for Dublin and while the individual responses from Paddy Christie, who gave another wonderful exhibition of full-back play, Ciaran Whelan, Tom Mulligan, Alan Brogan and subs Tomás Quinn and Senan Connell were impressive, the Laois defence never looked like conceding a goal.

Their covering, tackling and general sense of defiance left Dublin seriously frustrated and while they kicked four points and pressed on bravely to the finish, they didn't deserve to take anything from the day. Dublin were first to score when Cosgrove hoisted a point after 22 seconds but once McDonald got Laois off the mark in the sixth minute, they grew rapidly in composure and confidence.

Tom Kelly's willingness to drive forward from centre-back put down a clear marker of intent which, coupled with Dublin's dreadful finishing (they kicked 10 wides in the first half) enabled Laois to erect a solid platform. They had it locked into position by half-time and used it most efficiently to power their way to an intriguing date with Kildare on July 20, leaving Dublin knocking at the back door in a hope for survival.

### SCORERS

**Laois** D Delaney 0-4 (3f), R Munnely 0-3 (2f), G Kavanagh, P Clancy, B McDonald, I Fitzgerald 0-2 each, M Lawlor 0-1.

**Dublin** A Brogan, T Quinn 0-3 (2f), T Mulligan (1f) 0-3 each, R Cosgrove 0-2, S Ryan, C Moran, S Connell 0-1 each.

**LAOIS** Fergal Byron, Adrian Fennelly, Colm Byrne, Joe Higgins, Darren Rooney, Tom Kelly, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Pdraig Clancy, Noel Garvan, Ross Munnely, Michael Lawlor, Gus Kavanagh, Ian Fitzgerald, Damien Delaney, Brian McDonald **Subs** Hugh Emerson for Fitzgerald (53), S Kelly for Delaney (64).

**DUBLIN** Stephen Cluxton, Paul Griffin, Paddy Christie, Barry Cahill, Colin Moran, Jason Magee, Paddy Casey, Ciaran Whelan, Darren Magee, T Mulligan, Shane Ryan, Brian Cullen, Alan Brogan, Ray Cosgrove, Liam O'g hEineachain. **Subs** T Quinn for O hEineachain (ht), Senan Connell for Cullen (42), Coman Goggins for Casey (55), Darren Homan for Ryan (59), D O'Callaghan for Cosgrove (68).

**Referee** A Mangan (Kerry).

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# Round by Round Results

May 13th Longford

**Longford** ..... 2-13

**Westmeath** ..... 1-13

**LONGFORD** B Kavanagh 2-6, P Barden 0-2, B McElvaney, T Smullen, L Keenan, D Hannify, P Davis 0-1 each.

**WESTMEATH** D Dolan 0-5, D Glennon 0-4, M Flanagan 1-0, F Wilson 0-2, D O'Shaughnessy, J Connellan 0-1 each.

May 20th Croke Park

**Louth** ..... 1-11

**Wicklow** ..... 0-14

**LOUTH** D Clarke 0-5, R Carroll 1-0, A Hoey 0-3, P Keenan 0-2, M Stanfield 0-1.

**WICKLOW** T Gill 0-6, L Glynn, T Hannon 0-3 each, P Earls 0-2.

**Meath** ..... 2-11

**Kildare** ..... 1-08

**MEATH** J Sheridan 1-3, S Bray 0-3, D Fay 1-0, P Byrne 0-2, K Reilly, B Farrell, P Curran 0-1 each.

**KILDARE** E Bolton 1-1, J Doyle 0-4, T Fennin, K O'Neill, A Rainbow 0-1 each.

May 27th Parnell Park

**Louth** ..... 1-09

**Wicklow** ..... (Replay a.e.t.) 0-12

**LOUTH** N McDonnell 1-0, A Hoey 0-2, P Keenan, R Carroll, S Lennon, M Stanfield, M Farrelly, D Reid, JP Rooney 0-1 each.

**WICKLOW** T Hannon 0-5, J Stafford 0-2, L Glynn, T Walsh, J Slattery, JP Dalton, D Odium 0-1 each.

June 2nd Tullamore

**Laois** ..... 0-14

**Longford** ..... 0-09

**LAOIS** M Tierney 0-4, B McDonald, P Clancy 0-2 each, P McMahon, B McCormack, R Munnely, C Conway, N Garvan, P Lawlor 0-1 each.

**LONGFORD** B Kavanagh 0-5, K Mulligan, D Barden, P Dowd, Paul Barden 0-1 each.

June 3rd Croke Park

**Louth** ..... 2-18

**Wicklow** ..... (2nd Replay) 0-11

**LOUTH** M Stanfield 1-3, JP Rooney 1-2, A Hoey 0-4, P Keenan 0-3, S Lennon 0-2, N McDonnell, C Grimes, J O'Brien, D Clarke 0-1 each.

**WICKLOW** T Hannon 0-3, P Earls 0-2, JP Dalton, T Gill, J Slattery, L Glynn, J McGrath, T Walsh 0-1 each.

**Dublin** ..... 1-11

**Meath** ..... 0-14

**DUBLIN** C Keaney 0-5, A Brogan 1-1, T Quinn 0-3, S Ryan, C Moran 0-1 each.

**MEATH** C Ward 0-5, J Sheridan, S Bray 0-3 each, G Geraghty, P Curran, C King 0-1 each.

June 10th Portlaoise

**Offaly** ..... 2-19

**Carlow** ..... 3-07

**OFFALY** PJ Ward 0-8, N McNamee 0-6, N Coughlan, K Slattery 1-1 each, P Kellaghan, A McNamee, C McManus 0-1 each.

**CARLOW** D Hayden, J Hickey, A McNamee (OG) 1-0 each, B Kelly 0-2, P Reid, M Carpenter, N Conway, D Byrne, JJ Smith 0-1 each.

June 17th Croke Park

**Wexford** ..... 0-16

**Louth** ..... 2-08

**WEXFORD** M Forde 0-7, A Flynn 0-3, C Lyng, E Bradley 0-2 each, C Deeley, R Barry 0-1 each.

**LOUTH** JP Rooney 1-1, J O'Brien 1-0, D Clarke 0-3, P Keenan 0-2, S Lennon, M Stanfield 0-1 each.

**Dublin** ..... 0-16

**Meath** ..... (Replay) 0-12

**DUBLIN** M Vaughan 0-8 C Keaney 0-4, C Moran, C Whelan, D Henry, A Brogan 0-1 each.

**MEATH** S Bray 0-4, B Farrell 0-3, G Geraghty 0-2, C Ward, A Moyles, N Crawford 0-1 each.

## SEMI-FINALS

June 24th Croke Park

**Dublin** ..... 1-12

**Offaly** ..... 0-10

**DUBLIN** J Quinn (OG) 1-0, C Keaney, M Vaughan 0-3 each, A Brogan 0-2, T Quinn, C Moran, J Sherlock, C Whelan 0-1 each.

**OFFALY** N McNamee 0-7, P McConway, N Smith, S Ryan 0-1 each.

July 1st Croke Park

**Laois** ..... 1-13

**Wexford** ..... 0-13

**LAOIS** M Tierney 0-7, P Lawlor 1-0, C Parkinson 0-2, C Ryan, P Clancy, C Conway, P O'Leary 0-1 each.

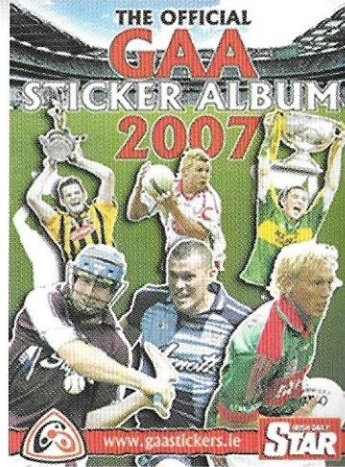
**WEXFORD** C Lyng 0-7, M Forde 0-4, A Morrissey, R Barry 0-1 each.



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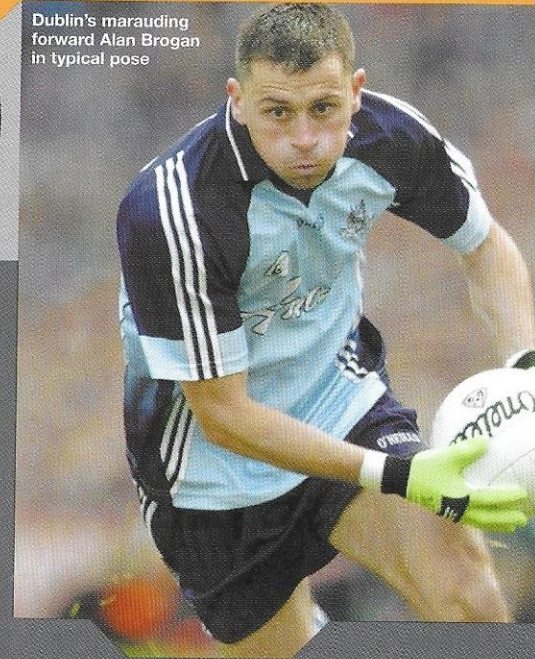
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1890	Dublin	2-08	Laois	0-01			
1899	Dublin	7-11	Laois	0-03	1964	Dublin	0-08 Laois 1-02
1908	Dublin	0-13	Laois	0-07	1969	Dublin	3-07 Laois 1-05
1912	Dublin	2-02	Laois	0-02	1971	Laois	3-09 Dublin 0-13
1915	Dublin	1-02	Laois	1-02	1976	Dublin	3-12 Laois 0-11
Re	Dublin	1-08	Laois	0-02	1980	Dublin	2-14 Laois 2-08
1917	Dublin	0-05	Laois	0-03	1981	Laois	2-09 Dublin 0-11
1920	Dublin	2-06	Laois	0-01	1985	Dublin	0-09 Laois 0-04
1923	Dublin	3-03	Laois	1-02	1995	Dublin	1-13 Laois 0-09
1927	Dublin	2-05	Laois	0-03	1999	Dublin	1-11 Laois 0-14
1929	Laois	5-05	Dublin	3-10	Re	Dublin	0-16 Laois 1-11
1946	Laois	1-03	Dublin	0-05	2003	Laois	0-16 Dublin 0-14
1959	Dublin	1-18	Laois	2-08	2005	Dublin	0-14 Laois 0-13
1962	Dublin	0-13	Laois	1-08	2006	Dublin	3-17 Laois 0-12
1963	Dublin	2-11	Laois	2-09			

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# Dubs made to work for final slot

Bank of Ireland Leinster SFC Semi-final 1999

Dublin 0-16 Laois 1-11

Dublin booked a Leinster final clash with arch rivals Meath, but they had to withstand a ferocious late rally from 13 man Laois in a dramatic if not spectacular Bank Of Ireland semi final replay before an attendance of 33,268 at Croke Park on July 18th 1999.

It was a game with a bit of everything superhuman performances from gifted few, a sending off that gave Dublin a decided advantage after 34 minutes and then a goal from a Chris Conway penalty that came just too late for Laois.

Beano McDonald, a quality product from the collection of great minors that won three Leinster championships and two successive All Ireland titles, just walked on to the field at the 11th hour to take a hand in the lead up to the penalty which Chris Conway, a half time substitute, placed beautifully in the right corner of the net to leave just two points between the sides, but the referee had already played a minute and 45 seconds of injury time. It was a dramatic end to a dramatic game that saw fortunes ebb and flow in a high tide of emotion.

Laois laid down the ground rules with a third minute point from Stephen Kelly as they exploded through a Dublin wall of pressure. A minute later Ian Robertson, who had rescued Dublin from the jaws of defeat in the drawn game, placed midfielder Ciaran Whelan for a long range point, but Laois sent out danger signals three minutes later when Hughie Emerson's shot appeared to be covered by the advancing keeper only to be flicked behind him by Stephen Kelly, who would have had a goal at his mercy but for the fact that corner back Thomas Lynch got to him first. Ian Fitzgerald scored the ensuing free to put Laois in front again with the teams just settling down.

Twice more the sides were level, but when Damien Delaney fisted down a Michael Lawlor free for Stephen Kelly to point in the 18th minute that would prove to be the last score for Laois until 16 minutes into the second half. The exchanges were now close and uncompromising, with Dublin full back Paddy Christie fielding majestically behind the defence before Dublin again edged ahead in the 22nd minute.

Now they took advantage of their scoring opportunities with points from Brian Stynes, Ian Robertson and Dessie Farrell before the incident that was to give them a big advantage.

Dublin's right half back Paul Croft was on the ground when Laois wing forward Damien Delaney arrived on the scene and was spotted by the referee apparently attempting to kick him. Séamus Prior, who was right beside the action, had no hesitation in issuing the red card and Laois were down to 14 men.

Dublin went into the break leading 0-9 to 0-5 and they came out firing on all cylinders to add on another point three minutes into the second half. Declan Darcy added two more points for Dublin who were now coasting, and they were seven points up when Dessie Farrell found Jason Sherlock perfectly placed. Fergal Byron came off his line to block Jayo's shot with his shin.

Now Laois were coming right back into the game, with Patrick Conway leading the way with an inspirational performance.

Laois were playing just two men, Hughie Emerson and Stephen Kelly, up front and they had a welcome point from an Ian Fitzgerald free 16 minutes into the second half, and when David Byrne saved a shot from Hughie Emerson after 20 minutes the ball came back to substitute Chris Conway who pointed.

Ian Robertson stemmed the flow with a point for Dublin, but it was only momentarily as Emerson pointed to cut the deficit to six points.

The exchanges were fast and furious as Laois fought back and were rewarded with points from Ian Fitzgerald (free) and Emerson to leave just four points between them and when Fitzgerald pointed a long range free with six minutes remaining, there were just three points between them.

Jayo then came to the rescue and it was his pass that placed Brian Stynes for a point and when Sherlock was fouled by Joe Higgins, the Laois man was shown a yellow card by the referee and Ciaran Whelan's free was received by Stynes, who pointed again.

## SCORERS

### Dublin

D. Darcy 0 5 (0-3 frees); I. Robertson 0-4, B. Stynes 0-3, C. Whelan, D. Farrell, E. Sheehy, and J. Gavin (free) 0-1 each.

**Laois** I. Fitzgerald 0-4 (frees), C. Conway 1-1, S. Kelly and H. Emerson 0-2 each, D. Delaney 0-2 (frees).

**DUBLIN** D. Byrne; P. Moran, P. Christie, T. Lynch; P. Croft, J. McGee, K. Galvin; C. Whelan, B. Stynes; D. Darcy, D. Farrell, E. Sheehy; J. Gavin, I. Robertson, J. Sherlock. **Sub** D. Homan for E. Sheehy (48 mins).

**LAOIS** F. Byron; E. Delaney, D. Rooney, P. Conway; D. Conroy, K. Fitzpatrick, J. Higgins; T. Maher, G. Doyle; I. Fitzgerald, M. Lawlor, D. Sweeney; S. Kelly, H. Emerson, D. Delaney. **Subs** N. Garvan for D. Rooney; C. Conway for D. Sweeney (half time); B. McDonald for M. Lawlor.

**Referee** S. Prior (Leitrim)

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# Mirror, mirror on the wall...

by Liam Cahill (An Fear Rua)

Football Final day sees AFR reflect on the career of one of Laois's most famous sons and remind us why there's a competition called the Tommy Murphy Cup...



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"Mirror, mirror on the wall, who is the most famous Laois person of them all?..." If Snow White's evil old stepmother in one of those Olympia Theatre pantoes were to put that question today we wonder what the response might be.

The competition for that accolade could be fairly intense. For example, there's the likes of RTE newscaster Eileen Dunne, Newstalk presenter, Claire Byrne, the Sky newscaster, Lisa Burke, and other faces frequently seen on our TV screens like Darina Allen, the TV chef, and the weather forecaster, Evelyn Cusack. What is it about Laois that it has produced more than its fair share of attractive and competent female TV performers?

But in sport, not least in GAA, the mystical mirror could respond with only one answer. One man. One name. The Boy Wonder himself, Tommy Murphy.

Murphy's name has long been cherished in his native O'Moore county. But, a few years ago, when the GAA wisely introduced the idea of special graded competitions alongside McCarthy and Maguire in hurling and football, it was a stroke of genius to name the football cup after Tommy Murphy. Now, each year, as we move further into the championship season his name is mentioned so often on air and in print along with those of Ring and Rackard. By this simple stratagem, Tommy Murphy's name has been brought to the attention of a new generation of GAA fans.

Now, most of us have a fair idea who Ring and Rackard were. But who was Tommy Murphy? How did he make it to the football team of the Millennium and end up with one of the Association's most coveted trophies named after him?

Tommy Murphy was born in Graiguecullen in 1921. He made his debut for Laois minors at the age of only fifteen and throughout the Thirties and Forties he became a household name throughout the country. Many regarded him as the greatest exponent of football of his time. This was no mean achievement for a man from a county that had not exactly been blessed with much success until his arrival on the scene. Laois won their first provincial title in 1889 when Queen Victoria was still Empress of India and the county had to wait until 1936 for its next breakthrough.

The following year, as a mere stripling of sixteen years of age and while still attending secondary college, the remarkably talented Tommy Murphy played his first game at senior level against Offaly, in a Laois team that went on to win the provincial title. No wonder he was immediately nicknamed 'The Boy Wonder'.

In the '37 All Ireland semi final, Murphy had an outstanding game at half-forward against Kerry. A late point earned Kerry a draw, 2-3 to 1-6. But Laois had missed the bus. In the replay they played some great football but Murphy was carried off after an accidental collision with a Kerry player. With him went Laois's chance of winning. Kerry went on to the final by a single point and duly took the Sam Maguire that year.

The following year, under the newly built Cusack Stand in Croke Park, it was Laois versus Kerry again in the All Ireland semi final. Heartbreak again as Kerry won a keenly contested game on a scoreline of 2-6 to 2-4. There followed almost a decade during which Tommy Murphy accumulated Laois county medals and Railway Cup appearances for Leinster but with no success at inter-county level. They were years punctuated by All Ireland wins by Kerry,

Roscommon, Dublin and Cork while Laois looked on helplessly.

Then, in 1946, when all hope seemed lost, came Tommy Murphy's last chance of that All Ireland medal his talent so richly deserved. Laois took their first Leinster title in eight years. In the All Ireland semi final they faced a Roscommon side still bearing many of the stars who brought them All Irelands in 1943 and 1944.

The game started badly for Laois. With only fifteen minutes played a bewildered team were facing an eight points deficit. But it is in time of adversity that a man's true worth is often assayed. Single-handedly, Murphy dragged Laois back into the game. He scored one of the finest points seen in Croke Park up to that time - almost at the corner flag when he turned and arched a beauty of a point between the goal posts.

As is often the case with inspirational scores, its value was much more than the mere addition of a digit on the score board. Suddenly, Laois were transformed from a bedraggled and downtrodden gaggle into something like their great team of the late Thirties. Half way through the second half they drew level only to see a determined Roscommon pull away again to a

two point lead. With only a minute remaining, Laois thundered forward for the winning goal but the Roscommon goalkeeper dived full length to turn the ball aside. That was that.

Tommy Murphy left Croke Park that day once again within sight of the golden grail of an All Ireland final appearance. But it was not to be. Instead, he became the man many reckoned to be 'The Greatest Player Never to Win an All Ireland Medal'. Two years later, and his luck had not improved much. Tommy unsuccessfully contested the 1948 general election for Seán McBride's Clann na Poblachta party. He played his last inter-county game against Wexford in the 1953 Championship and two years later togged out for his last club game when Graiguecullen played Annanough. He died of a heart attack in May 1985 and was buried in his beloved Graiguecullen.

Murphy's career underlined that you don't have to win an All Ireland medal to be counted among the greatest. It helps, of course. But it's not essential.

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"Approaching the first in the 4.15 from Croke Park"

Dubs captain Colly Moran leads his team mates in the scramble for the bench...



# Gaeil na Life CLG, Áth Cliath Liffey Gaels GAA Club, Dublin



## Alan Milton's Club Profiles

GAA clubs in inner-city areas have in recent decades become something of an endangered species with Dublin, Derry, Galway and Limerick all experiencing a way of life that has seen the balance of power amongst clubs move out towards the suburbs in tandem with the shift in demographics to outlying areas.

For that reason clubs like Liffey Gaels have played and continue to play a vital role in keeping the pulse of the games beating in areas where such a scenario may have been taken for granted in the past.

The good people of Sarsfield Road, Inchicore would be quick to point out that Dublin 8 does not exactly fall into the inner-city category and although this is the location of the club's impressive club house, Gaeil na Life attempt to cater for the promotion of the games in a far wider area.

For those from outside the capital, the club's impressive premises are located at the very start of the N4 after west-facing travellers leave Heuston Station and Kilmainham in their wake and Dubliners will recognise the club as that blue roofed premises positioned on Sarsfields Road – a type of locally 'disputed territory' located between what has become known more recent times as Inchicore 'Village' and Lower Ballyfermot.

Liffey Gaels in its current incarnation is a relatively young outfit and as outlined on the 'About Us' section of their developing website, it only came into being in 1984.

Visitors to another section of the website will also spot from some of the earlier posted photos that some of the club's games were played in Memorial Park adjacent to St John of Gods close where Civil Service currently play their games for a six month period when the removal of the goal posts in the Phoenix Park to facilitate the visit of the Pope in 1979 at the 15 acres forced them away from their original and still occasional home.

The club was originally established in the early '50s and was known as Rialto Gaels playing under that name for over 20 years, until the 1970s when it changed its name to SS Michaels and James to reflect the roles played by these schools - both teachers and students - in the development of the club.

In 1984, local juvenile club Donore Iosagain amalgamated with SS Michaels and James and it was then agreed to change the name to Liffey Gaels.

Today the club's immediate catchment area runs from Ballyfermot through the parishes of St Michael's, St James', St Catherine's, Rialto and Donore Avenue.

During its early existence the club functioned without a permanent home and following a major campaign of fundraising it opened its clubhouse in 1988. This was extended in 2003.

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This is carrying on a tradition in the area that is almost as old as the Gaelic Athletic Association itself. Other clubs that prospered and faded in the area included Henry Grattans, Inchicore Eblana, James' Street, Saint Patrick's, Kilmainham, Wolfe Tones and Bluebell, all of whom were recorded in 1886.

Over the years there were many other clubs operating in the area. These included Foundry Gaels, Transport Gaels and the Great Southern and Western Railways based in the famous Inchicore Railway Works and St James' Gate and Guinness Gaelic Football Club based in the even more famous brewery of the same name.

However it's not all about the past. Far from it.

While numerous club members will help today's attendance to swell in the direction of an 82,500 full house, a special source of pride for 'Gaels in recent times is their success in helping hurling to not only remain alive but to prosper in their corner of Dublin.

The Leinster hurling final programme of July 1 included midfielder Darren Mooney from the club who lined out at midfield for the county minor team in what turned out to be a memorable win.

His feats saw him follow in the footsteps of Conor Connolly who played both minor football and hurling for the county as well as helping the combined colleges' team to a landmark Croke Cup success over competition kingpins St Flannan's in 2005.

His representative days are unlikely to be over.

Anyone who has spent any time in the area – as this observer did as a past pupil of CBS James St albeit with an affiliation to another club – couldn't but help notice the tradition of hurling that remained alive during tough times for the game. This was in no small part down to the Trojan efforts of the Christian Brothers.

In changed times that over reliance can no longer be taken for granted and the Gaels' amalgamation with fellow city dwellers Kevin for the purposes of fielding a minor team last year is just one example of the fresh impetus that accompanies their plans for the future.

Trustee and former chairman and secretary George O'Gorman played at juvenile level before going on to dedicate a life time of work to the club that is far from over.

O'Gorman played his part in the compilation of the club history that earned second place in the GAA's Centenary McNamee Awards and cites the club's success in developing their own club house and pitches as paramount to their continued existence.

He also marvels at the special place that hurling has in the club.

"If you're going to survive you have to have a home and it's a great facility for the young people of the area," explains O'Gorman.

"Special efforts are being made by people like Alan and Ann Moore to rejuvenate our mini-leagues and others like Paul McManus and Gerry McKenzie have worked so hard to foster hurling.

"Hurling has always been the foundation of our club and I've always said a lad can put down a hurl and play football and the reverse is not the case. For that reason dual players have been massively important to the club.

"We've taken great pride in the progress and Conor and Darren and it's great to see them on the sideline for club games so soon after being involved in big county games."

Dublin supporters like O'Gorman have taken a special satisfaction in the recent improvement of Dublin hurling and he believes the Dubs' second half display in their recent Leinster minor final success was the type of 'performance that we expect from Kilkenny teams'.

Today football resumes centre stage.

The Liffey Gaels stalwart will be amongst those hopping across the Liffey and is quietly confident.

"I'm the eternal optimist and think there's an All-Ireland challenge in the team almost every year," adds O'Gorman.

"I was downbeat leaving Croke Park after the semi-final success over Offaly but thought about it afterwards and believe there is plenty to be hopeful about.

"We have found a new full back, Mark Vaughan has put back to back performances together and if the Brogans click I believe the team can go places. There is no Kerry team of the 1970s or '80s waiting in the wings and Armagh are gone. First things first though and I think they can secure another Leinster."

Whether or not the flow of inter-county silverware to Parnell Park continues today and on in the direction of September, remains to be seen.

Regardless, expect Liffey Gaels to keep doing what they do best and that in O'Gorman's words is 'promoting the games for those that want to play them.'

Liffey Gaels are currently developing their club website at [www.liffeygaels.com](http://www.liffeygaels.com)

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## Cluichí le teacht

Wed 18th July 2007

PARNELL PARK Leinster U-21 H.C. Final  
7.30 pm **Dublin v Offaly**

## Replay arrangements

If the MFC Final **LAOIS v CARLOW** finishes level today replay is in Portlaoise on 21.7.2007  
If the SFC Final **LAOIS v DUBLIN** finishes level today replay is in Croke Park on 22.7.2007

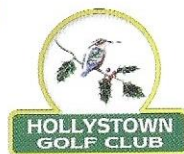


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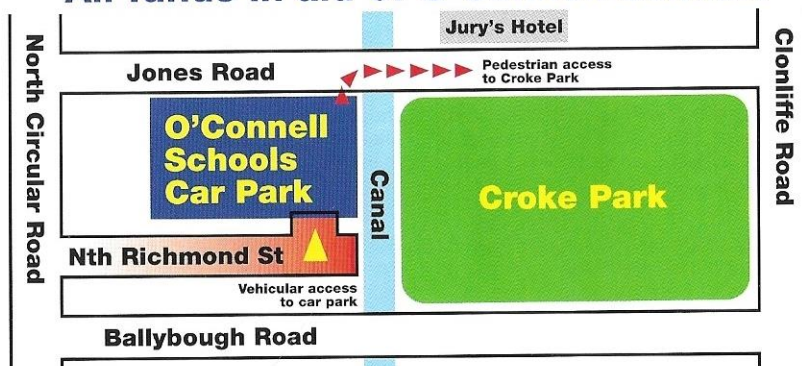
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## Points and Goals Quiz

compiled by  
Leo McGough

4-16. Now there is a tally that would win most hurling games and a target we set you once again to-day in our popular 'Points and Goals' quiz in which young and old alike test their hurling knowledge. Similar to 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire (without the money!)' an easy enough 'four point cluster' precedes the more difficult green flag poser. In the interests of fair play, there is 1-4 on offer for each of to-day's competing counties as well as 1-4 for posers on general GAA, the point questions a mixture of modern times and the recent past, the goal teasers involving a trip down memory lane! Like the game itself, preparation is important, so perhaps a browse through this programme first could be of assistance. But, then again, as in the game itself, expect the unexpected! Ok, lets throw-in the ball...

### POINTS

- Who eliminated Laois from last year's All-Ireland SFC race?
- Who did Dublin beat in last years Leinster SFC semi-final?
- Carlow minor who scored only goal in semi-final victory over Louth recently?
- Leinster player selected as goalkeeper on All-Star football team in 2001?

### GOAL

- Dublin man who held aloft both the Tom Markham and Sam Maguire Cup?

### POINTS

- With what club does Dublin's Stephen Cluxton play ?
- The Laois club of Chris Conway?
- Carlow club of outstanding minor midfielder Brendan Murphy?
- Who won the first Leinster Club SFC in 1970-'71?

### GOAL

- Laois captain in their only All-Ireland SFC final appearance in 1936?

### POINTS

- Name of the cup presented to the winners of Leinster SFC?
- Carlow minor football manager?
- Dublin senior football manager?
- Laois senior football manager?

### GOAL

- Carlow man who captained Carlow to their lone Leinster SFC and Leinster to the Railway Cup?

### POINTS

- In what year did Carlow contest their lone Leinster U-21 FC final?
- When did Dublin last contest the All-Ireland SFC final?
- Prior to 2003 when did Laois last win the Leinster SFC title?
- The last year a Leinster county completed a back-to-back All-Ireland SFC final triumph for the eastern province (eg Kilkenny one year, Wexford the next)

### GOAL

- Kilkenny man to captain back-to-back Leinster SFC winning sides?

That's it then, now work out your 'scores on the board' by checking the answers on page 76



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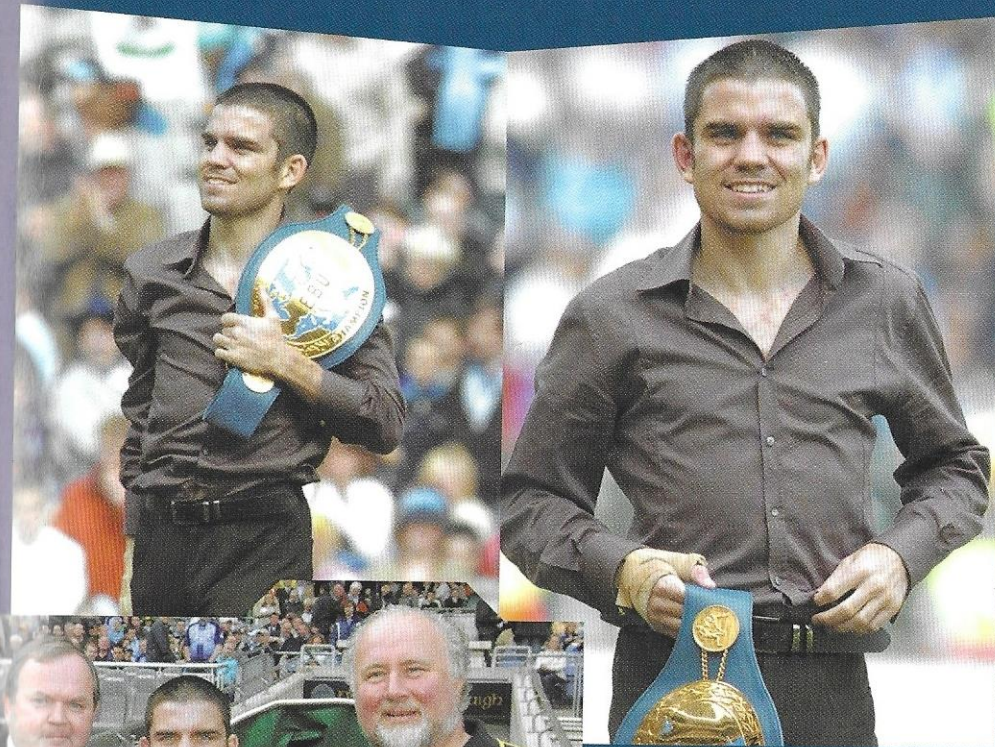
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## "That's really made my weekend!"

You may be forgiven for believing that the above quote from Irish boxing hero European Super Welterweight Bernard Dunne was referring to his second successful defense of his title at the Point on Saturday, June 23rd last but, as can be seen from his broad grin in these

photographs, the massively popular Dub was thrilled to be able to walk out on the turf at Croke Park the following day when the Metropolitans took on Offaly in the Leinster semi-final. A rapturous reception was afforded Bernard as he proudly displayed his belt to the capacity crowd...



Leinster Chairman Liam O'Neill welcomes Bernard and his sponsor Martin Donnelly to Croke Park.

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# Hall of Fame Award

## Comhairle Laighean Leinster Gaelic Greats

### Eugene McGee Longford

Sports fans, reading the *Irish Independent*, will be familiar with Eugene McGee's regular column, on the back page of the Monday sports supplement. Writing on GAA affairs, Eugene can be caustically critical when he sees fit, but he can be equally defensive of his favourite sport when the occasion demands... balance and fairness are words that come to mind.

While most GAA people will recognise Eugene the writer, it was team management that first brought the Aughnaccliffe native to public attention. It was during his student days in UCD that Eugene, an astute observer of the game, found an outlet for his interest when he was elected Secretary of the UCD club. It wasn't long before his real talent manifested itself when he took on the management of the college Gaelic football team. His diligent devotion to the new assignment soon bore fruit with

UCD capturing six Sigersons in-a-row, the first in 1973. He added back-to-back Dublin, Leinster and All-Ireland titles to crown a remarkable period of success for the college.

It could be argued that with players like John O'Keeffe, Pat O'Neill, Ogie Moran, Colm O'Rourke, Kevin Kilmurray, Gerry McEntee, Tony McManus and Mickey Ned O'Sullivan, that success was inevitable, but it was Eugene's ability to blend the individual talents into a coherent combination, properly focussed and motivated by a team spirit that just didn't know the meaning of defeat that made the difference.

## Congratulations!

Comhairle Laighean extends sincere congratulations to Eugene McGee who will receive an honorary doctorate from the National University of Ireland.

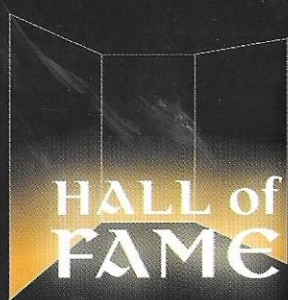
The conferring ceremony will take place on Thursday, September 20th, just days after the 2007 All-Ireland Football Final, where the Offaly side of 1982 will be honoured as the Jubilee Anniversary winning team.

Eugene will receive an LLD or Doctorate of Law from the National University of Ireland, one of the highest honours available in the state.

Eugene is being honoured by the NUI for his overall contribution to Irish life, particularly, according to the citation, for providing an authentic voice for a rural Irish community through his work with the Longford Leader.



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John O'Keeffe, a member of the All-Ireland winning team of 1974, has said of Eugene McGee... "Eugene had a major influence on me as a footballer. He was meticulous in his preparation, continually preached the importance of the team ethic and was able to get the best out of players. With Eugene, the team always, and rightly so, was bigger than the individual."

Eugene's managerial magic did not go unnoticed and when Offaly came calling, in 1977, history beckoned. While still maintaining his interest in UCD, he set about his task in the Faithful with his trademark energy and purpose. His, and Offaly's place in the annals of the game was assured.

Offaly's last senior success in the province had been in 1973, and so Eugene set about rebuilding a team that was to reach a Leinster semi-final a year later, denied a place in the final by a late Dublin goal.

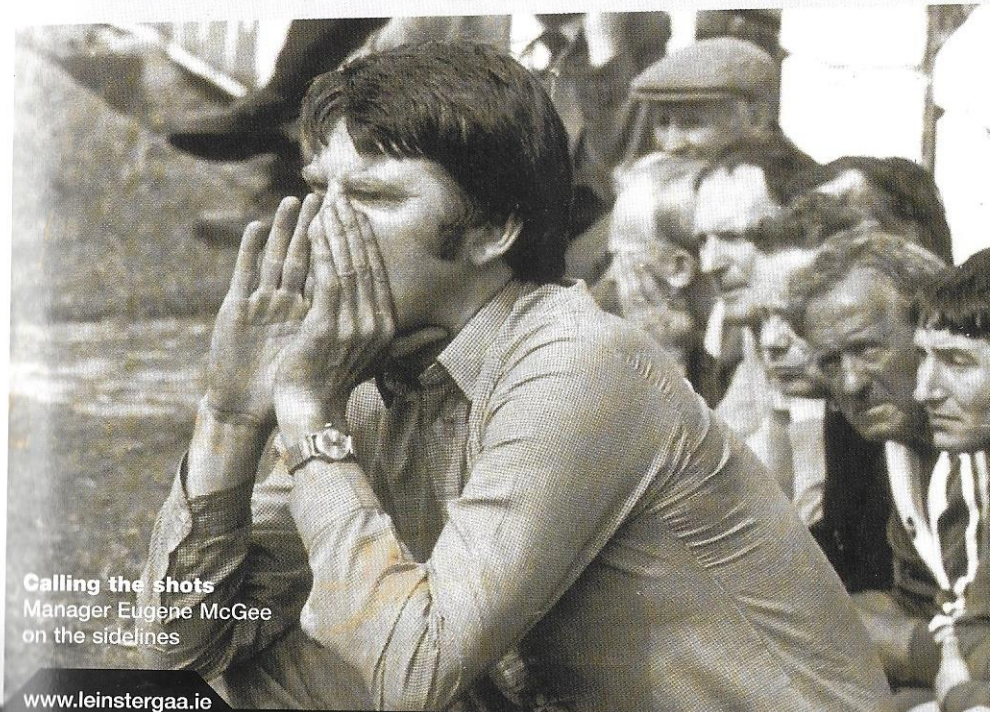
By the following year, he had guided Offaly to an Under-21 provincial title, his painstaking preparation shining through. That title was the springboard to greater things and, in 1980, the Offaly seniors broke Dublin's strangle-hold on the province and went on to win three Leinster titles in-a-row. Of course, the game that cemented Eugene's place in GAA folklore came in September 1982, when he masterminded the victory that denied Kerry five All-Irelands in-a-row.

Although that day was, surely, the pinnacle of Eugene's managerial career his achievements didn't stop there. He managed Leinster in the Railway Cup and was in charge when Ireland beat Australia, over three tests, Down Under in 1990. He was involved with his native Longford at minor and senior level and he also saw service in Cavan. He was a key figure on coaching committees and development squads in Longford and, at club level, he guided Cashel to a first ever championship success.

For two decades he was Managing Editor of the *Longford Leader* where he showed a flair for journalism beyond the confines of sport, tackling matters crucial to the everyday life of the county with the same fearlessness that he showed when tackling controversial GAA issues. His business acumen was manifest in his transformation of the paper into one of the top 'provincials' in the country.

Yes, Eugene McGee has had, and continues to have, a chequered career. His many-faceted service to Cumann Luthchleas Gael is exemplary by any standards and, recognising such sustained service, Comhairle Laighean welcomes Eugene into the Hall of Fame today.

**Paddy Flanagan, Westmeath**



**Calling the shots**  
Manager Eugene McGee  
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M. Mac ÚIBISTIR  
**MICHAEL WEBSTER**  
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R. MAC EÓCHAIDH  
**ROBBIE KEHOE**  
O'DEMPSEY'S

5  
C. LAIGHLEIS  
**KIERAN LILLIS**  
PORTLAOISE

8  
S. Ó RANNACHAIN  
**SEAN RAMSBOTTOM (C)**  
TIMAHOE

10  
C. Ó FEAREALL  
**KIERAN FARRELL**  
BALLYLINAN

13  
S.Ó MUILLEIR  
**SIMON MILLER**  
ANNANOUGH

3  
S. MAOILCHEIRE  
**JOE MULHARE**  
ARLES KILLEEN

6  
C. Ó BAOILL  
**CONOR BOYLE**  
PORTLAOISE

11  
D. Mac CLOCHAIRE  
**DONAL KINGSTON**  
BARROWHOUSE

14  
C. MEIRIDITH  
**CONOR MEREDITH**  
O'DEMPSEY'S

4  
S. CONCHÚIR  
**JOE O'CONNOR**  
TIMAHOE

7  
Z. Ó TUATHAIGH  
**ZAC TUOHY**  
PORTLAOISE

9  
S. Ó LOCHLAINN  
**JOHN O'LOUGHLIN**  
MOUNTMELICK

12  
B. MAC GABHANN  
**BRIAN SMITH**  
PORTLAOISE

15  
E. Ó CEALLAIGH  
**EDDIE KELLY**  
O'DEMPSEY'S

### FIR IONAD

- 16 **CONOR O'SHEA** C Ó Sé MOUNTMELICK
- 17 **BRIAN GLYNN** B Mag Fhloinn PORTLAOISE
- 18 **BRIAN SEALE** B Séail PORTLAOISE
- 19 **STUART Mulpetter** S Maoilpheadair PORTARLINGTON

- 20 **DAMIEN LOWRY** D Mac Labhraí KILLESHEIN
- 21 **IAN WHELAN** I Ó Faoláin BARROWHOUSE
- 22 **CONOR DELANEY** C Ó Duláinne STRADBALLY
- 23 **JAMES DOYLE** S Ó Dúghaill ST JOSEPH'S
- 24 **KIERAN HYLAND** C Ó hAoláin THE HEATH



## Carlow Ceatharlach

red, gold and green dearg, ór agus glas

1  
P. MACH AODH  
**PAT HUGHES**  
FENAGH

2  
B.S. Ó MAOLUAIDH  
**BARRY JOHN MOLLOY**  
RATHVILLY

5  
S. MACH REAMOINN  
**SHANE REDMOND**  
TINRYLAND

8  
B. Ó MURCHÚ  
**BRENDAN MURPHY**  
RATHVILLY

10  
D. Ó CIONNSALAIGH  
**DAVID KINSELLA**  
PALATINE

13  
L. Ó CONCHUBHAIR  
**BILL O'CONNOR**  
FENAGH

### FIR IONAD

- 16 **CORMAC WALSH** C Breathnach TINRYLAND
- 17 **JORDAN LOWRY** S Mach Labhraí EIRE OG
- 18 **EANNA KAVANAGH** E Ó Caoimhánagh MYSHALL
- 19 **RONAN LAWLER** R Ó Leathlabhair MICHAEL DAVITTS

3  
A. Ó CALLINÁN  
**ALAN CALLINAN**  
ÉIRE ÓG

6  
D. ST. LEDGER  
**DANIEL ST. LEDGER (C)**  
KILDAVIN

9  
M. Ó CLABHRAÍ  
**MARTIN CLOWRY**  
MYSHALL

11  
D. Ó MURCHÚ  
**DENNIS MURPHY**  
MOUNT LEINSTER RANGERS

14  
C. Ó MURCHÚ  
**CON MURPHY**  
CLONMORE

4  
D. MAC AN AIRCHINNIGH  
**DIARMUID McINERNEY**  
ÉIRE ÓG

7  
G. Ó NUAILLÁIN  
**GARY NOLAN**  
BURRIN RANGERS

12  
S. Ó ROIBÉARD  
**JOE ROBERTS**  
KILDAVIN

15  
C. Ó MAOILEÁN  
**CORMAC MULLINS**  
O'HANRAHAN'S

- 20 **PADDY GAHAN** P Ó Gatháin CLONMORE
- 21 **JAMES DEERING** S Ó Diring EIRE OG
- 22 **MATTHEW O'TOOLE** M Ó Tuathail TINRYLAND
- 23 **MARK MORRISSEY** M Ó Muiriosa TINRYLAND
- 24 **ALAN CORCORAN** A Ó Corcorán ST ANDREWS





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F Ó BEIRN  
**FERGAL  
BYRON**  
COURTWOOD

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C Ó RIAN  
**CATHAL  
RYAN**  
PORTARLINGTON

5  
P Mac MATHÚNA  
**PAURIC  
McMAHON**  
BALLYROAN

8  
P Mac LANNCHAIHDH  
**PADRAIG  
CLANCY (C)**  
TIMAHOE

10  
P Ó LAOIRE  
**PETER  
O'LEARY**  
O'DEMPSEY'S

13  
M Ó TIARNAIGH  
**MICHAEL  
TIERNEY**  
BALLYROAN

3  
T Ó CEALLAIGH  
**TOM  
KELLY**  
ST JOSEPH'S

6  
D Ó RUANAIGH  
**DARREN  
ROONEY**  
CLONASLEE ST MANMAN'S

11  
C Ó CONBHUI  
**CHRIS  
CONWAY**  
ARLES KILCRUISE

14  
P Ó LEATHLOBHAIR  
**PAUL  
LAWLOR**  
EMO

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S Ó HUIGINN  
**JOE  
HIGGINS**  
ST JOSEPH'S

7  
B Mac CORMAIC  
**BRIAN  
McCORMACK**  
PORTLAOISE

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B Ó COIGLIGH  
**BRENDAN  
QUIGLEY**  
TIMAHOE

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C Mac PEÁIRCÍN  
**COLM  
PARKINSON**  
PORTLAOISE

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R Ó MAONAILE  
**ROSS  
MUNNELLY**  
ARLES KILCRUISE

23 KEVIN FITZPATRICK C Mac Giolla Phódraig PORTLAOISE  
24 KEVIN MEANEY C. Ó Maonaigh ARLES KILCRUISE  
25 MARK TIMMONS M. Mac Toimín GRAIGUECULLEN  
26 PAUL BEGLEY P Ó Beaglaich STRADBALLY  
27 DAVID BRENNAN D Ó Braonáin ST MARYS, SAGGART  
28 JOHN MADIGAN S. Ó Madagáin BALLYROAN  
29 BARRY BRENNAN B. Ó Braonáin GRAIGUECULLEN  
30 GREG RAMSBOTTOM G. Ó Reannacháin STRADBALLY



## Dublin Áth Cliath

blue and navy gorm agus dughorm

1  
S. CLUXTON  
**STEPHEN  
CLUXTON**  
PARNELLS

2  
D. Mac ÉINRÍ  
**DAVID  
HENRY**  
RAHENY

5  
P. Ó CATHASAIGH  
**PAUL  
CASEY**  
LUCAN SARSFIELDS

8  
C. Ó FAOLÁIN  
**CIARÁN  
WHELAN**  
RAHENY

10  
C. Ó MÓRÁIN  
**COLIN  
MORAN (C)**  
BALLYBODEN/ST. ENDA'S

13  
J. Ó SCORLÓG  
**JASON  
SHERLOCK**  
ST. O. PLUNKETT'S/EOGHAN RUADH BALLYBODEN/ST. ENDA'S

FIR IONAD

16 JOHN LEONARD S. Ó Loinín ST. SYLVESTERS  
17 STEPHEN O'SHAUGHNESSY S. Ó Seachnasigh LUCAN SARSFIELDS  
18 COMAN GOGGINS C. Ó Gógan BALINTEER/ST. JOHN'S  
19 GERARD BRENNAN G. Ó Braonáin ST. VINCENT'S  
20 JONATHAN MAGEE S. Mag Aodh KILMACUD CROKES  
21 DARREN MAGEE D. Mag Aodh KILMACUD CROKES  
22 TOMÁS QUINN T. Ó Colinn ST. VINCENTS

3  
R. Mac DHÓNAILL  
**ROSS  
McCONNELL**  
ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT'S/EOGHAN RUADH

6  
B. Ó CUILINN  
**BRYAN  
CULLEN**  
SKERRIES HARPS

9  
S. Ó RIAN  
**SHANE  
RYAN**  
NAOMH MEARNÓG

11  
A. Ó BRÓGÁIN  
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BROGAN**  
ST. O. PLUNKETT'S/E. RUADH

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C. Ó CIANAIGH  
**CONAL  
KEANEY**

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P. Ó GRÍOFA  
**PAUL  
GRIFFIN**  
KILMACUD CROKES

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B. Ó CATHAIL  
**BARRY  
CAHILL**  
ST. BRIGID'S

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**MARK  
VAUGHAN**  
KILMACUD CROKES

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24 DEREK MURRAY D. Ó Muiri ROUND TOWERS CLONDALKIN  
25 RAY COSGROVE R. Mac Oscair KILMACUD CROKES  
26 KEVIN BONNER C. Ó Cnámhsf ST. BRIGID'S  
27 NIALL O'SHEA N. Ó Sé ST. JUDE'S  
28 DECLAN LALLY D. Ó Maolalaith ST. BRIGID'S  
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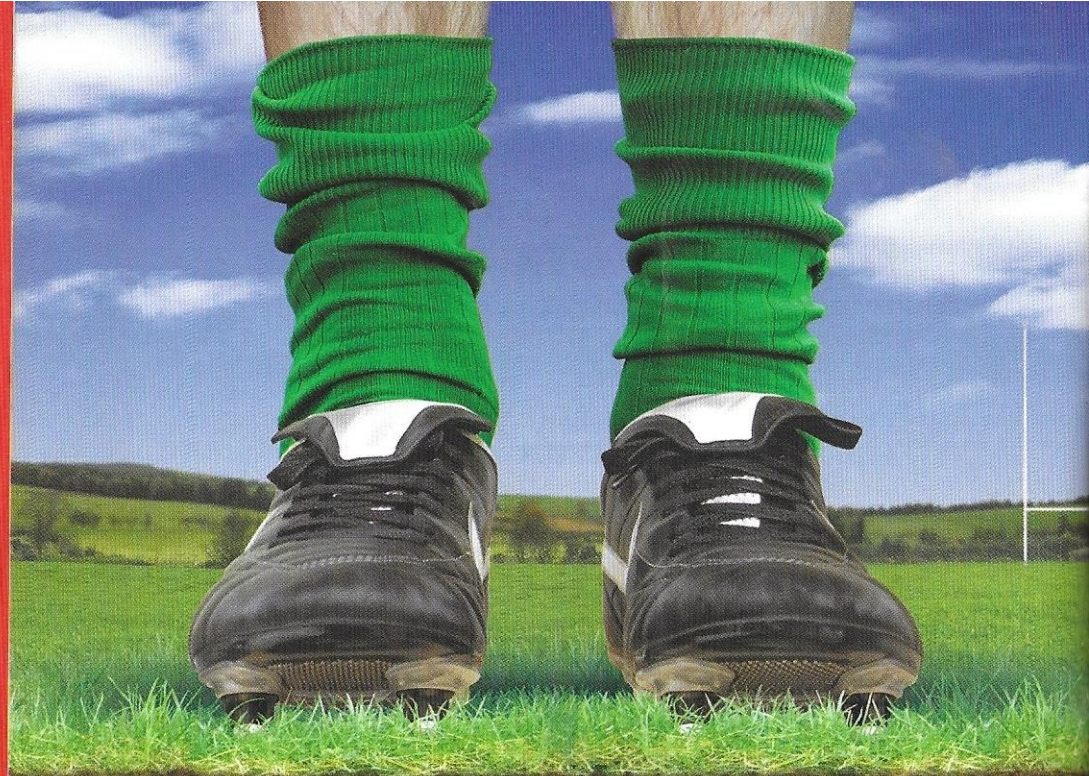
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## Today's Minor Captains



Minor captains Daniel St Ledger of Carlow and Sean Ramsbottom of Laois met on the Barrow Bridge in Carlow during the week to launch their Leinster MFC final meeting.

## Leinster Minor Football Championship Roll of Honour

Like their senior counterparts Dublin lead the Roll of Honour in the Minor Championship with 28 titles 19 ahead of their nearest rivals Meath. Today Carlow are bidding to win the Minor title for the first time, while their opponents Laois have been victorious on seven occasions, with five titles coming in the last 11 years. The Roll of Honour reads:

Dublin	(28)	1930, 33-34, 45-46, 48-49, 54-56, 58-59, 61, 68, 70-71, 76, 78-79, 81-82, 84, 86, 88, 94, 99, 2001, 2003.	Louth	(8)	1931, 35-36, 40-42, 51, 53
			Laois	(8)	1932, 66-67, 96-98, 2004-05
			Offaly	(6)	1947, 60, 62, 64, 65, 89
			Kildare	(5)	1973, 75, 83, 87, 91
			Westmeath	(5)	1939, 52, 63, 95, 2000
			Wexford	(3)	1937, 50, 69
			Longford	(3)	1929, 38, 2002
Meath	(9)	1857, 72, 77, 80, 85, 90, 92-93, 2006	Wicklow	(1)	1974

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# Impressive Laois march on

from the Irish Times

## Laois 2-16 Offaly 1-08

Laois minor footballers won through to their third provincial decider in four years. when, at Portlaoise on Saturday, June 30th, they swept aside the challenge of the beaten finalists for the last two years, Offaly.

The visitors got off to a dream start with a goal inside 10 seconds from full forward Daniel Currams followed by a quick point. Laois took time to settle but a magnificent long-range point from defender Conor Boyle sparked off a massive recovery and with centre forward Donie Kingston in dazzling form they soon overhauled the Faithful.

Kingston shot five superb points within 15 minutes and further points from Conor Meredith and Kieran Farrell saw Laois ease in front.

Laois piled on the pressure after the interval as they opened their second half account with a point from Kieran Farrell. Ten minutes into the half Brian Smyth's goal finished off a well-executed move before substitute James Doyle's goal ended the game as a contest.

### LAOIS

M Webster; R Kehoe, J Mulhare, J O'Connor; K Lillis, C Boyle (0-1), Z Touhy; S Ramsbottom,

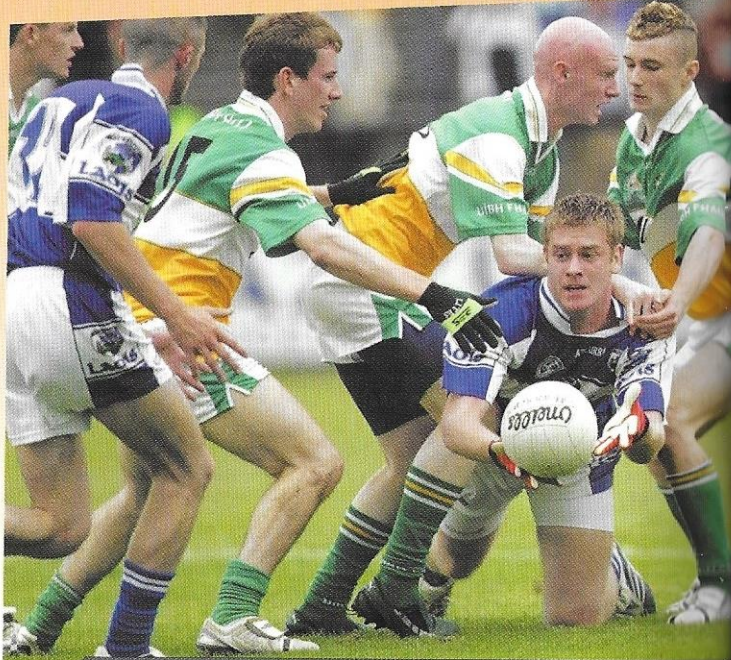
J O'Loughlin (0-1); K Farrell (0-1), D Kingston (0-5), B Smyth (1-2); S Miller, C Meredith (0-5), E Kelly. **Subs** J Doyle (1-1) for Miller; I Whelan for Smyth; C Delaney for Meredith; B Glynn for Touhy; D Lowry for Ramsbottom.

### OFFALY

I Duffy; D Murphy, D Hales, M Young; B Geraghty, G Dunne, D Brady; C Egan, R Allen; N Dunne (0-6); M Mangan (0-1), B Kelly; S Pender, D Currams (1-0), B Lonergan. **Sub** A Sullivan (0-1) for Pender.

**Referee** P Daly (Westmeath).

*Donie Kingston releases the ball to Brian Smyth under intense Offaly pressure*



### The Laois Minor panel pictured before the Leinster MFC Semi-final win over Offaly

#### Back L-R:

Kieran Hylan, Brian Seale, Brian Glynn, Conor O'Shea, Simon Miller, John O'Loughlin, Ian Whelan, Michael Webster, Conor Meredith, Sean Ramsbottom, Zac Tuohy, Damien Lowry, Kieran Farrell, Conor Delaney, Eddie Kelly.

#### Front L-R:

Stuart Mulpetter, Joe Mulhare, Kieran Lillis, Donal Kingston, Brian Smith, Conor Boyle, Joe O'Connor, Robbie Keogh, James Doyle.



# Round by Round Results

## April 7th Arklow

**Wicklow . . . . . 2-14**

**Offaly . . . . . 0-08**

**WICKLOW** C Walsh 0-6, P Cunningham 1-2, S Carty 0-4, B Osborne 1-0, A McLoughlin, C Foley 0-1 each.

**OFFALY** N Dunne 0-5, J Coffey, R Allen, S Pender 0-1 each.

## April 7th Wexford

**Westmeath . . . . . 1-16**

**Wexford . . . . . 1-05**

**WESTMEATH** I Coffey 1-6, C Lynam, J Kenny 0-3 each, T McDaniels 0-2, K Martin, J Egan 0-1 each.

**WEXFORD** J O'Grady 1-1, G O'Toole 0-2, A Merrigan, R Cousins 0-1 each.

## April 7th Parnell Park

**Dublin . . . . . 2-11**

**Meath . . . . . 1-07**

**DUBLIN** B O'Rorke, B Staunton 0-4 each, F McMahon 1-1, S Gallagher 1-0, K O'Connor, T Furman 0-1 each.

**MEATH** B Sheridan 0-5, N Heffernan 1-0, G Reilly, J Broderick 0-1 each.

## April 7th Longford

**Longford . . . . . 2-07**

**Carlow . . . . . 2-04**

**LONDFORD** M Quinn 1-4, M Brady 1-0, P McKeon, P Gill, D McGoldrick 0-1 each.

**CARLOW** C Murphy 1-2, B Murphy 1-1, D St Ledger 0-1.

## April 7th Dundalk

**Louth . . . . . 1-12**

**Kildare . . . . . 0-13**

**LOUTH** R Leneghan 1-1, D Maguire 0-3, S McCann, P Smith, L McArdle 0-2 each, J Clarke, N Conlan 0-1 each.

**KILDARE** S Hannafin 0-4, P Kelly, S Bergin, K Cribben, R Howe 0-2 each, S Campbell 0-1.

## April 7th Ballyraggett

**Laois . . . . . 4-20**

**Kilkenny . . . . . 0-06**

**LAOIS** B Smith 1-3, S Miller 1-2, C Meredith, E Kelly 0-4 each, D Kingston, C Boyle 1-1 each, Z Tuohy 0-2, J O'Loughlin, K Hyland, D Lowry 0-1 each.

**KILKENNY** C McGrath 0-4, M Murphy, D Walton 0-1 each.

## April 14th Carlow

**Carlow . . . . . 2-12**

**Meath . . . . . 3-08**

**CARLOW** B Murphy, R Lawlor 1-2 each, D Murphy 0-3, C Murphy 0-2, J Roberts, G Nolan, D St Ledger 0-1 each.

**MEATH** B Sheridan 2-5, D Smith 1-0, J Broderick 0-2, P Kelly 0-1.

## April 14th Newbridge

**Offaly . . . . . 1-14**

**Kildare . . . . . 1-10**

**OFFALY** N Dunne 0-4, C Egan 1-0, N Mangan, D Currams, B Kelly 0-2 each, J Coffey, G Dunne, B Geraghty, J Hayes 0-1 each.

**KILDARE** S Hannafin 0-8, C Brophy 1-0, C Duffy, A Behan 0-1 each.

## April 28th Carlow

**Carlow . . . . . 2-09**

**Wexford . . . . . 1-07**

**CARLOW** D Murphy 0-4, S Redmond, J Lowry 1-0 each, C McMullins 0-2, B Murphy, B O'Connell, C Murphy 0-1 each.

**WEXFORD** A Merrigan 0-3, R Dunne 1-0, J O'Grady 0-2, A Shore, A O'Brien 0-1 each.

## May 12th Longford

**Offaly . . . . . 2-08**

**Longford . . . . . 0-12**

**OFFALY** M Mangan 1-2, B Kelly 1-1, N Dunne 0-3, D Currams 0-2.

**LONGFORD** M Quinn 0-6, P Gill, M Brady 0-2 each, D McGoldrick, J Matthews 0-1 each.

## May 12th Arklow

**Louth . . . . . 1-12**

**Wicklow . . . . . 1-03**

**LOUTH** D Matthews 0-4, D Maguire 0-3, N Conlon 1-0, K Rogers 0-2, P Smith, E McArdle, R Leneghan 0-1 each.

**WICKLOW** P Cunningham 1-0, C Walsh 0-2, C Foley 0-1.

## May 12th Parnell Park

**Laois . . . . . 0-16**

**Dublin . . . . . (a.e.t.) 1-13**

**LAOIS** K Meredith 0-6, D Kingston 0-5, B Smyth 0-2, C Boyle, E Kelly, S Miller 0-1 each.

**DUBLIN** T Furman, B O'Rorke 0-4 each, K O'Connor 1-1, N Brogan 0-2, B Gallagher, B Staunton 0-1 each.

## May 12th Carlow

**Carlow . . . . . 2-13**

**Westmeath . . . . . 0-13**

**CARLOW** D St Ledger 1-3, C Murtagh 0-4, B O'Connor 1-1, B Murphy, C Mullins 0-2 each, S Redmond 0-1.

**WESTMEATH** C Lynam 0-5, J Coffey 0-4, T McDaniels 0-2, J Durkan, M Dunne 0-1 each.

## May 16th Portlaoise

**Laois . . . . . 2-12**

**Dublin . . . . . 1-03**

**LAOIS** B Smyth 2-2, D Kingston 0-6, Z Tuohy, J McLoughlin, C Meredith, E Kelly 0-1 each.

**DUBLIN** S Gallagher 1-1, T Furman, B O'Rorke 0-1 each.

## Semi-finals

### June 24th Croke Park

**Carlow . . . . . 1-10**

**Louth . . . . . 0-09**

**CARLOW** C Murphy 1-3, D Murphy 0-4, D St Ledger, B Murphy, J Roberts 0-1 each.

**LOUTH** E McArdle 0-3, D Maguire 0-2, S McCann, K Rogers, D Byrne, D Matthews 0-1 each.

### June 30th Portlaoise

**Laois . . . . . 2-16**

**Offaly . . . . . 1-08**

**LAOIS** C Meredith, D Kingston 0-5 each, B Smith 1-2, J Doyle 1-1, C Boyle, J O'Loughlin, K Farrell 0-1 each.

**OFFALY** N Dunne 0-6, D Currams 1-0, M Mangan, A Sullivan 0-1 each.



# Barrowsiders qualify for first final

## Carlow 1-10 Louth 0-09

Carlow created minor football history in Dr. Cullen Park on Sunday when the 'scallion-eaters' qualified for the county's first ever Leinster final in the grade.

Not only that but that red, yellow and green did so by playing a wonderful brand of football, their eleven-club starting fifteen playing with great cohesiveness that fashioned a series of outstanding scores while at the back Carlow were tight and tenacious all through making their North Leinster opponents work extremely hard for scores.

And when they did breach the Carlow defence, well marshalled by Alan Callinan and Daniel St Ledger, the Wee County found net guardian Pat Hughes in superb form, the winners No. 1 bringing off two remarkable reflex saves, one in either half.

The first of those came just before half-time and allowed Carlow retire at the break with a 1-5 to 0-5 advantage, the goal which separated the sides coming in the 19th minute when Carlow, trailing 0-4 to 0-2 saw Denis Murphy catch a Louth kick-out and quickly dispatched a probing delivery into the path of the namesake Con Murphy who displayed coolness and control as he dispatched a low shot to the Hill 16 net.

By the end of the third quarter Carlow had established a 1-9 to 0-6 advantage before Louth mounted a strong rally but Declan McGovern's charges held out

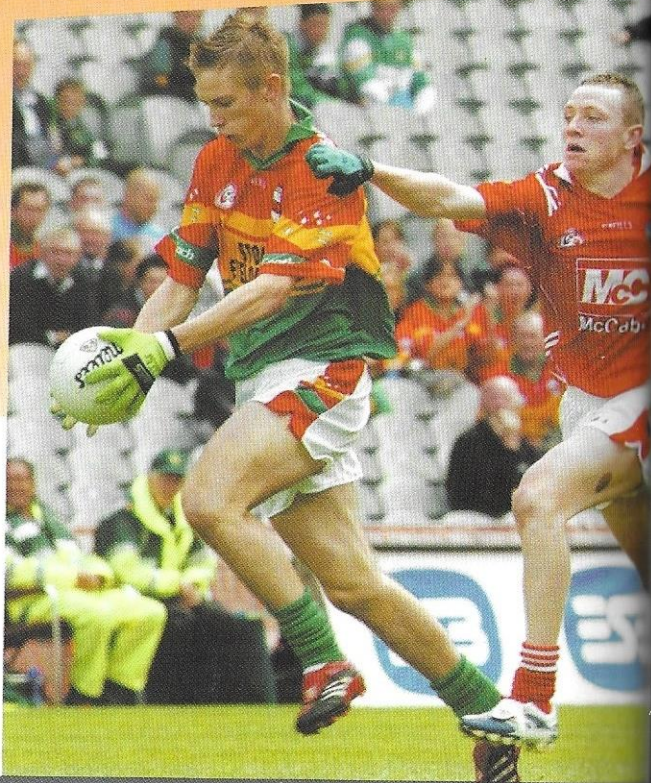
for a famous victory though the loss of star mid-fielder Brendan Murphy to a straight red card (subsequently overturned) following a late melee cast a small shadow.

The same Brendan and mid-field partner Martin Clowry gave Carlow a strong footing in the vital area while Denis Murphy with four glorious points from play and Con Murphy, 1-3, were the stars of a tricky attack.

**CARLOW** Pat Hughes; Barry John Molloy, Alan Callinan, Diarmuid McInerney; Shane Redmond, Daniel St Ledger 0-1, Garry Nolan; Brendan Murphy 0-1, Martin Clowry; Con Murphy 1-3, Denis Murphy 0-4, Joe Roberts 0-1; Bill O'Connor, David Kinsella, Cormac Mullins. **Subs** Eanna Kavanagh, Jordan Lowry, Ronan Lowry.

### Additional members of the Carlow Minor Football panel who didn't make the final 24 for inclusion in the team list:

Paul McElligott	Éire Óg
Dermot Somers	St.Andrews
Corey Murphy	O'Hanrahan's
Jeffery O'Donohoe	Rathvilly
Paddy Kelly	Tinryland
Keith McDonald	St Andrews
Dessie Dowling	St.Andrews
Shane Maye	St.Andrews



Carlow centre forward Denis Murphy evades the grip of the Louth defence



### The Carlow Minors who defeated Louth in their Leinster MFC semi-final at Croke Park

- Back L-R:** Paul McElligott, Geoffery O'Donoghue, Dermot Somers, Shane Maye, Corey Murphy, Cormac Walshe, Cormac Mullins, Brendan Murphy, Daniel St. Ledger, Denis Murphy, Shane Redmond, Martin Clowry, David Kinsella, Alan Cullinane, Paddy Gahan, Matthew O'Toole, James Deering.
- Front L-R:** Eanna Kavanagh, Patrick Kelly, Des Dowling, Jordan Lowry, Ronan Lawler, Bill O'Connor, Diarmuid McInerney, Pat Hughes, Joe Roberts, Con Murphy, Barry John Molloy, Gary Nolan, Keith McDonald.



# Éire Óg CLG, Ceatharlach

## Éire Óg, Carlow



### Alan Milton's Web Watch

Given the special place that Éire Óg occupies in the history of the GAA in Carlow the club's success in developing a website that rivals any in the county will come as a surprise to few.

The club name is synonymous not only with Carlow football but with great success in that field and in keeping with the strides made by the club in the development of their facilities in recent years, it's worth noting that resources have been set aside with the aim of projecting a positive image of the club through their website.

Éire Óg, which was formed in 1956 to cater for the promotion of the games in Carlow Town, is one of a host of clubs aligned to the Gaelsport GAA network which offers clubs the facility of hosting their website though the use of a standard template.

The home page is adorned by impressive

Gaelic script depicting the club name and their attractive crest and almost all of the outlets that we've come to expect from club websites are catered for here.

As stated before one of the major pluses for clubs with websites is the projection facility that it offers when it comes to history and past achievements and in the case of Éire Óg, these are plentiful.

22 senior football crowns, five Leinster wins in the 1990s and All-Ireland final appearances in 1992 and 1996 pockmark what is a rich club tapestry and one that would be the envy of many a club far outside the confines of County Carlow. A list of clubs that Éire Óg not only played but conquered underlines the level of football they reached during a decade that will be viewed as a golden era for the club.

That much of this was achieved at a time when Carlow football struggled to make an impact on the county scene only adds to the sense of achievement that club members can justifiably feel proud of.

The club history posted on the site is a comprehensive one and a thoroughly enjoyable read compiled in a light hearted and racy style.

*The new pitch development - subject to the odd bit of flooding*



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All the vital statistics are there but so too are the names, feats and various tales that will no doubt bring a smile to those familiar with them and also those acquainting themselves with them for the first time.

The club's recent involvement in the International Féile competition in Britain is also well documented on the site's news section and a plethora of a fine photos accompany this run down.

A final defeat to Castleblaney Faughs was the only reversal experienced by the team over the course of a ten game run which included wins over Ratoath, Strabane Sigersons and a number of quickly improving British teams.

Another facility Gaelsport sites can tap into is the general GAA news section which has made club sites even more useful twinning as it does national affairs with more localised content, including team news and lotto results.

Today websites and the like will take a back seat and club pride will manifest itself at Croke Park in the presence of club players Alan Callinan, Diamruid McNerney, Paul McElligott, Jordan Lowry and James Deering who have all helped the county minor team to reach today's decider date.

Incredibly it's the county's first ever at this grade and after a run to the final that has caught the imagination of many outside the county there will be a few neutrals in today's large attendance secretly pining for a Carlow success that would reflect the huge efforts that are taking place in both codes within the county.

Éire Óg club members have never been short on big occasions to savour and achievements to laud.

However with a noteworthy presence on the county panel today, expect

*The 2002 Under-9 panel prepares for battle!*

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club members to enjoy today's final decider every bit as much if the result happens to go their way.

More information about Éire Óg is available on their club website at

[http://www.gaelsport.com/html/club/club\\_home.jsp?c=1945](http://www.gaelsport.com/html/club/club_home.jsp?c=1945)

Other Carlow clubs well served by their sites include Clonmore ([www.clonmoregfc.com](http://www.clonmoregfc.com)) and O'Hanrahans ([www.ohanrahans.com](http://www.ohanrahans.com)).

*"The craic was fierce at training the other night!"*





# Refereeing Matters 2007

Seamus Gardiner (Spokesman for Referees)

## Too Much Noting

A common complaint from football followers is that there is too much noting, showing of the black book, and consequently too many yellow cards in modern-day football. In brief, fouls are divided into Aggressive and Technical Fouls. Aggressive Fouls are basically fouls on the person.

It's important to clarify that there is no noting or black book for Technical Fouls. What are the Aggressive Fouls then which do merit a noting?

- Rule 5.23 To hold an opponent with the hand(s)
- 5.24 To use the fist on, or around the body of an opponent for the purpose of dispossessing him of the ball
- 5.25 (a) To charge an opponent in the back or front
- (b) To charge an opponent unless:
- (i) He is in possession of the ball
  - (ii) He is playing the ball
  - (iii) Both players are moving in the direction of the ball to play it
- (c) To charge an opponent for the purpose of giving advantage to a team mate

To repeat again, the above fouls are not Technical Fouls and are penalised by a free and a noting.

**BLACK BOOK** - Where did this come from? On 9.12.2000 Ard Chomhairle gave the following clarification to the question:

Q. Is a player whose number is noted for the foul entitled to know that his number has been noted?

A. Yes.

So, to make this noting clear to all, showing of the black book was introduced.

## Changes from this year's Congress

Annual Congress this year passed the following changes - the following fouls are no longer noting offences. They, of course, are penalised by a free:

- To push an opponent with the hand(s)

- To charge the goalkeeper in the small rectangle

- For a player in possession of the ball to charge an opponent

But persistently committing such fouls merits a caution. This means there are less noting offences and consequently less showing of the black book.

Coiste na Réiteoirí, at a recent Referees' Seminar, also advised referees to distinguish if any of the noting offences are due to clumsiness rather than intent and if so also do not merit a noting.

## Stopping Play for Injured Players

Many seem confused about when play should be stopped for injured players. These stoppages are covered in Duties of the Referee Rule 1.5 (a):

Injuries: General - Play shall not be stopped for injury to a player, except in exceptional circumstances to enable a seriously injured player to be treated on the field or removed from the field of play. All other injuries shall be treated off the field of play.

So, this rule is quite restrictive and the referee is told only to stop play for a seriously injured player to be treated. Again, a question for the referee's judgement and he will always act with caution. The 'treatment off the field of play' for non-serious injuries is obviously disregarded by team



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mentors and despite the referee's appeals to remove the player for treatment, he usually fails as mentors do not wish the game to continue with a player less. Interesting to note how quickly the allowed substitution for a blood injury takes place!

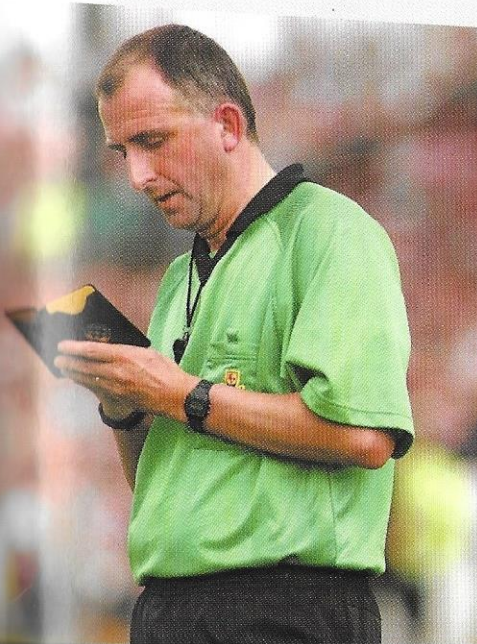
So when a player goes down injured, unless the referee judges that it is a serious injury, he does not stop play unless the play comes near the area where the injured player is.

## Referee Foundation Courses 2007

Last November Uachtarán Nickey Brennan launched a Referees' Recruitment Campaign to meet the shortage of Club referees in many counties. Each county was asked to recruit people who wished to become referees. The courses, the same for all counties, were given by trained Tutors. Course material, examinations and certificates were provided by the Tutor Group of Coiste na Réiteoirí under Muiris O'Sullivan of Kerry and Tom Fitzpatrick of Dublin. The results and numbers attending such courses are now available:

Leinster 142; Ulster 123; Connacht 71; Munster 118.

The total of 454 is encouraging but the progress and perseverance of these new referees depend on the support of the committees in charge of fixtures and discipline in the counties.



We wish them well and it will be an interesting statistic to discover if some have dropped out in a year's time and their reasons for doing so.

## Uniformity of Interpretation - That's what is Needed

"On Sunday, Inchicore Emmets went to the picturesque village of Clondalkin to play the local Gaels, Round Towers, in a game of football. At half past one o'clock Mr. Wolfe Abbot threw in the ball to commence the match. This Club, Round Towers, have improved tremendously and play a rattling game of football was it not for their persistent habit of questioning every decision of the referee even though on this occasion he was appointed by them".

Sound familiar? It does indeed, but it is worth noting that the above is an extract from "An Spoirt", dated 16th September, 1887!

Have things changed? Many would argue that things have changed very little over the intervening years and referees are still accused of making a mess of the games. It was Tommy Moran, former Connacht Council Chairman and Inter-County referee himself, who once wrote "referees (in the minds of the public) are like undertakers - they would have been obliterated long ago, only we cannot very well do without them."

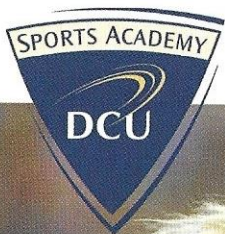
**VITAL FREE** - The referee is frequently remembered as the man "who robbed us of the 1967 Junior Final", "gave that 'vital' free to the opposition," missed the 'blatant' push in the back", "ruined the game with too much whistle", "played too much advantage or didn't let the game flow". It would appear that 'inconsistency' is the only area of 'consistency'.

**SIMPLY HUMAN** - The truth, of course, is that referees are simply human beings. They worry, get nervous, tense and excited but, despite all the pressures, endeavour to referee to the best of their ability. The referee doesn't 'do' anybody out of anything. He merely endeavours to apply the rules impartially but he does so in an emotion-charged atmosphere of a game and under the biased view of partisan supporters, players, coaches and administrators".

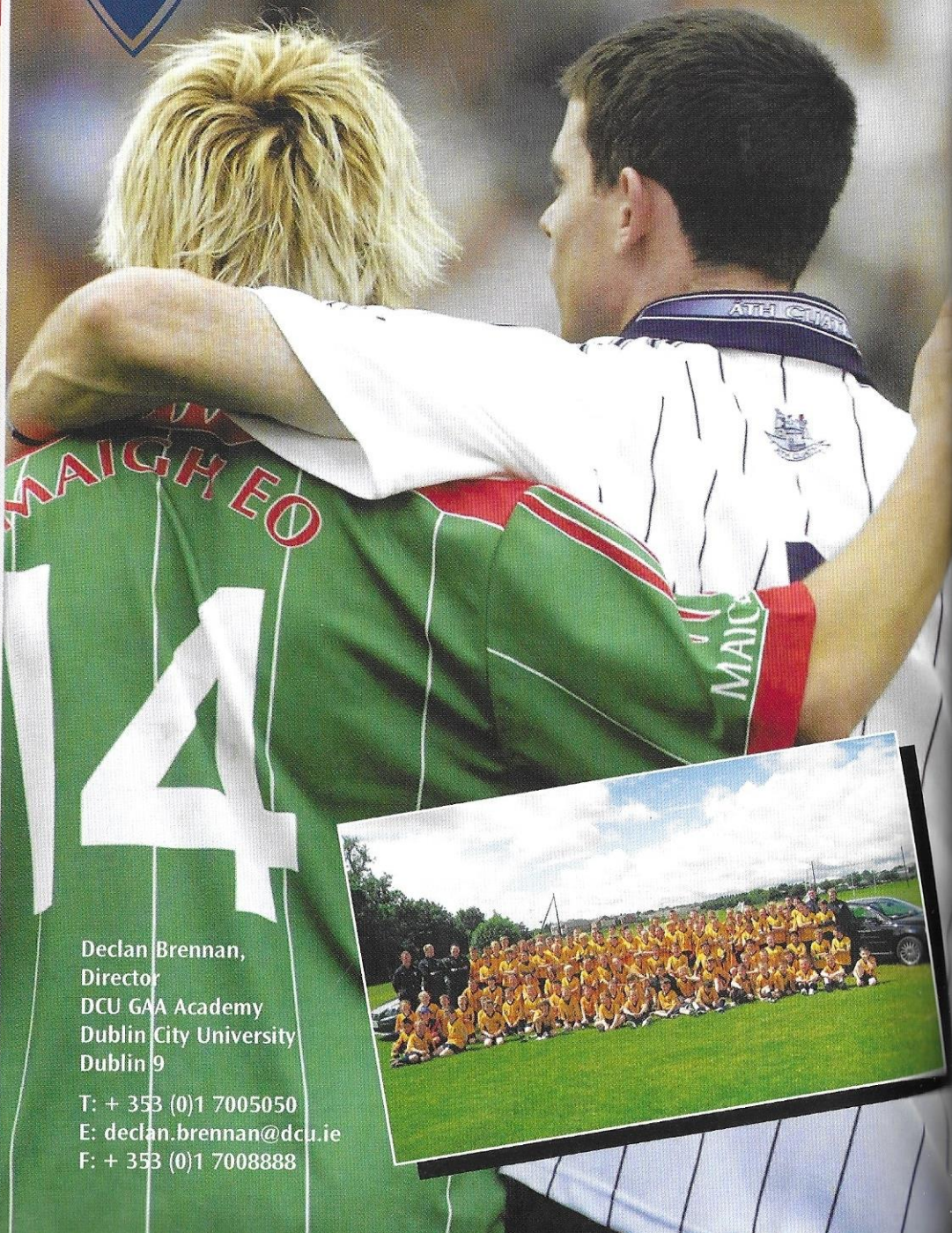
**Uniformity of Application** - Above excerpts taken from Refereeing Matters Guideline for Referees Published Oct. 2006.

"...Given a hero's welcome by the crowd..."  
Seamus McCormack makes a note in his little black book





**Congratulations to all those who attended the Junior Academy Camp 2007.**



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# What do you know?

compiled by  
Pat Doherty

## Know Your County

### LAOIS

1. Who scored Laois' second goal in their ESB Leinster MFC semi final win over Offaly?
2. Where was the Leinster Minor football semi final, Laois V Offaly played?
3. Who scored Laois' goal in their Bank of Ireland Leinster SFC semi final win over Wexford?
4. With which club does Laois goalkeeper, Fergal Byron play?

### CEATHARLACH

1. Name the Carlow player who scored their goal in their ESB Leinster MFC semi final win over Louth?
2. With which club does star Carlow captain, Daniel St. Ledger play?

### ATH CLIATH

1. Listed at Centre Half Forward for their semi final, name the Dublin forward who scored three points in their win over Offaly?
2. With which club does Paul Casey play?

## The Leinster Championship to date

1. Who top scored in the first Leinster championship match of the year, when Longford beat Westmeath in Pearse Park?
2. Meath's full back scored his first ever Championship goal in their win over Kildare. Who is he?
3. Where was the first replay in the Louth V Wicklow trilogy played?
4. Who scored Dublin's goal in their draw against Meath?
5. Name the Offaly forward who scored 0-7 in their semi final defeat to Dublin?
6. Who top scored with 0-7 in Laois' semi final win over Wexford?

## Picture Parade

Try to identify the GAA stars from our clues and pictures below.

1. Dublin midfielder.
2. Star Laois defender.
3. Westmeath goalkeeper.
4. Stalwart Meath defender.
5. Exciting Longford half forward.



## PRIZE WINNERS

- 17th June **Cathal Devlin**  
Ballinalard, Tipperary Town
- 24th June **Emma Rafferty**  
Horseleap, Co Westmeath
- 1st July **Diarmuid O'Keeffe**  
Duncormick, Co Wexford

Answers on page 76

## Under-16's Prize Puzzle

To be in with a chance of winning your favourite county's jersey solve the following puzzle, complete the entry form attached and return to Áras Laighean, before the closing date of Friday, July 20th. (Competition open to Under 16s).

If you were at a Bank of Ireland Leinster SFC match in Cusack Park, where the county managed by Luke Dempsey, played against a county known as the floyal County, the referee being a Corkman who refereed this year's semi final when Dublin beat Offaly, can you name the town in which the match was played, the two counties in opposition and the referee.

Town .....

Counties .....

Referee .....

Name .....

Address .....

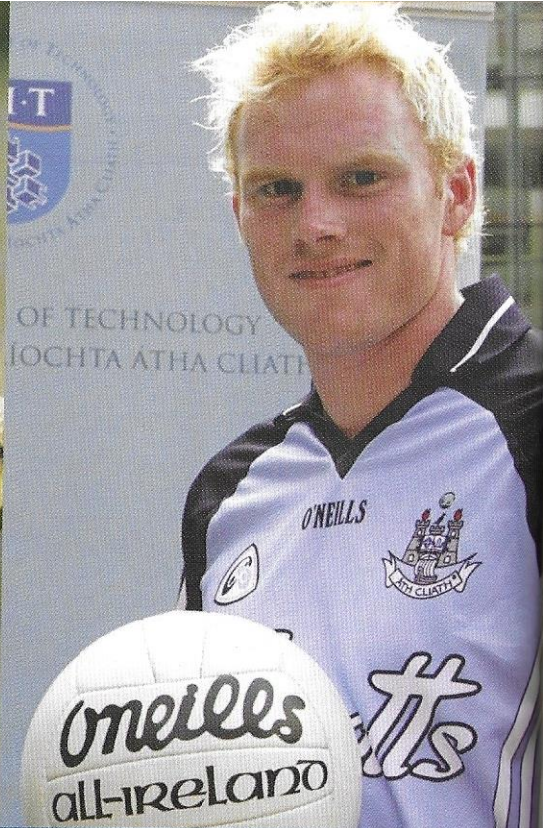
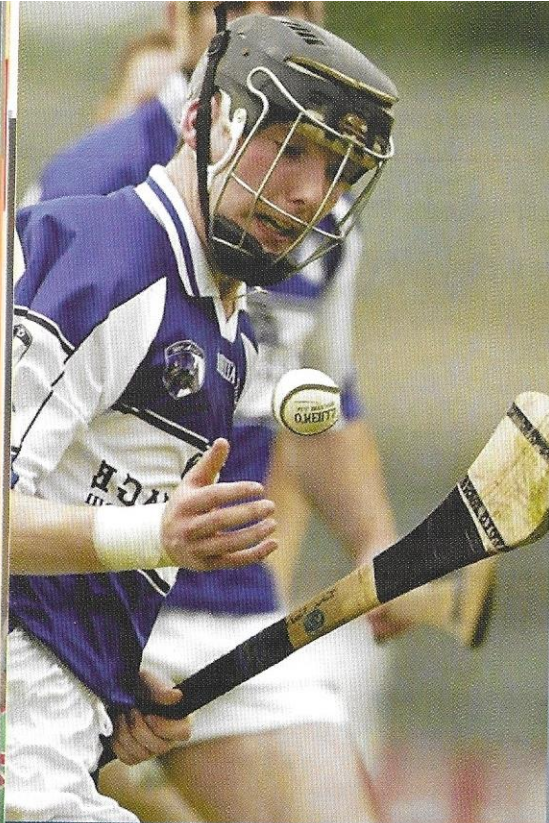
Contact Phone .....

Age ..... Size .....

Favourite County .....

Return your entry, not later than Friday, July 20th to: 'What do you know?', Comhairle Laighean, Áras Laighean, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.





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## Club Focus... Club Ceatharloch

Normally the club focus in our Leinster Council programmes hones in on GAA grouping that field teams in the local county championships, clubs that have pitches of their own, club houses of their own.

To-day, though, we dwell of the workings of a club who have no actual facilities and a club who target inter-county honours!

We are talking about Club Ceatharloch which was launched in May 2004 and from the archives of the Carlow Nationalist we read:

*"Working together to organise our county teams to achieve ultimate success at provincial and national level."*

That is the Mission Statement of 'Club Ceatharlach', the new body charged with looking after Carlow's underage teams at U-14, U-15, U-16 and U-17 level, effectively an umbrella body for the county's Development squads.

The official launch of 'Club Ceatharlach' took place in the Seven Oaks Hotel and a positive air pervaded the hall as club delegates had the aims and objectives spelled out by Co. Chairman, Eddie Byrne, and the Squad Development Officers, Dan McInerney and Seamus Brennan.

The five aims are (1) to streamline the organisation of our juvenile county teams; (2) to motivate young players to play for their County and take greater pride in doing so; (3) to improve the performance of our county teams; (4) to monitor and report on the progress of 'Club Ceatharlach' and to carry out regular reviews; (5) to increase support from clubs for our county squads.

To follow this up seven objectives were identified: (1) to manage resources effectively and liaise with development squad leaders to co-ordinate budgets for individual squads; (2) to co-ordinate the training and coaching schedule with development squad leaders; (3) to "look after the needs of players better"; (4) to give players greater recognition for their efforts; (5) to organise activities to improve team spirit; (6) to encourage our clubs to provide more coaches at county

level; (7) to encourage our clubs to actively support their players to play on our county teams".

Sean Dempsey, the then Laois minor manager, addressed that launch in the Seven Oaks and two words used by Dempsey with particular emphasis were 'Commitment' and 'Passion'. *"The commitment you, as coach, have to the cause has to be complete" he stated and "you must have passionate people involved, passionate about the game, passionate about their county."*

Carlow have unearthed a few of those people and hot on the heels of Carlow reaching their first ever Minor Hurling final in such exciting fashion last year comes the minor footballers doing the exact same thing twelve months later. 77 years since the minor competitions were inaugurated and not a single final appearance in either code; three years after Club Ceatharlach was instigated they're in back-to-back finals, one in each code. Hardly a coincidence! Take a bow PJ, Brendan Hayden, Johnny Nevin and co and, remember, the current minors, as U16s under the direction of performed heroically in the 2005 Leinster Halloween Blitz in Bagenalstown when under the tutelage of Club Ceatharlach appointed coaches.

*"To reach a Leinster minor final in either code within five years was our stated aim starting out!"* says Club Ceatharlach chairman PJ Fox *"though the newspaper report of the time neglected to mention that, maybe it was a misprint or maybe it was edited out due to lack of belief!"*

Club Ceatharlach had that belief though PJ is quick to praise the work of the minor selectors. *"Club Ceatharlach had done the groundwork, laid the foundations but the men in charge of last years minor hurling team, this years minor football team have taken things to the next level".*

And Club Ceatharlach, too have raised the bar. *"Now that we have made the breakthrough of reaching Leinster minor finals for the first time, our aim now has to be to win those titles, maybe starting to-day".*

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**Leo McGough** trawled past issues of the Nationalist to trace Carlow's minor football history and here, among other things, highlights THREE famous victories over Laois.

### A brief history of Carlow's minor football exploits

1929 saw the introduction of the Minor Football Championship, Longford the first winners in Laois while it may surprise many to learn that the inaugural All-Ireland champions were Clare.

Couldn't find any evidence that Carlow actually participated that first year so the following team that lost 2-3 to 0-0 to Laois in Athy on July 13, 1930 is most likely the first ever to represent Carlow in the inter-county minor football sphere.

Patrick Lyons (Muinebheag); D Coughlan (Carlow), James Farrell (Kilbride), C Nolan (Muinebheag); John Keffe (Leighlinbridge), J McGrath (Muinebheag), Patrick Hutton (Carlow); J Byrne (Carlow Shamrocks), mid-field; Ed Murphy (Ballon), James Brennan (Leighlinbridge), Peter Fenelon (Muinebheag), Kevin Maher (Muinebheag), Andy Maher (Muinebheag), T Nolan (Leighlinbridge), J Hanlon (Carlow). Subs: Martin Murphy, J Hyland (Carlow Shamrocks), Patrick Hendrick (Ballon), Edward Geoghegan (Carlow), Owen Boyle (Muinebheag). Note: Starting fifteen and subs as published in Nationalist before the match.

While Carlow's record in the 77 year history of the competition - it was suspended in 1943/1944 due to the 'Emergency' - has not been earth shattering there have been some famous days, none more so than the three mighty battles with Dublin in the 1934 semi-final, a semi-final reached by virtue of a 3-4 to 0-0 victory over Wexford and a walk-over from Westmeath

The first game was in Enniscorthy on July 22, Carlow leading 2-1 to 0-0 at half-time before but failing to score on the change-over when Dublin hit two goals and a late point to equalize.

A week later the sides clashed in Croke Park, Carlow leading 10-8 when ... Paddy Shine got possession from the kick-out, and placing his wing forward in charge, careered goalwards at top speed, with the ball following in the wake of his footsteps. In a second the ball was in the net and with three minutes to go Carlow were in front for the first time. They had two wides before Dublin had the balancing point from a free". (Carlow 1-8, Dublin 2-5).

The Carlow team that day, with one name missing, was: Shine (Knockbeg & Tinryland) Capt, Byrne, Haughney, O'Brien, Fenlon, Barron, Lawler (O'Hanrahan's), Murphy, Nolan, Kinsella (Fighting Cocks), Aherne (Kilree & Corries), Maher, Murphy, Byrne (Tullow).

The second replay also had a Croke Park setting in early August and once more it was a gripping battle to the

final whistle. Two minutes from the end Carlow led by a bare point and play was mostly confined to Dublin territory but, alas, Galvin scored a late winning goal for the city boys.

Carlow were again beaten in a semi-final replay in 1938, this time by Louth while a stand-out result from the 40's is a whopping 7-6 to 3-2 first round victory over Kildare in Athy, J O'Neill a star at mid-field and Sean Murphy "a pattern full forward". Carlow were narrowly beaten by Wexford next time out.

The mid-to-late fifties saw Carlow enjoy their best period in the MFC, the U18's of 1955 recording the county's first victory over Laois, a stunning 2-2 from full forward Ed 'Cran' Hogan central to a merited 3-4 to 1-4 victory, Joe Hughes with 1-1 and Martin Dermody completing the Carlow scoring.

That historic Carlow team, as published before the game, was: A Mahon; H Malone, M O'Neill, P Byrne; N Jackman, J Gorman, W Hogan; D Walsh, B Duggan; J Byrne, T Malone, P Snoddy; E Aughney, E Hogan, J Hughes. Subs: J Treacy, M Dermody, L O'Connor, E Nevin, J Rea.

The same squad gave reigning All-Ireland champions, Dublin a hell of a fright in a thrilling quarter-final in Newbridge, going down narrowly 1-7 to 1-4 to a team who went on to retain their National title.

Talks of National titles actually entered Carlow's vocabulary two years later when the mighty minors of 1957 were within four minutes of reaching the Leinster final and many observers back then reckon that it was a team good enough to win the All-Ireland.

A 4-11 to 0-1 first round victory over Kilkenny in the County Grounds may only have raised an eye-brow because of the low visiting score but when word of a 6-4 to 1-5 second round victory over Louth in Navan reached the banks of the Barrow the belief that the "minors were useful" took on further credence.

Pa Joe Hogan was the goal scoring hero, the corner forward locating the net four times, Mick Donovan powering home two while the same 'Cran' Hogan of '55 was still under-age and kicked three points.

Next up were Wexford in the quarter-final, played in Croke Park during the height of the Tostal celebrations and this time the minors took a much different route to victory, rattling up a powerful 1-16 to the Slaneysiders 1-6, Carlow's last championship triumph in National headquarters.

The Leinster semi-final against Offaly took place in Croke Park on June 16, a game Carlow led for 56 minutes only for two late goals, one from a melee, one from a free to snatch victory from their grasp. (3-4 to 1-5).

Offaly were inched out 0-8 to 0-5 by Meath in the Leinster decider, Meath going on to win the All-Ireland, beating Armagh 3-9 to 0-4 in the final.

The Carlow team line-out against Offaly was: 1. Joe Nolan; Paddy Lowry, Martin Hogan, Pat Jackman; Pat Hayden, Mick Redmond, Hughie Long; Jim Treacy, Genie Kelly; Tom Dillon, Cran Hogan, Sean Hayes; Pa Joe Hogan, Mick Donovan, Peter Byrne

Sub: Tom Hennessy for Byrne

Semi-finalist again in 1958, the dawning of the sixties saw Carlow register their second victory over Laois, winning a first round game 2-9 to 1-4 in Athy, the seniors completing a double the same day. Carlow trailed 1-2 to 0-3 at half-time, before Pat McNally got goal early in second half while later on a short clearance was held by Eamon Coleman who rocked the Laois net.

Carlow: Fintan Ryan; Pat King, T Kavanagh, Michael Doyle; M Shaw, Michael Murphy, Eamon Fitzpatrick; Coleman Ryan, Tommy Boland; Mick Broderick, Tommy

Murphy, Ber Hennessy; Michael Brophy, Eamon Coleman, Pat McNally. Sub: Pat Curry. Other panel members: Leo Farrell, Donie Nolan, Michael O'Connor Kilcloney, K Collins, Frank McGarry while Pat O'Mahoney had been selected but was unable to play.

Twenty-four long years were to pass until Carlow again put one over the O'Moore's, the establishing of a 1-6 to 0-2 lead after ten minutes crucial to Eamon Ellis' charges 1-10 to 1-9 victory, Anthony Keating netting a 10th minute goal after great work by Tom O'Brien and elusive Johnny Nevin. John Smithers outstanding at full-back for the winners while James McDermott was Carlow's best player.

Carlow: Tomás Wynne; Lar Darcy, John Smithers, Brendan Dowling; J Cummins, Thomas Doyle, Jimmy Dooley James McDermott, Ray Joyce; Eddie Coughlan, Tom O'Brien, Daragh O'Connor, Johnny Nevin, Niall McGuill 0-2, Anthony Keating 1-5. Sub: Ronan Reynolds.

Today, after the thrilling exploits of championship 2007, Carlow contest their first ever Leinster Minor Football Championship final.

### The 1957 Carlow Minor Football Team





# Referees, Rulebooks & Pundits

Gaelic Games Analyst Gerry McDermott says there have been good performances by Football Referees in this year's Championship, but TV and Radio Analysts need to brush up on the Playing Rules

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We have had good performances by some Referees in the Football Championship so far this year. Let's hope that the standard of Refereeing will continue to improve.

Referees' have an unenviable task which by and large, they make an honest attempt to perform to the best of their ability. There are some good referees' out there, such as Pat McEnaney and John Bannon. The performances of these men have in my view been very consistent over the years and are very highly respected by managers and players alike. I have also been very impressed by young Padraig Hughes from Armagh as he is one of the best Referees I have seen this year.

One of the difficulties that face the Gaelic Football Referee, is that he has to be able to spot fouls committed by the player in possession and the players who are attempting to tackle. If he concentrates too much on one, he can easily miss the other – especially if he is too close to the play. The real skill of the good referee is his ability to see fouls committed by both sides and, therefore, it is important to get the balance right. A referee should never anticipate a foul. His own experience as a player should not be reflected in his refereeing. If he was a back, he should not be lenient on backs, for example. He should treat all players even-handedly.

Despite what many people may feel, the Playing Rules (apart from a few minor changes) do not need to be altered. The most effective way of reducing fouls is to apply the rules. If, for instance, there is a problem with illegal charging, pulling down or tripping opponents, surely the rational thing to do is penalise these fouls.

In the Referees' handbook 2004, under the heading Basic Principles, it says that the referees must know the Rules thoroughly and apply them uniformly and consistently. If that were not clear enough it goes on to state on the same page that it is the referee's primary responsibility to referee all games in accordance with the Playing Rules. Under the Rules of Control in the Official Guide it states that it is the duty of the Referee to control the game in accordance with the Playing Rules. Clearly, the Referee does not have the authority to ignore fouls. Appealing to common sense in the application of the Rules is the last resort of those who do not know or understand the Playing Rules.

It is important for the referee to understand the various facets of the tackle. It is not a foul to obstruct an opponent. It is perfectly legal to stand in an opponent's way, to check his progress with hands and arms provided the tackler does not commit any foul. If it is legal for one player to do this, it is legal for two, three, four or more to do it in a group.

Commentators should know the Rules of the game they are describing and be supported by people who know both the Playing Rules and the tactics in use. Just because the co-commentator or the Sunday Game Analyst is a former player or Manager doesn't mean he knows the Rules. Some of these people have demonstrated time and time again that they don't know the Rules, particularly the hurling Analysts. How can one analyse a game properly if you don't know the Rules? This lack of knowledge by these men has been ongoing for some time. I often wonder if some of these

individuals have ever seen a Rule book never mind having read one. Kevin McStay is an exception. He clearly comes across as a person who does a lot of research on Rules.

To play the ball up with the hand(s) and catch it again before it touches the ground, another player or the goal-posts is a technical foul. The Galway goalkeeper was penalised for this in the 2000 drawn All Ireland Final against Kerry. The TV and radio analysts could not explain why Pat McEnaney awarded a free against McNamara. They all concluded wrongly that it was a foul hand pass. None of them seemed to know that Rule 4.7 specified this as a foul. However, great credit to Pat McEnaney for applying the Rule correctly on that occasion.

In the Longford V Westmeath game played last May, the TV commentator referred to "*Personal Fouls increasing as the intensity also increases.*" During the same game the Co-commentator described a foul as "*he executed a late tackle – a dirty enough tackle and deserved to get a yellow card.*" I find it very frustrating to hear analysts on television and radio using the term "*tackle*" to describe a foul. The tackle is a skill, it is defined in our rules as a skill and, therefore, cannot be a foul under any circumstances. A skill is not a foul surely! So when you hear the TV or Radio commentator/co-commentator say "*head high tackle*" to describe an elbow to the head, he has got it seriously wrong. If a player goes in with the boot, fist or elbow, he is not tackling, he is fouling.

It is most unprofessional for commentators/co-commentators to be using slang or out of date terminology. Here are some examples: **Personal Fouls** (this term has not appeared in the Official Guide (O.G.) since 1986); **Square** – we haven't had a square on a Gaelic football field since 1909; How often have you heard the Commentator say "*The 14 and 21 yard line, the ball has gone out for a 50 or in hurling a 70.*" Since the Rule book has gone metric since the 1970's it is quite astonishing that some commentators, co commentators, TV Analysts and journalists are still using yards and feet!"

When they say "*he is playing on the 40*" they are referring to a term that disappeared from the O.G. in 1895. **Third man tackle** – I believe that the "third man tackle" was never legal since at least 1950 because Rule 136 of 1950 banned "*dangerous play and threatening another with hand or hurley.*" Rule 139 of 1974 made it clear that it was a foul to charge a player unless he had possession of the ball or was about to play it. So, whatever doubt there may have been up to 1974, for the last 30 years plus what was referred to as a "*third man tackle*" has definitely been banned by Rule.

**Shoulder charge** – We do not have a shoulder charge in Gaelic Football as this term has not appeared in the O.G since 1974. As the shoulder lies between the top of the arm and the base of the neck, a shoulder charge can only be performed with the head down and the back horizontal with the ground as Rugby players do when crashing into scrum positions. A shoulder charge is, therefore, a foul because one is only permitted to use a side-to-side charge under certain conditions as follows:

Provided he has at least one foot on the ground, a player may make a side-to-side charge on an opponent:

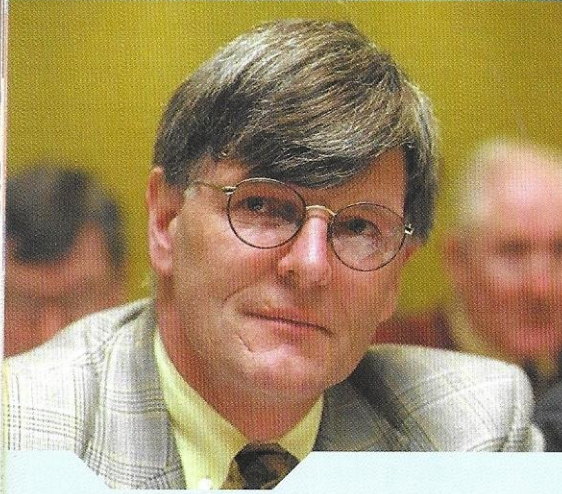
- who is in possession of the ball, or
- who is playing the ball, or
- when both players are moving in the direction of the ball to play it.

In this country, we are brought up through an educational system whereby an individual who gets 40 per cent, passes the examination. That means that he/she can get 60 per cent of the answers wrong and still pass the exam. Some of the TV and Radio analysts that I have heard would get a pass from me, but that would not mean I would give them much more 40 per cent!

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# Seán Mac Aogáin – John Egan – A Tribute



On Sunday morning July 1st 2007, shock waves began to radiate through many diffuse circles at the news of the death of John Egan (Seán Mac Aogáin) of Dublin. Among his many interests John was a keen cyclist, and every Sunday morning he set out for a three or four hour spin through north county Dublin, Meath, Louth and environs with a group of like-minded enthusiasts, including his friends Jimmy Brennan and Eamonn Ó Dubhlaing. On that fateful day John was just about to complete a vigorous fifty mile time trial when a fatal accident occurred and he was pronounced dead soon after admission to Blanchardstown Hospital.

The range of John's interests was bewildering. Apart from cycling, he was actively involved in set dancing, céilí music, table tennis, pitch and putt, sailing, and like his old friend Tommy Naughton Snr, he never missed a match, particularly hurling, where Dublin were playing. How dearly he would have wished to be present in Croke Park to see Dublin minor hurlers score that emphatic win over Kilkenny in the Leinster final on that fateful day.

He and his wife Róisín were regular participants in the weekly set-dancing sessions around the various GAA clubs, and the household was always alive with the strains of céilí music, often provided by his daughter Bridín on violin and harp. His competitive hurling days were, of course, over, but like his only brother Liam, an accomplished sailor, he had learned to sail an old Hunter 19, and enjoyed skipping the small yacht around the buoys in the DBSC races in Dublin Bay on Tuesdays and Thursdays through the summer months in all weathers.

John's father, Tony, from Mayo and his mother Maire, from Cork were both teachers, so it was no surprise that he followed them into the profession. His term in St Patricks, Drumcondra, was 1968 to 1970. He had a

brilliant teaching career particularly as principal of St Marys BNS Haddington Road in Dublin. His interest in teaching hurling and football to the children was profound, and he served as chairman of Cumann na mBunscol from 1977 to 1979.

In 1980 he became chairman of the Dublin Juvenile Board, and in time he moved to membership of the Dublin Senior Board where he served with great effect as chairman from 1998 to 2000. He also found time to serve as an executive member of the National Body, Bórd na Gaeilge, with such as Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh, Alan Titley and Micheál Ó Gruagáin, and for years he was the driving force behind Scór na nÓg.

A member of Clan na nGael/Fontenoy from his juvenile days, he played hurling and football with the club with typical dedication and commitment, and as a mentor of juvenile teams, he often would take out three or four teams to weekend matches. With helpers like Eugene Davy, Frank White, and Ciaran (Jack) McGinley, he guided Clans through trying times in the 70's and 80's.

One of his many initiatives as County Chairman was to establish the Communications Committee which each year compiles the Dublin Yearbook and the various match programmes for county and club fixtures in Parnell Park. He derived particular pleasure from the 68 page production that was published to mark the first floodlit game in Croke Park when Dublin played Tyrone last February.

And if all this wasn't enough, he, Roisín and the family did a great deal of caravanning in Ireland and Europe. In this activity, one of his great friends was one Padraig Mac Tiarnáin – a brother of Joe, the Armagh trainer. John would say that the only language they ever used in that company was Gaeilge amháin.

John Costello, Dublin County Board Secretary and steadfast friend, said that "*John Egan is the only man I know who can keep the minutes of six meetings in his head simultaneously*". He was a fantastic organiser – a human dynamo.

John was a kind and loving husband to Róisín and a devoted and caring father to his daughters Muireann, Bridín and Orla, all of whom adored him. To all who knew him, he never used a harsh word, but was always cheerful and optimistic in his nature.

To his funeral hundreds flocked. From all parts of the country and from Britain. The Taoiseach attended the removal, and the government military representative was present in tribute at the funeral Mass. Kevin Heffernan was there too.

Death saddens and diminishes us all. But with one who is so talented, so able, so full of buoyant, bounding life, the sense of loss grows immeasurably greater.

God rest you, John Egan. A lot of people will miss you greatly.

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## Boston glory for Leinster

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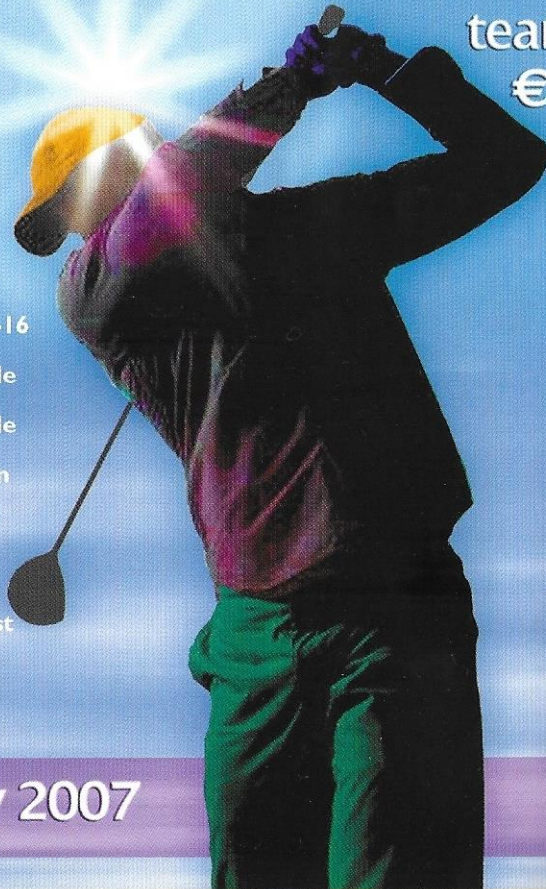
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le Séamus Ó Faoláin



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Ní thuigfeadh aos óg na linne seo fáthanna an Toirmisc sna laethanta sin ach bhí cúiseanna stairiúla ag baint leis. Tar eis go leor díospóireachta cuireadh an Toirmeasc, Rial 27, ar ceal sa bhliain 1971 i mBéal Feirste go deas ciúin sibhialta.

Chuir rial 21 cosc ar na póilíní agus na saighdiúirí sa tuaisceart ó bheith ina mbaill de Chumann Lúthchleas Gael. Cuireadh deireadh leis an gcosc sin sa bhliain 2001 agus ba chabhair san don phroiséis síochána. Díríodh go géar ansin go rial 42 agus cead sealadach a thabhairt sacar is rugbaí a imirt i bPáirc an Chrócaigh. Tarraingíodh Rial 42 siar fad is bheadh Staid Bóthair Lansdown á áththógáil go diniteach agus imríodh na "cluichí gallda". Bhí bród ar thromlach

phobal na hÉireann agus ar mhórámh ár mbaill. Ghoill an cinneadh go géar ar mhionlach eile. Daoine uaisle príonsabálta a bhí iontu agus bhí iomlán an chirt acu "a seasamh" a léiriú ag cur in aghaidh athrú na rialach. Chuir sé ionadh orm freisin an líon suntasach daoine, nach baill dár gCumann, a dúirt go rabhamar ag cur in aghaidh ár mbunfhealsaimh!

Sea, tá athrú ag teach teacht ar ár meon agus is muiníneach an t-eagras sinn anois. Is dócha gurb í an staid amaitéarachta agus tionchur na mbainis teoirí na chéad mórcheisteanna eile a bheidh faoi chaibidil sa chumann. Tá fadhbanna foréigin ann, easba iomaíochta san iomáint agus sa pheil agus tá gá le leasaithe agus tuilleadh scrúdú a dhéanamh ar an gcóras nua smachta. Tá na himreoirí club díomách an t-am ar fad nach bhfuil clár rialta cluichí – agus a n-imreoirí contae in úsáid acu – le fail acu. Tá ceisteanna le freagairt ag na bainisteoirí agus na Coistí Contaetha anseo agus is fiú é a rá arís gurb í seo an cheist is práinní atá againn.

Is féidir bheith dearfa faoi fhíríc amháin i gCumann Lúthchleas Gael. Ní bheidh easba díospóireachta ann choíche!

Guím gach rath ar pheileadóirí Atha Cliath agus Laoise sa sinsear agus Laois agus Ceatharlach sna mionúir inniu.

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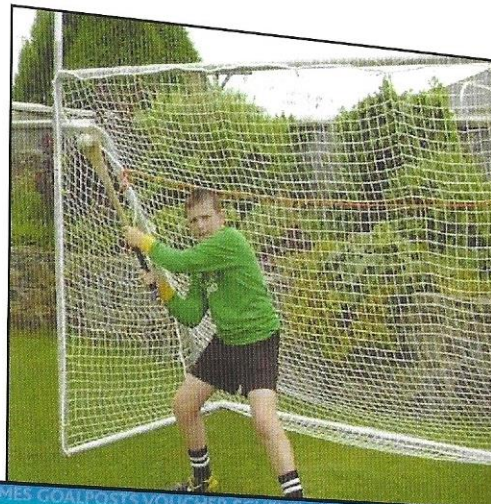


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Enthusiastic participants at Vhi Cúl Camp, Portlaoise last week



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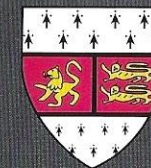


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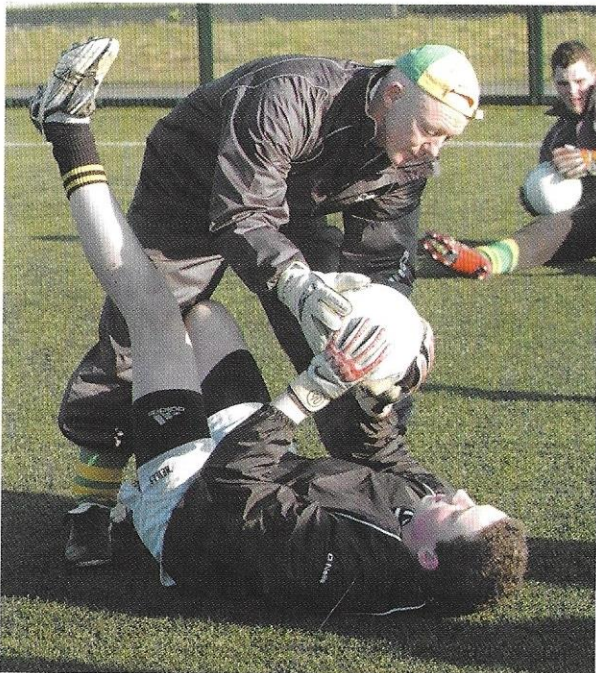
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# O'Neill's Leinster GAA Football Conference

On 3rd February 2007 the inaugural O'Neill's Leinster GAA Football Conference was held in NUI Maynooth. The conference was targeted at County Coaching Academy squad coaches responsible for mentoring the critical cohort of under 14, 15 and 16 county players. The event was very well attended with over 140 present.

The aim of the conference was to introduce the attendee to best practice



*The Art of Goalkeeping. Activity Session supervised by Mickey Ó Sé, Kerry Goalkeeping Coach.*

in coaching Gaelic Football. Essentially we wanted to give the coaches what they wanted – i.e. practical coaching sessions with emphasis on games. This approach is in line with the recommendations set down in the 2006 Leinster GAA Review of Coaching Development which showed that coaches wanted to see best practice in action. More specifically we achieved in providing workshops in tackling and evasion, scoring, physical conditioning with the ball and team play which were all identified by the respondents in the review as being areas where coaches felt they needed more education in.

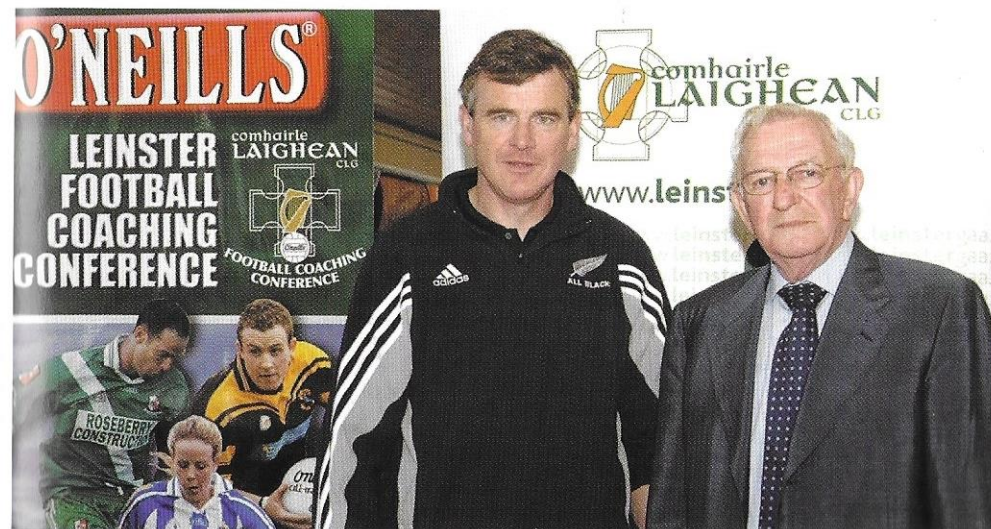
The workshops were delivered expertly by a range of nationally respected coaches that included Colm O'Rourke, Val Andrews, John Tobin and John Morrison. Fittingly the keynote speaker was Dublin legend Kevin Heffernan. His presence provided an appropriate link to what we understand was the first such seminar of its kind held in Gormanston College way back in 1973 which was organised by Kevin and Joe Lennon of Co. Down.

Overall the day was an outstanding success and was in many peoples eyes an ideal follow up to the National Coaching Conference held last November in Croke Park. Indeed CLG Comhairle Laighean intend on holding Hurling and Football Conferences on alternate years into the foreseeable future.

Comhairle Laighean wishes to thank O'Neill's for their very generous sponsorship and support, NUI Maynooth for use of their facilities.



*Developing Forward Play. Activity Session supervised by Colm O'Rourke.*



*Pictured at O'Neill's Leinster GAA Football Conference 2007 at NUI Maynooth. Co. Kildare; Kevin Heffernan, former Dublin and Ireland Manager and Conference keynote speaker and Colm O'Rourke former Meath Footballer and Ireland Manager.*



## Half-time Activity

# Warwickshire Schools visit again

Warwickshire schools GAA initiative has seen continued success on and off the field of play over the last 7 years of school and club development.

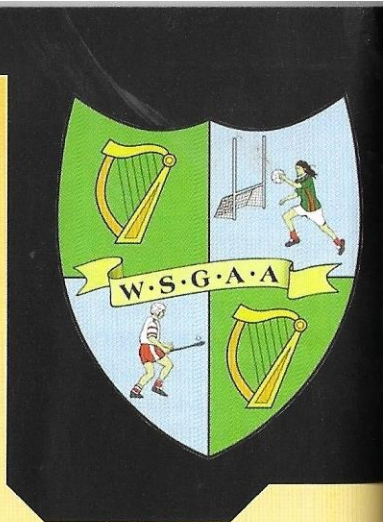
The programme began at Bishop Challoner Catholic School with 13 schools, 6 coaches and 4 partner GAA clubs, has now seen over 14, 000 young people benefit from the introduction of Gaelic sports into PE lessons and after school clubs, and now has over 80 schools, 45 coaches and 13 clubs involved.

Today the Warwickshire Schools GAA involves three school boards: West Midlands Schools GAA (Birmingham), Black Country (Sandwell & Wolverhampton) and East Midlands (Leicester, Coventry & Rugby).

The scheme is recognised by the UK Youth Sports Trust and the Irish Youth Foundation to be a leader in underage Gaelic Games in Britain.

Warwickshire Schools would like to acknowledge the support of the following people who are invaluable to our project

Pat Daley (Coaching & Development), David Finnegan, Gerry O'Meara, Tom Fitzpatrick (Cumann na mBunscol Laighean) and Liam O'Neill (Chairman of the Leinster Council)



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## W.S.G.A.A. Panel



**Back (L-R):** P. Tolan, D. McGowan, R. Bennett, R. Montieth, C. Quigley, E. Tolster, R. Chapman, E. O'Brien-Smith, M. Mitchell, D. Rice. **Front (L-R):** K. Joyce, J. O'Donaghue, D. Staunton, N. O'Reilly, A. Mannion, C. Scanlon, M. Kenny, M. Nelson, M. Travers. **Not in Photo:** Jack Grelish, Owain McBride.

## Buíochas

I would like to thank the following for their cooperation and assistance:

- The staff of Comhairle Laighean.
- John Cotter, Commercial and Marketing Manager.
- The officers of the 12 county boards, especially their PROs.
- The CLG headquarter staff and the staff of PCT.
- All programme contributors.
- National and local media, both print and electronic.

**Tomás Ó Fearghail,**  
Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí,  
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# New Ladies Football Championship Structure



## Ladies Football mirrors Champions League format

The top 16 teams in the country will enter the TG4 Senior All Ireland Ladies Football Championship and are drawn into four "Champions League" style pools with four teams in each pool. The winners of the four provincial championships – Cork, Laois, Mayo and Armagh – enter the draw ranked as the top seeds and will all be drawn into separate pools.

The provincial runners-up enter the draw as second seeds and cannot be drawn in the same pool as their respective provincial winners nor can they face another provincial runner-up in the pool stages.

In the pool stages, each team will play each other once and the top two teams from each pool will advance to an open draw for the quarter-finals of the Championship.

Ladies Football now boasts 110,000 members in over 1000 clubs in Ireland and overseas, where the game is expanding rapidly in places such as Dubai, Singapore and Hong Kong as well as traditional strongholds like the US, Canada, the UK and Australia.

TG4 broadcast the Senior Championship draw live from Croke Park and has announced that it will broadcast two games live each weekend over the first seven weeks of the Championship as well as the Championship final in Croke Park on September 23rd. This is a major boost to the profile of Ladies Football.

TG4 broadcast 13 live Ladies Football matches in 2006 covering the All-Ireland Championships, the National League, the Club Championships and the International Rules Series. This summer TG4 will broadcast 16 Championship games live. Last year the average match viewing share was over 9%, three times TG4's average weekly share.

For the last few years, the live coverage of the TG4 Senior Ladies Final has been one of TG4's top programmes of the year, and the 2006 senior final between Armagh and Cork proved no exception with an average of 175,000 viewers, TG4's 4th most popular programme last year.

The Association has introduced a new three tier format to the TG4 All Ireland Ladies Football Championships this year. The Championship will now be contested across three levels: Senior, Intermediate and Junior.

Reigning All Ireland champions Cork will face stiff opposition this year from newly crowned national league champions Mayo. Laois, Armagh and Galway are also serious contenders in this year's Senior All Ireland Championship and will pose a threat to the Rebelettes as they seek their third Senior title in a row.

The Senior and Intermediate finals will take place in Croke Park on 23rd September. The Junior final will take place at a neutral venue yet to be confirmed.

### SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

- Top two teams in each group qualify for the Championship Quarter-finals
- The third placed team in each group is eliminated from the Championship and the fourth placed team's play-off to decide which county is relegated to the Intermediate Championship for the following season.

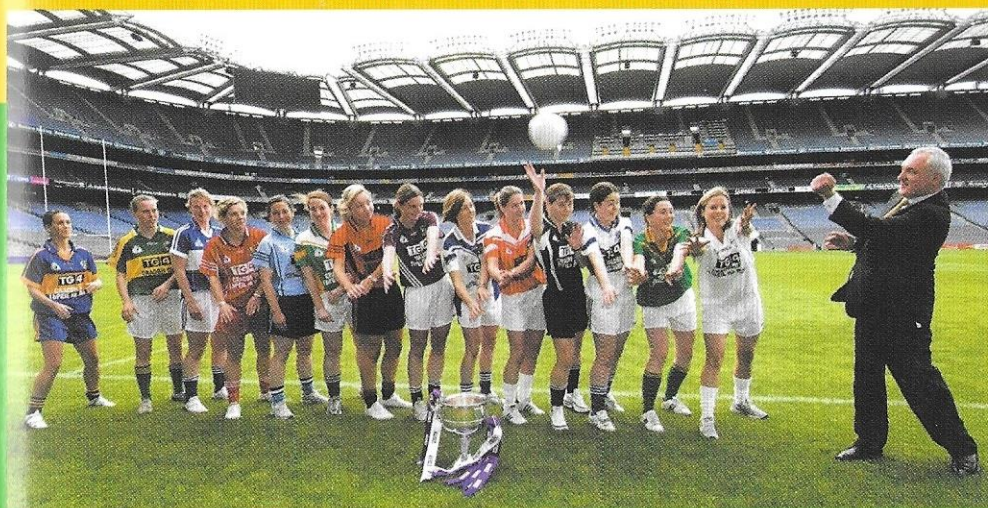
### INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

- The Intermediate Championship is a revamp of the old Junior Championship and witnesses the junior provincial championships replaced by two national groups of five counties.
- The top team in each group qualifies automatically for the semi-final of the Intermediate Championship. The second and third placed teams enter into a quarter-final stage to determine the other two semi-final berths.
- The bottom team in each group enters a relegation play-off with one team being relegated to the Junior Championship for the following season.

### JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

- The new Junior Championship will consist of two groups with the top two teams from each groups qualifying for the semi-finals. The winner of the Junior Championship is promoted to the Intermediate Championship for the following season.
- The Junior Championship structure is aimed at developing emerging counties.

# Taoiseach launches one at Croke!



An Taoiseach Bertie Ahern, T.D., with team captains (from left) Emer Casey (Roscommon), Kacey O'Driscoll (Kerry), Mary Kirwin (Laois), Valerie Mulcahy (Cork), Denise Masterson (Dublin), Lorraine O'Sullivan (Donegal), Lyndsey Cunningham (Down), Annette Clarke (Galway), Mary O'Donnell (Waterford), Alma O'Donnell (Armagh), Catriona Connolly (Sligo), Catriona McConnon (Monaghan), Jane Burke (Meath) and Brianne Leahy (Kildare), at the launch of the TG4 All-Ireland Ladies Football Championship 2007.

## TG4 Ladies Senior Championship Group Stages Fixtures

### Group 1

#### Mayo • Waterford • Kerry • Dublin

Mayo v Waterford	21.07.07	3.15pm	Live TG4
Kerry v Dublin	21.07.07	3.30pm	
Mayo v Kerry	29.07.07	4.30pm	
Waterford v Dublin	29.07.07	3.30pm	
Mayo v Dublin	04.08.07	TBC	Live TG4
Kerry v Waterford	05.08.07	3.30pm	

### Group 2

#### Cork • Galway • Monagha • Roscommon

Cork v Galway	21.07.07	5.00pm	Live TG4
Rosc' v Monaghan	22.07.07	3.30pm	
Cork v Monaghan	29.07.07	3.30pm	
Galway v Rosc'	29.07.07	3.30pm	
Cork v Roscommon	05.08.07	3.30pm	
Monaghan v Galway	05.08.07	3.30pm	

### Group 3

#### Laois • Tyrone • Sligo • Donegal

Laois v Tyrone	22.07.07	3.30pm	
Sligo v Donegal	22.07.07	3.30pm	
Laois v Sligo	28.07.07	3.15pm	Live TG4
Tyrone v Donegal	29.07.07	3.30pm	
Laois v Donegal	05.07.07	3.30pm	
Tyrone v Sligo	04.08.07	TBC	Live TG4

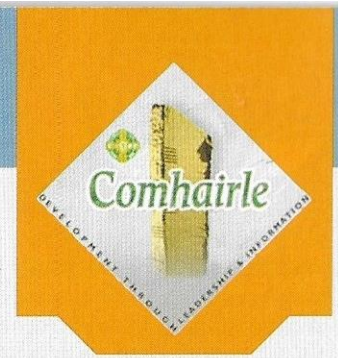
### Group 4

#### Armagh • Kildare • Meath • Down

Kildare v Armagh	22.07.07	3.30pm	
Down v Meath	22.07.07	3.30pm	
Armagh v Meath	28.07.07	5.00pm	Live TG4
Down v Kildare	29.07.07	3.30pm	
Armagh v Down	05.08.07	3.30pm	
Meath v Kildare	05.08.07	3.30pm	



# The Club Planning and Development Programme



Since its launch in 2004, over 300 Club Planning and Development courses have been delivered in Leinster.

The aim of the programme is to enable members to take ownership of their clubs by participating in the process of planning for the club's future. The programme encourages clubs to plan in a systematic way to meet their short term and long term needs while also seeking to encourage more members to become actively involved in the running of the club.

Clubs that have participated in the Comhairle programme since its launch have been very happy with the outcomes achieved. The following extracts are samples of the feedback received from clubs that took Comhairle courses during the past year.

## **Wolfe Tones C.L.G.** (Meath Senior Football Champions 2006)

In late 2006 Wolfe Tones C.L.G adopted its Club Development Plan.

Five Months Later:

- On-going dedicated training to defend Keegan Cup
- Four sub committees established
- Electronic scoreboard in situ at Kilberry
- Provision of permanent storage facility under construction
- Planning permission re. development at Gibbstown in process
- Two Defibrillators procured for club community- Training fixed mid June.
- Golf Classic, Rathcore May 2007.
- Ground Entrance and ancillary works at Kilberry nearing completion
- Four Players on Meath Senior Football Panel
- Members Draw: June Bank Holiday Weekend

Wolfe Tones C.L.G have found the Club Planning and Development Workshops pivotal to garnering focus in furthering our progressive Development-our Action Plan is our roadmap for achievement.

Maureen Harrington  
Development Plan Committee

## **Coolderry GAA club, Co Offaly**

*"Planning for the future is now a must - no longer can we take anything for granted, and this was emphasized by our two facilitators in the way they made their presentation of the way forward for clubs."*

Peter O'Meara, Secretary

## **Rapparees/Starlights GAA Club Co Wexford**

*"As a direct result of the workshops we developed our own line of club gear and established a shop on our premises which opens every Saturday morning."*

*We have also set up a PRO Committee and endeavour to get coverage for our events in local newspapers and the parish newsletter each week - we try not to let a week go by without some feature/photograph from the club appearing in the local press.*

*Since the workshops we ran a series of Information Evenings in conjunction with the HSE on Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Suicide Prevention and Bullying for young people, their parents and our coaches and mentors. The Information evenings have received excellent coverage in the local press.*

*We have also worked very hard on our website and do our utmost to keep it updated and current - with all fixtures and results of matches going up as they happen. We found the workshops invaluable as they made us take stock of ourselves and move forward in areas that we probably had ignored heretofore."*

Maria Nolan, Secretary

## **Castleknock Hurling & Football Club, Co Dublin**

*"Castleknock Club is 8 years old and has close to 1,000 members. Our rapid growth meant that a structured approach to planning was necessary. The Club Planning and Development Programme gave the Club that structure - the outside facilitator brought a fresh approach that Club members responded to, the interactive workgroups meant that all members who attended got to share their views and the programme directly lead to a group of Club members who hadn't being involved becoming very active. Without doubt it was a very worthwhile initiative. Tacaíonn Caisleán Cnucha go láidir leis an gclár."*

David Leydon, Rúnaí

## **Club Development and Planning Course**

- One Night Course
- Delivered by experienced qualified Facilitators
- A prerequisite for clubs that are seeking grant aid from Comhairle Laighean
- Designed to help Clubs plan for the future through a process of self analysis by:-
  - Looking at current position of Club
  - Looking at where they want to be in 5 years
  - Producing a Club Plan to achieve their short, medium and long-term goals

**If your club is interested in participating in a Comhairle Course, please contact your County Development Officer.**

## **GAA Websites for Clubs and other Units of the Association**

GAA Clubs can avail of a fantastic opportunity to set up their web site under GAA.ie. This is a free service and once the initial steps are followed by someone with basic computer skills, maintaining and updating the site with the weekly club notes and events is very straightforward. This facility is more than adequate for the vast majority of clubs, in particular the smaller clubs who don't want to incur the expense of getting a site built professionally and then having to pay fees on an ongoing basis for keeping the site updated.

The following are the arguments for and against the service:

### **Pros of Using GAA Website**

- There is no charge for set up or maintenance
- Owned by the club and the GAA
- Easy to update - Copy and paste from email and Word
- Updates can be carried by club officers - no IT expertise needed
- Directly connected to GAA website and latest news
- Standard look and feel for all clubs
- Club Crest and Colours used

### **Cons of Using GAA Club Website V "own" website**

- Limited to structure and design by GAA Site
- Limited use of club pictures in GAA site

Note that the above advantages more than outweigh the slight disadvantages.

Visit some of the club web sites that operate under www.gaa.ie. Among the club web sites in Leinster that use the service are:

<http://ballinagore.westmeath.gaa.ie/>  
<http://broadford.kildare.gaa.ie/>  
<http://dromard.longford.gaa.ie/>  
<http://hollywood.wicklow.gaa.ie/>  
<http://mullinavat.kilkenny.gaa.ie/>  
<http://volunteers.wexford.gaa.ie/>

How can your club establish a presence in cyberspace? Contact your County Development Officer to get the ball rolling. If sufficient clubs in each county register their interest, then training sessions for the relevant club members will be arranged in autumn 2007. Don't get left behind. Your club deserves a presence on the web... so start taking steps to make it happen!



# Summer at the GAA Museum

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th July, 10.30 - 12.30

## All Stars Summer School Becoming Cú Chulain!

Transform yourself into Cú Chulain and learn more about this legendary hurler and fearless warrior by joining staff of the G.A.A. Museum in a special summer school where you make your very own Cú Chulain warrior's outfit.

**Booking essential, places limited.**  
€20 for five days • Ages 8+

Wednesday 29th August, 19.00

## Collins and the G.A.A. Evening lecture

Renowned historian and author, T. Ryle Dwyer, will explore one of the most neglected aspects of Michael Collins' life in a special lecture commemorating the 85th Anniversary of his death.

**Booking essential, places limited.**  
Adults €10 • Concession €7

Wednesday 22nd August, 14.00

## All Stars

### The most wanted man in Ireland

Michael Collins was the most wanted man in Ireland... Come along to the G.A.A. Museum to learn a little bit more and make your very own wanted poster with Education Officer Selina O'Regan.

**Booking essential, places limited.**  
€4 per child • Ages 6+

Friday 31st August, 10.30 - 13.00

## All Stars Art Attack The winner takes it all, Liam Mac Carthy

Just who was Liam Mac Carthy and why is the All-Ireland Hurling trophy named after him? Find out with the G.A.A. Museum staff and make your very own Liam Mac Carthy trophy to take home.

**Booking essential, places limited.**  
€4 per child • Ages 8+

## Points and Goals Quiz Answers from P.33

### POINTS

1. Mayo
2. Wexford
3. Con Murphy
4. Cormac Sullivan (Meath)

### GOAL

- A. Des Foley, All-Ireland minor in '58, senior in '63

### POINTS

5. Ballymun Kickhams
6. Arles-Kilcruise
7. Rathvilly
8. Gracefield (Offaly)

### GOAL

- B. J McDonnell

### POINTS

9. Delaney Cup
10. Declan McGovern
11. Paul Caffrey
12. Liam Kearns

### GOAL

- C. Peenie Whelan, Leinster SFC '44, Railway Cup '45

### POINTS

13. 1984
14. 1995
15. 1946
16. 1996 (Meath '96, Dublin '95)

### GOAL

- D. Jack Grace (with Dublin in 1906/1907)

## What do you know Quiz Answers from P.55

### KNOW YOUR COUNTY

#### LAOIS

1. James Doyle
2. O'Moore Park, Portlaoise
3. Paul Lawlor
4. Courtwood

#### CEATHARLACH

1. Con Murphy
2. Kildavin

#### ÁTH CLIATH

1. Mark Vaughan
2. Lucan Sarsfields

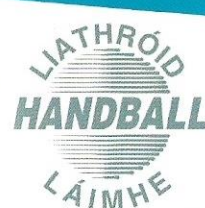
#### CHAMPIONSHIP TO DATE

1. Brian Kavanagh (Longford)
2. Darren Fay
3. Parnell Park
4. Alan Brogan
5. Niall McNamee
6. Michael Tierney.

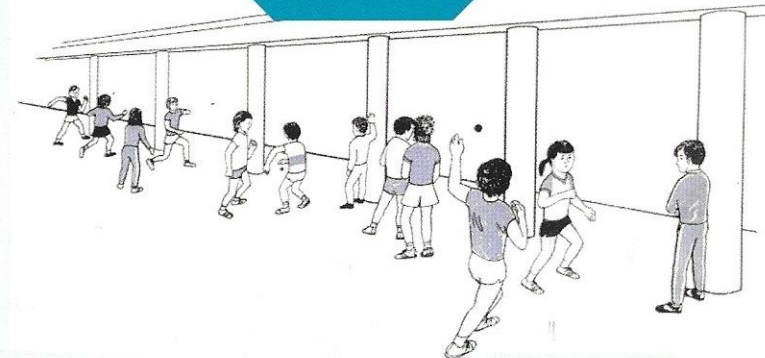
#### PICTURE PARADE

1. Shane Ryan
2. Tom Kelly
3. Gary Connaughton
4. Darren Fay
5. Paul Barden

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## Results of Dublin Juvenile Championships

### U.12 'A' Doubles

Joseph & Daniel Varley, (Brian Boru's)

### U.12 'A' Singes

Joseph Varley, (Brian Boru's)

### U.12 'B' Doubles

Oisín Galvin & Colm Hawkes (St.Bridget's)

### U.12 'B' Singes

Oisín Galvin (St.Bridget's)

### U.13 'A' Doubles

Pierce Caulfield & Cian Daly (Na Fianna)

### U.13 'A' Singes

Pierce Caulfield (Na Fianna)

### U.13 'B' Doubles

Sean Keogh & Seamus Harford (Oldtown)

### U.13 'B' Singes

Seamus Harford (Oldtown)

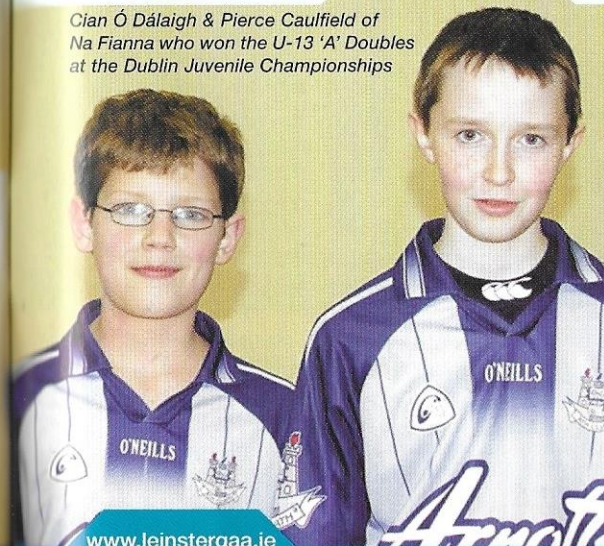
### U.15 'A' Doubles

Danny Monks & Peter Slye (Oldtown)

### U.15 'A' Singes

John Walsh (Na Fianna)

Cian Ó Dálaigh & Pierce Caulfield of Na Fianna who won the U-13 'A' Doubles at the Dublin Juvenile Championships



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  - 6.6 Behaving in an offensive or indecent manner.
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  - 6.8 Bringing into the ground of fireworks, smoke canisters, bottles, glasses, cans, flags, banners, poles, distress signals, laser pointers and other similar articles or containers, including anything which could or might be used as a weapon.
  - 6.9 Excessive noise such as that from the use of radio sets or other appliances and behaviour likely to cause confusion or nuisance of any kind including foul and abusive language.
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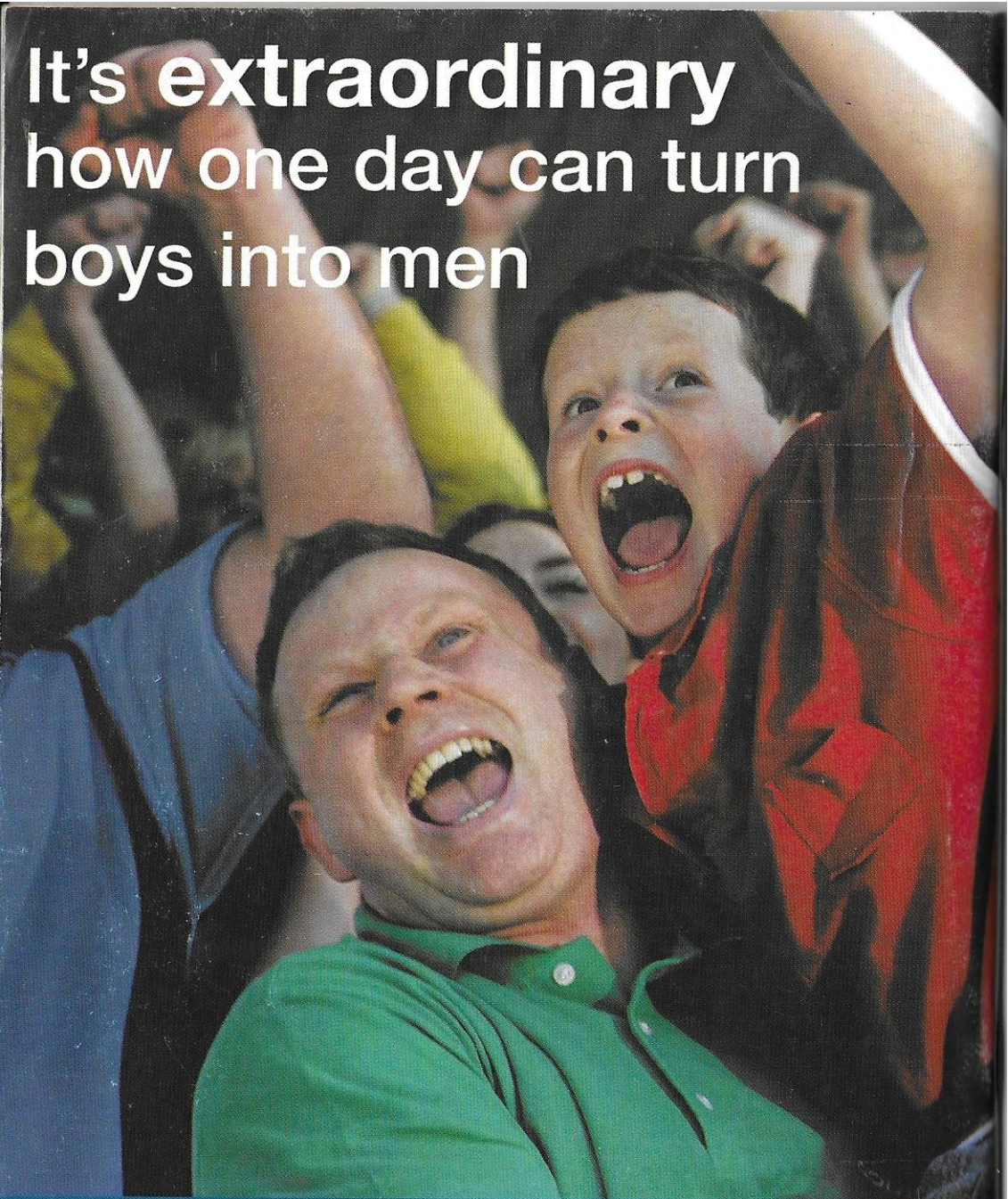
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