

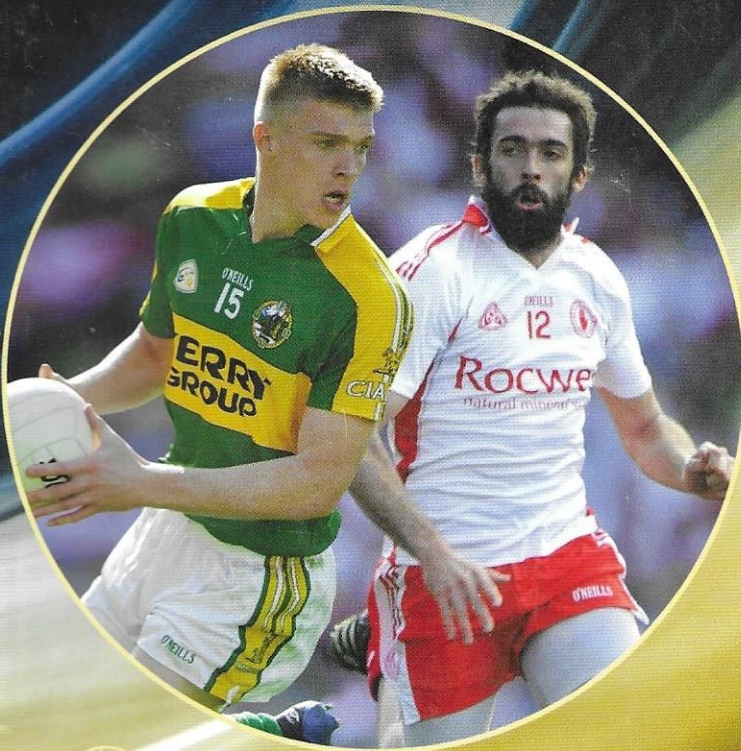
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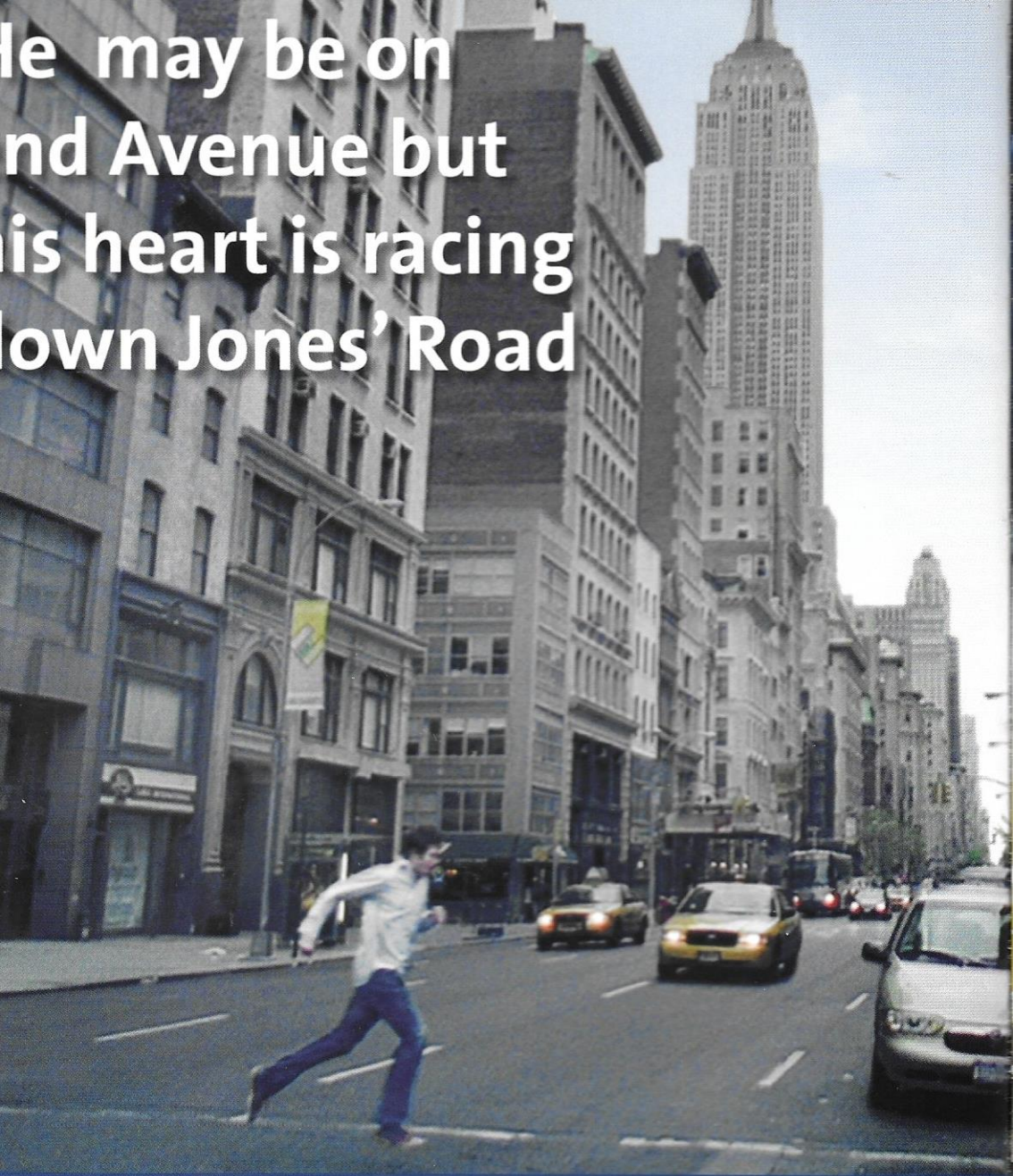


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ESB ALL-IRELAND MINOR FOOTBALL FINAL

1.30 PM

MAIGH EO v TÍR EOGHAIN

Reiteoir: Rory Hickey (An Clár)
Linesmen: Aidan Mangan (Ciarraí) STANDBY-REFEREE
Garry McCormack (Áth Cliath)
Sideline Official: Paul Finnegan (An Lú)
Umpires: Pat McInerney, Mike Kelly, Tom Sheehan,
Sean McMahon (all Éire Óg, Ennis).

ALL-IRELAND FOOTBALL FINAL

3.30 PM

CIARRAÍ v TÍR EOGHAIN

Reiteoir: Maurice Deegan (Laois)
Linesmen: Marty Duffy (Sligeach) STANDBY-REFEREE
Conmac Reilly (An Mhí)
Sideline Official: Thomas Quigley (Áth Cliath)
Umpires: Martin Kelly & Seamus Lalor (Stradbally),
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Fáilte

The excitement and hype around this year's GAA Senior Football All-Ireland Final has been higher than ever, perhaps due to the pairing which sees Kerry and Tyrone renew rivalry for football's

biggest prize. On this special day for our Association, I welcome all the players, team mentors, County Board Officials and supporters from the three competing counties to Croke Park this afternoon. I also welcome our referees Maurice Deegan and Rory Hickey, the fourth officials, umpires and linesmen and I wish them well.

Our Sponsors

I extend a warm welcome to the representatives of our GAA Senior Football Championship sponsorship partners, Toyota Ireland, Ulster Bank and Vodafone to Croke Park this afternoon. I am also pleased to welcome the representatives of the sponsors of our Minor Championships, the ESB. I hope all our sponsorship partners enjoy the games and the occasion in Croke Park this afternoon.

Mayo and Tyrone to serve up a classic

This year's ESB Minor Football Championship has served up some brilliant games, but in the end two teams quite familiar with All-Ireland Final Sunday contest this year's final. Both Mayo and Tyrone have impressed all through their respective campaigns.

In addition to a strong underage club structure, Tyrone is also fortunate to have a vibrant Second Level Schools sector. This has helped the county to mould together a highly impressive squad which probably makes them favourites this afternoon. League success in Ulster was followed by an Ulster championship title. Leinster champions Meath were expected to offer a stern test in the All-Ireland Semi-Final, but the Northerners were always in control in that game and the result was

rarely in doubt. With the county's senior side also in action today, the additional vocal support will be a big plus as the minors attempt to get the day off to the best possible start for the county.

Mayo come to today's final with lots of confidence having defeated a highly regarded Kerry side in their All-Ireland Semi-Final replay. They should have won the first encounter against the Kingdom in Croke Park, given the amount of possession they enjoyed, but they made no mistake in the replay in Limerick. That performance may well turn out to be important as it will surely give the side added confidence today. Mayo realise that Tyrone are a formidable side, but a repeat of their last day in Limerick would see them with a mighty chance of capturing this year's minor title.

For players and management the ambition of reaching this year's All-Ireland Minor Final has already been achieved, so now one final hurdle remains to be scaled. Good luck to both teams. Their day of destiny has arrived and I wish all the young lads and their families a memorable outing in Croke Park this afternoon.

Jubilee Team

The All-Ireland Senior Football Final of 1983 between Dublin and Galway was a somewhat tempestuous affair with a couple of players failing to finish the game. That final created many headlines during the following weeks as numerous people expressed varying views on the encounter. Now twenty-five years later the two teams meet in the comfort of the Hogan Stand to remember a game that was the talk of the country at the time. The winning Dublin team will take the salute as the Jubilee

Team for 2008, but watching from the Hogan Stand as guests of the GAA will be the Galway team of '83. Friendships have been rekindled in the intervening years, but I am sure the players still have memories of that bruising encounter. I welcome all the players and their partners and hope they enjoy today's game in Croke Park.

All the refereeing skills of Antrim Official John Gough were tested that day. John is with us here today also and I extend him a warm welcome. Despite the challenge which that 1983 final provided for John, it did not discourage him from staying involved with referees. Right up to the current day, he is one of our leading referee tutors and his wise advice continues to be passed on to many current and emerging referees.

Danny Lynch

On next Tuesday week one of Kerry's most famous sons leaves Croke Park after twenty years service as Public Relations Officer of our Association. Today marks Danny Lynch's last All-Ireland Final as PRO, so it is perhaps fitting that his native Kerry should be involved. The genial Kerryman spent many years in the Civil Service and then came to Croke Park as PRO at a time when our Association faced many challenges. During the past twenty years, the GAA has had to deal with many contentious issues, both within our Association and in the wider political arena. History will show that we faced up to each and every challenge, always ensuring that our Association took decisions that were appropriate and relevant to the time. The guiding hand of Danny Lynch was crucial at these key moments in our Association's evolution.

I am indebted to you, Danny, for your wise counsel and solid advice to myself, former Presidents and both the former and current Ard Stuirthóir. May you enjoy a long and happy retirement with Carmel and the family. Dingle and Kerry

remain very special places in your heart. So too will Croke Park and I am sure you will be a regular visitor on match days as your native county will no doubt continue to visit GAA Headquarters on regular occasions in the future.

The Big Clash

That Kerry and Tyrone have reached the 2008 All-Ireland Senior Football Final should be no great surprise to anyone as the winners can justifiably claim to be the county of the decade. Those prospects seemed a little remote some weeks ago as the two teams failed in their respective Provincial Championships. Kerry had also lost out in the Allianz National Football League Final, leaving the doubters to question their 2008 championship prospects.

Kerry's championship footballing pedigree cannot be doubted and when it is questioned the response can often be clear and emphatic. The 2008 football championship set Kerry many diverse challenges. The Munster Final loss to Cork hurt deeply and the route through the Qualifiers posed plenty of tough challenges along the way. The importance of a strong squad was very evident over recent weeks as the Kingdom were able to call on both experienced and new talent. The confidence of the team mentors in blooding some young players this year has to be applauded. Smart and astute sideline management is one of the primary reasons why Kerry are here in Croke Park this afternoon.

Tyrone stands on the threshold of greatness this afternoon and, if successful can perhaps be considered the top footballing county to date in the Province of Ulster. I am sure that comment might generate plenty of debate in the Province. The resurgence of the team after their Ulster championship exit is particularly admirable. Their defeat of a fancied Dublin side was perhaps the game that set everyone thinking that this

just might be Tyrone's year. Like Kerry, astute sideline management is the key to Tyrone's re-emergence in recent weeks. The tactical battle on the sidelines today will be every bit as intriguing as the individual challenges out on the pitch.

Kerry are on a three in-a-row mission and the defeats to today's opponents in 2003 and 2005 will surely have exercised many minds in Kerry in the past few weeks. The players need to put such matters to the back of their minds and be firmly focussed on the massive challenge they face this afternoon. Tyrone are looking for a third title in this decade and previous results against the Kingdom will count for nothing today. Some of the same players may be playing, but this is an entirely new ball game. It is a cliché, but it is all down to what happens on the day. As inevitably occurs on such occasions, a player or two from one of the teams will be the stars of the show and that will ultimately decide the destiny of the 2008 championship. All the predictions are for a close and enthralling contest, which may even require another day.

Last All-Ireland Final

Today marks my last All-Ireland Intercounty Final as Uachtarán. Every final, no matter what the grade, has left me with many great memories. Thanks to all the players and mentors for their commitment and dedication.

Slán

Finally, I wish all patrons an enjoyable afternoon in Croke Park. Thanks for your support today and throughout 2008 and please take care on your way home.

Slán agus beannacht.

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- 01.10 i.n. Maigh Eó amach ar an bpáirc.
 01.12 i.n. Tír Eoghain amach ar an bpáirc.
 01.24 i.n. Arrival of Uachtarán C.L.G. Nioclás Ó Braonáin agus a bhean; agus Éirleamh C.L.G., An Dr. Diarmuid Ó Clúmháin, Ardeaspag Caiséal agus Imleach. **Salute.**
 01.27 i.n. Arrival of An Taoiseach leis an t-Ard Stiúrthóir, Páraic Ó Dufaigh agus a bhean. **Salute.**
 01.30 i.n. Craobh Peile Mhionúir na hÉireann **Maigh Eó v Tír Eoghain**
 02.04 i.n. INTO/GAA Mini-Games.
 02.45 i.n. End of Minor Football Final
 02.49 i.n. Presentation of the Tom Markham Cup to the winning captain by An Dr. Diarmuid Ó Clúmháin
 02.55 i.n. Dublin Football Jubilee team 1983 – introduced by Marty Morrissey
 03.05 i.n. Ciarraí amach ar an bpáirc
 03.07 i.n. Tír Eoghain amach ar an bpáirc
 03.17 i.n. Uachtarán na hÉireann introduced. **Salute.**
 03.18 i.n. An tUachtarán meets the teams.
 03.22 i.n. Paráid na Fóirne
 03.28 i.n. Amhrán na bhFiann sung by Elaine Canning
 03.30 i.n. Craobh Peile Shínsear na hÉireann. **Ciarraí v Tír Eoghain**
 04.11 i.n. Performance by Liam O'Connor and The Artane Band including the introduction of the Irish Olympic Boxing Team
 04.22 i.n. Second half begins.
 05.00 i.n. Senior Game ends.
 05.03 i.n. Presentation of The Sam Maguire Cup to the winning captain by Uachtarán, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, Nioclás Ó Braonáin

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1.27pm	Taoiseach Salute	
2.02pm	Generation X Ambiance	<i>R.O'Reilly Wim Laseroms</i>
3.05pm	Molly Malone	<i>R.O'Reilly</i>
3.17pm	Presidential Salute	<i>A.J. Potter</i>
3.18pm	Star of the County Down	<i>R.O'Reilly</i>
3.23pm	Parade of the Teams God Save Ireland	<i>J. Lynch</i>
3.28pm	Amhrán na bhFiann with Elaine Canning	<i>A.J. Potter</i>



Elaine Canning

Elaine was Born in Dublin but is Living in Cork, studied under the guidance of Dr Veronica Dunne before moving to London where she graduated with a BMus(Hons) Degree from the Royal College of Music. Elaine is much in demand as an International Soprano.

Most recently, Elaine has appeared with Tommy Fleming on his New DVD and CD "A Journey Home".

She has performed Amhrán na bhFiann before All-Ireland Finals in 2006 and also the Irish and Australian anthems before the second International Rules test in that same year.

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Nach linne a bhí an tadh bheith i láthair i bPáirc an Chrócaigh coicíos ó shoin chun foireann eisceachtúil na gCat a fheiceáil ar bharr a maitheasa. An bhfaca éinne a leithéid riamh mar thaispeántas foirne i gluiche ceannais iománaíochta? Ní dócha é ach tá súil againn go mbeidh cluiche le ríomh againn um thráthnóna nuair a rachaidh an dá fhoireann peile is fearr sa tír chun páirce sa chluiche ceannais peile. Seo cluiche cinniúnach idir laochra na Mumhan, atá ar thóir thrí chraobh Uile-Éireann as a chéile, agus fathaigh Uladh - atá ag iarraidh teacht aniar aduaidh ar fhir na Ríochta arís agus a dtríú chraobh a bhaint. Is cinnte go mbeidh fíor-chóimhlint eatarthu.

Tá éacht déanta ag Mickey Harte le fir Chontae Uí Néill le blianta beaga anuas. Bhuaigh siad craobh Uile-Éireann i 2003 agus i 2005 ag fail réidh le Ciarraí faoi dhó. Mar sin, cosúil leis le fir na Ríochta, tá siad ar thóir thrí chraobh freisin um thráthnóna. Chomh maith le sin, le foireann mionúir an chontae linn inniu tá 'dúbailt' le baint chomh freisin. Tá éis ghaisece na mblianta 2003/5, ní bheith fuacht ná faitíos ar na Tuaisceartaigh roimh a gcéili comhraic mór-le-rá inniu. Tá na himreoirí acu chun an cath ar an bpáirc a bhuachaint agus tá bainisteoir den scoth acu chun cath an taobhlíne a bhaint chomh maith. Nuair a bhíonn leithéidí Seán Cavanagh agus Brian Dooher agus go leor cile ar fhoireann Thír Eoghain ar bharr a maitheasa cuireann siad gliondar ar chroithe lucht leanúna na peile.

Más fíor go bhfuil éacht déanta ag fir Mickey Harte cad is féidir a rá faoi laochra Chiarraí? Bhuaigh siad an Craobhchomórtas i 2000/04/06/07 agus bhuaigh siad an dá cheann as a chéile don chéad uair ó 1989/90. Tá cuid dena laochra is mó sa chluiche ar

gach líne acu. Marc Ó Sé - Imreoir na Bliana 2007, Killian Young - Imreoir Óg na Bliana anuraidh. Dara Ó Sé i lár a'ghoirnt - ar thóir sé bhonn Uile-Éireann um thráthnóna. Agus cad faoin 'Gooch', Declan O'Sullivan, Kieran Donaghy? An bhfuil imreoir óg sa tír níos fearr ná Tommy Walsh? Tá na boic móra go léir acu gan amhras ach léirigh Corcaigh agus Muineachán agus fir na Gaillimhe go bhfuil laigi acu freisin. Níl dream níos fear ná Tír Eoghain chun brú a chur ort sna háiteanna laga. Is cinnte go bhfuil ceachtanna foghlamtha ag Ciarraí i mbliana, áfach, ar an mbóthar cam ón lá a chaill siad in aghaidh Chorcaí i gcúige Mumhan. Beidh sár-

ioimaíocht idir an dá fhoireann is fearr sa tír ach ceaptar go mbeidh a dtríú chraobh as a chéile ag foireann Pat O'Shea anocht.

Fáiltimid um thráthnóna freisin roimh fhoireann mionúir Mhaighéo agus Thír Eoghain agus dornálaithe na hÉireann a rinne éacht i mBeijing. Beidh siad linn mar aionna speisialta agus cuirfear in iúl don lucht féachana iad ag leath ham. Beidh drumadóirí Arcana linn; ceol binn Bhanna Cheoil Ard Aidhean agus an ceoltóir iontach Liam O'Connor ag seinm a bhosca cheoil. Beidh an tatmasféir thar bharr gan amhras. Tá súil againn go mbeidh caighdeán na himeartha fíor-ard freisin chun clabhsúr a chur le bliain iontach eile do Chumann Lúthchleas Gael. Bainigí ard-thaitneamh as gach uile nóiméad.

Ireland – Olympic Boxing Team

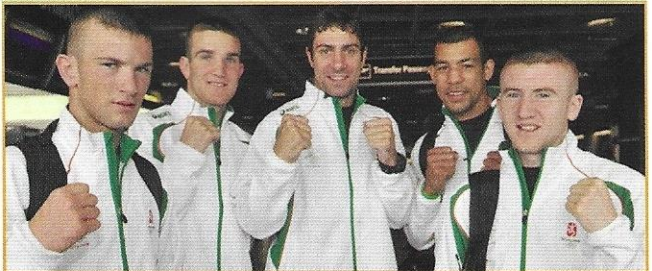
Today the GAA is honouring the achievement of the Irish Olympic Boxing Team which brought home three medals from the 29th Olympiad in Beijing. The five boxers who represented Ireland, team captain, Kenneth Egan, Darren Sutherland, Paddy Barnes, John Joe Joyce and John Joe Nevin, together with IABA President, Dominic O'Rourke and Head Coach, Billy Walsh are guests of the GAA at today's games.

All five boxers performed remarkably well over the course of the tournament with both John Joe Joyce and John Joe Nevin being very unlucky to lose in their last sixteen bouts. Nevin was defeated by Badar-Uugan Enkhbat (Mongolia), the eventual gold medallist at Bantamweight while Joyce was particularly unlucky at Light Welterweight when he was defeated on count-back by Felix Diaz (Dominican

Republic), who also went on to win the gold medal.

Meanwhile Paddy Barnes (Light Flyweight), Darren Sutherland (Middleweight) and Kenneth Egan (Light Heavyweight) were cutting a swathe through the tournament to reach the semi-finals and guarantee themselves bronze medals. Unfortunately Paddy Barnes lost out to Chinese champion Shiming Zou while Sutherland lost out to Tony Jeffries (Britain) in their semi final bouts. Kenneth Egan had a superb win in his semi final over another British representative Tony Jeffries only to lose a gripping contest in the final to Zhang Xiaoping (China).

All of Ireland are very proud of the achievements of the Boxing team and there is no doubt that they will get a rousing reception from the Croke Park crowd today.



Pictured from left to right: John Joe Nevin, John Joe Joyce, Kenny Egan, Darren Sutherland and Paddy Barnes.

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An Réiteoir: Maurice Deegan

Liaisonman Maurice Deegan is today taking charge of his first GAA Football All Ireland final. He will be assisted by Marty Duffy from Sligo (stand-by referee and linesman) and Cormac Reilly of Meath (linesman). Dublin's Tomás Quigley will serve as sideline official.

Stradbally clubman Deegan's umpires are Martin Kelly and Seamus Lalor (both also Stradbally) and Sean Langton and Kevin O'Brien (both St. Joseph's). He has a regular team of five umpires including the four on duty today and Richard Oxley (Timahoe). He lists Kevin O'Brien as among the greatest influences together with Niall Handy (Laois Co. Secretary), Brian Allen (Laois Co. Chairman) and Pierce Freaney (National Referees Coordinator).

Thirty-five years old, Deegan has been refereeing for eight years and has been on the intercounty panel since 2001. He has had a steady rise through the refereeing ranks and has taken charge of matches at all levels. In 2005 he was the man-in-the-middle for the Intermediate club All-Ireland final between Carbery Rangers (Cork) and Pomeroy Plunkett's (Tyrrone). He was very busy that year as he also officiated at the All-Ireland Under 21 final when Galway beat Down and the Minor final when Down overcame Mayo. Already this year, in addition to Provincial championship and All-Ireland qualifier games, he was in charge of the GAA Football Ulster Senior championship final replay when Armagh overcame Fermanagh, and the All-Ireland quarter final when Kerry beat Monaghan. In 2006 he was one of the officials involved in the International Rules games played at Pearse Stadium and Croke Park. Even though this is his first time to referee an All-Ireland Senior final, Maurice is no stranger to All-Ireland final day. In fact this is his fourth year in a row to see action as, in addition to refereeing the Minor final of 2005, he has acted as linesman in the Senior final in both 2006 and 2007. He was also stand-by referee in 2006.

While delighted to be refereeing at the top level, Maurice has never forgotten his roots. He continues to referee at all levels in Laois, where he has handled a number of County finals, and gets as much enjoyment from taking charge of a local Under 12 game as he does from an intercounty match. "Very often you can be under more pressure at juvenile games!" he laughed.

Deegan also enjoyed a successful playing career having won two Laois Senior Football championships with Stradbally as a forward. He continues his involvement with his club and really enjoys the Sunday morning coaching sessions where he is involved with the clubs younger players from 6-12 years old.

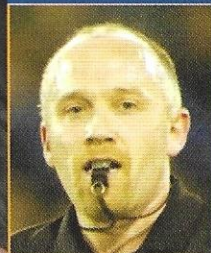
Maurice is married to Aishling and they have two children, Cormac (aged 9) and Edel (4). He attributes his level-headedness on the pitch to the wonderful support he receives from Aishling. He is employed as Logistics Manager at a Naas-based animal feed company, Nutec. He has had great support from all at Nutec over the years.

As well as from his family, club and people like Kevin O'Brien, Niall Handy, Brian Allen and Pierce Freaney, Deegan has enjoyed fantastic support from other Laois clubs and county board officials as well as from GAA supporters nationwide.

He is very high in his praise of the DCU Professor Niall Moyna's newly developed fitness test for referees. "In the modern game, given its speed, it is only fair that the referees are as fit as, if not fitter than, the players. The new fitness test ensures that we are up to scratch on the fitness stakes - it is geared very much to speed as well as stamina. Also the support we, as referees, get from each other is very important as we strive to improve our game" Deegan concluded.



LINESMEN



Marty Duffy
(Sligeach)
STAND-BY-REFEREE



Cormac Reilly
(An Mhí)

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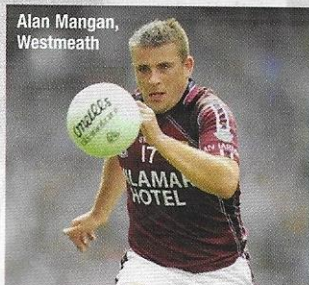
By Owen McCann

SERIES OF FIRSTS

Kevin Mulligan, Longford's right half forward, opened the scoring returns for the senior football championships with a point after a minute against Westmeath at Pearse Stadium on 11th May.

That game also produced the first penalty of the championships and also the opening goal. Alan Mangan (Westmeath) goaled from the spot against Longford after six minutes and the game was twenty one minutes old when Westmeath's Denis Glennon hit the first goal from play.

Later that day, Emyln Mulligan set a high standard to aim at score-wise by rifling over eleven points for Leitrim in their win over New York in New York in the opening round of the Connacht senior championship.



Alan Mangan,
Westmeath

Wicklow ended a 124 years wait in May when they beat Kildare by 0-13 to 0-9 in their opening game for a first-ever Leinster senior championship win at Croke Park. The success added another proud distinction to the C.V. of Mick O'Dwyer,



Wicklow's Mick McLoughlin and Tommy Walsh celebrate their win over Kildare in the Leinster Championship.

manager extraordinary, who guided the Garden County to their history-making win.

COMEBACKS

Wexford provided an early contender for the comeback of the provincial senior championships when they turned an interval deficit of ten points (2-8 to 0-4) into a remarkable 2-14 to 2-13 win over Meath at Dr. Cullen Park in their opening game in Leinster. Two late points by Matty Forde sealed the successful come-back.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Michael Murphy celebrated his senior championship debut by scoring a goal from a penalty for Donegal in their unsuccessful first round game against Derry at Ballybofey on the first day of June, and a few days later sat his Leaving Certificate examination at St. Eunan's College, Letterkenny.

FIRST DRAW

Tyrone and Down provided the first drawn game in the championship when they finished with 2-8 each at Omagh in their opening engagements in Ulster in early June.

The following week-end those counties provided an early contender for the football game of the championship season when they played a cracker that went to extra time at Newry.

This was a memorable game, brimful of good football, keenly competitive and sporting fare and with the issue always in doubt right throughout, which ended with Down ahead by a point.

HOODOO ENDS

The following afternoon at Kingspan Breffni Park, Armagh, with Paul McGrane in majestic form at midfield, ended a hoodoo of over 100 years. They went into that game without a championship win in five appearances against Cavan at the Breffni venue, but finally ended the losing sequence with a 0-17 to 0-13 success.

FAIRY-TALE

Barry Owens provided the fairy-tale story of the football championship on a Saturday evening in June at Omagh. Out of football for a lengthy spell following a heart operation early in the year, he went into the Fermanagh side as a substitute against Derry in an Ulster semi-final with 15 minutes remaining.

Owens had hardly taken his place at full forward when he had the ball in the Derry net to send Fermanagh on their way to a first provincial final appearance since 1982. They won by 1-11 to 1-9.

DIVISION 3 BOOST

Fermanagh lost the League Division 3 final in April to Wexford after extra time, and the day after the Erne men's memorable win the Slaneysiders gave a further boost to the standard in that League division by beating Laois in a Leinster semi-final at Croke Park.

Adrian Morrissey, who hit two points from right half back, did much to fashion that win which put Wexford through to a first provincial final in 52 years by 0-18 to 0-12.

MORE COMEBACKS

Comeback of the season? Cork provided a serious challenge to Wexford's claims as a result of their win over Meath when they entertained Kerry in the



Wexford's Paddy Colfer, Redmond Barry and David Murphy celebrate their Div. 3 final win

Munster final at Páirc Uí Chaoimh in July. They staged a comeback that will command a special place in the annals of Leaside football.

Cork looked securely on the road to the Qualifiers when they trailed by 1-8 to 0-3 at the interval. And, when they had a player dismissed by the referee four minutes into the second half, that possibility looked even more assured. But a goal by substitute Michael Cussen in the 50th minute sparked off an amazing Cork revival that ended with an unforgettable 1-16 to 1-11 win.

MILESTONES

Other memorable milestones

along the way? What about the power-packed display by Brian Dooher that illuminated Tyrone's performance when seeing off much fancied Dublin in an All-Ireland quarter-final?

A display, highlighted by three superb points by the O'Neill County captain that must surely be a powerful contender for ranking as the outstanding individual showing of the entire championship season.

Then, there was Matty Forde's goal late in the All-Ireland quarter-final against Ulster champions Armagh that really set Wexford firmly on the road to their first All-Ireland semi-final appearance since 1945?

And Kerry's match-winning response in their All-Ireland semi-final replay when, after leading at one stage by nine points, they were brought back to level terms (2-12 each) after 65 minutes in another brave Cork comeback, but had the coolness and skill to still finish ahead by 3-14 to 2-13.

Cumann na mBunscol

Ciarraí — Boys' Football

Pitch: Defending Hogan Stand, Hill 16 End.

1. Jason Goodison, Piercestown N.S., Drinagh, Co. Wexford
2. Colm Dunne, St. Fiachra's Beaumont, Dublin
3. Dermot Ryan, Ballymacarbry N.S., Waterford
4. Rory O'Sullivan, St. Mel's N.S., Ardagh, Co. Longford
5. Mark Rennick, Bennekerry N.S., Co. Carlow
6. Eoghan Courtney, Ardfert N.S., Ardfert, Co. Kerry
7. Niall Neary, Tubberclare N.S., Co. Westmeath
8. Cathal Fennessy, Stradbally B.N.S., Stradbally, Co. Laois
9. Andrew O'Connor, Scoil Náisiúnta Botharbui, Co. Cork
10. Graham Nelson, St. Oliver Plunkett's N.S., Navan, Co. Meath

Tír Eoghain — Boys' Football

Pitch: Defending Cusack Stand, Hill 16 End.

1. Diarmuid Lannon, St. Bride's N.S., Castlerea, Co. Roscommon
2. Garbhan O'Maolleoin, Gaelscoil Mhic Amhlaigh, Co. Galway
3. Daniel O'Neill, Primate Dixon P.S., Coalisland, Co. Tyrone
4. Mark Magee, St. Mary's N.S., Virginia, Co. Cavan
5. Ciarán Treacy, St. Oliver Plunkett, Ballina, Co. Mayo
6. Conchur Mac Carthaigh, Iorbail Sionnaigh, Co. Monaghan
7. Phelim McDermid, St. Patrick's P.S., Cullyhanna, Co. Armagh
8. Conor Doherty, Scoil Chartha Naofa, Cill Chartha, Donegal
9. Michael McEvoy, Holy Family P.S., Magherafelt, Co. Derry
10. Tom Hanifin, Holy Spirit B.N.S., Rathfarnham, Dublin

Ciarraí — Girls' Football

Pitch: Defending Hogan Stand, Davin End.

1. Heather Mulligan, Broadford N.S., Kildare
2. Ellen O'Hare, Rathbeggan N.S., Dunshaughlin, Meath
3. Emma Donnelly, Knockea N.S., Co., Limerick
4. Clara Farrell, St. Mary's P.S., Thomastown, Kilkenny
5. Fiona Byrne, St. Emer's, Co. Longford
6. Amy Dineen, Scoil Mhuire N.S., Schull, Co. Cork
7. Aoibhin Webb, Bennekerry N.S., Co. Carlow
8. Megan O'Connor, Ballyduff C.N.S., Tralee, Co. Kerry
9. Niamh Kelly, Bohola N.S., Co. Mayo
10. Emer Treacy, Pope John Paul II N.S., Malahide, Dublin

Tír Eoghain — Girls' Football

Pitch: Defending Cusack Stand, Davin End.

1. Muireann Byrne, Piercestown N.S. Drinagh, Co. Wexford
2. Aoife Murphy, St. Naile's, Kinawley, Co. Fermanagh
3. Eimear Feeley, St. Clare's N.S., Manorhamilton, Leitrim
4. Stephanie Troy, Scoil Bhríde Girls, Blanchardstown, Dublin
5. Hannah Cosgrove, St. Anne's P.S., Belfast, Co. Antrim
6. Lorraine O'Rourke, Laragh N.S., Laragh, Stradone, Co. Cavan
7. Olivia Divilly, Clonberne N.S., Co. Galway
8. Brigid McMullan, New Row P.S., Castledawson, Co. Derry
9. Alannah McElroy, Broomfield N.S., Castleblaney, Monaghan
10. Eimear O'Kane, St. Patrick's P.S., Armagh, Co. Armagh

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11th May. New York:
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18th May. Pearse Stadium:
Galway 2-16; Roscommon 0-6.
25th May. Ruislip:
Sligo 2-17; London 0-7.
SEMI-FINALS
15th June. Pearse Stadium:
Galway 2-14; Leitrim 1-13.
22nd June. Castlebar:
Mayo 3-11; Sligo 0-7.
FINAL — 13th July. Castlebar:
Galway 2-12; Mayo 1-14.

LAIGIN

11th May. Longford:
Westmeath 2-10; Longford 1-10.
18th May. Croke Park:
Wicklow 0-13; Kildare 0-9.
18th May. Croke Park:
Meath 1-25; Carlow 0-8.
31st May. Carlow:
Laois 0-15; Wicklow 0-13.
1st June. Carlow:
Wexford 2-14; Meath 2-13.
7th June. Tullamore:
Westmeath 2-11; Offaly 1-8.
8th June. Croke Park:
Dublin 1-22; Louth 0-12.

SEMI-FINALS

22nd June. Croke Park:
Wexford 0-18; Laois 0-12.
29th June. Croke Park:
Dublin 0-13; Westmeath 1-8.
FINAL — 20th July. Croke Park:
Dublin 3-23; Wexford 0-9.

MUMHA

25th May. Ennis:
Clare 0-9; Waterford 0-7.
25th May. Fermoy:
Limerick 1-8; Tipperary 1-5.
SEMI-FINALS
15th June. Limerick:
Cork 2-9; Limerick 0-12.
15th June. Killarney:
Kerry 1-14; Clare 0-5.
FINAL
5th July. Páirc Uí Chaoimh:
Cork 1-16; Kerry 1-11.

ULADH

18th May. Casement Park:
Cavan 1-19; Antrim 1-14.
25th May. Enniskillen:
Fermanagh 2-8; Monaghan 0-10.
1st June. Ballybofey:
Derry 1-14; Donega 1-12.
8th June. Omagh:
Tyrone 2-8; Down 2-8.

14th June. Newry (AET):
Down 1-19; Tyrone 0-21.
16th June. Kingspan Breffni Park:
Armagh 0-17; Cavan 0-13.
SEMI-FINALS
21st June. Omagh:
Fermanagh 1-11; Derry 1-9.
29th June. Clones:
Armagh 1-12; Down 0-11.
FINAL — 20th July. Clones:
Armagh 2-8; Fermanagh 1-11.
27th July. Clones (Replay):
Armagh 1-11; Fermanagh 0-8.

ALL-IRELAND QUARTER-FINALS:

9th August, Croke Park:
Armagh 0-12; Wexford 1-14.
Kerry 1-21; Galway 1-16.
10th August, Croke Park:
Cork 2-11; Kildare 1-11.
16th August, Croke Park:
Tyrone 3-14; Dublin 1-8.

ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINAL:

24th August @ Croke Park:
Kerry 1-13 Cork 3-7
31st August @ Croke Park® :
Kerry 3-14 Cork 2-13
31st August @ Croke Park:
Tyrone 0-23 Wexford 1-14

ALL-IRELAND QUALIFIERS 2008

Round 1

19th July @ Droichead Nua:
Kildare 1-16 Cavan 1-15
19th July @ Tullamore:
Down 5-19 Offaly 2-10
19th July @ Ardfinnan:
Westmeath 0-15 Tipperary 0-6
19th July @ Ballybofey:
Donegal 3-11 Roscommon 1-9
19th July @ the Gaelic Grounds:
Limerick 4-12 Meath 4-3

19th July @ Clones:
Monaghan 1-13 Derry 1-12
19th July @ Pearse Park:
Laois 1-10 Longford 0-11
19th July @ Drogheda:
Tyrone 1-18 Louth 1-10

Round 2

26th July @ Ballybofey:
Monaghan 0-16 Donegal 0-15
26th July @ Omagh:
Tyrone 0-14 Westmeath 1-7

26th July @ Portlaoise:
Down 2-14 Laois 1-15
26th July @ the Gaelic Grounds:
Kildare 1-11 Limerick 0-11

Round 3

2nd August @ Croke Park:
Wexford 2-13 Down 0-12
Tyrone 0-13 Mayo 1-9
3rd August @ Croke Park:
Kildare 0-11 Fermanagh 0-5
Kerry 1-13 Monaghan 0-13



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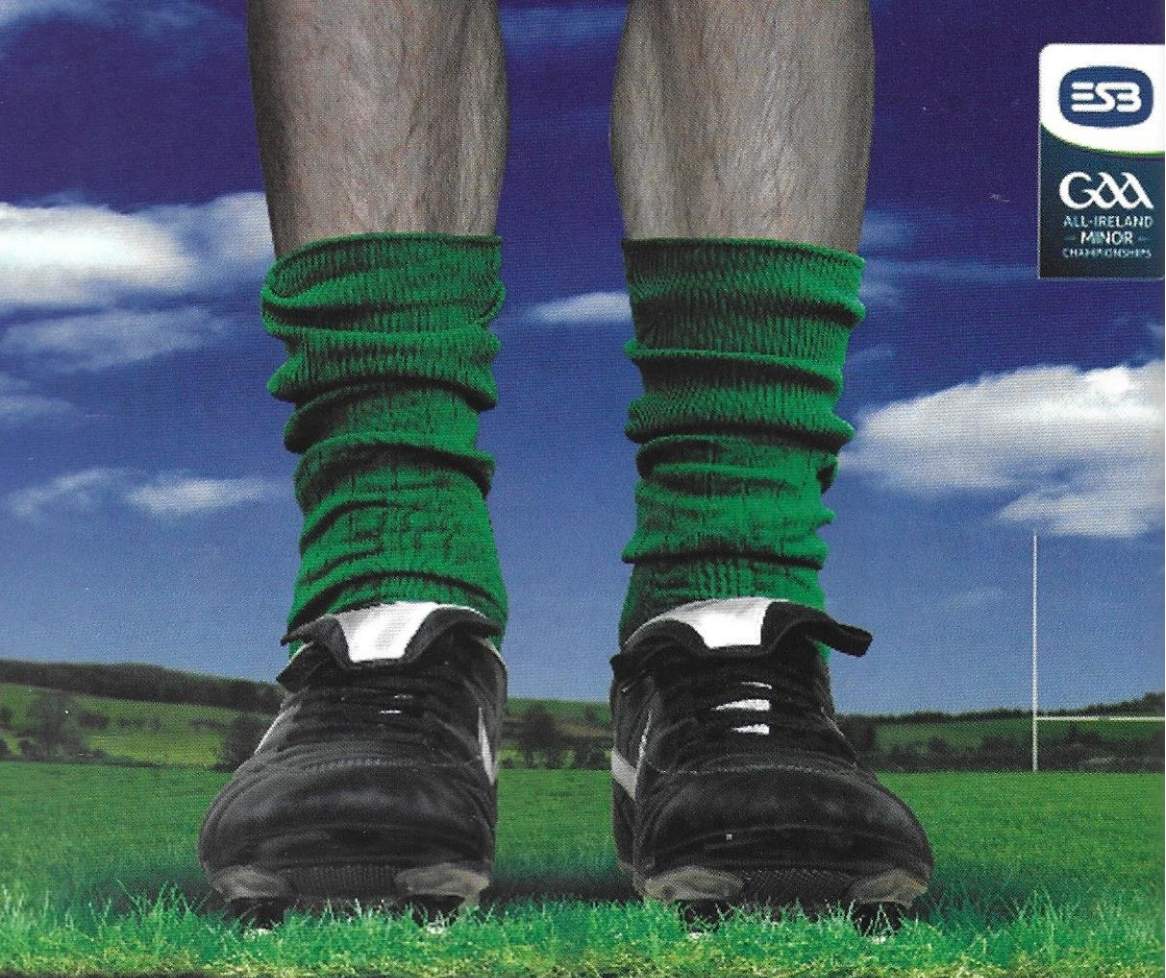
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I hope you all enjoy today's encounter and we wish both teams the best of luck.

Pádraig McManus, Chief Executive, ESB



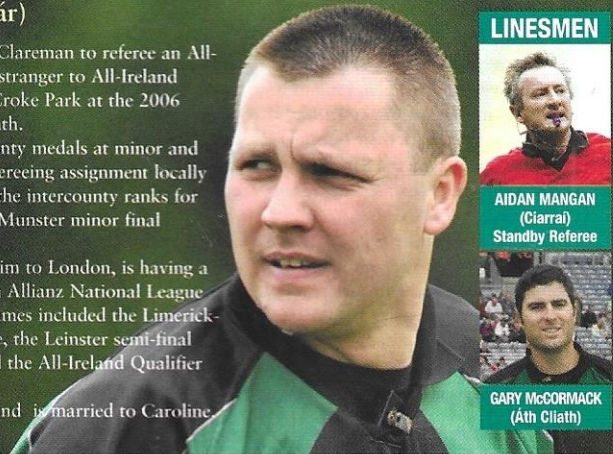
An Réiteoir: Rory Hickey (An Clár)

Rory is a native of Ennis and becomes the first Clareman to referee an All-Ireland minor football final. However, he is no stranger to All-Ireland engagements. He made his refereeing debut at Croke Park at the 2006 minor semi-final between Roscommon and Meath.

A member of the Éire Óg club, he won county medals at minor and junior in both football and hurling. His first refereeing assignment locally was in an Under-16 game, and he stepped into the intercounty ranks for the first time when he took charge of the 2005 Munster minor final between Cork and Kerry at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

Rory, whose refereeing duties have taken him to London, is having a busy season. He refereed the Westmeath-Dublin Allianz National League Division II final at An Uafmh in April. Other games included the Limerick-Tipperary Munster championship first round tie, the Leinster semi-final between Wexford and Laois at Croke Park, and the All-Ireland Qualifier between Monaghan and Donegal at Ballybofey.

He is an electrician in the family business and is married to Caroline. They have a six months old daughter, Ciara.



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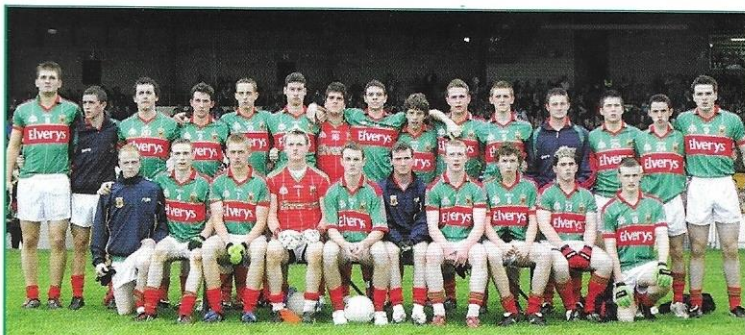
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MAIGH EO



Back (L-R): Aidan O'Shea, Kieran Charlton, David Drake, David Doan, Gary Keane, James Cafferty, Paul Keegan, Aidan Walsh, Keith Rodgers, Alex Corduff, Shane McHale, Dean Gavin, Fergal McGrath, Louis Cawley, Ger McDonagh.

Front (L-R): Daniel O'Hara, John Broderick, Kevin Keane, Robert Hennelly, Shane Nally (Captain), Cathal Freeman, Raymond Geraghty, Eoin Reilly, John Carney, Brian Fahey.



AN CAPTAIN

Shane Nally

FORWARD POWER A WINNER FOR MAYO AT SECOND ATTEMPT

Mayo, who did not help their cause when playing a draw with Kerry in an All-Ireland minor football semi-final at Croke Park, were much sharper in their finishing when they overcome the Kingdom challenge in the replay at Limerick.

In the drawn game they kicked 13 wides as compared to the Munster champions eight and had victory snatched from their grasp by a point from a free on sixty minutes.

However, there was little wrong with the Connacht champions finishing skills in the replay, in which they gave a good display of clever football, highlighted by a splendid combination of goals and points scoring.

They also had a real match-winner in Aidan Walsh, whose impressive return of 1-6 was just three points short of the entire Kerry match return. Walsh lost little time in collecting his goal and giving Mayo the best possible start. The Westerners conceded a point just soon after the throw-in, but Mayo's response was quick and match-shaping.

The game was only four minutes old when Walsh was put in possession by Raymond Geraghty and the gifted full forward expertly found his way through to the Kerry net.

Mayo kept up the pressure and received

another boost from a goal from Alex Corduff in twenty-one minutes before the Kingdom scored their only goal of the game. The Connacht champions were still well placed at the break with a lead of 2-8 to 1-2.

Mayo continued to set the pace from the restart and steadily strengthened their grip on their ticket to the final. They had an eight points lead before really securing victory with a goal from Dean Gavin to finish well-deserving and convincing winners by 3-13 to 1-9.

While Adrian Walsh was the star of the day, he had many willing helpers. Goal scorers Corduff and Gavin, along with Geraghty were others whose attacking skills helped to keep the forward division moving well.

James Cafferty at midfield and Cathal Freeman and Kevin Keane at the back were also to the fore.

Mayo have the abilities to make a strong bid for a first All-Ireland minor title since 1985.

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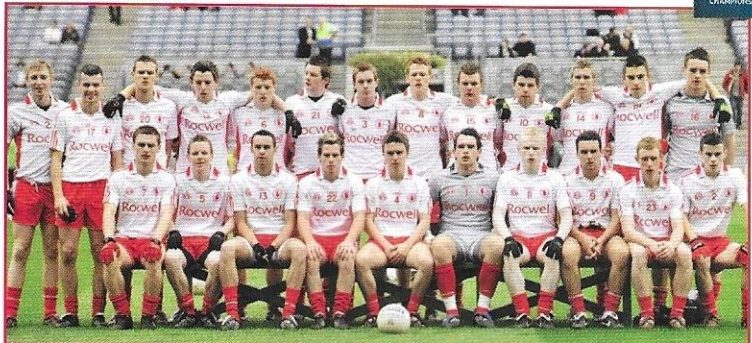
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Front (L-R): Kevin Mossey, Stephen McRory, Kyle Coney, Mickey Slane, Ryan Pickering, Tim Harney, Diarmaid McNulty, Marty Rogers, Brian Kelly, Finbar McQuaid

CONEY SCORES POINTED THE WAY FOR TYRONE

A powerful display of attacking football, a penalty save by goalkeeper Tim Harney and excellent points scoring by Kyle Coney added up to a top-class display by Tyrone when booking their first All-Ireland minor football final appearance since 2004 at the expense of Leinster champions Meath at Croke Park.

The Ulster champions, who won that 2004 decider against Kerry, had much the better of the first half exchanges. With Niall McKenna and Martin Rogers setting a strong pace at midfield they kicked some fine points to gain an early three points lead before striking a decisive blow after twenty-seven minutes.

Matthew Donnelly disposed of a defender and sent the perfect pass to Colm O'Neill, who took his goal opportunity in expert style.

The Northerners led by 1-7 to 0-5 at the break and in the second half took the game to the

opposition with controlled and efficient play. They looked to be coasting home with a 1-14 to 0-6 lead, but Meath hit back with two goals in the 46th and 48th minutes.

However, the Tyrone boys did not lose their composure and responded in positive fashion with cool, attacking play and further points scoring of a high standard. They rifled over six in succession in another golden spell to finish well-merited winners by 1-21 to 2-7.

Coney illuminated the success with his skilled touches and excellent finishing powers that yielded seven points. But this was far from a one-man show. Goal scorer O'Neill, who also chipped in with two points, and

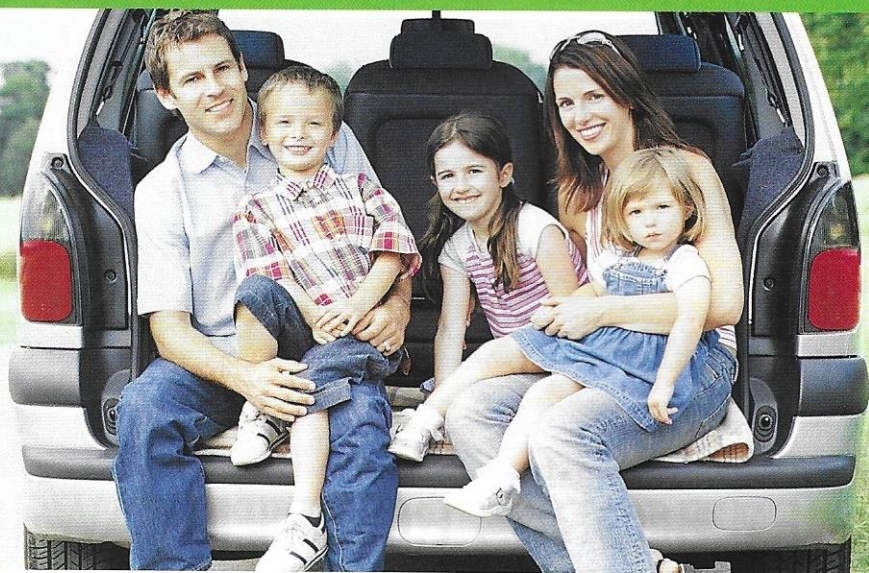
Paddy McNeice were others whose clever play helped to keep the attack moving well.

Midfielders McKenna and Rogers were also influential figures, while defenders Peter Harte and Gavin Teague and goalkeeper Harney with his 36th minute penalty save, marshaled matters splendidly at the back.

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MAYO'S LAST TITLE...1985

23 years since last title

It is 23 years since Mayo last won the minor crown, but on that occasion the title-winners almost fell on their first outing as they escaped from Ballymote with a 1-7 to 0-10 draw against Sligo. In the replay at Castlebar the visitors hit five goals (but no points) as Mayo won a bizarre contest by 3-10 to 5-0. The final

at Hyde Park was another unusual affair with Mayo defeating Galway by 0-6 to 1-1. In the All-Ireland semi/final a more normal scoring pattern re-emerged as the Connacht champions beat Meath by 2-12 to 0-8, and the county's sixth title was secured with a 3-3 to 0-9 win over Cork in the final. The

team that won Mayo's last minor title was – J.Cummins, K.Beirne, E.Gilvarry, M.Coyle, D.Burke, D.Fitzgerald, J.French, M.Fitzmaurice, G.Maher, T.Munnely, P.Walsh, T.O'Grady, P.Kerrane, M.J.Mullen, J.Gallagher. Sub – M.Mullagly.

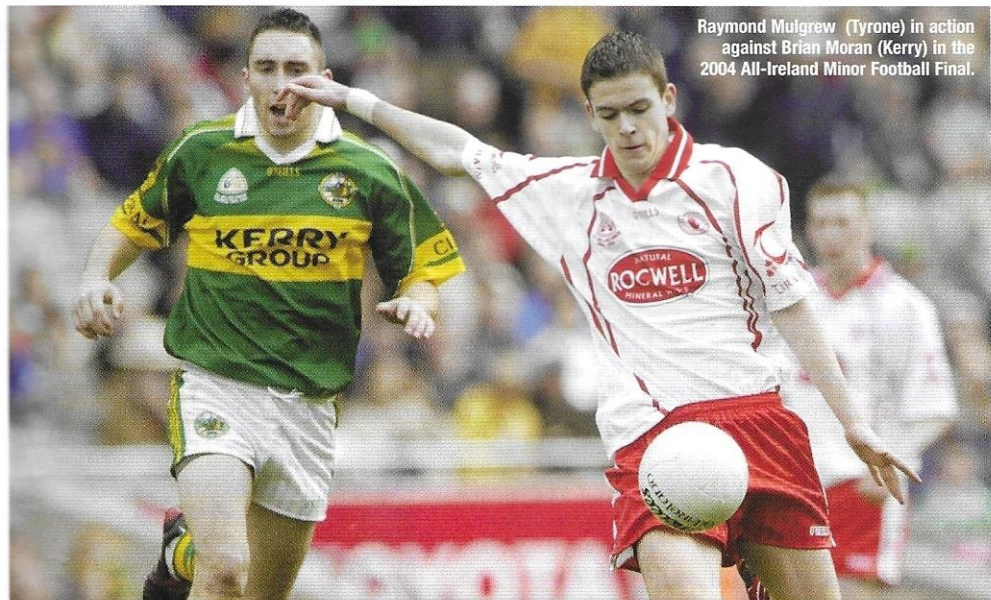
TYRONE'S LAST TITLE...2004

Kingdom defeated for sixth crown

Just four years have passed since Tyrone last lifted the Tom Markham Cup and they were untroubled as they swept smoothly into the Ulster final with wins over Derry (2-15 to 1-10), Fermanagh (1-13 to 0-8), and Donegal (3-13 to 1-3). In the final at Croke Park Down held them to a 0-11 all draw,

but in the replay at Casement Park Tyrone won by 0-15 to 0-8. The All-Ireland quarter/final against Roscommon at Breffni Park was won easily (2-15 to 0-2), but the Mourne youths pushed them all the way in the semi/final before succumbing (1-7 to 1-8). The county's sixth title was secured with a 0-12 to 0-10

win over Kerry in the final. Tyrone lined out – J.Curran, N.McGinn, P.Marlow, D.Burke, J.Gilmore, N.Kerr, M.Murray, R.Mulgrew, S.O'Hagan, C.O'Neill, M.Cunningham, R.McRory, G.Devlin, C.Cavanagh, A.Cassidy. Subs – P.J.Quinn, C.McCarron, J.Kelly, S.O'Neill, S.Donaghy.



Raymond Mulgrew (Tyrone) in action against Brian Moran (Kerry) in the 2004 All-Ireland Minor Football Final.

THREE MEETINGS

1947 – Tyrone 4-4 Mayo 4-3

Due to the senior final being staged in New York, this tie took place as a curtain-raiser to the junior final and was dominated by the gale force wind blowing. After a semi/final victory over Kerry, Mayo were the slight favourites and they had first use of the gale and virtually camped in Tyrone territory for the opening 30 minutes. In that period the Connacht champions scored 4-3 but in a lone breakaway Tyrone responded with a point. It was to prove a crucial score. No team had ever recovered from a 14-point deficit in a minor final but the Ulster side were within two with five minutes remaining and hit the winning goal in the dying seconds for a famous win.

Tír Eoghain – M.Bradley, L.Campbell, R.McNulty, V.Cullen, M.Vaughan, E.Devlin, M.Cushenan, S.McGrath, J.Poyntz, H.Hartop, M.Dargan, J.McConnell, D.McCafferty, T.Sullivan, P.Donnely.

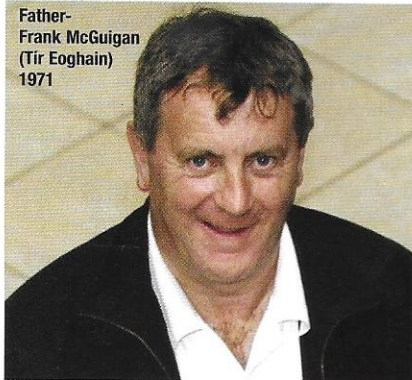
Maigh Eo – A.O'Toole, M.Kinnane, P.Flanagan, M.Jordan, A.McMorris, P.Doherty, N.Keane, M.McDonnell, T.Walsh, M.Loughnane, P.Carroll, C.McHale, L.Flynn, P.Solan, M.O'Connell.

1971 – Mayo 3-8 Tyrone 0-13

It had been four years since Tyrone last took the provincial title and a year longer for Mayo, so when the teams clashed for the second time there was no lack of effort from either side. The losers can feel a little hard

done by as they outscored the victors 13 times to 11, but goals win games as this was suitably demonstrated at Croke Park.

Father-
Frank McGuigan
(Tír Eoghain)
1971



Despite missing a couple of likely goal chances Tyrone led by three points with ten minutes remaining, but Mayo, despite having shot a plethora of third-quarter wides, finally found their range in the closing minutes with Con Moynihan and the midfielders supplying the ammunition which the forwards turned to account.

Mayo scorers: M.Gannon 1-3, J.P.Keane 1-3, W.Fahy 1-0, M.Higgins 0-2.

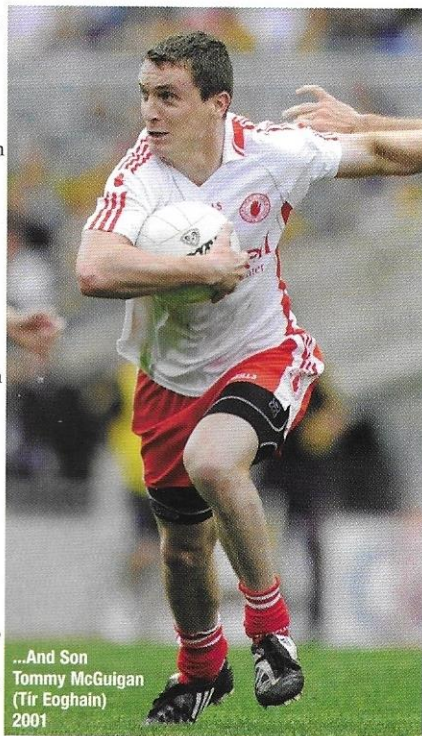
Tyrone scorers: S.Coyle 0-3, M.McAteer 0-3, P.Hetherington 0-2, F.McGuigan 0-2, M.McRory 0-1, K.Hogan 0-1, H.Crawford 0-1.

Maigh Eo – M.Griffin, J.Mahony, S.O'Reilly, P.McCormack, A.Durkan, C.Moynihan, S.Culreen, G.Farragher, G.Feeney, M.Gannon, J.P.Keane, T.Harty, N.Joyce, M.Cunningham, M.Higgins. Subs – P.J.Flynn, R.McNicholas, M.Fahy.

Tír Eoghain – L.Turbett, P.Brady, A.Nugent, D.Daly, B.Lowry, B.McGunn, S.McKnight, F.McGuigan, W.McKenna, K.Hogan, P.Hetherington, S.Coyle, H.Crawford, M.McAteer, M.McRory.
Subs – S.Gormley, O.O'Neill.

2001 – Tyrone 0-11 Mayo 0-8

This semi/final meeting seven years ago was dominated by a superb midfield performance by Seán Cavanagh whose high fielding and accurate distribution provided enough ammunition for a misfiring attack to forge a narrow victory. However, considering that the winners shot three times as many wides as the losers (15 to 5) and that Mayo 'keeper Dave Clarke pulled off three superb saves, it would have been a travesty if Tyrone had



...And Son
Tommy McGuigan
(Tír Eoghain)
2001



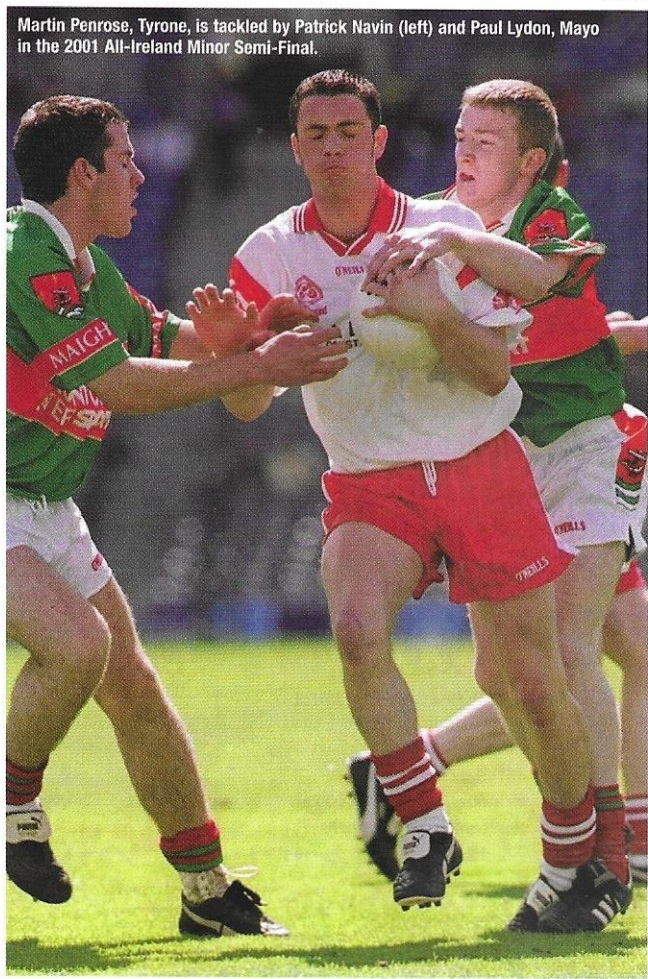
not won. The Northerners led by 0-6 to 0-5 at the break and a Cavanagh point at the 47th minute put them two ahead for the first time. Beaten finalists for the previous two years, Mayo never looked like bridging the gap.

Tyrone scorers: P.Donnelly 0-3, L.Meenan 0-3, S.Cavanagh 0-2, M.Penrose 0-1, N.Gormley 0-1, P.Rafferty 0-1.

Mayo scorers: J.Morrin 0-3, M.Mulvanney 0-1, A.Durkan 0-1, C.Carthy 0-1, S.Drake 0-1, J.Prenty 0-1.

Tír Eoghain – J.Devine, R.O’Neill, D.Carlin, M.McStravock, J.McMahon, K.McCrory, P.Quinn, P.Donnelly, S.Cavanagh, L.Meenan, B.Mulligan, T.McGuigan, G.Toner, M.Penrose, P.Rafferty. Subs – N.Gormley, C.Donnely, C.Mullan.

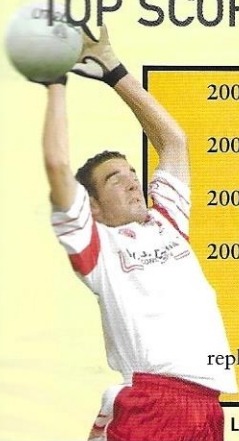
Maigh Eo – D.Clarke, P.Lydon, P.Navin, D.Geraghty, M.Mulvanney, S.Drake, K.Walsh, R.McNamara, O.Hughes, A.Durkan, J.Morrin, J.Prenty, C.Carthy, B.Lynskey, A.Moran. Subs – J.Maloney, C.Forde, K.McHugh.



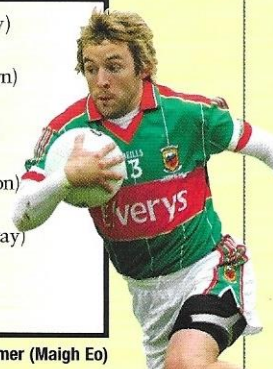
Martin Penrose, Tyrone, is tackled by Patrick Navin (left) and Paul Lydon, Mayo in the 2001 All-Ireland Minor Semi-Final.

TOP SCORERS IN MINOR FINALS SINCE 2000

2000	Conor Mortimer (Mayo) 0-6 v Cork	2004	Paul O'Connor (Kerry) 0-6 v Tyrone
2001	Leo Meenan (Tyrone) 1-4 v Dublin	2005	Paul McCumiskey (Down) 1-3 v Mayo
2002	Brian Farrell (Meath) 0-7 v Derry	2006	Paddy Curran (Kerry) 0-8 v Roscommon
2003	Barry Kennedy (Dublin) 0-4 v Laois Colm Kelly (Laois) 1-1 v Dublin	replay	Donal Shine (Roscommon) 0-6 v Kerry
	replay Kevin Leahy (Dublin) 0-6 v Laois	2007	Michael Martyn (Galway) 0-6 v Derry



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Conor Mortimer (Maigh Eo)

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PATHS TO THE FINAL

Maigh Eo

17th May @ Castlebar:
 Mayo 0-12 Roscommon 0-8
 28th June @ Castlebar:
 Mayo 1-13 Sligo 0-7
 13th July @ Castlebar:
 Mayo 0-10 Roscommon 0-7
 9th August @ Pearse Park:
 Mayo 1-12 Monaghan 0-9 aet
 24th August @ Croke Park:
 Mayo 1-7 Kerry 0-10
 30th August @ the Gaelic Grounds:
 Mayo 3-13 Kerry 1-9

Total Scored: 6-67 (85)
 Total Conceded: 1-50 (53)
 Average: 1.6

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Aidan Walsh	0-3	1-6	0-2	0-3	0-3	1-6	2-23
Raymond Geraghty	0-2	0-1	0-2	0-1	—	0-3	0-9
Daniel O'Hara	0-4	—	0-1	1-1	—	—	1-6
Aodan O'Shea	0-2	0-2	0-1	0-2	—	0-1	0-8
Cathal Freeman	—	0-2	0-1	0-2	0-1	0-2	0-8
Alex Corduff	—	0-1	0-1	0-1	—	1-0	1-3
Dean Gavin	0-1	0-1	0-1	—	—	1-0	1-3
James Cafferty	—	—	0-1	0-1	0-3	—	0-5
Seán McHale	—	—	—	—	1-0	—	1-0
David Drake	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	0-1
Shane Nally	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	0-1

	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Kyle Coney	0-2	1-2	0-3	1-2	0-7	2-16
Conor O'Neill	0-2	0-2	0-4	0-1	1-2	1-11
Paddy McNiece	0-4	0-3	0-2	0-2	0-1	0-12
Niall McKenna	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-3	0-8
Matthew Donnelly	0-1	—	—	0-5	0-1	0-7
Diarmaid McNulty	0-1	0-1	—	0-1	0-3	0-6
Ronan Tierney	—	0-1	0-1	0-2	—	0-4
Ciarán Gervin	0-2	—	—	—	0-2	0-4
Peter Harte	0-1	0-1	—	—	—	0-2
Sean Warnock	—	—	0-1	0-1	—	0-2
Martin Rogers	—	—	0-1	—	0-1	0-2
Kevin Mossey	0-1	—	—	—	—	0-1
Ronan McNabb	—	—	—	—	0-1	0-1

Tír Eoghain

8th June @ Omagh:
 Tyrone 0-16 Down 0-14
 29th June @ Clones:
 Tyrone 1-11 Cavan 1-9
 20th July @ Clones:
 Tyrone 0-13 Monaghan 0-10
 9th August @ Pearse Park:
 Tyrone 1-15 Roscommon 1-8
 31st August @ Croke Park:
 Tyrone 1-21 Meath 2-7

Total Scored: 3-76 (85)
 Total Conceded: 4-48 (60)
 Average: 1.42

MAYO'S FINALS

Wins - 6

1935 - Mayo 1-6 Tipperary 1-1
 1953 - Mayo 2-11 Clare 1-6
 1966 - Mayo 1-12 Down 1-8
 1971 - Mayo 2-15 Cork 2-7
 1978 - Mayo 4-9 Dublin 3-8
 1985 - Mayo 3-3 Cork 0-9

Losses - 12

1930 - Dublin 1-3 Mayo 0-5
 1933 - Kerry 4-1 Mayo 0-9
 1940 - Louth 5-5 Mayo 2-7
 1947 - Tyrone 4-4 Mayo 4-3
 1958 - Dublin 2-10 Mayo 0-8
 1961 - Cork 3-7 Mayo 0-5
 1962 - Kerry 6-5 Mayo 0-7
 1974 - Cork 1-10 Mayo 1-6
 1991 - Cork 1-9 Mayo 1-7
 1999 - Down 1-14 Mayo 0-14
 2000 - Cork 2-12 Mayo 0-13
 2005 - Down 1-15 Mayo 0-8

TYRONE'S FINALS

Wins - 6

1947 - Tyrone 4-4 Mayo 4-3
 1948 - Tyrone 0-11 Dublin 1-5
 1973 - Tyrone 2-11 Kildare 1-6
 1998 - Tyrone 2-11 Laois 0-11
 2001 - Tyrone 0-15 Dublin 1-12
 replay - Tyrone 2-11 Dublin 0-6
 2004 - Tyrone 0-12 Kerry 0-10
 Losses - 3
 1972 - Cork 3-11 Tyrone 2-11
 1975 - Kerry 1-10 Tyrone 0-4
 1997 - Laois 3-11 Tyrone 1-14

2008 MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SCOREBOARD

Leinster

29th March @ Nowlan Park
Wexford 2-19 Kilkenny 1-4
5th April @ Parnell Park
Dublin 0-13 Kildare 0-6
5th April @ Navan
Meath 1-14 Louth 1-9
5th April @ Pearse Park
Longford 2-13 Laois 2-11
5th April @ Aughrim
Wicklow 3-11 Offaly 1-7
12th April @ Dr Cullen Park
Westmeath 2-12 Carlow 0-9
19th April @ Portlaoise
Louth 1-13 Laois 0-9
26th April @ Dr Cullen Park
Offaly 1-12 Carlow 0-9
26th April @ Drogheda
Louth 1-14 Kildare 0-13
10th May @ Tullamore
Offaly 3-7 Westmeath 1-11
10th May @ Parnell Park
Meath 0-14 Dublin 0-10
10th May @ Pearse Park
Longford 1-13 Louth 0-12
10th May @ Aughrim
Wexford 1-8 Wicklow 0-8
5th July @ Navan
Meath 3-10 Longford 2-9
9th July @ Wexford Park
Offaly 0-9 Wexford 0-2
Final
20th July @ Croke Park
Meath 1-14 Offaly 2-10

Ulster

18th May @ Casement Park
Cavan 1-14 Antrim 2-8

25th May @ Enniskillen

Monaghan 2-7 Fermanagh 2-3
1st June @ Ballybofey
Derry 4-10 Donegal 2-12
8th June @ Omagh
Tyrone 0-16 Down 0-14
15th June @ Breffni Park
Cavan 0-14 Armagh 1-4
29th June @ Clones
Tyrone 1-11 Cavan 1-9
5th July @ Omagh
Monaghan 1-14 Derry 1-9
Final
20th July @ Clones
Tyrone 0-13 Monaghan 0-10

Munster

9th April @ the Gaelic Grounds
Cork 2-13 Limerick 0-10
9th April @ Ennis
Kerry 1-10 Clare 0-6
16th April @ Dungarvan
Tipperary 3-9 Waterford 0-8
16th April @ Ennis
Limerick 1-9 Clare 1-5
23rd April @ Bruff
Limerick 1-13 Waterford 0-11
14th May @ Pairc Uí Rinn
Kerry 0-13 Cork 0-11
14th May @ Thurles
Tipperary 2-8 Limerick 0-9
Final
6th July @ Pairc Uí Chaoimh
Kerry 1-9 Tipperary 1-9
12th July @ Ennis
Kerry 2-12 Tipperary 0-8 *

Connacht

19th April @ Carrick-on-Shannon
Roscommon 1-4 Leitrim 0-4
26th April @ Hyde Park
Roscommon 0-11 Sligo 1-6
5th May @ Tubbercurry
Sligo 3-9 Leitrim 1-7
18th May @ Markievicz Park
Galway 0-11 Sligo 0-9
18th May @ Castlebar
Mayo 0-12 Roscommon 0-8
28th June @ Tuam
Roscommon 1-12 Galway 0-14
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28th June @ Castlebar
Mayo 1-13 Sligo 0-7
Final
13th July @ Castlebar
Mayo 0-10 Roscommon 0-7

All-Ireland Quarter/Finals

9th August @ Newbridge
Kerry 4-12 Offaly 0-9
9th August @ Portlaoise
Meath 2-9 Tipperary 0-10
9th August @ Pearse Park
Mayo 1-12 Monaghan 0-9 *act*
9th August @ Pearse Park
Tyrone 1-15 Roscommon 1-8

All-Ireland Semi/Finals

24th August @ Croke Park
Mayo 1-7 Kerry 0-10
30th August @ the Gaelic Grounds Mayo
3-13 Kerry 1-9 *
31st August @ Croke Park
Tyrone 1-21 Meath 2-7

MINOR FINAL SIDELIGHTS

- Tyrone are appearing in the All-Ireland senior and minor finals on the same day for the first time ever.
- The last year that both titles went to the same county was 1980 when Kerry beat Derry in the minor final and Offaly in the senior grade.
- Tyrone are appearing in their first final since 2004 when a team that included Raymond Mulgrew at midfield and Colm Cavanagh at full forward, beat Kerry by 0-12 to 0-10 for the county's sixth title.
- Mayo's last appearance in an All-Ireland minor summit was in 2005 in a

decider that made history for the under-18 grade.

Mayo and their opponents, Down, both lost their provincial finals that year, and as a result that was the first decider in the grade between two counties beaten earlier in the title campaign.

- Mayo's last final win was as far back as 1985 when they beat Cork by 3-3 to 0-9 for a sixth title.

- Tyrone retained the Ulster minor title last July. Last year they lost to Kerry in an All-Ireland Quarter-final.

SECOND MEETING

This only the second All-Ireland minor final featuring Tyrone and Mayo. They met in 1947 when Tyrone came out on top in a decider that provided a goal feast (4-4 to 4-3) to become the first county to bring the title across the Border.

FIRST GOAL-LESS FINAL

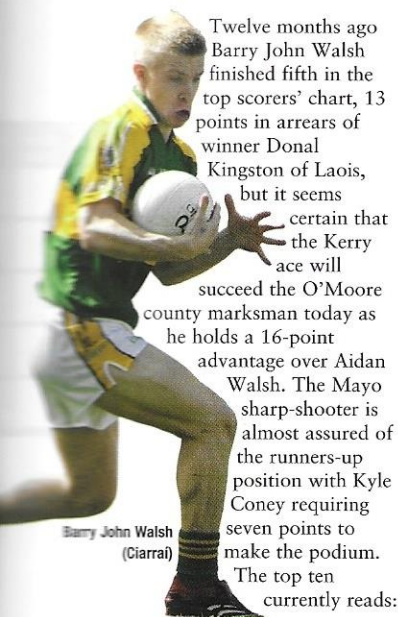
The 2004 decider between Tyrone and Kerry was the first-ever that failed to produce at least a single goal.

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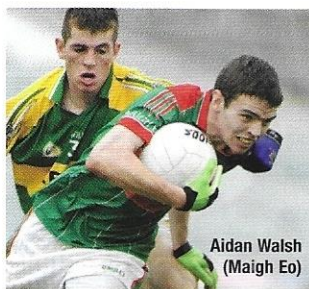
The last drawn was in 2006 when Roscommon and Kerry finished level at Croke Park at 0-15 each. Roscommon won the replay at Ennis 1-10 to 0-9.



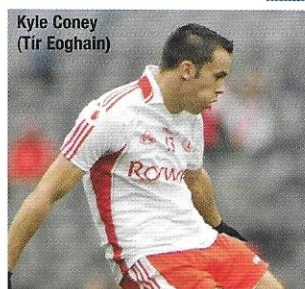
TOP SCORERS



Twelve months ago Barry John Walsh finished fifth in the top scorers' chart, 13 points in arrears of winner Donal Kingston of Laois, but it seems certain that the Kerry ace will succeed the O'Moore county marksman today as he holds a 16-point advantage over Aidan Walsh. The Mayo sharp-shooter is almost assured of the runners-up position with Kyle Coney requiring seven points to make the podium. The top ten currently reads:



Aidan Walsh (Maigh Eo)



Kyle Coney (Tír Eoghain)

	Score	Total
Barry John Walsh (Kerry)	6-27	45
Aidan Walsh (Mayo)	2-23	29
Conor Sweeney (Tipperary)	3-19	28
Dara Lennon (Roscommon)	0-24	24
Kyle Coney (Tyrone)	2-16	22
Pauric McEnerney (Limerick)	0-20	20
Mark Battersby (Meath)	2-14	20
David Maye (Sligo)	2-13	19
Kieran Hughes (Monaghan)	1-15	18
Michael Quinn (Longford)	1-15	18

INDIVIDUAL FEATS

The last player to win both the overall and individual scoring awards in the minor championship was Daniel Goulding in 2004 and it looks likely that Barry John Walsh will emulate the Leesider this afternoon. The Kingdom ace holds a 16-point lead in the overall chart and his 3-3 against Offaly in the All-Ireland

quarter/final is unlikely to be bettered this afternoon. Seven returns (two more than last year) of nine points or more were recorded in the current campaign and they are:

- Barry John Walsh (Kerry) 3-3 v Offaly
- Michael Quinn (Longford) 1-7 v Laois

- Barry John Walsh (Kerry) 2-4 v Tipperary
- Paul Cunningham (Wicklow) 2-4 v Offaly
- Aidan Walsh (Mayo) 1-6 v Kerry
- Barry John Walsh (Kerry) 1-6 v Tipperary
- Aidan Walsh (Mayo) 1-6 v Sligo

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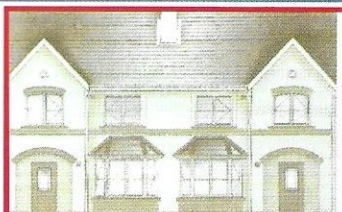
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(17) KEITH RODGERS C. Mac Ruairí (Bealach an Doirín)	(19) GARY KEANE G. Ó Catháin (Cathair na Mart)	(21) DEAN GAVIN D. Ó Gabháin (Baile an Tobair)	(23) DANIEL O'HARA D. Ó hEára (Béal an Átha)	

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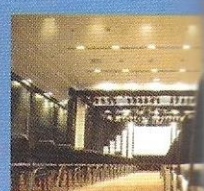
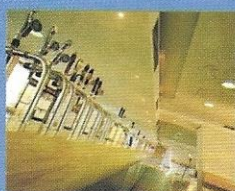
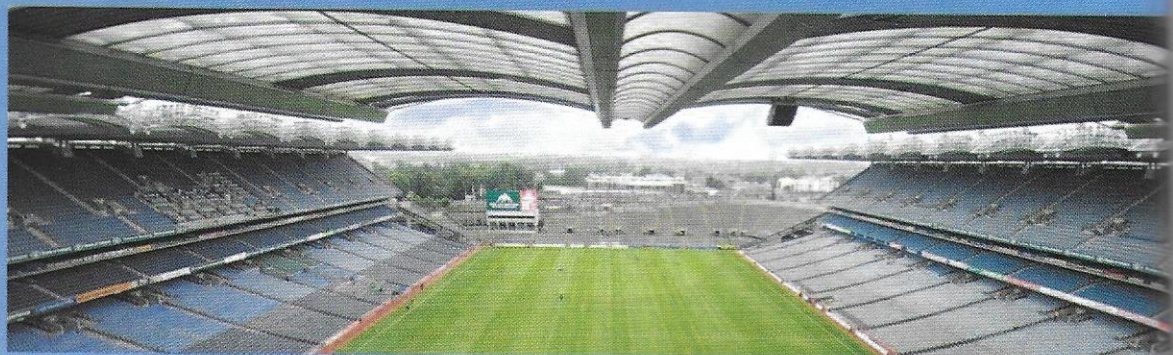
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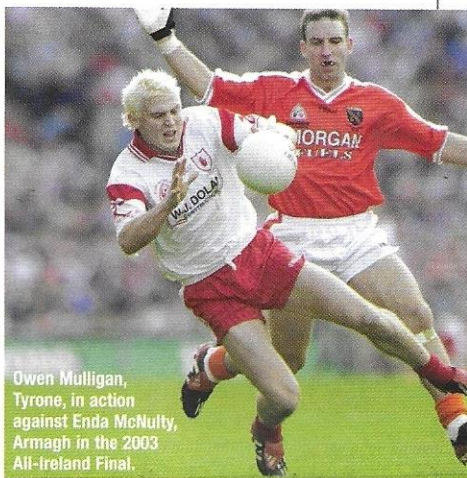
This afternoon Tyrone will attempt to unseat the defending All-Ireland Champions for the ninth time, and although the Northerners have only achieved this particular feat twice, both successes were in the past half decade.

Tyrone first faced the reigning champions in the opening round of the 1934 Ulster campaign and, although they failed in their bid, a 2-4 to 2-5 loss against Cavan was a brave effort. The Breffni men also provided the opposition on the next two occasions that Tyrone challenged the champions but defeat was their lot as they fell by 1-7 to 7-10 in 1949 and 2-4 to 2-10 four years later.

In 1962 Tyrone took on a Down side in search of a third successive All-Ireland crown, but lost in the provincial semi/final by six points – 1-6 to 1-12. Defeats of nine points and eight

points marked Tyrone's next efforts to unseat the champions as Dublin defeated them in the 1984 All-Ireland semi/final (2-11 to 0-8) and Kerry completed their most recent three-in-a-row two years later with a 2-15 to 1-10 victory in the decider.

However, in 2003 Tyrone and defending champions Armagh qualified for the first-ever all-Ulster final and it was the challengers who took the title with a hard-fought 0-12 to 0-9 win. The Tyrone side that was the first to defeat the reigning All-Ireland champions lined out – J.Devine, C.Gourley, C.McAnallen, R.McMenamin, C.Gormley, G.Devlin, P.Jordan, K.Hughes, S.Cavanagh, B.Dooher, B.McGuigan, G.Cavlan, E.McGinley, P.Canavan, O.Mulligan. Subs – S.O'Neill, C.Holmes, C.Lawn.

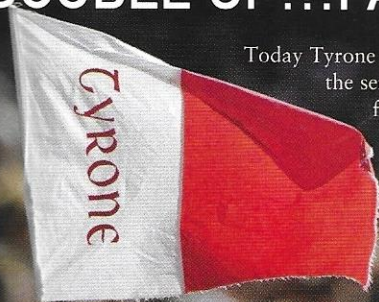


Owen Mulligan, Tyrone, in action against Enda McNulty, Armagh in the 2003 All-Ireland Final.

Tyrone's reign as title-holders ended at the quarter/final stage the following year, but in 2005 Tyrone faced a Kerry side bidding to record back-to-back titles and successfully defeated the Kingdom by 1-16 to 2-10.

Two wins from eight attempts is not a great record, but Tyrone, should they triumph today, will have achieved their own three-in-a-row.

DOUBLE UP...PART 1



Today Tyrone are seeking to become just the third county to pull off the senior/minor double. Not surprisingly in most matters football, Kerry was the first to complete this particular double in 1931 with victories over Kildare (senior) and Louth (minor). The Kingdom repeated the feat the following season as Mayo (senior) and Laois (minor) were vanquished while further doubles were recorded in 1946, 1962, 1975 and most recently in 1980 with wins over Roscommon (senior) and Derry (minor). Dublin in 1958 was the only other occasion on which the double was successfully completed.

Cavan is the only other Ulster county to have appeared in both finals in the one year until today, but on both occasions the Breffni men had to settle for a division of the spoils. In 1937 Cavan took their first minor crown with a win over Wexford, but the seniors lost to Kerry on a replay. Fifteen years later the seniors defeated Meath on a replay, but the minors fell to Galway.



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This is the first All-Ireland senior football championship final since the introduction of the All-Ireland Qualifiers in 2001 featuring two teams beaten earlier in the season in the provincial championships.

In the inaugural season of the Qualifiers Galway lost their Connacht semi-final to Roscommon, but marched through the Qualifiers to capture their last All-Ireland senior title.

In 2005 Tyrone lost to Armagh in an Ulster senior final replay, but got back into winning form through the Qualifiers and took revenge over Armagh in an All-Ireland semi-final. They followed on by beating Kerry by 1-16 to 2-10 for their second title.

LAST TITLES TREBLE

Kerry are in line for a first sequence of three All-Ireland senior titles in succession since 1986. Remarkably they completed that run with a win over Tyrone, who were appearing in their first Sam Maguire Cup tie.

The Ulster champions led by 0-7 to 0-4 at the interval and started the second half on a high note with a goal from left full forward Paudge Quinn after only 45 seconds. Three minutes later they were awarded a penalty, which resulted in a point.

However, Kerry came back at them and a goal in seven minutes by Pat Spillane, who went on to give a man-of-the-match display, sent Kerry on their way to a 2-15 to 1-10 win before 68,628 spectators.

FIVE IN A ROW

Kerry are appearing in their fifth successive final and their seventh in this decade. They beat Galway in a replay in 2000, lost to Armagh in 2002, beat Mayo in

2004, lost to Tyrone a year later, and beat Mayo and Cork in 2006 and last year respectively.

THE NINETEENTH

Tyrone became the nineteenth county and the sixth from Ulster to win the All-Ireland senior football championship when they beat Armagh in the first final between counties from the same province in 2003.

ULSTER DOUBLE

A Tyrone win would give Ulster a national senior titles double this year with both final success recorded at the expense of Kerry.

Last April Derry beat the Kingdom at Parnell Park, Dublin, to capture their first National League title since 2000 and their sixth over-all.

The last year that both titles went to the one province was 2006 when Kerry completed the League and Championship double.

LAST DEFEATS

Kerry's last defeat in an All-Ireland senior final was in 2005 when they went down to Tyrone by 1-16 to 2-10.

Tyrone lost their All-Ireland senior final debut in 1986 to Kerry.

NEW CUP DOUBLE

Brian Dooher could join Declan O'Sullivan in a special position in the Roll Call of All-Ireland captains.

Last year O'Sullivan led Kerry to All-Ireland title success for the second year in succession to become the first to be twice presented with the new Sam Maguire Cup. Dooher captained Tyrone to their last title win in 2005.

The trophy was first awarded for the 1988 final between Meath and Cork, which ended in a draw. The Royal County, captained by Joe Cassells, won the replay.

ROLL OF HONOUR

All-Ireland Senior Football Championship

35. Kerry: 1903, 1904, 1909, 1913, 1914, 1924, 1926, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1937, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1946, 1953, 1955, 1959, 1962, 1969, 1970, 1975, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1997, 2000, 2004, 2006, 2007.
22. Dublin: 1891, 1892, 1894, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1942, 1958, 1963, 1974, 1976, 1977, 1983, 1995.
9. Galway: 1925, 1934, 1938, 1956, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1998, 2001.
7. Meath: 1949, 1954, 1967, 1987, 1988, 1996, 1999.
6. Cork: 1890, 1911, 1945, 1973, 1989, 1990.
5. Cavan: 1933, 1935, 1947, 1948, 1952.
Down: 1960, 1961, 1968, 1991, 1994.
Wexford: 1893, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918.
4. Kildare: 1905, 1919, 1927, 1928.
Tipperary: 1889, 1895, 1900, 1920.
3. Louth: 1910, 1912, 1957.
Mayo: 1936, 1950, 1951.
Offaly: 1971, 1972, 1982.
2. Limerick: 1887, 1896.
Roscommon: 1943, 1944.
Tyrone: 2003, 2005.
1. Armagh: 2002.
Derry: 1993.
Donegal: 1992.

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

FICKLENESS OF SPORT SHOWN IN KERRY WIN

The fickleness of sport was mirrored not for the first time this season—and also in games involving Kerry—by the Kingdom's win over Cork in a replay last month to earn a fifth successive All-Ireland senior football final appearance.

At one time in that replay meeting with their old Munster rivals, Kerry looked poised for a comfortable win; at another defeat appeared a possibility. However, the Sam Maguire Cup specialists displayed their character as well as skill in turning the game around.

The defending champions started in positive style and a goal from Tommy Walsh had them 1-5 to 0-3 clear after close on twenty-four minutes. They were still well in command coming up to the half time whistle when Cork hit back with a goal to trail by 1-8 to 1-3 at the break.

Kerry had the best possible start to the second half when, within a minute, Declan O'Sullivan providing a real antidote to Goulding's goal by

expertly drilling the ball to the Rebel County's net.

A good lead and Kerry again apparently firmly on the road to victory, even though memories were prodded by the recollection of the Kingdom's loss of good leads in their defeat by Cork in the Munster final and again in the drawn All-Ireland semi-final with the Southern title-holders.

Memories of those past event grew stronger as Cork came much more into the game and the Kingdom failed to score for 16 minutes. Five points reduced the Kerry lead to four, and then a splendid pass from Nicholas Murphy put Pease O'Neill in possession and he found the Kingdom net. Cork continued their come-back by getting on level terms and at that stage a Leaside win looked a real possibility.

However, Kerry are not renowned championship campaigners for nothing and once more were not found wanting. They rose to the challenge and clever play by substitute Darren O'Sullivan helped him to elude the defensive screen

and pass to Colm Cooper who, true to form, did not look a "gift horse" in the mouth as he got the Kingdom back on stream with a goal.

Seamus Scanlon followed with a fine point to ensure that loss of a good lead earlier on was this time turned into a 3-14 to 2-13 win.

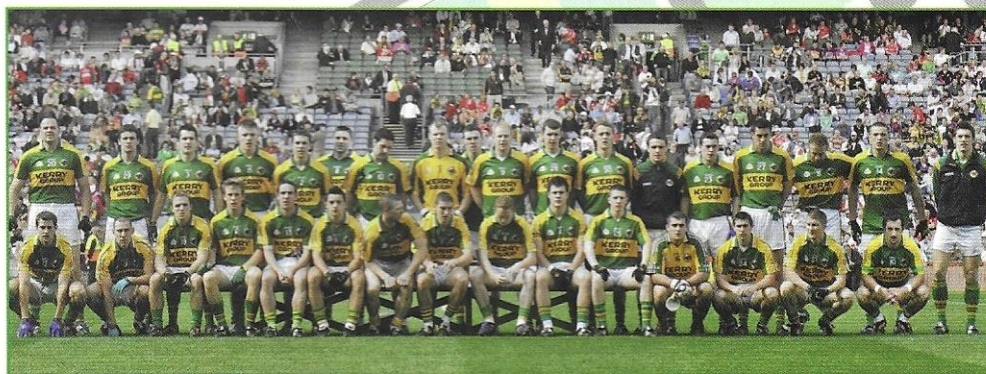
Scanlon was an influential figure with his quality play at midfield. Walsh, with his early goal and good general play, Cooper, who finished with a handsome 1-8, and Kieran Donaghy piloted the way up front.

The Kingdom also had their aces, at the back with Tomás Ó Sé and Tom O'Sullivan in particular showing up well.

A positive response, then, by Kerry and a win that leaves little doubt they will not be easily knocked off the All-Ireland titles treble trail.

LAST FIVE SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

- 2008: Kerry 3-14; Cork 2-13.
- 2008: Kerry 1-13; Cork 3-7.
- 2008: Kerry 1-21; Galway 1-16.
- 2008: Kerry 1-13; Monaghan 0-13.
- 2008: Kerry 1-11; Cork 1-16.



Front Row (L-R): Aidan O'Mahony, Tomás Ó Sé, Killian Young, Colm Cooper, Pádraig Reidy, Kieran O'Leary, Kieran Cremin, Paul O'Connor, Mike Frank Russell, Paul Galvin.
Back Row (L-R): Micheál Quirke, Pat Corridan, Tom O'Sullivan, Tommy Walsh, Marc Ó Sé, Darragh Ó Sé, Bryan Sheehan, Diarmuid Murphy, Daniel Bohan, Séamus Scanlon, Mike Moloney, Aidan O'Shea, Kieran Quirke, Ronán Ó Flatharta, Anthony Maher, Tommy Griffin, Kieran Donaghy, David Moran.



Tomás Ó Sé
(Ciarraí)

An Captaen

Tomás Ó Sé

Tomás has fully fulfilled the potential he displayed in the under-age grades, in which he won a provincial minor medal and helped Kerry to capture the All-Ireland Under-21 championship in 1998.

His consistently high quality football in defence has been a feature of the Kerry success story in recent times. He also has a talent for moving forward and finding the scoring target.

Ó Sé's talents have also brought him a rich harvest of awards. Player of the Year in 2004, he won his third All-Ireland senior medal last year, and he has also helped the Kingdom to Munster and National League honours.

The An Ghaeltacht clubman is having another fine season. He has been a powerful unit at the back and has also helped himself to four points on the way to this summit.

A GOLDEN MEMORY FROM THE ALL-IRELAND FINALS

The brilliance of Maurice Fitzgerald was the brightest feature of Kerry's win over Mayo in the 1997 All-Ireland senior football final, which did not come up to expectations. He dominated the game with his splendid football and some remarkable points from play and frees to finish as ace marksman with 0-9.


Mayo beat Kerry in a 1996 All-Ireland semi-final and were expected by many to take the title. However, the Kingdom took a point lead after three and a half minutes and were 0-8 to 0-3 ahead at the break.

The Westerners rallied well in the second half and a goal from a penalty and two quick points left them trailing by just 1-6 to 0-11. They went on to reduce their arrears to the minimum.

However, into the picture stepped Fitzgerald. He sent over two points, the second a splendid score from a 58 metre free, to close the scoring and leave Kerry champions for the first time since 1986 by 0-13 to 1-7.

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SÉAMUS SCANLON

HAVING struggled for recognition during the early years of his senior career with Kerry, Séamus Scanlon has now firmly established himself as Darragh O'Sé's regular midfield partner.

The 26-year-old played his first league and championship games for Kerry in 2002 but the Currow clubman only nailed down a place in the team from 2007 on. Kerry management experimented with various combinations around the middle of the field before finally settling on Scanlon, who has since produced some effective and hard-working performances. In big games, most notably Dublin in 2007 and this year's semi-final replay against Cork, Scanlon has been a tower of strength for the Kingdom, doing the simple things often and well.

He's deceptively tall at 6'3" and weighing in at 14 stone, Scanlon cuts an imposing figure around the middle of the park. A selfless player, Scanlon is prepared to forsake individual glory for the good of the team and his hard graft and ability to win 'dirty ball' are priceless assets to manager Pat O'Shea.

Kerry's legendary former midfielder Jack O'Shea is a big fan of Scanlon and has been impressed by the player's contribution. Scanlon won a Munster U21 medal with Kerry but in a county laced with more skilful players, he had to wait for his chance, but that patience has now been rewarded.

O'Shea reflected: "There had been chopping and changing around the middle but Séamus has played in all of the big matches over the last two years and I don't think he's been outplayed in any of them.

"When Darragh got the knock against Dublin last year and was sent off against Cork in the recent semi-final and missed the replay, there was a lot of onus and focus on Scanlon.

"He was seen as a weak link in a lot of people's eyes but he's very effective in what he does and he takes care of his own job. He's like a magnet and always seems to be drawn to the ball. At times he could be a lot more productive and he was turning over a lot of ball earlier in his career but he has improved on that quite considerably."

In the semi-final replay win over Cork, Scanlon kicked two fine long-range points, an area of his game in which he would have previously struggled. O'Shea explained: "I remember kicking four wides myself in the 1977 semi-final and all of that comes with experience. Séamus now knows that he's part of the team and that's vital because with his place assured, that brings confidence.

"He doesn't look it on the pitch because he seems to run with a crouch but he's a huge man, a very strong and physical player. Opposition players will find it very hard to play against him because he's robust and very brave. From kick-outs, goalkeepers tend to keep the ball away from Darragh and Séamus has been noticed more. He's learned from Darragh, too, when to stay back and when to go forward and, as a pair, they're doing very well."



BRIGHT START POWERED TYRONE TO FINAL

A bright start, strong finish and clever all round play provided the foundations for Tyrone's polished success last time out at the expense of Wexford for a ticket back to All-Ireland senior final after an interval of three years.

Bright start? An impressive display of top-class football, teamwork and excellent points scoring in the opening twenty-four minutes looked like sending the Northerners to an easy win as they built up an 0-11 to 0-2.

That view was reinforced at the interval as Tyrone, who went on to finish the half with style and purpose, led by a commanding 0-14 to 0-6.

Wexford, however, fared better in the second half, despite lining out without ace forward Matty Forde, who was unable to resume because of an ankle injury.

They took the game to their opponents and were richly rewarded when Ciarán Lyng raised hopes of a revival on a par with their come-back from a ten points interval deficit against Meath by scoring splendid goal after 48 minutes.

Another point from a free by Lyng left just two points between the sides, and Tyrone's cause was not helped by the departure with an injury of Seán Cavanagh, who was having an excellent game.

Then came that strong Tyrone finish. They introduced Brian McGuigan for Cavanagh and also brought on Kevin Hughes and quickly reasserted their control.

Defender Phil Jordan scored his third point of the game while Davy Harte had a powerful shot crash off the cross-bar as Tyrone went on to finish in style with three points for a splendid 0-23 to 1-14 win.

This was a good all round performance by Tyrone, fashioned by all round solid work.

Three defenders, Ryan McMenamin, Philip Jordan, who had an excellent game, and Davy Harte backed up their solid work in defence by getting on the scoresheet.

Enda McGinley did well in the middle of the park, while Cavanagh, Colm McCullagh and Martin Penrose gelled the attack into a smart-moving and efficient unit.

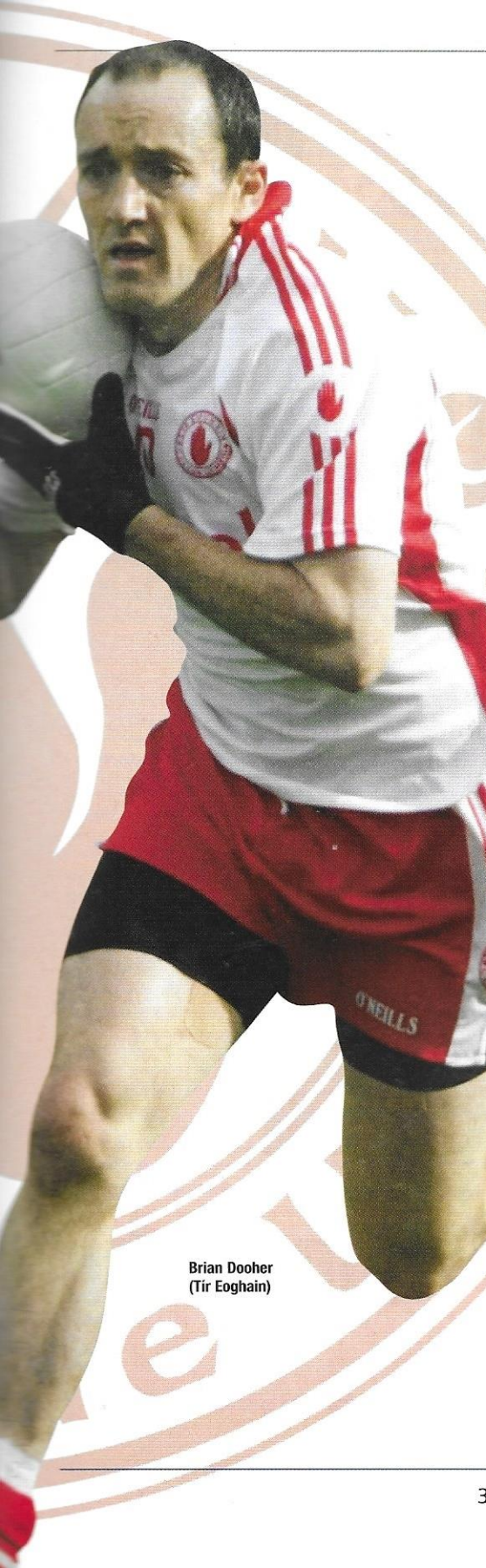
A positive advance, then, by Tyrone to their third All-Ireland senior final of the current decade.

LAST FIVE SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

- 2008: Tyrone 0-23; Wexford 1-14.
- 2008: Tyrone 3-14; Dublin 1-8.
- 2008: Tyrone 0-13; Mayo 1-9.
- 2008: Tyrone 0-14; Westmeath 1-7.
- 2008: Tyrone 1-18; Louth 1-10.



Back row (L-R): Stephen O'Neill, Kevin Hughes, Philip Jordan, Owen Mulligan, Conor Gormley, Jonathan Curran, Pascal McConnell, John Devine, Enda McGinley, Justin McMahon, Raymond Mulgrew, Sean Cavanagh
Middle row (L-R): Ryan Mellon, Dermot Carlin, Colin Holmes, David Harte, Brian Dooher, Ciaran Gourley, Shaun O'Neill, Brian McGuigan, Niall Gormley, Paul Quinn, Ryan McMenamin, Joe McMahon
Front row (L-R): Colm Cavanagh, Peter Donnelly, Mickey McGee, P J Quinn, Damian McCaul, Martin Penrose, Tommy McGuigan, Cathal McCarron, Colm McCullagh



Brian Dooher
(Tir Eoghain)

An Captaen

Brian Dooher

Brian is in line to be presented with the new Sam Maguire Cup for the second time. He led Tyrone to their second title in 2005.

A graduate from the minor intercounty ranks (he won an Ulster medal in the grade in 1993), Dooher has been a consistently commanding figure in the game and played an influential part in Tyrone's first All-Ireland senior title win in 2003.

He led Tyrone by example in his captain's role to their last All-Ireland senior title win at the expense of Kerry, and he has also won Ulster senior championship, National League and interprovincial souvenirs.

Brian is having another splendid season, and gave one of the outstanding individual performances of the season so far in Tyrone's All-Ireland quarter-final win over Dublin last month.

A GOLDEN MEMORY FROM THE ALL-IRELAND FINALS

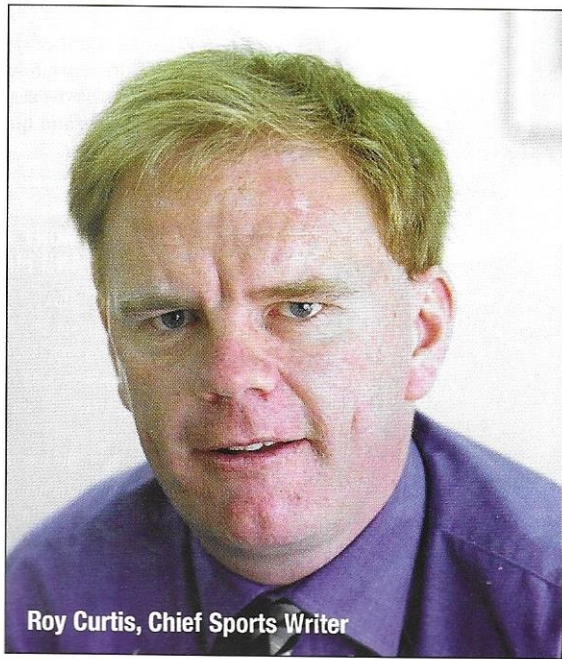
Peter Canavan played a big part in forging out Tyrone's first All-Ireland football title win in 2003 at the expense of Armagh in the first all-Ulster decider.

He lined out under the shadow of an ankle injury and scored five points to help his side to an interval lead of 0-8 to 0-4. He did not line out at the start of the second half but returned late in the game to lead the county to their 0-12 to 0-9 success.

Kevin Hughes was a tower of strength at midfield with his non stop football, skill and distribution and stamped his presence on the success in superb fashion.

The closing minutes provided a vital moment when right half back Conor Gormley brought off a great block on Steven McDonnell to safeguard Tyrone's lead.

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PLAYER PROFILE

SEÁN CAVANAGH

TYRONE manager Mickey Harte raised eyebrows this year when he decided to relocate Seán Cavanagh from midfield to full-forward.

Red Hand legend Frank McGuigan was one of the early sceptics and although his own personal preference would be to see Cavanagh restored to the Tyrone engine room, he is not one to question Harte's methods and decisions.

A diplomatic McGuigan said: "My belief with a boy of Seán's ability is that he can play anywhere. You could put him at full-back, centre back, wing, corner forward, anywhere and he would do a job."

Cavanagh, a three-time Allstar recipient, hopes to secure a third All-Ireland senior championship medal this afternoon, to add to the 2003 and 2005 successes. The 25-year-old Moy clubman has also won All-Ireland medals at minor and U21 grades and has represented his country seven times at International Rules level.

Cavanagh first sprang to prominence as a member of Tyrone's All-Ireland winning team of 2001. He had been enormously successful at school level, winning a MacRory Cup in 2000 with St. Patrick's Armagh.

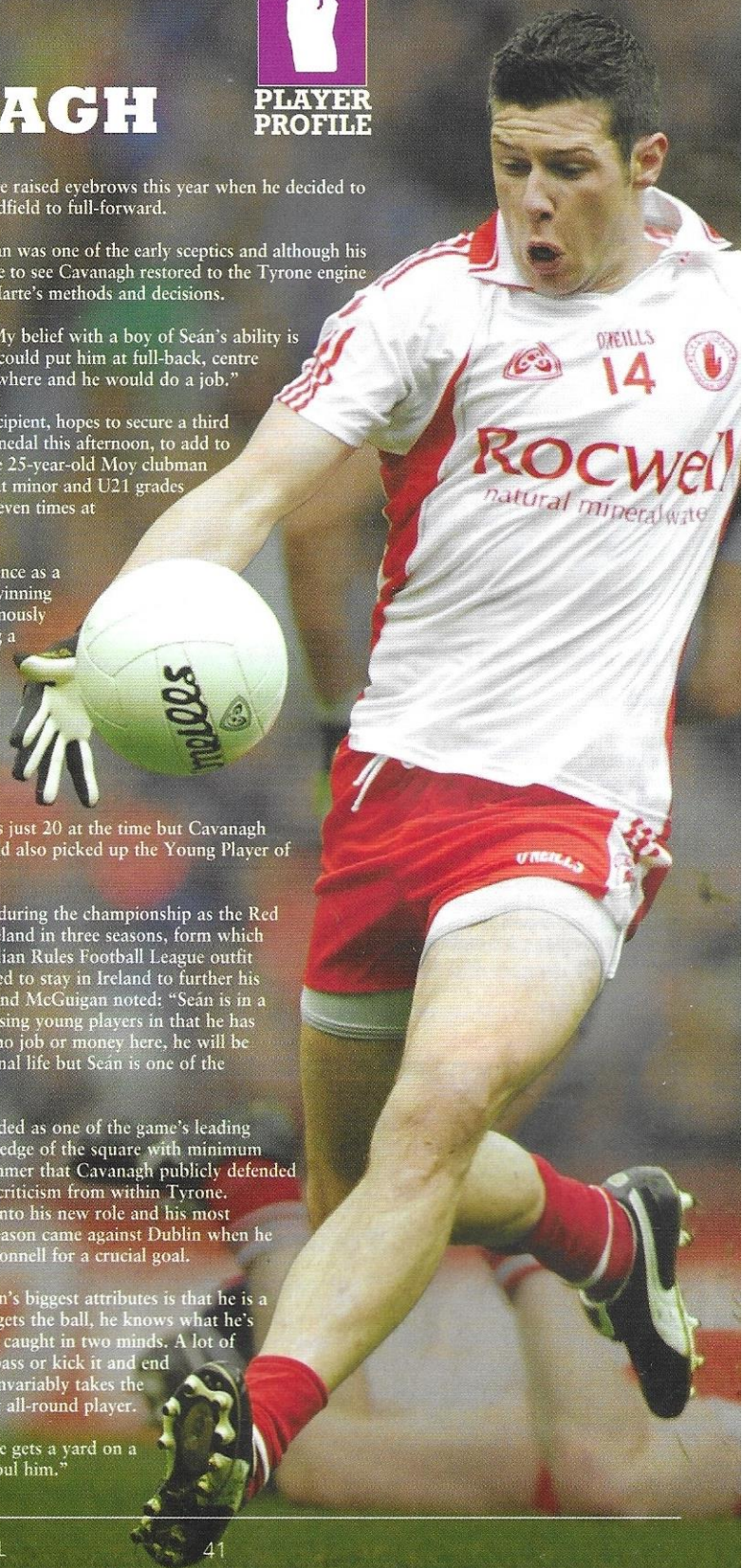
Cavanagh made his Tyrone senior debut in 2002, against neighbours Armagh, and a year later he played a pivotal role as the county captured a very first All-Ireland senior crown. He was just 20 at the time but Cavanagh finished the year as an Allstar and also picked up the Young Player of the Year award.

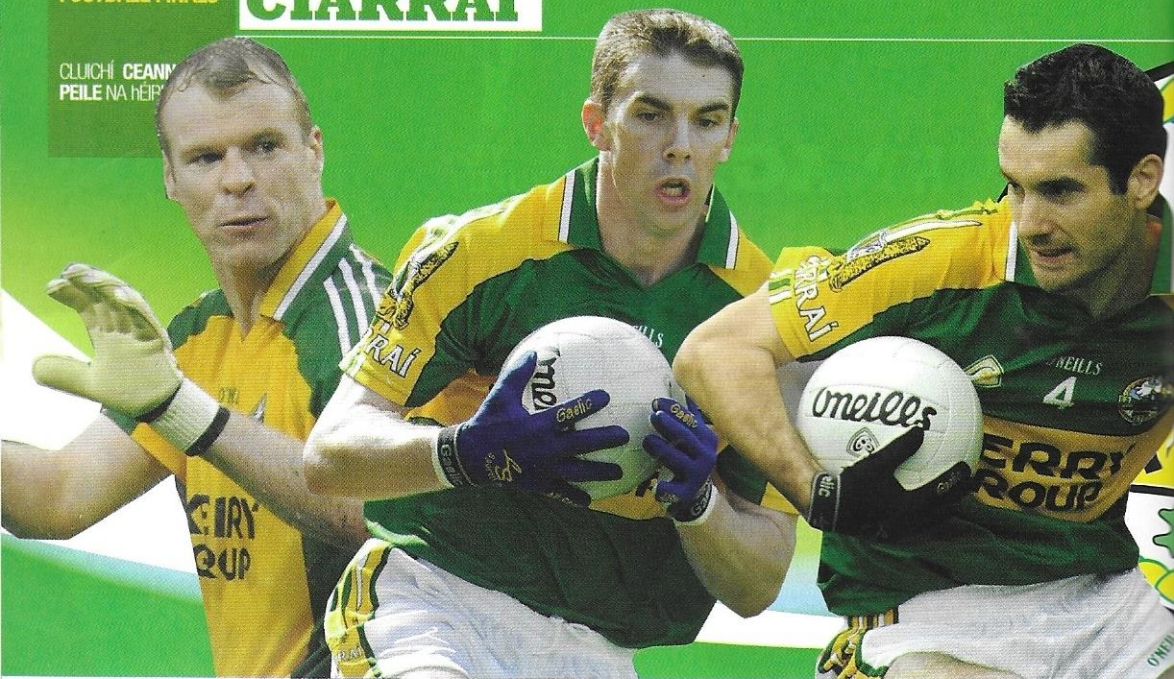
In 2005, Cavanagh kicked 0-12 during the championship as the Red Hands roared to a second All-Ireland in three seasons, form which attracted the attention of Australian Rules Football League outfit Brisbane Lions. Cavanagh decided to stay in Ireland to further his GAA and accountancy careers, and McGuigan noted: "Seán is in a different position to other promising young players in that he has a good job. If a young fella has no job or money here, he will be tempted to explore the professional life but Seán is one of the lucky ones."

Cavanagh has been widely regarded as one of the game's leading midfielders but he moved to the edge of the square with minimum fuss. And it was notable this summer that Cavanagh publicly defended Harte in the face of some fierce criticism from within Tyrone. Cavanagh has gradually settled into his new role and his most impressive performance of the season came against Dublin when he cruised past full-back Ross McConnell for a crucial goal.

McGuigan nodded: "One of Seán's biggest attributes is that he is a very confident player. When he gets the ball, he knows what he's going to do next. He doesn't get caught in two minds. A lot of players don't know whether to pass or kick it and end up getting blocked down. Seán invariably takes the right option and he's just a great all-round player."

"He's a big, strong fella and if he gets a yard on a defender, the only option is to foul him."



CLUICHÍ CEANNA
PEILE NA HEIR

1 Diarmuid Murphy

Club: Dingle

Age: 33

Height: 1.91m/6'3"

Weight: 98kg/15st.7lbs.

Occupation: Insurance Clerical Officer

Honours to date: 3 All-Ireland SFC, 2 All-Ireland U21F, 4 Munster JFC, 4 Munster SFC, 2 NFL, 2 All-Stars.

Murphy from the Dingle club is already the holder of three All-Ireland medals and two All-Stars awards. His consistently good form has continued again this year.

2 Marc Ó Sé

Club: An Ghaeltacht

Age: 28

Height: 1.83m/6'

Weight: 79kg/12st.7lbs.

Occupation: Teacher

Honours to date: 3 All-Ireland SFC, 1 Munster MFC, 4 Munster SFC, 2 County SFC, 2 NFL, 1 Munster Club, 2 All-Stars, Player of the Year 2007. Texaco GAA Star of the Year 2007.

The youngest of the three Ó Sé brothers in action today, Marc won his third All-Ireland medal last year and was also named as Footballer of the Year.

3 Tom O' Sullivan

Club: Rathmore

Age: 29

Height: 1.88m/6'2"

Weight: 83kg/13st.11lb.

Occupation: Garda

Honours to date: 4 All-Ireland SFC, 6 Munster SFC, 1 All-Ireland U21F; 2 Munster U21F; 1 All-Ireland Vocational Schools, 3 County SFC, 2 NFL, 2 All-Stars.

Tom O'Sullivan has been a mainstay in the Kerry defence over the past few years. Has switched very effectively to the corner back position during the year.

16 Kieran Cremin

Club: Dr. Crokes

Age: 27

Height: 1.83m/6'

Weight: 95.25kg/15st.

Occupation: Garda

Honours to date:

3 All-Ireland SFC, 2 NFL,
3 Munster SFC,
1 Munster U21F,
1 Munster JFC,
1 Munster MFC.



17. Tommy Griffin

Club: Dingle

Age: 30

Height: 1.88m/6'2"

Weight: 89kg/14st.

Occupation: Publican

Honours to date:

4 All-Ireland SFC, 1 All-Ireland U21F,
3 Munster U-21F, 1 Munster MFC, 2 NFL.



18 Seán O'Sullivan

Club: Cromane.

Age: 28

Height: 1.85m/6'1"

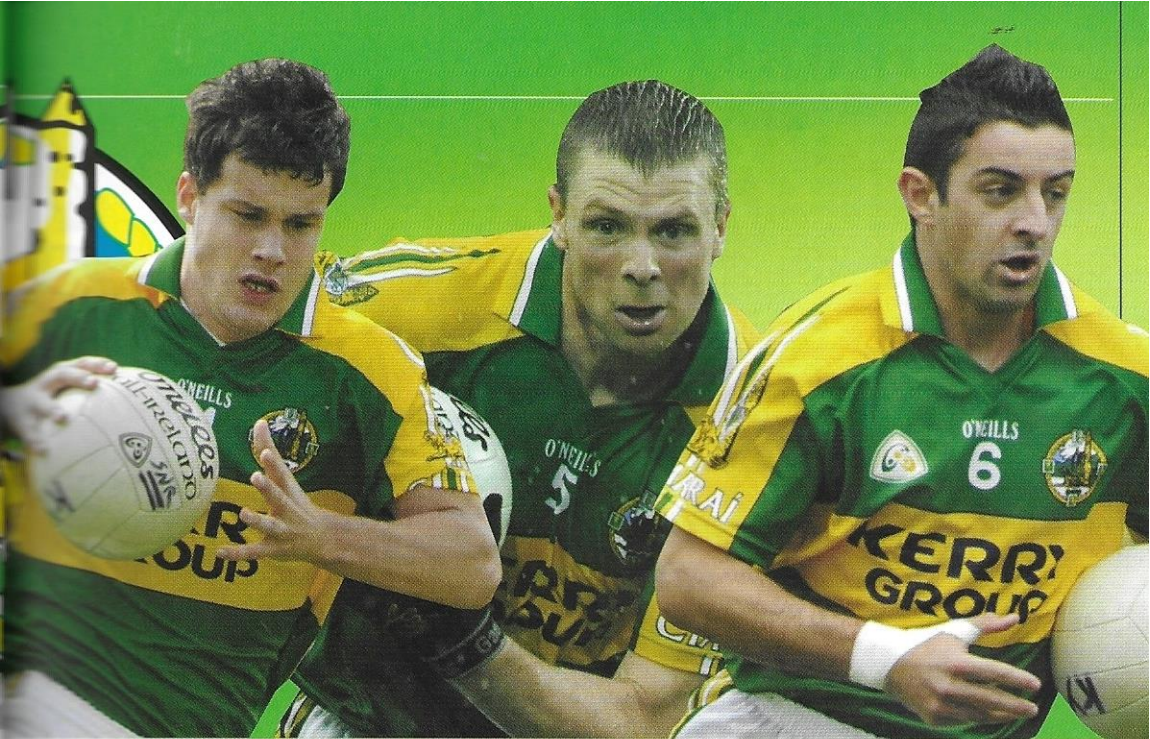
Weight: 76.2kg/12st.

Occupation: Bank Official

Honours to date:

3 All-Ireland SFC, 1 NFL,
1 Munster MFC,
1 Munster U21F,
2 Munster SFC,
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4 Pádraig Reidy

Club: Scartaglin
Age: 21
Height: 1.83m/6'
Weight: 77kg/12st.
Occupation: Sales Representative
Honours to date: 2 All-Ireland SFC, 1 NFL, 2 Munster MFC, 3 Munster SFC, 1 Junior International Rules 2004.

Regains his place today and hopes to continue his outstanding form of 2007 which saw him win his second All-Ireland medal.

5 Tomás Ó Sé

Club: An Ghaeltacht
Age: 30
Height: 1.8m/5"11"
Weight: 80kg/12st.7lbs.
Occupation: Teacher
Honours to date: 4 All-Ireland SFC, 1 All-Ireland U21F; 3 Munster U21F; 1 Munster MFC; 7 Munster SFC, 2 County SFC, 2 NFL, 1 Munster Club, 3 All-Stars, Player of the Year 2004, Texaco Award 2004.

Tomás has again been performing to the height of his ability in 2008. His outstanding leadership has been to the fore as Kerry have reached another All-Ireland final.

6 Aidan O'Mahony

Club: Rathmore
Age: 28
Height: 1.83m/6'
Weight: 82.5/13st.
Occupation: Garda
Honours to date: 3 All-Ireland SFC, 2 NFL, 4 Munster SFC, 2 All-Stars, 1 County SFC, 1 County U21F, 1 County IFC.

An excellent defender and play-maker who also pops up in attack on occasion. Won his second All-Star award last year and has continued his impressive form through 2008.

19 Darren O'Sullivan

Club: Glenbeigh/Glencar
Age: 22
Height: 1.78m/5'10"
Weight: 76.2kg/12st.
Occupation: Bank Official
Honours to date: 2 All-Ireland SFC, 1 Munster MFC, 2 Munster SFC, 1 NFL.



20 Micheál Quirke

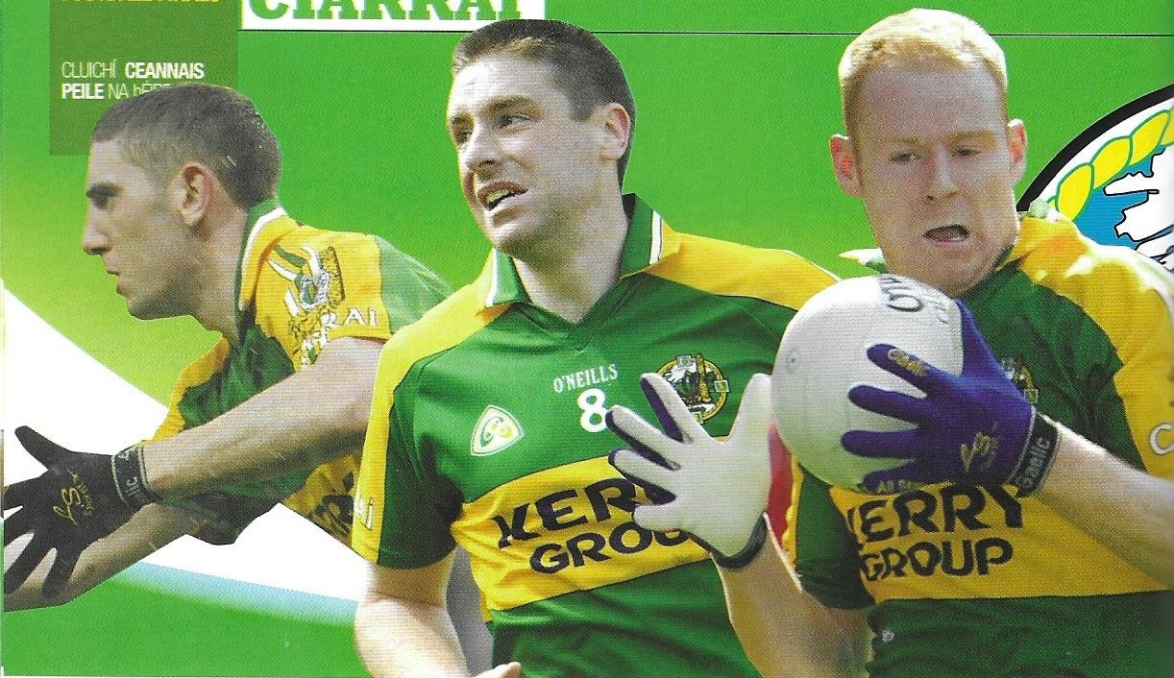
Club: Kerins O'Rahillys.
Age: 28
Height: 2m/6'7"
Weight: 111kg/17st.7lbs.
Occupation: GAA Coach
Honours to date: 2 All-Ireland SFC, 2 NFL, 4 Munster SFC, 1 County SFC.



21 Donnacha Walsh

Club: Cromane
Age: 24
Height: 1.86/6'1"
Weight: 80kg/12st.7lbs.
Occupation: Engineer
Honours to date: 1 All-Ireland SFC, 2 Munster MFC.





7 Killian Young

Club: Renard
Age: 21
Height: 1.83m/6'
Weight: 76.2kg/12st.
Occupation: Bank Official
Honours to date: 2 All-Ireland SFC, 1 All-Ireland U21F, 1 NFL, 1 Munster SFC, 1 Munster MFC, Young Player of the Year 2007.

The young-gun of the superb half back triumvirate, he captained the county to the All-Ireland Under 21 title this year. His strong attacking runs have been a feature of Kerry's march to this final.

8 Darragh Ó Sé

Club: An Ghaeltacht
Age: 33
Height: 1.83m/6'
Weight: 89kg/14st.
Occupation: Auctioneer
Honours to date: 5 All-Ireland SFC, 2 All-Ireland U21F, 3 NFL, 1 Railway Cup, 3 All-Stars, International Rules 2001, 2 County SFC, 1 Munster Club.

Darragh has been one of the outstanding midfielders of the current generation. Won his first All-Ireland medal in 1997 and is today bidding for his sixth.

9 Seamus Scanlon

Club: Currow
Age: 26
Height: 1.91m/6'3"
Weight: 92kg/14st.7lbs.
Occupation: Fitter
Honours to date: 2 All-Ireland SFC, 2 Munster SFC, 1 Munster Under 21F, U-17 International Rules 1999, 1 NFL.

Scanlon has had an outstanding year in the engine room of the Kerry side, with a particularly impressive display in the semi final replay win over Cork.

22 Daniel Bohane

Club: Austin Stacks
Age: 25
Height: 1.83m/6'
Weight: 80kg/12st.7lbs.
Occupation: Financial Advisor
Honours Won:
 1 All-Ireland SFC.



23 Mike Frank Russell

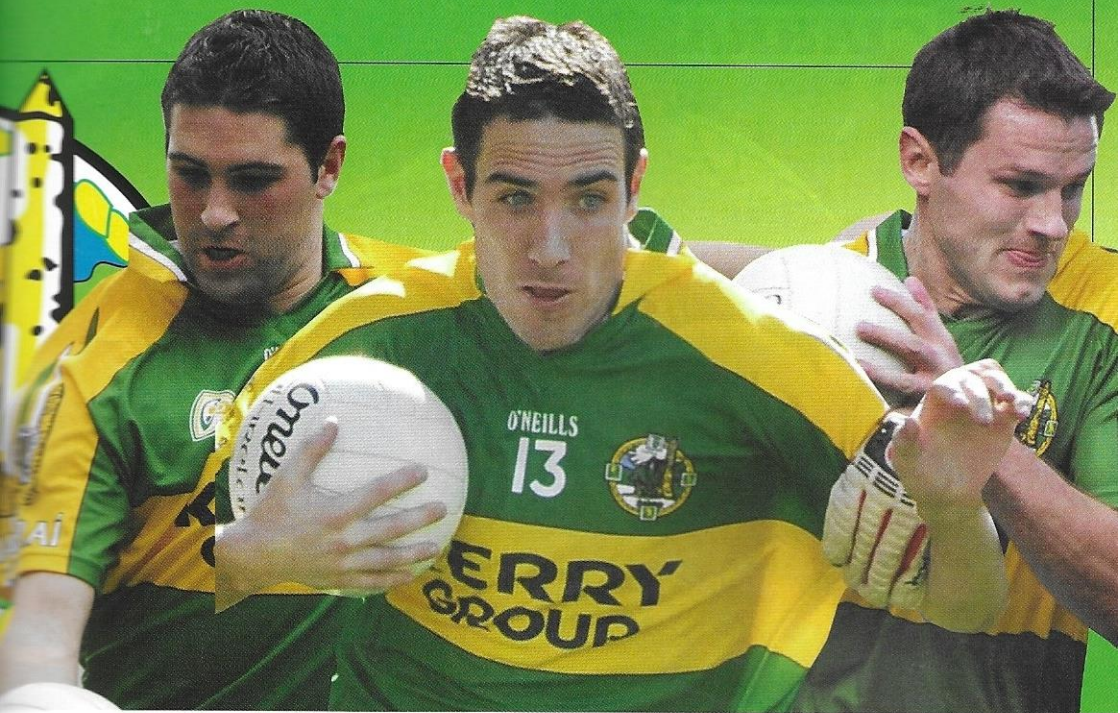
Club: Laune Rangers
Age: 30
Height: 1.8m/5'11"
Weight: 76.2kg/12st.
Occupation: Teacher
Honours to date:
 5 All-Ireland SFC, 2 All-Ireland U21F, 1 All-Ireland MFC, 1 All-Ireland Club, 1 All-Ireland Colleges, 3 NFL, 1 Sigerson Cup, 3 County SFC, 1 All-Star.



24 Rónán Ó Flatharta

Club: An Ghaeltacht
Age: 25
Height: 1.85m/6'1"
Weight: 76.2kg/12st.
Occupation: Electrician
Honours to date:
 2 All-Ireland SFC, 1 Munster MFC, 1 Munster Club.





10 Bryan Sheehan

Club: St. Mary's
Age: 23
Height: 1.88m/6'2"
Weight: 85.75kg/13st.7lbs.
Occupation: Quantity Surveyor
Honours to date: 3 All-Ireland SFC, 1 NFL, 3 Munster MFC, 3 Munster Colleges, 1 County League Division 1, 1 County League Division 2, 3 County SFC, 1 County IFC, 1 County MFC, 1 County U21F.

Universally recognised as a superb free-taker, Sheehan has had a wonderful year from general play also. Holder of three All-Ireland medals.

11 Declan O'Sullivan

Club: Dromid Pearses
Age: 24
Height: 1.83m/6'
Weight: 82.5kg/13st.
Occupation: Marketing Manager
Honours to date: 3 All-Ireland SFC, 4 Munster SFC, 1 Munster MFC, 1 Munster U21F, 2 NFL, 1 All Star.

Captain in 2007, O'Sullivan has impressed since his return from injury this year. Was particularly prominent in Kerry's win over Galway in the quarter-final.

12 Eoin Brosnan

Club: Dr. Crokes
Age: 28
Height: 1.91m/6'3"
Weight: 89kg/14st.2lbs.
Occupation: Solicitor
Honours to date: 3 All-Ireland SFC, 1 County SFC, 5 Munster SFC, 1 Cork County SFC (UCC), 1 Munster MFC, 2 Munster Club, 2 NFL.

The strong running style of Eoin Brosnan has had a significant impact on Kerry's success in recent years. Very accurate in front of goal, he plays today in his fourth All-Ireland final.

25 Paul O'Connor

Club: Kenmare
Age: 22
Height: 1.78m/5'10"
Weight: 76.2kg/12st.
Occupation: Student
Honours to date: 2 All-Ireland SFC, 1 All-Ireland U21F, 1 Munster MFC.



26 Kieran O'Leary

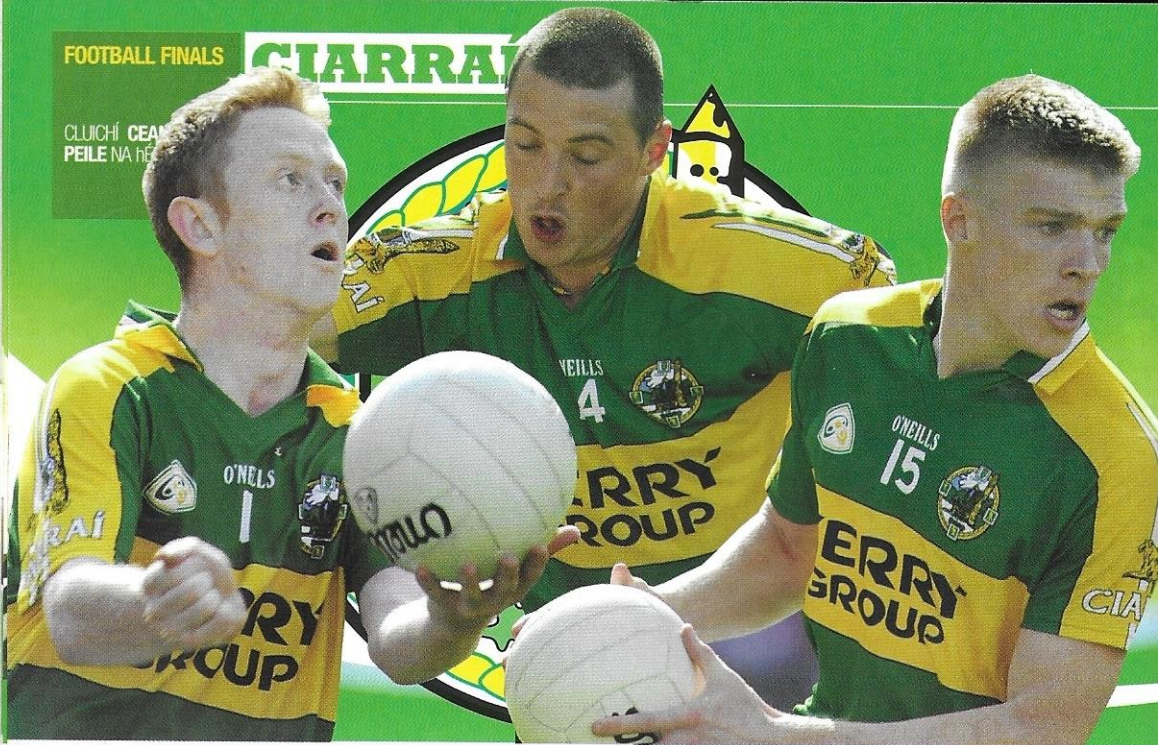
Club: Dr. Crokes
Age: 23
Height: 1.8m/5'11"
Weight: 66.5kg/10st.7lbs.
Occupation: Sales Assistant
Honours to date: 2 All-Ireland SFC, 1 All-Ireland U21F, 1 Munster MFC.



27 David Moran

Club: Kerins O'Rahillys
Age: 20
Height: 1.91m/6'3"
Weight: 95.5kg/15st.
Occupation: Student
Honours to date: 1 All-Ireland U21F, 1 Munster MFC, 1 County MFC.





13 Colm Cooper

Club: Dr. Crokes
Age: 25
Height: 1.8m/5'11"
Weight: 76kg/12st.
Occupation: Bank Official
Honours to date: 3 All-Ireland SFC, 1 Munster MFC, 1 Munster U21F, 5 Munster SFC, 2 NFL, 4 All-Stars, Texaco Player of the Year 2004

Cooper from the Dr. Crokes club in Killarney has had another wonderful season in the Kingdom attack. His clinically taken goal in the semi final replay against Cork proved to be a match-winner.

14 Kieran Donaghy

Club: Austin Stacks
Age: 25
Height: 1.96m/6'5"
Weight: 95.7kg/15st.1lb.
Occupation: Bank Official
Honours to date: 2 All-Ireland SFC, 1 NFL, 2 Munster SFC, 1 All-Star, Player of the Year 2006.

Donaghy from the Austin Stacks club in Tralee is a vital member of the Kerry attack, making and taking scores. He has also dropped back to midfield on occasion this year to great effect.

15 Tommy Walsh

Club: Kerins O'Rahillys
Occupation: Student
Age: 20
Height: 1.93m/6'4"
Weight: 104.5kg/16st.7lbs.
Honours to date: 1 All-Ireland SFC, 1 All-Ireland U21F, 1 Munster MFC.

The powerful Walsh has broken into the starting fifteen this campaign. His height and strength allied to his superb football ability makes him a handful for any defender.

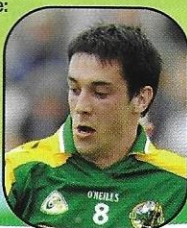
28 Paul Galvin

Club: Finuge
Age: 28
Height: 1.83m/6'
Weight: 76.2kg/12st.
Occupation: Teacher
Honours to date: 3 All-Ireland SFC, 2 County SHC, 1 County SFC, 3 Munster SFC, 1 Munster U21F, 1 Munster MFC, 2 NFL, 1 Munster Club (UCC), 2 All-Stars, 2 Munster Club JFC, 1 All-Ireland Club JFC.



29 Anthony Maher

Club: Duagh
Age: 21
Height: 1.93m/6'4"
Weight: 85.75kg/13st.7lbs.
Occupation: Student
Honours to date: 1 County SFC, 1 Munster Club JFC, 1 County Club JFC, 1 Munster MFC.



30 Pat Corridan

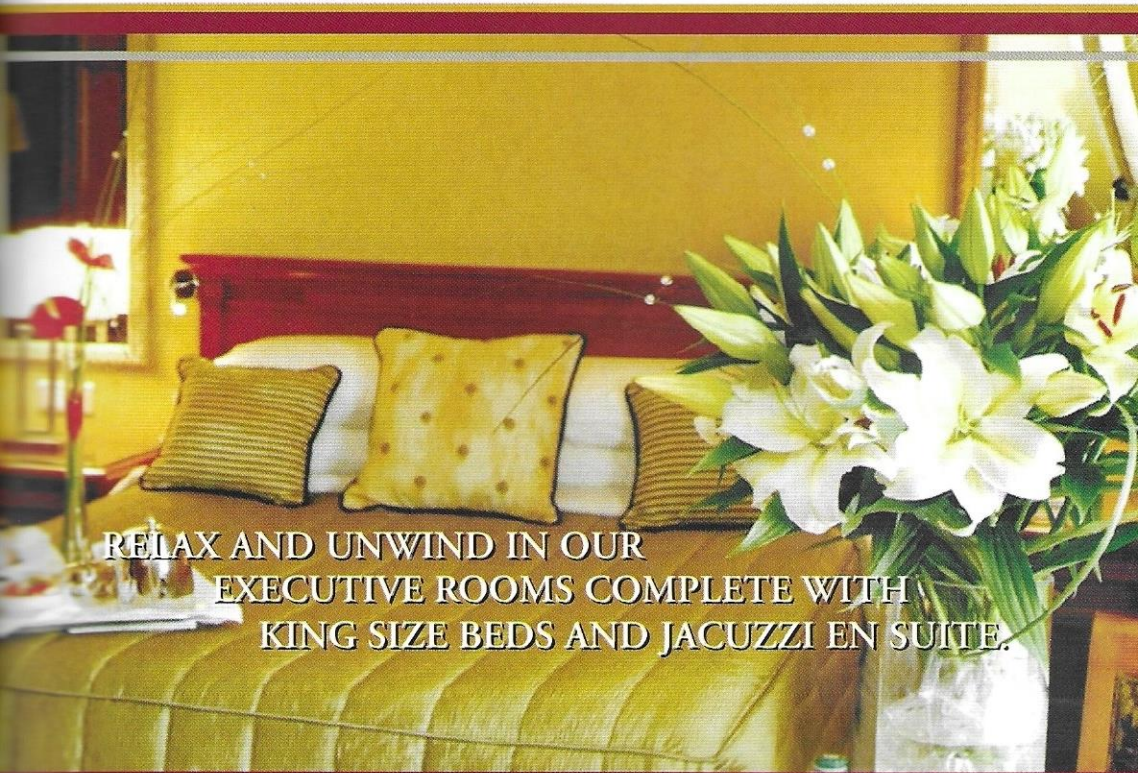
Club: Finuge
Age: 25
Height: 1.85m/6'1"
Weight: 82.5kg/13st.
Occupation: Bank Official
Honours to date: 1 County SFC, 2 County SHC, 1 All-Ireland Club JFC.





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Mickey Harte was born in Ballygawley, county Tyrone in 1952. His enthusiasm for Gaelic football was evident from his days as a pupil at Omagh CBS, where he represented his school in various Ulster Colleges tournaments. Harte played at underage level with his local club Ballygawley St. Ciarán's and at University level with St. Joseph's Teacher Training College in Belfast. From 1975-1982, Harte played with Tyrone's senior footballers and was a member of the 1980 team defeated by Armagh in a memorable Ulster final.

Harte retired as a player in 1985 but soon became involved in managing school and youth teams in his local area. Victories in Tyrone and Ulster schools competitions were achieved for Ballygawley teams under Harte's guidance and he was appointed as the county's minor football team manager in 1991.

Two years later, Harte masterminded success in the Ulster MFC as Tyrone landed the crown for the first time since 1988. Harte craved All-Ireland glory but his squad suffered a terrible blow with the tragic death of Paul McGirr in 1997. Harte vowed to deliver an All-Ireland for McGirr's memory and after losing the 1997 decider to Laois, Tyrone beat the O'Moore County a year later to clinch the title.

Harte made the step up to U21 manager in 2000 and All-Ireland titles followed in 2000 and 2001.

Harte's debut season as manager of the Tyrone senior footballers was a glorious one in 2003, having taken over the reins from Art McRory and Eugene McKenna.

They swept to National League, Ulster and All-Ireland senior glory and the 0-12 to 0-9 victory against Ulster rivals Armagh marked Tyrone's very first Sam Maguire success.

Remarkably, a second All-Ireland was achieved two years later with a 1-16 to 2-10 victory over Kerry, after Tyrone came through the 'back door'. Armagh cast a long shadow over the Ulster landscape but in 2007 Harte succeeded in landing a second provincial crown, following on from the 2003 success.

Renowned as a tactical genius, Harte has plotted Tyrone's recovery from a potentially devastating Ulster championship exit at the hands of Down this summer. The Red Hands started slowly through the qualifiers but delivered one of the most complete performances of the Harte era during the quarter-final victory over Dublin.

A semi-final victory against Wexford booked Tyrone's place in the final for the third time in six seasons and few would back Harte plotting Kerry's downfall after he presided over famous championship victories against the Kingdom in 2003 and 2005.

Pat O'Shea was born in 1966 and, following on from a successful playing career, the Dr. Crokes clubman has emerged in recent times as a highly-rated young coach with innovate coaching techniques.

O'Shea played predominantly for the Killarney club in the full-forward line and won Kerry Senior Football Championships in 1991 and 2000, along with an All Ireland Club Championship in 1992. Dr. Crokes beat Dublin outfit Thomas Davis in the final and it was O'Shea who scored the crucial goal after 14 minutes, en route to a 1-11 to 0-13 success.

O'Shea was manager of the Kerry minor footballers in 2002 and 2003 and presided over back-to-back Munster titles. Before that, he managed the Limerick minor team for two seasons.

He was appointed to manage the Kerry senior football team in November 2006 and took over the reins from Jack O'Connor, who had led the Kingdom to three successive All-Ireland finals, winning two.

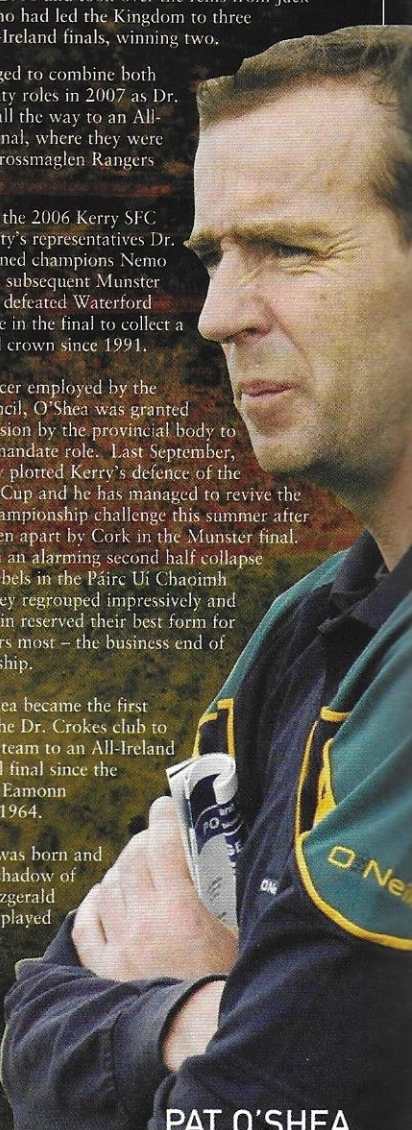
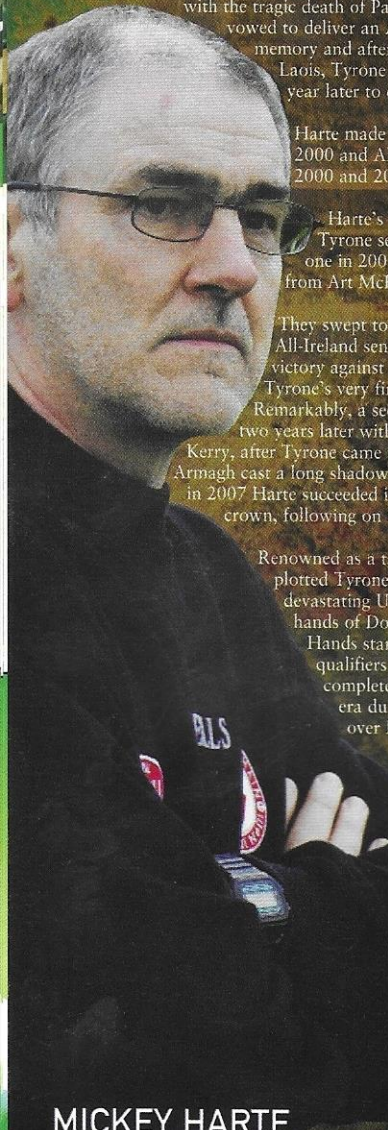
O'Shea managed to combine both club and county roles in 2007 as Dr. Crokes went all the way to an All-Ireland club final, where they were defeated by Crossmaglen Rangers after a replay.

Despite losing the 2006 Kerry SFC final, the county's representatives Dr. Crokes dethroned champions Nemo Rangers in the subsequent Munster semi-final and defeated Waterford outfit The Nire in the final to collect a first provincial crown since 1991.

A Games Officer employed by the Munster Council, O'Shea was granted special permission by the provincial body to enjoy a dual mandate role. Last September, he successfully plotted Kerry's defence of the Sam Maguire Cup and he has managed to revive the Kingdom's championship challenge this summer after they were taken apart by Cork in the Munster final. Kerry suffered an alarming second half collapse against the Rebels in the Páirc Uí Chaoimh decider but they regrouped impressively and have once again reserved their best form for when it matters most – the business end of the championship.

In 2007, O'Shea became the first person from the Dr. Crokes club to guide a Kerry team to an All-Ireland senior football final since the legendary Dr. Eamonn O'Sullivan in 1964.

O'Shea, who was born and reared in the shadow of Killarney's Fitzgerald Stadium, also played in goal for the Kerry hurlers and is a former underage basketball international.



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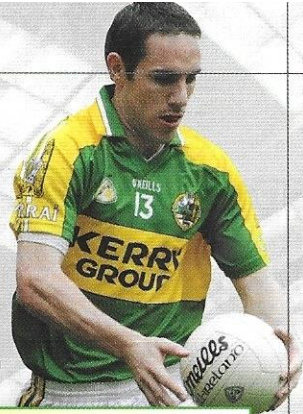
PATHS TO THE FINAL

Ciarrai



15th June. Killarney.
Kerry 1-14; Clare 0-5.
6th July. Páirc Uí Chaoimh:
Kerry 1-11; Cork 1-16.
3rd August. Croke Park:
Kerry 1-13; Monaghan 0-13.
9th August. Croke Park:
Kerry 1-21; Galway 1-16.
24th August. Croke Park:
Kerry 1-13; Cork 3-7.
31st August. Croke Park:
Kerry 3-14; Cork 2-13.
TOTAL SCORED:
8-86 (110 points).
TOTAL CONCEDED:
7-70 (91 points).
AVERAGE: 1.2

Declan O'Sullivan
(Ciarrai)



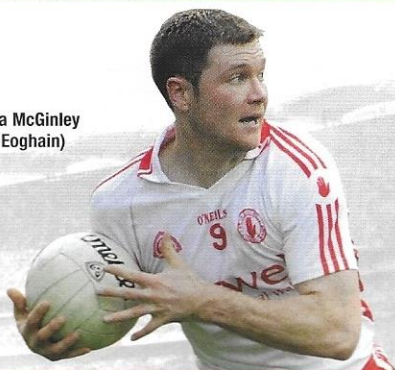
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Colm Cooper	1-0	0-3	0-2	0-3	0-3	1-8	2-19
Bryan Sheehan	0-5	0-3	0-5	0-7	0-4	—	0-24
Tommy Walsh	0-1	—	0-2	0-3	0-2	1-2	1-10
Kieran Donaghy	—	—	1-2	0-1	1-1	—	2-4
Declan O'Sullivan	0-1	—	—	0-4	—	1-0	1-5
Donncha Walsh	—	1-1	—	1-0	—	—	2-1
Aidan O'Mahony	0-2	—	0-1	0-1	—	—	0-4
Tomás Ó Sé	0-1	0-1	—	—	0-1	0-1	0-4
Darragh Ó Sé	0-1	0-1	—	0-1	—	—	0-3
Eoin Brosnan	0-1	—	—	—	0-1	0-1	0-3
Darren O'Sullivan	0-1	—	—	0-1	0-1	—	0-3
Seamus Scanlon	—	—	0-1	—	—	0-2	0-3
Seán O'Sullivan	—	0-2	—	—	—	—	0-2
Paul Galvin	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	0-1



Tír Eoghain

8th June. Omagh:
Tyrone 2-8; Down 2-8.
14th June. Newry:
Tyrone 0-21; Down 1-19. A.E.T.
19th July. Drogheda:
Tyrone 1-18; Louth 1-10.
26th July. Omagh:
Tyrone 0-14; Westmeath 1-7.
2nd August. Croke Park:
Tyrone 0-13; Mayo 1-9.
16th August. Croke Park:
Tyrone 3-14; Dublin 1-8.
31st August. Croke Park:
Tyrone 0-23; Wexford 1-14.
TOTAL SCORED:
6-111 (129 points).
TOTAL CONCEDED:
8-75 (99 points).
AVERAGE: 1.3

Enda McGinley
(Tír Eoghain)



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Seán Cavanagh	1-1	0-4	0-4	—	0-4	1-2	0-4	2-19
Colm McCullagh	1-2	0-4	0-5	—	0-2	0-3	0-4	1-20
Tommy McGuigan	—	0-6	0-1	0-6	0-2	0-2	0-3	0-20
Brian Dooher	0-1	—	0-1	0-2	0-1	0-3	0-2	0-10
Enda McGinley	—	—	1-1	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-6
Martin Penrose	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	—	0-3	0-8
Davy Harte	—	—	—	0-1	0-1	1-1	0-1	1-4
Colm Cavanagh	0-2	0-4	—	—	—	—	—	0-6
Philip Jordan	—	0-1	0-1	—	—	—	0-3	0-5
Joe McMahon	—	—	—	—	—	1-1	—	1-1
Brian McGuigan	—	—	0-3	—	—	—	—	0-3
Ryan Mellon	—	0-1	0-1	0-1	—	—	—	0-3
Ryan McMenamin	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	0-2	0-3
Kevin Hughes	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-1
Damien McCaul	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	0-1
Conor Gormley	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	0-1



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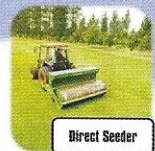
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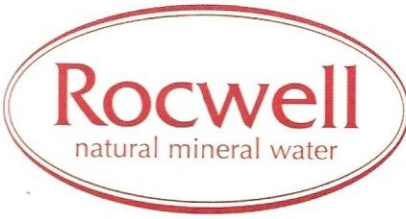
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TOP SCORERS

The race to succeed James Masters as championship top scorer will be decided today with no less than five players in the running. Leading the way is John Doyle (ninth last year), but Colm Cooper, Seán Cavanagh, Brian Sheehan and Colm McCullagh could overtake the Kildare marksman with a high personal return this afternoon. No Kildare player has succeeded in topping the scorers' chart and the Lily White is the only one of last year's top ten to reappear in this year's chart, which currently reads:

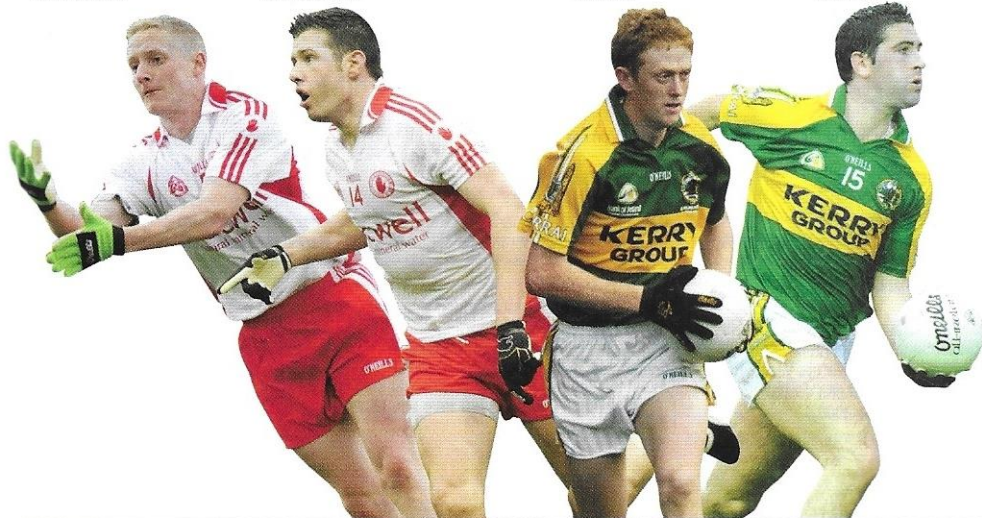
	Score	Total	Games	Average
John Doyle (Kildare)	2-26	32	5	6.4
Ian Ryan (Limerick)	3-20	29	4	7.25
Matty Forde (Wexford)	1-24	27	6	4.5
Ciarán Lyng (Wexford)	2-21	27	6	4.5
Daniel Goulding (Cork)	3-18	27	5	5.4
Colm Cooper (Kerry)	2-19	25	6	4.17
Seán Cavanagh (Tyrone)	2-19	25	7	3.57
Aidan Carr (Down)	0-24	24	6	4.0
Brian Sheehan (Kerry)	0-24	24	6	4.0
Steven McDonnell (Armagh)	1-20	23	5	4.6
Dessie Dolan (Westmeath)	1-20	23	5	4.6
Colm McCullagh (Tyrone)	1-20	23	7	3.29

Colm McCullagh
(Tír Eoghain)

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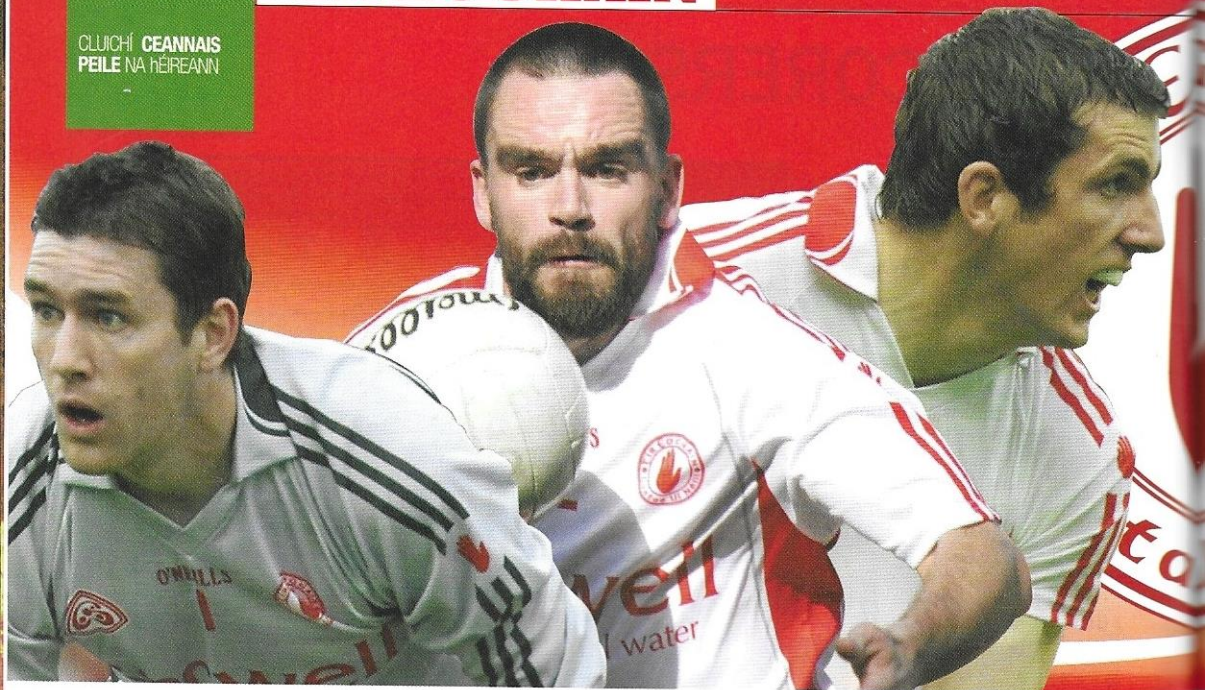
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1 John Devine

Club: Errigal Ciaran
Age: 25
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Weight: 89kg/14st.
Occupation: Teacher
Honours to date: 2 All-Ireland SFC, 2 NFL, 1 All-Ireland MFC, 2 Ulster SFC, 2 Ulster U21F, 1 Ulster MFC, 2 Tyrone SFC.

Devine has enjoyed a great battle with Pascal McConnell for ownership of the goalkeeper's jersey over the years. He started the 2003 final win while McConnell played in 2005.

2 Ryan McMenamin

Club: Dromore
Age: 30
Height: 1.78m/5'10"
Weight: 80kg/12st.7lbs.
Occupation: Civil Servant.
Honours to date: 2 All-Ireland SFC, 2 NFL, 3 Ulster SFC, 1 All-Star, 1 Tyrone SFC.

Ryan McMenamin has sparked this year at right corner back. His strong and aggressive running has continually turned defence into attack.

3 Justin McMahon

Club: Omagh
Age: 22
Height: 1.90m/6'3"
Weight: 86kg/13st.7lbs.
Occupation: Student.
Honours to date: 1 Ulster SFC, 1 Ulster U21F, 1 Ulster MFC.

McMahon has settled into the full-back position this year and made the No. 3 jersey his own. His brother, Joe played at full-back in Tyrone's 2005 success.

16 Pascal McConnell

Club: Newtownstewart
Age: 28
Height: 1.93m/6'4"
Weight: 92kg/14st.7lbs.
Occupation: Civil Servant
Honours to date: 2 All-Ireland SFC, 1 NFL, 2 All-Ireland U21F, 1 All-Ireland MFC, 2 Ulster SFC, 2 Ulster U21 F, 2 Ulster MFC.



17 Dermot Carlin

Club: Killyclogher
Age: 24
Height: 1.78m/5'10"
Weight: 80kg/12st.8lbs.
Occupation: Quantity Surveyor.
Honours to date: 1 All-Ireland SFC, 1 NFL, 1 All-Ireland MFC, 2 Ulster SFC, 2 Ulster U21F, 1 Ulster MFC, 1 Tyrone SFC.



18 Colm Cavanagh

Club: Moy
Age: 21
Height: 1.9m/6'3"
Weight: 86kg/13st.7lbs.
Occupation: Student
Honours to date: 1 All-Ireland MFC, 1 Ulster SFC, 1 Ulster U21F, 2 Ulster MFC.





4 Ciarán Gourley

Club: Rock
Age: 29
Height: 1.83m/6'
Weight: 80kg/12st.6lbs.
Occupation: Teacher
Honours to date: 2 All-Ireland SFC, 2 NFL, 1 All-Ireland U21F, 3 Ulster SFC, 1 Ulster U21F, 1 Ulster MFC.

A member of the 2003 and 2005 panels, Gourley is another who is not afraid to combine attack with his defensive duties. Had a magnificent game in the semi final win over Wexford.

5 Davy Harte

Club: Errigal Ciaran
Age: 26
Height: 1.78m/5'10"
Weight: 73kg/11st.7lbs.
Occupation: Teacher
Honours to date: 1 All-Ireland SHC, 1 All-Ireland U21F, 1 Ulster SFC, 2 Ulster U21F, 2 Tyrone SHC.

The Errigal Ciarán clubman is enjoying a magnificent season. Like a number of his defensive colleagues he also attacks very strongly. His goal in the quarter final win over Dublin was a highlight.

6 Conor Gormley

Club: Carrickmore
Age: 27
Height: 1.8m/5'11"
Weight: 87kg/13st.10lbs.
Occupation: Electrician
Honours to date: 2 All-Ireland SFC, 2 NFL, 1 All-Ireland U21F, 3 Ulster SFC, 1 Ulster U21F, 2 All-Stars, 4 Tyrone SFC.

Also chasing his third All-Ireland medal, Conor Gormley has had a great year at centre half back. He is the holder of two All-Star awards.

19 Peter Donnelly

Club: Coalisland
Age: 25
Height: 1.83m/6'
Weight: 86.5kg/13st.9lbs.
Occupation: GAA Development Officer
Honours to date:
 1 All-Ireland SFC, 1 All-Ireland U21F, 1 All-Ireland MFC, 2 Ulster SFC, 3 Ulster U21F, 1 Ulster MFC.



20 Niall Gormley

Club: Trillick
Age: 25
Height: 1.73m/5'8"
Weight: 76kg/12st.
Occupation: Plasterer
Honours to date:
 1 All-Ireland MFC, 1 Ulster SFC, 1 Ulster U21F, 1 Ulster MFC.

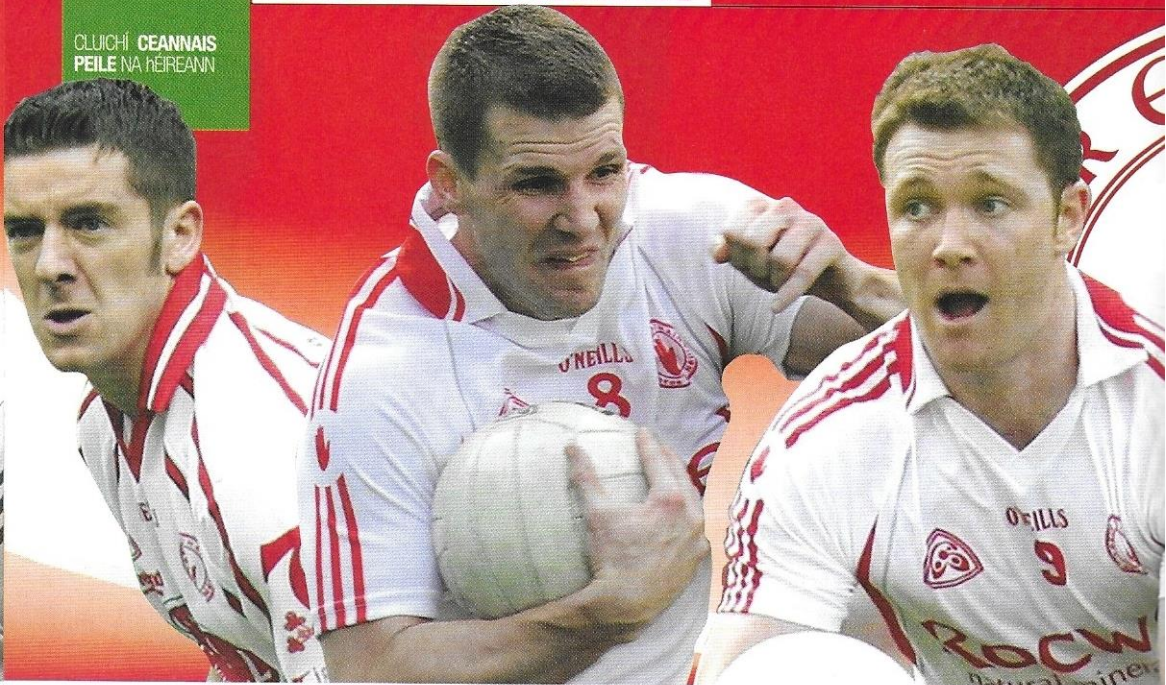


21 Kevin Hughes

Club: Killeeshil
Age: 28
Height: 1.86m/6'1".
Weight: 86kg/13st.8lbs.
Occupation: Civil Engineer
Honours to date:
 1 All-Ireland SFC, 2 NFL, 2 All-Ireland U21F, 1 All-Ireland MFC, 3 Ulster SFC, 2 Ulster U21F, 2 Ulster MFC.



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7 Philp Jordan

Club: Moy
Age: 28
Height: 1.8m/5'11"
Weight: 80kg/12st.8lbs.
Occupation: Accountant
Honours to date: 2 All-Ireland SFC, 2 NFL, 1 All-Ireland U21F, 1 All-Ireland MFC, 3 Ulster SFC, 1 Ulster U21F, 1 Ulster MFC, 2 All-Stars.

Another attack minded half-back, Jordan has recaptured his form of 2005 which saw him selected at left half-back on the All-Stars that year.

8 Colin Holmes

Club: Armagh Harps
Age: 32
Height: 1.83m/6'
Weight: 86kg/13st.8lbs.
Occupation: Teacher
Honours to date: 2 All-Ireland SFC, 2 NFL, 4 Ulster SFC, 1 Ulster MFC, 1 Ulster Club JFC.

Holmes has enjoyed a very fruitful year in the Tyrone engine-room, where his partnership with Enda McGinley has flourished.

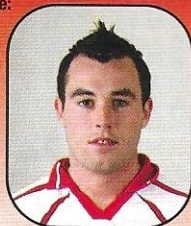
9 Enda McGinley

Club: Errigal Ciaran
Age: 27
Height: 1.85m/6'1"
Weight: 89kg/14st.
Occupation: Physiotherapist
Honours to date: 2 All-Ireland SFC, 1 NFL, 2 All-Ireland U21F, 1 All-Ireland MFC, 3 Ulster SFC, 2 Ulster U21F, 2 Ulster MFC, 3 Tyrone SFC.

Another of the Errigal Ciarán contingent, McGinley's powerful play has been vital to Tyrone's march to the final. Has also come up with vital scores, none more than his two late points against Westmeath in the qualifier.

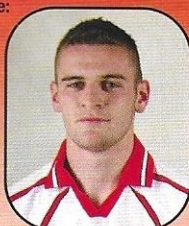
22 Cathal McCarron

Club: Dromore
Age: 21
Height: 1.83m/6'
Weight: 82.5kg/13st.
Occupation: Insurance Agent
Honours to date:
1 Ulster U21F,
1 Tyrone SFC.



23 Damian McCaul

Club: Donaghmore
Age: 21
Height: 1.83m/6'
Weight: 80kg/12st.8lbs.
Occupation: Student
Honours to date:
1 Ulster SFC.



24 Michael McGee

Club: Loughmacrory
Age: 27
Height: 1.75m/5'9"
Weight: 79kg/12st.5lbs.
Occupation: Civil Servant
Honours to date:
2 All-Ireland SFC, 1 NFL,
2 All-Ireland U21F, 1 All-Ireland MFC,
3 Ulster SFC,
2 Ulster U21F,
2 Ulster MFC.





10 Brian Doohar

Club: Clann na nGael
Age: 33
Height: 1.78m/5'10"
Weight: 80kg/12st.7lbs.
Occupation: Veterinarian.
Honours to date: 2 All-Ireland SFC, 2 NFL, 4 Ulster SFC, 2 All-Stars, 1 Ulster MFC.

"Captain Fantastic" has been an inspiration to his team-mates, with his selfless running a feature. Has also chipped in with some excellent points.

11 Brian McGuigan

Club: Ardboe
Age: 28
Height: 1.78m/5'10"
Weight: 80kg/12st.8lbs.
Occupation: Publican
Honours to date: 2 All-Ireland SFC, 2 NFL, 2 All-Ireland U21F, 1 All-Ireland MFC, 3 Ulster SFC, 2 Ulster U21F, 2 Ulster MFC, 1 All-Star, 1 Tyrone SFC.

Has recovered from a number of serious injuries to reclaim his place in the panel. Did not start the semi final due to illness but has fully recovered to line out today.

12 Joseph McMahon

Club: Omagh
Age: 25
Height: 1.88m/6'2"
Weight: 86kg/13st.8lbs.
Occupation: School Coach
Honours to date: 1 All-Ireland SFC, 1 All-Ireland MFC, 1 Ulster SFC, 2 Ulster U21F, 1 Ulster MFC.

Brother of full-back, Justin, he himself played full-back in the 2005 final. One of the "bearded band" he has nailed down a starting place in the half-forward line this year.

25 Ryan Mellon

Club: Moy
Age: 27
Height: 1.83m/6'
Weight: 83kg/13st.1lb.
Occupation: GAA Development Officer
Honours to date:
 2 All-Ireland SFC, 1 NFL,
 1 All-Ireland U21F, 1 All-Ireland MFC,
 2 Ulster SFC,
 1 Ulster U21F,
 1 Ulster MFC.



26 Raymond Mulgrew

Club: Cookstown
Age: 22
Height: 1.85m/6'1"
Weight: 80kg/12st.6lbs.
Occupation: Student.
Honours to date:
 1 All-Ireland MFC, 1 Ulster SFC, 1 Ulster U21F, 2 Ulster MFC.



27 Owen Mulligan

Club: Cookstown
Age: 27
Height: 1.8m/5'11"
Weight: 86kg/13st.8lbs.
Occupation: Joiner
Honours to date:
 2 All-Ireland SFC, 2 NFL,
 2 All-Ireland U21F, 1 All-Ireland MFC,
 3 Ulster SFC,
 2 Ulster U21F,
 1 Ulster MFC,
 1 All-Star.



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13 Tommy McGuigan

Club: Ardboe
Age: 25
Height: 1.83m/6'
Weight: 80kg/12st.7lbs.
Occupation: Joiner
Honours to date: 1 All-Ireland MFC, 1 Ulster SFC, 1 Ulster MFC.

Brother of Tommy, he has come of age this year with some exceptional scoring performances. His 0-6 against Westmeath was vital to his county's win that day.

14 Seán Cavanagh

Club: Moy
Age: 25
Height: 1.88m/6'2"
Weight: 89kg/14st.
Occupation: Accountant
Honours to date: 2 All-Ireland SFC, 2 NFL, 1 All-Ireland MFC, 2 Ulster SFC, 2 Ulster U21F, 1 Ulster MFC, 3 All-Stars.

Cavanagh has moved to the full forward position with great aplomb this year. Has scored an exceptional 2-15 from play in Tyrone's march to the final.

15 Colm McCullagh

Club: Dromore
Age: 30
Height: 1.73m/5'8"
Weight: 76kg/12st.
Occupation: Leisure Manager
Honours to date: 1 All-Ireland SFC, 1 Ulster SFC, 1 Tyrone SFC.

A member of the 2005 panel, McCullagh has been in inspirational form all year. Scorer of 1-20 this year for his county as they bid for their third All-Ireland title.

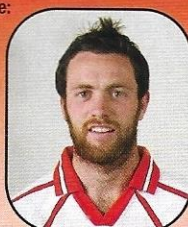
28 Shaun O'Neill

Club: Dromore
Age: 21
Height: 1.83m/6'
Weight: 83kg/13st.2lbs.
Occupation: Student
Honours to date: 1 Tyrone SFC.



29 Martin Penrose

Club: Aghyaran
Age: 24
Height: 1.78m/5'10"
Weight: 81kg/12st.2lbs.
Occupation: Joiner
Honours to date: 1 All-Ireland SFC, 1 All-Ireland MFC, 1 Ulster SFC, 2 Ulster U21F, 1 Ulster MFC.



30 P.J. Quinn

Club: Moortown
Age: 21
Height: 1.78m/5'10"
Weight: 76kg/12st.
Occupation: Filer
Honours to date: 1 All-Ireland MFC, 1 Ulster SFC, 1 Ulster U-21F, 1 Ulster MFC.



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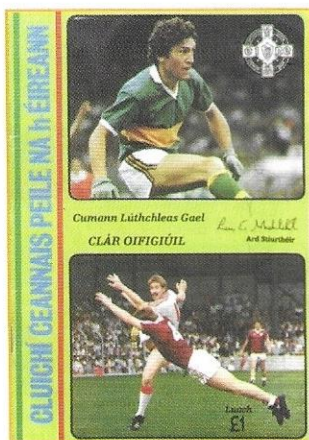


1986

Kerry 2-15 Tyrone 1-10

An omen for today perhaps as this was the last occasion on which Kerry completed the three-in-a-row with an eight-point win over Tyrone. However, the final scoreline is misleading as for three-quarters of an hour the Ulster champions looked the more likely victors and it was only a last quarter surge that gave the Kingdom a relatively comfortable win. Playing into the wind Kerry had the opportunity to make the ideal start when they were awarded a penalty after just two minutes, but Jack O'Shea's rasping shot came back off the crossbar. Emboldened by the let off Tyrone had the better of the first period thereafter to lead by 0-7 to 0-4 at the break.

Within 60 seconds of the restart Tyrone had doubled their advantage when Paudge Quinn goaled and the award of a penalty suggested a nine-point lead was in the offing. However, Kevin McCabe drove his kick over the bar and Kerry celebrated the let-off by taking control and a string of scores (including a goal from Pat Spillane) had Kerry on terms before the end of the third quarter. Indeed, Kerry crept in front before the fourth quarter dawned and with the wind (and the momentum) it was clear that a third successive title was at hand. Tyrone battled on, but although the margin was a little harsh, the laurels rested where they belonged.



Cover of the 1986 Programme.

Kerry scorers: P.Spillane 1-4, M.Sheeby 1-4, D.Moran 0-2, E.Liston 0-2, T.O'Dowd 0-2, G.Power 0-1.

Tyrone scorers: M.Mallon 0-4, P.Quinn 1-1, S.McNally 0-2, K.McCabe 0-1, M.McClure 0-1, D.O'Hagan 0-1.

Ciarraí – C.Nelligan, P.O'Shea, S.Walsh, M.Spillane, T.Doyle, T.Spillane, G.Lynch, J.O'Shea, A.O'Donovan, W.Maher, D.Moran, P.Spillane, M.Sheeby, E.Liston, G.Power.
Sub – T.O'Dowd for O'Donovan.
Tír Eoghain – A.Skelton, J.Mallon, C.McGarvey, J.Lynch, K. McCabe, N.McGinn, P.Ball, P.Donaghy, H.McClure, M. McClure, E.McKenna, S.McNally, D.O'Hagan, P. Quinn, M.Mallon.
Subs – S.Conway for Lynch, S.Rice for McKenna, A.O'Hagan for M.Mallon.

2003

Tyrone 0-13 Kerry 0-6

This semi-final was not a contest to linger in the memory as Tyrone recorded their first-ever win over Kerry before

59,000 spectators at Croke Park. More than a free a minute (72) were awarded in an encounter that was at best mediocre as both sides dug in for a war of attrition, at which the Northerners were the more skilled. The foundations for Tyrone's victory were laid in the opening 25 minutes as a lethargic Kingdom side failed to trouble the scoreboard operator while the Ulster side reeled off half a dozen points. Kerry finally opened their account ten minutes before the break, but added just one more in the opening half at the end of which they trailed by 0-2 to 0-9.

A third-quarter recovery was vital to Kerry's chances of saving the day, but it never materialised and as the free count mounted the Munster side added two points to their interval total for the concession of just one. Early in the fourth quarter a brace from Declan Quill reduced the deficit to four and it seemed that Kerry might just reel in the leaders, but five minutes from time Stephen O'Neill's point steadied Tyrone nerves. Brian Doohar added another and the interval position was restored when O'Neill finished the scoring in the final minute. Tyrone may have won, but the quality of fare on offer left a lot to be desired.

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

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

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TRIPLE

FORMER Kerry captain Séamus Moynihan is relishing the prospect of watching the Kingdom's triple attacking terrors in action against Tyrone in this afternoon's All-Ireland senior football final.

Moynihan was a revered defender in his playing days and, as a keen student of the game, he admits to being fascinated by the possible match-ups involving Colm 'Gooch' Cooper, Kieran Donaghy and Tommy Walsh.

Moynihan expects to see Tyrone's Justin McMahon picking up Walsh, Conor Gormley tracking Donaghy and Ryan McMenamin renewing acquaintances with Cooper. All over the field, there are duels to savour but how Tyrone cope with Kerry's attacking stars will go a long way towards deciding today's game.

Moynihan believes that the gifted Cooper is the most complete forward in the country, described Donaghy as the ideal team player and urged Walsh to take some of the pressure off himself by viewing this mammoth fixture as just another game.

Moynihan, a four-time All-Ireland medallist and triple Allstar, said: "Gooch has set his own standards over the last few years. He has good hands, great vision and is well able to take scores. He's a goal poacher, a great point-taker and is the most

complete forward out there at the minute. What he lacks in physical strength he makes up for with his upper body and I've never seen him blown out of it by any player."

Cooper has scored goals in the 2004, 2006 and 2007 All-Ireland finals and will be looking to finally put one over on Tyrone in senior championship football, having tasted defeat against the Red Hands in 2003 and 2005.

In 2006, Donaghy's memorable switch to full-forward was one of the key factors as Kerry regained the Sam Maguire Cup, having lost to Cork in the Munster final. Moynihan recalled: "He's blossomed in there and since then; a lot of other teams have looked at playing the long ball game again, which is fantastic. Kieran is an integral part of the Kerry team. He's brilliant over his head and is fast over 20 yards. Similar to Gooch, he's a team player. He's not greedy, has fantastic vision and great hands. He's a great guy to play with and if a player makes a good run, Kieran or Gooch will always give the ball to a guy in a better position."

Donaghy, nicknamed 'Star', enjoyed a stellar 2006 campaign and his massive contribution earned him the Player of the Year award as O'Shea's gamble with the basketball ace paid off.

Donaghy proved too hot to handle for opposition defences

again last year and he profited from Cork's nervousness in defence with two goals in a one-sided All-Ireland final. His emergence is regarded as a real 'rags to riches' story and, although he made his league debut against Dublin 2005, he was better known for his part in the reality GAA TV show 'Underdogs'.

Now, everybody knows who Donaghy is and his presence is something extra for Tyrone to worry about as the 25-year-old Austin Stacks clubman did not play in the 2003 and 2005 championship games between the two sides.

Walsh, meanwhile, brings an x-factor to the Kerry attack having made a quite remarkable impact during his debut season as a senior player. A son of former Kerry player Seán, Tommy captured an All-Ireland U21 medal this year and has completed an effortless switch from the underage to senior ranks.

The 20-year-old has improved with every championship game and he gave Munster final man-of-the-match Diarmuid Duggan a torrid time in the recent All-Ireland semi-final replay, before the Cork corner back was called ashore before half-time.

Moynihan said: "Tommy is just fresh off the back of the U21 All-Ireland, a great achievement in itself, and has really blossomed

TERRORS

By Jackie Cahill

since. His first big game at Croke Park was against Monaghan and he has moved on from then. He was very close to being man-of-the-match in the semi-final and he's a very big physical player who has no problem catching ball over his head either."

Walsh scored a superb solo goal against the Rebels in the replay and Moynihan has been impressed by the young star's all-round ability.

"The negative is that Tommy doesn't have experience but that doesn't seem to have bothered him to date. If Gooch, Donaghy and Walsh start inside, that's a

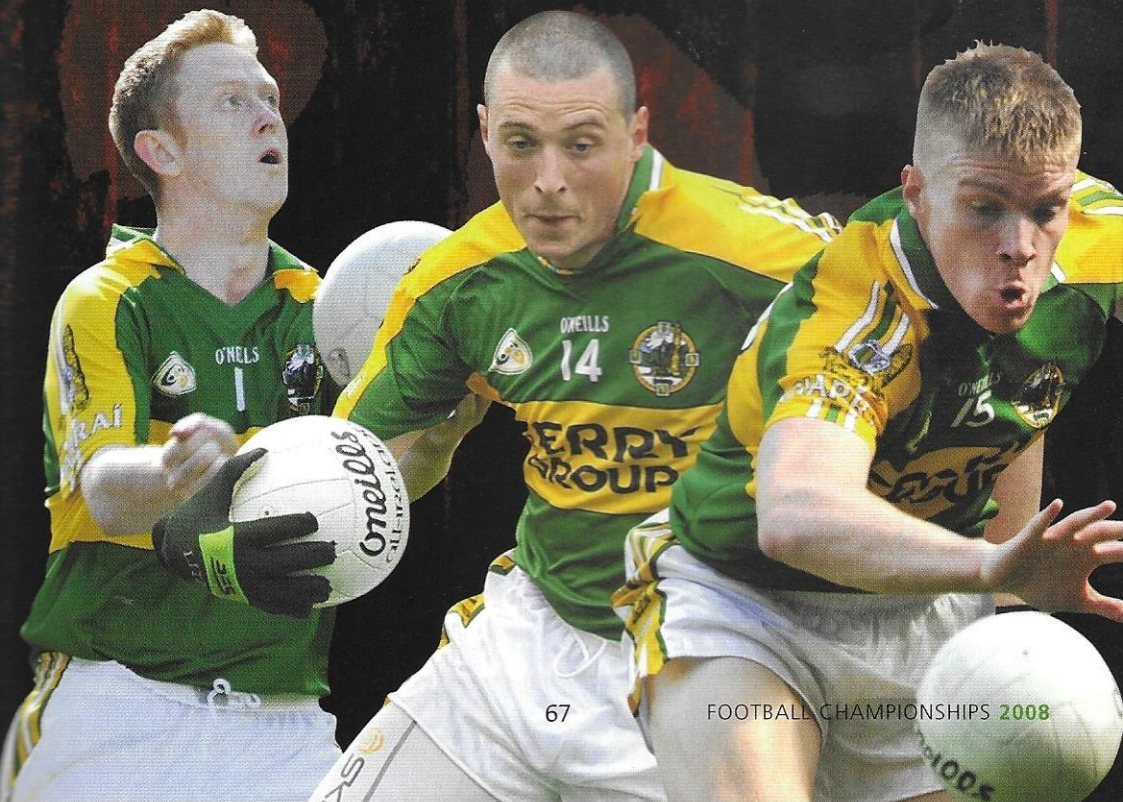
fantastic full-forward line and the question is: how do you mark them? There is class everywhere and anything is possible with them. Obviously Tyrone will try to put the pressure on out the field and try to prevent good quality ball going into these guys, giving their defenders at least a 50-50 chance.

"Tommy can only go out and do the simple things right. Nobody will expect any more of the guy in his first senior final. Watching him, he's a very cute player who doesn't get involved with the opposition even if they are trying to antagonise him. He gives it

100 per cent and nobody will be expecting miracles from Tommy. If his work-rate is high on and off the ball, anything more will be a bonus. The key thing for Tommy to remember is that it's only a game of football and he's been playing the game all his life. There will be a massive crowd present but it's the 15 players on the field who will do the talking – the crowd can't do anything bar shout.

"Kieran will be the main target for the high balls and Tommy has to try and pick up the breaks and play as a corner forward."

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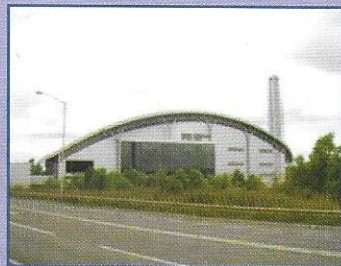


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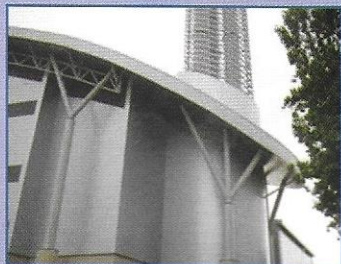
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CIARÁN CORR

HE'S one of the few men left in Tyrone without a beard but even clean-shaven Ciarán Corr says he would consider sporting the stubble if it would guarantee a win for his county today.

Corr captained his team in the 1995 All-Ireland final and says it took him ages to recover from that devastating defeat.

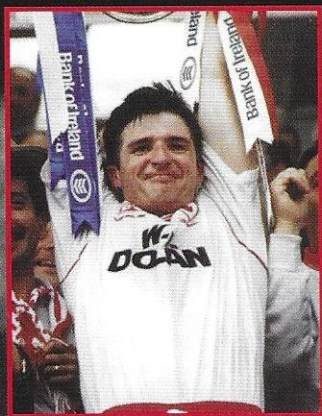
He still hasn't watched the video. The good thing about the current team, he reckons, is that most of them have been around the block before.

"Well, for most of them, they will have experienced the big day before and that's a huge help. I think the main thing is for them to try and enjoy the lead-up. As I discovered, you may never get a chance to get to a final again.

"I think Mickey Harte, in fairness, is very good at that. He lets the players enjoy it, lets them talk to the press and trusts them to deal with all that. Balancing players characteristics and qualities in the days before an All-Ireland final is no easy job, some players are quite, more are loud but Mickey seems to have a good handle on it all."

Corr, an elegant midfielder in his day, feels that Harte and Tony Donnelly have done a tremendous job in lifting their players after the Down defeat. "Obviously that was a huge set-back but it's no secret that the players and management have really turned things around since then. Before the Dublin match Sean Cavanagh was telling me that they were positive but I couldn't see where a performance like that would come out of.

"Players like Colm McCullagh and Martin Penrose have really stepped out of the shadow of Stephen O'Neill and Peter Canavan and Tommy McGuigan has also come in from the fringes."



Corr didn't think he would be saying it at the start of the season, but he feels the Tyrone bench is very strong and more than capable of winning the game for the team. "My opinion on Stephen O'Neill is very simple. He can do things with the ball that no-one else can. I would play him and it's great that he will be back with us for the next few years too. You have Muggys there too.

"Credit to the management again, I think they are responsible for the turnaround this season. No-one expected Seán Cavanagh to go full forward and when he did I thought we were weakened at midfield but they saw the bigger picture and I think we have our scoring threat back again at a time when I thought we were lacking a killer instinct in front of the posts. It takes good management to see these things and the team are back in contention because of it."

The former Tyrone skipper spent the past few years coaching the minors and U21s at his club, Coalisland Fianna and enjoyed it but these days he is busy in work and looking after his young family.

"I have a seven year-old son who doesn't believe me when I tell him I played for Tyrone," he jokes. "But maybe if we win today and I show him some scrapbooks he will believe me then. My era seems a long time ago; I had a few prolapsed discs after 1995 and it interrupted my career. To this day I have to watch myself. The last time I was in pain was bending down to pick my little girl up so you have to watch yourself but touch wood it will stay away."

Today he'll watch from the stands, remembering the day he led his team out. He'll just hope for a different outcome this time.

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THE experience of Tyrone's more seasoned campaigners can help young defender Justin

McMahon to cope with the pressure of All-Ireland senior football final day. That's the view of former defender Chris Lawn, who won All-Ireland titles with the Red Hands in 2003 and 2005.

McMahon (younger brother of team-mate Joe), Ciarán Gourley and Philip Jordan will comprise half of the Tyrone rearguard for this afternoon's eagerly-awaited final showdown with Kerry, a team blessed with sublime attacking talent.

Lawn is well qualified to assess the abilities of the Tyrone trio having played with two of them, while he has also been impressed by McMahon's meteoric rise from the underage ranks. Former U21 captain McMahon is now an integral part of the Tyrone back-line and was recently honoured with a provincial Allstar award for his performances this season.

Lawn reflected: "I wouldn't know Justin personally but I know that he's a natural half back or midfielder for his club (Omagh St. Enda's). He's got a bit of physical presence about him and is comfortable with both feet. He's young and enthusiastic and I have seen no inhibitions at all. Watching him against Dublin, there was no hassle with him. From watching him, his versatility really sticks out. He

can play in the half back line or the full back line but I'm sure he'll start in the full-back line for the final, quite possibly against Kerry's Tommy Walsh. It's Tommy's first All-Ireland senior final too and that would be the obvious choice for me."

McMahon is a former MacRory Cup player with Omagh CBS and captained the team to the semi-final of the competition in 2004. His efforts in 2006 earned him a nomination for the Tyrone Allstars, one of two Omagh men to meet that standard, and he is now fulfilling his rich potential on the biggest stage of all.

McMahon represented St. Mary's University College in the 2007 Dr. McKenna Cup and since making his senior debut for Tyrone in the National Football League of the same year, he has not looked back. He scored a point on his debut, a measure of his confidence, and has gone on to nail down a defensive position alongside a host of All-Ireland medallists.

McMahon has slotted in confidently to a defensive sextet alongside seasoned campaigners like Jordan and Gourley, both survivors from the 2003 and 2005 All-Ireland successes.

During his career, Gourley has been hit with serious injury problems, most notably to both knees but has fought back each time. An injury to P.J. Quinn opened the door for Gourley to return for the quarter-final

victory against Dublin but he had performed impressively against Down in the Ulster championship replay, despite Tyrone's exit.

Lawn explained: "The thing about Ciarán is that if Mickey asks him to do anything, he does it without fuss. He certainly has no airs or graces about him, is fantastically fit and has worked hard to get himself back into contention after a few nightmare injuries. Even if his man wins a couple of balls, he doesn't let that get to him and more often than not he comes out on top in the individual battle. He's another very versatile player and played very well in the replay against Down at centre back. He was put back into the corner when P.J. Quinn picked up an injury and has held on."

Gourley was substituted during the 2003 All-Ireland final victory against Armagh and was on the bench in 2005 when Tyrone defeated this afternoon's opponents.

Left half back Philip Jordan started and finished both of those games and captured Allstar awards in both years. Having missed 2006 due to travel commitments, Jordan returned to the Tyrone squad in 2007 and collected a second Ulster championship medal in the final victory over Monaghan.

Jordan is a superb attacking half back and already in this year's championship the Moy clubman has scored five points.

TYROS

By Jackie Cahill

Opposition half-forwards know that if they're marking Jordan, they must be aware of his ability to bomb up and down the left touchline, while also concentrating on trying to create something against a player renowned as a defender who doesn't give much away.

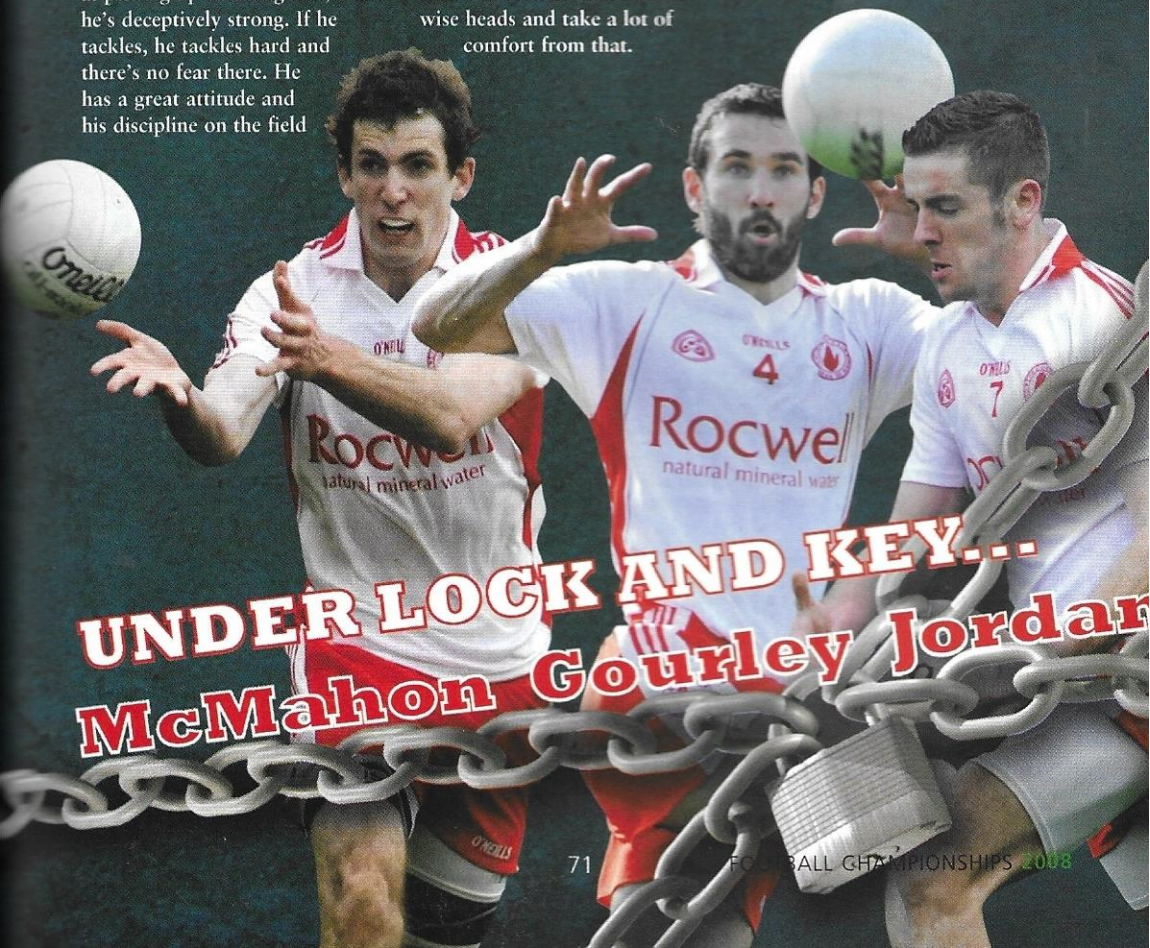
Lawn said: "Philip's performances over the last couple of games have been excellent and he's been going forward at pace and tagging on a couple of points. He's putting forwards on the back foot and he's also good at picking up breaking ball, while he's deceptively strong. If he tackles, he tackles hard and there's no fear there. He has a great attitude and his discipline on the field

is second to none. He's a great man under pressure with a cool head."

Lawn believes that the likes of Gourley and Jordan can help McMahon through his first experience of an All-Ireland senior football final.

He explained: "Philip and Ciarán were in their early twenties when they played in their first final and they will have taken a lot of positives from that experience. They can use that for the likes of Justin and Tommy McGuigan, who will look around and see wise heads and take a lot of comfort from that.

"Ciarán and Philip are quiet in their own ways around the changing room but once their game-faces are on, they're very good. Ciarán will probably commit himself a bit more having been involved in coaching the St. Pat's (Dungannon) team that won the Hogan Cup and that will bring him on immensely. Philly is a great man to get himself well up for these games and you don't need everybody yelling and roaring in a dressing room. It can be a time for cool heads and a calming influence."



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KERRY'S LAST THREE-IN-A-ROW

1984	Tralee	Kerry	0-23	Waterford	0-6
	Killarney	Kerry	3-14	Cork	2-10
	Croke Park	Kerry	2-17	Galway	0-11
	Croke Park	Kerry	0-14	Dublin	1-6

Team – C.Nelligan, P.O'Shea, S.Walsh, M.Spillane, T.Doyle, T.Spillane, G.Lynch, J.O'Shea, A.O'Donovan, J.Kennedy, D.Moran, P.Spillane, G.Power, E.Liston, J.Egan. **Sub** – T.O'Dowd.

1985	Listowel	Kerry	2-18	Limerick	0-9
	Páirc Uí Chaoimh	Kerry	2-11	Cork	0-11
	Croke Park	Kerry	1-12	Monaghan	2-9
	Croke Park	Kerry	2-9	Monaghan	0-10 *
	Croke Park	Kerry	2-12	Dublin	2-8

Team – C. Nelligan, P. O'Shea, S. Walsh, M. Spillane, T. Doyle, T. Spillane, G. Lynch, J. O'Shea, A. O'Donovan, T. O'Dowd, D. Moran, P. Spillane, M. Sheehy, E. Liston, G. Power. **Sub** – J.Kennedy.

1986	Clonmel	Kerry	5-9	Tipperary	0-12
	Killarney	Kerry	0-12	Cork	0-8
	Croke Park	Kerry	2-13	Meath	0-12
	Croke Park	Kerry	2-15	Tyrone	1-10

Team – C.Nelligan, P.O'Shea, S.Walsh, M.Spillane, T.Doyle, T.Spillane, G.Lynch, J.O'Shea, A.O'Donovan, W.Maher, D.Moran, P.Spillane, M.Sheehy, E.Liston, G.Power. **Sub** – T.O'Dowd.

DOUBLE UP...PART 2

Tyrone is not the only county attempting a double this afternoon for Kerry are also in pursuit of their own double having taken the under-21 title last May with a 2-12 to 0-11 win over Kildare at Thurles. This will be the sixth occasion on which Kerry have attempted to add the senior crown to the under-21 title, but the Kingdom has been successful just once in their five previous attempts.

In 1964 Kerry defeated Laois in the inaugural under-21 final, but lost the senior decider to Galway. In 1972 Kerry lost the senior final on a replay against Offaly while the under-21s lost to Galway. However, three years later Kerry won both finals with the victories over Dublin in senior (2-12 to 0-11) and under-21 (1-15 to 0-10). In 1976 Kerry lost the senior decider (Dublin) but won the under-21 (Kildare) and that position was reversed two years later as the seniors defeated Dublin but the under-21s lost to Down.

Best of luck to Kerry, Tyrone and Mayo in the All-Ireland Senior and Minor Football Finals

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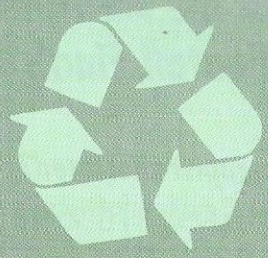
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Today's winners, like their hurling counterparts last Sunday week, will be the first to be presented with the re-designed All-Ireland medal.

The new medal design includes the newly redesigned heritage crest of the GAA.

The original identity of the GAA stemmed from the first All-Ireland medal, crafted around 1910, which drew its inspiration from the Irish High Cross.

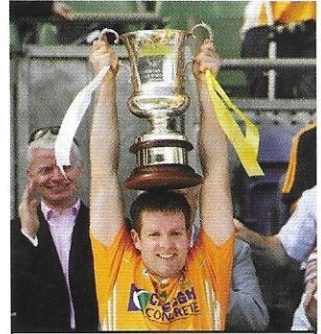
On the new heritage crest the name, GAA, sits at the heart. The date, 1884 is a reminder of the foundation of the GAA and also of the founding fathers. The words, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael remain, etched within the cross to record the contribution made to the preservation of Irish, the oldest written vernacular language in Europe. The cross itself remains an iconic symbol of Ireland.

TOMMY MURPHY CUP

After last year's superb final, the Tommy Murphy Cup had an added lustre this year, although it began with yet another heavy loss for Kilkenny in the opening round...London winning at Freshford by 17 points. Title-holders Wicklow had beaten Offaly and Waterford en-route to last season's final and the Decies again provided the opposition, but this time at the quarter/final stage. The result was almost identical...a six-point win for the home side at Aughrim (one less than 12 months ago). Other 'last eight' action saw London edge out Sligo after extra time at Ruislip while Leitrim and Antrim also progressed.

It was another case of *déjà vu* at the penultimate stage as the Glensmen took on London for the second year running, albeit a round later than last season. The result was almost the same with the home side winning by nine points at Casement Park, having won by ten at Ruislip last time. Wicklow set up a repeat of the previous year's final with a hard-fought win over Leitrim at Aughrim.

The final didn't reach the heights of last year's encounter, but it was still a fine contest. Wicklow made the brighter start to lead by five points after the opening quarter, but three goals before the break had Antrim in front - 3-6 to 1-9. Just two



Antrim captain, Kevin Brady, holds aloft the Tommy Murphy Cup after his side's win over Wicklow at Croke Park.

points (both for Wicklow) were recorded in the second quarter to narrow the gap to the minimum, but the Glensmen had the better of the closing quarter to run out deserving three-point winners.

1st Round

12th July @ Freshford:

London 4-13 Kilkenny 0-8

Quarter/Finals

19th July @ Aughrim:

Wicklow 0-18 Waterford 0-12

19th July @ Ruislip:

London 3-14 Sligo 2-12 *act*

19th July @ Ennis:

Leitrim 1-12 Clare 1-8

19th July @ Casement Park:

Antrim 1-10 Carlow 0-11

Semi/Finals

26th July @ Casement Park:

Antrim 1-19 London 0-13

26th July @ Aughrim:

Wicklow 0-15 Leitrim 0-12

Final

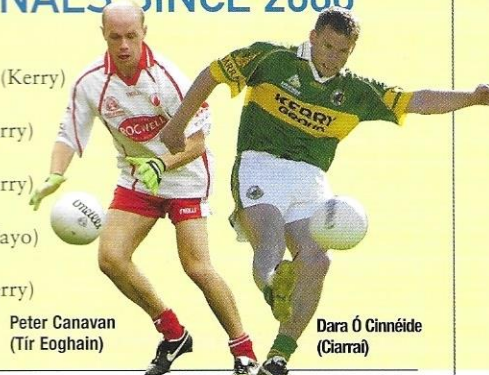
2nd August @ Croke Park:

Antrim 3-12 Wicklow 1-15

TOP SCORERS IN SENIOR FINALS SINCE 2000

- 2000 Dara Ó Cinnéide (Kerry)
0-4 v Galway
- 2001 Pdraic Joyce (Galway)
0-10 v Meath
- 2002 Dara Ó Cinnéide (Kerry)
0-5 v Armagh
Oisín McConville (Armagh)
1-2 v Kerry
- 2003 Peter Canavan (Tyrone)
0-5 v Armagh

- 2004 Dara Ó Cinnéide (Kerry)
0-8 v Mayo
Colm Cooper (Kerry)
1-5 v Mayo
- 2005 Colm Cooper (Kerry)
0-5 v Tyrone
- 2006 Kevin O'Neill (Mayo)
2-0 v Kerry
- 2007 Colm Cooper (Kerry)
1-5 v Cork



Peter Canavan
(Tír Eoghain)

Dara Ó Cinnéide
(Ciarraí)

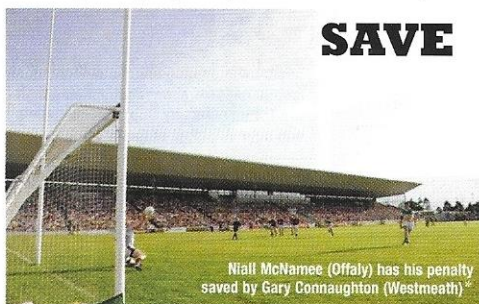
PENALTY PARADE

To date 16 penalties have been awarded in the 2008 campaign which is five more than at the same juncture last season. Twelve months ago eleven penalties yielded 6-0 (18) giving an average of 1.64 points per penalty, while

9-1 (28) has been accumulated this season giving a return of 1.75. For the second year running Gary Connaughton saved a penalty while Ronan Gallagher saved two, a feat last achieved by Cavan's James Reilly in 2005.

Michael Murphy with two successful kicks was the most successful penalty taker.

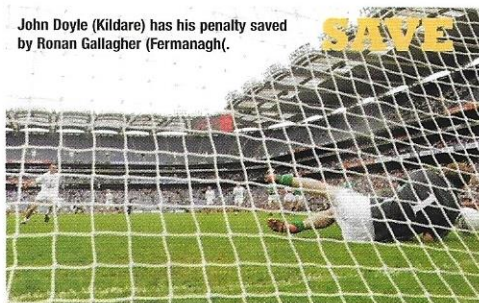
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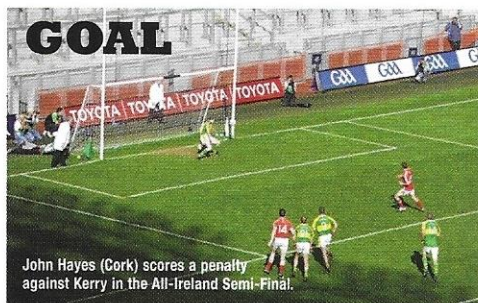
Niall McNamee (Offaly) has his penalty saved by Gary Connaughton (Westmeath)*



Pat Harte (Mayo) scores a penalty against Sligo in the Connacht Championship.



John Doyle (Kildare) has his penalty saved by Ronan Gallagher (Fermanagh).



John Hayes (Cork) scores a penalty against Kerry in the All-Ireland Semi-Final.

11th May

Alan Mangan (Westmeath)
GOAL v Longford

25th May

Marty Hughes (London)
SAVED by Philip Greene (Sligo)

1st June

Michael Murphy (Donegal)
GOAL v Derry

7th June

Niall McNamee (Offaly)
SAVED by Gary Connaughton (Westmeath)

*McNamee scored on the rebound

21st June

Conleth Gilligan (Derry)
SAVED by Ronan Gallagher (Fermanagh)

22nd June

Pat Harte (Mayo)
GOAL v Sligo

19th July

Michael Murphy (Donegal)
GOAL v Roscommon
Karol Mannion (Roscommon)
GOAL v Donegal
Ian Ryan (Limerick)
GOAL v Meath
Joe Sheridan (Meath) GOAL v Limerick

Shane Lennon (Louth) POINT v Tyrone

3rd August

Colm Cooper (Kerry) WIDE v Monaghan
John Doyle (Kildare) SAVED by Ronan Gallagher (Fermanagh)

10th August

Ronan Sweeney (Kildare)
SAVED by Alan Quirke (Cork)
John Doyle (Kildare) GOAL v Cork

24th August

John Hayes (Cork)
GOAL v Kerry

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Galway awaited in the final and Barney Rock's first half goal proved decisive as Dublin made little of a numerical disadvantage to lift the Sam Maguire for the 22nd time.

Photographed is the side which over came Cork in the semi final before going on to defeat Galway in the final. Back row, from left, Tommy Conroy, Barney Rock, John Caffrey, Joe McNally, John O'Leary, Anton O'Toole, Mick Holden (R.I.P), Gerry Hargan, Ciaran Duff. Front row, from left, Brian Mullins, P.J. Buckley, Tommy Drumm, Ray Hazley, Pat Canavan, Jim Ronayne. Also on the panel in 1983 were: John Kearns, Ciaran Maher, Mick Kennedy, Anton McCaul, Brian Jordan, Charlie Redmond, Frank McGrath, Pat Ryan, Niall Fitzgerald, Vincent Conroy, Richie Crean, Declan McGrath, Willie Hughes.



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Danny Lynch, Public Relations Manager for the GAA for over twenty years, gives a flavour of his recollections of All-Ireland finals from his time as a child in Dingle, to his intimate involvement with the running of one of Ireland's major events.

Memories of All-Irelands — from both sides

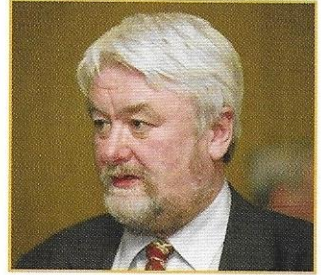
When I was growing up in that lovely place, Dingle between mountain and sea, nobody went on foreign holidays. Money was scarce and only spent on essentials. Our horsey set was more plough and harrow than saddle and silk. An older acquaintance told me one time that having borrowed a half penny to make the price of entrance to the pictures, his apparent benefactor cautioned that *"this is a loan, not a grant"*. But the All Irelands were the thing.

As soon as Kerry posted their habitual victory over Cork in July the common salute was *"are you going to the All Ireland"*? People saved and planned how to get there and sometimes the journey took on epic proportions taking several days to reach Dublin and more to get back. Loved ones sprinkled holy water on the departing and checked to see if St. Christopher's medal was still attached (they said Christy had a great reputation for keeping a benign eye on the affairs of travellers). Letters and telegrams were sent to relatives in Dublin to book lodgings and boarding establishments such as the Kerry Arms in Talbot Street, which had a Dingle proprietor, was certain to be over run, ten to a room. The strange thing about this near annual ritual was there was never a mention of a ticket. The reason for this of course was the fact that admission to Croke Park at that time was mostly by cash.

The All Ireland final had such significance in my area that weddings were planned to coincide with the great day and honeymoons consisted of a few days in Dublin with the privilege of being nearly crushed to death on the terraces as the highlight of all daylight experience.

FIRST MEMORY

The first All Ireland that I think I can remember was the 1959 Final between Kerry and Galway. This was noted because of a display which immortalised Seán Murphy and which heralded Mick O'Connell's entrance into the pantheon of greats. I remember the 1960 Final because of the stir caused by Down being only the second team from north of the border to reach a Final. I fretted that if they had the temerity to win we might never again see our Sam. You see, I thought that the border was defined by something akin to the Great Wall of China. The 1962 Final I remember because of Gary McMahon's goal in record time and a comment by my father, *"electricity won't do Roscommon now"*. We had the electricity installed the year before under the rural electrification scheme and it was still the subject of awe and wonder. I saw all these games on the Pye brown grilled wet battery wireless in a packed kitchen where only genuine aficionados gained admission. Where O'Hehir painted a thousand pictures and at a time when at a time Seán Óg's dulcet tones brought the old week to a close.



With the exception of 1970 when I broke my leg on the week before the game, I have been at every All Ireland Football Final since 1968. The scams and the creative thinking applied in the pursuit of tickets were many and varied. Like the magicians guild, I feel prohibited from disclosing the different methods of ticket procurement (I might need to use a few again). A favoured approach of mine however was to apply to Croke Park in the name of my Minister of State or Secretary General, once I had established that they had no interest in the games. A prerequisite to this exercise working was the collaboration of the girl who opened the mail of the respective gentlemen. Usually a large box of chocolates took care of that. I have come to the conclusion that people consider that there is unilateral dispensation from the Lord when it applies to tickets.

Jack Boothman was a vet and farmer when he was President (wise in the way of the world, one would think). He came to me one day and said, *"Danny, the Reverend Mother from an*

enclosed order of nuns has asked me for ten tickets as all her Sisters want to go to the games". I said, "Jack, they are pulling the wool over your eyes". Jack however explained that he had rang the convent, verified that he had spoken to the Reverend Mother and that he had insisted that he would only part with the tickets if the nuns gave an undertaking that they would attend the game in their full nun's habits. I said, "Jack, you are being had", to which he replied, "right, a tenner bet". On the day of the game I accompanied Jack on an inspection of the row of seats where his little sisters were supposed to be. There were guys with earrings, studs, ponytails and leather jackets, but no nuns. As Jack foraged deep in a wallet that hadn't seen the light of day in decades, he muttered something that I took to be unparliamentary. When it comes to tickets no one can be trusted. My good friend Moss Keane cannot to this day figure out how, in an attendance of over 82,000 people, I could establish that everything was not as it should have been.

ARRANGEMENTS

Tickets are only a small part of any All Ireland. Preparations start months in advance.

Printing, match programmes, press arrangements and accreditation, catering, security and entertainment are some of the ingredients that are part of match day arrangements.

There have been many unforeseen and unusual occurrences. I remember being at home on the eve of a game when the telephone rang. It was Gerry Collins, who was then Minister for Foreign Affairs. He explained that he was on a flight somewhere over the Eastern Mediterranean with Brian Keenan, the hostage who had just been released after years of incarceration in Beirut. Gerry explained that when asked what

he would like to do when he landed in Ireland Brian replied, "go to the All Ireland". All tickets were out so the only thing I could do was forfeit my two seats. I remember that as it turned out Brian had difficulty in handling the open expanse of Croke Park and the crowd. This apparently is a natural reaction to being in a confined space for a long time. He did however enjoy a few bottles of Guinness.

On another occasion I received a telephone call at home on the day before the game from Anne Harris, the Deputy Editor of the Sunday Independent. She explained that the film star, Kevin Costner, was in Dublin considering getting involved on a film in Michael Collins. He had visited Ireland on a number of occasions previously and had developed an interest in hurling. He had asked if there was any chance of getting to the Hurling Final. My initial reaction was a blunt no but then it dawned on me that some local residents were going to try and embarrass us that day with protests about the building works. I figured that if I got the news people access to Costner the residents would be gazumped from a publicity premise. And, so it turned out.

There was a day that we started getting telephone calls from America that the Final was not reaching their television sets. It transpired that there was a satellite signal being beamed from Croke Park to some station over the Andes and this in turn was being directed to America. One of our handymen had put a few concrete blocks on top of a wall the week before and lo and behold the signal was found to be deflecting off the blocks. The blocks were removed and peace was restored in the Bronx.

There have been few All Ireland Final days without incident. In the old Croke Park period,

Monday was a torrid time with accusations of overcrowding and crushing on Hill 16 and the Canal End. In his Evening Press column, Con Houlihan fulfilled the role now assumed by Joe Duffy and he described me on one occasion as receiving more media attention than Meryl Streep, who was everybody's favourite Hollywood actress at that time. Who will forget the old press box and the press hospitality in "Ollie's diner", which consisted of a large kettle of tea nearly too weak to travel, served in a shed.

RICKETY

Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh and his lot sat on rickety chairs having crossed a gangplank wobbling over the crowd in the lower deck of the Hogan Stand. Their eyrie was protected by armed special branch officers in case the microphone was commandeered by subversives. Unlike now, after games journalists went straight back to the office to write and file copy but on one occasion a well known scribe dallied. When he came down to the exits they were locked and it suddenly dawned on him that he was all alone and likely to face the night in this cavernous-like building which could have been designed by Bram Stoker. He started shouting for help and after some time he received a response from local kids on the outside. A deal was done. A fiver was attached to a stone with a plastic band and fired over the wall to the kids who promised to return with ladders and the fire brigade. That was the last he ever heard from them but luckily the groundsman returned later for some item he had forgotten.

An All-Ireland has its own dynamics and subplots and I am only mentioning a few memories. The full story will be for another day. I wouldn't have swapped the experience for anything.



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This project will be the biggest public history of its kind ever undertaken in

Ireland and it is a major commitment by the GAA to record its past and pave the way for the future.

Work on the project, which will run for four years, has already started and the research team, based at Boston College in Dublin, would like to engage with club members, local historians, schools and voluntary organisations to ensure that the rich history of the GAA, as related through personal stories and communal experience, is documented and preserved into the future.

Everybody has a story to tell, irrespective of age or gender. This is your history and we want to hear from you. If you know somebody who would be a suitable subject for interview, please contact us at: 42 Boston College, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2,
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Go Raibh maith Agat,

Jarlath Burns
Chairman
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Superintendent John Leahy retires



First set eyes on John Leahy when he docked in Dingle CBS having graduated from a National School under the shadow of Mount Eagle on the famed Sleah Head Road. His teacher was Mick Murphy who won an All-Ireland in 1953. He was one of a group from west of Ventry that quickly made their presence felt in the school yard and around the town. At that time I would have given very generous odds on John ending up as a Garda, not to mind a Superintendent.

John comes from an area steeped in the traditions of Kerry football. That rugged land between mountain and sea to the west of Dingle gave men like Dan Kavanagh, Batt Garvey, Tom and John Long, Páidí Ó Sé and the nephews. Leahy however never shone on the field of play. I blame the Woodbines.

When John left the Depot in Templemore in 1971 he was assigned to Donnybrook in the heart of Dublin 4. Having come from Ventry 4 he felt at home there for a period but was then removed from the comfort zone to

Coolock. Promoted to Sergeant in 1979 he had a spell in Malin, Co. Donegal before reaching Dublin's Fitzgibbon Street via Mountjoy.

As Sergeant in Fitzgibbon Street, John had responsibility for policing in Croke Park. There were many dodgy moments in the old stadium particularly on the terraces of the Canal End and Hill 16. The end of the 1983 football final comes to mind. John however handled the challenge of each occasion that came his way with the effectiveness of a man fully versed in his brief and familiar with the terrain.

Personable and popular John was promoted to Inspector in 1995 after which he spent some time on U.N. duty in Cyprus. From there he returned to his natural habitat in Fitzgibbon Street until he was promoted to Superintendent and transferred to Ballymote, Co. Sligo in 1999. I recall that he had a particular baptism of fire in the west in the shape of a rather fractious and violent funeral.

Since 2003 John assumed ultimate charge of policing of Croke Park and its environs. Like myself, he is now about to retire. I am sure that we will meet in those isolated oases Páidís or Quinns, by Ventry's lovely beach and swap a few yarns of the many days we spent by the stadium of all our dreams.

We all wish him future health and happiness.

Danny Lynch
Public Relations Manager, GAA

SIX WINS EACH

Today sees the 13th All-Ireland Final between representatives from Ulster and Munster with the record to date showing each province with six wins apiece. The Southerners won the first four finals against Northern opposition in 1911, 1930, 1937 and 1945 before Cavan's win over Kerry in 1947 put Ulster on the map. Kerry defeated Armagh in 1953 but lost to Down in 1960 and 1968 before defeating Tyrone in 1986. However, the last three North/South finals have all been won by the Ulster representatives – Derry over Cork in 1993, Armagh over Kerry in 2002, and Tyrone over the Kingdom three years ago.

We're with the Programme

Following the initiative of the GAA and ESB to make Croke Park a cleaner, greener stadium, DBA Publications and their print partner for the match programmes, Wood Printcraft, are also pledging to dedicate their organisations to protecting the environment.

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FINAL COUNT

Today Kerry and Tyrone clash for the third time in the senior final (one win each to date), but the counties have met in four finals at other levels...two in minor and two in under-21. In 1975 a Jack O'Shea inspired Kerry side easily defeated the Northerners in the minor decider by 1-10 to 0-4 and in 1991 Billy O'Sullivan scored four goals in the Kingdom's under-21 win (5-12 to 2-11). Peter Canavan scored 2-3 in a losing cause that afternoon, but twelve months later the Errigal Ciarán ace hit 2-5 as Tyrone gained revenge with an emphatic 4-16 to 1-5 win at Droichead Nua. Three years ago Tyrone took the minor title with a hard-fought 0-12 to 0-10 win to bring the score in finals to three wins each.

Association honours Tyrone GAA stars

Since its foundation in 1956, *Muintir Thír Eoghain*, The Tyrone Association Dublin has promoted fellowship between Tyrone people of all walks of life resident in and around Dublin city. Pride of place is a common trait that unites the membership of the Association, which is drawn from all over the county.

Muintir Thír Eoghain has honoured many Tyrone people over the years for their endeavours in sport, culture, the caring professions and politics.

In 2006, it honoured Jody O'Neill of Coalisland, the stripling captain of the team that, fifty years before, brought Tyrone its first Ulster Senior Football title. At nineteen years of age, he subsequently led the Tyrone team in the county's first appearance at Croke Park for the All-Ireland Semi-Final of 1956 when the county

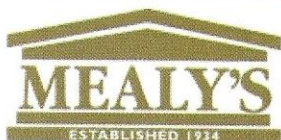
lost out to Galway. That occasion proved to be a rallying point for Tyrone people resident in the capital city and provided the stimulus that brought about the foundation of *Muintir Thír Eoghain*.

In 1986, the famous Iggy Jones of Dungannon was honoured. Along with Jim and Eddie Devlin and Seán McGrath, he was a member of the first Ulster team (St Patrick's College, Armagh) to win the Hogan Cup in 1946 (beating St Jarlath's of Tuam in the final). Iggy was also a member of the All-Ireland winning Tyrone Minor teams of 1947 and 1948 that brought the county its first All-Ireland successes (against Mayo and Dublin respectively).

Other names on the sporting roll of honour include: Danny Ball of Aghabrack who managed Tyrone Under-21 teams that won 4 Ulster titles and two All-Ireland titles

between 1990 and 1993; Peter Canavan of Errigal Ciarán who won his first All-Ireland medals in the Vocational Schools' Championships of 1988 and 1989, Under-21 All-Ireland medals in 1992 and 1993 and captained the All-Ireland winning Senior team in 2003; Brian Doohar of Aghabrack who won his second Senior All-Ireland medal in leading the Tyrone team to victory in the 2005 championship. Micky Harte, manager of the champions of 2003 and 2005, was honoured by *Muintir Thír Eoghain* in 2003 and 2005.

Meetings of *Muintir Thír Eoghain* The Tyrone Association Dublin are held at the Landsdowne Hotel, Dublin 4 and all are welcome. For further information visit the website at www.tad.ie. Fáilte isteach, Come on your céilí agus bainí gá taitneamh as an chuairt!



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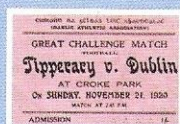
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COACH EDUCATION MOVING UP A GEAR

Forty GAA Coach Education Programme Tutors graduated as Tutor Trainers recently. The GAA is the first National Governing Body in Sport to have their own specifically trained Tutor Trainers.. The Tutor Trainer qualification was approved by the NCTC who undertook the training of the group over five weekends since last January.

Pictured at the presentation were:

Front Row (L-R) Ray Smith (Westmeath), Nickey Brennan (GAA, President), Sean Donnelly (Chairman, Coaching Ireland), Christy Cooney (Chairman, National Games Development Committee), Michael McGeehin (Director, Coaching Ireland), Hayley Harrison (Coach Education Officer, Coaching Ireland), Pat Daly (GAA Director of Games), Paudie O'Neill (Dublin), Eunan McCormack (Westmeath), Jimmy Darragh (Antrim), Frankie Quinn (Antrim).

2nd Row (L-R) Denis O'Boyle (Mayo), Liam McGreevy (Down), Peter Horgan (GAA Education Officer), Sean Kelly (Meath), Cyril Kevlhan (Dublin), Tomas Quealy (Clare), Brian Ladden (Dublin), Noel O'Sullivan (Kildare), Jim Ryan (Dublin), Martin Connolly (Mayo), Matt Gaffey (Leitrim), Al O'Donoghue (Dublin).

3rd Row (L-R) Ger O'Connor (Dublin), Terence McWilliams (Derry), Jimmy D'Arcy (GAA Games Development Manager), Sean Dempsey (Laois), Eamon Barry (Meath), Joe Reddington (Limerick), Paul Earley (Kildare), Declan Smith (Louth), Brendan Harpur (Dublin), John Landers (Chairman, Coach Education Workgroup), Adrian Hession (Galway), Willie Hegarty (Roscommon).

4th Row (L-R) Pat Moroney (Tipperary), Pat Moore (Waterford), Paudie Butler (GAA Hurling Development Coordinator), Damien Coleman (Galway), Sean Silke (Galway), Noel Hartigan (Limerick), Eugene Young (Derry), John Morrison (Armagh), Sean O'Toole, Anthony Harkin (Donegal), Liam Óg Gormley (Sligo). Missing: B. Lotty (Cork).



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The old master or the young apprentice?

By Eamonn Seoige

This year's All-Ireland Football Final has taken on a life of its own. Aside from securing another title, both teams will be aware of the wider significance of this encounter.

On one side we have foireann Chiarraí, gunning for a magical three-in-a-row and a place in the annals as one of the greatest teams of the modern era.

Their worthy opponents are the Red Hand County of Tyrone, a seasoned outfit who are also seeking a treble of their own. Victory would see them capture a third Senior All-Ireland, all in the last five years.

Most significantly they have defeated Kerry in both major encounters to date, a huge motivational factor for the green and gold! In some ways the most appropriate analogy is that of two dominant heavyweight boxers and their defining quest for overall supremacy.

Ambrose O'Donovan, captain of the centenary winning side of '84 and midfielder on the last team from the Kingdom to complete the treble, feels that Sunday's game will be something to savour.

"This is a massive game and rarely have I witnessed such interest in an All-Ireland final. In our case it is crucial that we get a stranglehold on midfield and feed our full-forward line, which is definitely where we can hurt Tyrone. I think they may find it tough to deal with the 'towering presence' of Donaghy and Walsh. If those men get a good supply, ably supported by the 'Gooch',

they will take some stopping! I feel that Mickey Harte may decide to drop a fourth man back into the full-back line to help limit the space. However, with big targets it's very difficult to counter them when they field high ball. Tyrone haven't met anything like our inside line and how they cope will ultimately decide this game.

VULNERABLE

"At the other end of the field, they will feel that our full-back line is vulnerable. Tommy Griffin may well be selected at full-back again and will have his work cut out trying to hold Seán Cavanagh. For me, the man who could decide this game is Darragh Ó Sé. He has been the spiritual leader of this group of players over the years and has a great head for the big day. Kerry will look to him and also Tomás to provide the leadership needed when things get hot 'n' heavy!"

One man who knows all about dealing with pressure on the big day is Peter 'The Great' Canavan. However, the Errigal Ciarán clubman is keen to stress that today's meeting will be viewed in isolation by Mickey Harte's men. "A place in history, that's for the future, when the dust has settled. For now, Mickey and no doubt Pat O'Shea, will be keen to keep their panel focused on the job at hand. This is a supremely talented Kerry team but it has been suggested that possibly Tyrone have a better team unit, well organised throughout.

"Personally, this game is very difficult to call. In each game to date Kerry have had an exceptional period of ten to fifteen

minutes where they have simply overran their opposition. On the other hand, they sometimes lose concentration and we've seen this on a number of occasions this year where they've surrendered big leads. This will give our lads some encouragement. Mickey has them supremely fit this year and they will look to play a high-tempo game from start to finish.

MANAGEMENT

"I also believe that the management will have a huge part to play in this game, not just in selecting the first fifteen but also in the subtle personnel adjustments that can win big games. How both Paul Galvin and Stephen O'Neill are utilised could have a huge bearing on the result. How they will influence their own team's dynamic when introduced will be fascinating. Of the two, Stephen is definitely the bigger gamble but also someone who has the potential to deliver the killer blow when required. There is also the subs factor! Be it Eoin Mulligan, Kevin Hughes, Darren or Seán Sullivan, these men could have a massive part to play in the closing minutes. There's no question, it'll be some occasion!"

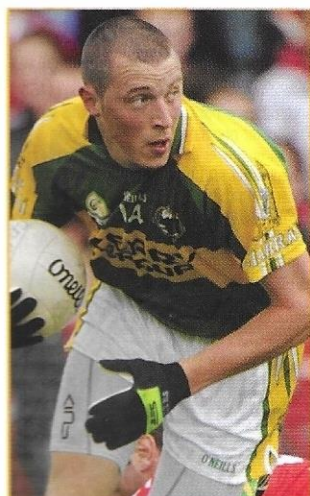
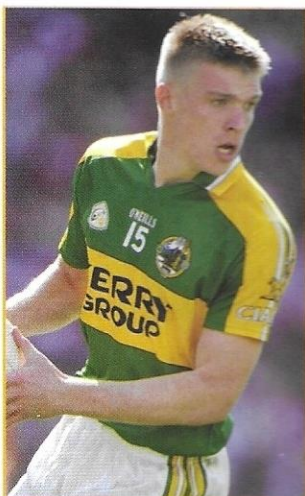
While some analysts search for subtle reasons why either Tyrone or Kerry will carry the day, former Austin Stack's and Kerry sensation Ger Power prefers to look at the bare facts. "To my mind Kerry have had a much tougher path than Tyrone. Three games against Cork plus close encounters with Galway and Monaghan. This should have them well prepared for Sunday. They've had to win out in tight games and should be primed for a battle. They will feel

that if they can gain control in midfield Tyrone will be forced to bring out Seán Cavanagh. This would severely weaken their full-forward line as Cavanagh shows very well for the ball. Nevertheless, the key man could well be Galvin. I believe he will be held in reserve but his introduction could give Kerry the necessary boost at a crucial stage.”

Is this the defining game of the decade?

Will Kerry finally overcome their last remaining obstacle in Mickey Harte's Tyrone?

The minutes tick by, not long now until history is written...



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DÁNTA SPÓIRT

The poem *Dúchas* was penned by former All-Ireland medal winner Garry McMahon (1959 and '62) who passed away earlier this year. The scorer of what is believed to be the fastest goal ever in an All-Ireland final (v Roscommon 1962) he wrote poems all his life and wished to have his work published in an All-Ireland final programme. Our other poem was originally written for Tyrone GAA's first-ever Annual in the historic season of 1973. It was composed by Frank Rodgers, a long-time secretary of the Tyrone GAC and now a columnist with the *Ulster Herald*.

It's as easy as A, B, C...

By FRANK RODGERS

Forty-three Clubs in this County Tyrone
And all must be mentioned so no one will moan,
It's the first magazine to ever appear
So it just wouldn't do if your's wasn't here.

How could we do it was our concern
It's a bit of a problem but we're willing to learn
Then came the answer that caused us much glee
It's all just as easy as A - B - and C

A - for ARDBOE and AGHYARAN as well,
We must include AUGHER the story to tell.
AGHALOO come in too from out on the border
They should be the first in alphabetical order.

B - for BALLYGAWLEY the Ciarán's you know,
They've a lot to themselves, you wonder why so,
The reason is this and it's easy still!
The only B - with them is proud BRACKAVILLE

C - starts off Carmen - we mean CARRICKMORE
Then there's CLOGHER, CLONDE and COOKSTOWN
COALISLAND, as well from come into this group,
Forget about them and we're sure in the soup.

D - starts a long list the longest of all
DERRYLAUGHAN, DOMORER and DERRYTRESK so small
DONAGHMORE from the east and DUNANNON town
DRUMRAGH finish up or maybe it's down.

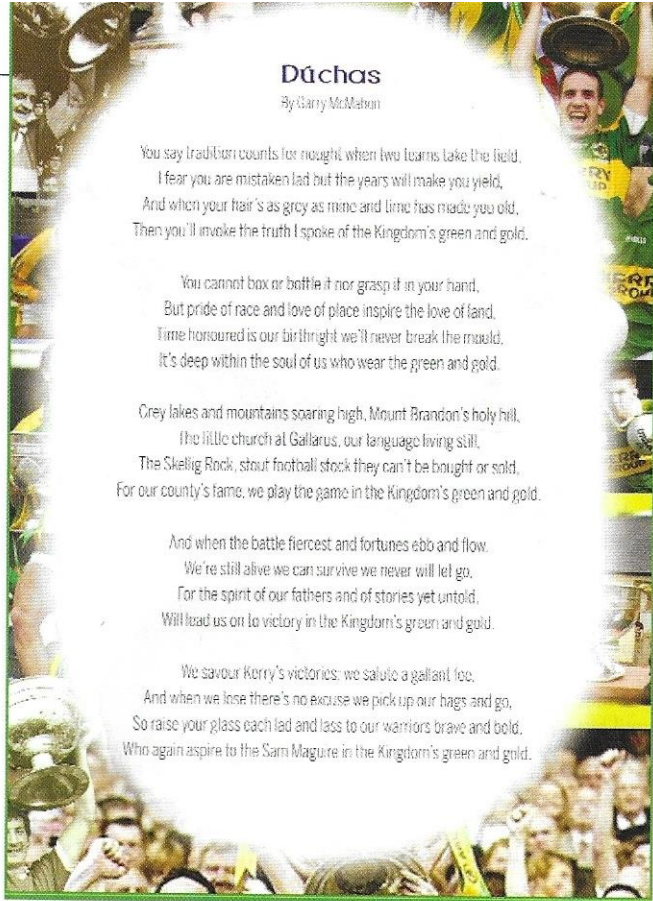
E - is for EGLISH a title they've won
They'll stay with the best in rain and in sun
EDENDORK fit in here but not everywhere
And ESKRA as well have few players to spare

F - for the Peases, that's FINTONA we mean.
They've had some good teams the best ever seen.
But now times have changed and honours are few
But still they get four rhymes where others got two.

G - stands for GALBALLY, they're Peases as well,
But more come in here so on them we can't dwell
GREENCASTLE and GORTIN both neighbours so near
But they're not all that close from what we can hear.

H - we now come to and here we must pause -
Why's that? - you wonder and this is the cause
There's no team to suit us under this letter
If only we had one we'd do a lot better

I - is the same as the last one we met
And maybe there's others we haven't reached yet
However we must keep on at our task
Or, - why the delay? - we might hear you ask



Dúchas

By Garry McMahon

You say tradition counts for naught when two teams take the field,
I fear you are mistaken lad but the years will make you yield,
And when your hair's as grey as mine and time has made you old,
Then you'll invoke the truth I spoke of the Kingdom's green and gold.

You cannot box or bottle it nor grasp it in your hand,
But pride of race and love of place inspire the love of land,
Time honoured is our birthright we'll never break the mould,
It's deep within the soul of us who wear the green and gold.

Grey lakes and mountains soaring high, Mount Brandon's holy hill,
The little church at Gallarus, our language living still,
The Skellig Rock, stout football stock they can't be bought or sold,
For our county's fame, we play the game in the Kingdom's green and gold.

And when the battle fiercest and fortunes ebb and flow,
We're still alive we can survive we never will let go,
For the spirit of our fathers and of stories yet untold,
Will lead us on to victory in the Kingdom's green and gold.

We savour Kerry's victories: we salute a gallant foe,
And when we lose there's no excuse we pick up our bags and go,
So raise your glass each lad and lass to our warriors brave and bold,
Who again aspire to the Sam Maguire in the Kingdom's green and gold.

J - is another that's not what we want
We must fit in Clubs but here we just can't
Perhaps there's a team St Joseph's they call
This space then is there's, we'll give them it all.

K - brings us back to the good sides once more
And what a big group the rhyme to restore
KILDRESS and KILLEESHIL and the brave KILLYMAN
KILLYCLOGHER as well will show us they can.

L - is the letter that's about halfway
But don't mention MOY or you might start a row
MOUNTJOY is another whose glory we hear
It'll take quite a while all the money to raise.

M - for the MOORTOWN a good side just now
But don't mention MOY or you might start a row
MOUNTJOY is another whose glory we hear
Is something they plan at the start of the year.

N - is for now and when better to say
NEWTOWNSTEWART will make it some other day
They're here on their own without competition
Sure it happens a lot when there's no opposition.

O - Comes up next and now we are glad
To find that the teams here are not doing bad
There's OMAGH, the side from the big county town
And then OWEN ROES with a name of renown

P - for the Plunketts and also POMEROY
We all know quite well what causes them joy
We note as our tune goes marching along
That one from Pomeroy is our county song.

Q - is a quiz of that we've no doubt
It stands for a lot but we must count them out
We can't in Quinn no matter who keep
It's part of this job, you might know what we mean.

R - stands for RED KNIGHTS a name from the past
On the go fifty years a long time to last
To them at the moment we must give our thanks
If they'd been called Beragh this space would be blank

S is the letter we now arrived at
AND STEWARTSTOWN HARPS will take care of that
They make an impression wherever they play
And so do STRABANE when they're on their day

T - is for TRILLICK whose stars made a name
For club and for county it was all the same
They come on our list so far from the top
That won't make them worry or their titles stop

U - is the one that could have been hard
But then we got URNEY to fill in our card
They stand all alone but that isn't strange
They're so far away and so out of range

V - is for the victories but we name no club
They often are won when we use a sub
We also could mention the sound of the voice
When our sides are in action we make such a noise

W - comes, now we're nearing the end
But WINDMILL to mention this line we must bend
And then there's WOLFE TONES of name oh so grand
For them things go well when all give a hand

X - is for what? - whatever you say
It might be your team when that bogey they lay
It could be the quality champions need
Or maybe it's something just to give speed

Z - is the last but don't have a fear
We've named all the teams before we reached here
Some came at the start and some in between
But all like Z - are in this magazine

Games Development

An Overview by Pat Daly, GAA Director of Games

Games Development is primarily about ensuring that players, at all levels, are provided with a coordinated programme of meaningful Games which are appropriate to their needs and level of ability.

In this context, it's essential that a clear distinction is drawn between the needs of Kids, Youths and Adults if the Association is to deliver on the twin objectives of maximising participation and optimising playing standards.

The Go Games i.e. small-sided skill development games which serve as a basis for ensuring that every child gets a "Go" and does so for the entire game. These were introduced a number of years ago by way of ensuring that a more child-centred approach is adopted when introducing them to Gaelic Games

The Go Games cater for 3 distinct age groups: i.e. First Touch - age 7/8 - Quick Touch - age 9/10 and Smart Touch - age 11/12 and the playing rules and pitch dimensions are modified to ensure that players' needs are catered for in the most effective manner possible.

There is no reason why these rules cannot be adjusted - up or down - to have regard for local requirements e.g. where there is a higher/lower than average playing standard. However, there can be no basis for compromise on the golden rule i.e. where every child is provided with a game for the entire game.

While there was some initial resistance to embracing this underlying philosophy, the Go Games are growing in

momentum all the time and will continue to do so as team mentors recognise the importance of Go Games Blitzes - and the outlet which these provide for skill, personal and social development - as distinct from getting sucked into a competitive framework where winning is the be all and end all. Such a framework perpetuates a culture of "keep the best and forget the rest" and is totally at variance with best practice policies as espoused within the Code of Ethics for Youth Sport.

At Youth level, Super Touch has been devised as basis for extending the Go Games concept i.e. providing small-sided development games. These are generally organised by way of blitzes and also serve to ensure that all participants are provided with a full game - on a 7, 9, 11 or 13 a-side team - for the entire game.

The Super Touch blitzes are

working well at Post Primary School level i.e. where Schools enter teams which cater for all players who are interested in participating as distinct from opting for the more traditional route i.e. entering one team in a knock out competition.

The Association is currently working on the development of Scilabu i.e. recreational games in Hurling and Football for Adult players. These will also involve the use of modified rules and equipment and will serve as basis for ensuring that the playing needs of those involved are catered for in the most effective manner possible.

It is proposed to formally launch these at the national Games Development Conference in November 2009. The integrated implementation of activities from each of the three strands provides the optimal means of ensuring that people 'Play and Stay with the GAA'.

FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

The Vhi GAA Cúl Camps continued to grow from strength to strength in 2008. Despite some inclement weather, over 82,500 children attended camps throughout Ireland, Britain, New York and North America. Taking place over 5 days, each child received a full kit (jersey, shorts and socks) and backpack.

Work is already beginning on ensuring that the 2009 Vhi GAA Cúl Camps are an even bigger success. For information on the Vhi GAA Cúl Camps visit www.vhiculcamps.gaa.ie

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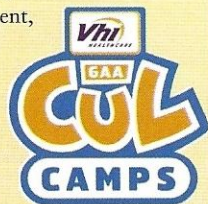
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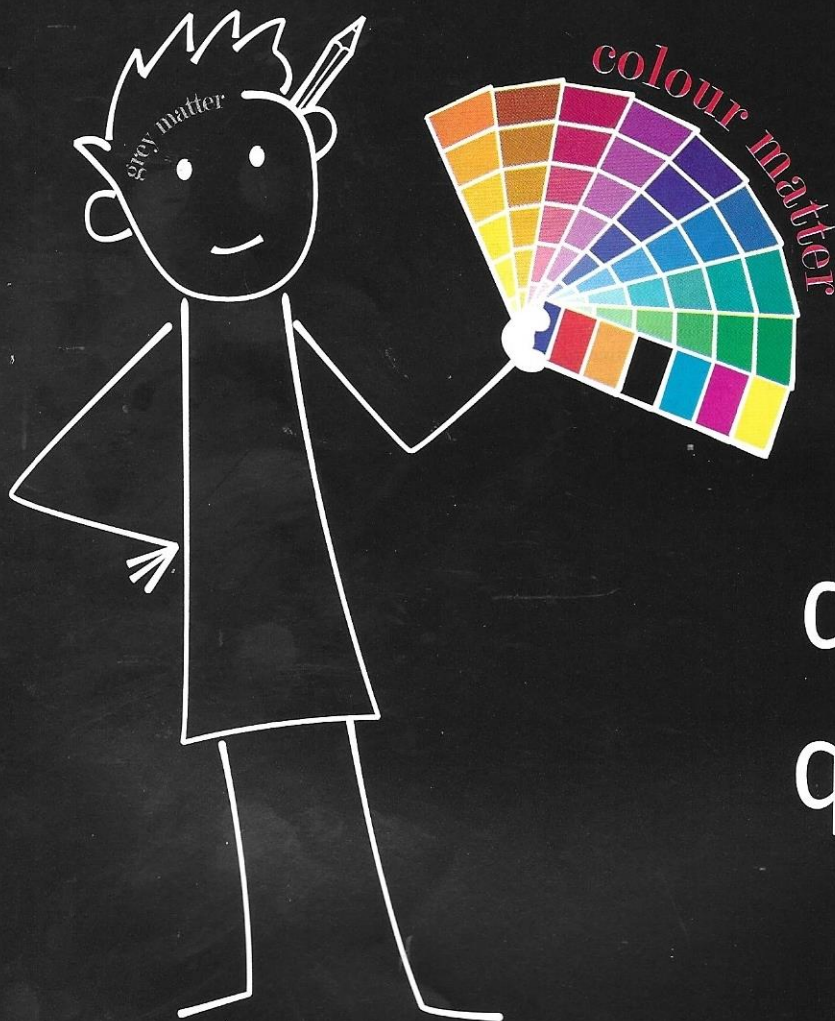
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Ladies Football Finals



Ciara McAnespie

The TG4 Ladies Football Championship finals will take place in Croke Park on Sunday 28th September.

Three finals will be played on the day as titles will be decided across the Senior, Intermediate and Junior grades. The Ladies All Ireland Football finals routinely attract the largest attendances of the year at a female sporting event and this year will be no different as a record breaking crowd is expected at GAA headquarters to support the six counties participating and the general fun atmosphere that the finals create.

CHAMPIONS RETURN

Reigning champions Cork return to HQ to secure their fourth consecutive senior title. Cork have lost just twice in that four year period – losing out to Mayo in the League semi-final last year and suffering a shock defeat to Dublin in this year's league campaign. They recovered from that defeat to the Jackies to claim their third league title in four years.

In last year's Champion's League style format, Cork had to win 8 games to lift the Brendan Martin Cup but this year they could do it in 4 with the new Qualifier Championship in place. Cork remain the favorites to claim the senior title and retain the core of their winning side from last year.

Angela Walsh takes over the captaincy from Juliet Murphy and the Donoughmore midfielder has been in sparkling form as a result of her burden being lessened. The

Cork backline is as frugal as ever and Brieger Corkery has been a revelation in the middle of the park. Upfront Valerie Mulcahy, Mary O'Connor and Nollaig Cleary have been terrorising defences and the return from injury of Norita Kelly has been a timely boost ahead of the final.

REBUILDING

Cork's opponents have waited a long time for a return to Croke Park. Monaghan have quietly been rebuilding since their era of dominance in the late nineties came to an end. Their last appearance in an All Ireland final was back in 2002 when they lost out to Mayo and there are a couple of players who survive from that side to play in this year's final.

Monaghan won their first Ulster title since 2005 this year breaking the stranglehold Armagh had on the provincial title. Since then they have grown in confidence with every game and after accounting for Sligo they unceremoniously dumped last year's finalists Mayo out of the Championship.

Captain Niamh Kindlon has played a pivotal role for the side and the return of former All Star Edel Byrne after several years on the sideline through injury has given this young side the cutting edge it required. The McAnespie twins are a breath of fresh air down the right-hand flank and Ciara will cause the Cork defence untold hassle with her pace and guile.

NEW CHAPTER

The Intermediate final sees Tipperary compete in their first All Ireland final since 1980. The Premier County won the first ever Senior All Ireland title back in 1974 but that success does not even register with this team as none of them were born when Tipp won their last title. Tipp accounted for last years' beaten Intermediate All Ireland finalists Wexford to book their place in the final and will be looking to start a new chapter in



Christina Reilly and Linda Martin

the county's history.

Tipp face Clare who have already beaten them in the Championship. Clare are the reigning Division 2 National League Champions and the impressive Eimear Considine and Magella Griffin will pose problems for Tipp. There was only five points between the two sides when they met back in July so this is sure to be a very close affair.

FINALIST RETURN

The Junior final sees last year's beaten finalists London return to Croke Park to take on Derry. Again these two sides met in the pool stages with Derry getting the upper hand on that occasion. Both teams had impressive victories at the semi-final stage to advance to the final with London coming through convincingly against Wicklow while Derry gave northern neighbours Antrim a mauling.

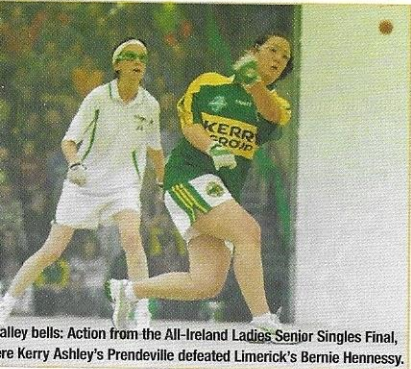
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Prendeville: The Pride of Kerry Handball



Alley bells: Action from the All-Ireland Ladies Senior Singles Final, where Kerry Ashley's Prendeville defeated Limerick's Bernie Hennessy.

Kerry's Ashley Prendeville won her second 60x30 Senior Singles title in front of a capacity crowd at Croke Park handball headquarters on September 6th.

The Ballymacelligott girl defied all of the odds to defeat favourite, five-time champion, Bernie Hennessy from Limerick 21-13, 21-12, to successfully defend her crown. It took Ashley a long time to settle into the first game as Hennessy raced into a 10-0 lead but the Kerry girl settled and began to pick off aces to claw her way back into contention. She began to find her range with a few vital kills plus a variation of serves which saw her level and then take the lead. From here on Ashley played some top handball and ran out eight points to the good at 21-13.

The second game turned out to be a real cracker as both girls gave it everything in front of a packed house at handball hq. Prendeville went into an early lead at 5-0, but the big alley queen of the 90s came back and up to 11, there was only a mark or two between the girls. Hennessy was letting nothing pass her on the court as she took everything off the air, while Ashley was now settling down to play her best handball of the match and more clinical and precise in her shot selection.

At midway through this game the tide turned in favour of the Kerry girl; Ashley saw the finishing

line and produced some cracking fly shots and corner kills to steam into the lead and take control to close out the match nine marks up. It was a great win for Ashley especially when you consider that it was her first time playing in the two glass wall court at headquarters. She was up against one of the legends of the ladies big court game in Bernie Hennessy.

The Limerick girl brought many titles to her home club in Hospital but the All Ireland title now resides in Ballymac for the second year in a row. Prendeville is flying the Kingdom flag with pride.

Handball Club of the Year - Brackey

This year has been a hugely important one for the proud Tyrone club of Brackey. After years of relative underachievement, the last 12 months undoubtedly rank as a hugely successful period in the 50 year history of this year's Irish Handball Club of the Year. The impetus of a new court opening in July 2006 began to show dividends with titles coming from all areas of the club. Ciara Clarke made history by winning the club's first Ulster medal in girl's handball, taking the 13 and Under title.

Gabhain McCrystal and Pól Clarke won the Under 12 Doubles and were part of the Tyrone team of six that won the Ulster title. In December, both players travelled to Tucson, Arizona where Gabhain reached the semi-final of the 13 and Under Singles and was voted



Blessed among Presidents: Pictured is Uachtarán Liathróid Láimhe na hÉireann, Tony Hannon, Kerry winner, Ashley Prendeville, Uachtarán Tofa CLG, Christy Cooney.

best newcomer of the tournament, while Pól won the 13 and Under B Title.

At adult level, Shane O'Neill had a memorable year, winning his first Tyrone Senior Singles, the Ulster Junior Singles and Doubles and All-Ireland Junior Singles. Ruari Kelly continued his rise in the handball ladder, winning Ulster and All-Ireland Junior B Singles, while Niall Kerr finally got his reward when partnering Carrickmore's Daragh Daly to Intermediate Doubles glory, also attaining a place in the senior ranks.

This remarkable year was brought to a wonderful climax when the Junior club team were crowned All-Ireland Champions on defeating Wicklow's Coolboy. This was a massive achievement for the club, but the best was yet to come when the club was announced as the Irish Handball Club of the Year at a special ceremony in Kilkenny last March. Things look bright for the future of Tyrone handball.

For information on handball, please contact: Niamh Egan, National Promotions Director, Irish Handball Council, Croke Park, Dublin 3
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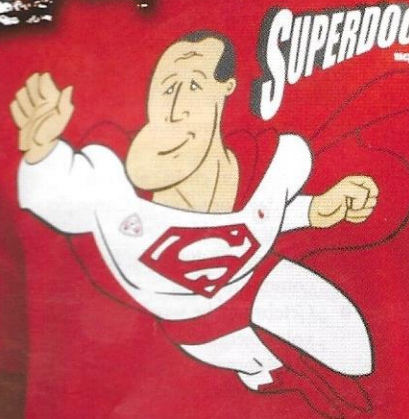
The Tyrone Famous Five: Tyrone's All-Ireland winning champions - Ruari Kelly, Gary McCrory, Shane Kerr, Shane O'Neill, Daragh Daly.



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- Strengthen clubs' voice in the development of Camogie
- Recognise the role of Camogie in building local communities
- Celebrate the work of volunteers in the development of Camogie within local communities
- Meet other clubs and share information about the achievements and challenges in developing Camogie at local level
- Identify emerging issues for the development of Camogie
- Hear about new initiatives to promote camogie

Also included:

- ✦ Free tour of Croke Park Stadium
- ✦ Give your opinion on priorities for promoting camogie over the next five years
- ✦ Camogie and GAA promotional material
- ✦ Trade exhibitions of playing gear and equipment
- ✦ Meet some of the stars of Camogie
- ✦ Win a set of club jersies
- ✦ Get to see the All Ireland Camogie Cups
- ✦and lots more

What will happen at the Forum?

The Forum is open to all registered clubs. Each club is invited to send up to four participants - from club administrators, players, mentors, referees and members. The Forum will focus on sharing information with others. The format of the day includes workshops to facilitate this. Topics include:

- Developing your club from underage up
- Recruiting and retaining club volunteers
- Finding out about funding for your club
- Involving new communities in your club
- Promoting your club in the local community
- Working with the Gaelic Games family at club level
- Being an effective club administrator
- Club players' forum - exploring your issues
- Training the Club Coach - coaching standards and players' development.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

A brochure and booking form will issue to all clubs shortly and be available on the website www.camogie.ie. Advance booking is essential. Booking will be possible via email or post.



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Some Stars of the Future!



Many intercounty stars first played in Croke Park when they were in National School. For the Dublin school children Cumann na mBunscol finals are a regular fixture in headquarters, but for children outside of the capital their first run-out onto the famous pitch is usually when they have been selected to play in the GAA INTO Mini Sevens on either All Ireland semi-final or final day. Today forty children from many counties will play in the colours of Cork and Kilkenny, a dream come true after many years playing the game they love. Fist of all the children have to play for their school and win the county competition. From here they progress to the regional festivals where the emphasis is on skill and teamwork. During the regional festivals at least one pupil from every county is selected to play in Croke Park.

Today we welcome eleven-year-old Daniel O'Neill who has just completed his primary education at Primate Dixon in Coalisland in Tyrone. His local club is Coalisland Fianna and his favourite position is full-back. Ricey is his favourite player

All the way from the Kingdom is Eoghan Courtney who has just completed his primary education at Ardferf NS and has begun secondary school at Mercy Mounthawk Tralee. He has won county championships with his primary school in both hurling and football and plays with the Ardferf Club. His favourite player is Kieran MacDonald.

Niamh Kelly has just turned thirteen and is in first year in



Daniel O'Neill



Eoghan Courtney



Niamh Kelly

Kiltimagh Community School in Mayo. She attended Bobola NS and plays her club football with Moy Davitts. Niamh is also a member of the Mayo U 14 Ladies Football team.

Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta hopes that all of the participants in today's GAA INTO Mini Sevens bring home wonderful memories of a fantastic day. Go n-eiri libh!

2008 National Awards

The Cumann na mBunscol National Awards in association with the Irish National Teachers' Organisation will take place on Saturday 22nd November 2008 in The Lyrath Estate Hotel Kilkenny. There will be many prizes to be won! This year there are eight categories:

1. Gaelic Games (Football and/or hurling and/or camogie and/or handball and/or rounders)
2. Promotion of the Year
3. Large School of the Year
4. Small School of the Year
5. Publication of the Year
6. Website of the Year
7. Public Relations of the Year
8. Assessors Merit Award
9. Pat Trainor Hall of Fame Award

Categories one to six are open to any school, county or provincial unit of Cumann na mBunscol. Any teacher, school, or unit of Cumann na mBunscol may nominate a serving or past member of Cumann na mBunscol for the Pat Trainor Hall of Fame Award in recognition of services to Cumann na mBunscol.

Entries should be sent to the following:

Ulster: Pat McGivern, St. Patrick's P.S., Coalisland, Co Tyrone.

Leinster: Ciarán Byrne, St. Patrick's BNS Wicklow Town.

Munster: Bro. James Dormer, C.B.S. Doon, Co. Limerick.

Connacht: Richard Bowles, Ballyvalode, Oola, Co. Limerick.

The closing date for receipt of entries is Saturday 18th October. Remember to keep up to date with Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta log onto www.scoilspport.org ! Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta acknowledges the support of the Irish Teachers' Organisation who have made this year's event possible.

Entry forms for the 2008 Awards may be downloaded from: www.scoilspport.org

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PROGRAMME OF MUSEUM EVENTS CONTINUES



The GAA museum recently celebrated its 10th birthday with a full calendar of events to mark the occasion. The museum provides GAA fans and visitors to the stadium with an interactive and engaging history lesson in the sport they love. It has grown hugely in popularity since it opened in 1998 and is now widely recognised as one of the leading attractions for tourists visiting the capital and for groups from clubs and schools.

A treasure trove of memories for GAA fans from around the country are housed in the museum charting the various successes achieved in All-Ireland finals over the years. It also provides a fascinating insight into how our national game has evolved since the GAA was founded in 1884. The stadium tours are a huge draw for visitors to the stadium and leave on the hour and can be pre booked for groups.

Upcoming GAA Museum events include a Museum Lecture Series evening of talks on 9th October on Sam Maguire and Kildare's win of the first trophy in 1928 and an Architectural Tours in conjunction with Open House Dublin 2008 on 18th October. With the mid term break the museum offers All Star Family Tours on the week of 27th October.

For opening times, museum and stadium tour details visit www.gaa.ie/museum

For further information on museum events, contact Museum Education and Events Officer Selina O'Regan on 01 819 2361 or soregan@crokepark.ie

WHERE DOES YOUR TICKET MONEY GO?

Today's games will bring the cumulative attendances at this year's hurling championship to approximately 500,000. Combined with numbers of an even greater scale in football, this represents an anticipated revenue stream of over €30m for the Association in the current year. This is something of which we can all be extremely proud, but which we can never take for granted. Every supporter purchasing a ticket for our games is making an investment in the financial future of the Association, and it is important that we all understand how that investment is being deployed.

In the last year we committed unprecedented levels of investment to games development, approved yet higher grants for capital programmes, and once again dramatically increased direct distributions to our units. All of this is merely the continuation of our track record of massive investment in communities both in Ireland and overseas.

So where does your ticket money go? The following illustration is based on today's admission price, but the same proportion, and the same commitment, holds true for every game – hurling or football, league or championship this year.

It costs almost €11m to stage the various national inter-country leagues and championships each year. As the demands of competition increase each year so too does the cost to each county of mounting its annual challenge. The GAA nationally contributed over €13m last year to help counties to

meet these costs. In addition, over €9m was invested in coaching and games development, and a further €10m was spent on the welfare of our players, including almost €9m to assist players at all levels with the cost of on-field injuries.

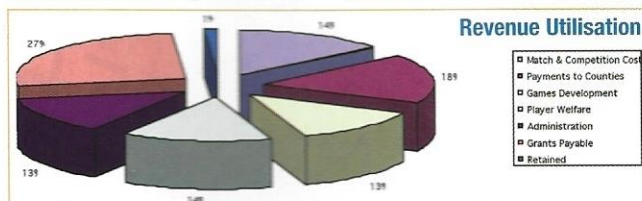
The numerous capital projects underway at clubs and county grounds nationwide bear testimony to the scale of the GAA's ambitions for the future. The €19m we contributed centrally to these projects last year was with two priorities in mind - participation, and facility quality.

In total almost 80% of GAA revenues are re-cycled directly within the Association, helping to make possible a spectacle like today and the players of tomorrow. And all without increasing admission prices this year.

So the next time you pass through the turnstiles here in Croke Park or at your local club, do so in the knowledge that you are playing your part. And on behalf of all of our members, players, supporters and communities – go raibh maith agaibh.

HOW IS YOUR TICKET PRICE USED?

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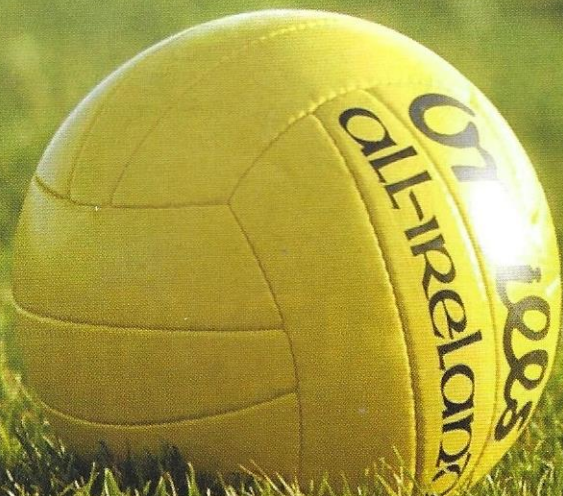
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team of '52; Seamus that played in the Railway Cup in the Sixties, or maybe is he more like his uncle Barney who played none but talked plenty?

For all his magic our man is two-footed in a special kind of way. Sadly for him, both are made of clay.

From time to time the red mist will descend, in fact it need not be red at all but whatever colour takes his fancy. For opponents on the un-level playing field our man is no enigma but the enemy. His insouciance on the field is code to talk the trash when they cannot walk the walk. Like a lazy trout in slow water, one day he'll take the bait but most days he doesn't bother. When he does it inevitably ends in tears. Theirs and his.

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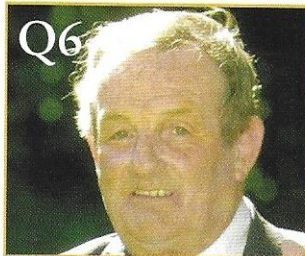
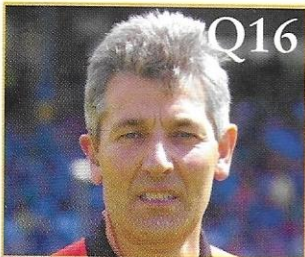


ALL-IRELAND SENIOR FINALS

1. Who captained Kerry in the final leg of their last sequence of three All-Ireland senior football titles in succession in 1986 against Tyrone?
2. Who scored Tyrone's only goal in that game?
3. What county brought the old Sam Maguire Cup across the Border for the first time following an All-Ireland senior football final win?
4. Where was the 1947 All-Ireland senior football final played?
5. In what year did Dublin win the old Sam Maguire Cup for the first time?

ALL-IRELAND SENIOR FINAL PERSONALITIES

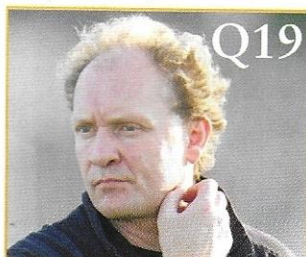
6. Who scored 2-6 in the All-Ireland senior football final of 1977?
7. Anthony Molloy led what county to their only All-Ireland senior football title so far?



8. The first All-Ireland senior final of this new century in 2000 ended in a draw. The game was refereed by Brian White (Wexford) or Pat McEaney (Monaghan). Your choice!
9. Who scored the first goal in an All-Ireland senior football final in this decade?
10. In what year did Larry Tompkins lead Cork to All-Ireland senior football title-winning glory?

THE MINORS

11. What is the name of the trophy presented to the winners of the All-Ireland minor football final?
12. Mayo will be bidding today to bring the Cup back to Connacht after an interval of how many years?
13. James Masters led Cork to the All-Ireland minor title in what year—1999, 2000 or 2002?



14. Clare beat Dublin, Longford or Tyrone in the first All-Ireland minor football final in 1929?
15. Paul Clarke, a member of the Dublin senior football backroom team in recent years, led Dublin to their last All-Ireland minor football final. Was that success recorded in 1984, 1999 or 2003?

GENERAL

16. A Galway official has not refereed an All-Ireland senior final since 1999. Name the referee that year.
17. Who was in goal for Meath in their last Sam Maguire Cup win in 1999?
18. How many goals did Colm Cooper score in last year's All-Ireland senior football final?
19. Who captained Down to their last All-Ireland senior final win in 1994?
20. Prior to Armagh's first All-Ireland senior final win, who ranked as the last man to lead his county to their initial Sam Maguire Cup win?



1. Tommy Doyle from right half back. 2. Paudge Quinn after only 45 seconds in the first half. 3. Down in 1960 when they won the All-Ireland senior title for the first time. 4. The Polo Grounds in New York. 5. 1942 when they beat Galway in the final. 6. Jimmy Keaveney (Dublin) against Armagh. 7. Donegal in 1992. 8. Pat McEaney. Brian White refereed the replay. 9. Galway right half back Declan Meehan six minutes into the 2000 final replay against Kerry—the only goal in the two games. 10. 1990. 11. The Tom Markham Cup. 12. One year. Galway won the title last year. 13. 2000. 14. Longford. 15. 1984. 16. Michael Curley. 17. Cormac O'Sullivan. 18. One. 19. D.J. Kane. 20. Henry Downey (Derry) in 1993.

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CHAMPIONSHIP 2008

At the end of every championship and in a review of the year it's important to look at refereeing performances to see how improvements can be made. One serious area of training of referees to cope with the speed of modern games is their own fitness. A whole new fitness programme is being devised under the guidance of Professor Niall Moyna of DCU. Sports journalist Donnchadh Boyle asked to take this test with the football referees and his very full report on the whole experience was published in the Irish Independent on August 25th. This report was quoted in the Hurling Final programme and certainly huge advances in this area will be the result when the fitness programme is fully developed.

The main controversies in this championship were of players appealing their proposed suspensions to the CAC. Criticisms still abound that there are too many yellow cards but this arose mainly from non-acceptance that certain fouls should merit such a sanction. It would appear that the current efforts in the rules to eliminate 'persistent fouling' are unpopular and certainly it seems from the general comments of some analysts, journalists, managers, etc. that sending off for a number of such fouls is 'harsh' and comes from 'fussy refereeing'.

Perennial fouls were still too common this summer i.e. –

blocking the support player, preventing a quick free being taken, holding a player off the ball, surrounding and holding down a player after a high catch. A few other features were more prominent this year – players feigning injury, aggressively challenging the referee's decision, and – a very new one at intercounty level – shaking the goal posts to distract the free-taker. Yet, let it be said – there were some great football games this year where both teams set out to play physical but fair football that swung from end to end and really a great number of marvellous scores. In such games the referee, of course, played a part, but one where his task was made so much easier.

FEIGNING INJURY

There have been some examples this summer of players feigning injury to get a free and, more seriously, to influence the penalty on their opponent. This merited a very welcome statement from Dessie Farrell of the GPA condemning such actions. Has the referee a role? Yes, he has. **Rule 5.21 Aggressive Fouls:** To attempt to achieve an advantage by feigning a foul or injury. **Penalty? Caution Offender;** order off for second cautionable foul. The referee then has power to take action. Again it's a question of judgement and how clearly he saw the incident. It's a practice that is most unsporting and needs to be tackled jointly by managers, players and the referees.

CHALLENGING THE REFEREE'S AUTHORITY

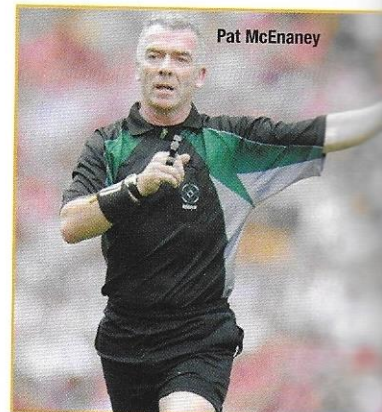
There are two rules governing this area. The more common one is: **Rule 6.3 Dissent:** To show dissent with the referee's decision to award a free kick to the opposing team.

Penalty: The free already awarded shall be taken 13m more advantageous than the place of the original kick – up to opponents' 13 m line.

Rule 6.1 is more severe: To challenge the authority of a match official.

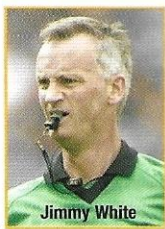
Penalty: Caution offender; order off for second cautionable foul.

If the referee judges that his authority is being challenged he can caution the offender. Clearly two or three players crowding the referee, pointing a finger in his face, are challenging the referee's authority. It was surprising to hear an analyst defending such an action by a player recently – that he had a right to be outraged. Yes, a player has the right to question a



Pat McEnaney

referee's decision but there is a way to do it and it's not in an aggressive manner. It's a pity we don't have the rugby



Jimmy White

system where only the captain has the right to question decisions. I suppose to adopt further the custom of calling the referee 'Mister' is a step too far!!

"Surrounding the referee and attempting to intimidate him is yet another newish development in our game. It appears players believe the referee might feel pressurised when the next incident takes place and that he will sway to the team that is most annoyed. The search for the inches continues."

Kevin McStay, *Evening Herald*, September 3rd.

BLOCKING MOVEMENT OF PLAYER OFF THE BALL

This practice of blocking the movement of player who is running in support of a teammate in possession is still too common. If the referee sees it he has two options:

- (a) Stop play and note offender and award free. But this removes the advantage which the attacking team may have had and is penalising them too.
- (b) Allow play to continue intending to deal with the offending player at a break in play. This break in play may not occur for some time and the referee has to be absolutely sure he has spotted the real offender. This is not always easy as he follows the player with the ball. Maybe a role for the linesman.

REFEREES ARE MOST ADAPTABLE

I have said before that referees are probably the most adaptable group in our association. In the

last ten years they have adapted to such changes as: Fitness and Rules Tests, Yellow and Red Cards, Announcement of Time Added On, Radio Link with Linesmen and Umpires, Assessment of their Performances, Seminars to view Video Clips of their mistakes as well as their correct calls. They have had to live and referee under massive media spotlight: TV and Radio Analysts during the game, Sunday night spotlight by TV Analysts who have had the benefit of a few hours study of play-backs, this summer's addition of radio's Take Your Call which can feature disgruntled, non-objective fans. Some Monday morning papers now have Ref. Watch in which marks are given to the referee. Any comments should be specific – if the referee did make mistakes – what were they?

PERSISTENT FOULING

Different efforts have been made to eliminate Persistent Fouling from our games. Noting offences followed by Yellow Cards, followed by another Noting and Sending Off – has met with persistent criticism of 'no malice', 'taking the physicality from our games'. A further attempt will be made at the Special Congress in October to introduce a Yellow Card for some offences/infractions. The player who receives this Yellow Card will be sent off from the game to be replaced by a substitute. If passed, these changes will put much onus on the referees. As I've said already referees are a very adaptable group. Will these suggestions be accepted by the Special Congress in October – that's the first hurdle. The second hurdle will be – will they be accepted by players and managers? The Group



Aidan Mangan

who have proposed these changes are a very knowledgeable group of people who certainly cannot be accused of being removed from our games: Joe Kernan (Armagh), Babs Keating (Tipperary), Referees Aodán Mac Suibhne and David Coldrick, Davy Fitzgerald (Clare), Dermot Early Jnr. (Kildare), Eamon O'Sullivan (Kerry), John Greene, (Longford) John Fahy (Galway), Christy Todd (Offaly), Teresa Reynolds and Pat Daly (Croke Park). Chairman: Liam O'Neill, Leinster.



Liam O'Neill said they as a group had identified six fouls – "highly disruptive" fouls which they

considered to be seriously damaging the flow of a game. So by dismissing a player for a first offence and allowing him to be replaced would change the approach to fouling. What are the six fouls?

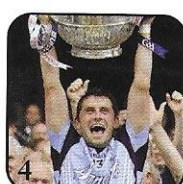
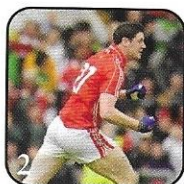
1. Pulling down an opponent
2. Tripping an opponent with hand(s), foot or hurley
3. Deliberately colliding with an opponent after he has played the ball away.
4. Bringing an arm or hurley around the neck of an opponent
5. Wrestling an opponent on the ground away from play
6. Remonstrating in an aggressive manner with a match official.

President Nickey Brennan said at the Press Launch: "Players can be as physical as they like once they remain within the rules. Where players are making an honest attempt to play the ball, they are to be given the benefit of the doubt. This is not about cracking down on players who foul while making an honest effort to play the ball. It's the guys who are being cynical that we want to penalise."

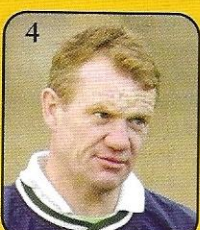
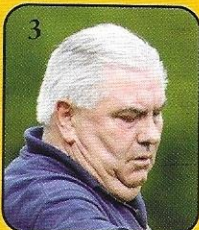
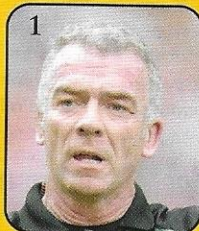
CÚINNE NA nÓG

Tráth na gCeist

1. Who refereed the All-Ireland minor hurling final earlier this month?
2. Who scored Cork's only goal in their Munster senior football final win over Kerry in July?
3. What county knocked Mayo out of the All-Ireland Ladies senior football championship last month?
4. Who captained Dublin to their fourth successive Leinster senior football title this year?
5. Pádraig Curran won a provincial minor medal as a goalkeeper with Meath, Kerry or Offaly this year. Your choice!



1. I am an experienced intercounty referee and I have taken charge of All-Ireland senior finals. I am also returning to Australia next month on Refereeing/Umpire duty. I took charge of one of the All-Ireland senior semi-finals last month.
2. I resigned late last month as county team manager of the county that I guided to their first-ever National Football League title last year. I am not a native of the county I managed and earlier this year I was on the sideline as manager in a championship game in which my son was playing with the opposing side.
3. I was team manager when my county won the All-Ireland senior football title for the first time a few years ago, but I no longer fill that position with my county. However, I have taken up a new position as manager of a provincial side for the up-coming interprovincial senior championship, succeeding a well-known official who filled that post for a long time.
4. I won an All-Ireland senior club medal with Baltinglass and I am also a former intercounty footballer and All Star. More recently, I have been a team selector with my county.



What's My Name?

Other Games

1. What county knocked defending All-Ireland champions Wexford out of the Gala All-Ireland senior camogie championship last month?
2. Who won the All-Ireland senior softball 60 x 30 singles title in handball earlier this month?
3. Cora Staunton scored a splendid 1-9 for what county in an All-Ireland Ladies senior football semi-final last month?
4. Eoin Kennedy and Egin Jensen (Dublin) were in action at Croke Park yesterday in defence of the All-Ireland senior doubles 60 x 30 title in handball. True or false?
5. The O'Duffy Cup is presented to the winners of the All-Ireland senior camogie final or the All-Ireland Ladies senior football title winners. Your choice!

Here And There

1. Dr. Hyde Park is situated in what county?
2. Where did Sligo open their Connacht senior football championship campaign this year?
3. Derek Fahy, the well-known intercounty football referee, is from what county?
4. At what venue did Wexford win the Allianz National Football League Division III title last April?

Tráth na gceist: 1. Pádraig Curran (Cork), 2. Michael McAllister (Cork), 3. Joe Kernan (Down), 4. Alan Brogan, 5. Meath. What's My Name? 1. Pat McKeown (Monaghan), 2. Brian McIvor (Down), 3. Joe Kernan (Down), 4. Kevin O'Brien (Wicklow), 5. Other Games: 1. Galway, 2. Eoin Kennedy (Dublin), 3. Mayo, 4. False, 5. They were beaten in an All-Ireland semi-final last month, 5. Camogie final, Here And There: 1. Roscommon, 2. London, 3. Longford, 4. Parnell Park, Dublin.

CARDIAC SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE

The Medical Welfare Committee of the GAA recommends that in the context of cardiac screening all participants over the age of 14 should complete a cardiac screening questionnaire. Anyone answering **yes** to any of the questions should discuss the findings with their family doctor.

Of all the cardiac screening tools, the best predictor of sudden death risk is a positive questionnaire. There is a lack of scientific consensus on the overall value of further screening. Those who choose to pursue further screening however should be aware of the following:

- Testing should be done in a centre where ECGs/ECHOs are being reported by experienced sports cardiologists.
- There is a significant percentage that will have an abnormality which may require further evaluation.
- A small percentage may end up uncertain as to whether it is safe for them to participate or not.

1. Has a doctor ever advised you not to participate in sport due to a heart problem?
2. Do you have any heart conditions?
3. Are you taking any drugs for your heart?
4. Have you ever fainted/been dizzy during or after exercise?
5. Have you ever had chest pains during or after exercise?
6. Do you tire more quickly than your friends during exercise?
7. Have you ever been told that you have:
a) High Blood Pressure? b) Heart Infection? c) Heart Murmur?
8. Have you ever had heart tests carried out by a doctor?
9. Have you ever had very rapid heart beating that has begun and ended for no apparent reason?
10. Has anyone in your family died before the age of fifty from a heart condition for which no cause was found?

IF YOU ANSWER YES TO **ANY OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS
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REGULATIONS Páirc an Chrócaigh

1. All persons entering this ground are admitted only subject to the following Rules (which are designated to protect the Health and Safety of all entrants to the ground). Entry to the ground shall be deemed to constitute unqualified acceptance of all of these Rules.
2. The management reserves the right of admission.
3. The instructions of the stewards must be obeyed at all times.
4. All persons entering the ground agree to be searched by a member of the Garda Síochána.
5. Every person (including infants) entering the ground must have a ticket.
6. The following are not permitted:
 - 6.1 Entry upon the pitch or engaging in conduct that causes or is likely to cause injury or harm to, or otherwise interferes with, disrupts, hinders, or distracts a person playing in, refereeing or otherwise having a role in a match at this ground.
 - 6.2 Any unauthorised contact with the boundary wall surrounding the pitch or incursion on to the pitch. Any such unauthorised contact or incursion constitutes a trespass to property.
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 - 6.4 Throwing of objects onto the pitch.
 - 6.5 Remaining or loitering in any gangway or aisle.
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 - 6.7 Bringing of alcohol into the ground.
 - 6.8 Bringing into the ground of fireworks, smoke canisters, bottles, glasses, cans, flags, banners, poles, distress signals, laser pointers and 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 or abusive language.
7. If a person commits a trespass, reasonable force may be used to prevent, restrain or terminate any trespass.
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In the interests of safety, patrons will not be allowed to enter the playing area after the games.

The policy to prohibit such encroachment in the future has been taken to avoid further injuries and possible fatality and has been taken on the advice and promptings of the safety authorities, namely the Gardaí, Dublin City Council, Fire Brigade and the ERHA.

Supporters are sincerely thanked for their co-operation to date and are asked to continue this co-operation in the future to ensure that games can be enjoyed without recourse to fencing or avoidable obstructions to seeing the action from all vantage points. Together we can ensure that a Croke Park experience is both enjoyable and safe, particularly for the young and vulnerable.

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Medical Assistance

Cusack Stand Lower: First Aid Centre rear of Section 312.

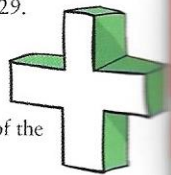
Canal Stand Upper: First Aid Centre rear of Section 724.

Hogan Stand Lower: First Aid Centre rear of Section 329.

Hill 16: First Aid Centre rear of Section A

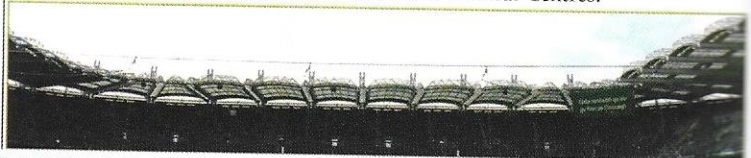
Lower Hogan: Medical Centre

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