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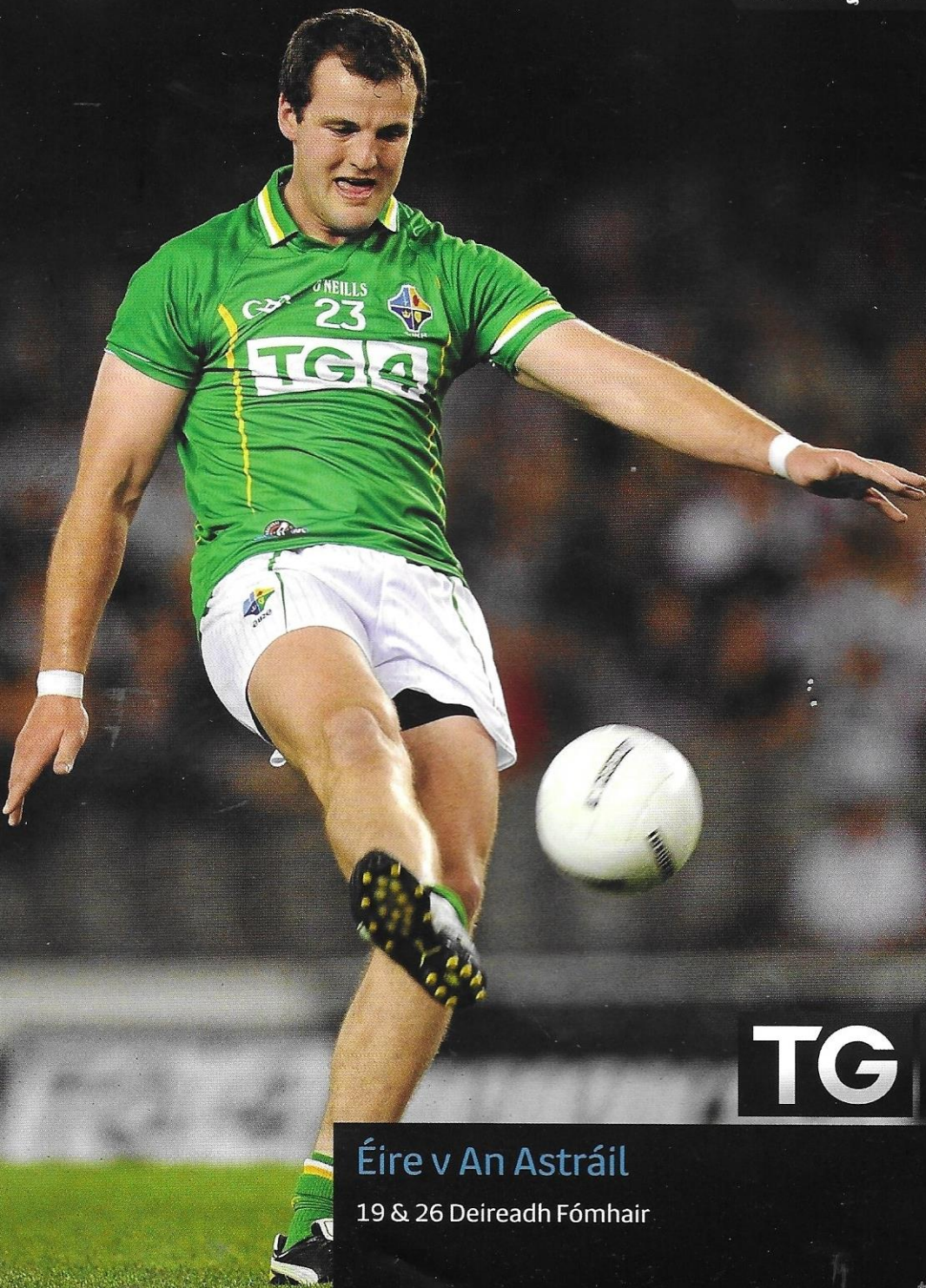
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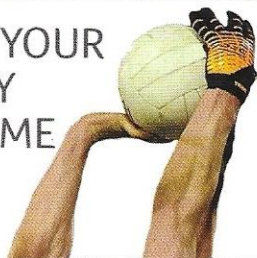


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For we are young and
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We've golden soil and
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Our home is girt by sea
Our land abounds in
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Of beauty rich and
rare,
In history's page let
every stage

Advance Australia fair,
In joyful strains then
let us sing
Advance Australia fair.
Beneath our radiant
Southern Cross,
We'll toil with hearts
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To make this
Commonwealth of
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Renowned of all the
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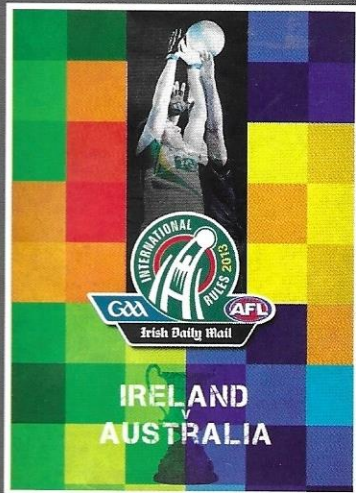
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across the seas
We've boundless
plains to share,
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To advance Australia
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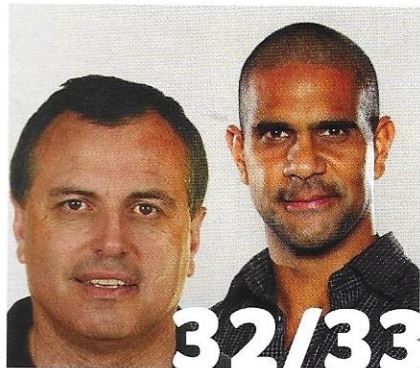
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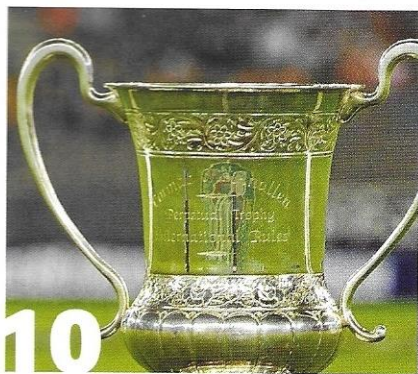
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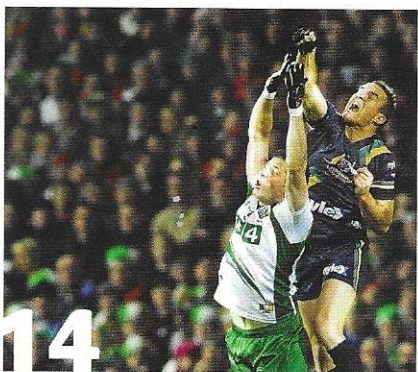
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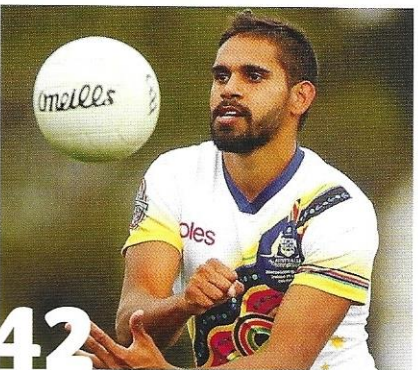
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- 6.15pm Australia and Ireland warm-up
- 6.21pm Scór-Crosselough Set Dancers and Cornafean Traditional Musicians
- 6.35pm Teams return to dressing rooms
- 6.45pm Match officials enter the field
- 6.46pm Teams emerge from dressing rooms and move to centre of field
- 6.48pm Advance Australia Fair – Artane Band and Megan Burns
- 6.51pm Amhrán na bhFiann – Artane Band and Megan Burns
- 6.54pm Teams shake hands and move to respective ends
- 6.55pm 5 Min Hooter
- 6.56pm Coin toss
- 6.58pm Australian War Cry
- 6.59pm Hooter x 2 (Teams in position)
- 7.00pm Hooter x 1 for start of first quarter
(18min plus any stoppage)
- 7.19pm* End of first quarter
- 7.23pm* Hooter x 3
- 7.24pm* Hooter x 2
- 7.25pm* Hooter for start of second quarter
- 7.45pm* Half Time (18min plus any stoppage)
- 7.46pm* Entertainment - Hermitage Green
- 7.58pm* Hooter x 3
- 7.59pm* Hooter x 2
- 8.00pm* Hooter x 1 start of third quarter
- 8.19pm* End of third quarter (18min plus any stoppage)
- 8.23pm* Hooter x 3
- 8.24pm* Hooter x 2
- 8.25pm* Hooter x 1 start of fourth quarter
- 8.45pm* End of fourth quarter
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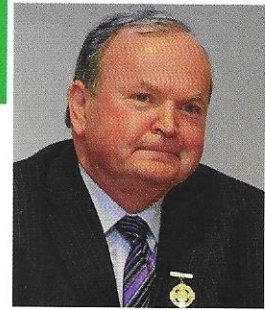
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GO PÁIRC BREFFNI KINGSPAN ANOCHT
DON CHÉAD CLUICHE IN AGHAIDH AN
ASTRÁIL AGUS MUID AG TNÚTH GO MÓR
LE SRAITH TAITNEAMHACH.**

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all here this evening for the first of two tests in the Irish Daily Mail International Rules Series ahead of what I expect will be a night to remember.

This evening the famed Cavan venue will join Páirc Uí Chaoimh, Cork, Pearse Stadium, Salthill and Páirc na nGael, Limerick on the list of venues outside Croke Park that have staged international rules tests since the series was resumed.

It offers GAA followers in the county of Cavan and indeed across the province of Ulster the opportunity to see our Irish national team in action before the second test in Croke Park in seven days time.

Firstly, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our friends in the AFL and especially to their CEO Andrew Demetriou and his back room team and team manager Michael O'Loughlin and his players.

They have travelled a long way and will relish the opportunity to try and take the Cormac McAnallen Cup home with them. The prestige of representing or indeed leading your country is one that is not afforded to too many.

To that end, when I was tasked with choosing a manager to lead the Irish team I chose carefully.

I am delighted that Paul Earley was available and so enthusiastic about the prospect of overseeing the Irish challenge. Similarly his choice of Michael Murphy as team captain laid down some of the same virtues that deemed Paul so well suited to his position.

I wish all of the players on both panels every success in their endeavours and once again underline the passion with which the players continue to support the series.

I would also like to acknowledge the support of the local authorities, namely Cavan County Council and the Cavan County Board for putting together an excellent programme of events around the game, one I believe will be embraced by the large attendance here this evening.

A special word of thanks also to the Irish Daily Mail for their continued support of the series and the Irish team. Their assistance in promoting these games for many months now has been highly valued.

I hope and trust we will get the game the occasion deserves and I look forward to seeing you all in Croke Park next weekend for the second instalment.

Bainigí sult as an cluiche,

Liam Ó Néill

Liam Ó Néill
Uachtarán
Cumann Lúthchleas Gael





MESSAGE FROM THE AFL

**IT IS A TREMENDOUS HONOUR
ONCE AGAIN FOR AN AUSTRALIAN
INTERNATIONAL RULES
REPRESENTATIVE TEAM TO VISIT
IRELAND TO COMPETE FOR THE CORMAC
McANALLEN CUP.**

Since 1984, when the International Rules Series between our two countries first kicked off, there have been 36 matches played, resulting in 18 wins for Ireland, 16 wins for Australia and two draws. As those statistics suggest, the competition has almost always been close and intensely fought.

On behalf of the Australian Football League, I want to thank the GAA and the people of Ireland for welcoming us for the 2013 International Rules Series. We acknowledge your hospitality and also the pride and passion which you invest in this competition.

The GAA has played an integral role in Irish history and culture for more than 125 years, much like the impact that Australian Football has in our own country, and these Tests enable us to salute the contribution we both make to our communities, and also the historical and cultural links between our countries. The Series also provides a rare opportunity for our players and coaches to pit themselves against elite international competitors.

This tour is historically significant because Australia for the first time will be represented by the Indigenous All-Stars – the first All-Indigenous team to represent a national sporting code at senior level overseas



since the first cricket team toured England in 1868, nearly 150 years ago.

Our coach Michael O'Loughlin is one of the most decorated Indigenous players in our code's history and has represented Australia in this Series on two occasions. He is a passionate competitor and will inspire the Australian team to play with total commitment. He will be strongly supported by assistant coaches Rodney Eade and Andrew McLeod as well as Tadhg Kennelly – a proud Irishman who has represented his country five times and this year has been persuaded to assist the Australian cause.

I want to thank the coaches and players of both teams who have committed to this Series. We are here to reclaim the Cormac McAnallen Cup after Ireland's impressive win on Australian soil in 2011 and will play our hearts out to regain the trophy. Good luck to everyone involved.

Andrew Demetriou
AFL Chief Executive Officer



MESSAGE FROM THE SPONSOR



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Every week over 855,000 people enjoy our newspapers with Charlie Carter, Liam Hayes, Shane McGrath, Micheál Clifford, Barney Rock, Philip Lanigan, Mark Gallagher, Paul Keane, Ciaran Gallagher, Tom Ryan and Joe Brolly covering the games from every angle.

The Irish Daily Mail International Rules Series is

the only occasion when parish and county rivalries can be temporarily left behind to wear the national jersey with pride as we take on the mighty Australians.

Paul Earley has assembled an incredible panel this year to take us to victory on the international stage.

As fans in the stands and on the terraces, we have to do our part now and get behind the lads.

Irish Daily Mail

**Paul Henderson
Managing Director
The Irish Daily Mail**

NA CLUICHÍ GAELACHA SAN ASTRÁIL

le Mártan Ó Ciardha

GAELIC GAMES HAVE BEEN PLAYED ALL OVER THE WORLD FOR AT LEAST A COUPLE OF HUNDRED YEARS, WHEREVER IRISH MEN SETTLED – PERMANENTLY OR TEMPORARILY.

The history of the ‘Organised GAA’, abroad however is relatively new, but as in Europe, North America and Asia the recent trend of emigration has meant that Cumann Lúthchleas Gael has experienced phenomenal growth in those regions as well as in Australia and New Zealand.

Gaelic Football was mainly confined to New South Wales and Victoria when Harry Beitzel brought the first ‘Galahs’ on tour here in 1967. Previous to that various organisations had been prominent in those territories and later in Western Australia overseeing hurling, football and camogie. In 1974 The Gaelic Athletic Association of Australia was set up to promote the game on a national level, becoming the The Gaelic Athletic Association of Australasia some years ago to include clubs in New Zealand.

The increase in the number of clubs and players in Australia is not the only proof of the progress Gaelic Games have made in that country in the past 40 years – since 2001 Gaelic Football has been recognised by the Australian Sports Commission as an accredited sport, which means that it may be part of a school’s PE curriculum and also means that coaches have to be accredited with the Commission.

As with other overseas branches, Gaelic Games in Australia is not exclusively played by emigrants. They of course account for the majority of the increase in players – from 900 in the year 2000 to well over 3,000 today. A survey taken a few years ago indicated that 80 per cent of the people playing in Perth were non-Irish. The figure was 99 per cent in Adelaide, 50 per cent in Melbourne, 20 per cent in Sydney and 70 per cent in both Queensland and New Zealand. The recent influx of young Irish people into those areas may dilute those figures somewhat, but they are still an indication of the popularity of GAA games abroad.

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Leis na céadta bliain, tá na Cluichí Gaelacha á n-imirt ar fud na crionne pé áit ar chuir Éireannaigh futhu, más go sealadach nó go buan é, ach is scéal réasúnta nua é a stair a bhaineann le eagrú Chumann Lúthchlas Gael i dtíortha i gcéin. Mar atá tarlaithe ar Mhór Roinn na hEorpa, san Áis agus i Meiriceá Thuaidh fágann an méadú a tháinig ar an imirce le gairid go bhfuil fás as-cuimse tagtha ar na Cluichí Gaelacha san Astráil agus sa Nua Shéalainn freisin.

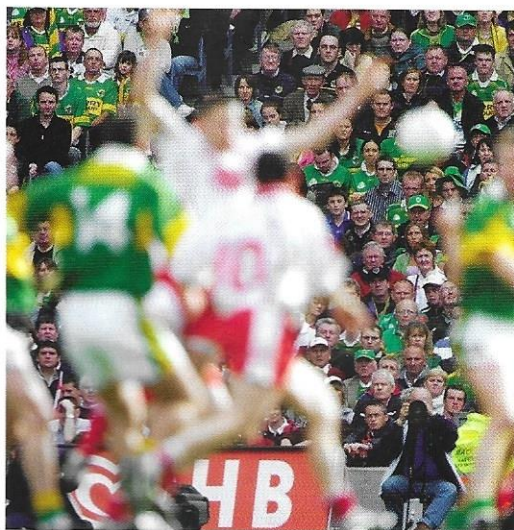
Nuair a thug Harry Beitzel an chéad fhoireann Astrálach go hÉirinn i 1967, ba i gceantair New South Wales agus Victoria ba mhó a bhí an Pheil Gaelach á himirt sa tír as ar fhág sé. Roimhe sin bhí roinnt eagraíochtaí bunaithe sna ceantair sin, agus ina dhiaidh in Iarthar na hAstráile, chun na Cluichí Gaelacha a chur chun cinn. Sa bhliain 1974 bunaíodh CLG na hAstráile chun sin a dhéanamh ar bhonn náisiúnta agus roinnt blianta ó shin, nuair a cuireadh an Nua Shéalainn san áireamh, tugadh CLG na hAstráilise ar an eagraíocht.

Ní hé an méadú ar líon na n-imreoirí agus na gclubanna amháin a chruthaíonn an dul chun cinn atá déanta ag CLG san Astráil le daichead bliain – ón mbliain 2001 ar aghaidh tá aitheantas tugtha ag Coimisiún Spórt na hAstráile don Pheil Ghaelach, rud a chialaíonn gur féidir leí a bheith mar chuid de churriculum corpoideachais na scoile agus nach mór

do oiliúnaithe CLG a bheith cláraithe leis an gCoimisiún.

Mar atá tarlaithe in ilchríocha eile ní hiad na himircigh amháin atá ag imirt na gcluichí. Iadsan dar ndóigh is mó is cúis leis an méadú ollmhór atá tagtha ar líon na n-imreoirí (900 i mBliain na Mílaoise; go hard os cionn 3,000 inniu), ach léirigh suirbhé a glacadh roinnt blianta ó shin nach mba sa tír seo a saolaíodh 80% de na daoine a bhí ag imirt i Perth; 99% in Adelaide; 50% i Melbourne; 20% i Sydney agus 70% i Queensland agus sa Nua Shéalainn.

Seans go bhfuil na figiúirí sin curtha as a riocht ag an méadú a tháinig ar an imirce as Éirinn le bliain nó dhó, ach fós is cruthú é ar an tóir atá ar na Cluichí Gaelacha thar lear.



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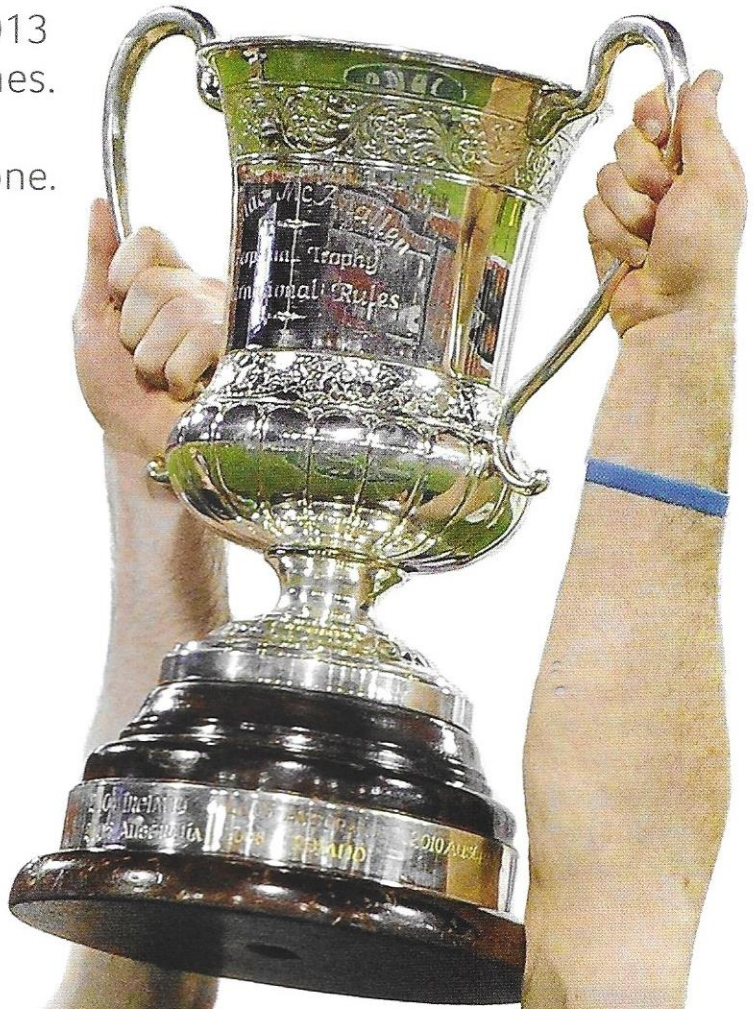
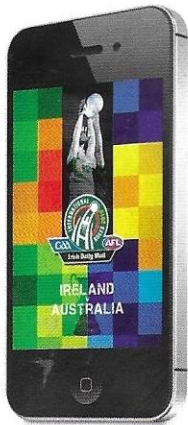
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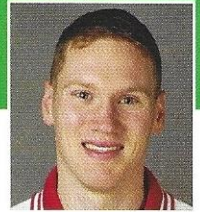
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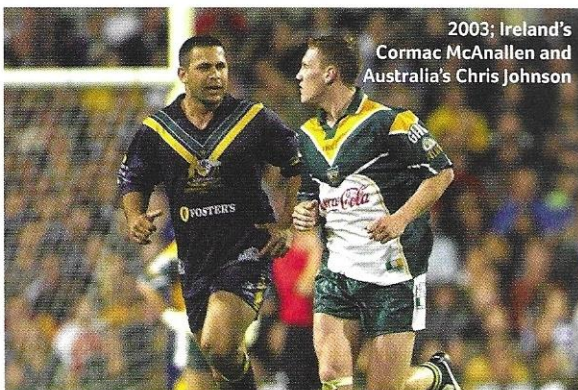
THE CUP WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNERS OF THE IRISH DAILY MAIL INTERNATIONAL RULES SERIES IS NAMED IN HONOUR OF THE LATE CORMAC McANALLEN, WHO FEATURED IN THREE TEST SERIES FOR IRELAND, MAKING SIX APPEARANCES FOR HIS COUNTRY.

The English clubman was one of the great stars of Gaelic Games and captained his county, Tyrone, to All-Ireland success at both minor (1999) and U21 level (2001). His initial appearances for the Tyrone senior team were as a midfielder, but in 2003 he was moved to fill a troublesome full-back spot for the O'Neill County and excelled as the county won its first GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship title.

Cormac won virtually every honour the game has to offer in his short career, including Allianz League titles, a Sigerson Cup medal with Queen's in 2000, the Young Player of the Year award in 2001 and an All Star in 2003.

He appeared in three consecutive International Rules Series for his country, helping Ireland to victory on his debut in 2001. He was also an integral part of the team that played Australia in Croke Park in 2002 and Melbourne in 2003.

Cormac slipped quietly from this world on the night of March 1, 2004 but his memory will live on for everyone who knew this great person, for the countless thousands who admired and respected him on the football fields of Ireland and in the trophy for the International Rules which proudly bears his name.



BUILDING A BRIDGE BETWEEN AFL AND GAA

By Seán Moran, Irish Times

IN THE CONSULTATIONS THAT 30 YEARS AGO PRECEDED THE FIRST OFFICIAL INTERNATIONAL RULES SERIES, A FLAVOUR OF THE CULTURAL CROSS PURPOSES COULD BE GLEANED FROM THE FOLLOWING NOTE ON PAGE 22 OF AN OFFICIAL REPORT 'AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL AND THE GAA': "THE AUSTRALIAN RULES PEOPLE SEE THE ROUND BALL AS A SOCCER BALL AND ONE AUSTRALIAN RULES OFFICIAL WENT SO FAR AS TO ENQUIRE FROM A DUBLIN COLLEGES' OFFICIAL: "WHY DO YOU USE AN ODD BALL?"

In the three decades of the International Series a number of problems have flowed from the differences between the games whether they are different rules or simply different attitudes but in recent years it has become noticeable that there has been a convergence between the games that has greatly reduced the scale of compromise originally required for International Rules.

Initially it was felt that the GAA were doing most of the conforming by borrowing

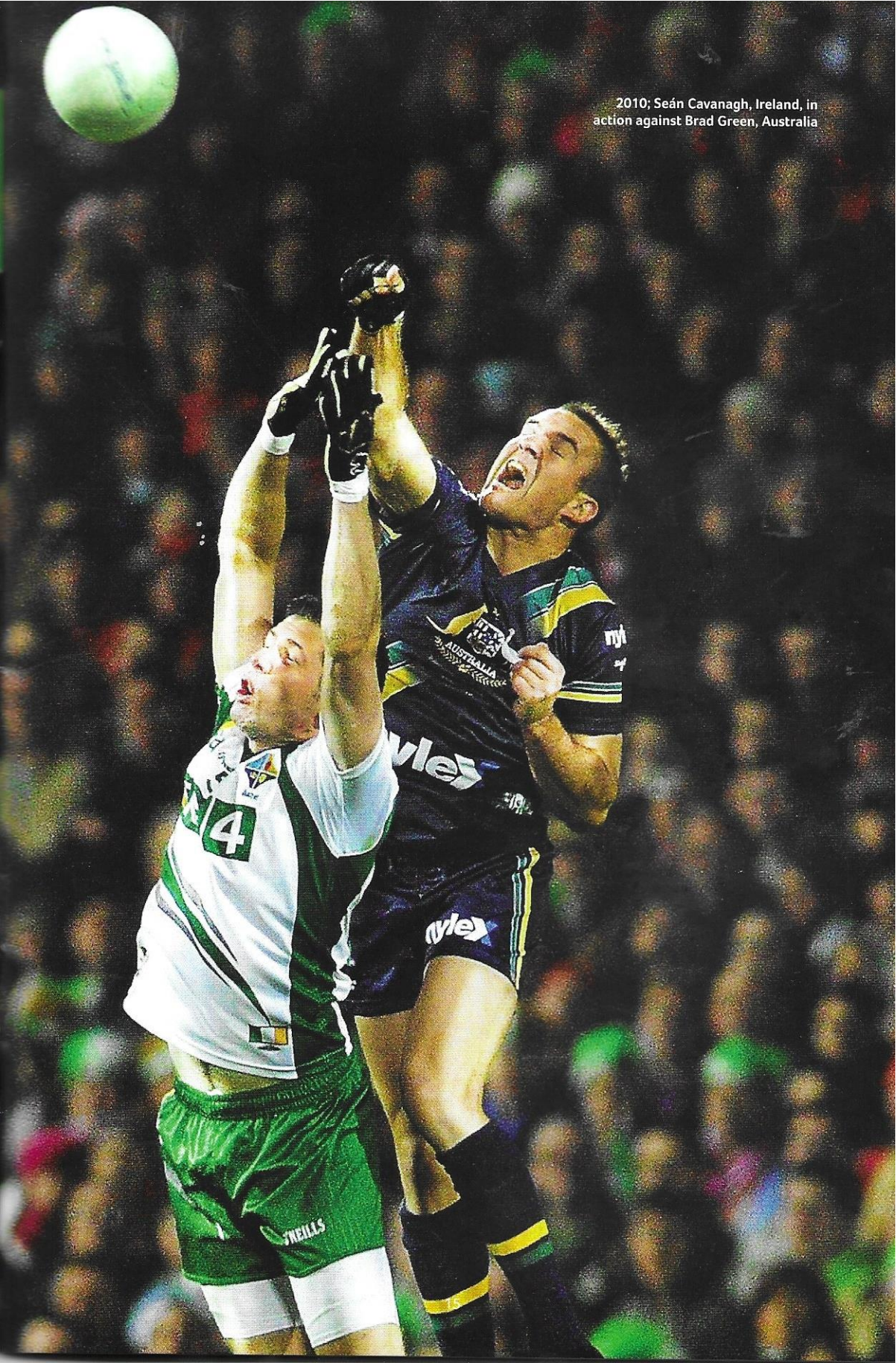
from the international game the kick-outs and line-balls taken from the hand, which were trialled during the 1989-90 National Football League before being adopted.

The most difficult aspects of the Australian game from an Irish perspective, the mark and the tackle, were never taken on board but a version of the former was trialled in 2010 and considered unlucky not to win endorsement at that year's Annual Congress.

Whereas for a long time the process of learning from International Rules appeared to be one-way with the GAA absorbing ideas into Gaelic football that hasn't been the full story. One indicator was the increasing speed with which Irish recruits to the AFL familiarised themselves with the game.

A process that used to take around a year and a half became achievable in a few months. Not everyone who learned fast carved out a long-term career in the Australian game but they were definitely adapting more quickly.

2010; Seán Cavanagh, Ireland, in action against Brad Green, Australia





It was Mick Malthouse, the premierships winning head coach, who also took charge of Australia for the most recent series in Ireland three years ago, who coined the phrase, 'the Gaelicisation' of the AFL to describe the move away from big physical battles for high ball to a game more based on transfer and speed.

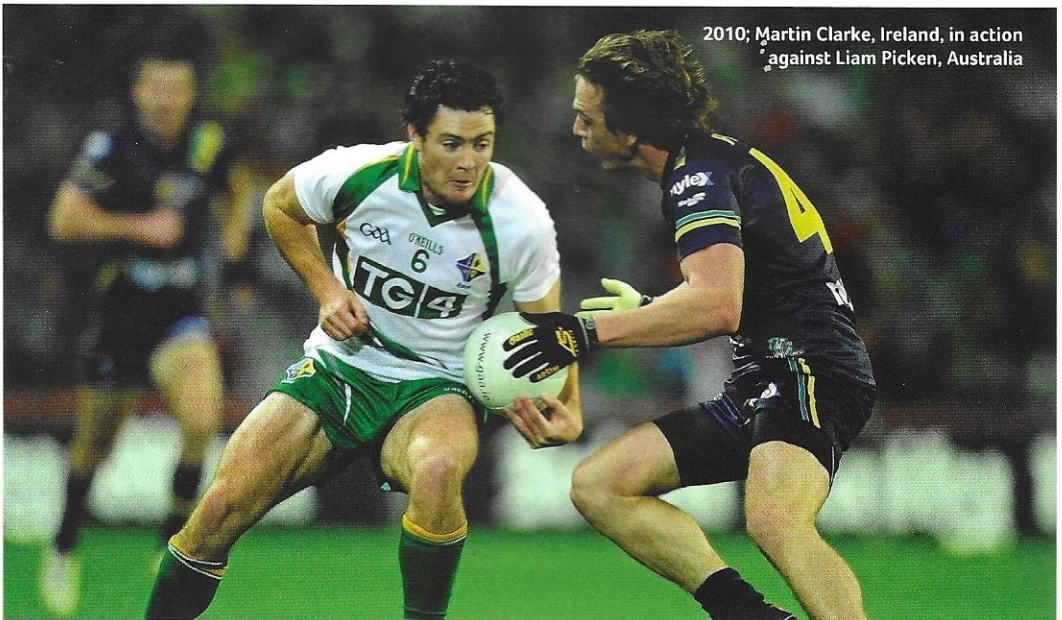
In Ireland Malthouse spoke about the importance of external influences in maintaining the vibrancy of Australian Rules and any indigenous games, citing the speed with which Marty Clarke, the Down footballer and All Star who is currently in his second spell in the AFL, had acclimatised to the rules game after first arriving at Malthouse's then club Collingwood.

"The connection with Gaelic football is another method of us advancing our game. Too many people think our game is complete – that's it! That's the death of any sport, of anything. You've to keep expanding and looking outside.

"I've had first-hand experience of a Gaelic footballer, Marty Clarke. He came across and showed our boys how to kick a football correctly – an oval ball he hadn't kicked as a kid like our players. There'd be very few at Collingwood who could kick a ball better than Marty Clarke. He's a superb athlete. The same would go for Tadhg Kennelly [now retired and formerly with the Sydney Swans], for (Tommy) Walsh [originally with St Kilda but now also at Sydney] and for others."

Neither has the ability to learn from the interaction confined Ireland to sporadic rule changes. Dr Niall Moyna of DCU, who has taken his college to the Sigerson Cup and played a role in management teams in both Dublin and Down, is one of the best known sports scientists in the country and an advocate of coaching innovation within the GAA.

Asked about the influence on Gaelic football, he had no doubt that the international series has at times shown



2010; Martin Clarke, Ireland, in action against Liam Picken, Australia

up defects in the way players here are developed.

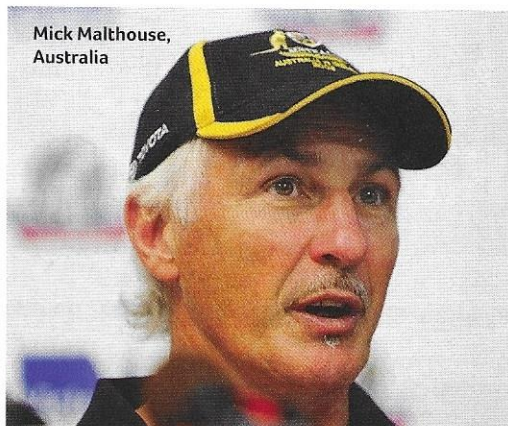
“There are three things in learning: the task, the environment and then the player. We tend to put things in a very stable environment whereas when you actually play a game it’s all about instability – you’re always making decisions based on a split second and what you see in front of you.

“We’re extremely didactic: here’s a drill, practise the drill and now play a game – if you’re good at the drill you’ll be good at the game, instead of allowing our players from a very young age to think and exposing them to lots of different environments.

“Do that and the player becomes more adaptable. We tend to brag about how wonderful our games are but we’re very insular in how we approach them. We can learn from other sports – sure, but how do we measure?”

Commenting in 2008 on the improved adjustment periods for Irish players in Australia Pat Daly, the GAA’s Director of Games Development, said there are other factors involved, including lifestyle and improved training techniques within Gaelic Games.

“Young people travel a lot now and generally want to get the travel bug out of their systems. From a sporting point of view there are attractions. They can operate in a more regulated environment with six to eight weeks of a close season, a proper pre-season period and only have to cope with the demands of one team. They don’t have multiple team involvements or overlapping competitions.



“Players are also better prepared. Modern training uses the ball to develop them both physically and psychologically, which makes them better able to adapt. Aussie Rules has changed as well. It no longer depends on sheer physicality to the same extent as it did 10 or 20 years ago.”

Sometimes the cross pollination hasn’t worked to Ireland’s advantage. After a series drubbing in 2004, the AFL entrusted its next year’s challenge for the first time to a hugely experienced club coach, Kevin Sheedy, and to prepare he looked at the 2005 All-Ireland final between Kerry and Tyrone and tailored his team’s style accordingly.

Sheedy’s two-year tenure was marked by disciplinary controversies to the extent that they overshadowed the success of his tactical approach.

Characterised by fast ball players, Australia sailed through the series, easily negotiating what had been Ireland’s big advantage – the room to play ball – 12 months previously and raising the demands of the international game with pace, strength and some of the most accurate shooting of any AFL team in the history of the game.

A BANQUET FOR THE KINGDOM OF BRÉIFNE

By Arthur Sullivan, GAA.ie

FOR 90 YEARS NOW, BREFFNI PARK HAS BEEN THE UNDISPUTED HOME OF CAVAN FOOTBALL. OPENED IN JULY 1923, THE IRELAND IN WHICH THE VENUE CAME INTO BEING WAS A TROUBLED PLACE.

The bitter Irish Civil War only officially ended in May 1923 and it was just two months later that the first games took place at the new pitches in Rossculligan.

The plans to develop the new venue were put together while the Civil War still raged in late 1922 and early 1923, and the stadium which this evening hosts the First Test of the 2013 International Rules series stands as a proud monument to the men who put aside their political differences to develop a place in which to play the games the people loved.

In the 1940s, Breffni Park was improved and redeveloped, culminating in its official re-opening in 1952. In the impressively detailed programme notes from that occasion, former Cavan County Secretary Hugh Smith wrote the following of the origins of the stadium: “Love of Ireland and things Irish were the motives that actuated those who in the midst of hostility, conquered insurmountable obstacles in order to provide a Gaelic arena for the young men and women

of Breffni. By their extraordinary foresight and indomitable courage many generations have found in Breffni Park a place to express and display our Gaelic culture and pastimes.”

With those words in mind, and that spirit of 1923 remembered, it’s fitting that some of the best footballers from the whole island come together as one tonight in Cavan to represent their country. This Test match comes at a particularly vibrant time for Cavan GAA and for Kingspan Breffni Park, as it is known today.

It also comes at an important moment for Cavan town, as this year saw the first summer in four that the music and pageantry of Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann did not come here. For the past three years, that iconic festival has lit up the town and the county in general, bringing with it a great volume of visitors, colour and life. Although its legacy lives on, the coming of the International Rules series to Cavan in 2013 has provided a welcome charge of electricity and excitement.

The International Rules Series, when it has been played in Ireland, has travelled outside of Dublin and Croke Park before. Páirc Uí Chaoimh in Cork held a test in 1984, Pearse Stadium in Galway held the First Test of the 2006 series, while the

Gaelic Grounds in Limerick did likewise in 2010. Hosting the event outside the capital can bring a particular quality and atmosphere to the occasion, and the Cavan venue should be an ideal candidate to provide such a flavour.

Breffni Park has hosted its fair share of big matches down the years. As well as hosting many big Ulster championship games, including this year's semi-final between Down and Donegal, it hosted many Ulster finals in the first half of the 20th century, many of which Cavan won in front of their home fans. Perhaps the most famous game the stadium ever hosted was the 1933 All-Ireland semi-final between Cavan and Kerry. Kerry had won the previous four All-Ireland titles, but Cavan spectacularly ended the Kingdom's 'drive for five', just like Offaly would 49 years later. Vincent McGovern's late goal sent Cavan into the final against Galway, and they went on to win the All-Ireland title for the first time in their history.

But as well as all those great contests, Breffni Park, like the other famous county grounds around Ireland, is about so much more than just the marquee occasion. As was envisaged when it was first built in the early 1920s, the stadium has become the Mecca for any club team in the county on the trail of success. Whether it's been the U12s of Swanlinbar or the senior footballers of Crosserlough, Breffni Park is the place where countless dreams have been made and shattered over the years for the boys and girls and men and women of Cavan. Everyone who has ever played or watched football in the county has a Breffni Park story or two.

At the entrance to Breffni Park on the town side stands a monument to Willie

'Bill' Doonan. He grew up not much more than a stone's throw from the Park, and was just a young child when it was opened in 1923. He won an All-Ireland minor medal for Cavan at corner-back in 1938, and senior medals from the same position in 1947 and 1948. He died a young man in 1976, and within four years the plaque which stands today had been erected to him.

Just this August, a new plaque was erected on the stand side of the stadium to one of Doonan's most famous teammates from the teams of 1947 and 1948 – the captain, John Joe O'Reilly. Breffni Park too, has its sad refrains. It was here that the legendary Cornafean man played his last ever game for Cavan, against Kerry at the official re-opening of 1952, just five months before his death.

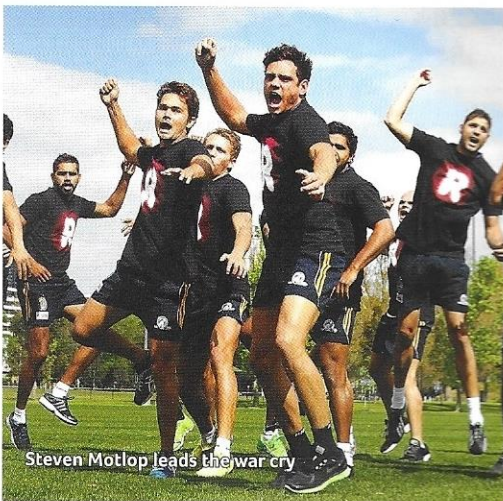
All those players and games of the past and the present, the famous and the not so famous, make up what is the story of Breffni Park. Tonight's Test match between Ireland and Australia is a proud moment for a place which has had many before, and more to come.



AUTHENTIC AUSTRALIAN WAR CRY

THE WAR CRY CURRENTLY PERFORMED BY THE AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL RULES TEAM IS AN AUTHENTIC AUSTRALIAN WAR DANCE DEVELOPED BY YOUNG INDIGENOUS AFL PLAYERS.

The War Cry was part of the cultural and leadership development for the Flying Boomerangs, the AFL's U15 development team. The tour to Papua New Guinea in March 2009 was the first time it was performed. Knowing that the local teams would have a war dance, the Flying Boomerangs developed one to respond appropriately. The team visited a cultural centre in Cairns and learned some dance moves, which they added to, based on their own knowledge.



Steven Motlop leads the war cry

Developing Language

While the team was in PNG four of the Flying Boomerangs who could speak their languages sat together to work out how they can give some language to their teammates.

Kurrku was the first word offered and it means, 'team' or 'mob'.

Ngalpa Ngiya was the next phrase offered. It means, 'Who are we?'

The words were put together and the opening of the War Cry was formed: Ngalp Ngiya? Boomerang Kurrku!

The opening was built on by the players to focus the team.

Ngalp Ngiya? Boomerang Kurrku!

Ngalp Ngiya? Boomerang Kurrku!

Ngalp Ngiya Ngiya? Boomerang Kurrku!

(Who are we?)

We had the start of the War Cry. The next challenge was for the young players to develop a chant that their team mates could use as they stomped their feet towards the opposition. The players came up with three words to be used in repeat. Dhu dhu - means 'strong'. Yindamala - means 'fast'. Kulala - means 'hunting'.

Cultural pride and development

The War Cry has been used as a tool for

cultural and leadership development within the AFL Indigenous programmes since 2009. It has been performed in PNG, South Africa, Tonga, Fiji, at Blacktown during the U16 National Championships and on the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) as part of the Rio Tinto Footy Means Business programme.

The dance from 2009 to now

The War Cry has been refined over the years since 2009 and it now has its basic form. The developments have been part of the cultural and leadership work of teams as they searched for more authentic, strong and proud expressions of culture.

Meanings of the Movements

One of the critical developments over time has been the formalisation of thinking about the movements in the War Cry. Below is an outline of the movements and their meaning as they occur in the War Cry.

At the beginning of the War Cry, players are standing in formation waiting to be called to by “the Song Man”.

Song Man: Ngalp Ngiya?

Team: Boomerang/All Stars Kurrku!

Song Man: Ngalp Ngiya?

Team: Boomerang/All Stars Kurrku!

Song Man: Ngalp Ngiya Ngiya?

Team: Boomerang/All Stars Kurrku!

The whole team crouches at this point.

Players then stand upright and raise their fists and then return to a crouched position. This is repeated for three times.

When the players raise their fists and yell, they are emulating the actions of

brandishing a fighting boomerang. This menacing action is to warn the opposition that the team is ready for the contest ahead. The crouching and hissing movement is the act of flushing out weaknesses in the opponents.

Players then advance with rhythmic stomping, arm slapping and chanting.

All together:

Dhu dhu, Yindamala, Kulala

Dhu dhu, Yindamala, Kulala

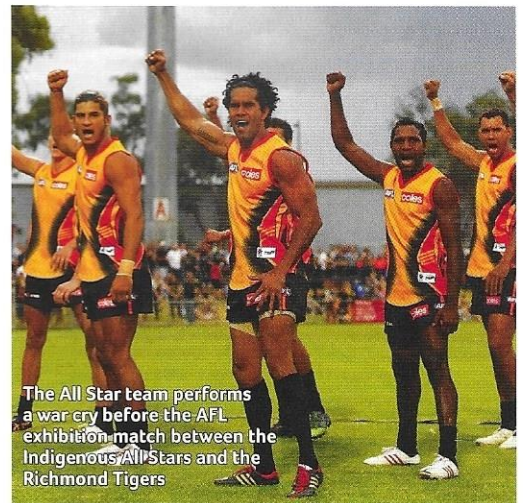
Dhu dhu, Yindamala, Kulala

Dhu dhu, Yindamala, Kulala

The slapping of the arm is a demonstration that the opposition cannot break through the teams’ defences.

The stomping is signifying ownership of the field.

The final movement is the rushing advance that climaxes in the striking movement of the fighting boomerang. This final movement leaves no ambiguity that the team is there to defeat the opposition.



The All Star team performs a war cry before the AFL exhibition match between the Indigenous All Stars and the Richmond Tigers

IRELAND AIM TO UPSET AWAY TREND

by Peter Sweeney

IT'S INTERESTING THAT THIS YEAR IRELAND INTERNATIONAL RULES MANAGER PAUL EARLEY HAS CHOSEN JUST ONE AUSTRALIAN-BASED PLAYER FOR THE FIRST TEST AT KINGSPAN BREFFNI PARK.

Laois and Carlton FC's Zach Tuohy is the only one to make the cut, meaning no place for any of the Irish exports currently making waves in the AFL.

Mayo's Pearce Hanley just had a great season with Brisbane, Down ace Martin Clarke is on Collingwood's books and Kerry man Tommy Walsh of Sydney Swans scored a combined 18 points in the two 2011 tests.

Interestingly though, nine of Earley's panel have either some AFL experience or have attracted serious interest from major clubs Down Under – including his captain and vice-captain.

Shortly after he broke into the Donegal senior team as a 17-year-old Ireland skipper Michael Murphy was courted by a number of professional outfits in Australia who were keen on his signature.

Walsh too was an Aussie Rules target, but both of them turned down the advances that came their way. The pair are home-

birds who wanted to stay in Ireland and play Gaelic football for their clubs and their counties.

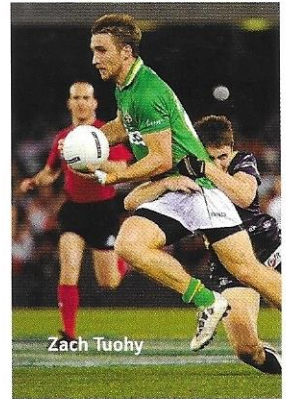
It's a move that has clearly paid off. Murphy lifted Sam Maguire as Donegal captain last year, Walsh won an All-Ireland in 2010 and the pair of them have All Star awards in their collections.

International Rules regular Colm Begley enjoyed several years Down Under with Brisbane Lions and St Kilda and the Laois man is one of the most experienced members of the Ireland panel.

John Heslin (Westmeath), Chris McKeigue (Derry), Aidan O'Shea (Mayo), Ciarán Kilkenny (Dublin) and Michael Shields (Cork) all either had contracts or trials with clubs in Australia.

For the most part, it was their own decision to come home rather than a case of them being dropped.

Paddy McBrearty of Donegal and Tyrone's former Footballer of the Year Seán



Zach Tuohy

Cavanagh were both made attractive offers to sign professional forms in the past, though it wasn't enough to lure them away from the Northern Hemisphere.

Louth's hottest young prospect Ciarán Byrne is set to take up a contract with Carlton alongside Tuohy in the coming weeks, but for the time-being he remains a Gaelic footballer first and foremost.

A few years ago there was a fear that the GAA's links with the AFL through the International Rules Series, particularly at U17 level, would lead to a talent-drain.

It's true for a short while a not insignificant number of young players were scouted, with contracts offered in a small number of cases. But in recent years the numbers making the jump from one sport to another has dwindled to virtually nothing.

Those who have gone usually come back and it's almost always their own choice. For example; Heslin, Kilkenny and Shields all spent a little time Down Under and then decided that Gaelic football was the game they wanted to play.

In most cases they have come back to Ireland with a greater insight into what's required to live, train, prepare and perform like a pro – something they are able to pass onto their team mates at club and county.

And of course, let's not forget that the manager Paul Earley has his own Aussie Rules experience having been on Demons' books for a year before choosing Roscommon and running his own business over Melbourne and full-time sport.

Because of this, there is every reason to

believe that this is one of the strongest International Rules panels that Ireland has been able to put together.

In all 11 counties are represented and Earley has clearly used his extensive series of trials to identify the best talent.

He hasn't simply called up the big names – he has picked the players he feels will cope best with the hard-running, hard-hitting cross-code clashes in Cavan and Croke Park.

And Earley hasn't just raided the biggest, most successful counties for talent either.

All-Ireland champions Dublin have three representatives on the panel, one less than Mayo, while Laois also have three men on the squad – the same as recent Sam Maguire winners Cork and Donegal.

Galway, Tyrone and Monaghan all have two players each involved with one apiece from Derry, Louth and Meath.

As well as an interesting geographical spread, there is an interesting mix of youth and experience. At one end of the spectrum Ireland have Dublin's Jack McCaffrey, who recently celebrated his 20th birthday, and at the other is John Doyle of Kildare, who is still going as strong as ever at 36.

High standards were set for this Ireland panel in 2011 when Anthony Tohill led the visitors to a clean-sweep Down Under and history suggests that the travelling team has the advantage in any series.

However this group look as well equipped as any Irish team to win the Cormac McAnallen Trophy.

IRELAND MANAGEMENT TEAM

PAUL EARLEY (MANAGER)

Paul Earley was handed the task of managing the Ireland International Rules team in February of this year, taking over in the role from Anthony Tohill who was in charge in 2010 and 2011.

The 49-year-old takes on a role previously filled by the late Kevin Heffernan, Eugene McGee, Colm O'Rourke, Brian McEniff, John O'Keeffe, Pete McGrath and Seán Boylan.

A native of Roscommon, Earley has experience of the hybrid game as a player having lined out for his country under Eugene McGee back in 1987, making his only international appearance in the opening Test of the series, a 53-51 defeat of Australia at Croke Park.

Earlier in his career, the Michael Glavey's clubman was offered a two-year trial by the Melbourne Demons and joined the club in May 1983. At the end of the 1984 season he became the first player recruited from Ireland to play a VFL game when he lined out in the final game of the season.

Earley, however, didn't return to Melbourne the following season, deciding instead to focus on playing football with

Roscommon, and with his older brother, the late Dermot, who was entering the twilight of a glorious career.

That decision was justified when he was named at full-forward in the 1985 All Star team. He lined out for the Primrose and Blue until 1993, winning Connacht titles in 1990 and 1991.

An experienced Level II coach, Earley has managed the Allenwood and Celbridge clubs in Kildare and is a current member of the GAA's Football Review Committee (FRC).

JARLATH FALLON (SELECTOR)

Jarlath Fallon was added to Paul Earley's backroom team at the end of August when former Dublin star Ciarán Whelan was forced to step aside due to other commitments. Fallon, who won All-Ireland titles with Galway in 1998 and 2001, played for Ireland in the 1998 and 1999 series wins over Australia, winning four caps before being named as a standby player in 2001. The Tuam stars clubman is widely regarded as one of the finest players ever to wear the maroon of Galway, the talented forward won All Stars in 1995 and '98 and was also named Footballer of the Year in the latter year.

TONY SCULLION (SELECTOR)

A brilliant defender with Derry who won four All Stars and an All-Ireland medal (1993) in a superb career, Scullion also has plenty of experience of the hybrid code having played alongside Paul Earley in 1987 and then again in 1990, winning four caps for Ireland in total. Scullion, who works as a Football Development Officer for the Ulster Council, played at full-back on the Oak Leaf County's All-Ireland winning team in 1993 and has also had a spell as manager of the Ireland International Rules U17 team. The Ballinascreen clubman is a member of the Football Review Committee (FRC).

SÉAMUS McCARTHY (SELECTOR)

Séamus is a former Tipperary player and manager. He managed the Tipperary minors in an All-Ireland final in 1984 before enjoying successful spells with the county's senior and junior teams and a stint as a Munster inter-provincial selector.

NICHOLAS WALSH (STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACH)

Former Cavan Footballer Nicholas Walsh was drafted to the Melbourne Demons as an international rookie in 2000. He played for Ireland in the U17 series and was also selected on the 2002 senior panel. He works with AFL club GWS in the area of High Performance. He won seven county titles with Cavan Gaels as a player.

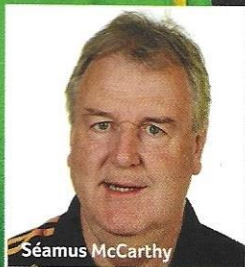
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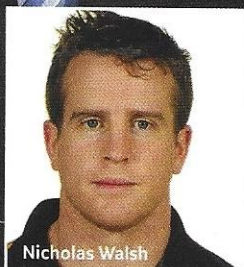
Tony Scullion



Séamus McCarthy



Nicholas Walsh



IRELAND PROFILES

MICHAEL MURPHY (Captain)

Club: Glenswilly

County: Donegal

Age: 24

Height: 6' 2"

Weight: 14st

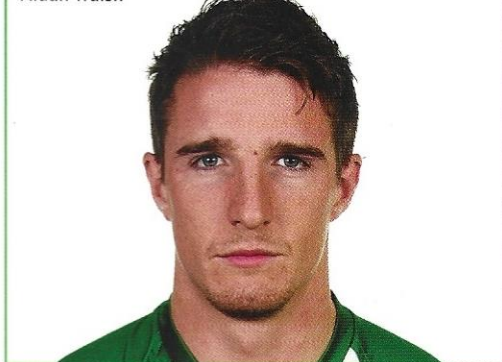
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International Points: 25

Michael Murphy



Aidan Walsh



AIDAN WALSH (Vice-Captain)

Club: Kanturk

County: Cork

Age: 23

Height: 6' 3"

Weight: 14st

International Caps: 2

International Points: 0

COLM BEGLEY

Club: Parnells (Dublin)

County: Laois

Age: 27

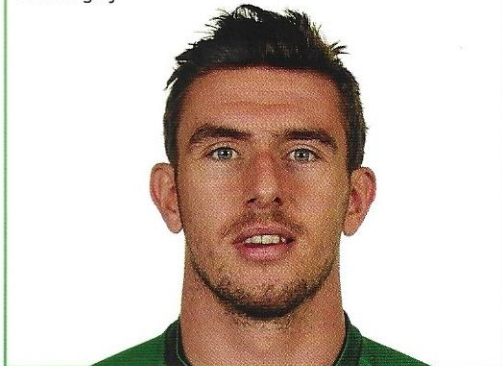
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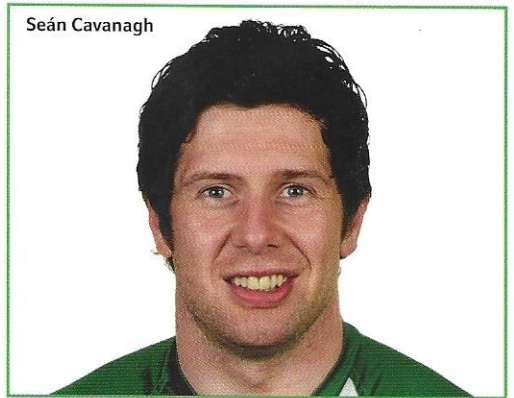
Colm Begley



Colm Boyle



Seán Cavanagh



COLM BOYLE

Club: Davitts
County: Mayo
Age: 27
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International Caps: 0
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SEÁN CAVANAGH

Club: Moy
County: Tyrone
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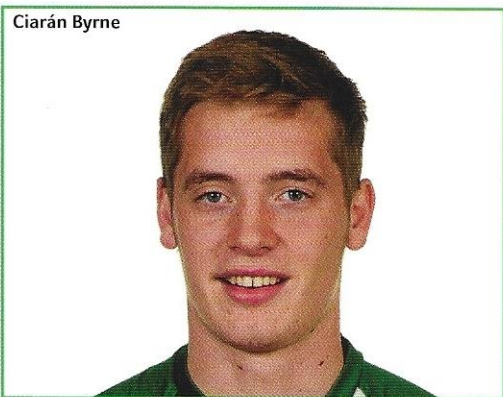
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International Points: 0

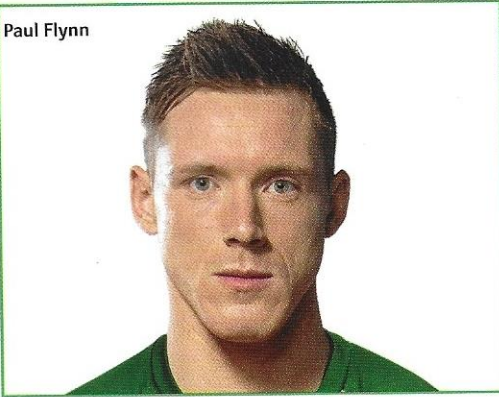
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Paul Conroy



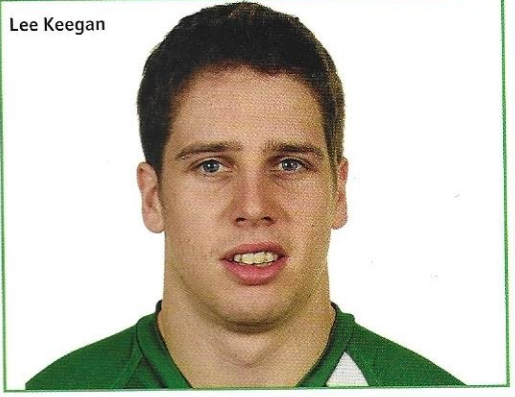
Paul Flynn



PAUL FLYNN

Club: Fingallians
County: Dublin
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Weight: 14st 5lbs
International Caps: 0
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Lee Keegan



LEE KEEGAN

Club: Westport
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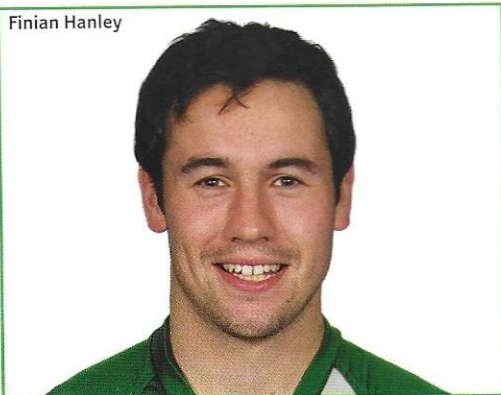
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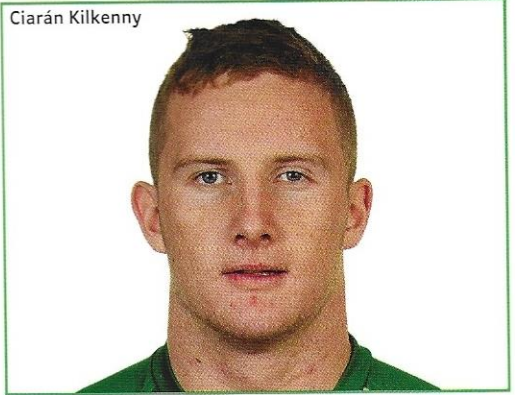
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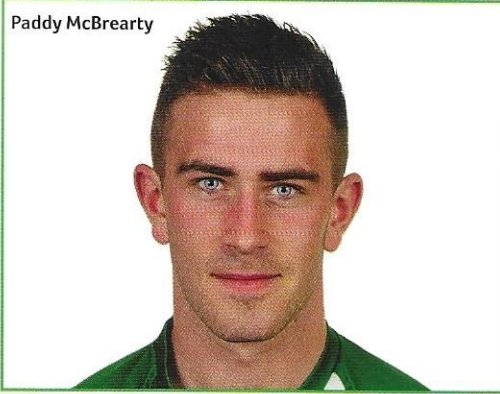
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Ciarán Kilkenny



Paddy McBrearty



PADDY McBREARTY

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County: Donegal

Age: 20

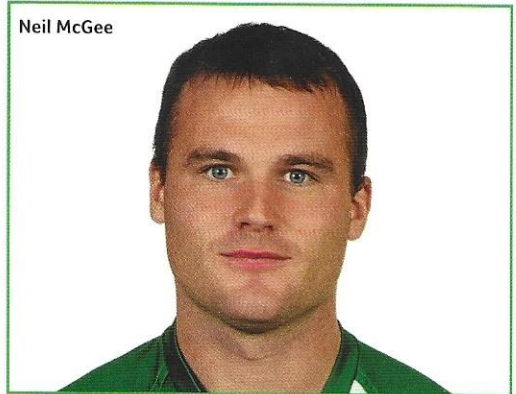
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International Points: 0

Neil McGee



NEIL McGEE

Club: Gaoth Dobhair

County: Donegal

Age: 27

Height: 6' 1"

Weight: 15st

International Caps: 2

International Points: 0

JACK McCaffrey

Club: Clontarf

County: Dublin

Age: 20

Height: 6'

Weight: 12st 8lbs

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CHRISSEY McKAIGUE

Club: Slaughtneil

County: Derry

Age: 24

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Weight: 13st 3lbs

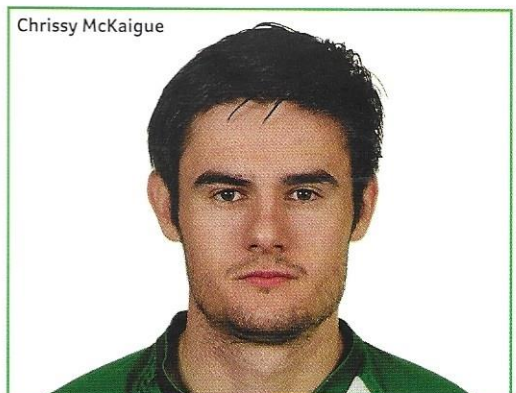
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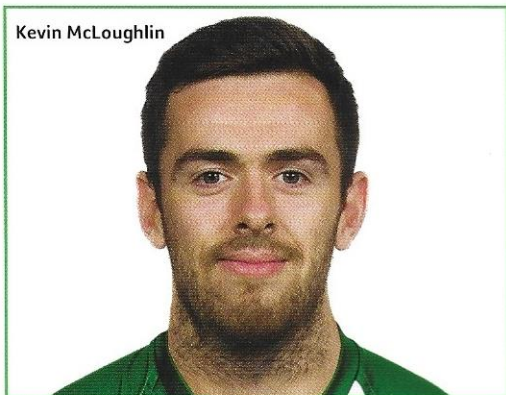
Jack McCaffrey



Chrissy McKaigue



Kevin McLoughlin

**KEVIN McLOUGHLIN**

Club: Knockmore

County: Mayo

Age: 24

Height: 5' 11"

Weight: 13st

International Caps: 0

International Points: 0

Ross Munnelly

**ROSS MUNNELLY**

Club: Arles/Kilcruise

County: Laois

Age: 31

Height: 5' 9"

Weight: 12st

International Caps: 1

International Points: 0

CONOR McMANUS

Club: Clontibret

County: Monaghan

Age: 25

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International Points: 0

PADDY O'ROURKE

Club: Skryne

County: Meath

Age: 23

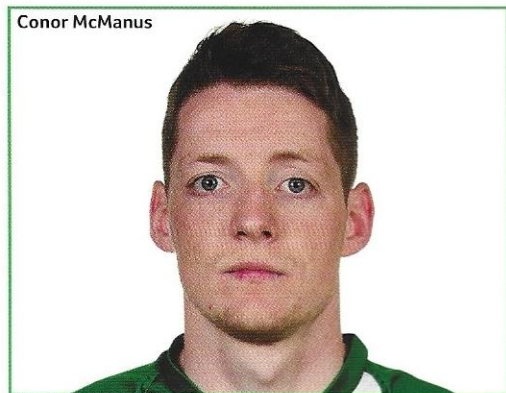
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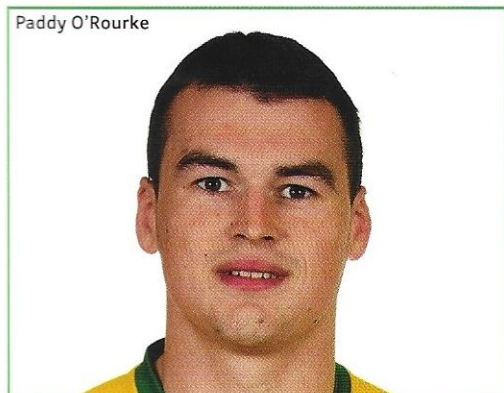
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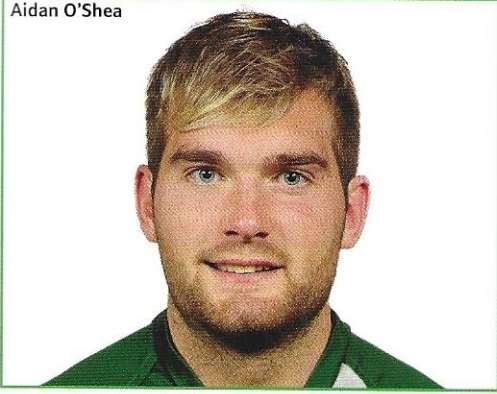
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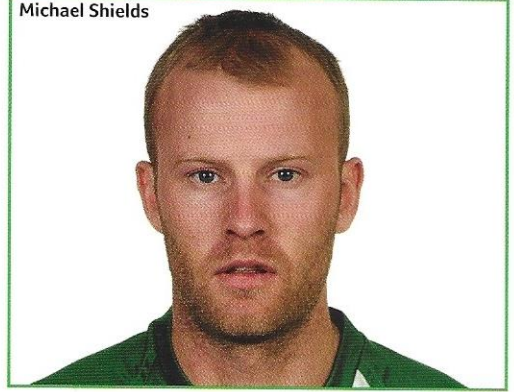
Aidan O'Shea



AIDAN O'SHEA

Club: Breaffy
County: Mayo
Age: 23
Height: 6' 4"
Weight: 15st 7lbs
International Caps: 0
International Points: 0

Michael Shields



MICHAEL SHIELDS

Club: St Finbarr's
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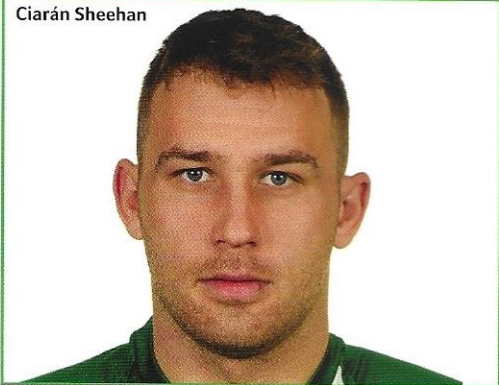
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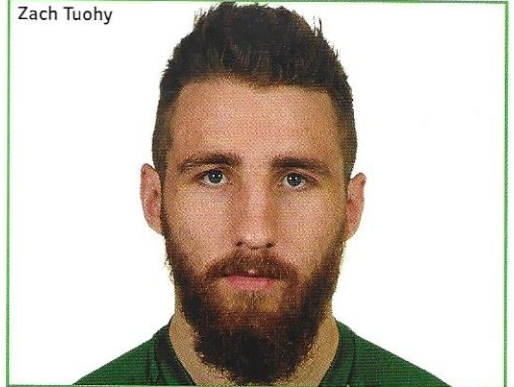
ZACH TUOHY

Club: Carlton (AFL)
County: Laois
Age: 23
Height: 6'
Weight: 14st 4lbs
International Caps: 2
International Points: 2

Ciarán Sheehan



Zach Tuohy



IRELAND



- 1 PADDY O'ROURKE (Meath)
- 2 COLM BEGLEY (Laois) 3
- 3 COLM BOYLE (Mayo)
- 4 CIARÁN BYRNE (Louth/Carlton) 3
- 5 SEÁN CAVANAGH (Tyrone) 3
- 6 PAUL CONROY (Galway)
- 8 PAUL FLYNN (Dublin) 3
- 9 FINIAN HANLEY (Galway)
- 12 LEE KEEGAN (Mayo)
- 13 CIARÁN KILKENNY (Dublin)
- 14 PADDY McBREARTY (Donegal)
- 15 JACK McCAFFREY (Dublin)
- 17 NEIL McGEE (Donegal)
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- 25 CIARÁN SHEEHAN (Cork) 1
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- 27 ZACH TUOHY (Laois/Carlton) 4
- 28 AIDAN WALSH (Cork)



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Behinds (1 point)

SECOND HALF

Goals (6 points)

Overs (3 points)

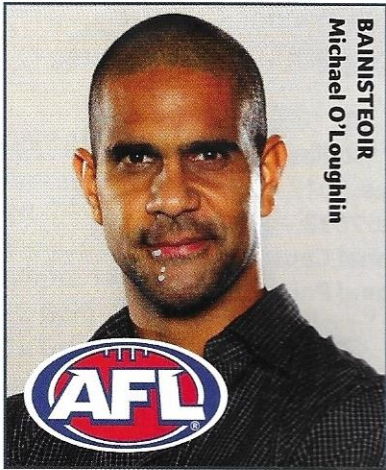
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STEVEN MOTLOP	(Geelong)	3
JARROD HARBROW	(Gold Coast)	5
LEROY JETTA	(Essendon)	7
DANIEL WELLS	(North Melbourne)	8
ASHLEY McGRATH	(Brisbane Lions)	9
LINDSAY THOMAS	(North Melbourne)	12
CHRISTOPHER YARRAN	(Carlton)	13
TONY ARMSTRONG	(Sydney Swans)	14
LEWIS JETTA	(Sydney Swans)	15
EDDIE BETTS	(Adelaide)	19
SHARROD WELLINGHAM	(West Coast)	21
SHAUN EDWARDS	(GWS)	22
LANCE FRANKLIN	(Sydney Swans)	23
MATHEW STOKES	(Geelong)	27
CAMERON ELLIS-YOLMEN	(Adelaide)	28
ALWYN DAVEY	(Essendon)	29
JAKE NEADE	(Port Adelaide)	32
JOSHUA HILL	(West Coast)	33
DOMINIC BARRY	(Melbourne)	34
AARON DAVEY	(Melbourne)	36
NATHAN LOVETT-MURRAY	(Essendon)	42

AUSTRALIA PROFILES

DANIEL WELLS (Captain)

Club: North Melbourne

Age: 28

Height: 5' 11"

Weight: 12st 6lbs

AFL Games: 2013 – 22 Career – 212

AFL Goals: 2013 – 25 Career – 141

International Caps: 4

International Points: 8

AARON DAVEY (Vice-Captain)

Club: Melbourne

Age: 30

Height: 5' 10"

Weight: 11st 9lbs

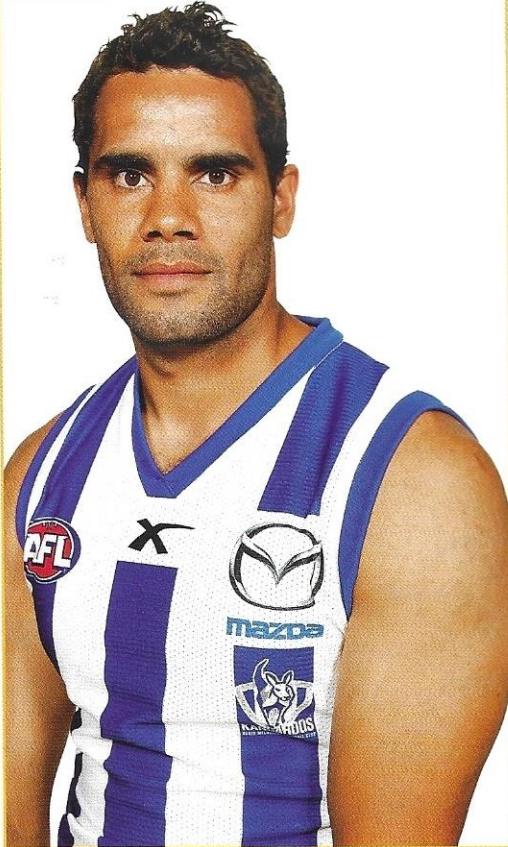
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AFL Goals: 2013 – 15 Career – 174

International Caps: 4

International Points: 15

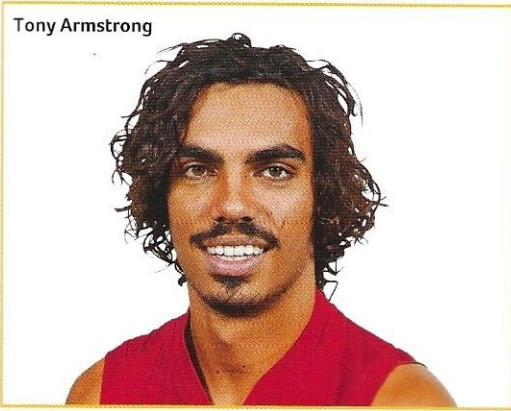
Daniel Wells



Aaron Davey



Tony Armstrong



TONY ARMSTRONG

Club: Sydney Swans

Age: 24

Height: 6'

Weight: 11st 5lbs

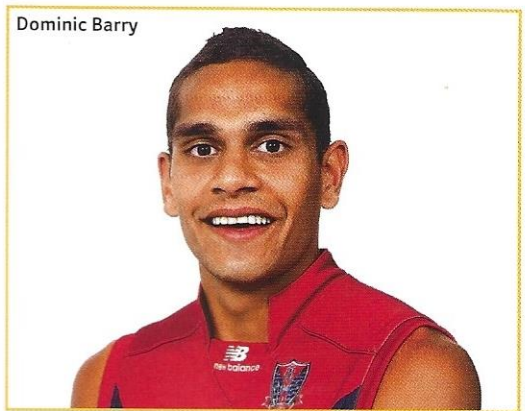
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International Caps: 0

International Points: 0

Dominic Barry



DOMINIC BARRY

Club: Melbourne

Age: 19

Height: 6'

Weight: 11st

AFL Games: 2013 – 0 Career – 0

AFL Goals: 2013 – 0 Career – 0

International Caps: 0

International Points: 0

EDDIE BETTS

Club: Adelaide

Age: 26

Height: 5' 8"

Weight: 11st 7lbs

AFL Games: 2013 – 18 Career – 184

AFL Goals: 2013 – 27 Career – 290

International Caps: 2

International Points: 9

ALWYN DAVEY

Club: Essendon

Age: 29

Height: 5' 9"

Weight: 12st

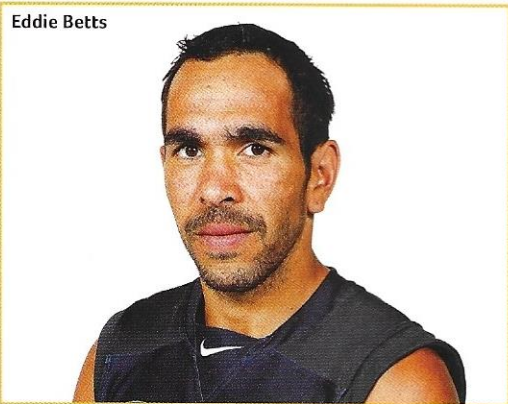
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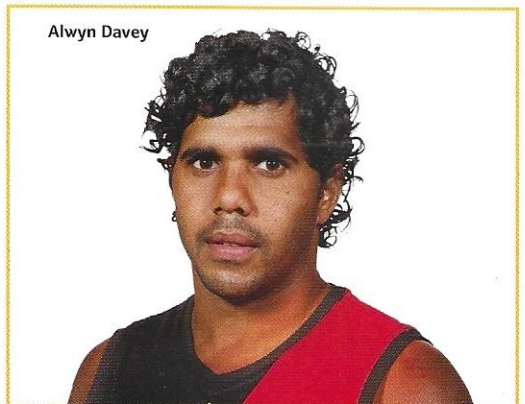
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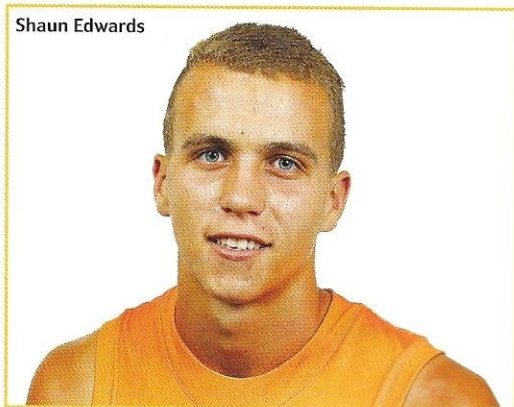
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SHAUN EDWARDS

Club: GWS

Age: 19

Height: 6' 2"

Weight: 12st 11lbs

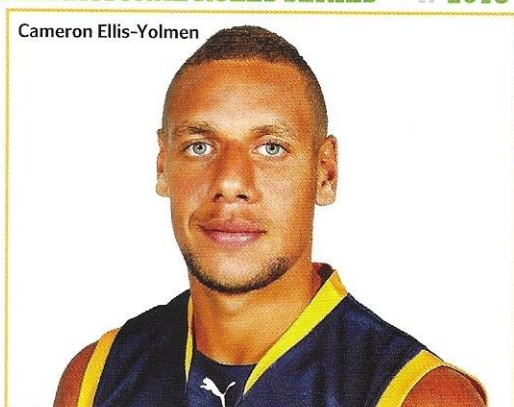
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AFL Goals: 2013 – 0 Career – 2

International Caps: 0

International Points: 0

Cameron Ellis-Yolmen



CAMERON ELLIS-YOLMEN

Club: Adelaide

Age: 20

Height: 6'

Weight: 11st 9lbs

AFL Games: 2013 – 0 Career – 0

AFL Goals: 2013 – 0 Career – 0

International Caps: 0

International Points: 0

JARROD HARBROW

Club: Gold Coast

Age: 25

Height: 5' 10"

Weight: 11st 9lbs

AFL Games: 2013 – 21 Career – 126

AFL Goals: 2013 – 12 Career – 38

International Caps: 0

International Points: 0

LANCE FRANKLIN

Club: Sydney Swans

Age: 26

Height: 6' 5"

Weight: 16st 3lbs

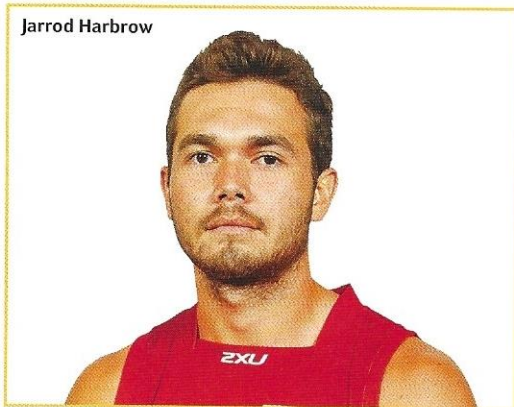
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AFL Goals: 2013 – 60 Career – 580

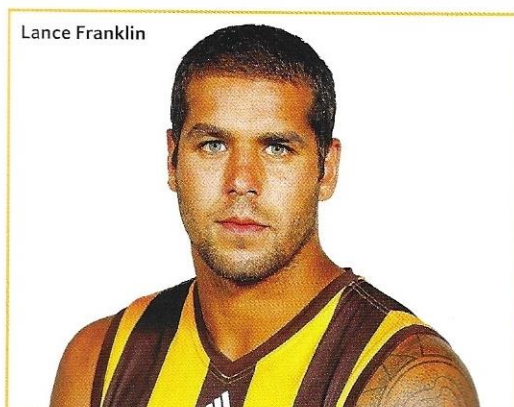
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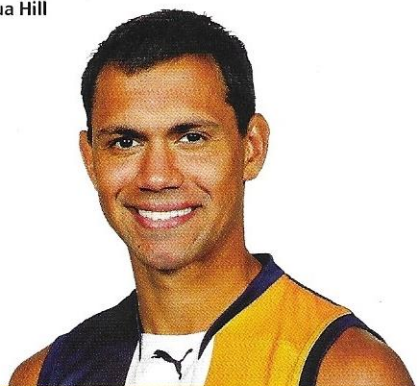
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Lance Franklin



Joshua Hill



JOSHUA HILL

Club: West Coast

Age: 24

Height: 6' 1"

Weight: 13st 1lb

AFL Games: 2013 – 20 Career – 108

AFL Goals: 2013 – 28 Career – 139

International Caps: 0

International Points: 0

Leroy Jetta



LEROY JETTA

Club: Essendon

Age: 25

Height: 5' 11"

Weight: 12st 4lbs

AFL Games: 2013 – 8 Career – 91

AFL Goals: 2013 – 4 Career – 77

International Caps: 0

International Points: 0

LEWIS JETTA

Club: Sydney Swans

Age: 24

Height: 5' 11"

Weight: 12st 2lbs

AFL Games: 2013 – 13 Career – 78

AFL Goals: 2013 – 10 Career – 71

International Caps: 0

International Points: 0

NATHAN LOVETT-MURRAY

Club: Essendon

Age: 30

Height: 6' 3"

Weight: 13st 10lbs

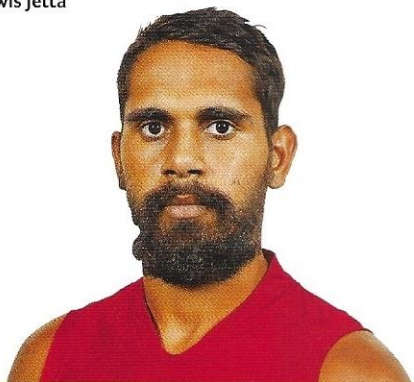
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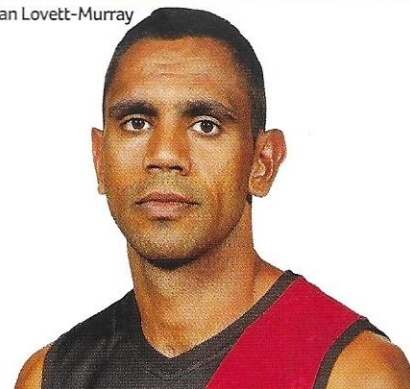
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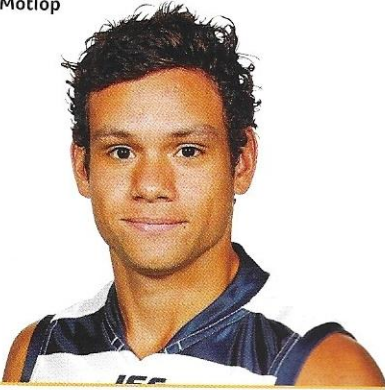
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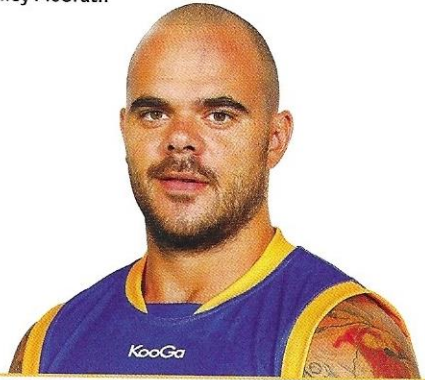
Steven Motlop



STEVEN MOTLOP

Club: Geelong
Age: 22
Height: 6'
Weight: 12st
AFL Games: 2013 – 24 Career – 51
AFL Goals: 2013 – 44 Career – 72
International Caps: 0
International Points: 0

Ashley McGrath



ASHLEY McGRATH

Club: Brisbane Lions
Age: 30
Height: 6'
Weight: 13st 8lbs
AFL Games: 2013 – 20 Career – 208
AFL Goals: 2013 – 19 Career – 165
International Caps: 0
International Points: 0

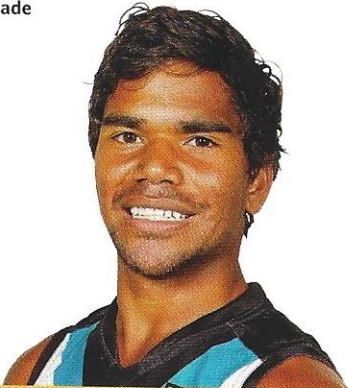
JAKE NEADE

Club: Port Adelaide
Age: 19
Height: 5' 7"
Weight: 10st 8lbs
AFL Games: 2013 – 16 Career – 16
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International Caps: 0
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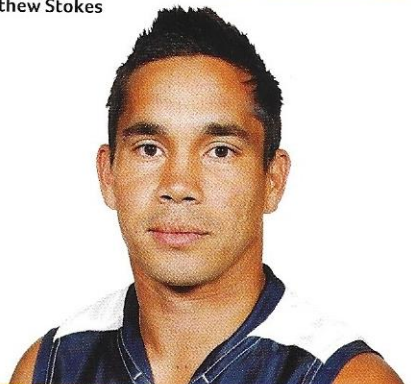
MATHEW STOKES

Club: Geelong
Age: 28
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Weight: 12st 2lbs
AFL Games: 2013 – 24 Career – 155
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International Caps: 0
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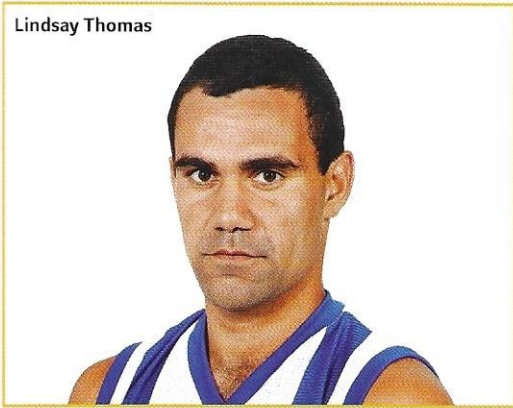
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LINDSAY THOMAS

Club: North Melbourne

Age: 25

Height: 5' 11"

Weight: 12st 6lbs

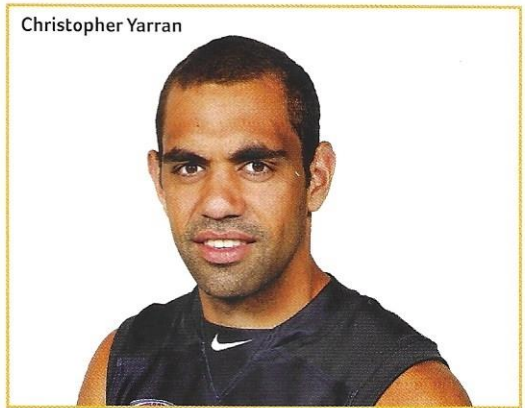
AFL Games: 2013 – 20 Career – 130

AFL Goals: 2013 – 53 Career – 204

International Caps: 0

International Points: 0

Christopher Yarran



CHRISTOPHER YARRAN

Club: Carlton

Age: 22

Height: 5' 11"

Weight: 13st 3lbs

AFL Games: 2013 – 21 Career – 84

AFL Goals: 2013 – 26 Career – 66

International Caps: 0

International Points: 0

SHARROD WELLINGHAM

Club: West Coast

Age: 25

Height: 6' 1"

Weight: 13st 3lbs

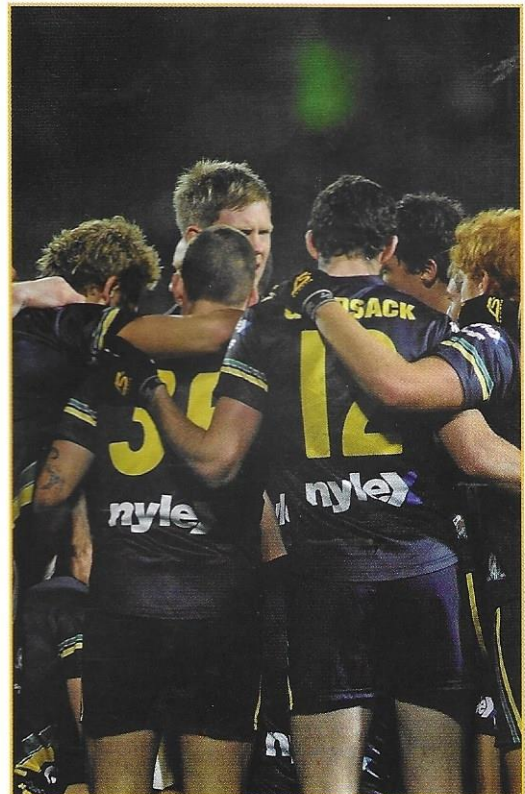
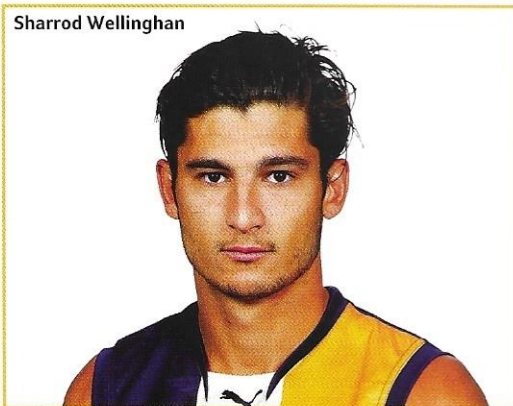
AFL Games: 2013 – 10 Career – 102

AFL Goals: 2013 – 8 Career – 63

International Caps: 0

International Points: 0

Sharrod Wellingham



AUSTRALIA MANAGEMENT TEAM

MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

'Magic' by name and magic by nature, O'Loughlin's great AFL career with the Sydney Swans was marked by his extraordinary skills and resilience. He is one of the most decorated Indigenous players in AFL history who is now building on his coaching and talent development credentials. He made his AFL debut in 1995 and went on to become the first Sydney player to reach 300 games and also the club's second highest goal kicker before retiring in 2009. Not surprisingly he was a crowd favourite due to both his on-field talent and his easy-going manner off the field. His superb skills were matched by a tremendous passion for the game and a fierce competitive streak which has carried over to his coaching career.

Since 2010 Michael has been mentoring many of Australia's most promising youngsters as head coach of the AIS-AFL Academy squad and has recently left that role to take up a position as head coach of the Sydney Swans Academy.

He has played for Australia twice in the International Rules Series and whilst touring in 2000, discovered that his surname came from a great-great-great-

great grandfather on his mother's side from County Clare. He remains however equally proud of his Aboriginal ancestry and will be coaching Australia to win.

RODNEY EADE

As both a player and coach, Eade always impressed with his tenacity, strategic skills and commitment to high performance. He played 229 games for Hawthorn, including four premierships before a 30-game stint at Brisbane until his retirement in 1990. He moved into coaching, first with the Sydney Swans from 1996 – 2002 and then the Western Bulldogs for six years. Rodney took both sides to finals on several occasions but did not achieve ultimate success. Widely regarded as a brilliant tactician, particularly on match-day, he is currently Director of Football at Collingwood. He coached the Australian International Rules team during the last series in 2011.

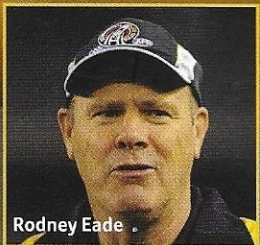
ANDREW McLEOD

Considered to be one of the greatest Indigenous footballers of all time, McLeod played a pivotal role in Adelaide clinching consecutive premierships in 1997 and 1998. In full flight, he was one of the game's most magnificent sights, a picture

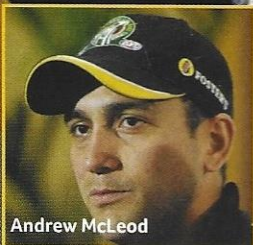
of grace and strength as he charged out of defence, running and bouncing. Andrew is a legend of the Adelaide Crows and the club's games record holder, having notched up 340 games. He represented Australia in the International Rules Series on three occasions, once as co-captain, when he was named best player and presented with the Jim Stynes Medal.

TADHG KENNELLY

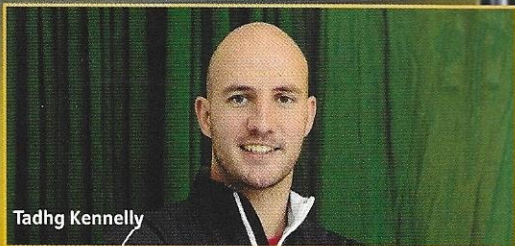
Dubbed Australia's secret weapon for this series, the dashing Irishman is the only recipient of both an AFL Premiership medal and a Senior All-Ireland Championship medal. An athletic, skillful and uncompromising player, Tadhg grew up playing Gaelic football for Listowel Emmets in Kerry before moving to Australia and achieving success in the AFL as a rebounding defender with the Sydney Swans. He represented Ireland with distinction 12 times in the International Rules Series and this year was persuaded by his good friend Michael O'Loughlin to sign up to the Australian cause for the bid to reclaim the Cormac McAnallen Trophy.



Rodney Eade



Andrew McLeod



Tadhg Kennelly

REPRESENTING COUNTRY AND CULTURE

By Catherine Murphy

AS THE 2013 INSTALMENT OF THE IRISH DAILY MAIL INTERNATIONAL RULES SERIES UNFOLDS IN KINGSPAN BREFFNI PARK, THE CAVAN VENUE WILL PROVIDE A PLATFORM FOR MORE THAN ONE HISTORIC EVENT.

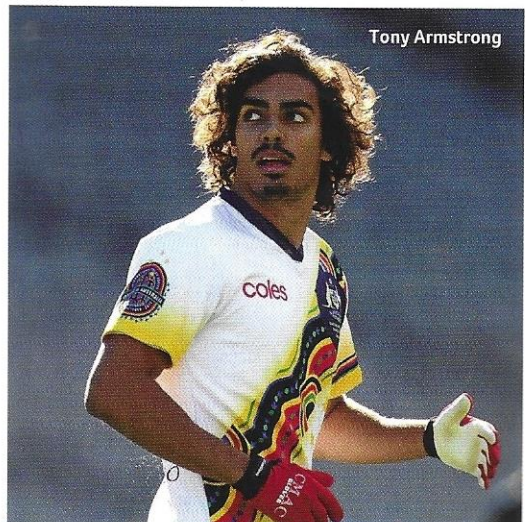
Not only is it the first time an all-indigenous side will take to the field to represent Australia in the hybrid game, the squad will also perform the 'War Cry' for the first time off Australian soil. A dramatic celebration of indigenous culture, comparable to the All Blacks' 'Haka', Australian senior coach Michael O'Loughlin says the chance to showcase the unique tradition internationally holds even more significance in Ireland.

"We absolutely understand that of all the places in the world to do this for the first time, there is special significance in doing it in Ireland due to our similar history," O'Loughlin says.

"It's made up of a few languages and it's really evolved over time. We've performed it in Australia for the All Stars game back in February (against Richmond) and this is the next step. The players understand that it's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to do that. We love Irish people and are fully aware of where Ireland's history has been and where our people have been in history also. We feel a great connection because of that. A lot of us have Irish heritage and blood so we go there humble and respectful."

With O'Loughlin at the forefront, the team will also use the series to highlight the 'Recognise Movement', a campaign to have 40,000 years of Australia's indigenous history documented in the constitution. The All Stars will become the second all-indigenous team to represent an Australian sporting code at senior level overseas after the first cricket team toured England in 1868, almost 150 years ago. O'Loughlin admits that the fact indigenous and Torres Strait Islander cultures have still not been made part of the constitution in time for this tour of duty is 'frustrating' while also providing an opportunity to raise awareness.

"Yes it's frustrating," O'Loughlin says. "It's really important for me as an elder statesman and leader that I not only prepare the boys to play football, but along with the older players we ensure that they



are knowledgeable about their history and where they've come from.

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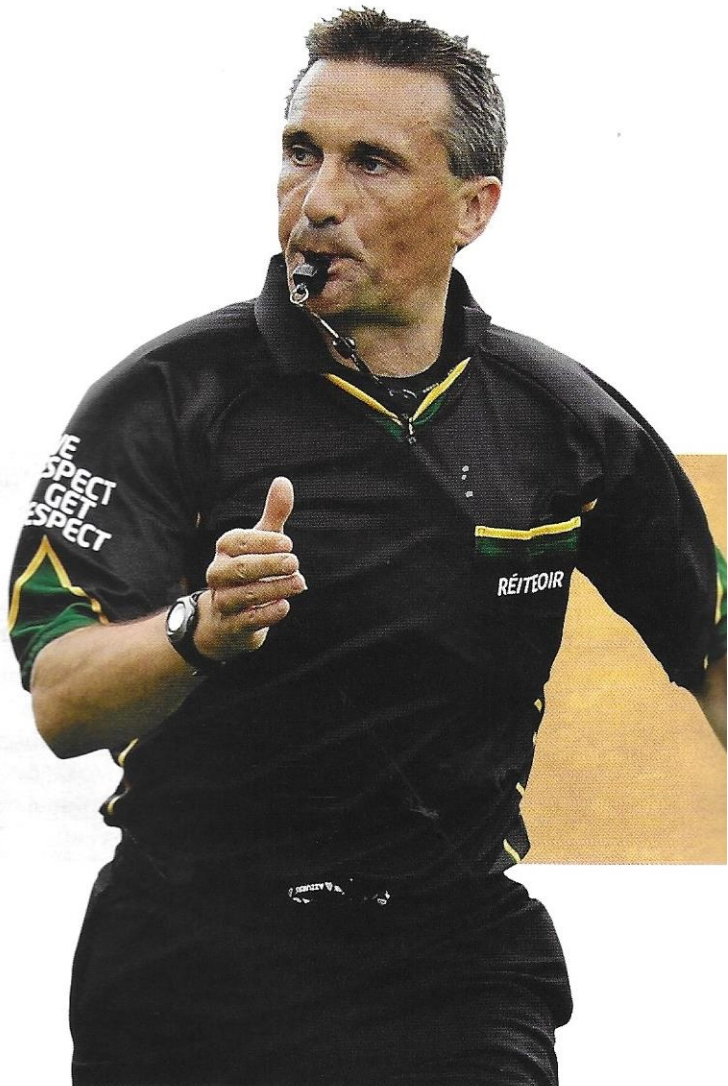
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MATCH OFFICIALS

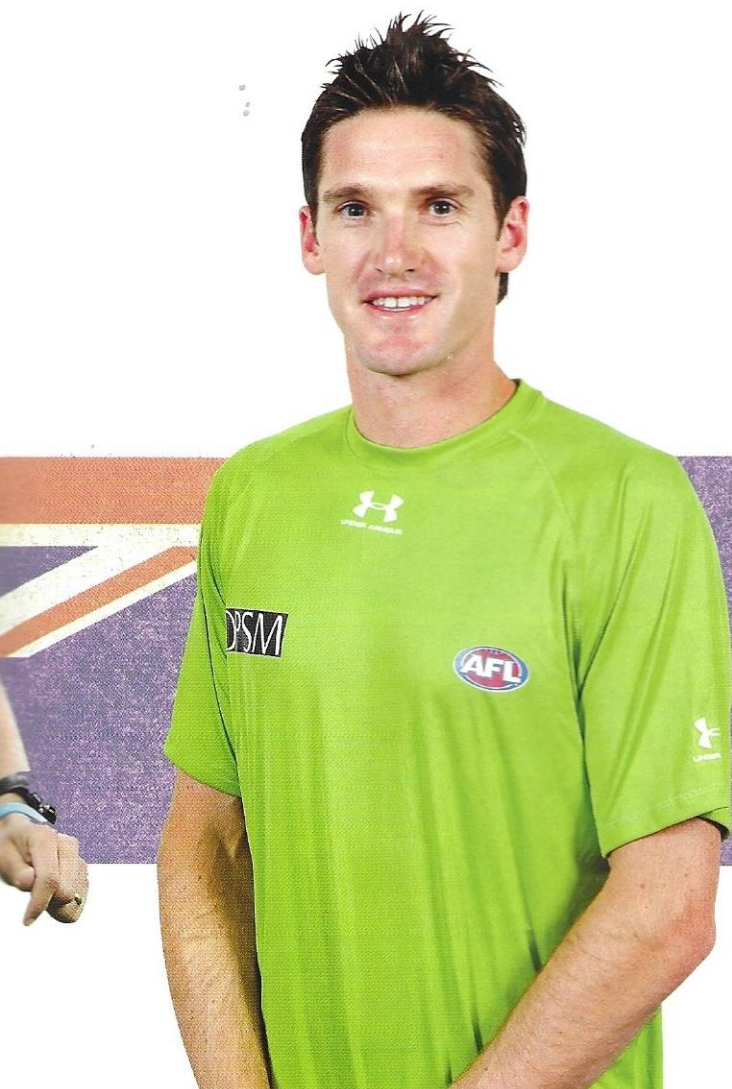
MAURICE DEEGAN (LAOIS)

The Laois official is no stranger to the International Rules Series having been an umpire for both the Gaelic Grounds and Croke Park tests three years ago. One of the GAA's most experienced referees Maurice has taken charge of two All-Ireland finals in the last five years (2008 and 2012) while in the campaign just finished the Stradbally whistle-blower was the man-in-the-middle for five matches, the first of which was at today's venue when Cavan defeated Armagh in the Ulster Championship. There were three subsequent appearances at Croke Park, the most recent of which was the All-Ireland semi-final between Mayo and Tyrone just under two months ago.





MATT STEVIC (VICTORIA)

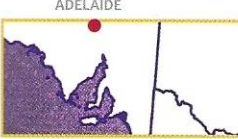










































Matt Stevic, who is 33 years of age, is a vastly experienced official having made his AFL umpiring debut almost a decade ago in 2004 at the Telstra Dome when the Western Bulldogs played the West Coast Eagles. The Leongatha native has since gone on to officiate at more than 200 matches at the highest level, including 27 in the season just completed. The highlight of Stevic's career came last year when (along with Brett Rosebury and Simon Meredith) he made his debut in the AFL final where Sydney defeated Hawthorn in front of almost 100,000 spectators at the Melbourne Cricket Grounds.



WHERE THE PLAYERS ARE FROM

 CORK		Aidan Walsh		Ciarán Sheehan		Michael Shields
 DERRY		Chrissy McKaigue				
 DONEGAL		Paddy McBrearty		Neil McGee		Michael Murphy
 DUBLIN		Paul Flynn		Ciarán Kilkenny		Jack McCaffrey
 GALWAY		Paul Conroy		Finian Hanley		
 LAOIS		Colm Begley		Ross Munnely		Zach Tuohy
 LOUTH		Ciarán Byrne				
 MAYO		Colm Boyle		Lee Keegan		Aidan O'Shea
 MEATH		Paddy O'Rourke				
 MONAGHAN		Conor McManus				
 TYRONE		Seán Cavanagh				

 <p>ADELAIDE</p>	 Eddie Betts	 Jake Neade	 Cameron Ellis-Yolman	 ADELAIDE
 <p>BRISBANE</p>	 Ashley McGrath			 BRISBANE
 <p>CARLTON</p>	 Christopher Yarran			 CARLTON
 <p>ESSENDON</p>	 Alwyn Davey	 Leroy Jetta	 Nathan Lovett-Murray	 ESSENDON
 <p>GEELONG</p>	 Steven Motlop			 GEELONG
 <p>GOLD COAST</p>	 Jarrod Harbrow			 GOLD COAST
 <p>GREAT WESTERN SYDNEY</p>	 Shaun Edwards			 GWS
 <p>MELBOURNE</p>	 Dominic Barry	 Aaron Davey	 MELBOURNE	
 <p>NORTH MELBOURNE</p>	 Lindsay Thomas	 Daniel Wells	 NORTH MELBOURNE	
 <p>SYDNEY</p>	 Tony Armstrong	 Lance Franklin	 Lewis Jetta	 SYDNEY
 <p>WEST COAST</p>	 Joshua Hill			 WEST COAST

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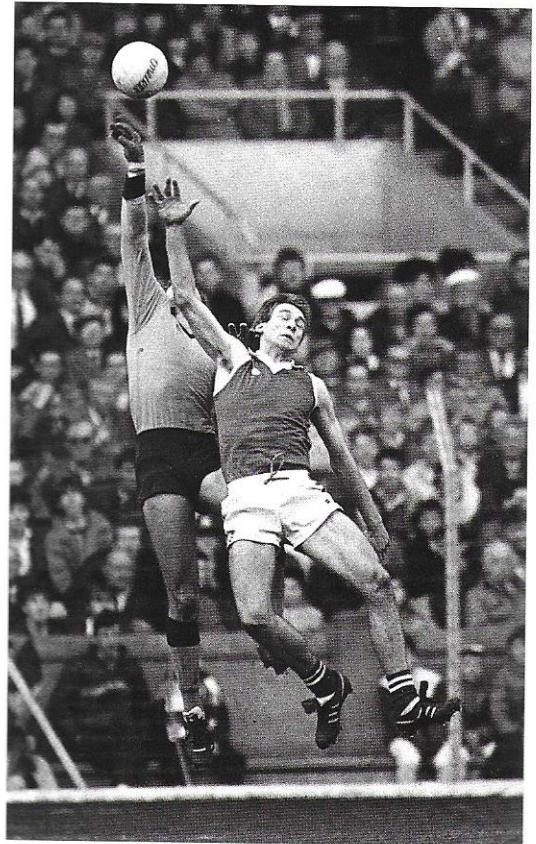
Ireland 8 Australia 8

TESTS 36 (2 draws)

Ireland 18 Australia 16

AGGREGATE SCORE

Ireland 1,993 Australia 1,906



1984 Páirc Uí Chaoimh

Australia 70 Ireland 57

Croke Park

Ireland 80 Australia 76

Croke Park

Australia 76 Ireland 71

1986 Perth

Australia 64 Ireland 57

Melbourne

Ireland 62 Australia 46

Adelaide

Ireland 55 Australia 32

1987 Croke Park

Ireland 53 Australia 51

Croke Park

Australia 72 Ireland 47

Croke Park

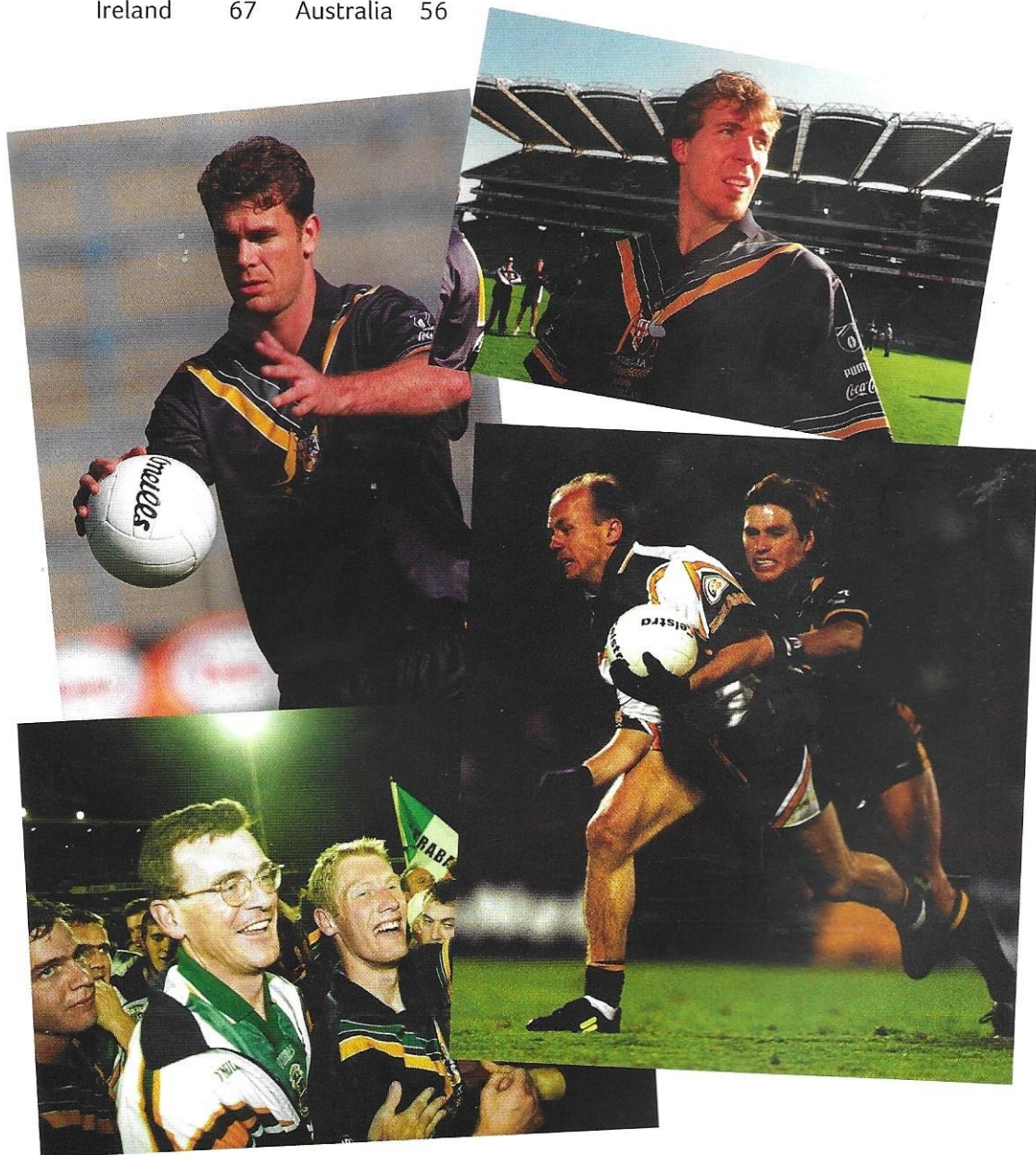
Australia 59 Ireland 55

1990 Melbourne
 Ireland 47 Australia 38
Canberra
 Ireland 52 Australia 31
Perth
 Australia 50 Ireland 44

1998 Croke Park
 Australia 62 Ireland 61
Croke Park
 Ireland 67 Australia 56

1999 Melbourne
 Ireland 70 Australia 62
Adelaide
 Australia 52 Ireland 52

2000 Croke Park
 Australia 55 Ireland 47
Croke Park
 Australia 68 Ireland 51



2001 Melbourne

Ireland 59 Australia 53

Adelaide

Ireland 71 Australia 52

2002 Croke Park

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Croke Park

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Melbourne

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2004 Croke Park

Ireland 77 Australia 41

Croke Park

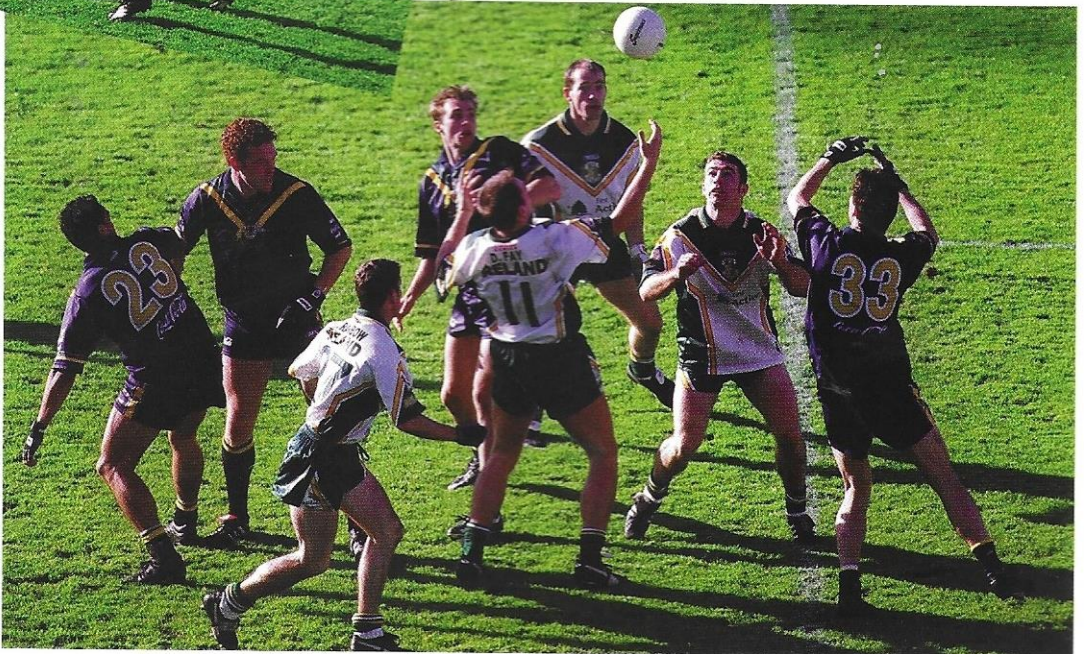
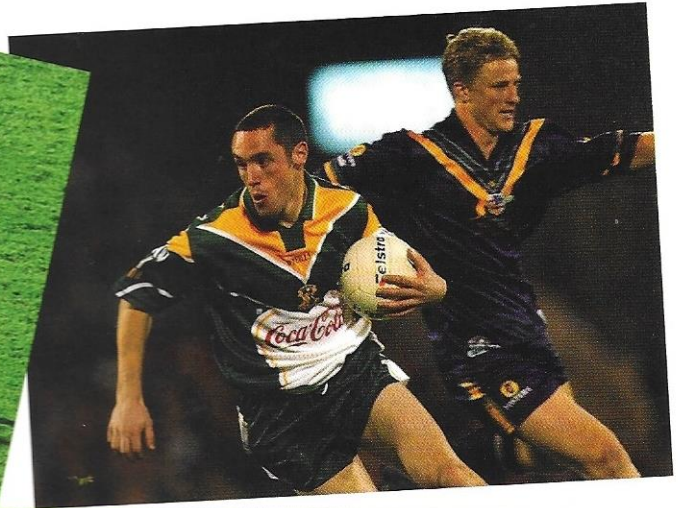
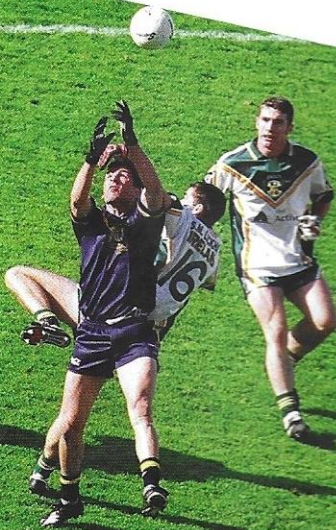
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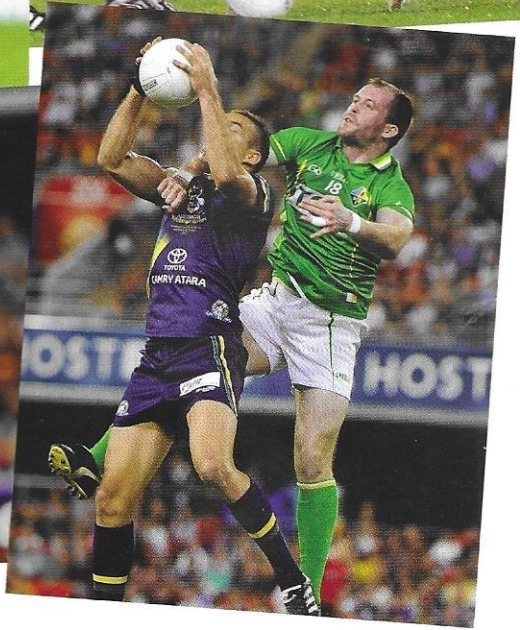
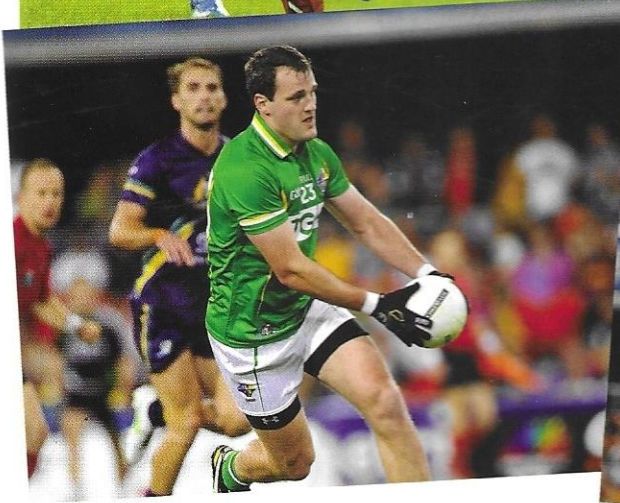
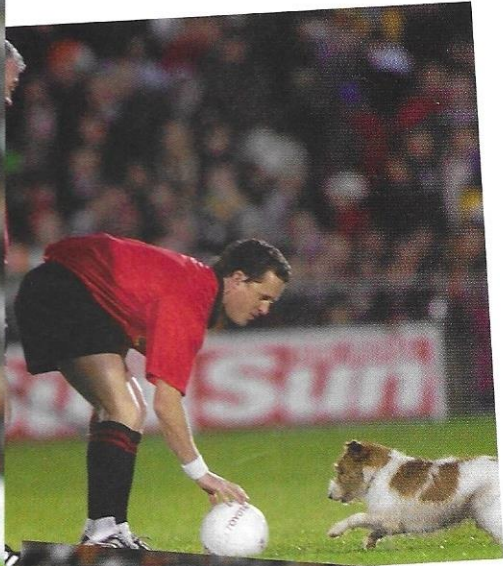
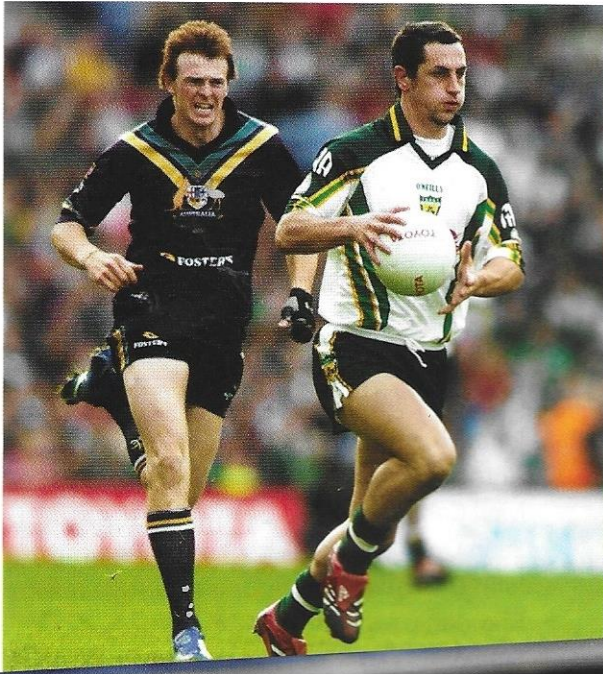
2005 Perth

Australia 100 Ireland 64

Melbourne

Australia 63 Ireland 42





2006 Galway
 Ireland 48 Australia 40
Croke Park
 Australia 69 Ireland 31

2010 Limerick
 Australia 47 Ireland 40
Croke Park
 Australia 55 Ireland 52

2008 Perth
 Ireland 45 Australia 44
Melbourne
 Ireland 57 Australia 53

2011 Melbourne
 Ireland 80 Australia 36
Gold Coast
 Ireland 50 Australia 29

IRELAND CAPS

ARMAGH



Steven McDonnell	11
Kieran McGeeney	10
Ciarán McKeever	6
Paul McGrane	5
Ronan Clarke	3
Brendan Donaghy	2
John Grimley	2
Mark Grimley	2
Aaron Kernan	2
Fran McMahan	2
Diarmuid Marsden	1

CARLOW



Brendan Murphy	4
Tom Dwyer	1

CAVAN

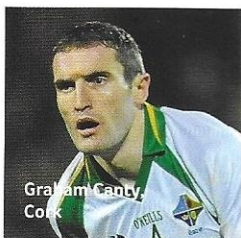


Jim Reilly	3
Dermot McCabe	2
Larry Reilly	2
Stephen King	1

CLARE



Noel Roche	10
Martin Daly	1
Odhran O'Dwyer	1

Steven McDonnell
ArmaghGraham Canty
Cork

CORK



Graham Canty	14
Jimmy Kerrigan	6
Anthony Lynch	6
Niall Cahalane	5
Seán Óg Ó hAilpín	4
John O'Driscoll	3
Brendan Jer O'Sullivan	3
Eoin Cadogan	2
Daniel Goulding	2
Joe Kavanagh	2
Paddy Kelly	2
John Miskella	2
Stephen O'Brien	2
Ciaran O'Sullivan	2
Alan Quirke	2
Eoin Sexton	2
Aidan Walsh	2
Dave Barry	1
Colin Corkery	1
Teddy McCarthy	1
Nicholas Murphy	1
Setanta Ó hAilpín	1
Pearse O'Neill	1
Michael Shields	1

DERRY



Seán Marty Lockhart	16
Dermot McNicholl	9
Anthony Tohill	8
Brian McGilligan	6
Tony Scullion	4
Paddy Bradley	2

DONEGAL



Michael Murphy	4
Brendan Devenney	3
Martin Gavigan	3
Martin Crossan	2
Neil McGee	2
Karl Lacey	1

DOWN



Benny Coulter	11
Greg Blaney	7
Kevin McKernan	4
Liam Austin	2
Martin Clarke	2
James McCartan	2
Michael McVeigh	2

DUBLIN



Stephen Cluxton	7
John O'Leary	7
Bryan Cullen	6
Brian Stynes	6
Gerry Hargan	4
Ciarán Whelan	4
Alan Brogan	3
PJ Buckley	3
Paddy Christie	3
Paul Curran	3
Joe McNally	3
Barney Rock	3
Shane Ryan	3
Jim Stynes	3
Bernard Brogan	2
Ray Cosgrove	2
Kieran Duff	2
Eamon Heary	2
Kieran Barr	1
Tommy Carr	1
Kevin Fagan	1
Coman Goggins	1
Mick Holden	1

Jonathan McGee	1
Colin Moran	1

FERMANAGH



Martin McGrath	3
Paul Brewster	2
Peter McGinnity	1

GALWAY

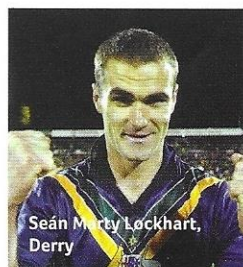


Pádraic Joyce	11
Joe Bergin	8
Val Daly	8
Séamus McHugh	8
Seán Óg de Paor	7
Michael Donnellan	6
Finian Hanley	6
Jarlath Fallon	4
Pat Comer	3
Michael Meehan	3
Alan Mulholland	3
Brian O'Donnell	3
Declan Meehan	2
Derek Savage	2
Kieran Fitzgerald	1
Seán Ó Domhnaill	1

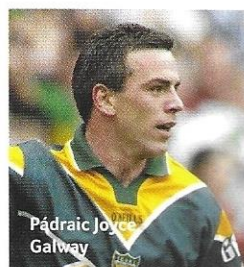
KERRY



Tadhg Kennelly	12
Séamus Moynihan	9
Jack O'Shea	9
Tom Spillane	8
Kieran Donaghy	5
Paul Galvin	4
Aidan O'Mahony	4
Darragh Ó Sé	4



Seán Marty Lockhart,
Derry



Pádraic Joyce
Galway



Tomás Ó Sé	4
Pat Spillane	4
Tommy Walsh	4
Eoin Liston	3
Ger Lynch	3
Eoin Brosnan	2
Colm Cooper	2
John Crowley	2
Declan O'Keefe	2
Marc Ó Sé	2
Seán Walsh	2
Charlie Nelligan	1
Mike Frank Russell	1
Killian Young	1

KILDARE

Dermot Earley	8
Anthony Rainbow	5
Glen Ryan	5
Niall Buckley	4
Brian Sex	4
Emmet Bolton	3
Shay Fahy	3
James Kavanagh	2
Enda Murphy	2
Eamonn Callaghan	1

LAOIS

Colm Begley	8
Tom Kelly	8
Joe Higgins	2
Brian McDonald	2
Zach Tuohy	2
Colin Browne	1
John Costello	1
Ross Munnally	1

LEITRIM

Mick Martin	2
Séamus Quinn	1

LIMERICK

Stephen Kelly	2
Pat Barrett	1

LONGFORD

Paul Barden	2
Liam Tierney	2

LOUTH

Paddy Keenan	2
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MAYO

James Nallen	6
David Heaney	4
Ciarán McDonald	4
Colm McManamon	3
Pearce Hanley	2
Tom Parsons	2
Peter Burke	1
James Horan	1

MEATH

Graham Geraghty	9
Mick Lyons	9
Darren Fay	8
Kevin Reilly	8
Trevor Giles	6
Bernard Flynn	4
John McDermott	4
Colm O'Rourke	4
Cormac Sullivan	4
Liam Hayes	3
Bernard O'Malley	3

Robbie O'Malley 3
 David Gallagher 2
 Eoin Kelly 2
 Anthony Moyles 2
 Joe Cassells 1

MONAGHAN



Ciarán Murray 6
 Darren Hughes 2
 Paul Finlay 1
 Tomás Freeman 1

OFFALY



Ciarán McManus 14
 Finbarr Cullen 6
 John Kenny 2
 Matt Connor 1
 Richie Connor 1
 Cathal Daly 1
 Martin Furlong 1
 Niall McNamee 1
 Mark Plunkett 1

ROSCOMMON



Seán McDermott 2
 Gary Cox 1
 Paul Earley 1
 Francie Grehan 1

SLIGO



Eamonn O'Hara 4

TIPPERARY



Derry Foley 3
 Declan Browne 1
 Brian Burke 1

TYRONE



Seán Cavanagh 8

Peter Canavan 6
 Cormac McAnallen 6
 Brian McGuigan 4
 Joe McMahon 4
 Ger Cavlan 3
 Finbar Connell 2
 Plunkett Donaghy 2
 Brian Dooher 2
 Kevin Hughes 2
 Enda McGinley 2
 Justin McMahon 2
 Damien O'Hagan 2
 Stephen O'Neill 2
 Eoin Gormley 1
 Colin Holmes 1
 Philip Jordan 1
 John Lynch 1
 Ryan McMenamin 1
 Owen Mulligan 1

WESTMEATH



Dessie Dolan 8
 Michael Fagan 8
 John Keane 2

WEXFORD

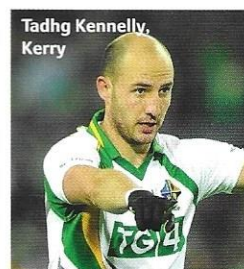


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 Ciarán Lyng 1

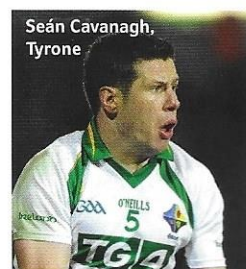
WICKLOW



Pat O'Byrne 8
 Leighton Glynn 6
 Kevin O'Brien 4



Tadhg Kennelly, Kerry



Seán Cavanagh, Tyrone

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CROKE PARK



LAWS OF INTERNATIONAL RULES

Match Duration:

A match shall be played for a period of 72 minutes, divided into four quarters, each of 18 minutes duration plus any additional time allowed by the referees for undue delays in play. There will be an interval of six minutes at the end of the first and third intervals and 15 at the half-time interval.

Players:

Each team panel shall consist of up to 23 named players, 15 of whom shall take part in a match at any time. The remaining eight players are the interchange players.

Interchange:

An Interchange Coordinator and two Interchange Stewards, one from each country, will oversee the interchange system. Upon being satisfied that a replacement is permitted, the Interchange Coordinator shall approve the replacement.

A team may interchange the player within three minutes from the time approval is given. Players concerned shall leave and enter the playing field through the Interchange Area. Only one replacement may enter the Interchange Area at a time and each team is permitted to make a maximum of 10 interchanges per quarter.

Runner:

One person per team who is permitted to

enter the playing field to deliver messages or make team changes. He must not attempt to coach during play and must leave the field of play immediately after delivering the message.

Football:

The football shall be the regulation Gaelic Football.

Scoring Area:

The scoring area will be two goal posts with cross bar and goal net, and two goal behind posts positioned 6.5 metres from the goal posts on the end line.

Timekeeper:

Two or more persons shall be appointed to act as the timekeepers for the match. The officials shall be responsible for keeping time for each quarter, sounding the siren at the end of each quarter and stopping the clock for undue stoppages in play as directed by the referee.

Possession:

Where a player is moving whilst in possession of the football, he must bounce or touch the football on the ground at least once every 10 metres or six steps (whatever the greater), irrespective of whether such player is running in a straight line or otherwise.

Mark:

A mark is taken if, in the opinion of the referee, a player catches or takes control of the football within the playing field after it has been kicked from the hands or off the ground by another player not less than 15 metres distant. Having been awarded a mark a player may move back behind the spot where the mark was made and take a free kick. Alternatively, the player may play on immediately after taking the mark, kicking or hand passing the ball.

The Clock:

At the end of each quarter a hooter will sound. A score resulting from a ball in flight at the start of the sound of the hooter, i.e. when no other player of the same side touches the ball, shall be allowed. If the ball is played over the end line and outside the goalposts by one of the defending side, a 45m free kick shall be awarded. This must be scored direct.

When a free kick or mark is awarded before the hooter sounds, the free kick or disposal

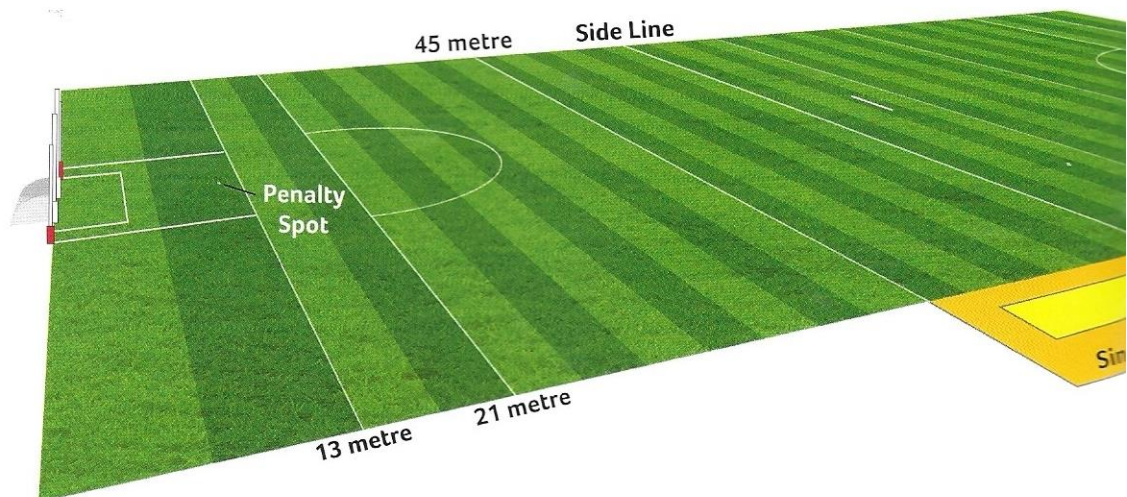
from the mark may be made after the hooter and the player may score directly from this kick. If the ball is touched by another player on the attacking team then any resulting score will not count.

Discipline:**Order off for the Remainder of the Match (Red Card):**

Any player guilty of a red card offence will automatically be sent off for the remainder of the game with no replacement allowed and a penalty kick awarded to the opposition.

Order off for 10 Minutes (Sin Bin):

In addition to awarding a Free Kick, a Referee shall order the Player from the Field of Play (Sin Bin) for 10 Minutes. A replacement is not allowed. The player shall remain in the Order Off (Sin Bin) Zone for 10 minutes. A player guilty of a second infraction involving disruptive conduct in the same match is shown a red card and is sent off.



THE MARK

One of the outstanding features of the Australian Rules game is the 'mark' whereby the player making a clean catch of a kicked ball from another player not less than 20 metres distant cannot be tackled and is allowed to take a free kick.

The mark is incorporated in the International Rules game and there have been many suggestions that its introduction would greatly improve Gaelic football.

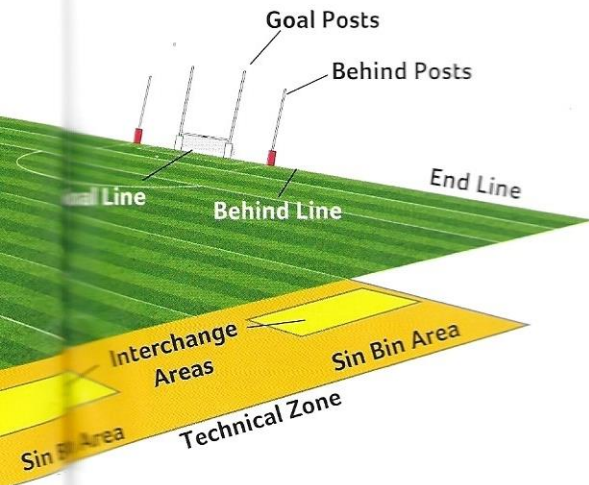
Like most suggested changes there is much to be said for and against; many followers of the Gaelic code would be surprised to learn that more than a century ago when the rules were still at a developing stage with different interpretations in various parts of the country, in one area at least the mark was a feature of the game. This was confirmed by the well-known writer John Joseph

O'Kelly, known as 'Sceilg', in the 1940s when he recalled that in the game being played in the Ring of Kerry in the 1880s:

"When one player fielded the ball, he stood back and no member of the opposition was permitted to approach beyond the mark thus made until the man in possession had kicked off".

Other interesting features of the game was that a player was not allowed to catch from a hop, nor was lifting with the toe allowed, except when it was done without bending the body. And when a goal was scored the teams changed sides.

However, the 'mark' eventually disappeared as the rules became more unified, but the fact that it did exist represents an interesting connection between the Irish and Australian games.



Pitch Dimensions

145m by 90m

SCORES

Scores will be registered as follows:

GOAL – 6 points: A goal is scored when the ball passes completely between the goal posts and under the crossbar.

OVER - 3 Points: An over (three points) is scored when the ball passes between the goal posts and completely over the crossbar.

POINT (behind) - 1 Point: A behind is scored when the ball passes completely between the goal and behind posts.

LONGFORD WINNERS OF GAA MASCOT COMPETITION

ON SEPTEMBER 1 THE GAA UNVEILED A NEW MASCOT AFTER AN ONLINE COMPETITION WAS HELD INVITING SUPPORTERS TO HELP TO DEVELOP A GAA MASCOT THAT REPRESENTS THE ASSOCIATION AND ITS VALUES.

Fionn, an Irish Terrier, was unveiled to the crowd on September 1 at half-time of the GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship semi-final between Dublin and Kerry in Croke Park.

The winning entry was inspired by siblings Devin (10) and Saoirse McLoughlin (8) from Ardagh in Co. Longford, who both have a deep love for the GAA and are massive Longford supporters. Both Devin and Saoirse were present on the day along with their parents James and Marie to help unveil the GAA mascot.

In their winning submission the pair described Fionn, a loyal Irish Terrier, as 'big, strong and healthy like all GAA members should be' and also felt he would represent team spirit, strength, respect and community identity both at home and abroad. A direct descendant of the Irish Wolfhound, Fionn originally came from the hills between Newry and Dundalk in an area known as the 'Land of Legends' and his hobbies include Gaelic Football, Hurling, Rounders and Handball.

The Mascot will be used to communicate the GAA ethos and key messages to our members and supporters.

Well done to Devin and Saoirse on their inspired entry and excellent illustration and description of the new official GAA mascot, Fionn.

Comhghairdeas Devin and Saoirse!



SHINTY AT CROKE PARK

THE GROWING POPULARITY OF HURLING SHINTY IS CARVING A WORTHY NICHE FOR ITSELF IN THE INTERNATIONAL SPORTING CALENDAR.

The International Iomáin Hurling Shinty Fest held in Clare in 2012 augured well for the historic All-Ireland title winning year that lay ahead for the host county. From the Irish perspective 2013 has been an epic inter-county year for the game of hurling from thrilling matches, breakthrough championship wins, strong provincial performances by lower division teams, record breaking crowds and a breathtaking All-Ireland series.

To have a renewal of the international outlet for the branched Gaelic sports of hurling and shinty offers both a time for reflection and celebration of our close ties as Gaelic nations with magnificent traditional sports and an opportunity to grow and foster new innovations for our most ancient of sports.

From the earliest days of the GAA, visionary Gaels had an international vision for Gaelic sports, a new Tailteann games. Plans were soon put in place for the first hurling shinty international. The streams of Iomáin had been but meandering and today they meet again in full flow.

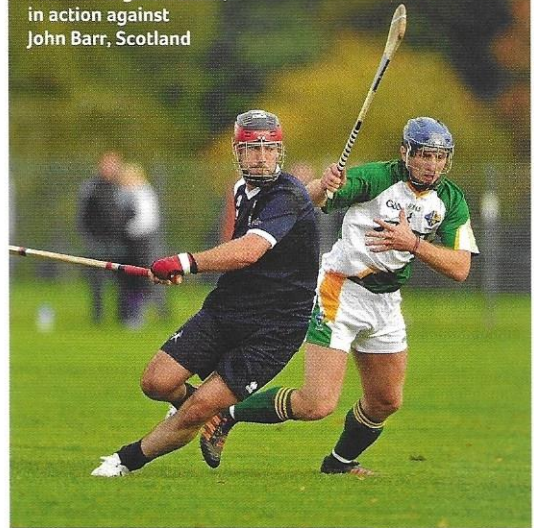
The spectacle of some supreme ground and aerial hurling that is a feature of the modern day hurling shinty internationals becomes all the more attractive on account of the modern trend in hurling over the past few decades towards possession-based approach and acquires something of a rarity value especially for Irish audiences.

The two sporting associations and codes today engage each other in a convivial and collegiate

way, with many of its stalwart influencers and administrators having gone shoulder to shoulder against each other in playing and organising fixtures from the 1970s. This is becoming of custodians of an ancient sport and would have pleased Gaels such as Kaid McLean, the Scottish referee of the 1924 Tailteann Games fixture who afterwards penned the following 'Anthem of Iomáin'.

*No longer are we troubling
About the grand old game
Since we have seen in Dublin
Both countries play the same
Of muscle, brawn and brain
Those camans told of days of old
So let us strive to keep alive
Our grand old fathers' game*

Patrick Horgan, Ireland,
in action against
John Barr, Scotland



GROUND REGULATIONS

- All persons entering this ground are admitted only subject to the following Ground Regulations and to the Rules and Regulations of the Gaelic Athletic Association. Entry to the ground shall be deemed to constitute unqualified acceptance of all these Rules and Regulations.
- Fireworks, smoke canisters, bottles, glass, cans, flags, banners, poles and other similar articles or canisters including anything which could or might be used as a weapon, are not permitted within the ground and any person in possession of such an article or container may be refused entry or ejected from the ground.
- Spectators are not permitted to bring alcohol into the ground/area.
- The climbing of walls, stands or other buildings in the ground is forbidden.
- Excessive noise such as that from the use of radio sets and behaviour likely to cause confusion or nuisance of any kind including foul or abusive language is not permitted in any part of the ground.
- Under no circumstances is it permitted to throw any object onto the pitch.
- Unauthorised persons are not permitted to enter onto the field of play and may be ejected from the ground.
- In general, The Ground Management reserves the right of admission.
- The Ground Management reserves the right to refuse admission or to eject any person who refuses to be searched by a member of An Garda Síochána.
- Any person who remains in a gangway may be ejected.
- The GAA event promoters reserves the right for its servants or agents to remove from the ground any person who does not comply with the ground regulations or whose presence on the ground could reasonably be construed as constituting a source of danger, nuisance or annoyance to other spectators.
- Smoking is forbidden in enclosed areas of stadium.
- Security Cameras are in operation throughout the stadium.

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