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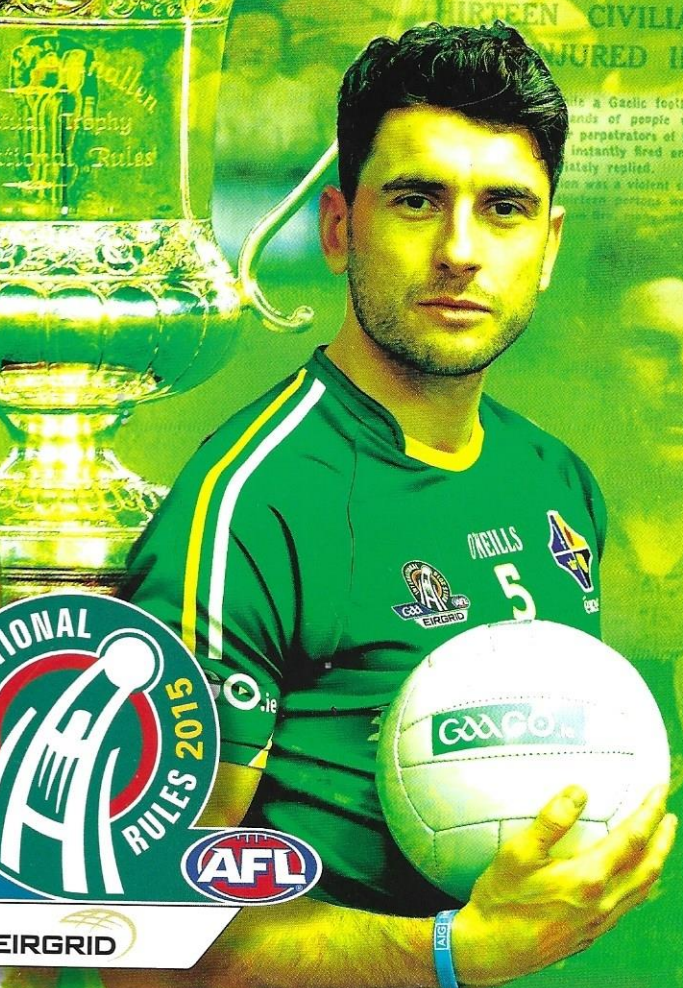
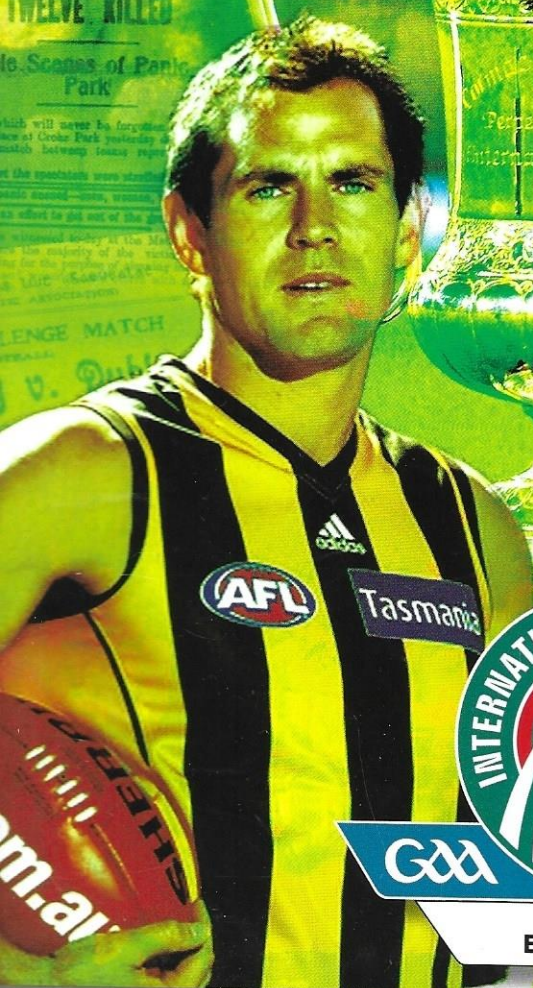
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# IRELAND v AUSTRALIA

TIME: 7.00 PM

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MATHEW NICHOLLS (Australia)

**OFFICIALS:**

Eddie Kinsella (Laois)(Standby Ref)  
Fergal Kelly (An Longfort)  
Conor Lane (Corcaigh)

**GOAL UMPIRES:**

Pádraig O'Sullivan (Ciarraí)  
Ciaran Branagan (An Dún)  
Paddy Neilan (Ros Comáin)  
David Gough (An Mhí)

INTERCHANGE OFFICIALS: Noel Mooney (An Cabhán) Niall Cullen (Fear Manach) TIMEKEEPER: Fergal Barry (Cill Dara)  
VIDEO MATCH REF: Ian Curlewis (South Africa) HAWKEYE REVIEW OFFICIAL: Dickie Murphy (Loch Garman)

## HURLING/SHINTY IRELAND v SCOTLAND

TIME: 4.35PM

**REFEREE:**

SEÁN CLEERE (Cill Chainnigh)

**OFFICIALS:**

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Declan O'Driscoll (Luimneach) (Linesman)  
Colum Cuning (Aontroim) (Sideline Official)

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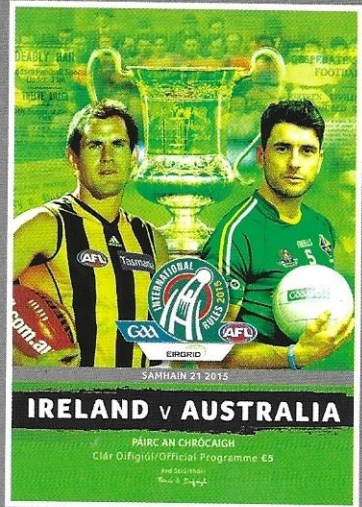
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For we are young and  
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We've golden soil and  
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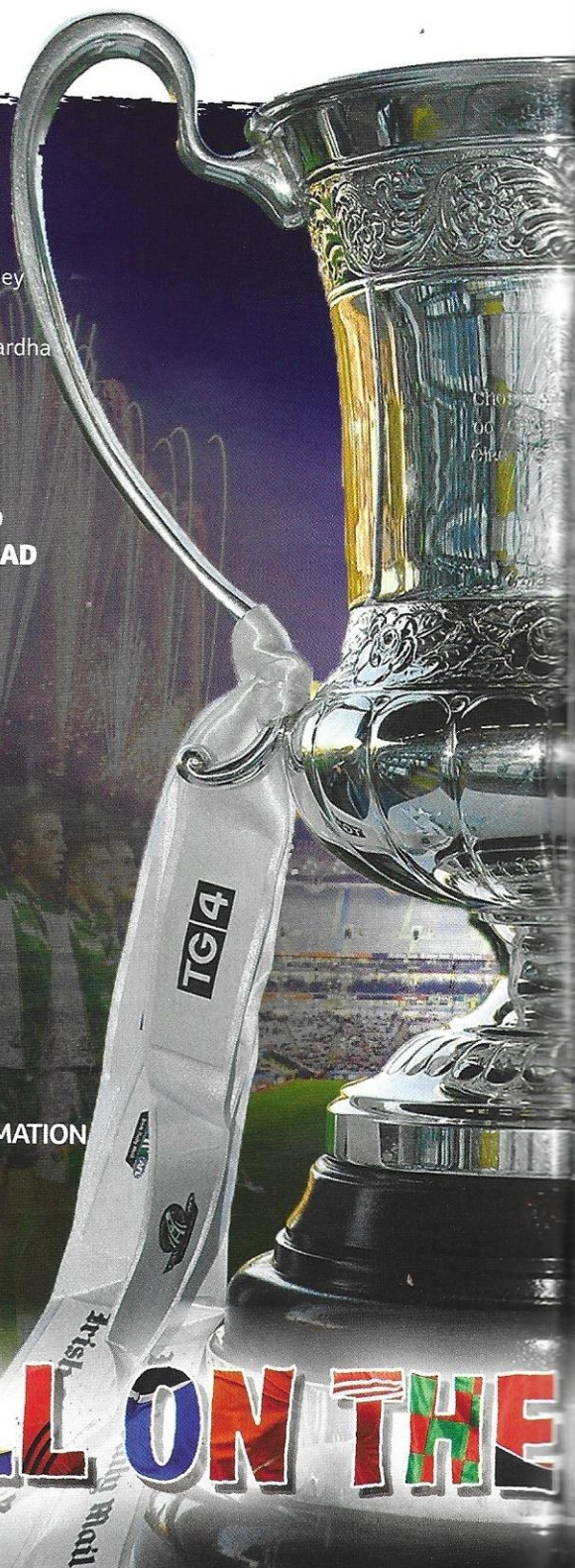
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The Cormac McAnallen Cup will be brought to the plinth on the field tonight by Ashling and Morgan Early from Mullaloo Beach Primary School in Perth, Australia. They are spending a year in Ireland in Scoil Aine, Raheny, Dublin.

WE'RE ALL ON THE



# CLÁR AN LAE



- 15.30 Stiles Open  
16.05 Ireland enter the pitch (Davin End)  
16.07 Scotland enter the pitch (Hill 16 End)  
16.08 Match Officials enter the pitch  
16.35 Start of the Game  
17.17 Half Time  
17.32 Start of 2nd Half  
18.14 End of the Game  
18.16 Presentation of Cup
- 18.36 Flagbearers & Cormac McAnallen Cup  
18.44 Bloody Sunday Commemoration  
18.49 Moment's Silence  
18.51 Advance Australia Fair  
18.53 Amhrán na bhFiann
- 18.59 Hooter x 2 (Teams in Position)  
19.00 Hooter x 1 for Start of First Quarter  
19.19\* End of First Quarter
- 19.23\* Hooter x 3  
19.24\* Hooter x 2  
19.25\* Hooter for Start of Second Quarter
- 19.45\* Half Time
- 19.58\* Hooter x 3  
19.59\* Hooter x 2  
20.00\* Hooter x 1 Start of Third Quarter  
20.19\* End of Third Quarter
- 20.23\* Hooter x 3  
20.24\* Hooter x 2  
20.25\* Hooter x 1 Start of Fourth Quarter  
20.45\* End of Fourth Quarter
- 20.46\* Player of the Series Presentation  
20.47\* Presentation of Trophy  
by Uachtarán CLG

\* depending on 'added time'

# SAME TEAM NOW

# RÉAMHFOCAL ÓN UACHTARÁN

**B**A BHREÁ LIOM FÁILTE CROÍUIL A CHUR ROMHAIBH GO LÉIR GO PÁIRC AN CHRÓCAIGH INNIU AR LÁ SPEISIALTA D'ÁR gCUMANN AGUS D'ÁR gCLUICHÍ.

Ba mhaith liom fáilte ollmhór a chur roimh ár gcuarditeoirí ón Alban agus an Astráil.

This evening represents a special date in the GAA calendar for so many reasons and it gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to Croke Park for what should be a memorable occasion for everyone present.

Before a ball is struck this evening we will commemorate one of the most profound days the GAA has ever known.

On November 21, 1920 Gaels gathered in large numbers here at this venue as we do this evening to savour the best sport has to offer.

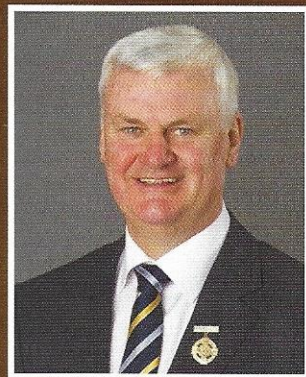
The footballers of Dublin and Tipperary provided the spectacle but the day would be forever enshrined *i meon na ndaoine* because of the price 14 people paid for attending a football match.

That one of those was Tipperary footballer Michael Hogan ensured the GAA and the emergence of modern Ireland would remain inextricably linked forever more.

This evening's fixture offers us the opportunity to recall and honour those who paid the ultimate price for attending Croke Park on the day in question.

That we host athletes from both Australia and Scotland in Croke Park today adds further allure to a special occasion and we extend a hearty welcome to both travelling panels and their respective governing bodies.

The ancient game of hurling is one of our national treasures and that our Scottish rivals bring their code to these shores is something to be lauded.



I wish both teams every success ahead of this evening's fixture as Scotland look to win the second test in Croke Park.

In our second game this evening, Ireland and Australia will renew a rivalry and a friendship as a part of a relationship that has many strands.

Last year Australia's strong team edged an entertaining game in Perth that was well received on both sides of the world.

This evening, Joe Kernan's team get the opportunity to rekindle the rivalry as they attempt to address last year's reversal in their pursuit of the Cormac McAnallen Trophy.

On behalf of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael we welcome their Australian team manager Alastair Clarkson, his players and the AFL as a whole.

This exercise allows players from all across the GAA to brush shoulders with players who are normally rivals.

I wish all of the players competing every success and trust they will look back on the experience fondly in years to come.

Bainigí sult as bhur dturas go Páirc an Chrócaigh agus tá súil agam go mbeidh sibh go léir ar ais linn arís go luath.

Aogán Ó Fearghail

Aogán Ó Fearghail  
Uachtarán  
Cumann Lúthchleas Gael



# MESSAGE FROM THE AFL

**T**HANK YOU TO OUR HOSTS AT THE GAA FOR WELCOMING US TO THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL RULES TEST MATCH AT CROKE PARK.

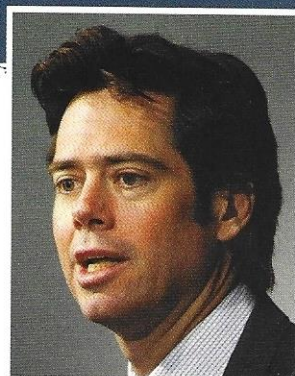
This series continues to be an important link between our two countries and our two codes, which share so many similarities.

Both of our games are key parts of our national culture and identity, and allow us to celebrate the things we cherish. Recent Australian history owes much to Irish migrants who have come to our shores and contributed so much to our country and it is a great thrill for many in our party to celebrate links to all parts of Ireland – east, west, north and south.

Our players and coaches are passionate about the game and the opportunities it provides them to come together and represent their country at international level. We have ensured that we select a team comprised entirely of players who have been All Australian (the equivalent of your All Star) at some point in their careers, as these matches must have nothing less than our total commitment, lest Ireland be too strong and too good for us.

Our defence of the Cormac McAnallen Trophy will require a supreme effort, as we know that meeting Ireland at Croke Park will be an intimidating task.

Alastair Clarkson will again lead our



side, after securing victory in Perth last year, and his record is currently the best in our game with three successive premierships for the Hawks and four flags overall in his career. He will be able to call on two of our finest coaches for support in Chris Scott and Ross Lyon, who were also part of last year's coaching line-up.

I want to thank the coaches and players of both sides for taking part in this Test match, for the ongoing relationships it builds between us. We know it will be a wonderful match and I hope you enjoy the 2015 International Rules Test match.

**Gill McLachlan**

**AFL**  
**Chief Executive Officer**





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# A WELCOME FROM EIRGRID



**A** CHÁIRDE,  
On behalf of EirGrid I would like to welcome you to Croke Park for the 2015 EirGrid International Rules Test. I am really looking forward to seeing some top class football this evening with the best of Ireland's Gaelic footballers taking on their counterparts from Australia's AFL.

The players and management of the EirGrid Irish International Rules team represent 14 counties and this match is a fantastic opportunity to unite GAA fans behind a single team.

In EirGrid, we are responsible for ensuring a safe, secure and reliable supply of electricity to homes and businesses around Ireland. Our role spans the length and breadth of the country mirroring the reach of the GAA.

We thank the GAA for all of their work on the 2015 EirGrid International Rules Test. Our partnership with the GAA began in 2015 with the EirGrid GAA Football U21 All-Ireland Championship.

We are very proud of this sponsorship and the skill we saw on display this year confirms the bright future of Gaelic football.

Equally we want to thank you, the supporters, who are here tonight to cheer on the players enhancing the wonderful family atmosphere that is one of the best parts of this unique game.

While I know the match tonight will be both entertaining and competitive, I also want to acknowledge the anniversary of Bloody Sunday. On behalf of myself and everyone at EirGrid we wholeheartedly and respectfully support its commemoration this evening.

Finally, I want to extend best wishes to both squads and management teams in this evening's game, it promises to be a fantastic match.

Go raibh maith agaibh,

**Fintan Slye**  
CEO EirGrid





# SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21 1920

by Michael Foley

**M**ICK HOGAN SAT IN THE TIPPERARY DRESSING-ROOM TORMENTED BY DUBLIN AND NERVES AND THOUGHTS OF FRANK BURKE.

All around him and outside on the banks and stands of Croke Park, the talk was about the British agents killed by the IRA that morning in a set of attacks across the city. The numbers were uncertain. A dozen were dead, maybe more. The city was gripped by the fear of what might happen next. But Hogan's mind was miles away.

Marking Frank Burke spooked him. It was Hogan's second year with Tipperary at right-corner-back. Burke was the shining star in a glittering attack. Hogan looked to Bill Ryan. He was starting in front of him at right-

half-back. He had been on the team longer. Maybe he might swap.

Ryan had his own troubles. His football boots had been thrown out the train window during a scuffle the previous day with some soldiers on the way to Dublin and his new boots were too big. Before they went out onto the field Hogan pulled a spare shoelace from his kitbag and gave it to Ryan for his boots. He kept Mick Hogan's shoelace like a precious relic for the rest of his life.

No one could imagine what was coming, even those who expected the worst.

There had been talk of the city being burned by gangs of Auxiliaries and Black and Tans, the new police forces installed that year to reinforce the RIC, in revenge for the agents



The Tipperary Football Team

killed that morning by the IRA. The savage cycle of atrocity and reprisal that comprised the War of Independence left people expecting dire consequences. A group of IRA men came to Croke Park that afternoon imploring the GAA authorities to cancel the game. "Imagine if the machine guns opened fire," said one. "What an appalling thing."

No one truly believed it could happen. The crowd, starved by the drop-off in major matches, had swelled to nearly 15,000 for a simple challenge game. The police might disrupt the game, but the GAA saw greater difficulties trying to evacuate such a large crowd. They compromised. The turnstiles were closed to limit the numbers. Then, as the crowds gathering outside the ground got agitated, the turnstiles opened again.

Out on the field Johnny McDonnell stood in goal for Dublin, hiding from view in broad daylight. That morning McDonnell was among a group of IRA men in a house on Upper Mount Street awaiting the execution of two British intelligence agents. In the back bedroom their leader, Vinny Byrne, pointed his revolver at two men standing in their pyjamas on the bed, facing the wall. "May the Lord have mercy on your souls," he whispered. Then he shot them both.

Every IRA man involved that morning had been advised to disappear, but McDonnell had his

football match. The group scattered into the city. McDonnell got a boat across the Liffey and ran home to Seville Place, gathered himself and his football gear, and went to Croke Park. The authorities in Dublin Castle did target Croke Park that afternoon, but not for revenge. They went there looking for leads. A mixed force of RIC, Black and Tans and Auxiliaries were instructed to enter Croke Park, stop the game and search every man and boy. A military force encircled the ground to ensure an orderly exit of spectators.

Ten minutes had passed in the game before the first ball bounced towards Mick Hogan and Frank Burke. The first police trucks carrying over a hundred men were arriving on the Canal Bridge outside. With their commanding officers in trucks further back in the convoy, the police weren't ordered to fall into line for dispersal to different exits to perform searches.

Instead, they poured down from the bridge towards the ground, cocking their guns. Some lined up along the bridge and took aim.

Sitting in the crook of a tree that stood between what is now the Davin and Hogan Stands, 11 year-old William Robinson turned back to see what the noise was. A shot rang out. A bullet ripped through his shoulder and chest. Robinson fell from the tree to the ground. He died the following day.



The Dublin Football Team



Police streamed onto the pitch, firing at the crowd. Spectators surged towards the main exits on either side of the current Hill 16 end. A crush quickly developed at both exits. A machine gunner in an armoured car positioned at the junction of Hill 16 and the current Cusack Stand fired into the air forcing the people back into the ground and caused another disastrous surge.

Others leapt over the low wall at the Canal End and escaped along the bank. Bullets ploughed up the pitch. One man had his heel shot off. One policeman was saved from a bullet by the cigarette case inside his jacket. People hid in the dressing rooms and escaped through back gardens, jumping onto passing trams outside injured and covered in blood.

The shooting lasted 90 seconds leaving dead and wounded scattered across the pitch, on the stands and banks and the streets outside. The Tipperary team were corralled by the police into a group at the Hill 16 end, fearing for their lives before being let go. They left with Mick Hogan lying dead on the field.

In the 95 years since, that afternoon in Croke Park has calcified in the nation's collective memory as an example of Britain's cruel inability to properly govern Ireland and made the GAA more than a sporting organisation, but an inextricable part of the country's political conscience. Fourteen civilians were killed. A question from Irish MP Joe Devlin at Westminster about the massacre the following week ended in a fistfight. The verdicts of two military enquiries that December into the killings at Croke Park roughly mirrored the official government statements of excessive force provoked by shots fired from inside Croke Park. Neither version of events ever fully stood up.

In time Mick Hogan's death was commemorated by the Hogan Stand but Bloody Sunday continued to play a role in the GAA's identity and how it shaped its future. The Croke Park killings and the prospect of English teams playing on the ground that bore Hogan's blood were regularly aired as compelling argument against opening Croke Park to other sports, but Croke Park eventually opened and the English rugby team played there in 2007. The Queen visited Croke Park in 2011. Bloody Sunday in Croke Park slowly eased into a different historical context.

"So much of this visit reminds us of the complexity of our history, its many layers and traditions," she said at a banquet in Dublin Castle, "but also the importance of forbearance and conciliation...with the benefit of historical hindsight we can all see things which we could wish had been done differently, or not at all". Those words rang true for every death and atrocity, including Croke Park on Bloody Sunday.

Her words also pointed towards the victims of Ireland's troubled history with Britain. For all the years of outrage and anger, those killed in Croke Park were buried under decades of politics and historical debate and analysis, their names forgotten. Some still lie in unmarked graves.

But their spirit still lies unknown in every concrete block, seat and step of Croke Park. Look to the Cusack Stand, a few rows up on the halfway line and see Jane Boyle holding her fiancé Daniel Byron's hand until a bullet in her

back and the crush of the crowd sweeps her from his grasp. Drift further up towards the back of the lower deck to where Patrick O'Dowd sat atop a high wall that separated Croke Park from the Old Belvedere Sportsgrounds helping people over to safety before he was shot and killed, falling on top of the last person he dropped to the other side.

See William Robinson in his tree where the Hogan Stand meets the Davin Stand. See Mick Hogan lying near the Cusack Stand sideline between the 65 and 45 metre lines. See Tom Ryan slumped beside him, shot while whispering an Act of Contrition in Hogan's ear.

See the crushed, broken bodies of James Teehan, James Matthews and James Burke. See the men carrying the stricken Joe Traynor past the body of 10 year-old Jerome O'Leary along the canal to a house on Sackville Gardens where he will die before night time.

Walk back to the city centre over the bridge onto Russell Street, where Daniel Carroll was fatally hit by a bullet. By the bridge lay Michael Feery dying in a pool of blood having impaled his leg on a spike when trying to clamber over a wall. Go by Fitzroy Avenue where 14 year-old John William Scott grew up with Croke Park at the end of his road, hit by a ricocheted bullet

#### **KILLED AT CROKE PARK: THE BLOODY SUNDAY DEAD**

**JANE BOYLE** 26, Lennox Street, Dublin.  
*Charge hand to a pork butcher.*

**JAMES BURKE** 44, Windy Arbour, Dublin. *Employed by Terenure Laundry.*

**DANIEL CARROLL** 30  
Templederry, Tipperary. *Bar manager.*

**MICHAEL FEERY** 40  
Gardiner Place, Dublin. *Unemployed.*

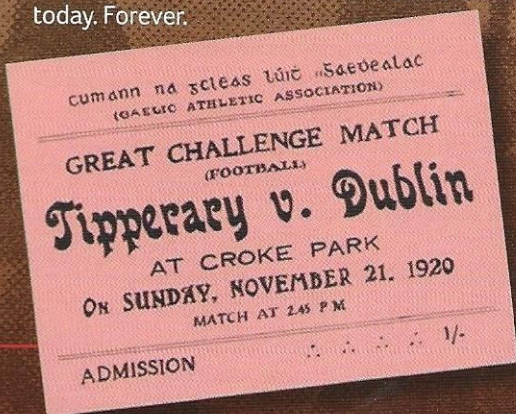
**MICK HOGAN** 24  
Grangemockler, Tipperary. *Farmer.*

**TOM HOGAN** 19  
Tankardstown, Limerick. *Mechanic.*

**JAMES MATTHEWS** 48, North Cumberland Road,  
Dublin. *Labourer.*

and died on the kitchen table of a house on St James's Avenue. His father was directed to Mrs Colman's house. His son's body had already been taken away by ambulance. He pleaded with Mrs Colman. Was it definitely John? Was she absolutely sure? She placed a tie pin and a pair of glasses in his hands. He knew them as his son's.

Behind the politics and the cold history of dates and numbers, those stories tell of an unimaginable tragedy in a stadium built and celebrated as a place of joy. Occasions like Ireland-Australia are an example of how the GAA always wished to see itself: open and international with a progressive, enquiring attitude towards making the organisation accessible to more people in any culture and community. Nurturing the compassion to remember the Bloody Sunday victims also has its place in that outlook. Remember the dead today. Forever.



**PATRICK O'DOWD** 57, Buckingham Street, Dublin.  
*Labourer.*

**JEROME O'LEARY**, 10  
Blessington Street, Dublin. *Schoolboy.*

**WILLIAM ROBINSON** 11  
Little Britain Street, Dublin. *Schoolboy.*

**TOM RYAN** 27,  
Glenbrien, Wexford. *Labourer.*

**JOHN WILLIAM SCOTT**, 14  
Fitzroy Avenue, Dublin. *Schoolboy.*

**JAMES TEEHAN** 26  
Tipperary. *Publican.*

**JOE TRAYNOR** 21  
Ballymount, Dublin. *Labourer.*

*\*Michael Foley is the author of 'The Bloodied Field: Croke Park, Sunday November 21, 1920'*

*For the month of November, the Bloody Sunday exhibit at the GAA Museum will be significantly enhanced with additional items on display. As well as an original ticket and the referee's whistle used during the Dublin v Tipperary Gaelic Football match, the jersey worn by Michael Hogan on that fateful day will be on display alongside the match ball. The jersey is on loan to the GAA Museum from Tipperary County Museum and the match ball is on loan from An Poitín Síol in Rathcoole, County Dublin. For more information please see <http://www.crokepark.ie/gaa-museum>*

# SIX KEY HISTORICAL EVENTS

by Seán Moran, The Irish Times

**T**HIS MONTH MARKS THE 31ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST OFFICIAL INTERNATIONAL SERIES BETWEEN IRELAND AND AUSTRALIA.

Since then, 18 series have taken place and the countries are level on nine wins each.

The international concept dates back nearly 50 years when the pioneers of the links between Australian Rules and Gaelic football organised matches on an ad hoc basis but the official coming together can be traced to the report of a GAA sub-committee established to investigate the possibility of a permanent collaboration.

That was in 1983 when the GAA and the Australian National Football League (NFL – now the AFL) took the first steps towards formalising a hybrid game to be played between the best Australian Rules footballers and their Gaelic football counterparts in Ireland.

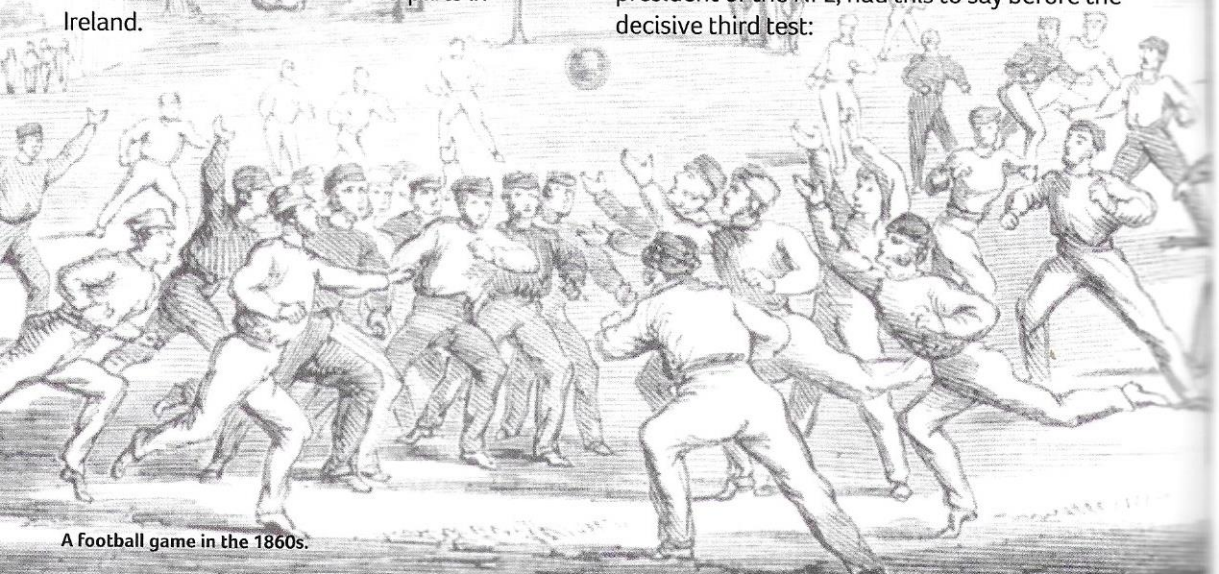
As well as being among the great indigenous sports of the world, the two football codes had much in common in a combination of handling and kicking skills with an emphasis on high fielding and man-to-man contests for the ball.

The following six tests were significant milestones on the continuing journey of a remarkable project.

## BEGINNINGS

### -1984

The inaugural series took place in 1984 as part of the GAA's Centenary Year celebrations. Although cartoonish violence marred the first official test, played in Cork in October 1984 there was enough excitement and cleanly contested football in the second test to enthuse the organisers. Dr Allen Aylett, president of the NFL, had this to say before the decisive third test:



A football game in the 1860s.

“In this game we have a space-age spectacular if we continue to work on it, a game twice as fast as any other form of football in the world.”

That first series ended in front of an impressive crowd of 32,318 at Croke Park.

The game itself had settled down and the third test was the best of the series before the visitors triumphed 76-71.

In those early days of the three-test series, aggregate scores didn't count and so with the series level at one each, the third test would be decisive. Ireland, captained by Kerry's Jack O'Shea, were in contention all the way through. Meath's Colm O'Rourke – in a starting full-forward line with Eoin Liston and Leitrim's Michael Martin – top-scored for the home side with 24 points and the home side led by a point with two minutes remaining but late overs from Gerard Healy and Allen Daniels gave the visitors the first series victory.

## ENGAGEMENT

### -1986

The first official series in Australia had its share of controversy and maybe because of that, attracted huge attention back home. After violent brawling in the first test in Perth, where Australia won, Ireland responded to level the series in Melbourne.

Managed by Kevin Heffernan, who comprehensively rethought his tactics during the series, Ireland had to rise to the physical challenge before settling down to winning it.

The Australians were enraged at what they saw as Irish players going down too easily and their coach, the legendary West Australian John Todd, achieved instant fame in Ireland with his declaration that the Gaelic footballers were “wimps”.

“They'd make great soccer players,” he told

the press conference after the second test, “but wouldn't have a hope of making the grade in Australian Rules. They're not tough enough to handle a real game; whether that is ice hockey or marbles, it's all the same. We in Australia don't complain. We don't have cream cakes at 10 o'clock in the morning; we've been brought up in a tough school.”

Administrators were singing from the same hymn sheet and President of the Australian National Football League Vince Yovich commented: “I don't wish to jeopardise the future of the international series but if they continue to do that they will provoke our players, who will hit them if they don't get up.” Goals from Tyrone's Damien O'Hagan, Cork teenager John O'Driscoll, who was by a distance the top scorer in the series, his county man Jimmy Kerrigan, (whose son Paul is in the current Ireland squad), and Greg Blaney from Down fired Ireland to a comprehensive third-test victory.

Such was the interest at home that the decisive match in Adelaide was broadcast live on RTÉ on the Friday morning.

## TURNING UP DOWN UNDER

### -1999

After a gap of eight years, the series was resumed in 1998 with two tests in Ireland, both played at Croke Park. For the first time the Australian association, now the AFL, assumed a direct role in organising the tour. Ireland won the series on aggregate and a year later still under the management of Colm O'Rourke the Irish headed Down Under for the first time in nine years.

There was scepticism about how well the event had been promoted in Melbourne and despite assurances that the locals generally attended big events on a 'walk-up' basis, the presales of around 10,000 had prepared the

GAA and travelling media to expect the worst. Instead, Melbourne's MCG, illuminated by a fireworks display, was buzzing on the night of the first test, which attracted what was up until then the biggest crowd ever to attend an international, 64,326. It was an evenly contested match but a last-minute goal from Galway's Jarlath Fallon gave Ireland a 70-62 win, a lead they didn't let slip in the second test, which ended in a draw.

## GETTING CLOSER

### -2002

The series of 2000 and 2001 didn't really build on the momentum of the big crowds in Australia in 1999. The GAA hadn't been helped in 2000 by the All-Ireland final going to a replay, which became the first such final to be played on Saturday, the day before the first test. In the circumstances it was no surprise that Ireland weren't particularly effective.

A year later in Australia it was the home side's turn to be overrun, both in Melbourne and Adelaide. The second test in 2002 was nicely balanced. Before the start Australia captain Shane Crawford made a speech commemorating the AFL players who had

died in the Bali bombings, just a week before the second test.

Although the weather was ferocious, freezing with rain and sleet, the crowd record was broken again with an attendance of 71,552 and they weren't disappointed. The test and the series hovered in the balance until the very end. Ireland, seven down after the first test, led on aggregate in the final quarter only to get pulled back before the end but with seconds to go, the trophy was still there for either side. Australia prevailed.

## WIZARDS OF OZ

### -2005

Kevin Sheedy would go on to play a controversial role in the international series but his first test was a ringing endorsement of his tactical analysis. An experienced club coach, he framed his game plan watching videos of that year's All-Ireland between Kerry and Tyrone.

Having insisted on not being restricted to All-Australian award winners when selecting his team, he instead devised a fast, transfer game played by skilful players capable of adapting to the round ball.

2005: The Australian team and officials celebrate their series win



At the final training session before the first test in Perth, onlookers were impressed to see the Australian panel, spread across the pitch and each with a ball, concluding their training session by kicking in unison over the bar from wherever they were on the field.

Their pace, ball handling and accuracy with the ball were far in advance of anything previously seen in the series. They used the interchange to rotate their fast-moving centrefield players and sustain the pressure on Ireland.

Australia became the first side in the history of the internationals to score 100 points. They were infinitely superior to a disappointing Ireland team.

## RECOVERY

### -2008

The series had fallen into serious trouble in 2005 and 2006 with violent scenes, particularly in the second test in Croke Park in the latter year. It was particularly disastrous timing as the match had attracted the biggest crowd ever to attend an international, 82,200. Neither AFL CEO Andrew Demetrious nor

Australia manager Kevin Sheedy could see beyond the size of the crowd in the post-match media conference but there was deep unhappiness within the GAA over the unruly scenes – contributed to by both teams – and Central Council pulled the plug on the 2007 series, due to take place in Australia.

When the series returned in 2008, with the game tweaked in order to help keep Ireland competitive there was a heavy onus on both sides to make the series a success both on and off the field. Mick Malthouse the Australia coach proved a safe pair of hands in guiding his team.

The new rules appeared to provide the series with a decent handicap, as there was no more than a score between the teams after two tests whereas both Ireland and Australia played robustly without misbehaving. From a GAA point of view the sense of relief was embroidered with a first series victory Down Under in seven years.

Captain Seán Cavanagh, whose intense commitment to the series and competitive nature went hand-in-hand with a cheerful off-field demeanour that proved a major asset in the diplomatic offensive.

2008; Irish captain Seán Cavanagh and his teammates lift the Cormac McAnallen Cup after victory over Australia





# NÍ TURCAÍ É AN DUSTIN SEO!

le Pádraic Ó Ciardha

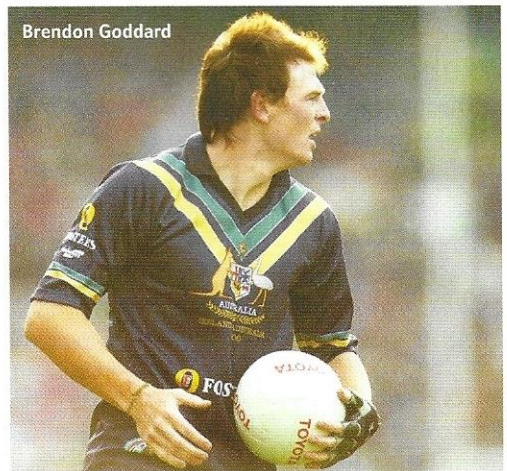
*Fletcher ag cuardach bua chun snas a chur ar shaol den scoth ar an bpáirc*

**B**ÍONN CION ÁRITHE I GCÓNAÍ AG DAOINE ANSEO IN ÉIRINN AR AN AFL MAR GHEALL AR NA NASCANNNA ATÁ IDIR AN SPÓRT ÓN TAObh EILE DEN DOMHAIN AGUS CUMANN LÚTHCHLEAS GAEL SA TÍR SEO; NA COSÚLACHTAÍ ATÁ IDIR NA SPÓIRT, NA HIMREOIRÍ A D'FHÁG ÉIRINN CHUN TABHAIRT FAOIN GCLUICHE GAIRIMIÚIL SAN ASTRÁIL, CHOMH MAITH LEIS AN GCAIDREAMH ATÁ TARRAINGTHE AG NA CLUICHÍ IDIRNÁISIÚNTA A IMRÍTEAR IDIR AN DÁ THÍR.

É sin ráite, nuair a bhíonn na cluichí AFL ar siúl i lár na hoíche anseo, ní bhíonn sé éasca againne aithne a chur ar na himreoirí. Dá gcuirfeá ceist ar an bpobal anseo cúpla imreoir a ainmniú, taobh amuigh de na hÉireannaigh atá thall san Astráil faoi láthair, níl bheadh mórán in ann níos mó ná ainm nó dhó a thabhairt.

Ar cheann de na deascéalta againne mar sin, tá go dtugann an sraith idirnáisiúnta deis dúinn scoth na n-imreoirí ón Astráil a fheiceáil agus iad ag dul in adharca na laochra móra atá in Éirinn. Agus an cinneadh déanta anois ag an AFL gan a thabhairt leo ach imreoirí a roghnaíodh ar fhoireann 'All-Australian', (macasamhail gradam na All-Stars ansiúd), ciallaíonn sé go bhfuil na himreoirí is fearr ón dá chód ag glacadh páirt sa tsraith.

Imreoir amháin ón bhfreasúra ar cheart go mbeadh aithne ag na hÉireannaigh air is



ea Dustin Fletcher, fear a bheidh mar chúil báire arís ag na hAstrálaigh. Seo hé an cúigiú uair ag Fletcher a bheith ag glacadh páirt sa tsraith agus is cluiche thar a bheith speisialta ceann na bliana seo dó mar gur í an uair dheireanach a rachaidh sé chun páirce i gcluiche idirnáisiúnta – ta sé ag éirí as ina dhiaidh agus os cionn scór bliain a caite aige san AFL.

Ní raibh Jake Stringer, chomhghleacaí Fletcher ar fhoireann na hAstráile, ar an saol beag ná mór nuair a d'imir Dustin, atá dhá scór bliain díreach anois, a chéad chluiche do Essendon i 1993. Ó shin tá 400 chluiche imeartha do na 'Bombers' aige, rud nach bhfuil déanta ach ag beirt imreoirí eile sa spórt. Is léir nach ón ngaoth a thóg sé ach an oiread é mar gur imir a athair, Ken Fletcher, breis agus 280 uair don fhoireann chéanna idir 1967 agus 1980.

Bhuaigh Fletcher Craobh an AFL faoi dhó i rith a laethanta imeartha agus é aitheanta ar dhuine de na cosantóirí is feara bhí ann riamh - ach is mar chúl báire is mó a bheadh aithne againne air sa tír seo.

Dar ndóigh, nuair nach bhfuil cúl báire acu sa pheil Astrálach, is é sin an t-ionad is deacra dóibhsan a líonadh don sraith idirnáisiúnta, ach tá sárthaispeántais tugtha ag Fletcher agus é san ionad sin. Tá sé thar a bheith cumasach ag déileáil leis an liathróid ard agus tá cic cruinn, fada aige, fiú leis an liathróid comhchruinn nach bhfuil aon chleachtadh ag na hAstrálaigh uirthi.

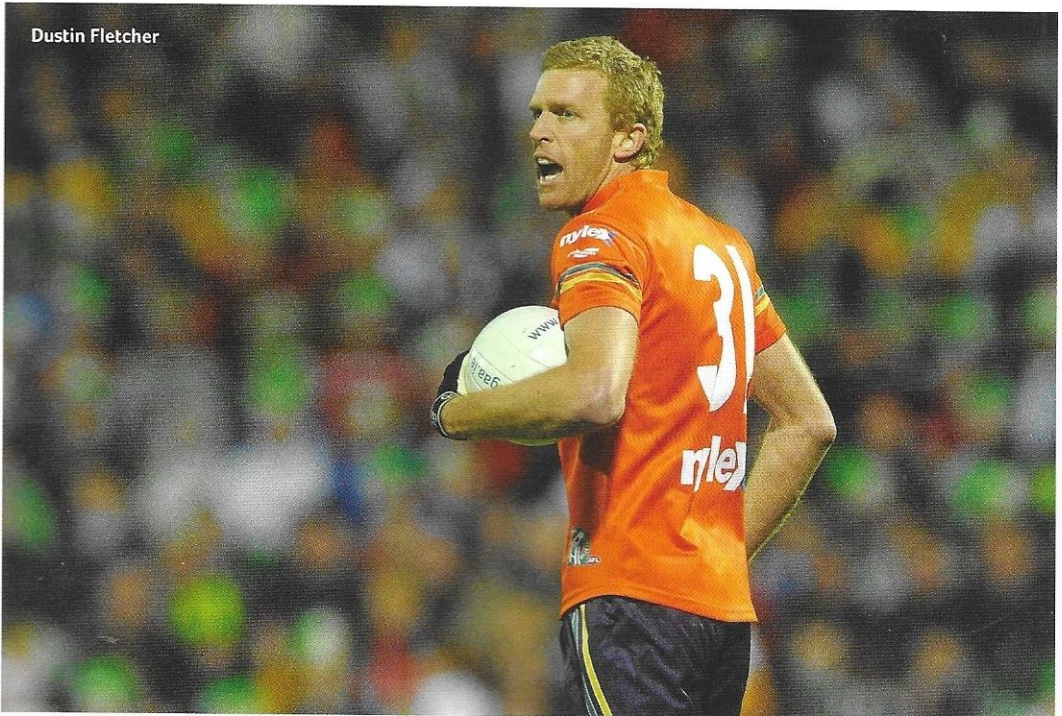
Mar atá ráite, d'imir Fletcher sa tsraith idirnáisiúnta cheithre huair roimhe seo, gach uair sa chúl, agus gach uair is iad an Astráil a thug an bua leo - i 2005, 2006, 2010 agus arís anuraidh.

Ag caint ar thaithí, is bua é a bhfuil neart dó ag na hAstrálaigh. De na 22 imreoirí atá tar éis an t-aistear a dhéanamh, níl ach cúigear, Andrew Gaff, Dyson Heppell, Jake Stringer,

Jarryd Roughead agus Hayden Ballantyne nár imir sa sraith idirnáisiúnta go dtí seo. Ba iad Nick Riewoldt, Luke Hodge agus Brendon Goddard an chéad rogha ón AFL Draft i 2000, 2001 agus 2002, faoi seach - anois iad anseo mar chuid d'fhoireann na hAstráile. Caithfear siúl ar leith a choinneáil ar Hodge, a bhuaigh Bonn Jim Stynes, (don Astráilach is feara a imríonn sa tsraith) anuraidh nuair a thug sé taispeántas den scoth in aghaidh na hÉireann i Perth.

Chomh maith le sin, is é Hodge captaen Hawthorn, atá tar éis an tríú Chraobh AFL as a chéile a bhuanach agus beidh ceathrar eile ón fhoireann sin, chomh maith leis an mbainisteoir, Alastair Clarkson, páirteach sa sraith i mbliana.

Ní shin ach beagán de na hAstrálaigh a d'fhéadfadh dul i bhfeidhm orainn sa chluiche atá le teacht agus cé nach bhfuil muid uile in ann na ainmneacha a chur le na haghaidheanna faoi láthair, gach seans go n-athróidh sé sin go gairid.



# IRELAND MANAGEMENT TEAM

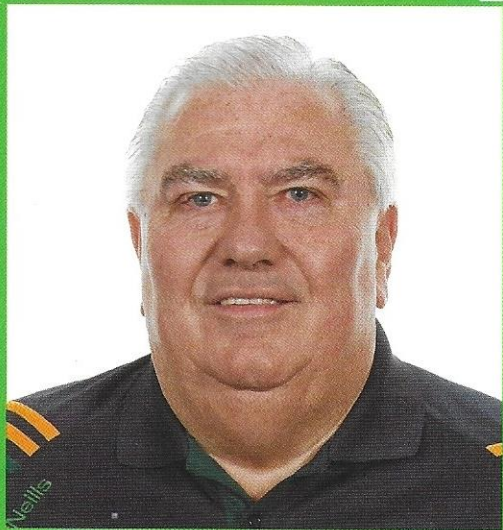


## JOE KERNAN - MANAGER

Joe Kernan will forever be associated with the greatest moment in the history of Armagh GAA, having guided the Orchard County to their breakthrough All-Ireland win in 2002, which was his first year in charge of the county.

In addition, he landed four Ulster titles during his glorious spell in charge – from 2001 to 2007. Kernan also had one year in charge of Galway and a successful spell at the helm of the Ulster inter-provincial team. The 61-year-old made his name in management with Crossmaglen Rangers, where he won multiple county and provincial titles, as well as All-Ireland club honours a remarkable three times. An All Star in 1977 and 1982, Kernan also made his mark as a player with Armagh, winning three Ulster titles in a playing career that spanned from 1971 to 1987.

On the club scene, he won five Armagh SFC titles with his beloved Crossmaglen Rangers.



## Pádraic Joyce – Selector

Pádraic Joyce is one of Galway's greatest ever forwards. The 38-year-old Killarinerin native was a central figure in Galway's two most recent All-Ireland senior football victories of 1998 and 2001, with his magnificent display in the 2001 final against Meath widely identified as one of the greatest final performances of all time.

A three-time All Star, Joyce captained Ireland in the 2004 and 2005 International Rules Series and earned 11 caps overall in the hybrid code.



## Dermot Earley – Selector

One of the most successful midfielders of the modern era, Dermot Earley played for Kildare from 1997 until his retirement in 2013, winning his two All Stars 11 years apart, in 1998 and 2001.

A son of the legendary Roscommon midfielder of the same name (RIP), Dermot won Leinster senior medals in 1998 and 2000, and played in Kildare's 1998 All-Ireland final defeat to Galway. He won eight International Rules caps for Ireland.



## Darragh Ó Sé – Selector

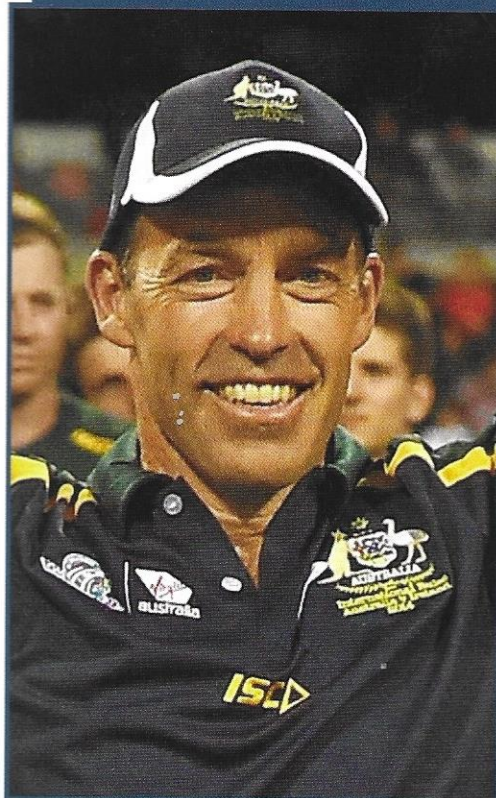
Widely acclaimed as one of the greatest midfielders of all time, Kerry's Darragh Ó Sé comes from perhaps the most famous GAA family on the island. Nephew of Páidí and brother of Tomás and Marc, Darragh won six All-Ireland senior medals with the Kingdom in a career which lasted from 1993 until 2010.

The An Ghaeltacht clubman won four All Stars and was a member of the Irish International Rules squad for the 2001 and 2002 series, winning 4 caps.





# AUSTRALIA MANAGEMENT TEAM

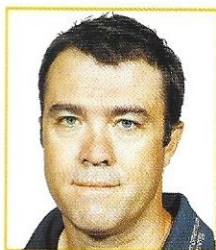


## **ALASTAIR CLARKSON – COACH**

The Hawthorn coach ensured his place in history by leading the Hawks to a third successive premiership in October and the fourth flag of his career with victory over West Coast at the MCG in the first week of October. Alastair has won the universal admiration of the football public by leading Hawthorn to success with multiple game plans over his time in charge.

He is now the second-longest serving coach in club history and the only man with four titles to his name. Clarkson led a revitalised Australian side to victory in the one-off Test match in Perth last year and now concludes his two-year stint as coach.

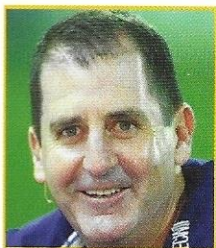
He played 134 matches for North Melbourne and Melbourne, primarily as a rover/onballer between 1987-97 and also coached in the SANFL before taking on the job at Hawthorn, winning Centrals its second-ever premiership in that competition, before finding AFL success. Alastair is a life member of the AFL.



## **Chris Scott – Assistant Coach**

Scott is the Geelong Cats coach who has led the club since 2011, winning a premiership in his maiden season in charge. He was a member of the all-powerful Brisbane side of the early 2000s, playing in two of the Lions' premierships in that era.

Chris played 215 games between 1994-2007, winning the competition's Rising Star award in his debut year, and is a life member of the AFL.



## **Ross Lyon – Assistant Coach**

Ross is the Fremantle coach who led the club to its first-ever grand final in 2013, having previously led St Kilda to three grand finals in his time at the Saints. While Lyon is still chasing an elusive first premiership, he is recognised as the best defensive coach in the game with a career winning percentage of more than 65.

He played 129 games for Fitzroy and the Brisbane Bears between 1985-95. Ross is a life member of the AFL.

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The GAA has teamed up with the world's largest men's health movement, The Movember Foundation, to support the health and wellbeing of the many males involved in our great games.

A number of Ireland's International Rules squad heroes – Lee Keegan, Philly McMahon, and Colm Begley – have literally changed the face of men's health by sporting their own 'Mos' this Movember as they 'face off' against the country that invented this worldwide phenomenon, Australia.

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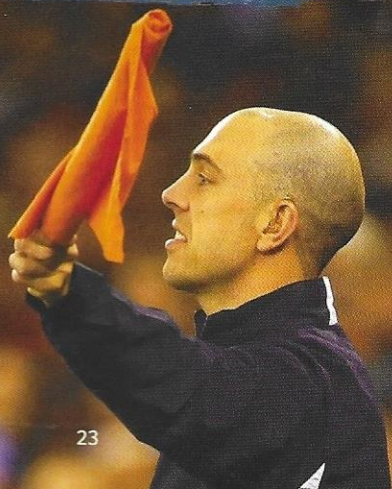
## JOE McQUILLAN

Among the top GAA referees in the country, Joe has taken charge of two All-Ireland Senior Football finals in 2011 and 2013. This season, his 13th on the inter-county panel, the 40-year-old from Kill Shamrocks GAA Club handled four fixtures in the premier competition, two of which were at Croke Park; the Dublin–Westmeath Leinster final and the drawn All-Ireland semi-final between Dublin and Mayo. Earlier in the year four Allianz League matches came under his jurisdiction. In his playing career McQuillan featured for the Cavan U16 team while he has played at all levels for his club.



One of the AFL's most experienced officials, Nicholls began umpiring in the Diamond Valley Football League in 1992. He moved to the VFL in 1999 where he umpired the 2002 Grand Final between Geelong and Port Melbourne before stepping up to the AFL. He made his debut the following year and now has more than 200 matches under his belt, including the 2013 AFL Grand Finals between Hawthorn and Fremantle. He was named the 2013 All-Australian Umpire while Mathew also has experience on the International Rules front having officiated at the 1999 U17 series.

## MATHEW NICHOLLS





# IRELAND PROFILES



## COLM BEGLEY

**Club:** Parnells (Dublin), Laois  
**Age:** 29  
**Height:** 6' 2"  
**Weight:** 13st 10lbs  
**International Caps:** 11  
**International Points:** 15

The most experienced member of the 2015 squad with 11 caps, the Parnells clubman made his debut for Ireland in the 2006 series. Begley also has considerable AFL experience having played for both the Brisbane Lions and St Kilda.



## GARY BRENNAN

**Club:** Clondegad, Clare  
**Age:** 26  
**Height:** 6' 3"  
**Weight:** 15st  
**International Caps:** N/A  
**International Points:** N/A

The Clare captain in 2014 only made his Croke Park debut last season when the Banner played Tipperary in the Allianz League Division 4 final. Brennan made a considerable impression for Munster in the inter-provincial championship as a midfielder.



## BERNARD BROGAN

**Club:** St Oliver Plunkett's Eoghan Ruadh, Dublin  
**Age:** 31  
**Height:** 6'  
**Weight:** 13st 3lbs  
**International Caps:** 2  
**International Points:** 14

The Ireland captain had a stellar season for Dublin as they took their third All-Ireland title in five seasons. Brogan returns to the international scene for the first time since 2010 after picking up his fourth All Star last month.



## EOIN CADOGAN

**Club:** Douglas, Cork  
**Age:** 29  
**Height:** 6' 1"  
**Weight:** 14st  
**International Caps:** 2  
**International Points:** 0

A dual star with the Leesiders, Cadogan has provincial medals in both codes as well as a Celtic Cross from Cork's 2010 All-Ireland success. He picked up his two caps in Ireland's successful journey Down Under four years ago.



## DIARMUID CONNOLLY

**Club:** St Vincent's, Dublin  
**Age:** 28  
**Height:** 6' 1"  
**Weight:** 13st 10lbs  
**International Caps:** N/A  
**International Points:** N/A

A well-earned debut for a player who holds three All-Ireland medals with his county and a couple more with his club. Connolly's 2-5 for St Vincent's in last year's final is widely regarded as the best individual display of recent years.



## PAUL CRIBBIN

**Club:** Johnstownbridge, Kildare  
**Age:** 23  
**Height:** 6' 3"  
**Weight:** 13st  
**International Caps:** N/A  
**International Points:** N/A

Although making his debut for Ireland this year, Cribbin may well be familiar with some of the opposition as he has spent time Down Under as a member of the Collingwood squad. Made his inter-county debut against Tyrone in 2013.



**MATTHEW DONNELLY**

**Club:** Trillick, Tyrone  
**Age:** 24  
**Height:** 6'  
**Weight:** 13st 12lbs  
**International Caps:** 1  
**International Points:** 6

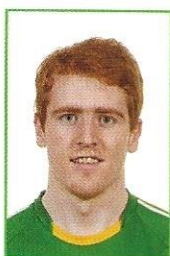
Picked up his first All Star earlier in the month and was also a nominee in 2013. The award was richly deserved as Donnelly carried his form from the Allianz League into the Championship as Tyrone reached the 'last four'.



**EOIN DOYLE**

**Club:** Naas, Kildare  
**Age:** 24  
**Height:** 6'  
**Weight:** 12st 11lbs  
**International Caps:** N/A  
**International Points:** N/A

Doyle has been a member of the Kildare squad since 2012. Also an excellent hurler, he won an All-Ireland Minor 'B' medal with Kildare in 2008. Follows in the footsteps of Naas clubmate Eamonn Callaghan, who was on the squad in 2011.



**PETER HARTE**

**Club:** Errigal Ciarán, Tyrone  
**Age:** 24  
**Height:** 5'11"  
**Weight:** 13st  
**International Caps:** N/A  
**International Points:** N/A

Harte is a versatile player who has found his home in the half-back line. An Ulster Championship winner in 2010, he is a superb dead ball striker and played a key role in Tyrone's run to the All-Ireland semi-final this year.



**DARREN HUGHES**

**Club:** Scotstown, Monaghan  
**Age:** 28  
**Height:** 6'  
**Weight:** 14st  
**International Caps:** 3  
**International Points:** 7

Made his International Rules debut in the 2011 series in Australia, which Ireland won on aggregate by 130 to 65. Hughes, holder of two provincial medals, picked up his third cap last November when the visitors lost in Perth.



**LEE KEEGAN**

**Club:** Westport, Mayo  
**Age:** 26  
**Height:** 5' 11"  
**Weight:** 13st 7lbs  
**International Caps:** 3  
**International Points:** 9

One of the most attack oriented half-backs in Gaelic football, Keegan picked up his third All Star in four years earlier this month. The Westport clubman featured in both the 2013 and 2014 tests notching an impressive nine points.



**PAUL KERRIGAN**

**Club:** Nemo Rangers, Cork  
**Age:** 28  
**Height:** 5' 11"  
**Weight:** 13st 5lbs  
**International Caps:** N/A  
**International Points:** N/A

His father Jimmy played six matches in the International Rules and should Paul feature today they will become the first father and son to have played for Ireland. Lined out for Cork on 19 occasions winning an All-Ireland medal in 2010.





**PATRICK  
McBREARTY**

**Club:**  
Kilcar, Donegal  
**Age:** 22  
**Height:** 6' 1"  
**Weight:**  
14st 7lbs

**International  
Caps:** 2  
**International  
Points:** 9

Still just 22, McBrearty has achieved much in the game including a Celtic Cross in 2012 as well as three provincial medals. A former Young Player of the Year nominee, he was also a member of the 2013 series winning side.



**JACK  
McCAFFREY**

**Club:**  
Clontarf,  
Dublin  
**Age:** 22  
**Height:** 5' 11"  
**Weight:**  
12st 11lbs

**International  
Caps:** 2  
**International  
Points:** 7

McCaffrey won Player of the Year in 2015 having taken the award for Young Player of the Year just two years ago. The Clontarf clubman won his second All-Ireland medal last September and his first All Star earlier this month.



**CIARÁN  
McDONALD**

**Club:**  
Aherlow Gaels,  
Tipperary  
**Age:** 26  
**Height:** 5' 11"  
**Weight:**  
14st

**International  
Caps:** 1  
**International  
Points:** 0

Became just the fourth Tipperary player to play in the International Rules series last year in Perth. McDonald made his inter-county championship debut for Tipperary in 2008 and captained his county to U21 provincial honours in 2010.



**PHILLY  
McMAHON**

**Club:**  
Ballymun  
Kickhams, Dublin  
**Age:** 28  
**Height:** 6'  
**Weight:**  
13st 7lbs

**International  
Caps:** N/A  
**International  
Points:** N/A

In September McMahon picked up his third All-Ireland medal and has played more than 30 times for the Metropolitans. He is one of three debutants from the capital on the 2015 panel and picked up his first All Star this month.



**CONOR  
McMANUS**

**Club:**  
Clontibret O'Neill's,  
Monaghan  
**Age:** 27  
**Height:** 6'  
**Weight:**  
13st

**International  
Caps:** 3  
**International  
Points:** 41

A prolific attacker who has notched more than 40 points in just three outings in the international arena. McManus picked up his second All Star this year as Monaghan took Ulster honours for the second time in three years.

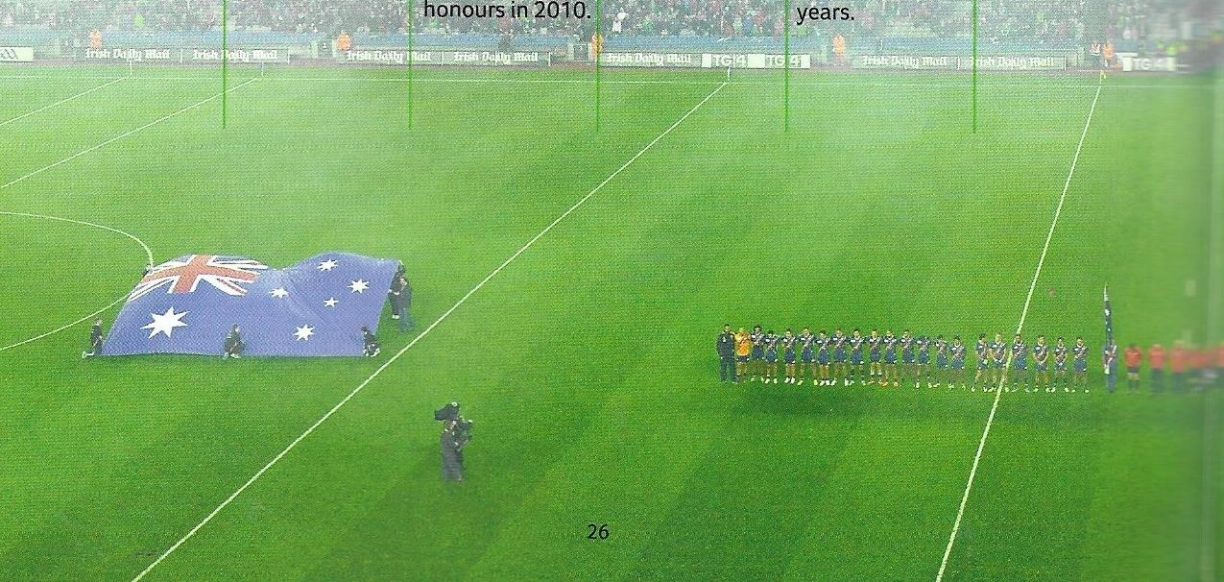


**NIALL  
MORGAN**

**Club:**  
Edendork,  
Tyrone  
**Age:** 24  
**Height:** 6' 1"  
**Weight:**  
12st 10lbs

**International  
Caps:** N/A  
**International  
Points:** N/A

Made his debut for Tyrone in 2013 and quickly made his name as a long-range free-taker, regularly appearing on the scoresheet. In 2015 Morgan notched just a couple of points from frees as Tyrone made the 'last four'.





**RORY O'CARROLL**

**Club:** Kilmacud Crokes, Dublin  
**Age:** 25  
**Height:** 6' 2"  
**Weight:** 14st  
**International Caps:** N/A  
**International Points:** N/A

Generally regarded as the best full-back in the business, O'Carroll is an aggressive, dogged man-marker who debuted in 2009. Claimed his second All Star at the start of the month to add to the third Celtic Cross he won this year.



**JOHN O'LOUGHLIN**

**Club:** St Brigid's (Dublin), Laois  
**Age:** 26  
**Height:** 6' 2"  
**Weight:** 15st 5lbs  
**International Caps:** N/A  
**International Points:** N/A

An outstanding centre-back or midfielder, O'Loughlin has been a member of the Laois senior panel since 2008. He played on the Laois side that lost the 2007 All-Ireland U21 final. Won a Dublin SFC title with St Brigid's in 2011.



**AIDAN O'SHEA**

**Club:** Breaffy, Mayo  
**Age:** 25  
**Height:** 6' 4"  
**Weight:** 15st 6lbs  
**International Caps:** 2  
**International Points:** 3

Made his debut for Ireland in the 2013 series and also featured in last year's match in Perth. O'Shea picked up his second All Star earlier this month for his attacking play in Mayo's run to the All-Ireland semi-final.



**MICHAEL QUINN**

**Club:** Emmet Óg, Longford  
**Age:** 25  
**Height:** 6'  
**Weight:** 13st 7lbs  
**International Caps:** N/A  
**International Points:** N/A

A former professional with Essendon in the AFL, Quinn made eight appearances for the club. In 2012 he returned to Ireland and this season was a part of the Longford side that gained promotion from Division 4 of the Allianz League.



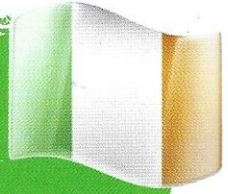
**DONNCHADH WALSH**

**Club:** Cromane, Kerry  
**Age:** 31  
**Height:** 6' 1"  
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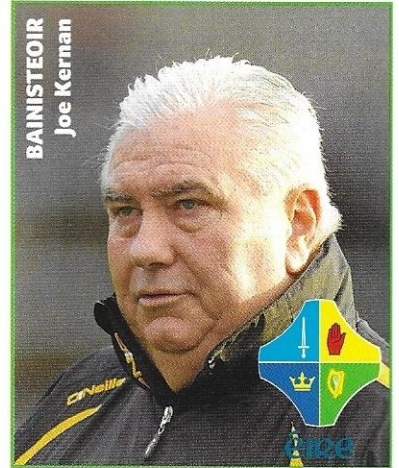
One of Kerry's unsung heroes who despite playing a leading role in the Kingdom's three All-Ireland successes of recent times, failed to win an All Star. That anomaly was finally rectified when he received his first award this month.



# IRELAND



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| <b>1</b>  | NIALL MORGAN        | Tyrone    |
| <b>2</b>  | COLM BEGLEY         | Laois     |
| <b>3</b>  | GARY BRENNAN        | Clare     |
| <b>4</b>  | BERNARD BROGAN (C.) | Dublin    |
| <b>5</b>  | EOIN CADOGAN        | Cork      |
| <b>9</b>  | MATTHEW DONNELLY    | Tyrone    |
| <b>10</b> | EOIN DOYLE          | Kildare   |
| <b>11</b> | PETER HARTE         | Tyrone    |
| <b>13</b> | DARREN HUGHES       | Monaghan  |
| <b>15</b> | LEE KEEGAN          | Mayo      |
| <b>17</b> | PAUL KERRIGAN       | Cork      |
| <b>19</b> | JACK McCAFFREY      | Dublin    |
| <b>20</b> | CIARÁN McDONALD     | Tipperary |
| <b>22</b> | PHILLY McMAHON      | Dublin    |
| <b>23</b> | CONOR McMANUS       | Monaghan  |
| <b>25</b> | RORY O'CARROLL      | Dublin    |
| <b>26</b> | JOHN O'LOUGHLIN     | Laois     |
| <b>28</b> | AIDAN O'SHEA        | Mayo      |
| <b>29</b> | MICHAEL QUINN       | Longford  |
| <b>31</b> | DONNCHADH WALSH     | Kerry     |
| <b>33</b> | DIARMUID CONNOLLY   | Dublin    |
| <b>34</b> | PAUL CRIBBIN        | Kildare   |
| <b>35</b> | PATRICK McBREARTY   | Donegal   |



## FIRST HALF

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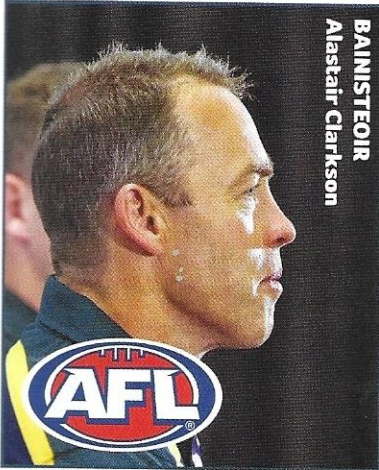
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# AUSTRALIA



**BAINISTEOIR**  
Alastair Clarkson

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| <b>1</b>  | HAYDEN BALLANTYNE     | Fremantle        |
| <b>2</b>  | ROBERT MURPHY         | Western Bulldogs |
| <b>3</b>  | ANDREW GAFF           | West Coast       |
| <b>4</b>  | JARRYD ROUGHEAD       | Hawthorn         |
| <b>5</b>  | SAM MITCHELL          | Hawthorn         |
| <b>6</b>  | EASTON WOOD           | Western Bulldogs |
| <b>7</b>  | HARRY TAYLOR          | Geelong          |
| <b>8</b>  | JAKE STRINGER         | Western Bulldogs |
| <b>9</b>  | BRENDON GODDARD       | Essendon         |
| <b>10</b> | ROBBIE GRAY           | Port Adelaide    |
| <b>11</b> | LEIGH MONTAGNA        | St Kilda         |
| <b>12</b> | NICK RIEWOLDT         | St Kilda         |
| <b>14</b> | GRANT BIRCHALL        | Hawthorn         |
| <b>15</b> | LUKE HODGE (C.)       | Hawthorn         |
| <b>16</b> | DAVID MUNDY           | Fremantle        |
| <b>18</b> | EDDIE BETTS           | Adelaide         |
| <b>21</b> | DYSON HEPPELL         | Essendon         |
| <b>22</b> | LUKE BREUST           | Hawthorn         |
| <b>31</b> | DUSTIN FLETCHER (GK.) | Essendon         |
| <b>32</b> | PATRICK DANGERFIELD   | Geelong          |
| <b>38</b> | TOM ROCKLIFF          | Brisbane Lions   |
| <b>40</b> | NICK SMITH            | Sydney Swans     |



# AUSTRALIA PROFILES

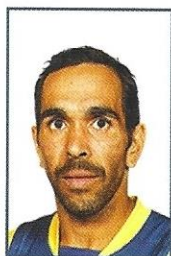


## HAYDEN BALLANTYNE

**Club:**  
Fremantle

**Age:** 28  
**Height:** 5' 7"  
**Weight:**  
12st 2lbs  
**International Caps:** N/A  
**International Points:** N/A

A sensational season in attack was capped off with All Australian selection as a forward pocket. Ballantyne kicked a career-best 49 goals, 15 more than his previous best in 2013. He kicked three or more goals in 11 of his 20 games.



## EDDIE BETTS

**Club:**  
Adelaide Crows

**Age:** 28  
**Height:** 5' 8"  
**Weight:**  
11st 7lbs  
**International Caps:** 4  
**International Points:** 21

Eddie won his first All Australian selection in 2015 with a brilliant season that saw him kick 58 goals, third best in the AFL.

He toured with Mick Malthouse's winning team (2010) and was also part of the indigenous side that toured in 2013.



## GRANT BIRCHALL

**Club:**  
Hawthorn

**Age:** 27  
**Height:** 6' 4"  
**Weight:**  
14st 5lbs  
**International Caps:** 1  
**International Points:** 0

A four-time premiership player with the Hawks after the club's win over West Coast in the Grand Final in early October. Grant is an elite defender who was a member of the Australian side that won in Perth last year.



## LUKE BREUST

**Club:**  
Hawthorn

**Age:** 25  
**Height:** 6'  
**Weight:**  
13st 3lbs  
**International Caps:** 1  
**International Points:** 4

As a member of the last three Hawthorn premiership sides, Luke kicked 194 goals in the last four seasons and missed just two matches in the club's run of four successive Grand Final appearances.

Played as a forward in Perth last year.



## PATRICK DANGERFIELD

**Club:**  
Geelong Cats

**Age:** 25  
**Height:** 6' 1"  
**Weight:**  
14st 2lbs  
**International Caps:** 3  
**International Points:** 4

A brilliant midfielder who has been a major news item in the off season with his decision to return to Victoria and play for the Geelong Cats, after eight seasons in Adelaide.

Three-time All Australian who played in the 2010 & 2014 tests.



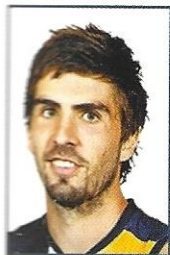
## DUSTIN FLETCHER

**Club:**  
Essendon

**Age:** 40  
**Height:** 6' 6"  
**Weight:**  
14st 7lbs  
**International Caps:** 7  
**International Points:** 0

A legendary defender who has been Australia's standout in the unfamiliar goalkeeper position.

Dustin has come out of retirement for his farewell to the game, having starred in four previous series and is yet to be part of a losing one.



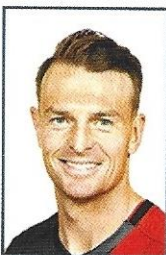
**ANDREW GAFF**

**Club:**  
West Coast Eagles

**Age:** 23  
**Height:** 5' 11"  
**Weight:**  
13st 3lbs  
**International Caps:** N/A  
**International Points:** N/A

A young midfielder who enjoyed a breakout season in 2015, winning All Australian selection for the first time.

He was a member of the West Coast Grand Final side, having played the last 104 games of his career in succession (a club record).



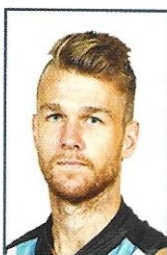
**BRENDON GODDARD**

**Club:**  
Essendon

**Age:** 30  
**Height:** 6' 2"  
**Weight:**  
14st 9lbs  
**International Caps:** 3  
**International Points:** 9

Brendon was a member of Kevin Sheedy's winning side in 2006 in Ireland who returned to play as a defender in last year's win in Perth.

After a 200-game career with St Kilda, switched to Essendon where he is a key player.



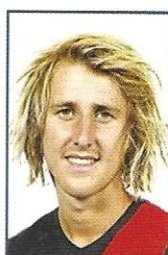
**ROBBIE GRAY**

**Club:**  
Port Adelaide

**Age:** 27  
**Height:** 6'  
**Weight:**  
13st 3lbs  
**International Caps:** 1  
**International Points:** 5

Robbie was named the coaches' player of the year in 2014 and backed up his stellar year with a second consecutive All Australian selection in 2015.

A key part of the Australian forward group in last year's match in Perth scoring five points.



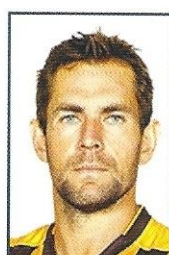
**DYSON HEPPELL**

**Club:**  
Essendon

**Age:** 23  
**Height:** 6' 2"  
**Weight:**  
12st 11lbs  
**International Caps:** N/A  
**International Points:** N/A

An outstanding young midfielder who is poised to become captain at Essendon within the next few seasons.

He was All Australian in 2014 and one of just four members of the squad not to have played IRS in his career.



**LUKE HODGE**

**Club:**  
Hawthorn

**Age:** 31  
**Height:** 6' 1"  
**Weight:**  
14st  
**International Caps:** 3  
**International Points:** 9

Luke will now be rated among the all time greats of the game after captaining the Hawks to a third successive premiership in the win over West Coast.

He won the Jim Stynes medal as best player in last year's win in Perth.



**SAM MITCHELL**

**Club:**  
Hawthorn

**Age:** 33  
**Height:** 5' 10"  
**Weight:**  
13st 1lb  
**International Caps:** 1  
**International Points:** 0

A former Hawthorn captain who became a four-time premiership player in early October with the club's win over West Coast in the grand final.

Played in last year's win in Perth and will be a key midfielder in this match.



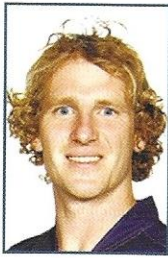
**LEIGH MONTAGNA**

**Club:**  
St Kilda

**Age:** 32  
**Height:** 5' 10"  
**Weight:**  
12st 4lbs  
**International Caps:** 5  
**International Points:** 14

This will be the fourth series for a player who was a member of the winning team that toured Ireland in 2010 under Mick Malthouse.

Leigh is a two time All Australian, and is set to reach 250 games for his club next year.

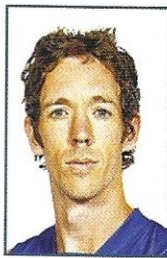


**DAVID MUNDY**

**Club:**  
Fremantle

**Age:** 30  
**Height:** 6' 4"  
**Weight:**  
14st  
**International Caps:** 0  
**International Points:** 0

A key member of the star Fremantle midfield who won his first All Australian selection in 2015. A squad member in 2006, Mundy was sixth in the AFL for total clearances this season and averaged nearly 27 possessions per game.



**ROBERT MURPHY**

**Club:**  
Western Bulldogs

**Age:** 33  
**Height:** 6' 2"  
**Weight:**  
13st 3lbs  
**International Caps:** 3  
**International Points:** 6

Veteran player who stepped into the captaincy at the Bulldogs this season and immediately led them back into the finals after a four-year absence.

Returns to the IRS field having first played back in 2002 in Garry Lyon's winning team.



**NICK RIEWOLDT**

**Club:**  
St Kilda

**Age:** 33  
**Height:** 6' 4"  
**Weight:**  
15st 2lbs  
**International Caps:** 3  
**International Points:** 21

Rated among the greatest players in his club's history and set to join the exclusive 300-club early next season.

A five time All Australian, Riewoldt was the top scorer of the winning Australian side in Perth last year with 13 points.



**TOM ROCKLIFF**

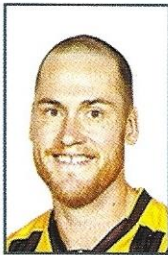
**Club:**  
Brisbane Lions

**Age:** 25  
**Height:** 6' 1"  
**Weight:**  
13st 5lbs  
**International Caps:** 1  
**International Points:** 0

The Brisbane Lions captain was hit hard by injury early in 2015 after a stellar 2014 campaign.

Rebounded late in the season, with a return to form and was a member of the victorious Australian squad in Perth last year.





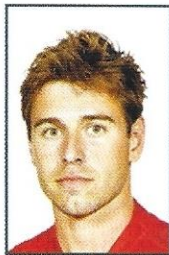
**JARRYD  
ROUGHEAD**

**Club:**  
Hawthorn

**Age:** 28  
**Height:** 6' 4"  
**Weight:**  
15st 10lbs  
**International  
Caps:** N/A  
**International  
Points:** N/A

Key role in 2015 as the main forward in Hawthorn's third successive flag in early October and now a four-time premiership player.

In recent years, has started to also spend time around the midfield and his mobility is a major weapon.



**NICK  
SMITH**

**Club:**  
Sydney Swans

**Age:** 27  
**Height:** 6'  
**Weight:**  
12st 13lbs  
**International  
Caps:** 1  
**International  
Points:** 0

Member of the Swans' 2012 premiership side and one of the elite defenders in the competition.

Regularly has the job of closing down the best small forwards, and filled a defensive role for Australia in the 2014 match in Perth.



**JAKE  
STRINGER**

**Club:**  
Western Bulldogs

**Age:** 21  
**Height:** 6' 4"  
**Weight:**  
14st 5lbs  
**International  
Caps:** N/A  
**International  
Points:** N/A

An explosive young forward who can also take a turn in the midfield, Stringer was a key player in the Dogs' shock rise up the ladder in 2015, winning All Australian selection for the first time and kicking 54 goals (fifth-best in the competition).



**HARRY  
TAYLOR**

**Club:**  
Geelong Cats

**Age:** 29  
**Height:** 6' 5"  
**Weight:**  
15st 8lbs  
**International  
Caps:** 1  
**International  
Points:** 0

The two time All Australian is one of the elite defenders in the competition.

He played a key role in the Perth match last season and will most likely be used as a shutdown player on one of the dangerous Irish forwards.



**EASTON  
WOOD**

**Club:**  
Western Bulldogs

**Age:** 26  
**Height:** 6' 1"  
**Weight:**  
13st 3lbs  
**International  
Caps:** 2  
**International  
Points:** 0

Starred for the Bulldogs in 2015, winning a first-ever All Australian as the leading intercept marker in the competition. Averaged nearly 18 possessions per game, along with seven marks. Played a key role in the club's surge up the ladder.





# ONLY THE BEST WILL DO FOR AUSTRALIA

by Peter Ryan, AFL.com

**A**USTRALIA NOW KNOWS ONLY THE BEST WILL DO THE JOB. And this time at Croke Park, it will be Australia's best battling Ireland.

Any questions around Australia's intent were dismissed as soon as news filtered out that coach Alastair Clarkson had put goalkeeper Dustin Fletcher through a fitness test in early September to ensure he was right to play.

Fletcher, a veteran of four International Rules Series, is aged 40 and played his last AFL game in May.

But Clarkson wanted him because, as he explained later, he was still the best goalkeeper the country had, "with those long Inspector Gadget arms".

So the coach found time out from his premiership campaign with Hawthorn to put Fletcher through a secret fitness test under the watchful eyes of the selectors.

Satisfied with what he saw, Clarkson picked Fletcher to be a part of the Virgin Australia International Rules squad.

The coach knew nothing could be taken for granted because, as he said when the team was announced on October 16, the Irish will be tough to beat on their home turf.

"They're such competitors, the Irish," Clarkson said.

"I'm sure they will be smarting a little bit after lowering their colours to us last year."

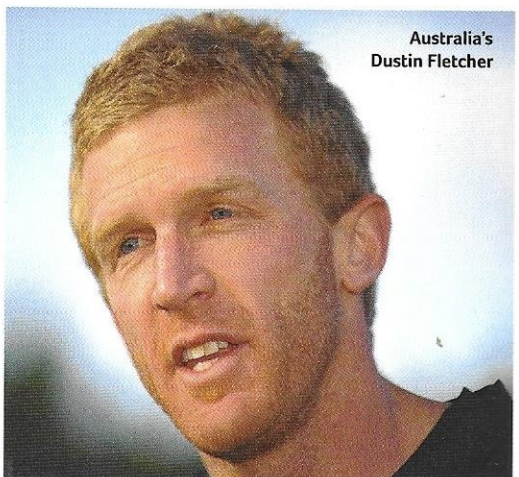
Last year the margin was just 10 points as 38,262 Australians got behind their team in Perth.

This time, a big crowd in Dublin will be backing their Irish stars to get the job done.

With that in mind, Clarkson selected two of Hawthorn's best veterans, triple premiership captain Luke Hodge, 31, and his team's former captain Sam Mitchell, aged 33.

Hodge, the Jim Stynes Medal winner as Australia's best player last season, is tougher than teak with a competitive spirit unrivalled in the league. Off the field he is down to earth and the game's most respected player.

He is also like an extra coach on the ground



Australia's  
Dustin Fletcher

and he knows how Clarkson thinks. In the cauldron of Croke Park, that experience will be an invaluable asset for Australia.

Mitchell is a genius with ball in hand and he knows how to manage a round ball too. With quick hands and good decisions, he is likely to be the pivot for the team.

Both know their coach loves to attack. He wants a score on the board and he likes the ball to be flicked around. Last year Clarkson's team made it happen early and Ireland recovered too late to overhaul the Australians.

That trio - Fletcher, Hodge and Mitchell - are not the only experienced hands entering the contest, with the Australians fielding a team with an average age just above 28.

Up forward is Nick Riewoldt, 33, one of four captains in the squad, and someone who takes a marathoner's approach to playing.

He runs harder in the warm-up than most do in a game, with his gut busting running up and down the field and then back and across, forcing most opponents to drop off and sleep for a week after the battle.

Riewoldt will be the central figure in a forward line populated with pace.

Eddie Betts, 28, is mercurial, Hayden Ballantyne, 28, in the opponent's face and then out of there while Luke Breust, 25, has a lateral step and fend-off learned in rugby and applied ruthlessly in the AFL.

Robbie Gray, 27, and Jake Stringer are midsized forwards who somehow explode from the standing start and can also mark the ball.

Stringer, the team's youngest player at 21, had not kicked a round ball before mid-October but he should adapt quickly as he grew up on a diet of basketball. Born on Anzac Day, 1990 he will bring youthful spirit to the group.

With Riewoldt creating space and drawing the ball, those other five speedsters will turn the forward line into something chaotically productive.

Australia rarely scores six-pointers, having managed just one since 2008, relying on playing the percentages rather than risking the Irish goalkeeper defending, but this bunch is unlikely to set limits on what they can achieve.

'Big Roughy' is what they call 28-year-old Jarryd Roughead.

He is one of just five Australians not to have played an International Rules game but he has a heart as big as champion racehorse Phar Lap. He is 98kg and 193cm but somehow he still manages to get around the ground like a flighty stallion. His booming left foot can be deployed anywhere.

In the middle is where Australia's class resides.

Youngsters Andrew Gaff, 23, and Dyson Heppell, 23, won't have to worry about being first time International Rules representatives.

They can run all day and will have a terrier-like appetite for the ball.

Gaff's team, West Coast, was runner-up in this year's AFL Grand Final and he won the club's best and fairest award, some indication of his talent while Heppell won his club, Essendon's, best and fairest in 2014 aged just 22.

Leigh Montagna, 32, and Brendon Goddard, 30, used to be teammates with St Kilda in the AFL but now Goddard plays for Essendon.

Both love to grind their opposition into the ground with their running and they hit targets like an archer.

Cheeky and tough on field, they want to share a significant win together.

Patrick Dangerfield, 25, is arguably Australia's most exciting player. He has that rare combination of being tough and explosive on the field, genial and smiling off it.

Known for team-lifting efforts in important moments of games, Dangerfield will take off at some stage and have the crowd roaring for him to get run down. If that does happen, the atmosphere is guaranteed to be electric.

Having the cheeky Brisbane Lions captain Tom Rockliff, 25, and the calm forever gliding David Mundy, 30, next to Dangerfield will help. Both know how to slide in next to superstars and lend support. Often they do the job so effectively they became the star attraction.

In the test match in Perth, they combined well. Clarkson is hoping for a repeat performance.

"The playing line-up speaks for itself with the reputations they have established in our game, and we know what to expect in the speed and the skills required to succeed with a round ball under different rules," Clarkson said.

The training camp in New York consisted of a practice match and three training sessions to prime the group physically and mentally.

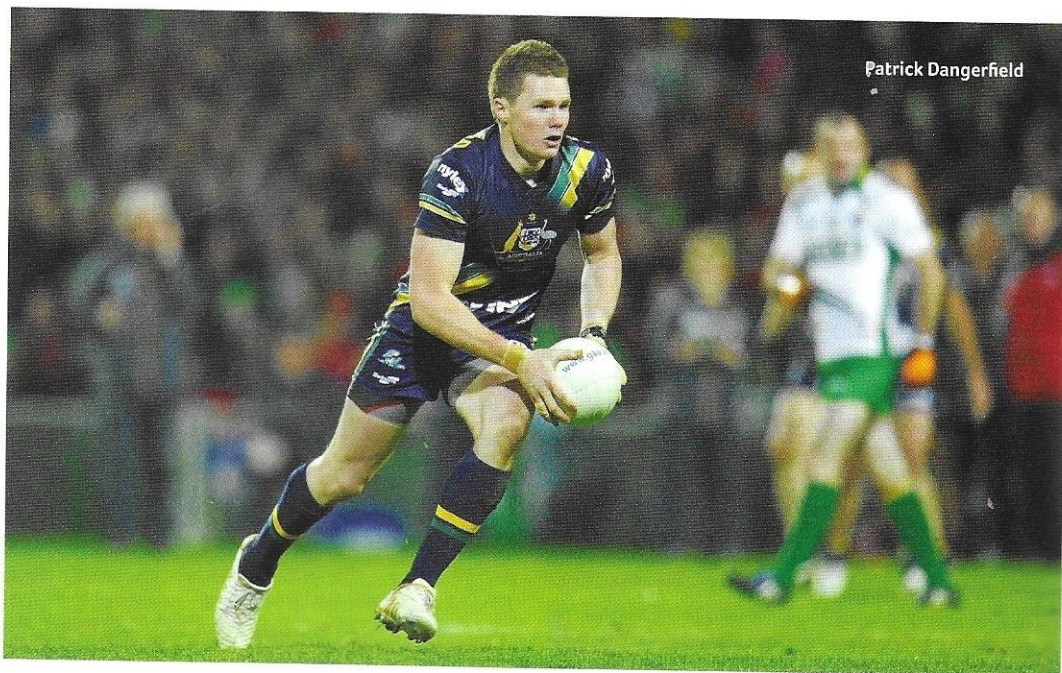
As soon as the squad touched down in Ireland, it was game on, with beating formidable opposition the main objective.

That's why behind all this midfield class is a defensive unit that has the balance to defend and attack.

Robert Murphy, 33, played International Rules for the first time in 2002.

This season he was named All Australian captain, in his first season as club captain at his beloved Western Bulldogs.

Murphy plays the game with a frenetic style suitable for International Rules. When he takes possession he runs, working out his route on the way. He has courage, pace and an understanding of the occasion, which will help him lift for his country.



His younger teammate Easton Wood, 26, took the most intercept marks in the game in 2015 and won his club best and fairest. Wood tumbles back into packs of players heading towards him like he has lost his rear vision mirror and then takes overhead marks.

It's a skill his parents probably wish he hadn't inherited, because of the danger attached to it, but that doesn't worry Wood.

Particularly when he knows Harry Taylor, 29, will be around. Taylor has a funny gait and a lanky left foot but his judgement of the ball in flight is better than any defender in the game. If he sits under a high ball he won't flinch and will be ready to hand it off to runners such as Grant Birchall and Nick Smith.

Both Birchall, 27, and Smith, 27, run with the sort of hunch-backed ferocity only possessed by players who are used to putting their head over the ball.

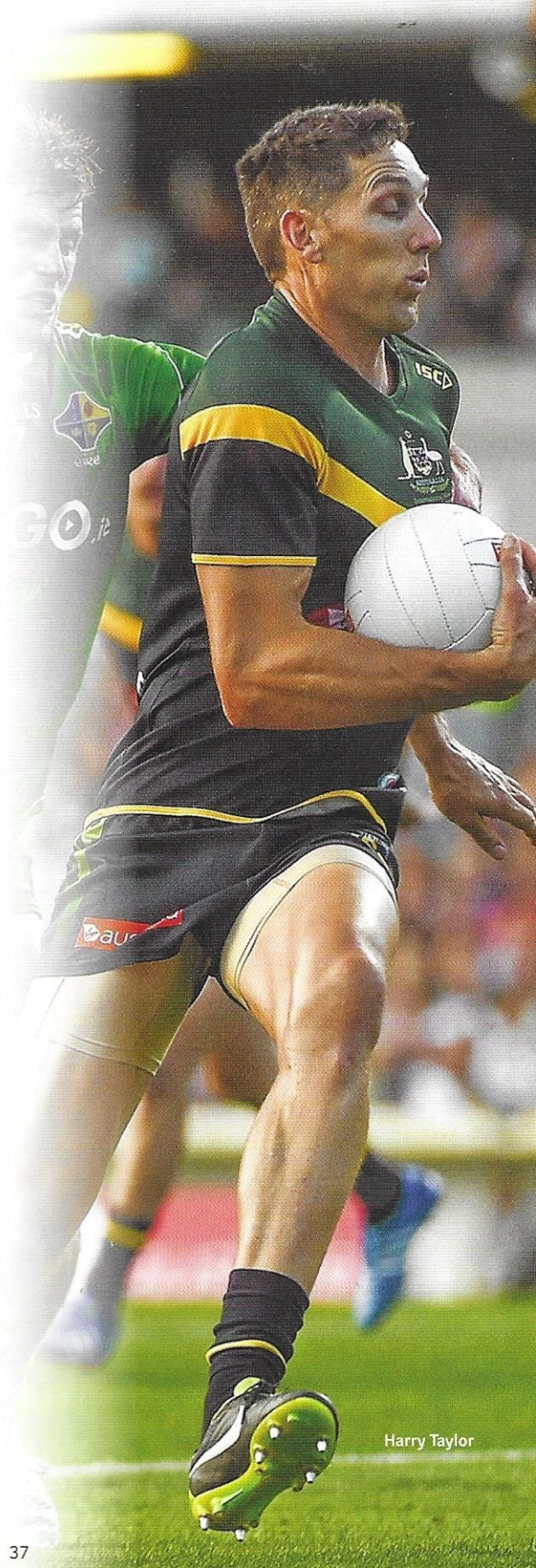
Both are left footers who somehow never find trouble on their right and manage to find 10 metres of grass in front of them to take before kicking. They hate conceding points and will give the Australian goalkeeper unimaginable support.

Ireland is a great team, tough and spirited and ready for the contest.

That's why Australia is throwing its best and most experienced at them.

This will be a game for the big crowd to admire.

"They will have looked at the quality of our players and the way that we played and trying everything they can to win this game and get the trophy back in Ireland," Clarkson said.



Harry Taylor

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Australia	70	57	Ireland
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Australia	76	71	Ireland

## 1987 Croke Park

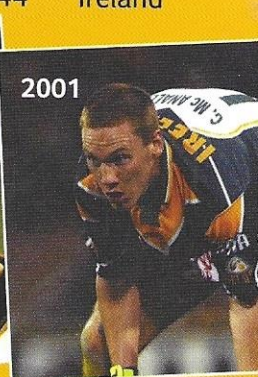
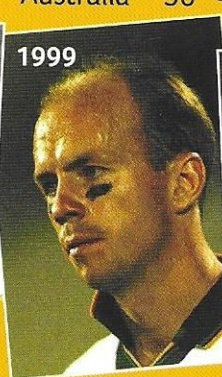
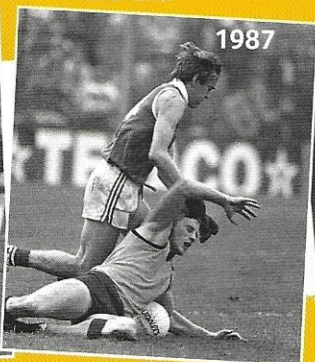
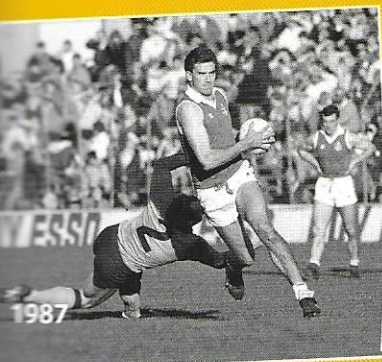
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Australia	72	47	Ireland
<b>Croke Park</b>			
Australia	59	55	Ireland

## 1986 Perth

Australia	64	57	Ireland
<b>Melbourne</b>			
Ireland	62	46	Australia
<b>Adelaide</b>			
Ireland	55	32	Australia

## 1990 Melbourne

Ireland	47	38	Australia
<b>Canberra</b>			
Ireland	52	31	Australia
<b>Perth</b>			
Australia	50	44	Ireland



## 1998 Croke Park

Australia	62	61	Ireland
<b>Croke Park</b>			
Ireland	67	56	Australia

## 2001 Melbourne

Ireland	59	53	Australia
<b>Adelaide</b>			
Ireland	71	52	Australia

## 1999 Melbourne

Ireland	70	62	Australia
<b>Adelaide</b>			
Australia	52	52	Ireland

## 2002 Croke Park

Australia	85	58	Ireland
<b>Croke Park</b>			
Ireland	42	42	Australia

## 2000 Croke Park

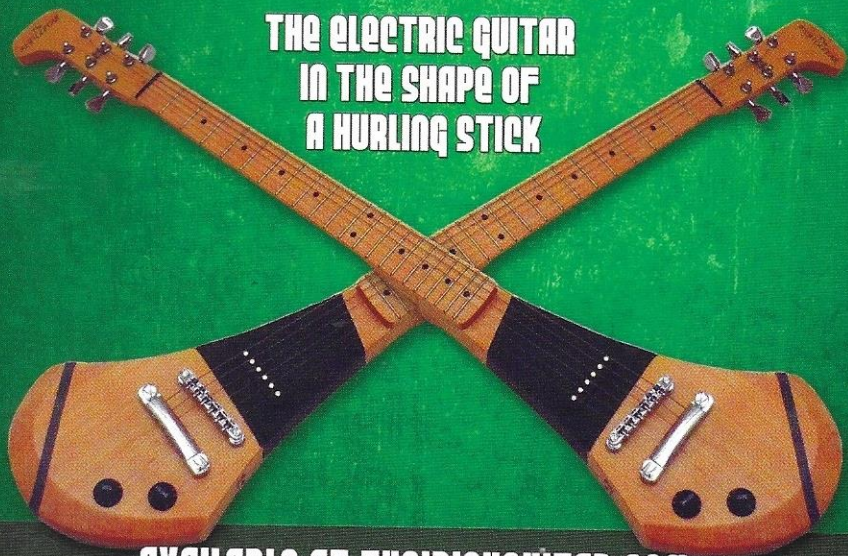
Australia	55	47	Ireland
<b>Croke Park</b>			
Australia	68	51	Ireland

## 2003 Perth

Australia	56	46	Ireland
<b>Melbourne</b>			
Ireland	48	45	Australia

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<b>2004 Croke Park</b>			
Ireland	77	41	Australia
<b>Croke Park</b>			
Ireland	55	41	Australia

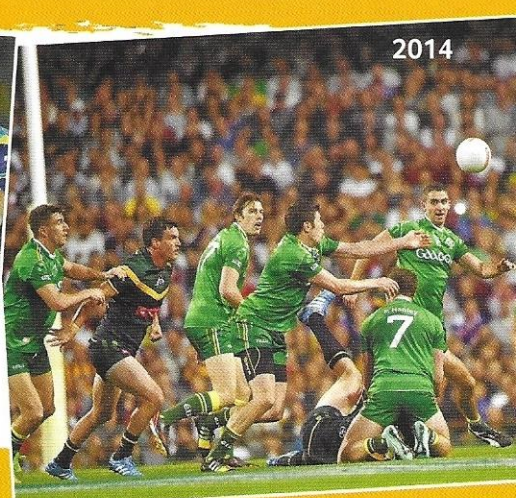
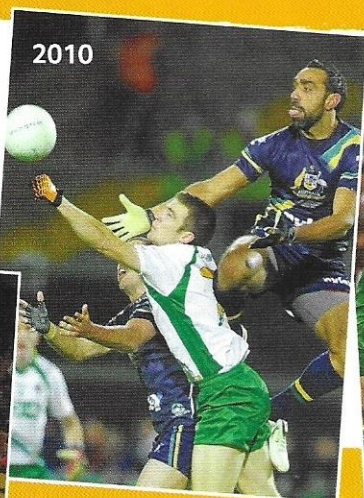
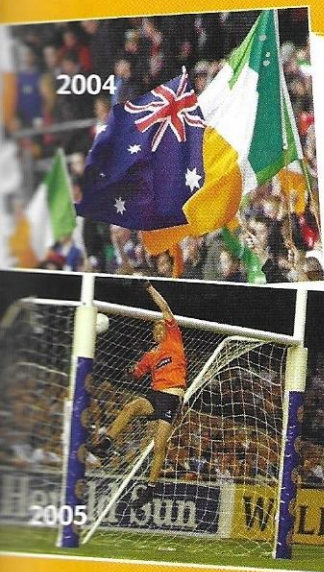
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Australia	63	42	Ireland

<b>2006 Galway</b>			
Ireland	48	40	Australia
<b>Croke Park</b>			
Australia	69	31	Ireland

<b>2008 Perth</b>			
Ireland	45	44	Australia
<b>Melbourne</b>			
Ireland	57	53	Australia

<b>2010 Limerick</b>			
Australia	47	40	Ireland
<b>Croke Park</b>			
Australia	55	52	Ireland

<b>2011 Melbourne</b>			
Ireland	80	36	Australia
<b>Gold Coast</b>			
Ireland	50	29	Australia



<b>2013 Cavan</b>			
Ireland	57	35	Australia
<b>Croke Park</b>			
Ireland	116	37	Australia

<b>2014 Perth</b>			
Australia	56	46	Ireland

<b>SERIES 18</b>		
Ireland		9
Australia		9

<b>TESTS 39 (2 draws)</b>		
Ireland		20
Australia		17

<b>AGGREGATE SCORE</b>		
Ireland		2,212
Australia		2,099



# IRELAND CAPS

## ARMAGH



Steven McDonnell	11
Kieran McGeeney	10
Ciarán McKeever	7
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

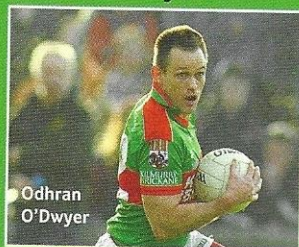


Jim Reilly	3
Dermot McCabe	2
Larry Reilly	2
Stephen King	1

## CLARE



Noel Roche	10
Martin Daly	1
Odhran O'Dwyer	1



Odhran O'Dwyer

## CORK

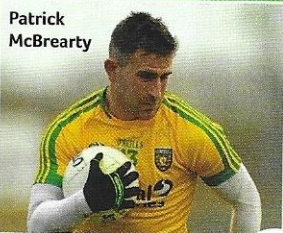


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Jimmy Kerrigan	6
Anthony Lynch	6
Niall Cahalane	5
Aidan Walsh	5
Seán Óg Ó hAilpín	4
John O'Driscoll	3
Brendan Jer O'Sullivan	3
Eoin Cadogan	2
Daniel Goulding	2
Joe Kavanagh	2
Paddy Kelly	2
John Miskella	2
Stephen O'Brien	2
Ciaran O'Sullivan	2
Alan Quirke	2
Eoin Sexton	2
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
Chrissy McKaigue	3
Paddy Bradley	2



Patrick McBrearty

## DONEGAL



Michael Murphy	7
Neil McGee	5
Brendan Devenney	3
Martin Gavigan	3
Martin Crossan	2
Paddy McBrearty	2
Karl Lacey	1
Jim McGuinness	1

## DOWN



Benny Coulter	11
Greg Blaney	7
Kevin McKernan	5
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
Paul Flynn	2
Eamon Heary	2
Ciarán Kilkenny	2
Jack McCaffrey	2
Kieran Barr	1
Tommy Carr	1
Kevin Fagan	1
Coman Goggins	1
Mick Holden	1
James McCarthy	1
Jonathan McGee	1
Colin Moran	1

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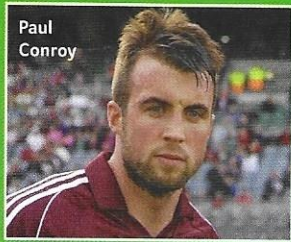


Martin McGrath	3
Paul Brewster	2
Peter McGinnity	1

### GALWAY



Pádraic Joyce	11
Joe Bergin	8
Val Daly	8
Finian Hanley	8
Séamus McHugh	8
Seán Óg de Paor	7
Michael Donnellan	6
Jarlath Fallon	4
Pat Comer	3
Michael Meehan	3
Alan Mulholland	3
Brian O'Donnell	3



Paul Conroy

Paul Conroy	2
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
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
David Moran	1
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
John Doyle	1

### LAOIS



Colm Begley	11
Tom Kelly	8
Ross Munnelly	4
Zach Tuohy	4
Joe Higgins	2
Brian McDonald	2
Colin Browne	1
John Costello	1
Colm Parkinson	1

### LEITRIM



Mick Martin	2
Séamus Quinn	1

### LIMERICK

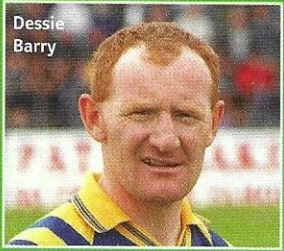


Stephen Kelly	2
Pat Barrett	1

### LONGFORD



Paul Barden	2
Liam Tierney	2
Dessie Barry	1



Dessie Barry

## LOUTH



Paddy Keenan	2
Ciarán Byrne	2

## MAYO

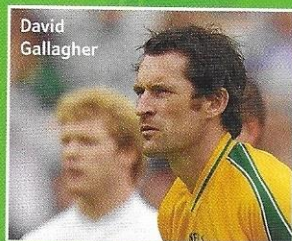


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David Heaney	4
Ciarán McDonald	4
Colm McManamon	3
Colm Boyle	3
Pearce Hanley	3
Lee Keegan	3
Kevin McLoughlin	3
Aidan O'Shea	2
Tom Parsons	2
Peter Burke	1
James Horan	1

## 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
Paddy O'Rourke	3
Robbie O'Malley	3
David Gallagher	2



Eamonn O'Hara



Eoin Kelly	2
Anthony Moyles	2
Joe Cassells	1

## MONAGHAN



Ciarán Murray	6
Darren Hughes	3
Conor McManus	3
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
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## TIPPERARY



Derry Foley	3
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Declan Browne	1
Brian Burke	1
Ciarán McDonald	1

## TYRONE



Seán Cavanagh	13
Peter Canavan	6
Cormac McAnallen	6
Brian McGuigan	4
Joe McMahan	4
Ger Cavlan	3
Finbar Connell	2
Plunkett Donaghy	2
Brian Dooher	2
Kevin Hughes	2
Enda McGinley	2
Justin McMahan	2
Damien O'Hagan	2
Stephen O'Neill	2
Mattie Donnelly	1
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



Matty Forde	4
Ciarán Lyng	1

## WICKLOW



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

# 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 15 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):**

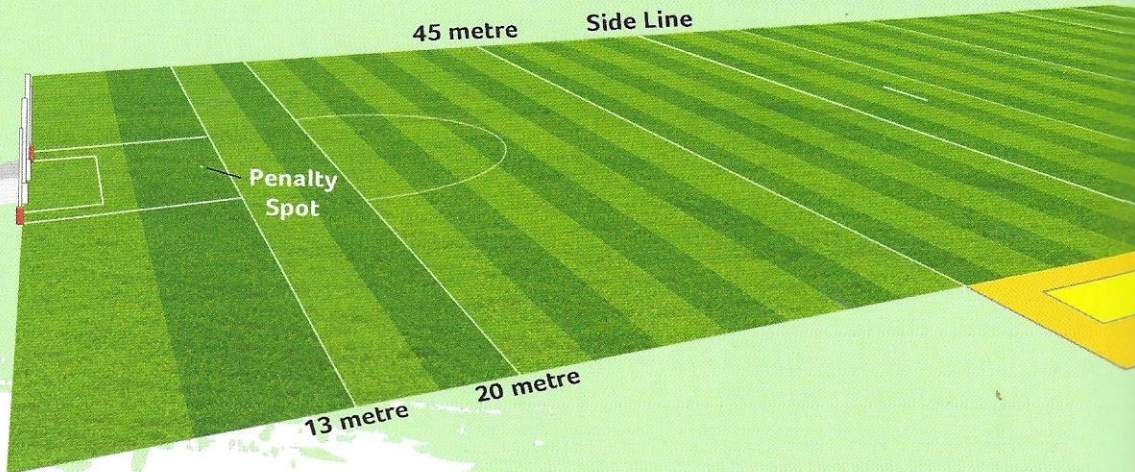
Any player guilty of a red card offence will automatically be sent off for the remainder of the game with no replacement allowed and a penalty kick awarded to the opposition.

**Order Off for the Remainder of the Match and Replacement (Black Card)**

In addition to the awarding of a Free Kick, any player who commits a black card offence shall be sent off for the remainder of the game, with a replacement allowed from among the interchange players.

**Hawkeye:**

A Referee or Umpire may seek and/or obtain clarification that a ball has gone between the Goal Posts for an Over or outside the Goal Posts for a Behind, from the Hawkeye Score Detection System. For the avoidance of doubt it should be noted that the Hawkeye system will not adjudicate on shots close to the Behind posts.



## HISTORY OF 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.

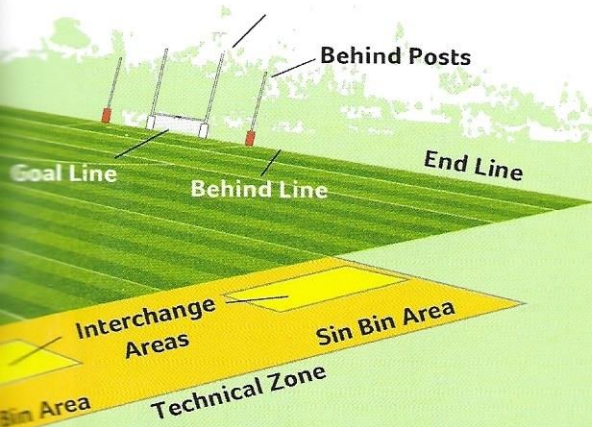
This was confirmed by the well-known writer John Joseph O'Kelly, known as 'Sceilg', in the 1940s when he recalled that in the game being played in the Ring of Kerry in the 1880s: "When one player fielded the ball, he stood back and no member of the opposition was permitted to approach beyond the mark 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:

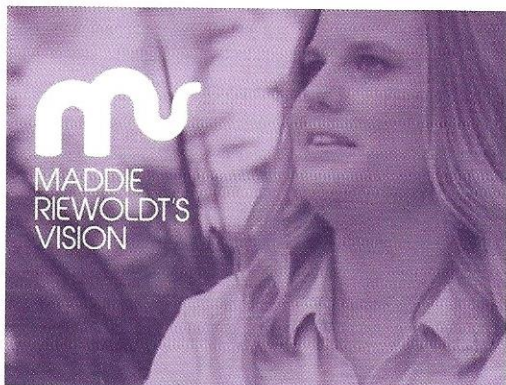
**GOAL – 6 points:** A goal is scored when the ball passes completely between the goal posts and under the crossbar.

**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.

# INSPIRATION AND VISION

by Donal Keenan



**N**ICK RIEWOLDT HAS NEVER BEEN SHORT OF INSPIRATION THROUGHOUT HIS 15 YEAR CAREER IN THE AFL, BUT HE WILL BE ESPECIALLY MOTIVATED WHEN HE LINES OUT FOR HIS COUNTRY THIS YEAR IN DUBLIN FOR THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL RULES SERIES.

As he pulls on the Australian shirt in the Croke Park dressing-room Riewoldt will think of his sister Maddie and the pride she would have taken in this latest chapter of his record-breaking career with St. Kilda and Australia.

Maddie was just 26 when she passed away in February this year after suffering from Aplastic Anaemia, a deficiency of all types of blood cells caused by a failure of bone marrow development.

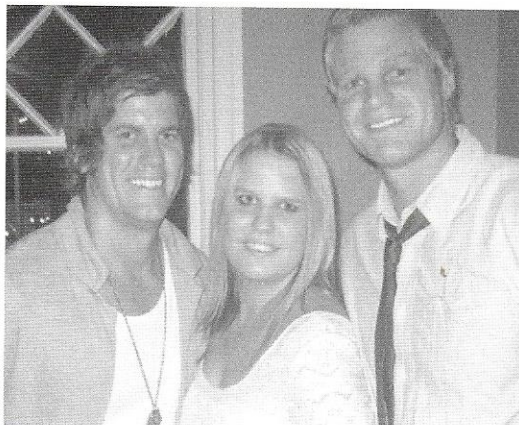
To honour her memory Nick, his brother Alex and their parents Fiona and Joe, along with friends, set up Maddie Riewoldt's Vision, a foundation which will help people

with bone marrow syndromes such as aplastic anaemia. Maddie Riewoldt's Vision is raising money for adolescents and young adults with bone marrow failure syndromes.

The Vision will support those who are suffering from Bone Marrow Failure Syndrome (BMFS) and their families and will also help to fund new treatments.

Maddie was first diagnosed in 2010 with the illness and underwent treatment. She was in remission in 2013 but the illness returned and after spending seven months in hospital fighting the illness Maddie lost the battle earlier this year.

In a powerful interview with the *Herald Sun* in June Nick talked about his sister and her illness. "She hated the illness. It took everything from her in her prime of her life. It took away her ability to travel, to work, have relationships, have fun, so when she got out she wanted to help people in a similar situation.



“She’s done her part. She couldn’t have fought any harder and we now have an opportunity to help other people.

“We have a responsibility to do that. We have to find a positive out of this huge negative in our lives, otherwise what was the point? We owe it to her.”

Nick and his family have received enormous support from the St. Kilda club, his teammates and the wider AFL community in support of the foundation and fundraising will continue and intensify in the future.

In the *Herald Sun* interview the grieving brother explained; “I don’t want anyone else to sit there and watch their sister, watch their daughter go through hell. It’s horrific to watch it slowly take her life. It’s extremely under-resourced and we want to raise money to find a cure.”

Nick, now 33, was born in Hobart but moved

with the family to Gold Coast when he was nine years-old. He was the Number 1 pick in the 2000 AFL draft and made his senior debut for St. Kilda in 2001.

Since then he has played more than 300 games in the AFL and scored over 600 goals. He won the Leigh Matthews Trophy in 2004 when chosen by the AFL Players’ Association as the Most Valuable Player in the AFL.

In that year he also made his debut in the International Rules series. An Australian team coached by Gary Lyon travelled to Ireland and played two tests in Croke Park. It was the first series for which the Cormac McAnallen Trophy was awarded and despite Riewoldt’s efforts, especially in the first test, Ireland were victorious.

Ten years later, in 2014, Nick returned to international duty when Australia defeated Ireland in the one-off test in Perth.

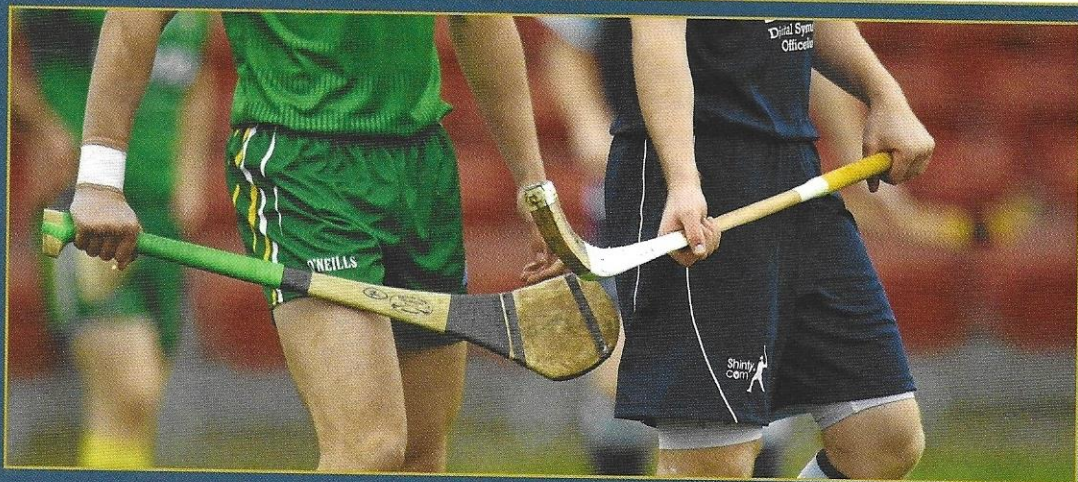
Full details of Maddie Riewoldt’s Vision can be found at [www.mrv.org.au](http://www.mrv.org.au).





# IRELAND SEEK TO OVERTURN SCOTS

by Brian Murphy, GAA.ie



**IF THE BEST WAY OF PREDICTING THE OUTCOME OF A GAME IS BY LOOKING TO THE PAST, THEN THERE IS NO REASON WHY IRELAND SHOULD BE DISHEARTENED BY LAST MONTH'S 10-POINT FIRST TEST DEFEAT TO SCOTLAND IN BUGHT PARK.**

It may have been the heaviest defeat Ireland have suffered at the hands of their Celtic cousins since 2007, but the 24-14 reversal was only one point worse than the margin in the equivalent game last year.

And Ireland dominated the return leg in Newry 12 months ago – Westmeath's Eoin Price hit 2-5 in a 16-point win – to maintain their overall dominance of the series.

Ireland joint manager Jeffrey Lynskey, who led Galway to the All-Ireland minor title in September, had predicted before the first Test that it would take his players time to adapt to the rules – not handling or kicking the size four ball is particularly alien to the Irish players – but he and Gregory O'Kane can't have expected to concede three first-half goals.

However, Glen MacKintosh, Liam MacDonald and Fraser Heath all struck for the Scots in the opening period in Inverness to give them a 3-14 to 0-4 lead at the break.

"That was probably the best first-half performance I've seen from a Scotland team ever," said Scotland manager Ronald Ross afterwards.

With players of the proven pedigree of Patrick Maher (Tipperary), David McInerney (Clare), Shane Moloney (Galway) and Matthew Whelan, Eóin Reilly and Zane Keenan (all Laois) in their squad, an Ireland fightback was inevitable, and it was Laois man Keenan who led the way with 0-8 while Shane Nolan struck both goals.

"We have no excuses," Lynskey said after the game. "In the first half the Scots got the three good goals and we were at sixes and sevens. Usually in this type of game it takes a while for our lads to adapt, particularly when in the rules we can't catch the ball, and can't kick it."

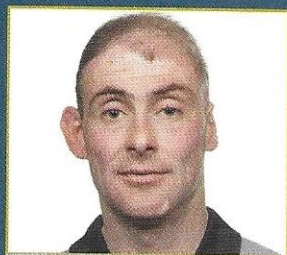
Lynskey and O'Kane will use most of the same players they brought to Inverness last month, but Galway's Shane Moloney has been replaced by three-time All Star TJ Reid (Kilkenny), who is one of the best stickman in the country, and would appear ideally suited to the hybrid code.

Ireland had their bedding-in period in the first Test, but will be expected to get proceedings underway in Croke Park with a second test win, something they have proven adept at in recent years.

# OFFICIALS AND THE RULES

## SEÁN CLEERE, KILKENNY

A member of the National Referee Panel for five years, Seán has vast experience refereeing at national level including taking charge of a Christy Ring Cup final and a Lory Meagher Cup final. In addition to this the O'Loughlin Gaels clubman has refereed Leinster, Senior, Intermediate and Junior finals as well as officiating at county senior finals in his native Kilkenny. The 33-year-old's last Croke Park outing in the primary role was the Walsh Cup final in February.



### 1. FIELD MARKINGS

#### (a) SIZE

Maximum 145 x 90 metres  
Minimum 145 x 80 metres

#### (b) OFFSIDE AREA

A rectangle, 14m by 4.5m, formed by two lines 4.5m long and at right angles to the endline, marked 3.75m from the inside of each goalpost, the ends of these lines being joined.

#### (c) PENALTY AREA

A rectangle, 19m by 13m, formed by two lines 13m long at right angles to the endline marked 6.25m from the inside of each goalpost, the ends of these lines being joined.

#### (d) PENALTY SPOT

20 metres from the centre of the goal line.

#### (e) 20 METRE LINE

Across the field of play 20 metres from the bye line and parallel to it.

#### (f) 65 METRE LINE

Across the field of play 65 metres from the bye line and parallel to it.

#### (g) CENTRE LINE

Across the field of play at the centre for a distance of 10 metres only and parallel to the bye line.

#### (h) SCORING SPACE

Upright posts to be a minimum of 7 metres high and 6.5 metres apart. Both uprights joined by a crossbar 2.5 metres from ground level.

### 2. BALL

Size 4 Hurling ball

### 3. STICKS

Camán or Hurler

### 4. DURATION OF GAMES

Under 21 – 70 minutes (2 x 35 min)

Senior – 80 minutes (2 x 40 min)

### 5. PLAYERS IN TEAM

14 Players plus 4 substitute outfield players and a replacement goalkeeper. Unlimited outfield substitutions can be made but only at a break in play through the 4th Official and with the permission of the Referee. The game will restart when the substituted player has left the field and the incoming player has reached his/her playing position.

### 6. START OF PLAY AND RESUMPTION AFTER GOAL

Ball thrown along centre line between two opposing players.

### 7. RESTART AFTER POINT(S) SCORED

Struck from the ground or from a tee by the Goalkeepers from the 13 metre line.

### 8. SCORING

a. Goal = 3 points (Green Flag)

b. Over the crossbar and between uprights:  
b1. Free or sideline hit off the ground = 2 points (Red Flag)

b2. Roll or jab lift free hit = 1 point (White Flag)

b3. From general play = 1 point (White Flag)

### 9. BALL OVER SIDE LINE

Struck from the ground from the point where it crossed the side line, by a player from the opposite side that last touched the ball.

### 10. BALL OVER END LINE BY DEFENDER

Free hit to attacking side from 65 metre line at point opposite where it crossed the end line.

### 11. BALL OVER END LINE BY ATTACKER

Bye hit / Struck from the ground within the Penalty Area.

### 12. PENALTY HIT

Award for any infringement of rules, by a defender, within the Penalty Area. A free hit is taken from the Penalty Spot (20 metres). 3 defenders are permitted on the goal line all of whom may catch the ball which then must be released within four steps. The free taker must not throw or carry the ball beyond the Penalty Spot. All other players must be behind the 20 metre line.

### 13. FREE HIT / PUCK

For infringement in area between 20 metre line and the end line, excluding the Penalty Area, by a defender. Free hit / Puck to the attacking team from 20 metre line at a point opposite the infringement occurred. All other players must be 20 metres from the free hit.

### 14. ALL OTHER INFRINGEMENTS

Free Hit / Puck taken by opposing team from where offence occurred.

### 15. OFFSIDE

Free Hit / Puck awarded to the defending team if an attacking player, including his extended stick, is within the small rectangle before the ball is played into that area.

### 16. FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

(a) The ball cannot be handled except by the goalkeeper who must release it immediately or a penalty will be awarded. (catching the ball is prohibited)

(b) The ball cannot be kicked, but may be stopped or controlled by use of one or both feet.

(c) A player may not push, trip, kick or jump at an opponent.

(d) A player may not strike an opponent with stick, fist/hand, elbow, knee or foot.

(e) A player shall not obstruct an opponent from playing the ball or charge him in a reckless or dangerous manner.

(f) A player may not swing his stick in a reckless or dangerous manner.

(g) A player may only participate in the game with a stick in his hand which is in a condition not dangerous to another player.

### 17. PITCH INDENTATION

Where a player makes a Pitch Indentation for the purpose of taking a free, sideline or penalty puck, the puck shall be cancelled and play will recommence with a free puck to the position where the offence was committed.

### 18. VIDEO MATCH REFEREE

A Video Match Referee shall be appointed who may be called upon by the referee to clarify if a goal has been scored, or to assist adjudication on whether a foul was committed inside or outside the Penalty Area.

### 19. HAWKEYE

The referee or umpires may seek and/or obtain clarification that a ball has gone between the posts for a point or outside the posts for a wide or 65m free, from the Hawkeye Score Detection System.

\*NOTE - For all Free Hits / Pucks, the ball may be hit from the ground or lifted onto the stick and then struck. All players must be 20 metres apart from the free-hit taker and the player who lifts and strikes the ball must strike from a stationary position.

# HURLING/SHINTY PROFILES

## MICKY BURKE

Longwood, Meath

**Height:** 5' 11" **Weight:** 14st **Appearances:** 1  
1 All Ireland U21 B Championship Medal; 1 All Ireland U16 B  
Championship Medal; Meath Young Hurler of the Year

## BERNARD DEAY

Clane, Kildare

**Height:** 6' 1" **Weight:** 13st **Appearances:** N/A  
1 Christy Ring Championship Medal; 2 NHL Division 2 Medals; 1  
Keogh Cup Championship Medal; 1 Kildare Senior Club League  
Medal; Christy Ring All Star Award 2015

## PAUL DIVILLY

Confey, Kildare

**Height:** 6' 4" **Weight:** 14st 7lbs **Appearances:** 3  
1 Christy Ring Championship Medal; 3 Kildare Senior Club Hurling  
Championship Medals

## DAMIEN HEALY

Longwood, Meath

**Height:** 6' 3" **Weight:** 14st 7lbs **Appearances:** N/A  
3 Kehoe Cup Championship Medals; 1 All Ireland Minor B  
Championship Medal; 1 Meath Minor A Club Championship  
Medal; Meath Hurler of the Year 2013

## ZANE KEENAN

Camross, Laois

**Height:** 6' 1" **Weight:** 13st 7lbs **Appearances:** N/A  
2 Laois Senior Club Hurling Medals; 5 Laois U21 Club Hurling  
Medals; 1 Minor Club Hurling Medal

## PAT KELLY

Clarecastle (Clare), Kerry

**Height:** 6' 3" **Weight:** 13st 5lbs **Appearances:** N/A  
1 All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship (Clare 2013), 1 All-  
Ireland U21 Championship (Clare 2009), 2 Fitzgibbon Cup (NUIG,  
WIT), Christy Ring Cup (Kerry 2015).

## PATRICK MAHER

Lorrha & Dorrha, Tipperary

**Height:** 5' 10" **Weight:** 13st **Appearances:** 2  
1 All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship, 4 Munster Senior  
Hurling Championship, 1 All-Ireland U21 Hurling Championship,  
1 All-Ireland Minor Championship, 1 All Star.

## NEAL McAULEY

Ballycastle, Antrim

**Height:** 6' **Weight:** 14st **Appearances:** 2  
1 Christy Ring Championship Medal; 10 Ulster Senior Club  
Championship Medals; 3 Ulster U21 Club Championship Medals; 3  
Ulster Minor Club Championship Medals;

## DAVID MCINERNEY

Tulla, Clare

**Height:** 6' 1" **Weight:** 13st 7lbs **Appearances:** 2  
1 All-Ireland Senior Championship Medal; 2 All Ireland U21  
Championship Medals; 2 Munster U21 Championship Medals; 1  
Fitzgibbon Cup Championship Medal; 1 Ryan Cup Championship  
Medal; 1 Munster Minor Championship Medal; 1 Clare Senior B  
Club Championship Medal

## PADDY MCKENNA

Clane, Kildare

**Height:** 6' **Weight:** 10st 7lbs **Appearances:** 2  
1 Christy Ring Championship Medal; 1 All Ireland U21 A  
Championship Medal; 3 Leinster U21 A Championship Medals

## DEREK McNICHOLAS

Lough Lene Gaels, Westmeath

**Height:** 5' 10" **Weight:** 14st **Appearances:** 2  
3 Christy Ring Championship Medals; 1 Railway Cup Medal; 2  
Hurling Shinty International Medals; 1 Westmeath Senior Club  
Championship Medal

# IRELAND

## BRYAN MURPHY

Causeway, Kerry

**Height:** 5' 11" **Weight:** 13st **Appearances:** 3  
2 Christy Ring Championship Medals; 2 AHL Division 2A Medals; 3  
Hurling/Shinty International Medals; Christy Ring All Star Award;  
IT Tralee Sports Scholarship recipient

## SHANE NOLAN

Crotta O'Neills, Kerry

**Height:** 6' 3" **Weight:** 13st **Appearances:** 4  
2 Christy Ring Championship Medals; 2 NHL Division 2A  
Medals; 1 NHL Division 3A Medal; 3 U21 All-Ireland B Hurling  
Medals; 1 Minor All-Ireland B Hurling Medal; 1 U21 Kerry Club  
Championship Medal; 3 Christy Ring All Star Awards; 1 Christy  
Ring Player of the Year

## NIALL Ó MUINEACHÁIN

Celbridge, Kildare

**Height:** 6' 2" **Weight:** 12st 7lbs **Appearances:** N/A  
1 Christy Ring Championship Medal; 4 Kildare Senior Club  
Championship Medals; 1 Christy Ring All Star Award; Captain  
Kildare Senior Hurling Team 2014

## EOIN PRICE

Clonkill, Westmeath

**Height:** 5' 7" **Weight:** 12st **Appearances:** 4  
2 Christy Ring Championship Medals; 1 All-Ireland Club  
Intermediate Championship Medal; 1 Leinster Club Intermediate  
Championship Medal; 4 Westmeath Senior Championship  
Medals; 4 Hurling/Shinty International Medals; 1 Christy Ring  
All Star Award; AIT Fresher Hurler of the Year; Hurling/Shinty  
International Captain 2012

## TJ REID

Ballyhale Shamrocks, Kilkenny

**Height:** 6' 2" **Weight:** 13st 7lbs **Appearances:** N/A  
6 Kilkenny Senior Championship Medals, 6 Leinster Senior  
Championship Medals, 5 All-Ireland Senior Championship  
Medals, 4 Leinster Club Championship Medals, 3 All-Ireland Club  
Championship Medals, 3 All Stars, 2015 Player of the Year

## EOIN REILLY

Abbeyleix, Laois

**Height:** 6' **Weight:** 12st **Appearances:** 6  
Leinster Poc Fada Winner 2010 & 2013; Senior Hurling/Shinty  
International Captain 2014; U21 Hurling/Shinty International  
Captain 2010.

## JAMES TOHER

Trim, Meath

**Height:** 6' 1" **Weight:** 14st **Appearances:** 3  
1 All Ireland Minor B Hurling Championship Medal; 1 Leinster  
Minor B Championship Medal; 3 Meath Minor Championship  
Medals; U21 Hurling/Shinty International Captain 2013 & 2014;  
NUIM Sport Scholarship Recipient

## MATTHEW WHELAN

Borris-in-Ossary/Kilcotton, Laois

**Height:** 6' 1" **Weight:** 14st 7lbs **Appearances:** 1  
2 AHL Division 2 Medals; Captain Laois Senior Hurlers 2015

# HURLING/SHINTY PROFILES

## SCOTLAND

### LEE BAIN

Kingussie **Age: 27**  
This is Lee's second International cap after making his debut in 2012. Lee has had an excellent season for his club Kingussie with a number of outstanding defensive performances.

### JOHN BARR

Kingussie **Age: 32**  
John has been a colossus at the heart of the Scotland defence for many years. Having another outstanding season for his club Glenurquhart, John is a fit, powerful player and a match for the best forwards in the game.

### KEVIN BARTLETT

Lovat **Age: 24**  
A top drawer forward who has been a revelation in recent International matches with his goals and dead ball striking. Scored two goals in this year's SSE Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup final. Kevin has all the attributes a top forward requires.

### DANIEL CAMERON

Oban Camanachd **Age: 27**  
Daniel makes a welcome return to the International scene after a year out. A fit, committed, powerful player who has been a standout performer in this year's Premiership. Daniel is a natural leader with a tremendous work ethic.

### CONOR CORMACK

Beaulys **Age: 24**  
A tall, determined player who can play in midfield or defence to great effect. Conor has had another terrific season with his club and played a crucial role in their 2015 Balliemore Cup success.

### ZANDER FERGUSON

Lochaber **Age: 24**  
This is "Zands" first International cap and an honour he richly deserves. A strong, fit, tenacious player who can also play in midfield and was one of the star performers for the U21 team in Ennis in 2012.

### FRASER HEATH

Glenurquhart **Age: 21**  
Fraser has produced many outstanding performances for Glenurquhart this season and was part of the Scotland U21 team that were victorious in Newry last year. Outstanding prospect.

### GRANT IRVINE

Kyles Athletic **Age: 27**  
Grant has been a standout performer for his club Kyles Athletic this year and is back to his very best after recovering from a serious knee injury. A fit, stylish player who can play in midfield or attack; Grant will play an important role in this year's International matches.

### RORY KENNEDY

Newtonmore **Age: 23**  
Rory is without question one of the most talented players in our sport. A great reader of the game with excellent stick skills. Rory was Captain of the U21 team in Ennis in 2012 and makes his Senior debut this year.

### PAUL MACARTHUR

Newtonmore **Age: 28**  
Paul is a talented, attacking midfielder player who has had another excellent season for his club Newtonmore. One of the cleanest hitters of a shinty ball and a player who scores his fair share of goals from the midfield.

### LIAM MACDONALD

Kilmallie **Age: 25**  
An extremely talented player with great technical ability, Liam's goals this year for his club have pushed them to the brink of promotion to the Premiership.

### RODDY MACDONALD

Kyles Athletic **Age: 27**  
An extremely gifted player who excels in any position he is asked to play for club and country. Roddy scored two goals in last year's Home leg and will be an important player in this year's games.

### STEVEN MACDONALD

Newtonmore **Age: 25**  
Last season's Marine Harvest Player of the Year, Steven is a natural athlete and one of the most accomplished players in our game today. A player with great versatility, who scored two goals in this year's Macaulay Cup final and was a star performer in last year's International matches.

### GLEN MACKINTOSH

Newtonmore **Age: 36**  
Glen has had a fantastic season for his club and tops the goal scoring charts. His goals and general play contributed significantly to his club retaining the Premiership title in 2015. Glen has just been named Marine Harvest Premiership Player of the Year.

### STUART MACKINTOSH

Glenurquhart **Age: 27**  
"Smack" makes a welcome return to the International fold. A goalkeeper with tremendous ability and experience and was a pivotal figure in his club Glenurquhart winning this year's RBS MacTavish Cup final.

### FINLAY MACRAE

Kinlochshiel **Age: 30**  
A regular international for the last number of years, Finlay is a strong and versatile player who excels in any position he is asked to fulfil for club and country. A real class act Finlay is a formidable defender and well respected in the game.

### CALLUM MILLAR

Kyles Athletic **Age: 24**  
A rock at fullback, Callum made his Senior International debut last year. A strong, fit, powerful player who is fast becoming one of the best defenders in our game.

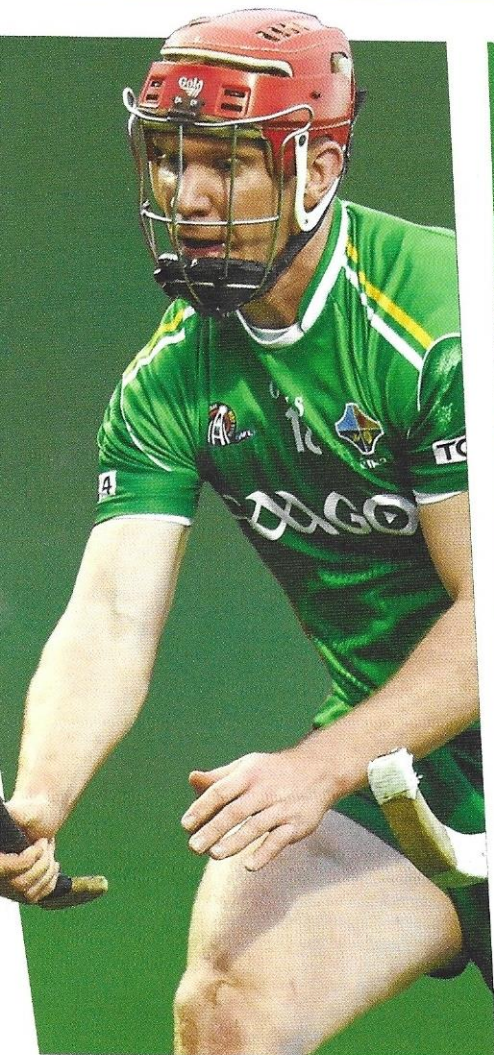
### SHAUN NICOLSON

Lochaber **Age: 28**  
Shaun has recovered well from a broken thumb he sustained earlier in the season and has gone on to produce a number of outstanding performances for his club Lochaber. An experienced International player who can make and score goals.

### NEALE REID

Glenurquhart **Age: 24**  
Neale has the potential to be one of the best forwards in the game. A player with electrifying pace and a rocket shot. Neale is having his best season to date in a Glenurquhart jersey.

# IRELAND HURLING/SHINTY



1. EGIN REILLY (GOALKEEPER) (LAOIS)
2. MICKEY BURKE (MEATH)
3. BERNARD DEAY (KILDARE)
4. PAUL DIVILLY (KILDARE)
5. DAMIEN HEALY (MEATH)
6. PAT KELLY (KERRY)
7. ZANE KEENAN (LAOIS)
8. TJ REID (KILKENNY)
9. NEAL McAULEY (ANTRIM)
10. DAVID McINERNEY (CLARE)
11. DEREK McNICHOLAS (WESTMEATH)
12. BRYAN MURPHY (KERRY)
13. SHANE NOLAN (KERRY)
14. NIALL Ó MUINEACHÁIN (KILDARE)
15. EGIN PRICE (WESTMEATH)
16. PADDY McKENNA RESERVE GK (KILDARE)
17. PATRICK MAHER (TIPPERARY)
18. JAMES TOHER (MEATH)
19. MATTHEW WHELAN (CAPT) (LAOIS)

#### IRELAND MANAGEMENT:

**JEFFREY LYNKEY** -The Liam Mellows clubman guided the Galway minors to All-Ireland success this year and along with the assistance of O'Kane managed the U21 Hurling/Shinty squad for the last three years. Lynkey also tasted success with the Galway/Roscommon Education and Training Board team as they won the Fergal Maher Hurling Championship.

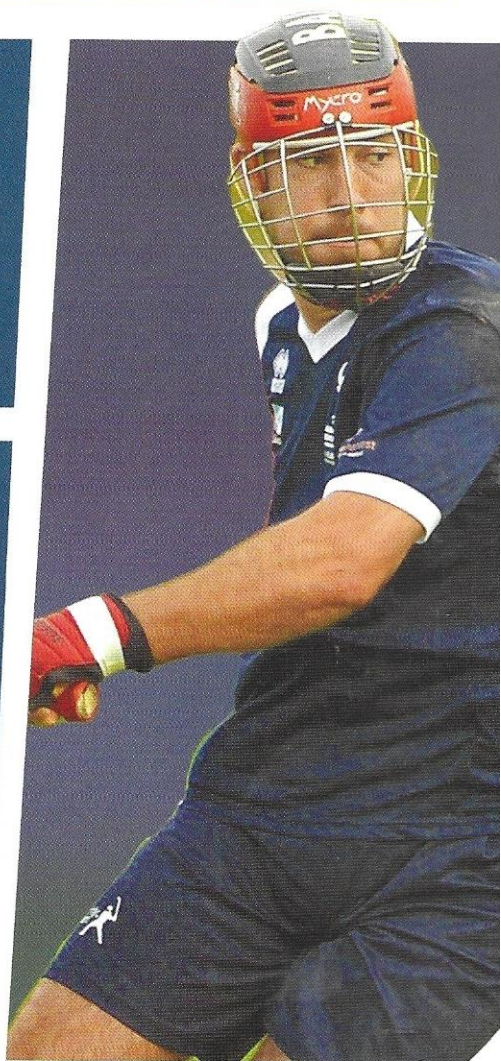
**GREGORY O'KANE** -The former Antrim hurler has won eight provincial medals with the Glensmen and ten more with his club Dunloy in the Ulster Championship. Although this is his first year in charge of the senior squad, three years with the U21s has been an invaluable experience.

**Team Physio** – Tony Spain   **Team Doctor** – Páraic Quinn   **Kit Manager** – Roger Casey



# SCOTLAND HURLING/SHINTY

1. STUART MACKINTOSH
2. STEVEN MACDONALD
3. FINLAY MACRAE
4. CALLUM MILLAR
5. RORY KENNEDY
6. LEE BAIN
7. JOHN BARR (CAPT)
8. GRANT IRVINE
9. CONOR CORMACK
10. RODDY MACDONALD
11. KEVIN BARTLETT
12. GLEN MACKINTOSH
13. LIAM MACDONALD
14. FRASER HEATH
15. DANIEL CAMERON
16. ZANDER FERGUSON
17. NEALE REID
18. SHAUN NICOLSON
19. PAUL MACARTHUR



#### SCOTLAND MANAGEMENT :

**RONALD ROSS** - The 42-year old had an illustrious playing career with his club Kingussie that saw him win all the major honours as a player and a captain. This is Ross's second year in charge of the Scottish squad.

**JIMMY GOW** - A former legendary midfielder for Kingussie who brings a wealth of experience to the international scene. The 54-year-old assistant manager is renowned for his motivational effect on players.

**ALI FERGUSON** - Currently manager of Premiership side Lochaber who had a fantastic season in shinty's top flight. The 54-year-old assistant manager has managed the senior team in the past to great effect.

**Head Trainer** - Neil Bowman    **Forwards Coach** - Kevin Thain

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**C**UMANN NA MBUNSCOL, ÁTH CLIATH, HAS HAD A CONNECTION WITH INTERNATIONAL RULES GOING BACK TO THE TIME WHEN CHILDREN FROM DUBLIN PRIMARY SCHOOLS WERE COACHED BY THE LEGENDARY WAYNE CAREY ON ONE OF HIS VISITS WITH THE AUSTRALIA TEAM.

Traditionally, schools have allowed pupils watch the games from Australia in their classrooms as they cheer for Ireland and their particular Dublin heroes. With the Sam Maguire cup currently residing in the capital, interest in our games is intense and we are delighted to have representatives of a selection of schools participating at half-time tonight as they showcase their skills on an international stage.

396 teams from 317 schools participated in the 2015 football leagues which finished with 33 finals here in Croke Park. Some of those finalists will play tonight including one boy, Tony McNally from St. Fintan's NS in Sutton, who is a great grandson of Jeremiah Shelly who played for Tipperary on Bloody Sunday 95 years ago on this day.



## PARTICIPANTS

**Reece Morgan, Conor Horan**  
Michael McShane - St. Pius, Templeogue

**Cathal O'Sullivan** - Ballyroan NS

**Thomas Paterson**  
Cian O'Reilly - St. Joseph's, Terenure

**Killian Carolan**  
Josh Hatton - St. Damien's, Walkinstown

**Shane Byrne, Fionn Lynch**  
- St. Maeiruan's, Old Bawn

**Eoin Ryan** - Holy Family, Swords

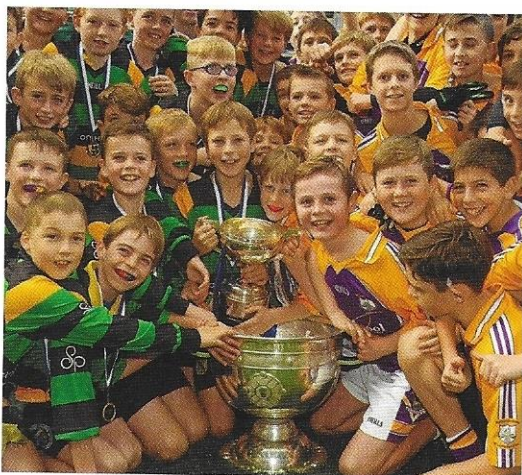
**Seán Ryan, Eoin Kiernan, Tony McNally**  
Aidan Murphy - Holy Trinity, Donaghmede

**Finn Ó Broin**  
Luke Ó Broin - Gaelscoil Lios na nÓg, Ranelagh

**Dyan Flanagan**  
Conor Flanagan - St. Fintan's NS, Sutton

**Ben Hogan** - Scoil Mhuire, Howth

Referees: Craig Reilly and Mark Kenneally  
(Allianz Dublin Primary Whistlers)



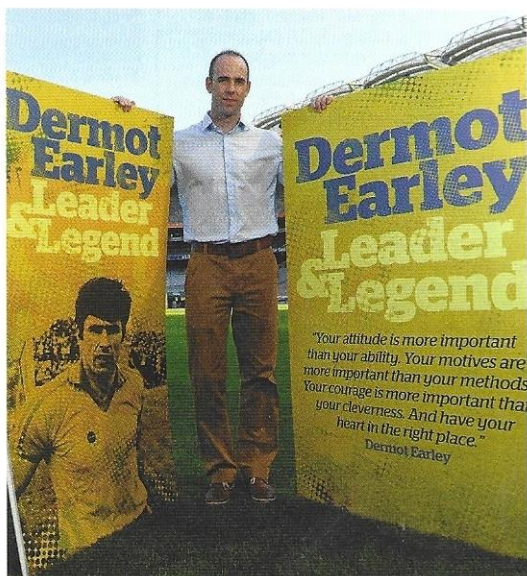
# INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION

**T**ODAY DERMOT EARLEY JR. WILL BE ON THE SIDELINE GUIDING THE IRISH INTERNATIONAL RULES TEAM IN THEIR TEST SERIES MATCH AGAINST AUSTRALIA, WHILE EARLIER TODAY OVER 100 YOUNG MEMBERS RECEIVED AWARDS IN CROKE PARK FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE DERMOT EARLEY YOUTH LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE.

The programme, honouring his father's legacy, targets young GAA members between 15 and 18 years of age and operates as an innovative partnership between the GAA, Foróige and NUI Galway.

Participants received a certificate from Uachtarán Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, Aogán Ó Fearghail, for completing the first of their three modules. Those who successfully complete all three modules between September 2015 and May 2016 will be eligible to receive a FETAC level 6 Foundation Certificate in Youth Leadership and Community Action from NUIG.

Helping to guide their journey through this exploration of leadership were a troupe of facilitators who volunteered from within the GAA and Foróige, each of whom completed a four-day training course in NUIG. For their time and efforts they were also awarded with



a parchment for the Foundation Diploma in Training and Education.

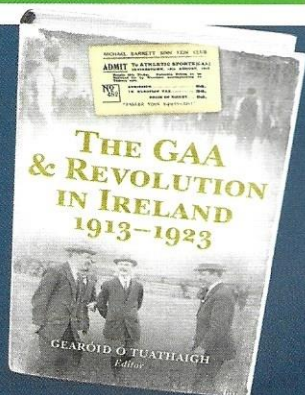
For more information on the Dermot Earley Youth Leadership Initiative visit [www.gaa.ie/community](http://www.gaa.ie/community)

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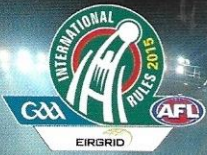
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# Kernan proud of players as Ireland resist late Australian charge

Ireland's International Rules Test victory on Saturday night was an impressive display – although late slippage caused unexpected levels of anxiety – against a very strong Australian selection.

"Of course, we were worried," said manager Joe Kernan of the second-half fade-out. "We lost our composure, I think we gave the ball away seven times coming out of our defence, which was a mortal sin. But just when we needed it most, Gary Brennan had a fantastic last quarter. His three catches were unbelievable and I think everyone in the whole country would be proud of him. "We recomposed ourselves and won four or five balls in a row, which slowed it down and we regained it."

It was clear that Kernan and the players had learned a great deal from the setback in last year's Test in Perth when Paul Earley's team got off to a poor start that wasn't recoverable, even with a strong second half.

## Economical

They didn't allow Australia the flying start that had effectively won the match in 2014 and were vastly more economical than their opponents.

"I think the overall possession was 380 to 240, so we controlled the ball," said the visiting coach Alastair Clarkson. "Forty-seven times the ball went inside 20 metres of their goal they were only 27. So we had significant opportunity, just couldn't convert some of those chances."

**“The Irish played well. We just rushed a little bit more than they did**

Ireland	56 [3-11-5]
Australia	52 [1-13-7]

Seán Moran  
at Croke Park

## Test details Teams and scorers

**IRELAND:** N Morgan (Tyrone); E Doyle (Kildare), RO'Carroll (Dublin), P McMahan (Dublin); J McCaffrey (Dublin), E Cadogan (Cork), L Keegan (Mayo); M Quinn (Longford), G Brennan (Clare); M Donnelly (Tyrone), D Connolly (Dublin), D Walsh (Kerry); C McManus (Monaghan), A O'Shea (Mayo), B Brogan (capt, Dublin). **Inter-change:** C Begley (Laois), P Harte (Tyrone), D Hughes (Monaghan), P Kerrigan (Cork), C McDonald (Tipperary), JO'Loughlin (Laois), P Cribbin (Kildare), P McBreearty (Donegal).

**Scorers:** McManus 17 [1-3-2], O'Shea 15 [2-1-0], Brogan 13 [0-4-1], Connolly 4 [0-1-1], Hughes, Keegan, 3 [0-1-0] each, Kerrigan 1 [0-0-1].

**AUSTRALIA:** D Fletcher (Essendon); E Wood (Western Bulldogs), B Goddard (Essendon), D Mundy (Fremantle); S Mitchell (Hawthorn), L Hodge (Hawthorn), L Montagna (St Kilda); R Murphy (Western Bulldogs), H Taylor (Geelong); H Ballantyne (Fremantle), J Roughead (Hawthorn), R Gray (Port Adelaide); P Dangerfield (Geelong), N Riewoldt (St Kilda), E Betts (Adelaide), (Hawthorn). **Inter-change:** A Gaff (West Coast), J Stringer (Western Bulldogs), T Rockliff (Brisbane Lions), L Breust (Hawthorn), D Heppell (Essendon), G Birchall (Hawthorn), N Smith (Sydney Swans).

**Scorers:** Betts 14 [1-2-2], Gray, Riewoldt 10 [0-3-1] each, Breust 4 [0-1-1], Ballantyne, Roughead, Montagna, Mundy 3 [0-1-0] each, Stringer, Rockliff 1 [0-0-1] each

ly well. Controlled it at different stages. We just rushed a little bit more than they did at crucial stages. Just fell short in the end."

There were a few reasons underpinning the home success. Firstly, an improved defence meant that Australia weren't able to get into a scoring stride in the early stages. Rory O'Carroll at full back and his fellow backs scrambled hard to prevent easy marks and it wasn't until the second half that the AFL team began to find any sort of rhythm.

Secondly Ireland managed to replicate the strong points of last year, especially ball winning. The 45-metre requirement for kick-outs had been expected to benefit the Australians to a great extent but in the

second year of its implementation the home side again fared well.

Despite height disadvantages, Ireland did well on re-starts. Aidan O'Shea who had a superb match switching between the full forwards where he plundered two goals – six pointers – and centrefield where he plucked down a number of balls.

## Primary function

Goalkeeper Niall Morgan's kick-outs were also excellent, calmly taken and well placed. He also had a good match in full filling the primary function – a terrific save just before the end of the first quarter pushing Jake Stringer's shot out for a behind (one pointer).

Kernan's stated intention had been to rely on traditional Gaelic skills by getting ball into a lethal full forward unit where Bernard Brogan and Conor McManus complemented O'Shea's rampaging intentions. Between them they supplied 45 of Ireland's 56 points

only negative incident of the evening saw Donegal's Patrick McBreearty pushed into a goalpost as he was putting the ball in the net.

According to Kernan, the player was hospitalised for scrutiny of a bang on his shoulder and also to investigate potential kidney damage.

By half-time Ireland were 20 ahead, 43-23, and cruising. The attacking conversion rate was excellent with just one wide (admittedly about 12 metres wider than in the GAA game) and one behind.

## Good catches

Australia steadied the match in the third quarter, shaving nine points off the lead and showcasing Nick Riewoldt's marking ability, as the St Kilda forward ended the quarter with seven points from a couple of really good catches.

Australia were pushing forward to the extent that goalkeeper Dustin Fletcher played almost as a seventh defender.

Ireland looked to be just

marking time themselves when playing cautiously through the final quarter, but the match lurched into uncertainty when Eddie Betts was able to scramble Andrew Gaff's dropping ball into the net when going above the Irish defence, with Jarryd Roughead and eventually being credited with the goal.

A behind quickly followed and there were just three points in it with as many minutes left.

Ireland responded impressively. Brennan took three great catches to ease pressure and the urgency returned. Brogan registered the last score and beat O'Shea to the GAA medal for the series – to the surprise of Clarkson afterwards.

Harry Taylor won the Jim Stynes medal for Australian

They were facilitated to an extent by Clarkson's taste for running a high line in defence and at times the Ireland forwards were isolated in acres of space as the Australians flooded up in full-court presses.

Brogan caused a great deal of alarm when in space and but for a smart intervention by Robert Murphy would have been in for a couple more.

He facilitated himself with a couple of overs to keep the scoreboard moving in situations when goals might have been on but the margin was expanding all the time.

Like last year, the match was settled by early superiority. Ireland's three goals came in the first half – O'Shea following up for two of them and McManus

## Shinty-Hurling

# Late scores seal victory

Ireland **2-10**  
Scotland **2-8**

Late scores from Kerry's Shane Nolan and Eoin Price of Westmeath helped Ireland to a two-point win over Scotland in Saturday's Shinty-Hurling International at Croke Park.

A Fraser Heath goal gave Scotland an early 1-2 to 0-1 lead, but goals from Laois's Zane Keenan and Patrick 'Bonnar' Maher gave Ireland a 2-7 to 2-6 interval lead.

Points were at a premium in the second half, with Kevin Bartlett and Derek McNicholas trading scores.

Both sides defended well, but were also guilty of wides, before Nolan and Price stepped up to ensure an Irish win.

Ireland manager Jeff Lynskey felt his side had to work hard.

### Two scores

"We had chances, but we just didn't convert. It was hard won and hard fought. We got the two scores at the end and thankfully we won."

Matthew Whelan was thrilled to captain Ireland to victory.

"It's a huge honour. It's one of those rare things you get to do in your career," he said.

"I was looking forward to it all week in the hope that I would get to go up the steps of the Hogan Stand. Unfortunately Laois don't get to do it too often, so I was going to savour it."

**IRELAND:** E Reilly, B Murphy, J Toher, M Burke, M Whelan, D Healy, **D McNicholas (0-1)**, D McInerney, **N McAuley (0-1)**; Z Keenan (1-5), P Maher (1-0), E Price (0-2); T J Reid, S Nolan (0-1). **Rolling Subs:** B Deay, P Divilly, P Kelly, N O Muineacháin, P McKenna.

**SCOTLAND:** S MacKintosh, F MacRae, C Millar, **S MacDonald (0-2)**, R Kennedy, L Bain, D Cameron, J Barr, C Cormack, R MacDonald, **K Bartlett (1-6)**, G MacKintosh, L MacDonald, **F Heath (1-0)**. **Rolling Subs:** G Irvine, Z Ferguson, N Reid, S Nicolson, P MacArthur.

**Referee:** Seán Cleere (Kilkenny).



■ Ireland's David McInerney in action against Scotland at Croke Park

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