



C.L.G. Chill Charta
1970 - 1975

Curaidh na Condae Faoi - 21

1972, '73, '74



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The period 1970 to 1975 was probably one of the most critical periods in the history of our club. In that period the club had won a Junior Championship in 1971, then Under 21 championships in 1972, 1973 and 1974 and a county senior league in 1975. A good foundation stone was laid by the minor championship of 1964 but it was the 3 in a row wins by the under 21s that provided the backbone of the winning senior teams of the seventies and eighties.

It is fitting, therefore, that 25 years later we acknowledge the work done during the period 1970 -1975 and take a brief glimpse at the happenings in our own club, County and Nationally during these years, while our main focus is on the reporting of the under 21 games that led to these memorable victories in 1972, 1973 and 1974.

The club officials and the team managers, Francis Barry Campbell 1972 and Seamus Gillespie in 1973 & 1974 deserve our gratitude for the commitment at that time as the Under 21 championship was in its infancy, having commenced in 1971.

Many of these players went on to win Donegal Senior championship, senior league and All-Ireland Gaeltacht medals with our club.

Ní neart go cur le chéile.



Cathaoirleach 1998

D'imigh an chuid ba mhí de mhuintir óg Iardheisceart Thír Chonaill thar lear ins na caogadaí agus ag tús na seascadaí agus bhí fir óga gann go maith. Bhí an ceantar ó Cheann Ghlinne go Droichead Inbhear faoi chlub Chill Chartha nuair a bhí mí mo rúnaí i 1962 agus '63.

Shocraigh Gleanholmchille agus Na Cealla Beaga a gclubanna féin a athbhunú arís rud a d'fhág paróiste Chill Chartha lag go maith ach threabh muid linn. Bhí dhá bhlian agus níor bhain an club aon cluiche in aon ghrád. Thobair go ndeachaidh an club faoi.

Bá i 1970 a chonaic muid an ceád ga soluis ag teacht inár dtreo - foireann mionúr a bhuaidh Corn Iniscaol. Ba daoine speisialta iad seo - daoine a raibh ciall acu - daoine a leag an bunchloch don chlub. Th'inig na daoine seo uilig aníos le chéile, fuair siad teagasc peile agus teagasc intleachtúil sa cheardscoil, traenail sa chlub, obair sa boyard agus in aiteacha eile agus d'fhág siad an club le corn de chinéal éigin ar an tábla ag an dinneár cinn bhliana gach geimhreadh, sna seachtmhadaí agus siar ins na ochtmhadaí.

Chonaic mé foireann mionúr i mbliana arís ?



Runáí 1973 - 74

1970

1970 started the decade on a quiet note without giving any indication that a major breakthrough by Kilcar footballers was near.

In the first round of the Donegal Junior football league N. Mhuire Kilcar wearing white jerseys, defeated Naomh Columba at the Parish Park, Cashel.

On the last Sunday in April Naomh Columba defeated Naomh Mhuire at the Parish Park, Cashel, in the first round of the Junior Championship.

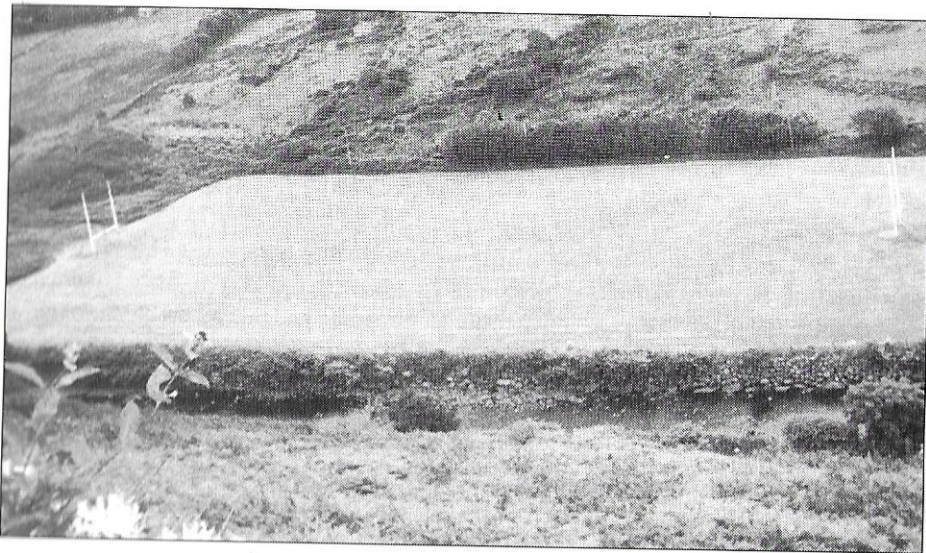
In the senior championship Rosses Rovers had an easy victory over St. Patrick's, a combination of Kilcar and Glencolmcille.

Kilcar minors registered a 2-13 to 1-01 victory over Killybegs in the minor Championship at Towney.

In January Donegal had reached the Ulster Vocational School semi final with Hugh Shovlin at centre half back.

Seamus Gallagher was a sub on the Donegal U-21 team for the first round of the Championship. Danny Gillespie had an excellent game at centre half forward for Donegal Minor team in their Championship game against Cavan.

Fr. McClafferty Cup - Naomh Mhuire 1-12, Glenties 1-5. Surprisingly good football was served up in this 13-a-side competition for the Fr. McClafferty Memorial Cup which was played on Ascension Thursday evening in continuous rain on a field covered in pools of water. Half time score was Glenties 1-5, N. Mhuire 1-3. Kilcar had Jimmy Cunningham and Josie Gillespie as guests.



Michael Óg Mc Fadden Memorial Pitch

1971

Kilcar got off to a bad start in 1971 with a defeat at the hands of Ardara on Sunday, 21st of February. The final score was Ardara 2-10, Kilcar 2-09 which meant that Ardara were the winners in this section of the Junior Football League.

On May 16th, Gweedore defeated St. Patrick's 4-12 to 0-05 in the final of the Senior Gaeltacht competition at Magheragallon and secured the trip to Cork on June 4th.

Tyrone beat Donegal U-21's in a thrilling first round game on a score of 1-10 to 1-08. Danny Gillespie had an outstanding game at centre half forward, Charlie O'Donnell (Ardara) was midfield and Michael O'Donnell (Kilcausey) was a sub.

By August Kilcar had reached the semi-final stage of the Junior Football Championship having disposed of Glencolmcille in an earlier round. Their opponents were Inch and the game was played at McCumhail Park, Ballybofey. The result was a win for Kilcar 3-14 to 0-01 in a one-sided affair.

The Junior Football Championship Final between Kilcar and St. Michael's (Dunfanaghy) was played on the last Sunday in August. After a first half of sizzling football Kilcar led by 1-02 to 0-04 but Kilcar lasted the gruelling pace the better to achieve a worthy but by no means easy win. The final score was Kilcar 2-06, St. Michael's 0-07.

The event was overshadowed by the tragic death of St. Michael's Club vice-chairman, Sergeant Patrick Gill, Dunfanaghy, who was a spectator at the game.

Kilcar's scorers in the first half were Paddy Cannon 1-0, Seamus Gallagher 0-02, Joseph Boyle 0-01, Sean McGinley 0-01 while Packie Haughey replaced Donie Cronin. The turning point of the second half came in the 12th minute after a good movement from Seamus Campbell to Packie Haughey to Joseph Boyle whose shot rattled off the post but Michael A. O'Donnell followed up to crash a great shot to the net leaving Kilcar four points ahead. Kilcar substituted Michael O'Donnell for Hugh Shovlin and Donie Doherty for Joseph Boyle.

These two combined well for another Kilcar point and Seamus Gallagher finished off the scoring with a point from a 14-yard free. The final score was Kilcar 2-06, St. Michael's 0-07. Once again Danny Gillespie towered above all his team-mates in the Kilcar side with Seamus Campbell and Sean McGinley also showing to advantage. The chairman of the Donegal County Board, Mr. Tom Walsh, presented the cup to the Kilcar captain Connie Hegarty.

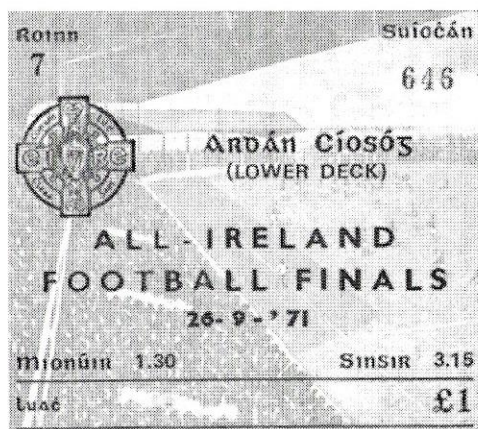
Kilcar team was:

Seamus Gillespie, Seamus Shovlin, Francis Campbell, Seamus Campbell, Donie Cronin, Danny Gillespie, Ian Hegarty, Hugh Shovlin, Sean McGinley, Seamus Gallagher, Paddy Cannon, Michael A. O'Donnell, Joseph Boyle, Connie Hegarty, Michael O'Donnell.

Note: Seamus Gillespie (Dachta) was the Goalkeeper. Seamus Gillespie (Kilcausey) was unavailable for the final since he had gone on a business trip to England and Italy.



County Junior Champions 1971



Player Profile

Danny Gillespie

Date of birth: 20th May 1952.

Honours won: 1974 Ulster senior championship medal as sub
1975 Dr. McKenna Cup medal
County Senior, Junior, Reserve and U-21 Championship medals.
County Senior League and Shield medals.

Year made senior debut: 1968, Sub against Castlefin in Ballyshannon.

Toughest opponent: Joe Doherty (Aodh Rua), Bobby Millar (Laois).

Favourite Ground: Fintra, pre-sodding.

Biggest influence on career: A bit of everyone during career, beginning with Corneluis Boyle (Cuillín).

Most memorable game: Connacht Schools Final 1969 against Tuam CBS in Tuam Stadium.

Biggest disappointment: Not being named on the panel for substitute for Ulster final and All-Ireland Semi-final v Galway in 1974.

Favourite player: Sandy Harper (Dec) Robert Emmets.

Position in U-21 three in a row: Midfield.

Number of county finals played in: 4.

Which county final victory gave most satisfaction: 1980, against Ardara.

Represented the county at what level?: Senior, U-21 and Minor.

Was there as much under-age football when you were under-age as now?:
No. Only U-16 upward and then some U-14.

How has the game changed? It's faster, with shorter passing, less open play and more niggly.



No. 9 Seosamh Mac Donncha
 No. 7 Danny Gillespie
 No. 13 Seamus Doogan

Colaiste Einne, Gallaimh

Player Profile

Aodh Cannon

Date of Birth: 15 August 1954.

Honours won: 3 U-21 titles
 7 Senior league medals
 2 Senior Championships
 3 Shield titles
 U-14 Championship with Glen 1968

Year made senior debut: 1974.

Toughest opponent: Micheal Gallagher (Glen)

Favourite ground: Old field in Towney, there was a great atmosphere there especially in local derby games. I enjoyed playing in Fintra too.

Biggest influence on career: Ian Hegarty. As I was working away from home he was the person who kept me in touch with the club.

Most memorable game: 1980, County final, will always remember the goal I scored that day.

Biggest disappointment: Losing county final in 1982. We had a very strong team, I felt we should have won.

Favourite player: Danny Gillespie.

Position in U-21 three in a row: Midfield and corner forward.

No. of county finals played in: 3.

Which county final victory gave most satisfaction? 1985 against Four Masters.

Represented the county at what levels? Senior and U-21.

Year of retirement from playing football? 1989.

How has the game changed? The game has changed a lot in the last ten years. Players are fitter today, games are faster and more exciting.

Members of the 1972 '73 & '74 U-21 Panels

Seamus Doogan	John Joe McBrearty
Sean Cannon	Seamus Cunningham (Drimreagh)
Seamus Shovlin	John O'Donnell
Denis McBrearty	Seamus Gillespie (Cashel)
Hugh Shovlin	Jerry Haughey
Martin Gillespie	Peter Conroy
James Cunningham	Tommy McFadden
Danny Gillespie	Francie Cannon
Michael A. O'Donnell (Kilcausey)	Michael Doherty
Aidan O'Donnell	Seamus McBrearty
Michael T. O'Donnell (Largymore)	Michael O'Donnell (Ballymoon).
Michael Carr	Ignatius Cannon
Bernard Shovlin	Cara Boyle
John G. Campbell	Michael Boyle
Stephen O'Donnell	Jim McGinley (Towney)
Paddy Gallagher	John McFadden
John Carr	Aodh Cannon

Managers:

Seamus Gillespie
F.B. Campbell

CLUB OFFICERS

	1972	1973	1974
Chairman	Charlie McDevitt	Francis Barry Campbell	Paddy Byrne
Secretary	Seamus Gillespie	Micheal MacGiolla Easpuic	Micheal MacGiolla Easpuic
Treasurer	Prionnsias Carr	Prionnsias Carr	Prionnsias Carr

1972

Having won the Junior Championship the team had to automatically go Senior (no Intermediate Championship at that time) for the 1972 Championship. In the first round Kilcar were away to a team comprised of junior clubs of the North Division. Having been beaten rather easily on the last Sunday in May in Falcarragh, revenge was enacted in the home leg on June 25th on a scoreline of 2-09 to 0-07. The replay was played on the first Sunday in July in Glenties. Kilcar ran out easy winners with Sean McGinley outstanding.

So to St. Eunan's in the second round. Kilcar put up a good show but in the end had to give way to a stronger and more experienced St. Eunan's team that went on to win the Championship. The score that day was Kilcar 1-06, St. Eunan's 2-07.

The club's participation in the U-21 Championship in 1972 provided a new inspiration for the future and gave the club the most successful run in under-age competition in our history.

In November under the management of Francis Barry Campbell they played Convoy in the final and won the match by a score of 6-15 to Convoy's 0-05. A "Derry People" reporter described the game as "the most accomplished performance by an under-age team that I have ever seen," with the "Donegal Democrat" reporter describing it as "the best display ever seen by an under-age team in Donegal". High praise indeed for a truly magnificent performance.

The following report on the final appeared in the "Donegal Democrat":

Convoy swamped by Kilcar in U-21 County Final

Kilcar6-16 Convoy.....0-05

In taking their first ever Donegal Under-21 Football Championship title against Convoy on Sunday, Kilcar gave one of the best displays ever by a club side at McCumhaill Park, Ballybofey. Convoy, who had earned their way to the final with victories over Gweedore, St. Eunan's and Four Masters, were thought to be there with a good chance. They opened the scoring with a first minute point that should have provided them with some inspiration to press on, but any hopes they might have had of taking command were quickly smothered in a spate of irresistible Kilcar pressure that brought two goals and four points by the end of the first quarter, while Convoy's tally remained at one point.

Convoy did get a point at the beginning of the second quarter but this merely acted as a spur to the winners who surged forward again to reach half-time with a total of 4-06 to Convoy's 0-03.

Both sides had triumphed over atrocious weather conditions with biting rain and a blustery wind which favoured the winners in the first half, but so superior were they in fielding ability and teamwork that there was little doubt of their being able to maintain their supremacy on the turnover, and so it proved. Every man on the Kilcar team proved worthy of his place, and many of them shone with exceptional brilliance, including the keeper - Seamus Doogan - who brought off three good saves, defenders Sean Cannon and Hugh Shovlin, mid-fielders Danny Gillespie and Michael A. O'Donnell, and Michael J.

O'Donnell and Michael Carr in attack.

Convoy who lost whatever chance they had of getting back into this game with a missed penalty before half-time, had few stars, but John Dowds tried hard in defence with Dermot McBride and P.J. Hoey battling bravely at mid-field and Seamus McLaughlin running well in the forwards.

Convoy's first minute point was sent over by P.J. Hallihan from Seamus McLaughlin following a P.J. Hoey free. Kilcar took the lead in the 5th minute when Aodh Cannon connected with a side-line kick from Danny Gillespie to beat the defence. Scores followed rapidly for Kilcar, Michael A. O'Donnell pointing from a 35 yard free in the 7th minute. Michael Carr followed suit in the 8th minute, Michael J. O'Donnell adding another in the 9th minute, Michael A. O'Donnell capping this non-stop run of attacking football with a goal in the 15th minute. Seamus McLaughlin scored Convoy's second point of the game in the 16th minute, but Kilcar swung into action again to add a goal by Danny Gillespie in the 17th minute and a point by Michael Carr in the 20th minute. Convoy's third point of the first half came from the boot of Jim Crowley in a goalmouth tussle following a free from P.J. Hoey in the 21st minute.

Michael A. O'Donnell added another to Kilcar's steadily increasing tally in the 24th minute, and Michael Carr finished to the net from a Michael O'Donnell free on the wing in the 27th minute. Convoy were awarded a penalty in the 30th minute when Fergus McCarron was held in the square, but Patsy Mailey muffed the spot kick and the ball glided past the post.

Convoy instilled a brief moment of hope in their supporters with a point from a free by Seamus McLaughlin in the first minute of the second half, and P.J. Hoey had a rasping shot saved by the Kilcar keeper. The initiative, however, soon passed to Kilcar, who had stretched their lead by five more points by the 9th minute. The scorers were Aidan O'Donnell (3 points), and Michael Carr. In the 11th minute Dermot McBride the only great run on the Convoy side when he sprinted along right wing to send over a point. Doogan, the Kilcar keeper saved well from a Manus Harkin free. Kilcar monopolised the scoring in the last 15 minutes, during which they brought their tally from 4-11 to 6-16. Michael A. O'Donnell pointed in the 15th and 16th minutes. Michael J. O'Donnell sent over a point in the 20th minute, and Aodh Cannon had a goal in the 21st minute and Bernard Shovlin had the ball in the net again before a further minute had passed. Points from Michael J. O'Donnell and Michael Carr closed the account for the Kilcar men.

The teams on the day were:

KILCAR:

Seamus Doogan, Seán Cannon, Seamus Shovlin, Denis McBrearty, Hugh Shovlin, Martin Gillespie, James Cunningham, Danny Gillespie, Michael A. O'Donnell, Aidan O'Donnell, Michael J. O'Donnell, Michael Carr, Aodh Cannon, Bernard Shovlin, Ighneachán Cannon

CONVOY:

Robert McClean, Patrick White, John Dowds, Paddy Harte, Hubert Mailey, Patsy Mailey, Sean Mailey, Dermot McBride, P.J. Hoey, Manus Harkin, P.J. Hallinan, Seamus McLaughlin, Fergus McCarron, Jim Crowley, Danny Mailey.

Referee:

Owenie McBride (Gaoth Dobhair)

At the end of the match Mr. Paddy Hoey, Convoy, on behalf of the Donegal Minor Board, presented the Charles Kelly & Co. Cup to the Kilcar captain Hugh Shovlin.

THE 1972 U-21 FINAL SCORE BY SCORE

		KILCAR	CONVOY
1	P.J. Hallinan (pt)	0-00	0-01
5	Aodh Cannon (goal)	1-00	0-01
7	Michael A. O'Donnell (pt)	1-01	0-01
8	Michael Carr (pt)	1-02	0-01
9	Michael J. O'Donnell (pt)	1-03	0-01
10	Michael A. O'Donnell (pt)	1-04	0-01
15	Michael J. O'Donnell (goal)	2-04	0-01
16	Seamus McLaughlin (pt)	2-04	0-02
17	Danny Gillespie (goal)	3-04	0-02
20	Michael Carr (pt)	3-05	0-02
21	Jim Crowley (pt)	3-05	0-03
24	Michael A. O'Donnell (pt)	3-06	0-03
27	Michael Carr (goal)	4-06	0-03
30	Convoy missed penalty		

HALF - TIME

31	Seamus McLaughlin (pt)	4 -06	0-04
34	Michael A. O'Donnell (pt)	4-07	0-04
35	Aidan O'Donnell (pt)	4-08	0-04
37	Michael A. O'Donnell (pt)	4-09	0-04
38	Michael A. O'Donnell (pt)	4-10	0-04
39	Michael Carr (pt)	4-11	0-04
41	Dermot McBride (pt)	4-11	0-05
45	Michael A. O'Donnell (pt)	4-12	0-05
46	Michael A. O'Donnell (pt)	4-13	0-05
50	Michael J. O'Donnell (pt)	4-14	0-05
51	Aodh Cannon (goal)	5-14	0-05
53	Bernard Shovlin (goal)	6-14	0-05
55	Michael J. O'Donnell (pt)	6-15	0-05
57	Michael Carr (pt)	6-16	0-05

FULL-TIME

KILCAR	6-16	CONVOY	0-05
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SCORESHEET

Michael A. O'Donnell	0-08	Seamus McLaughlin	0-02
Michael Carr	1-04	P.J. Hallinan	0-01
Michael J. O'Donnell	1-03	Jim Crowley	0-01
Aodh Cannon	2-00	Dermot McBride	0-01
Danny Gillespie	1-00		
Bernard Shovlin	1-00		
Aidan O'Donnell	0-01		

Player Profile

Hugh Shovlin

Date of birth: 18th Sept 1952.

Honours won: 2 U-21 Championships
1 Junior Championship
1 League medal
1 Gaeltacht medal.

Year made senior debut: 1970.

Toughest opponent: Kieran Keeney.

Favourite ground: Fintra.

Biggest influences on career: My father, Ian Hegarty and Charlie McDevitt.

Most memorable game: 1st senior championship game in Towney v North Division.

Biggest disappointment: Unable to play because of injuries.

Favourite player: Danny Gillespie, Michael O'Donnell (Kilcausey).

Position in U-21 three in a row: Wing half-back, wing half-forward.

Represented county at what levels? Vocational School, U-21 Challenge games.

Was there as much under-age football when you were under-age as now?
No. There was no U-10, U-12, U-14.

How has the game changed? Games are more open, faster with fitness playing a very important part.



Player Profile

Michael Carr

Date of Birth: 20th May 1954.

Honours won: 4 Senior championships
1 U-14 championship
3 U-21 championships
7 league medals
2 Ulster championship medals
1 Railway Cup
3 All-Ireland Gaeltacht medals.

Year made senior debut: 1972.

Toughest opponent: Pat Spilane.

Favourite ground: Fintra.

Biggest influence on career: Fr. Michael Sweeney.

Most memorable game: 1980, county final against Ardara.

Biggest disappointment: Losing by one point to Galway in All-Ireland semi-final in 1983.

Favourite player: Martin McHugh.

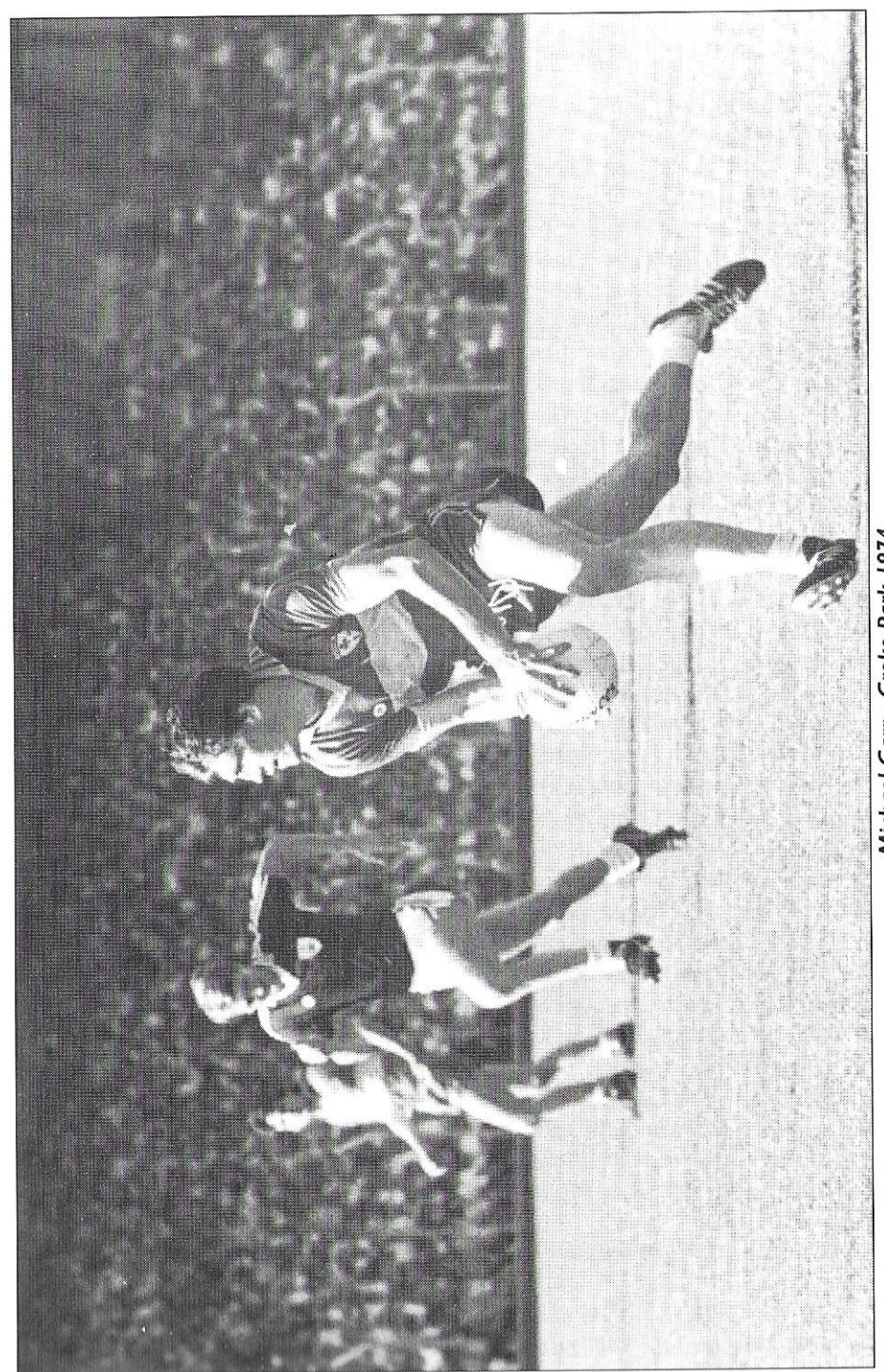
Position in U-21 three in a row: Right half-forward, Mid-field.

Number of county finals played in: 5.

Which county final victory gave most satisfaction? 1993.

Represented County at what levels? Minor, Under-21, Senior.

How has the game changed? From catch and kick to short pass.



Michael Carr - Croke Park 1974

The First Ulster Senior Championship

On Sunday, 30th July 1972, the first ever Ulster Senior Football Championship was won by Donegal. A very special page in the history of G.A.A. in the county was written. This was a high point of achievement in more than sixty years of organised Gaelic athletics in the county.

In this, their third appearance in the Ulster senior final, Donegal had a merited 2 goals and 13 points to 1 goal and 11 points victory over Tyrone in what was in many ways a unique occasion. But while there was a very special flavour about winning the title of champions of Ulster for the first time, Donegal must have taken special delight in defeating Down and Cavan, the top teams in the province for several years, who had so often dashed the high hopes of the men from Tirconnaill.

Along that road to the 1972 Ulster Final, Donegal had beaten Down by 1-8 to 0-8 at Ballybofey. They came from behind to earn a draw with Cavan at Irvinestown almost on the stroke of time - Donegal 0-12, Cavan 2-6. Those were exciting games that served to demonstrate more than anything else the spirit of determination that characterised this Donegal team that had been given so little chance earlier in the year.

The Cavan replay was arranged for Clones, practically a home game for the Breffni men - despite the protests of Donegal. But when the game got under way it became quickly evident that the football sparkle was coming from the Donegal attack. The Forwards led the Cavan defence a mesmerising dance and laid the foundation for an eventual 2-11 to 1-9 victory - a ticket to the Ulster final for the third time for Donegal.

The final was in Clones, and it was the first ever meeting of neighbouring counties Donegal and Tyrone at this stage of the Championship. It was a thrilling game through every minute. Once more the never-say-die spirit of this Donegal team was evident. They absorbed morale-sapping blows and fought their way back into the game and eventually surged to the front in the closing ten minutes that really shattered Tyrone and left Donegal with a five-point margin of victory.

This was the breakthrough so much longed for by Donegal G.A.A. officials, players and supporters. It was the county team's first ever eighty minutes' game, in recent years decided for Provincial and All-Ireland deciders. The staying power of the Donegal men told so much as they dominated the closing stages of the Ulster final.

The rain that had fallen ceaselessly for all the second half was forgotten as Captain Frankie McFeely was handed the Anglo-Celt Cup hoisted shoulder high by delighted team-mates and fans. Players beamed their delight as they were deluged with congratulations, the dressing-room was mobbed.

A JUBILANT AT WELCOME HOME

From then on it was jubilant celebration as the team was conveyed in a cavalcade of the cars back to the county, praised and feted and taken around their far-flung county in triumphal parade.

ULSTER SENIOR FINAL

Donegal's Title - After 86 Years

By Michael Fortune

Donegal 2-13 Tyrone 1-11

VICTORY in the Ulster Senior football championship is always sweet but, when one has waited 86 years to achieve it the joy knows no bounds. The long wait ended for Donegal at Clones yesterday when the Championship underdogs downed Tyrone.

The victory must have been all the sweeter, as it was so unexpected. Donegal, complete outsiders in the championship race, and only ranked in the second division of the League appeared to be fighting a losing battle for a long time against this Tyrone side.

To be frank, with ten minutes to play, I wouldn't have given tuppence for Donegal's hopes of the first senior football title. At this stage Tyrone were leading by a point and playing like a team inspired. Controlling the game beautifully, they were playing fast, precision football and looked sure to become the new Ulster champions.

However, their inexperience was telling in their failure to notch the vital scores and, in the space of two minutes between the 51st and 53rd, their rosy world collapsed. First Joe Winston tapped over the equaliser and, then in the 53rd minute, Seamus Bonner gained possessions in mid-field. The towering mid-fielder carried the ball a few yards and sent in a high, speculative shot which advancing goal-keeper Kieran Harte seemed to have well in control. However, Harte misjudged the flight of the ball and it went straight to the net.

It was a real hammer blow to Tyrone. For the first time in the game Donegal began to move with fluency and Tyrone's hopes were wrecked. It was a cool end to their title bid but rest assured they will be back again soon.

Rather disappointing but after the interval there wasn't a dull moment. It probably won't go down as a great Ulster final but these two Cinderella sides of Ulster football served up a game that I thoroughly enjoyed.

The start saw both sides rather tentative with neither establishing their superiority. It was anyone's game but, then, Brendan Dolan punched a ball into the Donegal net, the odds seemed stacked in Tyrone's favour and, in the second half after Mick Sweeney had goaled for Donegal, Tyrone appeared to have weathered the storm when they led after twelve minutes.

The Tyrone side wasted opportunity after opportunity through indecision up front and they were to pay the penalty. Donegal, on the other hand, took most of the chances that came their way and this in the end was the deciding factor.

In the final estimation the star of the Donegal side was probably mid-fielder

Seamus Bonner. Massively proportioned he really came into his own in the second half. But, I think that he would make a much better footballer if he concentrated more on the ball and less on establishing his own physique. With him, Frank McFeeley played a sound game throughout, if somewhat less spectacular than Bonner did.

The full back line of Donal Monaghan, Paucic McShea and John Boyce were well nigh impregnable. In front of them was a trio of fine defenders with Brian McEniff probably claiming most of the glory through his second half display, that included two magnificent points from long range.

Scorers: Donegal - J. Winston (0-5), M. Sweeney, S. Bonner (1-0 each), S. Granaghan, D. Carroll, B. McEniff (0-2 each), F. McFeely, M. Menamin (0-1 each).

Tyrone - P. Hetherington (0-6), B. Bolan (1-2), S. Donaghy, P. Mc Mahon, P. Parks (0-1 each).

DONEGAL- A. Kane, D. Monaghan, P. McShea, J. Boyce, B. Mc Eniff, A. Gallagher, A. Carroll, S. Bonner, F. McFeely, M. Carney, M. McMenamin, D. Carroll, S. Granaghan, M. Sweeney, J. Winston. Subs.- J Hannigan for OíCarroll, A. Curran for Boyce.

TYRONE- K. Harte, O. Nugent, P. Mulgrow, J. Duffy, M. J. Duffy, M. J. Forbes, J. Teggart, M. Hughes, B. Dolan, S. Donaghy, P. Hetherington, S. McElhatton, P. McMahan, H. Crawford, K. Teague, J. Early. Subs.- P. Parke for Teague, F. McGuigan for Crawford.



Back row l-r., Anthony Gallagher, Michael Sweeney, Séamus Bonner, A. Kane, D. Monaghan, B. McEniff, P. McShea, M. McMenamin, Sgt., McCreedy. Front row l-r., Martin Carney, Anton Carroll, F. McFeely (Capt.), S. Granaghan, J. Boyce, Declan O'Carroll, J. Winston.

Kilcar Festivals 1971 & 1973



Members of the committee of Kilcar Holiday Festival, with Mr. Liam Cunningham, T.D., Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government, who officially opened the Festival. The Festival, with its many attractions will continue until August 16th. Mr. Cunningham is a native of Kilcar parish. The others in the picture (front row, from left) are: Mr. Ian Hegarty, Mr. Michael Gillespie, N.T., secretary, and Mr. Francis B. Campbell (chairman). Back row, Messrs. Michael O'Byrne, Joseph Boyle, Seamus Gillespie and Charles McDevitt.



The marquee is ready!

In 1973 the Kilcar senior team did not fare too well and in one game early in January when missing quite a few regulars they were beaten by St. Joseph's, who were then virtually a county team, by a score of 6-16 to 3-06.

Kilcar players on the county panel were Danny Gillespie, Aodh Cannon, Michael Carr, and Michael O'Donnell.

On the county U-21 panel was Michael Carr, Aodh Cannon and Denis McBrearty, and on the Minor panel was John Carr and Tommy McFadden.

The Killybegs Boatyard brought home the factories title on the 1st of October 1973, by defeating St. Conals Hospital by 1-10 to 1-04. This Boatyard team had a large Kilcar influence with Denis McBrearty, Seamus Shovlin, Hugh Shovlin, Martin Gillespie, Michael O'Donnell and Ignatius Cannon.

In the Under 21 Championship Semi Finals with Seamus Gillespie as manager, Donegal Town beat Castlefin and Kilcar beat Urris. These games were 13 a side, which was a surprise for all as they should have been on a 15 a side basis.

The "Derry People" (Dec 15th, 1973) reported:

"There are several players of promise on both teams, in fact so much so that one wonders why the clubs have figured so comparatively little in the lists of champions. Donegal have footballers of considerable talent but Kilcar have them also and with plenty of height and strength that must give them an advantage at this time of the year".

The following report on the final appeared in the "Derry People" on December 22nd 1973:

KILCAR ARE U-21 CHAMPS AGAIN

Kilcar.....2-05 Four Masters1-05

Kilcar, the holders, retained their Donegal Under-21 Football Championship with a 2-05 to 1-05 win over Four Masters, Donegal Town in the county final in Glenties on Sunday. And it was all decided in a two-minute period - those vital minutes being the difference between the teams.

After the opening twenty minutes of the game, played in miserable wind and rainy conditions, the teams stood level with 0-01 each. But in that vital two-minute spell that followed, Kilcar added 2-01 to their total.

It was a body blow to the Donegal Town team who up to this had much more of the play and they had not permitted Kilcar to cross the half-way line until the 10th minute of the game.

But, in that one breakaway it was significant that Kilcar scored a point - the sum total of all the Four Masters pressure and control of the game.

In the opening twenty minutes Donegal had eight wides and two fifties and took

one solitary point, that from a 14 yard free by Martin Kelly. In the same period Kilcar had one fifty, one wide and their point from the boot of Michael Carr. Then Kilcar had a fine passing movement ending with Michael O'Donnell cutting through the defence to shoot a goal from 20 yards. Then from the kick-out Michael Carr gained possession and lobbed a lovely ball into the centre of the goal area. In a scramble that followed, the ball was hustled to the net and at half time the score stood at Kilcar 2-02, Four Masters 0-02.

A SPIRITED RALLY

On the resumption Kilcar went into the attack and added two points without reply in the opening five minutes - both from Michael Carr. It looked bleak for the Four Masters team but they fought back with great spirit and had some grand out-field football but closer to goal they found the Kilcar defence hard to break or unsettle. Try they did and won their way to within three points of Kilcar but the holders hit back immediately with another Michael Carr point.

Four Masters goaled after 17 minutes of the second half and it was from a grand shot by Eugene Fox that was scrambled to the net.

PLAYERS OF PROMISE

Kilcar's two senior inter-county players, Danny Gillespie and Michael Carr seemed to have a steadying effect on their team-mates and that was vital in the conditions that were almost impossible. Four Masters had good men in full-back Paul Duncan, Pat O'Donnell from Gweedore at centre half-back and Brendan Martin who had a very good game. Focus on Eugene Fox who starred and looked a great future prospect.

A tribute must go to all the players for their performance in the very difficult conditions. What could they serve up in the summer or autumn, the time this Championship must be staged in the future?

A word of praise must also go to the referee, Christy Molloy, who handled the game very well.

At the conclusion of the hour Donegal County Chairman, Tom Walsh, Gortahork, congratulated the teams and their officials in handing over the trophy to Kilcar's captain Hugh Shovlin.

The teams on the day were:

KILCAR:

Sean Cannon, Aidan O'Donnell, Seamus Shovlin, Denis McBrearty, James Cunningham, Hugh Shovlin, John Carr, Danny Gillespie, Hugh Cannon, Michael Carr, Michael O'Donnell, Tommy McFadden, Ignatius Cannon, Peter Conroy, Eamonn O'Donnell.

FOUR MASTERS

J. McGranaghan, John McGroarty, Paul Duncan, Danny Dunnion, Pearse Mullan, Pat O'Donnell, Brendan Martin, Eugene Fox, Enda Mullan, Connie Keeney, Brian McGinley, John McClafferty, Paddy Harvey, Peter Conlon, Martin Kelly.



Glenties 1973 - Presentation of U-21 Cup to captain, Hugh Shovlin, by county chairman, Tom Walsh.



County Championsh 1973 - Front row l-r., Seamus Gillespie, Eamonn O'Donnell, Seán Cannon, Peter Conroy, Hugh Shovlin, Tommy McFadden, Ighneachán Cannon, Denis McBrearty, John Carr. Back row l-r., Michael Boyle, Cara Boyle, Danny Gillespie, Michael O'Donnell (Ballymoon), Michael O'Donnell (Kilcausey), Michael Carr, Aodan O'Donnell, Seamus Shovlin, Seamus McBrearty, John G. Campbell, John McFadden, James Cunningham, Aodh Cannon.

Player Profile

Denis McBrearty

Date of Birth: 1 November 1954.

Honours won: 3 U-21 titles
6 senior league medals
2 Donegal Senior Gaeltacht titles
1 Junior Gaeltacht title
1 All-Ireland Junior Gaeltacht
3 Shield titles.

Year made senior debut: 1974.

Toughest opponent: Tom Moyna (Scotstown).

Favourite ground: Old pitch in Towney.

Biggest influence on career: Seamus Gillespie.

Most memorable game: 1980, County final against Ardara.

Biggest disappointment: Losing county final in 1982.

Favourite player: Matt Connor.

Position in U-21 three in a row: '72 & '73 - corner-back, '74- full-back.

No. of county finals played in : 2.

Which county final victory gave most satisfaction? 1980, against Ardara.

Represented the county at what levels? Under 21.

Year of retirement from playing football? 1989.

How has the game changed? It has got quicker and players have to be much fitter.

Player Profile

Michael A. O'Donnell

Date of Birth: 2 September 1952.

Honours won: 2 U-21 Titles
1 Junior Championship
1 County League
2 County Shields

Year made senior debut: 1972, first year Kilcar was senior on their own after winning junior championship in the early seventies.

Toughest opponent: Never stayed close enough to opponent to find out how tough he was.

Favourite ground: Old McCumhaill Park.

Biggest influence on career: Dan Gillespie.

Most memorable game: Both U-21 County finals.

Biggest disappointment: Missing out on Kilcar's first senior championship victory and never having won a senior championship medal because of a back injury.

Favourite player: Des Houlihan and Martin Carney.

Position in U-21 three in a row: Centre-half-forward.

Represented the county at what levels? Senior, U-21 and Vocational.

Year of retirement from playing football? Never really retired.

How has the game changed? Game has got much faster, players much fitter, defenses much tighter. Forwards don't get same space; therefore there are not as many spectacular goals and points. It is more of a team game nowadays therefore players are restricted in displaying their individual flair to a certain extent.

1974

The Senior Team was managed by Dan Cunningham in 1974 and finished in third position in the League.

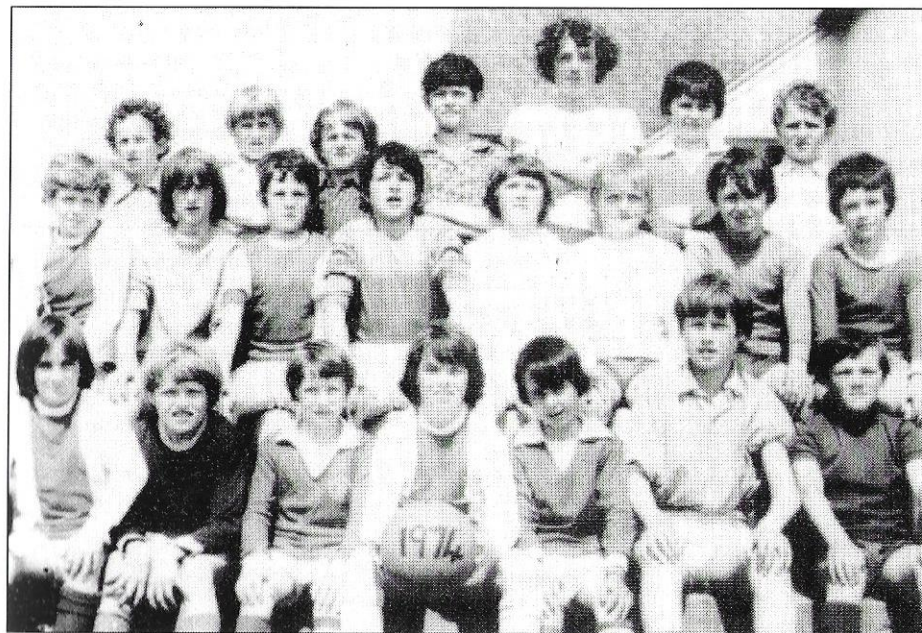
In the 1974 Championship Kilcar met St. Joseph's (Ballyshannon-Bundoran) in the semi-final at McCumhaill Park, Ballybofey. The final score was Kilcar 1-09, St. Joseph's 2-14. Included in the St. Joseph's Team were inter-county players, Alan Kane, Pauric McShea, Ray Sheerin, Brian McEniff, Declan Carroll, Martin Carney and Seamus Granaghan.

The Minor team reached the county semi-final stages of the championship.

A junior team was fielded in the Championship.

In a tournament for National Schools at Ballybofey a young Martin McHugh was voted player of the tournament and Kilcar N.S. won the old Sliabh League Trophy.

The final of this League was between Kilcar N.S. and Cashel N.S. with a final score of 2-03 to 0-03. Kilcar scorers were James McFadden 1-02, Christy Gillespie 1-0, and Martin McHugh 0-1.



Scoil Naisiúnta Cill cartha 1974 - Front row l-r, Vernon Hegarty, Michael Carr, James McHugh, Pat Hegarty, Frankie Doogan, Cornelius Diver, Frankie O'Donnell. Middle row l-r, James Carr, Charlie Cannon, Padriag Bourne, Gerald Shovlin, Martin McHugh, Maurice Carr, Alan Erskine, Christy Gillespie. Back row l-r, John Hegarty, Pat Diver, Peter Hegarty, Seán McHugh, James McFadden, John Doogan, Paul O'Donnell.

The victorious Kilcar team was: Gerard Shovlin, Padraig Bourne, Alan Erskine, Charlie Cannon, Martin McHugh, James Cunningham, Peter Hegarty, Vernon Hegarty, James McFadden, James Carr, Pat Diver, John Joe Carr, Maurice Carr, Christy Gillespie, Cornelius Diver.

The Under-21 won a historic 3-in-a-row of County titles which has never since been achieved by any other club in the county.

The team managed again by Seamus Gillespie met McCumhails in the semi-final and the following report appeared in the "Derry People" on March 23, 1974

Kilcar2-07 McCumhails..... 1-02

Heavy rain and gale-force wind made good football impossible at Glenties on Saturday, but even with the wind behind them Kilcar were in arrears at half-time.

Surprisingly in the second half facing the wind, Kilcar shaped much better and M. Carr and Aodh Cannon at mid-field gave their forwards plenty of the ball.

Whenever McCumhails did attack they found full-back Dinny McBrearty in great form. It was a disappointment for a McCumhails team that had shown such delightful football in the earlier rounds but undoubtedly Kilcar have a very strong side.

Best for Kilcar were Dinny McBrearty, Michael Carr, Aodh Cannon, and Peter Conroy, while J. Kelly, Martin Griffin, Brendan Dunleavy and M. Houston best served McCumhails.

Referee Thomas McBrearty deserved special credit for turning out for the fixture in such atrocious conditions.

The Teams on the day were as follows:

Kilcar:

Campbell, P. Boyle, D. McBrearty, S. O'Donnell, J. O'Donnell, J. Carr, M. O'Donnell, M. Carr (1-4), A. Cannon, I. Cannon (0-1), P. Conroy (1-2), F. Cannon, E. O'Donnell, M. Doherty, T. McFadden

Subs: J. McFadden for P. Boyle.

McCumhails:

A. Guthrie, K. Griffin, S. McDermott, G. McGranaghan, A. Heany, J. Kelly, P. McGinty, M. Griffin (1-1), B. Dunleavy, N. McGowan (0-1), M. Houston, K. Patton, J. Hannigan, R. Guthrie, S. Houston.

The "Derry People" in its edition of April 27 1974 reported on the Final played in Fintra as follows:

Kilcar's third U-21 title, Glenties K.o'd

Kilcar.....2-08 Glenties.....0-04

Kilcar completed a hat trick of U-21 Donegal Championships when they defeated Glenties 2-09 to 0-04 at Fintra, Killybegs, on Sunday. Their Victory was mainly due to inter-county man Hugh Cannon and Michael Carr at mid-field. Their defence was also very solid and time and again snuffed out many Glenties' attacks.

Glenties were a better side than the score-line would suggest and at times their mid-fielders S. O'Donnell and N. Byrne ruled this sector, but much work was wasted before the firm Kilcar defence.

With a slight breeze in their favour in the first half, Kilcar scored first with a Michael Carr point. J. Bonner in the goal halted another effort with a great save. Then E. O'Donnell and S. McBrearty scored to put Kilcar three up. Glenties came more and more into the game, but good raids were broken up. And they were out of luck in conceding a somewhat easy goal when M. Carr's lob from far out came off the post and ended in the net.

P. Furey had Glenties first score, a point from play with A. Cannon replying with two to leave the half-time score at Kilcar 1-05, Glenties 0-01.

The second half was a livelier affair with M. Carr again first to score a point. He added another from a close in free. Glenties then missed a short free before S. O'Donnell scored two points for them. But then P. Conroy slammed home a Kilcar goal in the 48th minute. A. Cannon and J. Furey exchanged points before full-time.

For Kilcar, A. Cannon and M. Carr were outstanding and got good support from D. McBrearty, J. Carr, A. O'Donnell, P. Conroy, S. McBrearty and E. O'Donnell.

For Glenties, S. O'Donnell and N. Byrne shaped well opposing the Kilcar stars and others to show well were Phelim and Pat Molloy, M. O'Donnell, P. Furey, C. Byrne and K. Keeney.

Kilcar:

J. Campbell, S. O'Donnell, D. McBrearty, J. O'Donnell, J. Carr, A. O'Donnell, M. O'Donnell, A. Cannon (0-3), M. Carr (1-3), P. Conroy (1-0), T. McFadden, F. Cannon, M. Doherty, S. McBrearty (0-1), E. O'Donnell (0-1).

Glenties:

J. Bonner, J. McGettigan, S. Houston, P. Molloy, C. Byrne, M. O'Donnell, P. Molloy, M. Byrne, S. O'Donnell (0-2), P. Furey (0-1), K. Boyce, J. Furey (0-1), S. Quinn, G. Molloy. Sub: H. Molloy for G. Molloy.

Player Profile

John Carr

- Date of Birth:** 24th June 1956.
- Favourite position:** Wing half-back.
- Honours won:** 3 Senior championships
4 Donegal Gaeltachts
7 Senior leagues
1 Reserve championship
3 U-21 championships
1 Reserve league
2 Senior shields
1 Junior championship
4 All-Ireland Gaeltachts.
- Year made senior debut:** 1973.
- Toughest opponent:** Neily Gallagher (Gweedore).
- Favourite ground:** McCumhaill Park, Ballybofey.
- Biggest influences on career:** Ian Hegarty, Martin McHugh and Hugh Shovlin .
- Most memorable game:** 1989 All-Ireland Gaeltacht final in Glen.
- Biggest disappointment:** Missing two county finals through injury ('82,'89).
- Favourite players:** Martin McHugh, Michael Carr.
- Position in U-21 three in a row:** 1972 - sub, '73 & '74 - half-back.
- Number of county finals played in:** 4 ('80, '85, '87, '88).
- Which county final victory gave most satisfaction?** 1989 - Even though I wasn't playing it was important that we won, having lost the two previous finals.
- Represented the county at what levels?** Minor Panel '74- Senior Representative Matches '85 - '87) - Junior Team.
- Year of retirement from playing football?** 1994.
- Was there as much under-age football when you were under-age as now?**
No. First played U-14 for Killybegs 1970. Then played U-16 for Kilcar ('72) where at the most, we would have played 2/3 games a year.

1975

In January of 1975 at the A.G.M. the following were elected as officers: Chairman-Joseph Boyle, Vice-Chairman Donie Doherty, Secretary Prionnsias A. Carr, Ass. Secretary I. Hegarty, Treasurer P. Carr, PRO Paddy Byrne.

Team managers Senior: M. Gillespie, U-21: S. Gillespie, Minor: H. Shovlin and D. McBrearty, U-14 and U-16: B.Campbell.

Charlie O'Donnell transferred to the club in February 1975.

On the playing fields 1975 started on a bright note with the winning of the Donegal Gaeltacht final defeating Ardara 2-0 to 1-06 and Rosses Rovers 1-16 to 2-05 at Gaoth Dobhair.

In the All Ireland Gaeltacht tournament at Whit weekend Kilcar were narrowly beaten by the Kerry champions but then went on to win the losers' group hammering the Mayo side in the final and were voted the most exciting team of the competition.

The team was:

H. Kennedy, S. Gillespie, S. Shovlin, D. McBrearty, J. Carr, M.A. O'Donnell, S. McGinley, C. O'Donnell, D. Gillespie, M. Carr, M. M. O'Donnell, T. McFadden, P. Cannon, A. Cannon, S. Gallagher.

Subs: D. Cronin for J. Carr, M. Gillespie for M.A. O'Donnell. M. Conroy, P. Conroy.

Having got to Championship semi-final Kilcar faced the might of St. Joseph's.

Putting the game into perspective it was probably the most important game that they played in the seventies in that it heralded the coming of age of the U-21 three in a row.

Although they lost narrowly on that August day in Donegal Town, St. Joseph's not only went on to win the county final very easily but won the Ulster club championship and played the Connaught and Leinster club champions and beat both.

In the league on the 6th of July Kilcar were in third place with 10 points from 7 games, having lost the first two games as the club was not organised, one to Four Masters at home and one to Glencolmille away. By the 26th of July Kilcar were on top in the League with victories over Urris 4-09 to 2-03 and St. Eunan's 4-13 to 1-06.

In late August Kilcar defeated St. Eunan's again by 3-17 to 2-09 but there was a lot of controversy in Gaoth Dobhair on the 5th of September when the referee recorded the final score as 1-07 to 0-09 and Gaoth Dobhair officials claimed it to be 1-06 to 0-09. Later the Donegal county Board voted in favour of Gaoth Dobhair but the Ulster Council rejected this and the matter ended with Kilcar getting the two points.

Kilcar had a great forward machine in this year with later games won over Urris 3-13 to 1-05 (on the journeys to Urris there were some great picnics around Buncrana), victory over McCumhaills 4-12 to 0-06 and Kilcar decided the League by defeating Gaoth Dobhair 2-13 to 1-01 at Fintra on the 1st of December.

The final will be remembered for the great goal scored by Donie Doherty ten minutes from time, which decided the game for Kilcar.

At the annual dinner dance on Friday, 2nd January 1976, over 200 Patrons turned out to pay tribute to the teams success in 1975. To mark the occasion Gaeltarra Eireann presented the team members with specially woven tweeds for blazers and ties in the club colours.

An Open Letter To Mr. Brian Mc Eniff And The County Selectors

It is with great reluctance that I put pen to paper, but in doing so I feel that I have the interests of all followers of the Gaelic code in Donegal at heart. Having just seen published the Donegal team selected to play Sligo, I was astonished to find that neither of the teams which finished first and second in Div. I of the League in Donegal i.e. Kilcar and Gweedore, have a single representative on the chosen fifteen, and Kilcar in particular whose progress in the past year I record below, have, a few short weeks after walking away with the first division championship in 1995, a grand total of one substitute selected on the team to play Sligo. Gweedore club has fared no better in representation.

It is therefore patently obvious that either League form does not influence the choice of you our Selectors or else petty parochialism and you-scratch-my-back- I'll-scratch-yours thinking is the sole criterion for making a judgement as to a players merit and right to a county place.

Let me recall to you the records of the clubs of the chosen fifteen vis-a-vis that of the represented.

Kilcar, (I am sure Gweedore followers could make a similar comparison). Eight clubs are represented on the county team as follows:

St. Joseph's	Four
Mc Cools	Four
St. Eunans	Two
Rosses Rovers	One
Four Masters	One
Garda (originally F.M.)	One
Glencolmcille	One
Ardara	One
The substitutes came from these clubs:	
St. Joseph's	Three
Rosses Rovers	One
St. Eunans	One
Glencolmcille	One
Gweedore	One
Kilcar	One

It would appear that county representation is in inverse ratio to league success. Here under I set out Kilcar's progress for the past five years for your benefit and for that of all interested parties, and this can be confirmed by reference to county board records.

Home Games

Kilcar	2-14	Glen	1-8	win
Kilcar	3-19	St. Eunans	2-5	win
Kilcar	3-11	Mc Cools	0-6	win
Kilcar	w.o.	Rosses Rovers		win
Kilcar	1-10	F. Masters	3-9	loss
Kilcar	4-14	Urris	1-4	win
Kilcar	5-21	Termon	0-8	win
Kilcar	2-8	Glenties	0-2	win
Kilcar	2-3	Gweedore	1-1	win

Total eight wins, one loss

Away Games

Kilcar	0-13	Mc Cools	0-9	win
Kilcar	4-6	F. Masters	1-9	win
Kilcar	4-16	St. Eunans	1-6	win
Kilcar	4-9	R. Rovers	0-4	win
Kilcar	1-7	Gweedore	0-8	win **
Kilcar	1-6	Glen	1-9	loss
Kilcar	3-17	Glenties	0-3	win
Kilcar	2-10	Termon	1-5	win
Kilcar	4-9	Urris	1-5	win

Total eight wins, one loss

** Dispute result: declared draw
by County Board: Ulster Council awarded
Kilcar both points on appeal: appeal
upheld by Central Council.

A brief analysis of these figures given below:

Total score for:	45-203
Total score against:	13-97
Total games played	17
Average score for	19-08
Average score against	07-08
Average margin (win)	0-12

In the senior championship, Kilcar were beaten by two points by a full strength St. Joseph's side in the semi- final and this St Joseph's side done Donegal proud by going on to win the Ulster title and hopefully the National title.

Nevertheless, gentlemen, however unknowledgeable I may be in football matters, I do not consider a two point margin deserving of a ratio of representation in the announced panel of seven to one (i.e. Four playing and three substitutes), and I am absolutely certain that many people more intimately concerned with the game in this county will agree with me. To further emphasise the quality and consistency of the football played by this Kilcar team, may I point out last year's achievements were no flash in the pan. The record reads as follows.

- 1971 Junior Championship
- 1972 U-21 Championship
- 1973 U-21 Championship
- 1974 U-21 Championship
- 1975 Senior League Champs.

These are but a few of the achievements which also include numerous tournaments, challenges and seven-a-side competition wins and most notably the winning of the Gael Linn Cup in Comortaisi na Gaeltachta held in Gweedore last year where Kilcar impressed even the most cynical with the sheer elegance and brilliance of their style.

In anticipating a reply to the effect that the Sligo game is (or was) a practice match for the St. Joseph's club in preparation for their semi-final match in the All Ireland

series, in which I wish them well, incidentally, may I suggest that the interests of Gaelic football in Donegal would be better served by blooding young players of clubs such as Kilcar and Gweedore, among others, rather than creating such a seminepotism as seems to be emerging disguised in Donegal colours, as something that can only hasten the decline of interest in the code already evident in many clubs. If league consistency and form is not even tokenly taken as guideline in selecting county teams, then the dream of winning Sam Maguire, already a vision blurred by years of failure will simply disappear completely.

Having said all that, I bear in mind the central message at Convention in the speeches of the outgoing chairman, France Cunningham, and the incoming chairman, Seamus Rogers, in calling for unity of purpose and effort in all GAA affairs and clubs. Would you gentlemen, consider the choice of such an unbalanced county team to be conducive to wide club support for such ideas.

In concluding, I state that I do not write on behalf of any club or as a member or official of any club, but in good faith. But let fair play be done.

Yours with respect,
Patrick J. Byrne,
Meenacrieve,
Annagry,
Co. Donegal.

The Fr. McClafferty Cup

Fr. Manus McClafferty was appointed curate in Kilcar in early '52. He set about to organise the club, as most of the Kilcar players were playing for the Killybegs club, and the minors playing for Carrick at that time.

He spent every Sunday training at Towney Park with a group of young players.

He was drowned while fishing off the rocks behind Towney, and his body was found at Tralore, Muckcross on August 20th 1953. He is buried outside the church in his native Falcarragh.

The club decided to purchase this cup in his memory. For many years it was played for in a 13-a-side competition at Towney Park.

Ar dheis De go Raibh a anam.

Corn Chill Charthaigh

Brother Jerome O'Shea donated this cup to the club in 1968 for under-age football.

A true Gael, he was a native of Dingle, Co. Kerry, and came to Kilcar on holiday for several years. He had a special interest in juvenile players, and encouraged them in the skill of kicking with both feet.

He was a personal friend of the great Mick O'Connell, Kerry. He died while climbing "Carreuntoohil" in his native county.

Ar dheis De go Raibh a anam.

COUNTY FOOTBALL RESULTS

CRAOBH NA SINSEAR

1970	Naomh Iósaef	1-16	Ruagairí na Rossan	0-04.
1971	Seán Mac Cumhaill	2-10	Clanna Gael	0-11.
1972	Naomh Adhamhnán	2-12	Clanna Gael	1-08.
1973	Naomh Iósaef	1-08	Seán Mac Cumhaill	1-06.
1974	Naomh Iósaef	1-08	Naomh Adhamhnán	1-03.
1975	Naomh Iósaef	1-11	Seán Mac Cumhaill	1-05.

THE SENIOR LEAGUE

1970	Gweedore	2-08	Seán Mac Cumhaill	1-06.
1971	St. Joseph's	4-12	Clanna Gael	0-10.
1972	St. Joseph's	2-12	Glenties	1-05.
1973	Gweedore (League).			
1974	St. Eunan's (League).			
1975	Kilcar (League).			

CRAOBH NA SOIS...AR

1970	Ard an Rátha	2-08	Bun Dobhráin	0-08.
1971	Cill Charthaigh	2-06	Naomh Mícheál	0-07.
1972	Naomh Náille	0-09	Gleann Cholm Cille	0-07.
1973	An Tearmann	0-11	Gleann Cholm Cille	0-10.
1974	Gleann Cholm Cille	1-05	Cloich Cheannfhaola	0-03.
1975	Na Ceithre Máistrí	1-08	Na Cealla Beaga	1-06.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

1970	Ard an Rátha.
1971	Cloich Cheannfhaola.
1972	
1973	
1974	Gleann Cholm Cille.
1975	Caisleán Na Finne.

AN CHRAOBH FAOI -21

1971	Gaoth Dobhair	3-06	Na Gleanntaí	2-07.
1972	Cill Charthaigh	6-16	Conmhaigh	0-05.
1973	Cill Charthaigh	2-05	Na Ceithre Máistrí	0-05.
1974	Cill Charthaigh	2-08	Na Gleanntaí	0-04.
1975	Seán Mac Cumhaill	1-09	Caisleán na Finne	1-00.

AN CHRAOBH FAOI -18

1970	Ard an Rátha/Na Gleanntaí	1-09	Bun Cranncha	1-05.
1971	Seán Mac Cumhaill	3-06	Ard an Rátha	0-08.
1972	Naomh Adhamhnán	4-16	Ard an Rátha	1-05.
1973	Naomh Adhamhnán	0-16	Dún Na nGall	0-05.
1974	Naomh Adhamhnán	1-11	Beal Atha Seanaidh	2-04.
1975	Gleann Cholm Cille	1-12	Seán Mac Cumhaill	0-06.

Comórtas Peile Na Gaeltachta (Dhun na nGall)

SINSIR

- 1969 Gaoth Dobhair.
- 1970 Na Piarasigh (Cill Charthaigh/Gleann Cholm Cille).
- 1971 Gaoth Dobhair.
- 1972 Gaoth Dobhair.
- 1973 Gaoth Dobhair.
- 1974 Na Gleanntaí.
- 1975 Cill Charthaigh.

County Achievements 1970-1975

ULSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS: 1972, 1974

Michael Carr scored a point in the final against Down in 1974.
Subs: Danny Gillespie, John Quinn.

ULSTER JUNIOR CUP HURLING CHAMPIONS: 1972

Des Houlihan played.

DR. MCKENNA CUP WINNERS: 1975

Michael Carr played
Active sub: Sean McGinley
Subs: John Quinn, Danny Gillespie.

ULSTER RAILWAY CUP WINNERS 1970, 1971

Brian McEniff played
Note: Martin Carney also won a Railway Cup Medal playing with the combined Universities in 1973.

County Officers 1970-1975

Year	Cathaoirleach	Rúnaí	Cisteoir
1970	Paddy Hoey	Hugh Daly	P.J.Ryan
1971	Tom Walsh	Hugh Daly	P.J.Ryan
1972	Tom Walsh	Hugh Daly	P.J.Ryan
1973	Tom Walsh	Hugh Daly	P.J.Ryan
1974	Francie Cunningham	Frank Muldoon	P.J.Ryan
1975	Francie Cunningham	Frank Muldoon	P.J.Ryan

Ulster Senior Football Championship

1970	Aontroim	3-08	Dún na nGall	2-06	Bealach Féich.
1971	An Dún	3-14	Dún na nGall	3-06	Iúr Chinn Trá.
1972	Dún na nGall	1-08	An Dún	0-8	Bealach Féich.
	Dún na nGall	0-12	An Cabhán	2-06	Na Cearna.
	Dún na nGall	2-11	An Cabhán	1-09	Cluain Eois.
	Dún na nGall	2-13	Tír Eoghain	1-11	Cluain Eois (CC).
	(Uibh Fháili	1-17	Dún na nGall	2-10	Baile Atha Cliath).
1973	Tír Eoghain	0-12	Dún na nGall	1-07	Bealach Féich.
1974	Dún na nGall	1-09	Tír Eoghain	0-08	An Omaigh.
	Dún na nGall	5-09	Aontroim	1-07	Cluain Eois.
	Dún na nGall	1-14	An Dún	2-11	Cluain Eois (CC).
	Dún na nGall	3-09	An Dún	1-12	Cluain Eois (CC).
	(Gaillimh	3-13	Dún na nGall	1-14	Baile Atha Cliath).
1975	An Cabhán	0-15	Dún na nGall	0-13	Bealach Féich.

Ulster Senior Championship Teams

KILCAR PLAYERS ON DHUN NA NGALL

1974:V.Tir Eoghain: 1-09 - 0-08

A. Kane, D. Monaghan, P. McShea, A. Curran, B. McEniff, A. Gallagher, F. Ward, (N. Columba), M. Carney, M. Lafferty, S. Granaghan, H. McClafferty, N. Gallagher, K. Keeney, S. Bonnar, J. Winston.

Subs: D. Judge (St. Eunan's), M. Carr (Kilcar), D. Gillespie (Kilcar), J. Quinn (Kilcar).

1974:V.Aontroim: 5-09 - 1-7

A. Kane, D. Monaghan, P. McShea, A. Curran, B. McEniff, A. Gallagher, F. Ward, M. Carney, M. Lafferty, S. Granaghan, H. McClafferty, N. Gallagher, J. Winston, S. Bonnar, M. Carr.

Subs: P. McGettigan (St. Eunans), G. McElwee, K. Keeney, D. Gillespie, J. Quinn.

1974:V.An Dún: 1-14 - 2-11

A. Kane, D. Monaghan, P. McShea, A. Curran, B. McEniff, A. Gallagher, F. Ward, M. Carney, M. Lafferty, S. Granaghan, H. McClafferty, N. Gallagher, J. Winston, S. Bonnar, K. Keeney.

Subs : P. McGettigan, M. Carr, P. J. McGowan (McCumhails), D. Gillespie, J. Quinn.

1974:An Dún: 3-09 - 1-12

N. McCole (Rosses Rovers), D. Monaghan, P. McShea, A. Curran, B. McEniff, A. Gallagher, F. Ward, M. Carney, M. Lafferty, S. Granaghan, H. McClafferty, N. Gallagher, J. Winston, S. Bonnar, M. Carr.

Subs: P. McGettigan, G. McElwee, K. Keeney, D. Gillespie, J. Quinn.

1974:V. Gaillimh 1-14 - 3-13

N. McCole, D. Monaghan, P. McShea, A. Curran, B. McEniff, A. Gallagher, F. Ward, S. Bonnar, M. Lafferty, J. Winston, H. McClafferty, P. McGettigan, S. Granaghan, M. Carney, N. Gallagher.

Subs: G. McElwee, P. J. McGowan, M. Carr, D. Gillespie, J. Quinn.

1975:V.An Cabhán 0-13 - 0-15.

McCole, D. Monaghan, P. McShea, A. Curran, B. Dunleavy (McCumhails), A. Gallagher, S. McGinley (Kilcar), Martin Griffin (McCumhails), S. Bonnar, H. McClafferty, M. Carney, M. Carr, Phil Kelly (Muff), B. McEniff, S. Granaghan.

Subs: N. Gallagher, K. Keeney, S. Ferriter.

All-Ireland Football Honours 1970-'75

1970	Championship	Kerry	2-19	Meath	0-18
	League	Mayo			
1971	Championship	Offaly	1-14	Galway	2-08
	League	Kerry			
1972	Championship	Offaly	1-13	Kerry	1-13
	League	Offaly	1-19	Kerry	0-13 (Replay)
	League	Kerry			
1973	Championship	Cork	3-17	Galway	2-13
	League	Kerry			
1974	Championship	Dublin	0-14	Galway	1-06
	League	Kerry			
1975	Championship	Kerry	2-12	Dublin	0-11
	League	Meath			

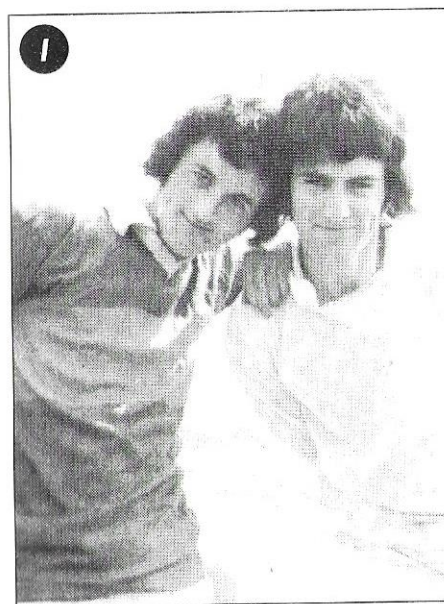


Photo 1 - Tommy McFadden and Michael O'Donnell.



Photo 2 - Denis McBrearty and John Campbell.

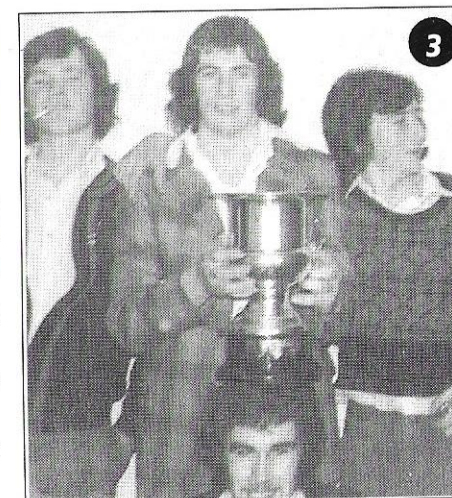


Photo 3 - I-r., Michael Carr and Ignatius Cannon celebrating with friends.

Snippets 1970-1975

In 1970 the rules were changed to protect the goal-keeper - he could no longer be bundled to the net.

In the All-Ireland final of 1970 Kerry's Din Joe Crowley soloed through for 40 yards and beat Meath's goal-keeper Sean McCormack with a spectacular shot.

The "Ban", a rule that prevented players attending or playing foreign games, i.e. Soccer, hockey or cricket, was removed at the Belfast Congress in 1971.

The football final of 1971 between Offaly (1-14) and Galway(2-8) was the first football final to be televised in colour.

In 1972 Offaly beat Donegal by four points in the All-Ireland semi-final having trailed by 0-5 to 1-4 at half-time.

Offaly won the All-Ireland of 1972 in a replay; score Offaly 1-19, Kerry 0-13. Tony McTague scored 10 points in the replay.

Teenager Jimmy Barry Murphy scored two goals in Cork's wins over Galway in the All-Ireland final of 1973. Final score Cork 3-17, Galway 2-13.

Kevin Heffernan was appointed Dublin Manager in 1973.

In 1973 Tyrone won their first Ulster title in 17 years were hammered by Cork in the semi-final by 5-10 to 2-4.

In 1974 Neilly Gallagher's extraordinary point 10 seconds from the end earned Donegal a replay in the Ulster Final against Down (1-14 to 2-11).

Donegal won the replay 3-9 to 1-12, but was Gerald McElwee outside the square when he was fouled for a penalty? Was Joe Winston in the square when he passed to Kieran Keeney who scored a goal with one minute left?

In 1975 Mick O'Dwyer, a fitness fanatic became manager of the Kerry team.

In the dressing rooms before the 1975 All-Ireland final both Mick O'Dwyer and Kevin Heffernan were said to have made speeches that would have them convicted under the Race Relations Act. Kerry won by 1-14 to 0-07.

The average age of the winning Kerry team of 1975 was 22 years. This young team won eight All-Irelands in 12 years.



Paddy Cullen became the first goalkeeper to save a penalty in an All Ireland final when he tipped Liam Sammon's kick around the post. He also secured the first of three Dublin successes in a four-year period.



The greatest team of them all? Kerry's babes were to win eight All-Irelands in twelve years. Back row l-r., Paud Lynch, Paud O'Mahony, Pat Spillane, Tim Kennelly, John O'Keefe, John Egan, Brendan Lynch and Ger Power. Front row l-r., Denis "Ogie" Moran, Páid O Sé, Mike Sheehy, Jim Deenihan, Michael O'Sullivan, Pat McCarthy and Ger O'Keefe.

Chronology of Irish History 1970 - 1975

1970

- Split between 'Officials' and 'Provisionals' at Sinn Fein convention in Dublin (11 Jan.).
Banks in R.I. restrict service owing to labour dispute (2 Mar.); banks closed (30 Apr.), reopened (17 Nov.).
Act establishing police authority etc. in N.I. (26 Mar.).
Easter rising commemorations lead to rioting in Derry, Armagh, and Belfast (28 Mar.-2 Apr.); beginning of fighting between republicans and British army.
Alliance Party combining liberal Protestants and Catholics in N.I. founded (21 Apr.).
B Specials disbanded and their duties transferred to Ulster Defence Regiment (30 Apr.).
Bernadette Devlin, M.P. arrested (26 June), leading to renewed demonstrations in Derry and Belfast (26-9 June); Provos in action for first time, in Belfast.
Charles J. Haughey, R.I. Minister for Finance and Neil Blaney, Minister for Agriculture, dismissed by Lynch (6 May), arrested on charges of illegal importation of arms for I.R.A. (28 May) Blaney discharged (2 July); Haughey acquitted (23 Oct.).
Catholic bishops announce removal of restrictions on Catholics attending Trinity College, Dublin (25 June).
Social Democratic and Labour-party, N.I., formed by combination of opposition M.P. (11 Aug.). Leader Gerry Fitt.

1971

- First British soldier killed in Belfast (6 Feb.).
Fighting between Provos and Officials in Belfast (10 Mar.). Chichester-Clark resigns as P.M. (20 Mar.) succeeded by Brian Faulkner (23 Mar.- till 24 Mar. 1972).
Sean Lemass, Taoiseach 1959-1966 dies (11 May).
Reintroduction of internment without trial (9 Aug.): 342 arrested.
Ulster Defence Association (U.D.A.), paramilitary organisations of working class Protestants, emerge in Belfast (Aug.).
Discovery-well in gas field off Old Head of Kinsale completed (7 Nov.).
Senator John Barnhill shot dead at his hotel near Strabane by Officials (12 Dec.).

1972

- Treaty of accession to EEC signed in Brussels by R.I., U.K. and Denmark (22 Jan.).
'Bloody Sunday': 13 civilians shot dead by paratroopers in Derry, following banned civil rights march (30 Jan.), Lynch declares 2 Feb. day of national mourning (31 Jan.); British embassy in Dublin burned (2 Feb.).
Bomb explosion, work of Officials, at officers mess in Aldershot, killing six civilians (22 Feb.).
Attempt to assassinate John Taylor, N.I. minister of state at Armagh (25 Feb.).
Explosion at Abercorn Restaurant Belfast (4 Mar.).
Marcus McCausland shot dead near Derry by Officials (6 Mar.).
Faulkner's government resigns, having refused to accept transfer of responsibility for

security from Stormont to Westminster; N.I. Parliament and government suspended; direct rule introduced under William Whitelaw as secretary of state for N.I. (24 Mar. N.I. parliament abolished, 18 July 1973).

- R.I. sets up special criminal court, to consist of three judges without a jury under Offences against the State Act, 1939 (26 May).
Officials suspend operations in N.I. (29 May).
Truce between Provos and British army (26 June; continues till 9 July).
'Bloody Friday' in Belfast (21 July); 22 explosions by Provos, killing 19 and injuring 130.
Whitelaw's green paper, "The future of Northern Ireland", published (30 Oct.).
Sean MacStiofain, Provo's chief of staff, arrested by R.I. police (19 Nov.), after giving an interview to R.T.E. reporter, Kevin O'Kelly; interview broadcast later that day.
R.T.E. Authority dismissed by government (24 Nov.) over broadcast of MacStiofain interview.
Referendum in R.I. reduces minimum age for voting to 18 and approves omission from constitution of special position of R.C. church (7 Dec.).
1972 peak year for violence in N.I.: 467 killed, out of total killings of 678 since 1969.

1973

- R.I. becomes member of EEC along with U.K. and Denmark (1 Jan.).
Car bomb explosion in Dublin, killing one and injuring 17 (20 Jan.).
General election in R.I. (28 Feb.): F.F. 69, F.G. 54, Lab. 19, independents 2; majority for Fine Gael-Labour coalition; Lynch (see 1966) succeeded as Taoiseach by Liam Cosgrave (F.G.) heading inter-party government (14 Mar. continues till June 1977).
Two car bomb explosions in London, killing one and injuring 180 (8 Mar.).
Act providing for assembly of 78 in N.I., to be elected by proportional representation (3 May).
Erskine Hamilton Childers elected president of R.I. (30 May; continues till 17 Nov. 1974).
Elections in N.I. to new district councils, first to be held since 1967 (30 May); final results: official unionists 210 loyalist coalition 81, S.D.L.P. 82, Alliance 63, others 83 (local 519).
General election for N.I. assembly (28 June); final results: official unionists 23, Alliance 8, N.I.L.P. 1. (Total pro-assembly unionists 32) unpledged unionists 10; loyalist coalition 15; other loyalists 2 (total dissident unionists 27); S.D.L.P. 19 (total membership 78) (See 1969, 1975).
N.I. Constitution Act (U.K.) (18 July).
First meeting of N.I. Assembly ends in disorder (31 July).
Heath and Cosgrave meet at Baldonnell Aerodrome, Co. Dublin (17 Sept.).
First inter-church meeting at Ballymascanlon, Co. Louth, attended by representatives of all main churches in Ireland (26 Sept.).
Six oil-producing countries on Persian Gulf increase price of crude oil from \$3 to \$8 per barrel (16 Oct.); to \$11.50 on 23 Dec.; world economic recession follows.
Official unionists, Alliance, and S.D.L.P. agree to form 'power-sharing' executive under Faulkner (22 Nov.).
United Ulster Unionist Council, combination of loyalist parties, formed to oppose

power-sharing (6 Dec.).

Whitelaw succeeded by Francis Pym as Secretary of State for N.I. (2 Dec.; continues till Mar. 1974).

Conference at Sunningdale, Berks, between representatives of Irish and British governments and of N.I. executive designate (6-9 Dec.) resulting in agreement on status of N.I., setting up of a Council of Ireland, and co-operation between the two Irish governments, including measures to bring to justice persons committing crimes of violence, however motivated, in any part of Ireland (9 Dec.).

1974

N.I. executive takes office under Faulkner (1 Jan.).

Bomb kills 11 in bus carrying army personnel to Catterick, Yorks (4 Feb.).

General election in U.K. (28 Feb.): in G.B. - lab. 301 con. 297 lib. 14, others 11, in N.I. - unionists 7, D.U.P. 1, Vanguard Unionist Progressive Party 3, S.D.L.P. 1 (United Ulster Unionist Council gain 11 out of 12 seats)

Wilson succeeds Heath (see 1970) as P.M. (4 Mar.; continues till Apr. 1976); Merlyn Rees (Lab.) succeeds Pym (see 1973) as secretary of state for N.I. (continues 'till Sept. 1976).

Ulster Workers' Council declares general strike (14 May).

Three car bomb explosions in Dublin kill 25, and one in Monaghan kills 6 (17 May).

Faulkner and unionist members of executive resign (28 May).

N.I. assembly prorogued and direct rule from Westminster reimposed (29 May) strike called off.

U.K. act providing for constitutional convention on N.I. (17 July).

General election in U.K. (10 Oct.): in G.B. - lab. 319 con. 277 lib. 13,

Others 14; in N.I. - unionists 6, D.U.P. 1, Vanguard Unionist

Progressive Party 3, S.D.L.P. 1, independent 1 (see Feb. 1974, 1979).

Erskine Childers, president of R.I., dies (17 Nov.);

Cearbhall Ó Dalaigh, elected unopposed to succeed him (3 Dec.; continues till Oct. 1976).

Richard Burke, R. I. Minister for Education, announces new plan for higher education (16 Dec.): U.C.D. to become independent university, T.C.D. to retain independence with loss of certain faculties.

1975

General election for N.I. convention (1 May): Unionist Party of Northern Ireland 5, Official Unionist Party 19; D.U.P. 12, Vanguard Unionist Party 14; N.I.L.P. 1; S.D.L.P. 17-, Alliance 8, independents 2 (total membership 78); convention meets 8 May (see 1973, 1982).

Eamon de Valera dies, aged 92 (29 Aug.).

Dr Tiede Herrema kidnapped in Limerick (3 Oct.); released after 18 days siege of house in Monasterevan (7 Nov.).

Convention votes by 42 to 31 to present report of United Ulster Unionist Council (rejecting power sharing) as report of convention while appending minority report (7 Nov.).

Detention without trial in N.I. ends (5 Dec.).

Seo é an sceal faoi na-Cath Na Slat Mara

That raged long ago near the town of Cill Cara.
The scene of this combat between Trough Bray
And rip'ling Glenadra that rolls to the bay.
In spring when primroses are blushing in bloom
And daisies awake from their long winter tomb;
When birdies are singing and lambkins at play,
And larks keep ascending and singing all day;
When dell with profusion of posies abound,
And carpets of greensward are spread on the ground,
The farmer with joy spreads the wrack on the fields,
And many the warlike slat mara it yields

Two light-hearted gasurs were happy at play,
They frisked through slat mara the long happy day.
One grasped at slat mara and swung as a flail,
And sorely the lug of his chum did assail.
With slug to the puss his companion replied
While friend and companion advanced to each side.
Their screeching and screaming, their bellowing, bawling,
Rang out as the banshees at night caterwauling,
Their parents sprang up from their spring stubble digging,
And straight to the fray they went trippingly jiggling,
So hostile their phizzes and warlike their glances,
They nimbly engaged in the bellicose dances.

Alarm re-echoed to far Crannasilla, Drimreagh and Towney and green Bartnaguilla;
And swiftly they flew with speed of an arra
And joined the excitement of Cath Na Slat Mara;
Arriving in hundreds, and slat maras grasping,
They waved them on high while their shields were unclasping.
Some spied their old friends, and as fondly they greet them;
They grasped a slat mara and cheerfully beat them;
And some that for years had been angry and spiteful,
When we met at Slat Maras their vengeance was frightful;
And some growing weary
Retired from the action,
Repined, but rejoined, with renewed satisfaction.

A colleen that watched admired a stocca
Attired in scealtog of green baleen broca;
A massive Slat Mara he flashingly wielded,
Before him a battalion had yielded.
Her father decreed she would marry Mickey Owen,
A man twice her age with his feasog full grown;
And she with the sweetness of sugar and bruteen
Just looked like a queen and she puffin' her dudeen.

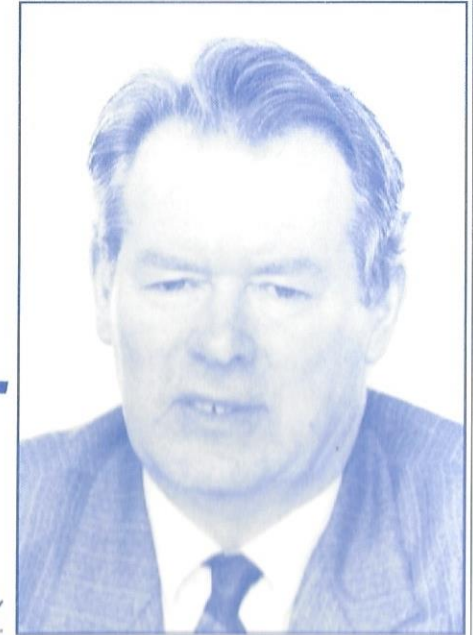
The owl lad, 'twas bruited, twenty-five pound,
And owned twenty acres of Oscar filled ground.
This lad that she loved had no acres at all,
He was brave, he was clever, was witty and tall.
His pockets were filled with an absence of shekels,
His big smiling face had abundance of freckles,
This means that his jeans had no dollars or nickels,
His phizz had a billion of brave frentickles.
Their wedding was held the day after Slat Mara,
Their honeymoon spending ar cul Na Clough Sparra.
The combat raged on with its vigor increasing,
With never a sign of a truce or surceasing,
At evening when Phoebus was slowly descending,
And darkling the shadows with slat maras blending;
When borne on the breeze came a thunder-like prancing

As if grave Slieve-a-Leauge got half stewed and was dancing,
Was it great Finn MacCool that was homeward approaching
With hosts of Fianna behind him, encroaching?
But a gulder was heard like the divil adrumming,
And everyone quaked - it was Thadge Rowar Coming!
His head was the size of a firkin of butter,
Redoubtable Thaduge - he so strong, ambidextrous,
With his fists more like hams and with many more extras,
His nose like a turnip, was warted and hooked,
His pillar-like legs like the pot hooks were crooked;
His broges were so large that a hill couldn't hide them,
His fists when extented were marching beside them;
With buttocks so wide an over sized belly
That wiggled and waggled like a creeful of jelly;
His gruag was unshorn; it was shaggy and sooty;
No wonder he won the gold medal for beauty.

As space from the combat his nine league strides narras,
Each fist grabbed a slamanof broom-like slat marras;
Manoeuvering 'round to the rear just a fraction,
This hero laid on with a fierce batteraction.
With juice of tabacky his teeth were enboughing,
He tore through the ranks with massive platoging,
"This battle, I'm sure", said Ignetus the Master,
Was like ten Waterloos, but was ten times agaster!"
The Knight thrashed his way with his tactics unmartial,
He mauled men and weemen style quite impartial,
They fled from the field with their yelling a tarra,
Leaving Tadge Mor the victor
Cath Na Slat Mara.

A battle fought around 200 yrs ago as told by Bean O'Doherty Homer Folks Sanitarium,
Oneonta N.Y. a TB victim, who heard the story from his grandfather, who heard it from his
grandfather before him.

Ag súil le sár- chluiche...



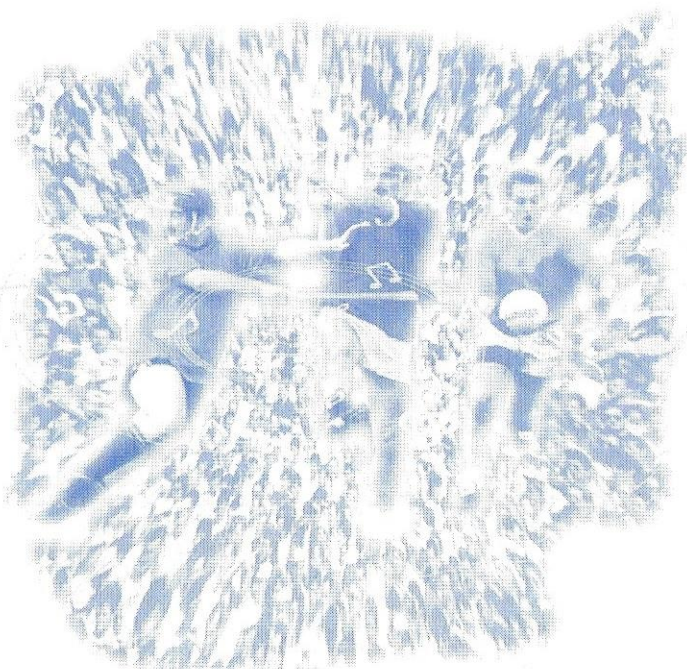
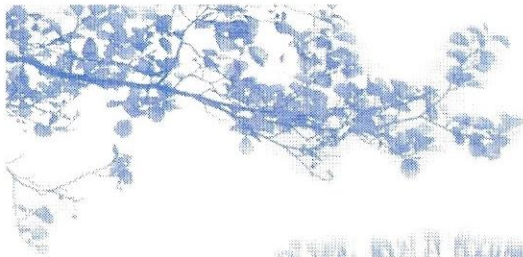
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