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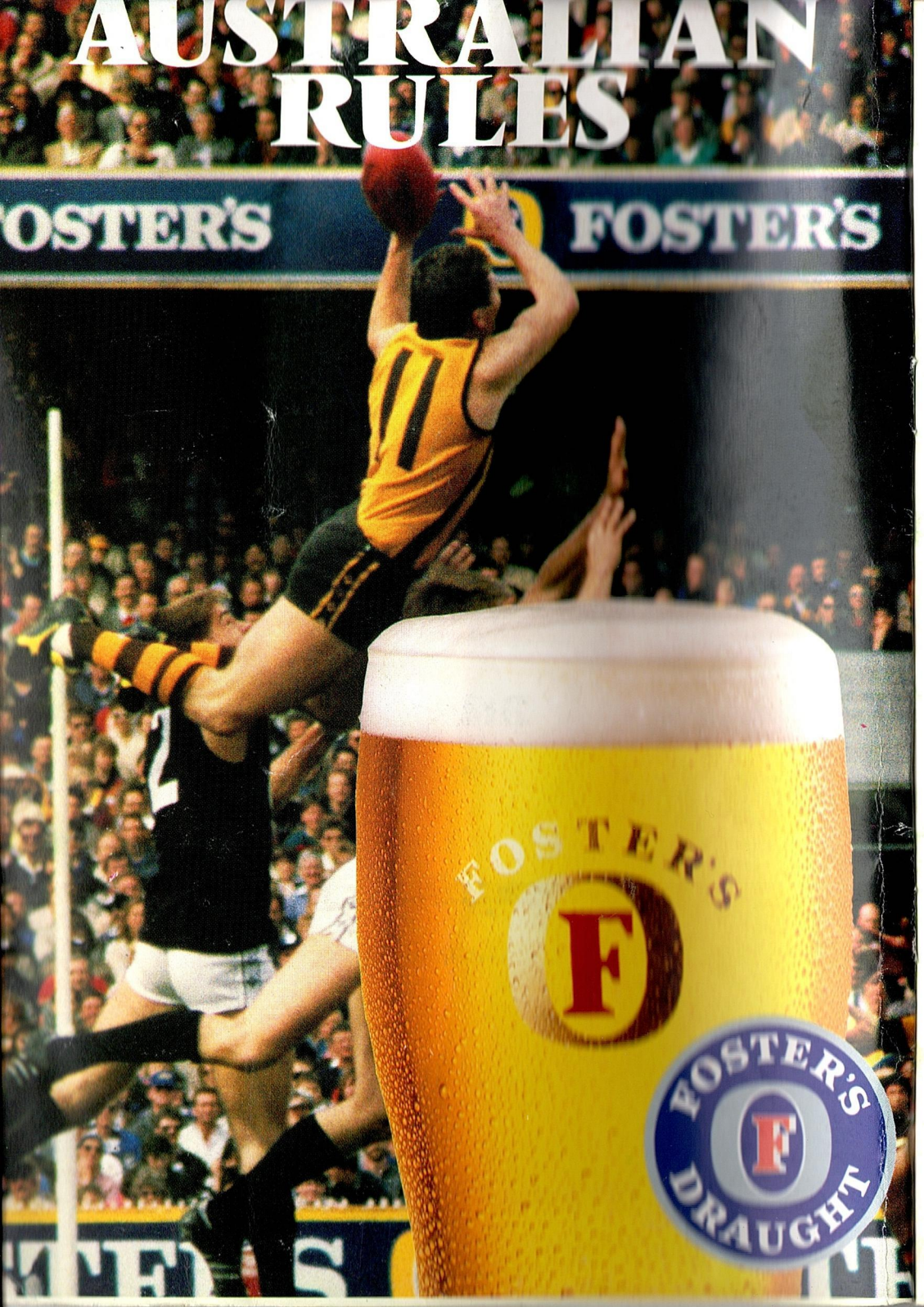
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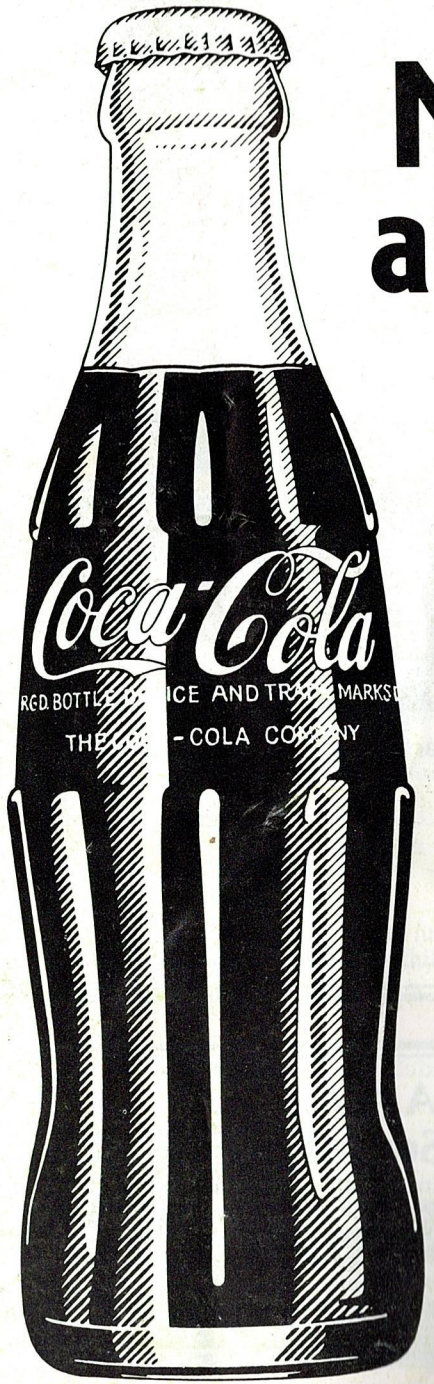
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1.40p.m.	End of Minor Hurling Game.
2.00p.m.	**Cluichí Leath-Cheannais Peile na hÉireann** Start of Minor Football Semi-final Ros Comáin v. Doire.
2.30p.m.	Half time.
2.32p.m.	I.N.T.O. Skills Exhibition.
2.40p.m.	Start of second half.
3.10p.m.	End of game.
3.14p.m.	Foireann Thír Eoghain amach ar an bPáirc. Photographs.
3.16p.m.	Foireann Mhaigh Eó amach ar an bPáirc. Photographs.
3.20p.m.	Parade.
3.30p.m.	**Start of Senior game.** Tír Eoghain v. Maigh Eó.
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4.50p.m.	Senior game ends.

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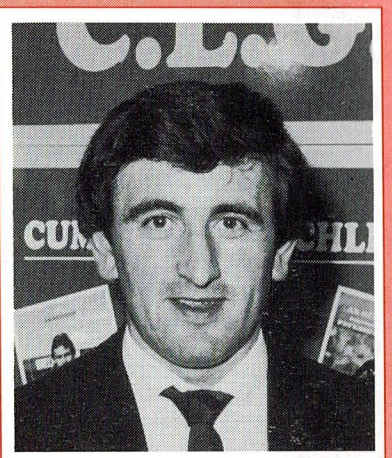


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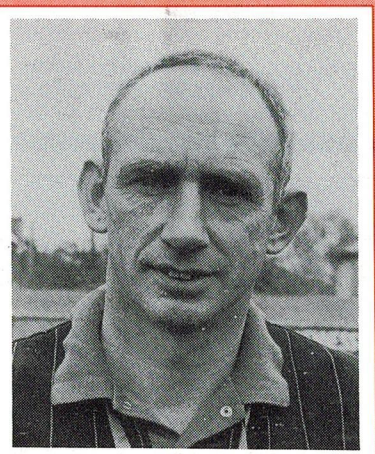
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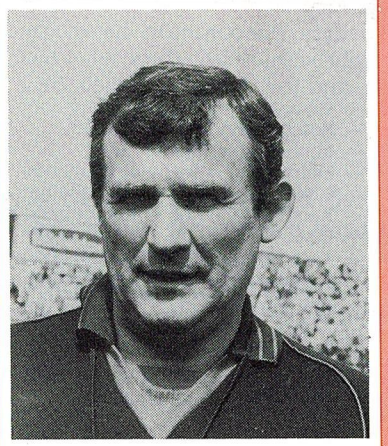
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NA MIONÚIR

Second Meeting for Ros Comáin & Doire

Today's meeting of Roscommon and Derry will be only the second clash of these counties in the minor football championship — the first being in 1965 when they were semi-final opponents.

The result was a win for the northern representatives who were making their first appearance at this stage of the championship.

By contrast, Roscommon were 'old' semi-final hands, having successfully contested the semi-finals of 1939, '41 and '51, after which they went on to take All-Ireland honours.

Derry's initial venture was also successful, as after the win over Roscommon they took the title with a good win over Kerry.

By a coincidence, Roscommon and Derry last appeared in the semi-final in 1984, but both were defeated — Derry by Dublin and Roscommon by Tipperary.

To date Roscommon have appeared in eight semi-finals, three of which they won, and the details of which are:

1939 — Roscommon	0-10;	Cork	1-4.
1941 — Roscommon	5-7;	Kerry	3-3.
1951 — Roscommon	2-5;	Louth	1-3.
1965 — Derry	4-8;	Roscommon	4-5.
1967 — Laois	2-8;	Roscommon	2-7.
1975 — Kerry	3-12;	Roscommon	0-6.
1981 — Cork	5-11;	Roscommon	3-5.
1984 — Tipperary	2-12;	Roscommon	1-1.

Derry have appeared in seven semi-finals with the record showing five wins and two defeats.

The details are:

1965 — Derry	4-8;	Roscommon	4-5.
1969 — Derry	0-14;	Wexford	3-4.
1970 — Kerry	2-10;	Derry	0-11.
1980 — Derry	1-11;	Mayo	0-11.
1981 — Derry	0-8;	Dublin	0-6.
1983 — Derry	0-16;	Galway	3-5.
1984 — Dublin	0-14;	Derry	0-7.

ANXIOUS DAYS FOR ROSCOMMON

Roscommon had more than the usual anxious moments on the way to their first Connacht minor football championship in five years. In the provincial final they appeared to have captured the title when Shane Curran sent a penalty kick to the Galway net with the last kick of the game.

It looked then that Roscommon were champions by two points, and they were, in fact, awarded the trophy, and also completed a lap of honour at Castlebar.

Subsequently, it was learned that the referee had disallowed the penalty for an infringement, and Galway were awarded the title on a 2-8 to 0-13 scoreline.

Later it was agreed that the teams would replay the final, and Roscommon eventually got through in extra time by 2-11 to 0-15 for their ninth provincial crown.

They have not appeared in an All-Ireland minor final since 1951 when they won their third championship.

THE RECORD
July 2. At Roscommon: Roscommon 0-14; Sligo 1-6.
July 23. At Castlebar: Roscommon 0-13; Galway 2-8.
August 2. At Castlebar: Roscommon 2-11; Galway 0-15. In extra time.

Roscommon scored 2-38 (44 points) and conceded 3-29 (38 points).

Their leading scorer is Derek Duggan with 0-14. Peadar Glennon hit 0-8 and Shane Curran 1-3, excluding that controversial penalty in the first clash with Galway.

Stephen Drury, Lorcan Dowd and C. Kelly each scored 0-3, Eddie Ennis 1-0, and M. Costelloe and P. McCarthy 0-2 apiece.

THE ONE MEETING (1965)

Derry 4-8; Roscommon 4-5. From the outset this was a game of swaying fortunes and excellent scores. Roscommon had two in the net before Derry found their feet; then as Tom Diamond and Seamus Lagan began to shade the midfield exchanges, the Northerners came more into the game, despite the marksmanship of Jimmy Keane for the opposition.

Lagan's point gave Derry an interval lead of 3-3 to 3-2, but Keane edged Roscommon in front within four minutes of the restart. Derry then had a great spell as Brendan Mullan, Micky Niblock and Eddie Coleman all found the target. With less than five minutes remaining Derry had forged a six-point lead, but the issue was again open when Roscommon, who had missed a penalty, had their fourth goal. Time ran out, however, as a defence splendidly marshalled by Tom Quinn held out to give Derry an historic victory.

Scorers for Derry: S. McCloskey 2-0, B. Mullan 0-5, M. Niblock 1-1, E. Coleman 1-1, S. Lagan 0-1.
Roscommon: J. Keane 3-1, M. Silke 1-0, B. Carbery 0-2, S. Cox 0-1, C. McGuinness 0-1.

NA MIONÚIR

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Derry: George Kileen, Anthony Burke, Tom Quinn, Mickey Kelly, Colm Mullan, Malachy McAfee, Adrian McGuckian, Tom Diamond, Seamus Lagan, Brendan Mullan, Mickey Niblock, Eddie Coleman, J.J. Kearney, Seamus McCloskey, Sean Moore.

Roscommon: Leo Dufficey, Padraig O'Callaghan, Pat Clarke, Vincent Glennon, Frank Fallon, Aidan O'Sullivan, Michael Cox, Dermot Earley, John Nicholson, Michael Silke, Seamus Cox, Ciaran McGuinness, John Kelly, Jimmy Deane, Brendan Carberry.

HAT TRICK IN VAIN

To score three goals in an All-Ireland semi-final is a rare achievement and doing so one would almost certainly be part of a winning team. But not for Jimmy Keane of Roscommon, who, in recording a hat trick against Derry in 1965 experienced the frustration of still coming out on the losing end.

BIG WIN OVER NEW YORK

Derry had a big win over novel opponents in New York on the way to their first All-Ireland minor football semi-final since 1984 when they lost to Dublin by 0-14 to 0-7.

They started their campaign in late May:
May 28. At Irvinestown: Derry 2-10; Fermanagh 0-11.
June 18. At Clones: Derry 3-11; Cavan 2-11.
July 16. At Clones: Derry 2-15.; Armagh 2-3.
August 5. At Ballinascreen: Derry 4-14; New York 1-4.

The Foylesiders scored 11-50 (83 points) and conceded 5-29 (44 points).

Twelve players contributed to the Derry scoring returns:
Eamonn Burns has 1-12, Declan Bateson 2-7, Eunan O'Kane 3-4, Ryan Murphy 2-3, and Rory McEldowney 0-9, James Lynn scored 2-1. Dermot Heaney has 1-3, Anthony Tohill 0-5, Gary Coleman 0-2, John Mulholland 0-2, Roderick Skelly 0-1, and Dolan O'Hagan 0-1.

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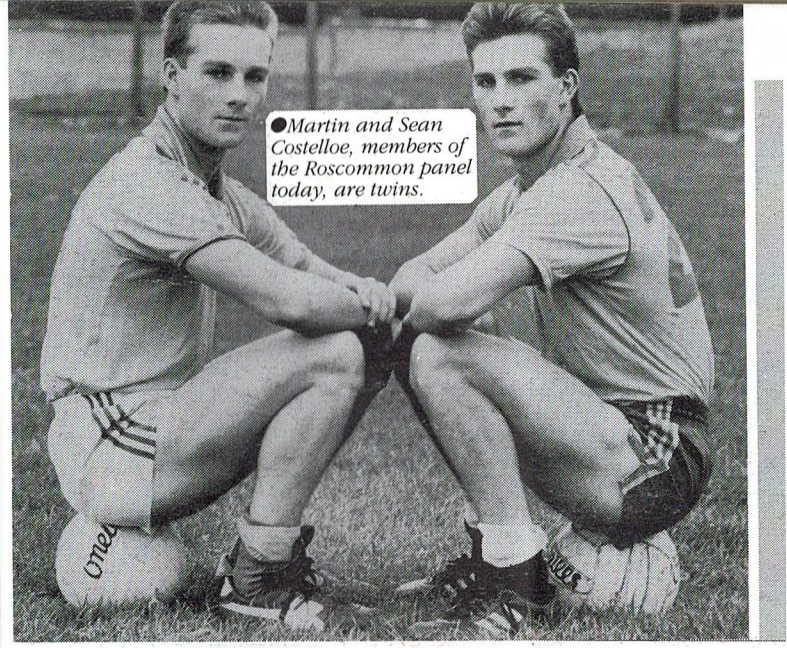
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●Martin and Sean Costelloe, members of the Roscommon panel today, are twins.

COLLEGES' BREAKTHROUGH

Left half back for Derry in 1965 was Adrian McGuckian, who has more than the usual interest in this latest semi-final clash. He has been manager of the St. Patrick's, Maghera, Colleges' team for some ten years, and last May realised a cherished ambition when his team beat Coláiste Chríost Rí, Cork, in a replay at Longford, to capture the All-Ireland senior colleges title for the first time.

A number of those history-makers have been prominent in Derry's return to Croke Park. Defenders Paddy McAllister, Greg Simpson, Barry McGonigle and Roderick Skelly, midfielder Anthony Tohill and forwards Eamonn Burns and Eunan O'Kane all followed the Colleges' breakthrough by turning out in the Ulster final win.

TRANSFORMATION

Derry looked to be coming to the end of the championship road in the Ulster semi-final against Cavan, when they trailed by an intimidating eight points with only 19 minutes remaining. It was then that they introduced Eunan O'Kane, and he transformed the game.

With his first touch of the ball he had a Derry goal, added on another goal and two points for good measure to blue-print a sensational come-back that earned Derry an amazing 4-11 to 2-11 win.

ROSCOMMON

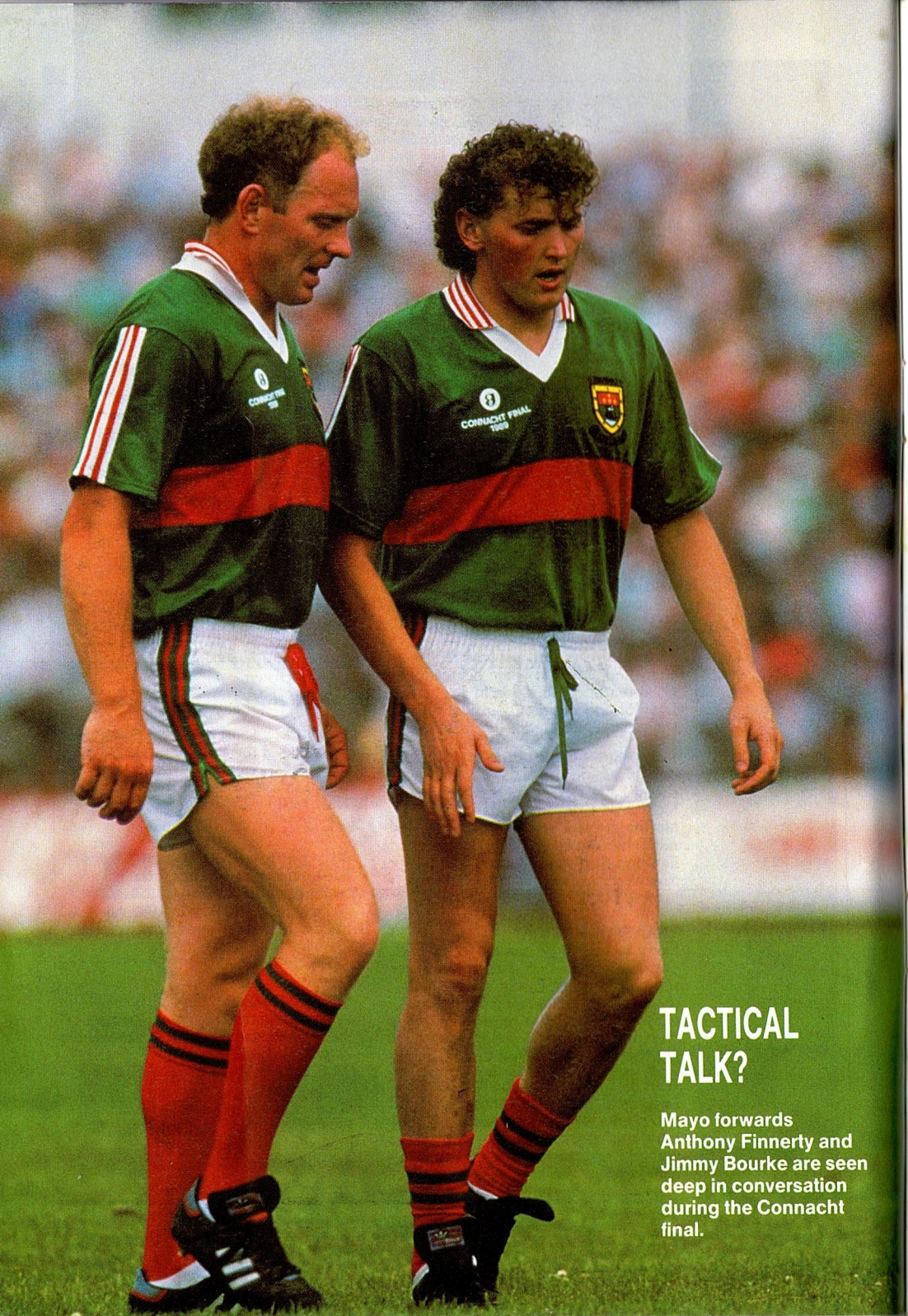
●Today is Roscommon's ninth All-Ireland minor semi-final appearance. They have been successful in three of these — 1939, 1941 and 1951. Strangely enough, on all three occasions Roscommon went on to capture the All-Ireland crown.

●Colm Kelly and Peadar Glennon were members of the Roscommon special under 16 hurling team which beat Down in last year's All-Ireland final. They beat Derry in the semi-final.

●Lorcan Dowd, midfield on today's Roscommon minor team, was a member of the St. Mary's College, Galway team that lost in 1988 All-Ireland Junior Colleges' final to St. Patrick's College, Maghera.

●Jimmy Finnegan, manager of Roscommon minors, was a member of the 1966 Roscommon All-Ireland under-21 winning side.

●Roscommon selector Fr. Michael Donnelly has just celebrated the silver jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood.



TACTICAL TALK?

Mayo forwards Anthony Finnerty and Jimmy Bourke are seen deep in conversation during the Connacht final.

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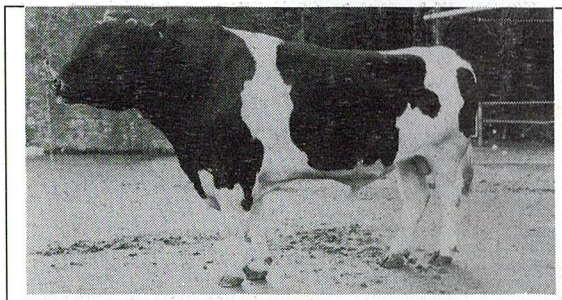
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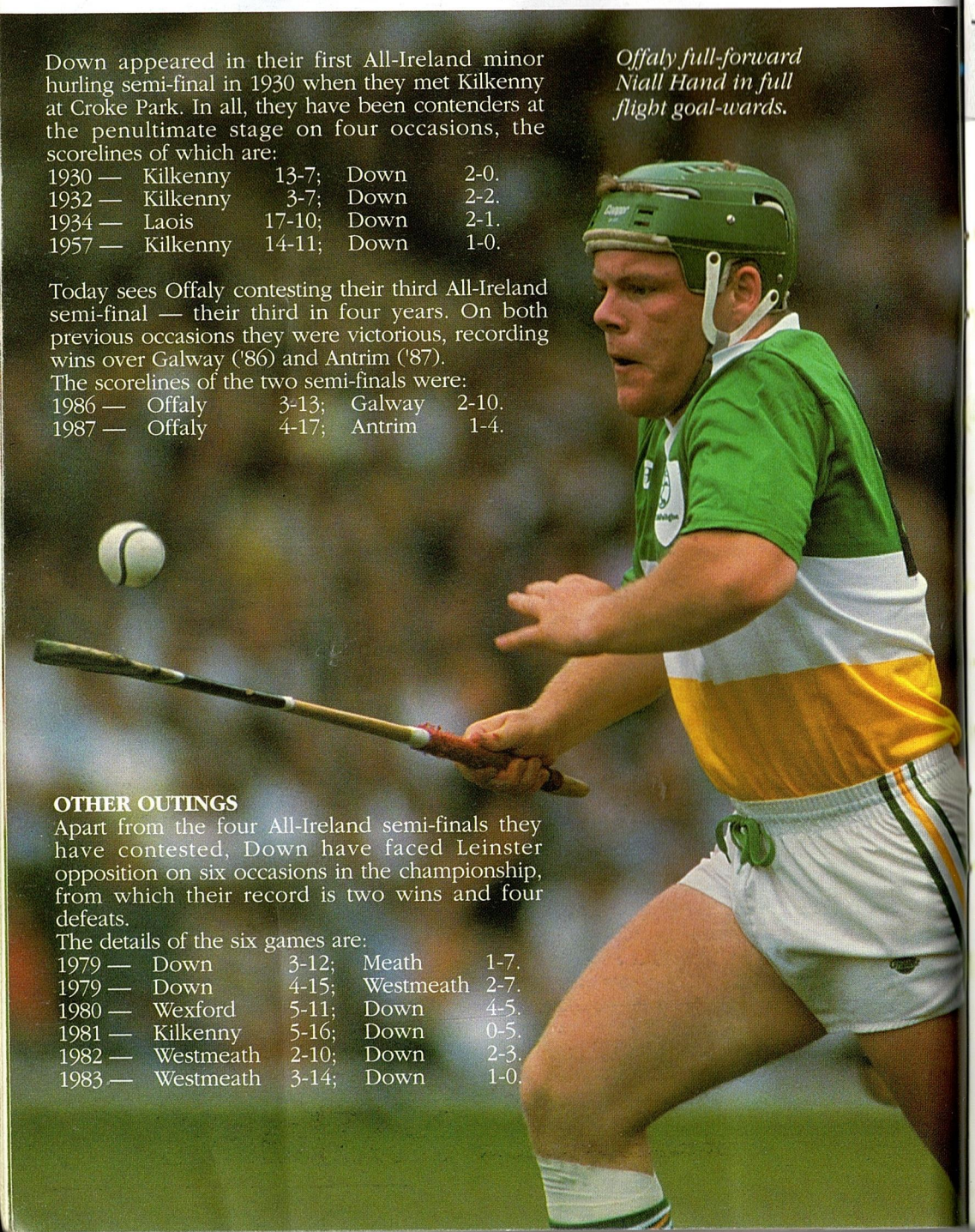
Down appeared in their first All-Ireland minor hurling semi-final in 1930 when they met Kilkenny at Croke Park. In all, they have been contenders at the penultimate stage on four occasions, the scorelines of which are:

1930 —	Kilkenny	13-7;	Down	2-0.
1932 —	Kilkenny	3-7;	Down	2-2.
1934 —	Laois	17-10;	Down	2-1.
1957 —	Kilkenny	14-11;	Down	1-0.

Today sees Offaly contesting their third All-Ireland semi-final — their third in four years. On both previous occasions they were victorious, recording wins over Galway ('86) and Antrim ('87).
The scorelines of the two semi-finals were:

1986 —	Offaly	3-13;	Galway	2-10.
1987 —	Offaly	4-17;	Antrim	1-4.

Offaly full-forward Niall Hand in full flight goal-wards.



OTHER OUTINGS
Apart from the four All-Ireland semi-finals they have contested, Down have faced Leinster opposition on six occasions in the championship, from which their record is two wins and four defeats.
The details of the six games are:

1979 —	Down	3-12;	Meath	1-7.
1979 —	Down	4-15;	Westmeath	2-7.
1980 —	Wexford	5-11;	Down	4-5.
1981 —	Kilkenny	5-16;	Down	0-5.
1982 —	Westmeath	2-10;	Down	2-3.
1983 —	Westmeath	3-14;	Down	1-0.

AN DÚN 7 UIBH FHÁILÍ

Despite the disparity in the annexation of hurling's top honours in recent years, Down and Offaly for decades trod a remarkably similar road in pursuit of provincial and All-Ireland titles, and if the affluence of the 1980s has now placed Offaly firmly among hurling's elite, even the shortest midland memory can recall seasons when even reaching a provincial final was a distinction to be noted.

Down's position in Ulster was similar to Offaly's in Leinster; there Antrim assumed the role of tormentor that was — eternally it seemed — Kilkenny's vis-a-vis Offaly. But the Mourne hurlers did at least have the occasional consolation of a provincial title, though when they moved beyond the confines of the province, southern might remained unbreakable. Yet there was one glorious day in 1932 when the Down teenagers stayed within sight of Kilkenny for almost the full hour — the eight points in the Noresider's favour representing a peak of Ulster endeavour that was a highlight of the minor grade in that decade.

DISAPPOINTMENT
But that encouraging display was sandwiched between heavy defeats by Kilkenny (1930) and Laois (1934) and for more than 20 years thereafter the Northern standard was borne, without a break, by Antrim. Down's return to the All-Ireland scene in 1957 was another big disappointment as even the advantage of a northern setting could not lift the wearers of the red and black in the face of black and amber excellence.

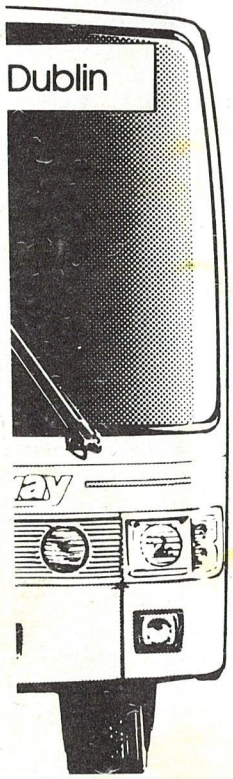
For more than two decades after that 1957 defeat Down had to be content with the role of runners-up to Antrim in Ulster, but more hopeful vistas were opened in the late Seventies when Down and Antrim were admitted to the Leinster championship. Down celebrated their entry to Leinster competition with a comprehensive win over Meath at Trim and they followed up with a 14-point trouncing of Westmeath at Mullingar. Alas, Antrim halted them at the semi-final stage at Croke Park, and since then Down have had to give best to their neighbours until this year's championship gave them that long-sought Ulster title and their first win over Antrim in more than 30 years.

SIX DECADES
Offaly's under 18 championship story ran to a similar pattern until the breakthrough three years ago, and in the almost six decades that preceded that triumph, they experienced defeat as utter and complete as any experienced by Down in their long struggle to preserve the ancient game in the shadow of the Mournes.

Down today are bidding for a place in the final for the first time; Offaly are bidding to maintain their proud record of never having lost a minor championship game to opponents from outside the province.

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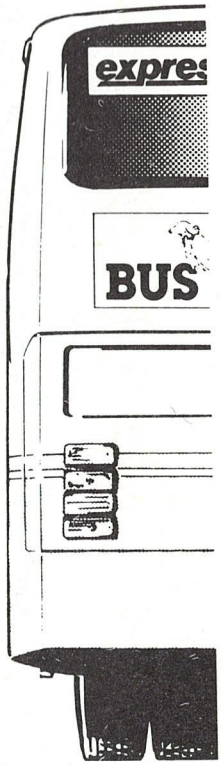
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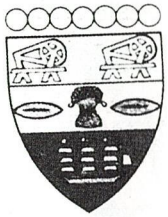
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FIR IONAID: (16) S. Mac an Mhaistir **(Sean Masterson)** *Ballycran;* (17) L Mac Airt **(Laurence Arthurs)** *Ballycran;* (18) E. Ó Sabhaois **(Eric Savage)** *Portaferry;* (19) C. Ó Mealláin **(Conor Mallon)** *Ballycran;* (20) B. Mac Reachtáin **(Barry McGrattan)** *Ballygalget;* (21) N. Mac an Bheata **(Niall McVeigh)** *Castlewellan;* (22) C. Ó Suáile **(Conor Swail)** *Darragh Cross;* (23) G. Ó Cearulláin **(Gabriel Carlin)** *Ben Dearg;* (24) D. Ó Brannuibh **(Declan Branniff)** *Ballycran.*

ROGHNÓIRÍ: John Mallon, *(Ballycran)* Manager; Sean Savage *(Portaferry);* Willie Coulter *(Ballygalget);* Paddy Branniff *(Ballygalget),* Team Coach.

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UÍBH FHAILÍ

Dathanna: **Glas, Bán is Ór**



(1) S. Ó Troithigh
JOHN TROY
(Lusmagh)

(2) M. Ó hÓgáin
MICHAEL HOGAN
(Coolderry)

(3) F. Ó Cuilinn
FINBARR CULLEN
(Edenderry)

(4) H. Ó Roigne
HUBERT RIGNEY
(St. Rynagh's)

(5) D. Ó Bearáin
DAMIEN BARRON
(Kilcormack-Killoughey)

(6) B. Ó Faoileacháin (Capt.)
BRIAN WHELEHAN
(Birr)

(7) D. Ó Proinséis
DONAL FRANKS
(Ballyskenagh)

(8) A. Ó Cathail
ADRIAN CAHILL
(Birr)

(9) R. Ó Dúlaoich
RAYMOND DOOLEY
(Coolderry)

(10) S. Ó Dúlaoich
JOHN DOOLEY
(Seir Kieran's)

(11) S. Ó Grianáin
SEAN GRENNAN
(Ferbane/Belmont)

(12) C. Ó Floinn
KEVIN FLYNN
(Ferbane/Belmont)

(13) R. Mac Conmara
RONAN McNAMARA
(St. Rynagh's)

(14) N. Mac Laithimh
NIALL HAND
(Kilcormac-Killoughey)

(15) O. Ó Néill
OISIN O'NEILL
(Shinrone)

FIR IONAID: (16) D. Ó Proinséis **(Damien Franks)** *Shinrone;* (17) R. Ó Duíginn **(Raymond Deegan)** *Coolderry;* (18) C. Ó Mainnin **(Karl Mannion)** *St. Rynagh's;* (19) N. Ó Tiarnaigh **(Niel Tierney)** *Birr;* (20) A. Mac Giolla Mhartáin **(Henry Kilmartin)** *Kilcormack-Killoughey;* (21) A. Ó hEachtair **(Andrew Hoctor)** *Tullamore,* (22) C. Ó Meachair **(Cathal Maher)** *Ferbane/Belmont;* (23) S. Ó Bogaigh **(Shane Buggy)** *Ballinamere/Burrow;* (24) D. Ó Maoileáin **(Dermot Moylan)** *St. Rynagh's.*

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ROS COMÁIN

Connacht Minor Football Champions 1989



DOIRE

Dathanna: **Dearg is Bán**

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MARTIN O'CONNOR
(Dungiven)

(2) I. Ó Máirtín
JARLATH MARTIN
(Ballinderry)

(3) P. Mac Alastair
PADDY McALLISTER
(Kilrea)

(4) G. Mac Shim
GREGORY SIMPSON
(Banagher)

(5) B. Mac Congail
BARRY McGONIGLE
(Dungiven)

(6) G. Ó Colmáin (Capt.)
GARY COLEMAN
(Magherafelt)

(7) R. Ó Scealaí
RODERICK SKELLY
(Ballerin)

(8) S. Ó Maolchallan
JOHN MULHOLLAND
(Bellaghy)

(9) A. Ó Tuathail
ANTHONY TOHILL
(Swatragh)

(10) R. Mac Domnaigh
RORY McELOOWNEY
(Kilrea)

(11) S. Ó Loinn
JAMES LYNN
(Greenlough)

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EAMONN BURNS
(Ballinascreen)

(13) A. Ó Cahtáin
EUNAN O'KANE
(Dungiven)

(14) D. Ó hÉanna
DERMOT HEANEY
(Castledawson)

(15) D. de Bhát
DECLAN BATESON
(Ballinderry)

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ROGHNÓIRÍ: John Joe Kearney, Manager *(Slaughtneil);* Michael Bradley, Assistant Manager *(Ballerin);* Michael Gribben, Coach *(Newbridge).*

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ROS COMÁIN

Dathanna: **Gorm is Ór**

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PADRAIC RAFTERY
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(3) S. Ó Standúin (Capt.)
SEÁN STAUNTON
(Oran)

(4) L. Ó Saighail
LEO SHIEL
(Strokestown)

(5) P. Mac Eoin
PAUL OWENS
(Roscommon Gaels)

(6) P. Ó Ceallaigh
PADDY KELLY
(Kilglass Gaels)

(7) M. Ó Coisdealbh
MARTIN COSTELLO
(Castlerea)

(8) F. Ó Domhnaill
FERGAL O'DONNELL
(Roscommon Gaels)

(9) L. Ó Dubhda
LORCAN DOWD
(Western Gaels)

(10) S. Mac An Druaigh
STEPHEN DRURY
(Ballinameen)

(11) S. Ó Corrain
SHANE CURRAN
(Castlerea)

(12) D. Ó Dubhgain
DEREK DUGGAN
(Castlerea)

(13) P. Ó Cartaigh
PAUL CARTHY
(Roscommon Gaels)

(14) C. Ó Ceallaigh
COLM KELLY
(Oran)

(15) P. Ó Gleannain
PEADER GLENNON
(Padraic Pearses)

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JOHN FINN
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SEAN MAHER
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LIAM McHALE
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MICHAEL FITZMAURICE
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(11) L. S. Mac Paidin
WILLIE JOE PADDEN
(Belmullet)

(12) N. Mac Durkin
NOEL DURKIN
(Ballaghadereen)

(13) C. Ó Maoilste
KEVIN McSTAY
(Ballymun Kickhams)

(14) S. de Búrca
JIMMY BOURKE
(Aughamore)

(15) A. Ó Fionnachta
ANTHONY FINNERTY
(Moygownagh)

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Dathanna: **Bán is Dearg**

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SEAN DONNELLY
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(Moy)

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(Clonoe)

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CIARAN CORR
(Coalisland)

(11) D. Ó hÁgain
DAMIEN O'HAGAN
(Coalisland)

(12) S. Mac Maoilir
SEAN MYLER
(Omagh)

(13) C. Mac Cába
KEVIN McCABE
(Clonoe)

(14) E. Mac Cionnaith
EUGENE McKENNA
(Augher)

(15) S. Ó Conbhuí
STEVEN CONWAY
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ROGHNÓIRÍ: Donal Donnelly, Manager *(Omagh);* Paul Doris *(Dungannon).*

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Connacht Senior Football Champions 1989



Cleachtadh ag Ceanncheathrú

Things did not turn out quite as expected for Mayo when they arrived at Croke Park to contest the 1921 All-Ireland semi-final with Tipperary.

Owing to the unsettled state of the country — and the championships — at the time, it was the third Sunday in April 1923 before the Mayo versus the Munster winners semi-final could be arranged.

Tipperary in the absence of any opposition in the South, had been nominated to represent the province, but on the appointed day they failed to put in an appearance. Not having been informed of Tipperary's defection in time, Mayo travelled to Dublin and duly arrived at Croke Park, where, after waiting for some time, the referee awarded the game to the Connacht men.

But what looked like a wasted afternoon was turned to advantage by the Mayo mentors, who, with their team already togged out, decided to get in some much needed practice. As there was no objection from the officials in charge, Mayo took the field and for more than an hour engaged in a vigorous work-out watched by a handful of bemused onlookers.

So for the first, and only, time in the history of the championship a team that came to Croke Park to play in a semi-final finished up practising on the famous sward.

Thuaigh agus Thiar

For almost half a century, every third year has seen an Ulster-Connacht confrontation in the All-Ireland football semi-finals — the natural order of things since the introduction of the rotational system for the penultimate rounds of the championship.

It wasn't always so, and during the first 40 years of the knockout competition, not once did the representatives of North and West meet in the senior championship. This was because of the seeding arrangement which obtained because of the accepted inferiority of Ulster and Connacht teams in these early decades, though on more than one occasion that alleged inferiority was under scrutiny as teams from Mayo,Galway, Cavan, Monaghan and Antrim pushed vaunted opponents from Leinster and Munster to the limit.

OUTCLASSED

Not surprisingly, it was the disastrous showing of a poorly-prepared Galway team in the 1900 "Home" final that prompted the Central Council to 'seed' Munster and Leinster — an arrangement that was to survive for almost three decades. That 1900 championship had produced semi-final pairings of Tipperary and Kilkenny and Galway v. Antrim, but when the Northern county failed to put in an appearance at Terenure, Galway, who had a 'bloodless' campaign in Connacht, reached the final where they were outclassed by Tipperary.

A year later Connacht and Ulster representatives were heavily defeated by Munster's Cork and Leinster's Dublin respectively — defeats which convinced the authorities that Munster and Leinster had to be kept apart to ensure a competitive final.

SUPREME

By and large, it was a wise decision, as apart from the year 1912 (when Antrim shocked a careless Kerry fifteen), 1915 (when Mayo, got the better of Cork after Kerry had withdrawn from the championship) and 1919 when Galway defeated Kerry on a replay, Leinster and Munster reigned supreme in all these semi-final clashes.

But by the mid-twenties the standard had begun to even up, and in 1928 the semi-final pairings were — for the first time since the abortive 1900 campaign — Ulster versus Connacht and Leinster versus Munster. And this clash of North and West **did** take place, with Sligo and Cavan in opposition at Breffni Park. It wasn't, alas, a particularly distinguished encounter, but it did put an Ulster team in the All-Ireland for the first time where they put up a gallant display before going down to the reigning champions, Kildare by a single point.

FADING

The years following brought the first-ever Ulster win over Leinster opposition (Monaghan over Kildare in 1930) and the old definitions of superiority and inferiority were fading away when Cavan ousted record-seeking Kerry in the 1933 semi-final at Breffni Park.

Quite quickly the Central Council recognised the new order of things, and although there was no formal statement in connection with the matter, it was clear that the 'seeding' arrangement was being abandoned. Indeed, even before the present system was formally introduced in 1939, Connacht and Ulster were being regarded as legitimate contenders, as in the eight years immediately prior to ITS introduction, there were four Connacht-Ulster semi-finals which gave two victories to each province.

Despite the failure of Western and Northern teams in the finals of the past 20 years, the rotational system has served gaelic football well and with the wide appeal of present-day football there should never be a reverting to the situation when Leinster and Munster held sway.

SEMI-FINAL SNIPPETS

LAST DRAW

Connacht had a direct interest in the last drawn All-Ireland senior football semi-final. Galway looked set for a place in the 1987 final as they led Cork by a point with the semi-final into injury time when Cork were awarded a free just outside the Galway 45 metre line.

Larry Tompkins, who had joined the Cork side at the start of that year's championship, stepped up the take the kick, and in the electric atmosphere that was Croke Park he superbly flighted the ball over the bar for a dramatic equaliser. That tied the scores at 1-11 each.

However, Cork made no mistake in the replay, winning handsomely by 0-18 to 1-4.

BIGGEST ATTENDANCE

The largest attendance at an All-Ireland semi-final in the 'Eighties was at the second meeting of Dublin and Mayo in 1985. A crowd of 64,132 saw the Dubs come out on top by 2-12 to 1-7.

Some weeks earlier 53,529 spectators watched Kerry beat Monaghan in a replay for a place in the final. Both semi-finals were drawn that year.

The attendance record for an All-Ireland semi-final stands at 71,573 at the 1961 show-down of Down, then defending All-Ireland champions, and Kerry.

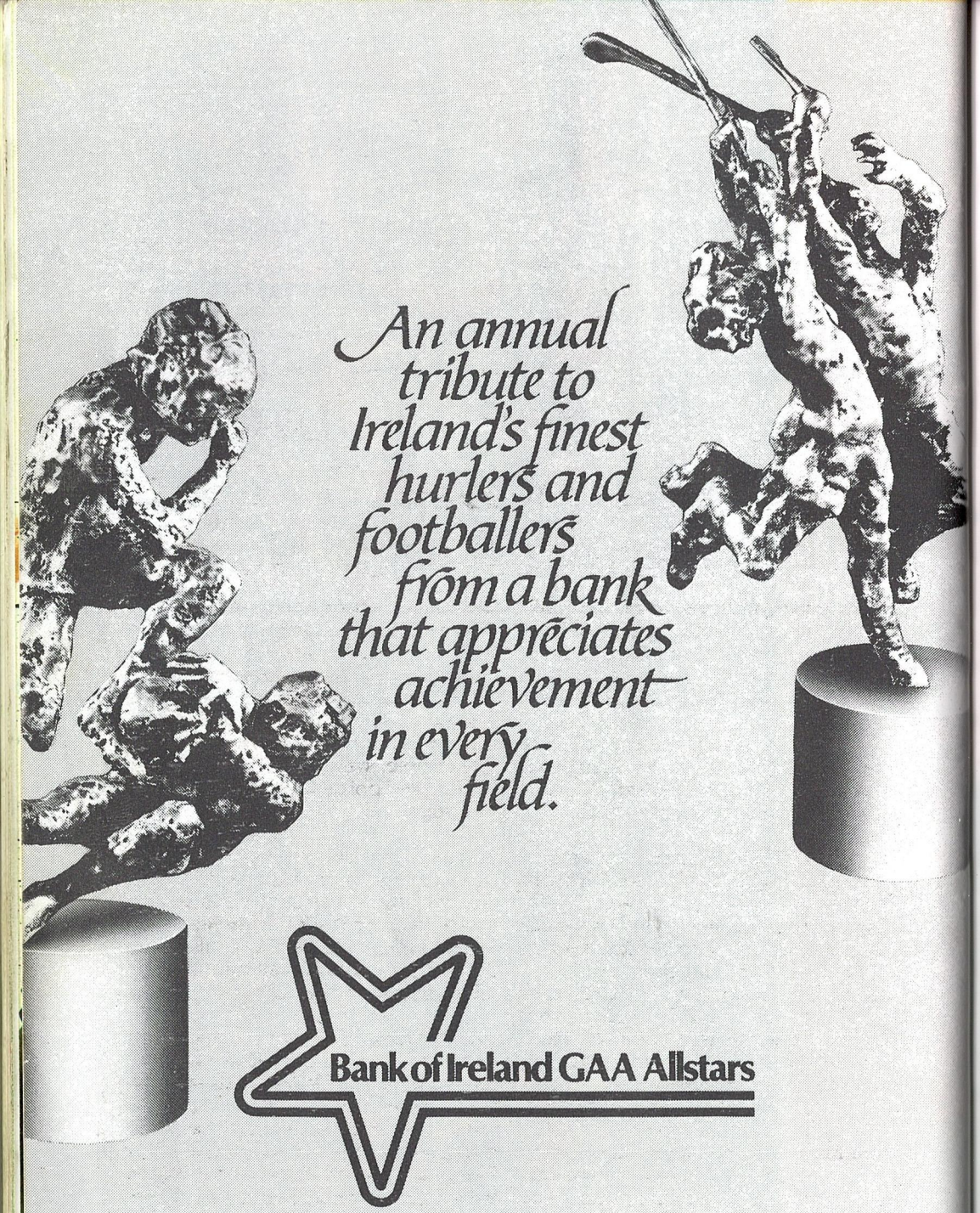
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TÍR EOGHAIN

Ulster Senior Football Champions 1989





Mayo are hoping for a long sought-after breakthrough in senior championship football when they meet Tyrone for the first time in the series at this grade. Surprisingly, this county renowned for players of class and skill down the years, and winners of three All-Ireland senior titles, has not appeared in the game of the football year since as far back as 1951.

Encouraging Pointers For Mayo's Bid To End Dismal Recond

Mayo were defending All-Ireland champions that season. Captained by Sean Flanagan, who had led the county to the 1950 title, they beat Kerry in a replay by 2-4 to 1-5 for what now ranks as the county's last win at All-Ireland senior semi-final level. They retained the Sam Maguire Cup in an encounter with Meath.

Six times since then Mayo has knocked hopefully on the door to success in All-Ireland semi-finals. There were some very spirited performances, like a draw with Dublin in 1985 and then losing the replay by a point, a gallant one point failure to Kerry in 1969, and another exciting draw with Dublin in 1985, but all the time the year of the last semi-final win has slipped further and further back into the mists of football history.

Can Mayo turn the key in the door to a final place this time? Only time can tell, but it may be a bright pointer that last month they made a first successful defence by a Connacht senior title since the golden days of the early 'Fifties.

Much more concrete encouragement for the Westerners, however, is the fact that their team has a strong framework of footballers already steeled in the tensions of All-Ireland semi-final play. Jimmy Brown, Frank Noone, Dermot Flanagan, John Finn, T. J. Kilgallon, Sean Maher, Anthony Finnerty, Liam McHale, Noel Durkin, Willie Joe Padden, Jimmy Burke and Martin Carney, who all helped to forge out last month's rare provincial title double, were in action a year ago in the five points failure to Meath at this stage.

Indeed, all but McHale, Maher, Brown, Finn and Finnerty played in the two clashes with the Dubs four years ago, and Kevin McStay and Peter Forde, both of whom also won provincial medals last month, are other links with that era.

No shortage of seasoned campaigners in the Mayo squad, then. The team has also been moving well this season, and has good form to recommend it. A feature has been the great character shown by the Mayo men when matches appeared to be slipping away from them. ➡

Tyrone Successful in Last Semi-Final

Tyrone are Ulster senior football champions for the sixth time since 1956. Their last All-Ireland semi-final appearance in 1986 ended in their first win at that stage of the championship when they beat Galway by 1-12 to 1-9.

The Northerners put up a gallant display on their final debut against Kerry, who completed a treble of All-Ireland senior titles on a scoreline of 2-15 to 1-10.

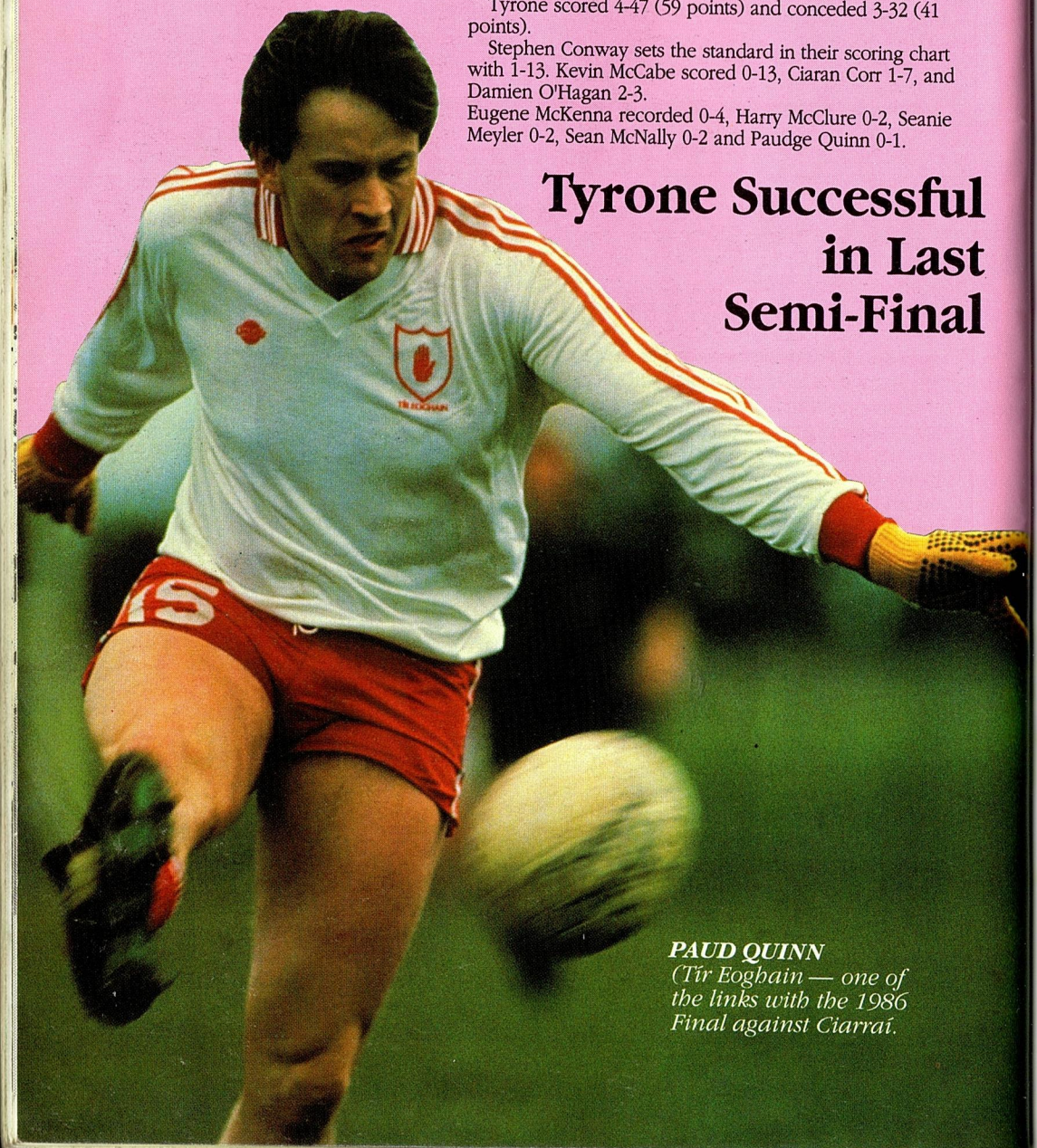
This is how Tyrone returned to the top in Ulster:

June 4. At Omagh: Tyrone 1-11; Armagh 2-7.
June 25. At Castleblayney: Tyrone 1-12; Down 1-7.
July 16. At Clones: Tyrone 0-11; Donegal 0-11. Draw.
July 23. At Clones: Tyrone 2-13; Donegal 0-7.

Tyrone scored 4-47 (59 points) and conceded 3-32 (41 points).

Stephen Conway sets the standard in their scoring chart with 1-13. Kevin McCabe scored 0-13, Ciaran Corr 1-7, and Damien O'Hagan 2-3.

Eugene McKenna recorded 0-4, Harry McClure 0-2, Seanie Meyler 0-2, Sean McNally 0-2 and Paudge Quinn 0-1.



PAUD QUINN
(Tír Eoghain — one of the links with the 1986 Final against Ciarraí.

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In the drawn final with Roscommon at Castlebar they trailed by two points in the second half, and looked to be heading for defeat, but they got their game together again, rallied strongly and earned a draw. They also had the man for the occasion in "stand-in" goalkeeper Gabriel Irwin, a late choice for the injured Eugene Lavin, who brought off a superb save from Paul Earley to ensure that Mayo lived to fight another day.

However, the Mayo never-say-die spirit was probably underlined best of all in the replay at Roscommon. They looked set to relinquish their grip on the title when they trailed the home side by three points with just under four minutes to be played in extra time. However, they stuck resolutely to their task, and eventually got the scores to ensure a rare joy day with a four points win.

Plenty of encouraging pointers for Mayo, therefore, as they make another effort to lay the ghost of a losing tradition in All-Ireland semi-finals in modern times.

AR FÓRAÍL

The year 1951 is one of many happy memories for Mayo — the last All-Ireland senior final won by the county. But Mayo came perilously close to departing the championship race at the semi-final stage that year, and all because of the inaccuracy of the attack which missed chance after chance in a deplorable exhibition of shooting. By the time that the forwards found the range against Kerry which was late in the hour, they had amassed a total of 22 wides!

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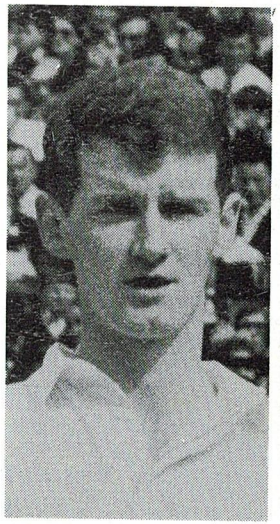
Willie Joe Padden, one of the outstanding exponents of the spectacular high catch, and safe fielding, is a long-serving Mayo campaigner who continues to set a brisk pace for the younger members of the side. He had a capital game in last month's replay win over Roscommon, and contributed two valuable points as well.

Padden has been a regular with Mayo senior team since late in 1977, and has consistently maintained a high standard of play. He won his fourth Connacht senior medal in the recent replay, but has still to appear in the showpiece game of the national championship.

Indeed, the Belmullet man has found a semi-final win most elusive. He led Mayo to their provincial minor title from midfield in 1977, but his hopes of further glory were ended by Down in the semi-final. It was at midfield that he also went on to create such an impression at senior.

The high-fielder supreme, who is such a great favourite with supporters, is 29. He has played interprovincial football with Connacht and won his only Bank of Ireland All Stars trophy in 1985.

McGEE THE GOAL KING



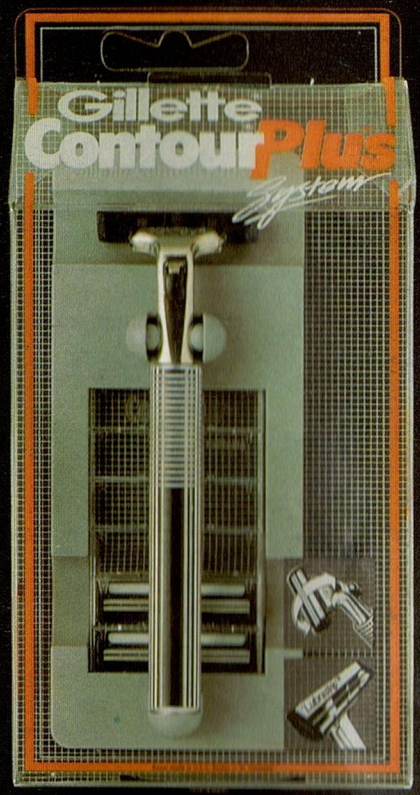
This year of replays for Mayo in senior championship football helps to recall a scoring bonanza by a native of the county who displayed an unusual gift for outgunning goalkeepers — Willie McGee.

Playing at right full forward the Burrishoole player rattled the Kerry net four times as Mayo swept to a 4-9 to 1-7 win in the All-Ireland under-21 final replay before around 4,000 spectators at Duggan Park, Ballinasloe in 1967.

McGee made his senior inter-county debut in the autumn of that golden season at under-21, and went on to be one of the real goal kings of the game. In a memorable season in 1969 he helped himself to 17 goals in top-class senior football.

A clever raider, who was constantly on the alert, McGee won a Railway Cup medal and his only Connacht senior souvenir in 1969. His extra special gift for outgunning goalkeepers proved very much in evidence in the march to Mayo's last National League title in 1970, when he chipped in with five vital goals.

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TÁIN Á SHANTÚ

Is íontach an rud é nár bhuail Maigh Eo agus Tír Eoghain le chéile ariamh i gcraobhchomortas peile go dtí 1989.

I 1986, nuair a bhí curaí Chonnacht agus Uladh sa choimhlint, ag an taca céanna den chraobh, b'iad foireann Roscomáin a chuaigh i ngleic le lucht na Láimhe Deirge, a fuair an ceann is feárr ar an Connachtaigh agus a chuaigh ar aghaidh go dtí an craobhcluiche don chéad uair ariamh.

I gcás Mhaigh Eo is é seo an chéad uair ó 1951 gur bhain siad dhá chraobh Chonnachta as a chéile. Anuraidh ní raibh siad in ann do mhuintir na Mí sa chluiche leathcheannais; ach d'fhoghlaim siad a lán de thoradh na h-iarrachta agus fáiltítear ar ais rompu. Tá stíl deas, taitneamhach acu agus is peileadóirí dan chéad scoth roinnt dá n-imreoirí.

Tá cosúlacht idir an dá fhoireann i mbliana toisc go raibh orthu araon an chraobh chúige a bhaint tar éis athimeartha; ar ndóigh, déanann a leithéid a lán maitheasa d'fhoireann ar bith agus, dá thoradh, táthar ag súil le sárchluiche inniu.

Cheap a lán daoine go raibh mí-ádh ar Thír Eoghain, i 1986, sa chraobhchluiche in aghaidh Chiarraí agus gurb é a chuir an lug ar an lag orthu nár chreid siad go bhféadfaidís a bheith chomh mór (7 gcúiliní) chun tosaigh ar Chairraí sa dara leath agus nár chruinnigh siad a meabhair agus tháinig lucht na Ríochta aniar aduaidh orthu. Fáiltítear ar ais rompu freisin.

Tá fir mhóra láidre ar an dá fhoireann inniu; tá sár-chúlbáire acu araon agus tá beirt ag an dá fhoireann atá in ann saor-speacanna a thionntódh go scóranna.

Mar sin, cé a bhuafaidh? An mbéadh ionadh ar éinne dá gcríochnódh an cluiche ar chomhscór? Tá sean-chleachtadh ag an dá fhoireann ar a leithéid, go h-áirithe fir an Iarthair. Ach, muna mbíonn comhscór ann ceaptar go mbeidh an lámh in uachtar ag fir chalma Thír Eoghann.

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Good Luck to Mayo.

Mayo played two replays, plus a period of 30 minutes extra time, on the way to their first Connacht senior football championship titles doubles since 1950-51.

This was their programme in the West:
June 25. At Tuam: Mayo 1-8; Galway 1-8. DRAW.
July 9. At Castlebar: Mayo 2-13; Galway 1-8. REPLAY.
July 23. At Castlebar: Mayo 0-12; Roscommon 1-9. DRAW.
July 30. At Roscommon: Mayo 3-14; Roscommon 2-13. REPLAY. In extra time.

The Connacht champions scored 6-47 (65 points) and conceded 5-38 (53 points).

Michael Fitzmaurice is by far their ace marksman with 0-20. Well behind on 2-2 is Anthony Finnerty, and he is followed by Liam McHale 1-4, Noel Durkin 1-2, Sean Maher 1-2, Willie Joe Padden 0-5, and Jimmy Burke 1-2.

Kevn McStay 0-4, Dermot Flanagan 0-2, Frank Noone 0-2, T. J. Kilgallon 0-1 and John Finn 0-1 complete the list.

Mayo's first double in 38 years



DEFENSIVE PIVOT
T. J. Kilgallon (Maigh Eo) lines out at centre-half back for his county.

COMPETITIVE

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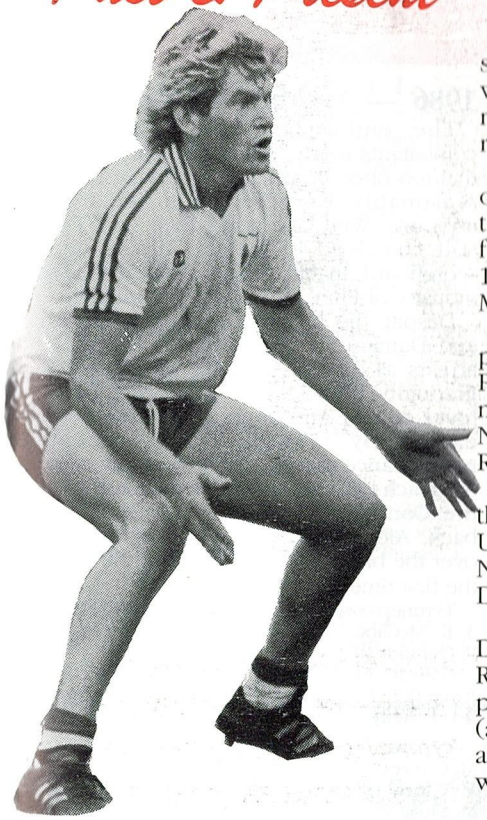
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Tyrone Stars Past & Present



DONAGHY AN INSPIRING CAPTAIN

Plunkett Donaghy won his third Ulster senior football medal in great style last month when he proved an inspiring captain and midfielder in the side that beat Donegal in a replay at Clones.

He was a member of that exciting company of footballers from the county who enlivened the football scene by reaching an All-Ireland final for the first time in Tyrone's history in 1986 when Kerry ended the dream of a Sam Maguire Cup triumph.

Donaghy first came into football prominence in schools' competitions with St. Patrick's Secondary School, Dungannon, and made his senior inter-county debut in a National League game against Roscommon at Roscommon in February 1983.

A regular midfielder with the county side in the meantime, he won the first of his three Ulster senior medals in 1984, when the Northerners lost the All-Ireland semi-final to Dublin.

Apart from his Ulster championship wins, Donaghy has appeared with Ulster in the Railway Cup, but has still to win an inter-provincial medal. He has a Dr. McKenna Cup (all-Ulster knockout senior football) souvenir, and has won county championship medals with his club.

The six-footer and sure-fielder is 27.

TURBETT A DAZZLING LINK



Thady Turbett guarded the Tyrone net with class and utter dependability over a lengthy period in the 'Fifties and early 'Sixties. He was a master in this most demanding of roles — cool, alert, daring and with good positional sense.

Turbett was a dazzling link as well in the Tyrone team that trounced Cavan in 1956 for a first Ulster senior final win, and he was there again when the side retained the title the following July.

Widely recognised as one of the giants of his time, Turbett played for Ireland in a popular representative annual series of the time against the Universities. He wore the Ulster jersey with great distinction and helped the province to Railway Cup final wins in 1960 and 1963.

Turbett played club fare with Omagh St. Enda's.

TYRONE'S SEMI-FINALS

30 YEARS BETWEEN FIRST & LAST

1956 — Galway 0-8; Tyrone 0-6.

Facing the most lethal forward formation of the time, Tyrone defenders performed magnificently all through, especially Jim Devlin in opposition to Frank Stockwell and Paddy Corey, who had the most unenviable task in football — keeping the great Sean Purcell in check.

Galway's first use of the breeze helped them to an interval lead of 0-6 to 0-3, but the rain which fell from the interval onwards reduced the breeze to an unhelpful whisper. Yet the Northerners made a wonderful bid to make their first semi-final appearance a winning one. Against men of the calibre of Tom Dillon, Jack Mahon and Jack Killane scores were not easily earned, but Tyrone were always in touch with Frankie Donnelly the chief marksman, ably assisted by Iggy Jones who threatened danger every time the ball came into his area.

In the end Galway's steadiness carried the day with Tyrone having to settle for the role of gallant losers.

Galway scorers: S. Purcell 0-5, W. O'Neill 0-1, J. Coyle 0-1, T. McHugh 0-1.

Tyrone: F. Donnelly 0-5, J. Jones 0-1.

Tyrone: Thady Turbett, Brian McSorley, Jim Devlin, Paddy Donaghue, Sean Donnelly, Paddy Corey, J. J. O'Hagan, Jody O'Neill, Patsy Devlin, Iggy Jones, Jack Taggert, Eddie Devlin, Donal Donnelly, Frank Higgins, Frankie Donnelly. Subs: T. Campbell, H. Kelly.

1986 — Tyrone 1-12; Galway 1-9.

The enthusiasm and drive of the combatants more than atoned for a standard that too often dropped below what could be reasonably expected from All-Ireland aspirants. With little going their way Tyrone still contrived to match Galway on the scoreboard, thanks mainly to the astonishing industry of Plunkett Donaghy at midfield.

Despite the accuracy of Eugene McKenna and Damien O'Hagen, Tyrone slipped into arrears as the third quarter progressed; but gradually they clawed their way back to level terms, and then came the penalty earned by O'Hagan. With deceptive nonchalance Kevin McCabe put it beyond the reach of the Galway 'keeper', and though the Connacht champions came storming back, Aidan Skelton tipped Tierney's drive over the bar and Tyrone were in the final for the first time.

Tyrone scorers: E. McKenna 0-6, D. O'Hagan 0-3, K. McCabe 1-0, P. Donaghy 0-1, S. McNally 0-1, P. Quinn 0-1.

Galway: G. McManus 0-3, B. O'Donnell 1-0, S. Joyce 0-2, T. Tierney 0-1, V. Daly 0-1, M. Brennan 0-1, P. Kelly 0-1

Tyrone: Aidan Skelton, Pat McKeown, Ciaran McGarvey, John Lynch, Kevin McCabe, Noel McGinn, John Mallon, Patsy Donaghy, Harry McClure, Mick McClure, Eugene McKenna, Sean McNally, Paudge Quinn, Damien O'Hagan, Mick Mallon. Subs: Paddy Ball, Stephen Conway.

RITH MAITH

Since losing to Down in the All-Ireland semi-final of 1968 - Galway went down by 2-10 to 2-8 - Connacht teams have enjoyed a good run against Ulster sides in semi-finals. Galway took revenge for the 1968 loss by beating Down in 1971, and the Tribesmen ended Donegal's hopes in 1974.

Armagh ended the North's losing sequence in a replay in 1977, winning by 0-15 to 0-14, but Roscommon evened the score in 1980 in the first of the three Connacht-Ulster semi-finals so far in the 'Eighties.

- The last meeting of Ulster and Connacht senior champions in an All-Ireland senior football semi-final ended on an historic note. Tyrone best Galway by 1-12 to 1-9 at Croke Park in 1986 to earn a first-ever final appearance.
- The win marked the first by an Ulster side at the stage of the senior championships since Armagh beat Roscommon in a replay in 1977.
- Tyrone put up a very spirited performance on their debut in a Sam Maguire Cup tie before bowing out to Kerry by 2-15 to 1-10.

SEMI-FINAL WINS

MAYO'S FIRST AND LAST

1916 — Mayo 1-2; Cork 1-1.

The Connacht champions certainly earned their place in the All-Ireland final as they had to defeat Cork twice to gain the honour. The first meeting at Athlone ended in a 1-2 to 0-2 win for the Westerners, but an objection by the losers resulted in a replay being ordered. So on a bleak November day Mayo had to do it again — this time at Croke Park. First-half goals by Ruane (Mayo) and Lucey (Cork) left it level at the break. An exchange of points left it still deadlocked, but then Smith had the score which put Mayo in the final for the first time.

Mayo scorers: T. Ruane 1-0, T. Forde 0-1, P. Smith 0-1.

Cork: C. Lucey 1-0, J. Donovan 0-1.

Mayo Team: D. F. Courell (captain), P. Loftus (goalkeeper), J. E. McEllin, B. Durkan, T. Gibson, P. Robinson, P. Kelly, J. Lyden, J. Hession, T. Boshell, P. Jordan, T. Forde, P. Smith, T. Ruane, T. Lyons.

1951 — Mayo 2-4; Kerry 1-5.

As with their first semi final win, Mayo's last was won on a replay. And Mayo were lucky to have this second chance. In the first meeting they trailed Kerry by five points as the game entered lost time. Then at last the forwards found the range: Sean Mulderris shot a point, Tom Langan snatched a goal and Paddy Irwin lofted the equaliser just before the end (1-5 all).

Despite a Kerry midfield pull in the opening 30 minutes of the replay, Mayo were only two points in arrears at the break (0-2 to 0-4). Seven minutes into the second half Mayo got the break they needed when Mick Flanagan finished to the net. An exchange of points followed before Flanagan struck again with his second goal.

Kerry fought desperately to survive, but Mayo held firm, and were not flattered by their winning margin of two points.

Mayo scorers: M. Flanagan 2-1, P. Carney 0-1, E. Mongey 0-1, S. Mulderrig 0-1.

Kerry: J. O'Shea 1-1, T. Ashe 0-2, P. Sheehy 0-1, W. O'Donnell 0-1.

Mayo Team: Sean Wynne, John Forde, Paddy Prendergast, Sean Flanagan (captain), John Staunton, Henry Dixon, Peter Quinn, Eamon Mongey, John McAndrews, Paddy Irwin, Padraic Carney, Sean Mulderrig, Mick Flanagan, Tom Langan, Joe Gilvarry. Subs: Mick Mulderrig.

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There is currently a buzz of expectancy in Ulster footballing circles and none more so than in the champion's backyard — Tyrone.

TYRONE ARE HUNGRY

By Ciaran Campbell, Ulster Gael.

The whole county is frozen in anticipation of reliving the halycon days of 1986 when, as their footballing heroes graced Ireland's most prestigious sporting arena, a blanket of red and white colour invaded the Croke Park terraces.

The O'Neill county might have lost to the great Kerry but they have learned from their All-Ireland final experience and, after a three year respite, seem hungrier than ever.

Tyrone, Ulster Champions for the sixth time, are set to return to GAA headquarters where they will carry all our ambitious hopes of defeating Mayo in this penultimate stage of the All-Ireland series but as Art McCrory, manager of the county in 1986, puts it "You can not underestimate Mayo and anyone who does is crazy".

"Just take a look at the statistics. Out of the last seven meetings between Ulster and Connacht champions only two Ulster teams have won — Armagh in 1977 and Tyrone in 1986. This would suggest that the western champions have the edge."

From a Tyrone viewpoint it is certainly a worrying statistic but Art feels that "the team has obviously gained in experience".

"The inclusion of Kevin McCabe in the forwards has added a new dimension to the attack and players such as Plunkett Donaghy and Harry McClure have matured in the last number of years".

Ulster football is starved of success and year after year the province's gaels yearn for an end to the famine that blights our footballers.

It's a travesty of fate that our best chances of making an All-Ireland final appearance seems to be at the expense of the Connacht champions once every few years.

For too long now we have either come agonisingly close to hitting our target or, more often than not, shot wide of the mark.

Will this be the year?

Art McCrory, a much respected guru of Ulster football, has confidently tipped his home county from the outset of this championship.

"Obviously I'm confident of a Tyrone victory but, in saying that, we have to give Mayo their due respects. They were in Croke Park last year and acquitted themselves well but Tyrone have their foot in the door and it's lying open".

The Red Hand county's strengths seem to lie in their vast reservoirs of experience and an insatiable hunger for victory.

Players like Ciaran McGarvey, captain Plunkett Donaghy, Kevin McCabe and the McClure brothers — Harry and Mickey, Damian O'Hagan, Paudge Quinn, Noel McGinn, Joey Mallon, Sean McNally and Augher's evergreen Eugene McKenna have all tasted defeat at the final hurdle and found it a bitter pill to swallow.

But smarting from their All-Ireland defeat in '86, they have gradually rediscovered their form and the Tyrone side is now revamped by the timely introduction of Carrickmore's Raymond Munroe, new goalkeeper Finbar McConnell, Pomeroy's Enda Kilpatrick, Trillick's Sean Donnelly and Omagh's Seanie Myler in defence, while Cookstown's scoring ace Steven 'Scotchy' Conway — also one of the '86 squad — and Coalisland's young dynamic forward Ciaran Corr provide a cutting edge up front.

The fought very hard to be in Croke Park today and, providing their tiger-like tackling defenders can close down the Mayo forward division who seem to have the edge in height, and the scoring exploits of Conway, Corr, O'Hagan and McCabe continue, the red and whites should progress to the final.

The midfield battle will be crucial but if Plunkett Donaghy and Harry McClure win enough clean possession, Mayo — who seem to be hit by injuries — will not survive the pressure.

It has been a long, hard slog for Tyrone and they deserve their place among the country's last four.

Eighty-six is vivid in their memories — even for the younger players who have been given the responsibility of filling in the gaps that were so evident against the Kingdom — and it's these memories that will tide them through.

SEMI-FINAL SNIPPETS

LAST YEAR'S RECORDS

Ulster's champions last year were Monaghan, who went down by 1-14 to 0-6 to Cork. Mayo represented Connacht in the last four and although they scored two goals they still lost to Meath. The Royal County were defending champions, did not goal and won by 0-16 to 2-5.

IN OTHER GRADES

Although Mayo and Tyrone had never met previously in the senior football championship, paths have crossed at other levels — in 1947 when Tyrone won a dramatic All-Ireland minor final at Croke Park by 4-4- to 4-3, the 1968 junior "Home" final which was won by Tyrone by 3-9 to 2-11 and the 1973 under-21 semi-final in which Mayo were successful on a replay at Carrick-on-Shannon on the score of 1-14 to 1-6.

BOGEY TERRITORY

Like their neighbours Galway in hurling, Mayo footballers have found Munster to be "forbidden territory" as far as the championship is concerned — they never won a senior championship game within the confines of the province!

In the space of ten years Mayo lost six All-Ireland semi-finals on Munster soil: to Cork at Limerick in 1901, 1905, 1906 and 1907; and to Kerry at Limerick in 1903 and 1908.

And a change of venue brought no change of fortune, as on their one — and only — visit to Ennis, for the 1909 semi-final, they were well beaten by Kerry . . . the margin being 12 points.

And all Connacht must have been affected by the Munster malaise, as when Roscommon played Kerry in the 1905 semi-final at Limerick, they too came out on the losing end.



Connacht-Ulster Semi-Finals

Today's semi-final will be the 22nd confrontation of Connacht and Ulster teams at this stage of the senior football championship. For Mayo it will be their fourth semi-final clash with northern opposition and of their three previous outings they won two — their one defeat being in the 1937 'semi' with Cavan at Mullingar which they lost when conceding a last-minute goal.

Tyrone's two jousts with Connacht opponents were in '56, when they lost to Galway, and in '86 when that verdict was reversed against the same opposition.

Of the the 21 semi-finals involving North and West to date, Connacht have won 14 to Ulster's seven.

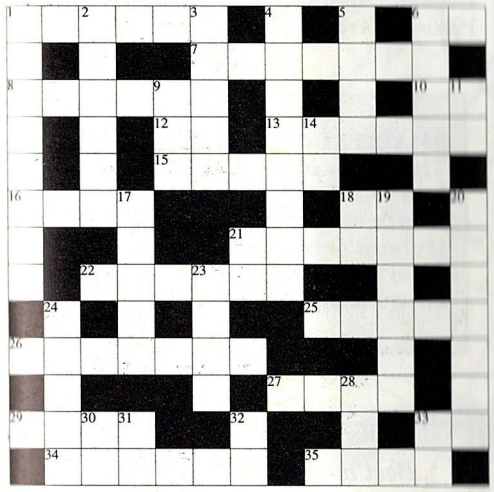
The scorelines were:

1900 —	Galway	W.O.	from Antrim.	
1928 —	Cavan	2-5;	Sligo	0-4.
1932 —	Mayo	2-4;	Cavan	0-8.
1934 —	Galway	1-8;	Cavan	0-8.
1937 —	Galway	2-10;	Monaghan	2-3.
1941 —	Galway	1-12;	Cavan	1-4.
1944 —	Roscommon	5-8;	Cavan	1-3.
1947 —	Cavan	2-4;	Roscommon	0-6.
1950 —	Mayo	3-9;	Armagh	0-6.
1953 —	Armagh	0-8;	Roscommon	0-7.
1956 —	Galway	0-8;	Tyrone	0-6.
1959 —	Galway	1-11;	Down	1-4.
1962 —	Roscommon	1-8;	Cavan	1-6.
1965 —	Galway	0-10;	Down	0-7.
1968 —	Down	2-10;	Galway	2-8.
1971 —	Galway	3-11;	Down	2-7.
1974 —	Galway	3-13;	Donegal	1-14.
1977 —	Armagh	0-15;	Roscommon	1-4
(replay).				
1980 —	Roscommon	2-20;	Armagh	3-11.
1983 —	Galway	1-12;	Donegal	1-11.
1986 —	Tyrone	1-12;	Galway	1-9.

● ***KEVIN McCABE (Tír Eoghain) — hoping to retire from inter-county football with an All-Ireland medal.***

CROSFHOCAL

Our special Crossword concentrates on Ulster and Connacht personalities and events to mark the meeting of the champions of these provinces in the All-Ireland senior football semi-final today.



ACROSS

1. Ulster under-21 football champions of 1989 (6).
6. Initials of Cavan's full back in their unsuccessful bid against Donegal in the first round of the Ulster championship in May (1,1,).
7. Donegal's captain in the Ulster senior championship campaign (1,6).
8. This footballer showed up well at midfield with Galway in the Western series (1,5).
10. This footballer showed up well at midfield with Galway in the Western series. (1,5).
10. This will suffice for left midfield (1,1).
12. Abbreviation for South East (1,1).
13. A clever finisher who was prominent in Galway's half forward line in Connacht (6).
15. An outstanding wing back for Donegal in the Ulster titlechase (1,4).
16. Christian name favoured by the corner back who led Derry in the Northern championship this season (4).
18. Initials of Roscommon's full back in the Connacht series. (1,1).
21. A lively raider who scored three goals for Down in the Dr. McKenna cup semi-final replay and repeated that feat in the decider. (1,6).
22. A member of the Parnells club in Dublin, who was centre half back with his county team in the Ulster championship this year (6).
25. Sometimes it is difficult for the referee to distinguish between this and a legal handpass (5).
26. A long-serving Down footballer, who played at midfield during the summer, and won a Man-of-the-Match award for the championship (1,6).
27. The traditional month of the provincial finals (4).
29. A Cavan midfielder with a royal sounding surname (4).
33. Short for inch (2).
34. Leitrim's right half back in their unsuccessfu championship clash with Sligo at Ballymote in June (1,5).
35. Surname of two brothers who play for Sligo (4).

DOWN

1. Guarded the net for the last Ulster team to contest an All-Ireland senior football final (1,7).
2. Sligo's full forward in their championship win over Leitrim (1,5).
3. Sean was prominent at midfield with Mayo in the Western series. (5).
4. Cavan's goalkeeper, who shares the same name as a defensive colleague (1,7).
5. The loss of a key player in a game is invariably a severe this to any team (4).
6. Could be seen at grounds if floodlit football became a permanent feature (5).
9. Generally used in handball to describe senior softball doubles. (1,1,1,).
11. Doctor's qualification.
14. Liam Devlin, a member of the Derry substitutes panel against Donegal. Simple one here. Initials. (1,1).
17. Barry was Derry's right full back in their unsuccessful Ulster semi-final bid against Donegal (5).
18. Initials of a tall and high-powered Roscommon midfielder (1,1).
19. Leitrim's right half forward against Sligo in the championship (1,5).
20. An Ulster senior medalist of some years ago who is now a regular in defence with his native Western county team (1,6).
21. Master of Arts (1,1).
23. It can be truly said that an Ulster or Connacht win in an All-Ireland senior football final is this in latter times (4).
24. Joe is a long-serving campaigner who was a stalwart centre half back for Derry in the championship this summer (5).
28. A team from the banks of this River ended the high Ulster hopes of glory at this stage of last year's All-Ireland campaign (3).
30. Simple enough. Initial of Armagh footballer Noel Marley (1,1).
31. Winners of this senior semi-final will ... forward to the Sam Maguire Cup tie (2).
32. A solid wing back with Mayo. Initials (1,1).
33. A neuter pronoun of the third person.

SOLUTION OVERLEAF →

Semi-Final Outings

The background of today's semi-finalists are startingly dissimilar, with Mayo contesting their 33rd semi-final and Tyrone making only their sixth appearance at this stage of the championship.

In their semi-final campaigns which began in the early years of the century and which missed only one decade — the seventies — Mayo have met and beaten almost every leading county, including Kerry, Cork, and in their eras, Cavan, Wexford and Armagh.

The scorelines of their seven semi-final wins were:

1916 — Mayo	1-2;	Cork	1-1.
1925 — Mayo	2-4;	Wexford	1-4.
1932 — Mayo	2-4;	Cavan	0-8.
1936 — Mayo	1-5;	Kerry	0-6.
1948 — Mayo	0-13;	Kerry	0-3.
1950 — Mayo	3-9;	Armagh	0-6.
1951 — Mayo	2-4;	Kerry	1-5.

Tyrone's five appearances were:

1956 — Galway	0-8;	Tyrone	0-6.
1957 — Louth	0-13;	Tyrone	0-7.
1973 — Cork	5-10;	Tyrone	2-4.
1984 — Dublin	2-11;	Tyrone	0-8.
1986 — Tyrone	1-12;	Galway	1-9.

SMALLEST OF THE 'EIGHTIES
The clash of Kerry and Armagh in 1982 drew, at 17,523, the smallest attendance at an All-Ireland senior football semi-final in the 'Eighties. Kerry won convincingly by 3-15 to 1-11.

CROSFHOCAL

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SOLUTION

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"PRINCE OF CAVAN SHARPSHOOTERS"

The Late Charlie Gallagher

An Appreciation by Owen McCann.



I last saw Charlie Gallagher at the Donegal-Cavan Ulster senior football championship game at Breffni Park in May. It seemed to me at the time that, despite the passing years, the former Cavan forward still appeared capable of providing the best backs around with some testing problems.

Since then this prince of Cavan sharpshooters has, alas, passed to his reward. He leaves behind a host of golden memories.

Memories like the day when on his own he virtually swept Down off the road to Wembley Stadium in May 1966. That was the era of the annual football and hurling representative matches at the London Stadium, and Gallagher scaled the heights in a qualifying match at Carrickmacross against the Mourne County.

He was at the top of his form as he turned on a magnificent exhibition of clever, purposeful football, brilliant marksmanship and opportunism. At the end of a vintage performance he had an outstanding 2-10 to his credit.

I watched the native of Cootehill regularly during the late 'Fifties and all through the 'Sixties, and he gave many exciting displays, but that performance at the County Monaghan venue was something special.

A star of minor and Colleges' competitions, Charlie Gallagher joined the Cavan senior team in 1956, and went on to be a clever forward with the temperature and accuracytoregularly capitalise to the full from most free-kick situations.

He had a particularly brilliant scoring campaign in 1964 when he scored 6-107 (125 points) in 20 games, and that still stands as the highpoint for a Cavan footballer in a single year.

Gallagher won Ulster senior medals in 1962, 1964, 1967, when he also captained the team, and 1969, the year of the county's last provincial senior crown.

He also enjoyed a great deal of success in the Railway Cup, and was one of those who helped to shape a most successful era for the North . . . the record equalling sequence of four titles in a row (1963-66) and another in 1968. He played in all finals except 1969.

A score-getter of rare ability, and a footballer of high quality . . . that was Charlie Gallagher. It is right that we should remember him on a day like today. Followers everywhere will join me in extending sincere sympathy to his widow and family.

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