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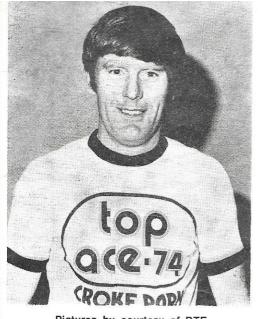
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HANDBALL

PAT KIRBY

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FAMILY TRADITIONS

GAELIC sport has never lacked great families—the Delaneys of Stradbally and the Sheehys of Tralee in football, the Grace brothers of Mooncoin and the Rackards of Rathnure in hurling were the most celebrated of them. Just as notable a place in our native games has been earned by the Kirbys of Tuamgraney, a handball family which has brought enormous credit and fame to their native Clare.

The brothers Tom, Pat, Joe, John, Dan and Mick Kirby all have won distinction on the handball courts, but — without question — the most renowned member of this distinguished clan has been Pat, one of the topranked performers in world handball and an exceptionally fine hurler as he proved so often with Clare and New York. In 20 years of handball, he has won championships in three countries — his native land as well as America and Canada — but, strangely, of all the many honours that came his way the All-Ireland senior softball singles title, perhaps the one he wanted most, has eluded him.

This evening, in a match starting 15 minutes after the end of the senior football semi-final, Pat Kirby hopes to take a step towards the fulfilment of his ambition. In the second semi-final of the new All-Ireland Open singles championship he meets Dick Lyng (Wexford), a former champion. Those who know their handball believe this will be one of the classic contests in many years of Irish handball.

KIRBY was All-Ireland junior champion in 1957 — Lyng won that title six years later, a fact which denotes the difference in age between them — then he emigrated to the U.S. for 13 years. In that period he won the National A.A.U. title of America in 1965 and '69 — that latter triumph installed him as the U.S. representative in singles at the World Championship held here in Croke Park in 1970 and he won the event. He also took the Canadian singles title in 1965, '69 and '72,

was U.S.H.A. National Contender champion in '69 and, during a spell in the U.S. Forces, he won the U.S. Army singles and doubles championships. Last March Kirby reached the last eight of 159 competitiors in the U.S.H.A. Open singles in Knoxville — and that following a two-year absence from the smaller American courts. Before leaving for Tennessee he had won the R.T.E. Top-Ace competition.

WORLD CHAMPIONS

Ironically, the first Open singles championship brings into opposition two men who were crowned World Champions in October 1970. For in the week that Pat Kirby won the singles for the U.S., DICK LYNG combined with his fellow countryman, Seamus Buggy, to win the doubles for Ireland. Dick has won the All-Ireland senior title twice (1965 and '71) and he partnered Buggy to win the doubles in '70. He is a three-time winner of the Gael-Linn Cup ('70, '71 and '73).

Less than two months ago Kirby and Lyng were on opposite sides in a Willwood Tailteann doubles semi-final, which is reckoned to be the most enthralling match seen in the glass court since it opened four years ago. Inside those glass walls these two friends of many years renew their rivalry in a few hours, with the prize a place in the August 31 final.

This evening's programme of handball also includes the junior softball singles semi-final between Waterford's Paddy McGrath and Monaghan's Jack Foley as well as the minor softball doubles semi-final in which Sean Touhy, a nephew of the Kirby brothers, partners Eddie Donegan for Clare against Tyrone's Eddie Maguire and Paddy Kelly.

Those football fans who delay their journey home by an hour or two will be amply rewarded with excellent handball.

Tea and sandwiches are on sale in the handball court throughout the evening.

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NA CAPTAEN

Gabriel Mitchell

Gay Mitchell is in line to bridge an eighteen years gap for Galway. Back in 1956, Jack Mangan led the county from the goal-keeping position to an All-Ireland senior football title win.

Mitchell brings many outstanding qualities to his latest dual role of captain and goalkeeper — coolness, vigilance, dependability. In short, he is a mature and highly skilled campaigner, who can be depended on to put up a solid barrier at the back, and to discharge his duties of leadership.

The Dunmore McHale's man has been in intercounty football since 1963 when he appeared with Galway as a minor. He was called up to the senior team early in 1970, collected a Connacht senior medal in 1973, and later in the year helped his club to win the County Championship.

A bright link with the team beaten by Cork in last year's All-Ireland final, Gay Mitchell at 25, and now with two Connacht senior medals, seems destined to put his many fine qualities to full effect in the top grade for a long time to come.



Gabriel Mitchell (Goalkeeper)

Pauric McShea (Full-back)

Pauric McShea

In these days when so much emphasis is placed on classy forward play, a defender has to have something extra to consistently gain a major share of the limelight. Such a man is the Donegal captain, Pauric McShea.

With his high, clean fielding and imaginative back play, he played a major part in Donegal's march back to the All-Ireland scene.

The Ballyshannon man, who was also one of Donegal's top players in the 1972 Ulster title winning series, is another graduate from the minor inter-county ranks. In his early days in the county senior side in the mid 'Sixties he was a forward, but it is at full-back in latter times that his talents have truly burst into full flower.

A member of the Ulster Railway Cup squad over the past two years, McShea played in San Franicisco last spring with the All-Stars against Cork, and is a footballer well qualified for the honour of leading his county back into the national spotlight.

Front Cover: High fielding in the rain as T. J. Gilmore make a fine catch from Dermot Earley in the Connacht Final.

DUN na nGALL

Seamus Bonner the Donegal full-forward presses home an attack on the Down goal in the Ulster final



SECOND SEMI-FINAL IN THREE YEARS

A DOUBLE TARGET

T would not be too sweeping a statement to say that Donegal football "came of age" at Croke Park just two years ago in an All-Ireland senior football semi-final debut against Offaly. Undoubtedly, it was a great occasion for the county a few weeks earlier when the Ulster senior crown was won for the first time in a keen game with Tyrone.

But it was that semi-ifnal clash with the then All-Ireland champions that really showed Donegal had "arrived" as a force. With a splendid display of fast, imaginative football, they gave Offaly a great run before finally going under by four points—1-17 to 2-10.

Donegal have so far not fulfilled that great promise. Earlier this year, in fact, their football fortunes were such that they failed to gain promotion from Division II of the National eague.

Some impressive performances in the Ulster championship, however, must give rise now to great hopes for the future. For one thing, Donegal are a much more mature outfit.

Donal Monaghan, Pauric McShea, Andy Curran, Brian McEniff, Anthony Gallagher, Seamus Bonner, Martin Carney, Seamus Granaghan, Joe Winston, who all figured in that gallant bid against Offaly, as well as Hugh McClafferty — he went in as a substitute — were all there when Down were beaten in an Ulster final replay earlier this month. And, Alan Kane who missed that game because of an injury after having

played in the drawn tie, was another in action in the 1972 semi-final.

Then, Donegal were exhibiting in exciting fashion a characteristic that was a hallmark of the 1972 side — never-say-die spirit.

That was in evidence in a number of the games in the campaign two seasons ago, but not to nearly as marked a degree at that which say Donegal hit back from a nine point deficit at the three-quarter stage of the Northern final replay to win with a late goal.

So. Donegal return to headquarters with many credit points for a game that revives memories of a 1967 National League semi-final between these counties; a match that was marked by one of the most talked about penalty kicks of all time.

Donegal were 2-1 to 0-4 ahead after twenty-five minutes when they were awarded a penalty. On a wind-swept day, the ball moved after the referee's whistle sounded, and was handled by the Donegal kicker. The net result was a free out for Galway, who went on to win by 1-10 to 2-4.

Neilly Gallagher and Grenaghan — he went in as a substitute — figured in that game, while McShea and McEniff were among the substitutes.

Donegal, then, have a double target to aim at — revenge for that League defeat and their most important win ever in Championship football so far.

GALLIMH



The Galway rearguard under pressure against Roscommon in the Connacht Final

PERSEVERANCE THE KEYNOTE

IMPRESSIVE RECORD

THE Galway footballers of the 'Seventies are setting a high standard in Championship play. True enough, they have yet to stamp the decade with a Sam Maguire Cup win — Galway have been out of the All-Ireland senior title winners list since 1966 — but successes over the past four seasons against a Down, in 1791, and Offaly, last August, as against a loss to Meath in 1970, add up to an All-Ireland semifinal record to command the height of respect.

Furthermore, although Offaly, in 1971, and Cork, last year, foiled the Galway hopes in the concluding round, the county still put up a very spirited performance in each final. All of which helps to underline that the Connacht champions have a team that has been moulded and tested in the white-heat of the games that matter most.

Men like Jimmy Duggan, Liam Sammon and Colin McDonagh, for instance, can compliment their skills, courage and natural ability with the know-how of three All-Ireland senior final outings — all were in the 1966 title winning side.

Other regulars have the experience of two national senior finals to call on — Jack Cosgrove, Brendan Colleran, Liam O'Neill, T. J. Gilmore and Billy Joyce. And, a further important dimension is given to this

latest challenge by the fact that players such as Gay Mitchell, Johnny Hughes, Tom Naughton and Morgan Hughes, who have been pulling their weight in fine style again this season, are further bright links with the side that went under to Cork last September.

The seasoned Galway men, are unlikely to be in the least inhibited by the occasion. What's more, the Western team has been progressing steadily since last year's failure to Cork.

In the 1973-'74 National League they were just pipped of a place in the last four, when they drew with Kerry at Tralee. Then, they gained revenge over Cork in the prestige Wembley Tournament in May, and provided further evidence that they are moving in the right direction by successfully withstanding the challenge of Mayo and Roscommon in the West.

All in all, Galway go into this game backed with a good record in recent games, and with the further vital bonus of a team rich in the right type of big-match experience.

With their now well proven flair for delivering the goods in All-Ireland senior semi-finals, that know-how that will ensure their players are not easily hustled into making mistakes, and their traditional spirit, a great effort can be confidently expected from the Galway men to earn the county another early tilt at the coveted Sam Maguire Cup.



The Donegal team who beat Down on the score 3-9 to 1-12 in the replay of the Ulster Final at Clones

DUN na nGALL

N. McCole
(Rosses Rovers)

Dathanna: Glas, Óir is Bán Green, White and Gold

- (2) D. Ó Muineacháin D. Monaghan (Donegal Town)
- (3) P. Mac Sé (Capt.) P. McShea (Ballyshannon)
- (4) A. Ó Corráin A. Curran (Sean McCools)

- (5) B. Mac Connuibh
 B. McEniff
 (Bundoran)
- (6) A. Ó Gallchóir A. Gallagher (Letterkenny)

(11) A. Mac Laifeartaigh

H. McClafferty

(Downings)

(7) F. Mac An Bháird F. Ward (Glencolmcille)

- (8) M. 6 Laifeartaigh
 M. Lafferty
 (Sean McCools)
- (9) M. Ó Cearnaigh M. Kearney (Ballyshannon)

- (10) P. Mac Eiteagáin P. McGettigan (Letterkenny)
 - inston (14) S. ó Cnaimhsi on S. Bonner
- N. Gallagher (Gweedore)

(12) N. Ó Gallachóir

(13) S. Winston
J. Winston
(Letterkenny)

14) S. O Cnaimhsí (15) S. Mac Reannacháin
S. Bonner S. Granaghan
(Donegal Town) (Bundoran)

Fir Ionaid: A. Ó Catháin (A. Kane, Ballyshannon); (16) M. Ó Gríofa (M. Griffin, Sean McCools); (17) S. Ó Buaigh (J. Boyce, Downings); (18) G. Mac Giolla Uí (G. McElwee, Dungloe); (19) C. Ó Cianaigh (K. Keaney, Ardagh); (20) P. S. Mac Gabhann (P. J. McGowan, Sean McCools).

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The Galway team who beat Roscommon on the score 2-14 to 0-8 in the Connacht Final

GAILLIMH

(2) S. Ó Diolúin

(St. Grellans)

(5) L. Ó Néill

J. Dillon L. O'Neill (Knockmore) (1) G. Ó Mistéil (Capt.) G. Mitchell

(Dunmore McHales)

(3) S. Mac Coscair J. Cosgrove

(Spiddal)

(6) T. S. Mac Giolla Mhuire T. J. Gilmore (Cortoon)

(8) L. Seoighe

W. Joyce (Killerevin)

(Mount Bellew) (9) M. Ó Ruanaigh

> (Cortoon) M. Rooney

(10) T. Ó Neachtáin

T. Naughton (Annaghdown)

(13) C. Mac Donncha

C. McDonagh (Fr. Griffins)

(11) S. Ó Duagáin J. Duggan

(Corofin)

(14) L. Ó Bradáin

L. Sammon (Fr. Griffins) (12) I. de Búrca

(4) M. Mac Oireachtaigh

M. Geraghty

(Dunmore McHales) (7) S. Mac Aodha

J. Hughes

Dathanna: Crón-derg is Bán

Maroon and White

J. Burke (Killerevin)

(15) S. Ó Tóibín J. Tobin

(Tuam Stars)

Fir Ionaid: (16) M. Ó Nuanáin (M. Noonan, St. Michaels); (17) B. Ó Coirbín (B. Corbett, Annaghdown); (18) P. Sands (P. Sands, Fr. Griffins); 19 M. Mac Aodha (M. Hughes, Killerevin and U.C.G.); (20) M. Mac Oireachtaigh (M. Geraghty (St. Josephs); (21) E. Ó Fearáil (E. Farrell, Fr. Griffins).

GAILLIMH	Cuil	Cuilini	Seachai	50 SI.	Soar Chiceanna
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PATHS TO THE FINAL

Gallimh

GALWAY are Connacht Senior Champions for the second successive year, and the 30th time since 1900. In sharp contrast, Donegal have just two Ulster senior crowns — 1972 and 1973.

Galway had two outings in the West: June 16 — at Tuam: Galway 3-11; Mayo 0-13. July 14 — at Pearse Stadium: Galway 2-14; Roscommon 0-8.

They averaged 20 points a match for a score of 5-25 (40 points), and had 10.50 points a game recorded against them, or 0-21.

John Tobin sets the pace in the scoring chart with 0-13. On six points are Liam Sammon 2-0, and Jimmy Duggan 1-3. The list is completed by Tom Naughton 0-4, Pat Sands 1-1, Coilin McDonagh 1-0, Jarlath Burke, Liam O'Neill, Billy Joyce and Morgan Hughes 0-1 each.

Dun na nGall

Donegal's programme was as follows: June 16 — at Omagh: Donegal 1-9; Tyrone 0-8. July 7 — at Clones: Donegal 5-9; Antrim 1-7.

July 28 — at Clones: Donegal 1-14; Down 2-11. August 4 — at Clones:

Replay: Donegal 3-9; Down 1-12.

The Northerners averaged 17.75 points a game, and conceded 12.50 points. Their totals are 10-41 (71 points) for, and 4-38 (50 points) against.

Seamus Bonner is the goal expert with seven. He also hit three points for a combined total of 24 points, and is well ahead in the county scoring table. Next comes Neilly Gallagher with 0-14.

Seamus Granaghan has 0-6, Kieran Keaney 2-0, Martin Carney 0-5, Joe Winston 0-4, Paul McGettigan 1-1, Hugh McClafferty 0-3, Michael Carr and Mick Laferty 0-2 each, and Brian McEniff 0-1.



GALWAY — defeated finalists 1973. Back row (from left): Jack Cosgrove, T. J. Gilmore, Liam O'Neill, Gabriel Mitchell, Jimmy Duggan, Morgan Hughes, Joe Waldron, Tom Naughton. Front row (from left): Johnie Hughes, Willie Joyce, Liam Sammon, Brendan Colleran, Maurice Burke, John Coughlan, Michael Rooney.

MIONUIR

The Cavan defence under pressure from London in the quarter final at Croke Park



An Cabhan

T is hard to credit that Cavan, a county with such a great tradition in football, are representing Ulster in an All-Ireland minor championship semi-final for the first time since as far back as 1959.

However, if Cavan had a long wait to get back on the Ulster ranking, it was worth-while in the end. For the present team, with Damien Sheridan, Martin Brady, Paddy McNamee, Ger Brady and Padraig and Owen Martin to the fore, won out in the North in good fashion, and then beat London in a quarter-final.

Here is how Cavan qualified:

July 7 — at Clones: Cavan 2-7; Armagh 2-6.

July 7 — at Clones: Cavan 1-10; Down 1-9.

July 28 — at Clones: Cavan 3-9; Derry 1-4.

August 4—at Croke Park: Cavan 2-23; London 2-4.

This adds up to a good score of 8-49 (73 points), or 18.25 points a match. The "against" record is 6-23 (41 points), or 10-25 points a tie.

Maigh Eo

Mayo were the last Connacht county to win the All-Ireland minor football championship — they took their fourth crown in 1971. This is the county's second successive year to appear at this stage, and they head the Connacht ranking list with 23 crowns.

Mayo had two outings in the West:

July 4 — at Castlebar: Mayo 2-15; Galway 2-5.

July 21-at Castlebar: Mayo 4-12; Roscommon 2-3.

This means they averaged 22.50 points a game in putting up a total of 6.27 (45 points), and had 4-8 (20 points), or 10 points a tie, scored against them.

Mayo, then, have equally impressive credentials as their Ulster counter-parts, and Sean Moran, Padraig O'Toole, Jim Burke, Dominic Conway and their equally skilled team-mates can be depended on to make a bold bid to further enrich the county's proud record in this grade:

All in all, then, the stage looks set for as good a minor semi-final as we have had in many a long day.



The Cavan team who beat London in the quarter final at Croke Park

AN CABHAN

(2) C. Mac Uistin C. McCutcheon (Cootehill)

(5) S. Ó Cearnaigh S. Carney

(Cootehill)

(8) G. Ó Brádaigh G. Brady

(Arva)

P. Martin (Templeport) (13) C. Mac Uidhir

(10) P. Ó Máirtín

C. Maguire (Templeport) (1) P. Mac Uidhir

F. Maguire (Mahera)

(3) D. Ó Sirideáin

D. Sheridan (Mahera)

(6) M. Ó Rodáin

M. Rudden (Laragh)

(4) R. Ó Cuileannáin

R. Cullinan (Laragh)

(7) M. Ó Brádaigh M. Brady

(Ballinagh)

(9) P. Mac Conmidhe

P. McNamee (Lurgan)

(11) O. Ó Máirtín (Capt.)

O. Martin (Templeport)

H. Conaty

(14) A. Ó Connachtaigh (Ballyhaise)

(12) S. Ó Brádaigh

S. Brady (Castlerahan)

(15) A. Ó Brádaigh

A. Brady (Castlerahan)

Fir Ionaid: (16) R. Mac Diarmada (R. McDermott, Ballinagh); (17) B. Ó Donnchú (B. Donoghue, Larag); (18) G. O hEagra (G. Agrue, Cootehill); (19) P. O Fionnagáin (P. Finnegan, Cavan Gaels); (20) M. Mao Gafraidh (M. Caffrey, Mountnugent); (21) D. Ó Pronntaigh (D. Prunty, Carlough).

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Mayo Minors who won the Connacht Championship

P. Mohan

(Garrymore)

MAIGH EO

(2) S. Mac Suibhne S. Sweeney (Islandeady)

(5) M. Ó Conghaile M. Connolly (Davitts)

> (8) L. Mac An Fhailí W. Nally

(Hollymount)
(10) C. Mac Oireachtaigh

K. Geraghty(Swinford)

(13) G. Ó hÉanagáin G. Hennigan (Davitts) J. Cuddy (Claremorris)

(3) D. Mac Conmidhe
D. Conway
(Garrymore)

(6) U. ó Riain (Capt.) V. Ryan

V. Ryan (Kilmeena)

(11) M. de Búrca M. Burke (Kilmaine)

(14) S. de Búrca M. Burke (Aughamore) Dathanna: Glas is Dearg Green and Red

(4) S. Ó Gallchóir J Gallagher (Belmullet)

ot.) (6) S. Ó Braonáin J. Brennan (Kiltimagh) (9) P. Ó Mocháin

> (12) S. Ó Moráin S. Moran (Claremorris)

(15) P. Ó Tuathail P. O'Toole (Belmullet)

Fir Ionaid: (16) S. Ó Raghallaigh (G. Reilly, Wesport); (17) S. Ó Muineog (S. Minogue, Castlebar); (18) S. Mac An Fhailí (J. Nally, Garymore); (19) M Mac Cormaic (M. McCormack, Islandeady); (20) M. Ó Coileáin (M. Collins, Lacken); (21) T. Ó Moráin (T. Moran, Ballinrobe).

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