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Cluichí Leath Cheannais



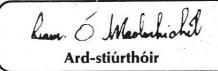














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CUMANN LÚTHCHLEAS GAEL

Ford G.A.A. Open Draw Chuichí Leath Cheannais Péile

Corcaigh v Dún na nGall

2.00 i.n. Réiteoir: Seamus Aldrí (Cill Dara)

Ard Mhacha v Ciarraí

3.30 i.n. Réiteoir: Pádraig Ó Caomhánaigh: (An Mhí)

Amhrán na bhFiann

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Thar toinn a ráinig chugainn
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Ní fhágfar faoin tiorán ná faoin tráil.
Anocht a théann sa bhearna baoil
Le gean ar Ghaeil chun báis nó saoil
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Na Réiteoirí





Séamus Ó Aldrí

Pádraig Ó Caomhánaigh

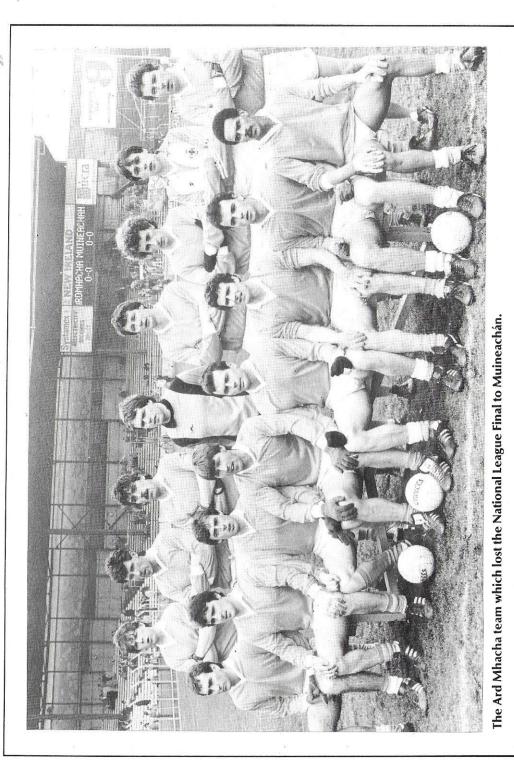
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Ford GAA Open Draw Finals Iomáint agus Peil



Ard Mhacha

Will this Ford Open competition result in a change of fortune for Ard Mhacha on the national scene? That is the key question as the Northerners return to Páirc An Chróchaigh just two weeks after their loss to Muineachán in the National League final.

That set-back added another disappointing chapter for Ard Mhacha to a sequence of disappointments in major finals stretching back to their loss to Ciarraí in a dramatic All-Ireland senior football final of 1953.

That game marked Ard Mhacha's debut in a Sam Maguire Cup tie, and a then record attendance of 86,155 turned up for the unique game. The Ulster champions matched Ciarraí for most of the way, but missed a penalty late in the game and the Southerners pulled away for an 0-13 to 1-6 win.

Ard Mhacha still await a national final win, having lost to Baile Átha Cliath in the All-Ireland final of 1977, and to An Dún and Muineachán in the League deciders of 1983 and 1985.

They made their debut in the current Ford Cup last Sunday when they took revenge over Muineachán at Armagh, 2-7 to 0-8.

Losing no time

Joey Cunningham is a young man who is not allowing the grass to grow under his feet. Last year he was playing in the minor grade with Ard Mhacha, but gained his place on the senior team during the League run, and finished Ard Mhacha's leading scorer for the series with 0-21.

The Forkhill club player scored two points last Sunday in the Ford Cup match.

Long-serving

Brian McAlinden is now one of the longest-serving goalkeepers in senior football. He first played with Ard Mhacha in the 1976 Ulster championship, and was in the side beaten by Baile Atha Cliath in the 1977 final.



Joe Kernan... back from injury to captain the side.

Although he has not won a national medal with Ard Mhacha, the Sarsfields club man guarded the net for Uladh in their Railway Cup final wins of 1979, 1980, 1983 and 1984 – a striking indication that, of his consistency over a long period.

Sharp-shooting Star

John Corvan was a sharpshooting star of the Armagh C.B.S. team that beat Hamilton High School, Bandon, in the 1]78 All-Ireland Colleges senior football "B" final at Páirc An Chrócaigh. Corvan scored 3-7, and he has more than lived up to that promise as a sharpshooter of more than ordinary ability.





Ciarraí

Ciarraí are making a much stronger impact in the Ford Open-Draw competition than in last year's Centenary Cup. They had a bright start to that campaign by beating Dún na nGall at Ballybofey, but then in what must surely rank as a unique competitive intercounty pairing at Tuam Stadium, they were beaten in the second round by Doire by a point after extra time.

This year's competition has helped Ciarraí to recover from a disappointing season in the 1984-85 National League campaign. They were beaten in their final game in February in Division I by AnDún, 0-12 to 1-7 at Killarney, and won only two games in seven appearances. The All-Ireland champions played two drawn matches in the series.

Ciarraí had a big win over An Iarmhí in the first round of the current opendraw series, beat Ceatharlach by two points at Carlow, and Gaillimh by 3-8 to 1-11 at Tralee. They were back at Tralee last Sunday when Eoin Liston picked off a point in injury time to give the Sam Maguire Cup holders an 0-9 to 0-8 win over Ros Comáin.

Dermot Hannafin, who went in as a substitute in the first half for the injured Ambrose O'Donovan, proved one of Kerry's brightest players.

Complete Set

Charlie Nelligan, who has given Ciarraí such wonderful service in goal over the years, completed the medals set when he helped his club, Castleisland Desmonds, to a dramatic late, late win over St. Vincent's, of Dublin, in the All-Ireland club football final at Tipperary Town in March.

Castleisland scored the winning goal just on time, 2-2 to 0-7, and Nelligan added the club medal to a collection that includes trophies for the All-Ireland Championship, National League, Railway Cup and All Stars.

Versatile Power

Ger Power, who has been on the



Ambrose O'Donovan... back from injury.

scoring target in the Ford Open, was left half back in the Austin Stacks team that brought the All-Ireland club title to Ciarraí for the first time in 1977. He must rank as one of the most versatile footballers in any era, as he has won All-Ireland, National Leaue and Railway Cup medals as a back and a forward in each competition.

First Year

John Kennedy lost no time in winning his first All-Ireland senior medal. He played his first senior championship game against Tiobraid Árann last June, and went on to prove Ciarraí's leading scoregetter in the All-Ireland final win over Baile Átha Cliath last September. He showed great maturity at 21 to come back from two misses at goal early on to finish with five points.

Croke Park Debut

Stephen Stack makes his senior debut for Ciarrí in today's game.

Ard Mhacha

Dathanna: Bán is Buí Saffron and White

(1) B. MAC GIOLLA FHIONDÁIN (Brian McAlinden) Sarsfields

(2) D MAC STIOFÁN (Denis Stevenson) Sarsfields

(3) SEOSAMH MAC CORRA

(4) PEADAR Ó RAIFEARTAIGH

(lim McKerr) Clan na Gael (Peter Rafferty) Grange

(Jim McCorry)

(5) S MAC GOTHRIAGH (6) CIARÁN MAC AN FHAILI

(7) SEOSAMH Ó DONNAILE

St. Paul's

(Kieran McNally) St. Paul's

(Joey Donnelly) An Portmór

(8) S MAC THIARNÁIN

(9) PROINSIAS MAC MATHÚNA

(Joe Kernan (Capt.) Crossmaglen

(Fran McMahon) Cullaville

(10) A MAC AN GHIORR (11) COILÍN Ó HATHAIRNE (12) DONNCHADHA SAOLAÍ

(Aidan Short) Crossmaglen (Colm Harney) Pearse Og

(Denis Seelev)

St. Paul's

(13) SEÁN Ó COIRBHÍN

(14) LIAM MAC GOTHRAIGH (Liam McCorry)

(15) S Ó CUINNEAGÁIN

(John Corvan) Armagh Harps

St. Paul's

(Joey Cunningham) Forkhill

Fir Ionad: (16) Maoileachlainn Mac Eachaigh (Malachy McCoy, Armagh Harps); (17) Tomás Ó Casaide (Thomas Cassidy, Crossmaglen); (18) Brian Ó Ceannubháin (Brian Canavan, Carrickruppen); (19) Tomás Ó Mairtín (Tommy Martin, Pearse Og); (20) Tomás O Colmáin (Tommy Coleman, Clann Eireann); (21) Mairtín Mac Uilín (Martin McQuillan, St. Patrick's); (22) Seán Mac Fearain (Sean Fearon, Killeavy); (23) Stiofáin Ó Cathasaigh (Stephen Casey, St. Patrick's); (24) Déaglán Ó Ceannubháin (Declan Canavan, Carrickruppen).

Ard Mhacha	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaí	45m	Saor-Chiceanna
1 adh Leath					18.00
2 adh Leath					
lomlán					

Ciarraí

(1) CATHAL Ó NIALLAGÁIN

(Charlie Nelligan) Castleisland Desmonds

(2) PÁID Ó SÉ (Capt.) An Gaeltacht

(3) TOMÁS Ó SPEALÁIN

(Tom Spillane) Templenoe

(4) MICHEÁL Ó SPEALÁIN

(Michael Spillane) Templenoe

(5) STIOFÁN STAC

(Stephen Stack) Listowel Emmetts (6) TOMÁS Ó DÚILL (Tommy Doyle) Annascaul

(7) GEARÓID O LOINGHSIGH

(Ger Lynch) Valentia

(8) DIARMUID Ó HAINIÉN

(Dermot Hanafin) Castleisland Desmonds (9) AMBRÓS Ó DONNABHÁIN

(Ambrose O'Donovan) Greeneguile

(10) DAITHÍ Ó DONNCHÚ

(Dave O'Donoghue) Glenflesk

(11) DÓ MORÁN (Denis 'Ogie' Moran) Beale

(12) PÁDRAIG Ó SPEALÁIN

(Pat Spillane) Templenoe

(13) SEÁN Ó CINNÉIDE

(John Kennedy) Ballylongford

(14) EOIN LIOSTÚIN

(Eoin Liston) Beale

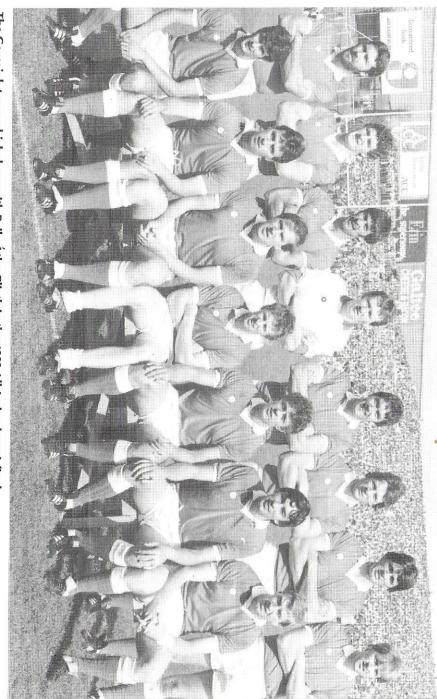
(15) DAITHÍ Ó CATHÁIN

(Dave Keane) Kerins O Raghilly

Fir Ionaid: (16) Gearóid de Paor (Ger Power, Austin Stacks); (17) Seán Ó hUiginn (John Higgins, John Mitchells); (18) Diarmuid Ó Donnchú (Diarmuid O'Donoghue, Legion); (19) Seá T. O Suilleabháin (John T. O'Sullivan, Renard); (20) Seán Liostún (Sean Liston, Beale); (21) Seamus Ó Suileabháin (James O'Sullivan, Dingle).

Ciarraí	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaí	45m	Saor-Chiceanna
1 adh Leath		× 45°			
2 adh Leath					
lomlán -					

The Corcaigh team which drew with Baile Átha Cliath in the 1983 All-Ireland semi-final



Corcaigh

Corcaigh, who have been walking in the shadow of Ciarraí in the South in the past year or so, have given their championship hopes a genuine boost with some sound peformance on the way tot his rare Páirc an Chrócaigh outing against Dún na nGall.

The Leesiders were champions of Mumha in 1983, and they lost to Baile Átha Cliath that season in a replay at their own Páirc Uí Chaoimh in the All-Ireland semi-final. They now have a much changed team from that side.

The latest squad also opened the run very promisingly with a goal win at Páirc Uí Chaoilmh over An Cabhán. Corcaigh then made the long journey to Omagh, where they had a 2-11 to 1-2 victory at the expense of what was admittedly somewhat an experimental Tír Eoghain side. Nevertheless, Corcaigh still showed up well in that win.

Last Sunday they entertained Luimneach, who provided some of the chief talking points of the earlier rounds by knocking out Doire and Maigh Eo.

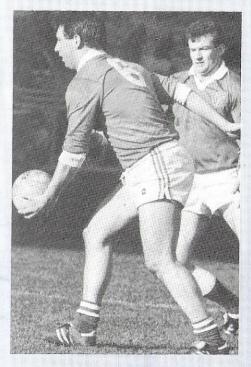
The Leesiders underlined that their championship build-up was on the right track with a well-merited seven points win – 2-8 to 0-7 – and another victory here would prove a valuable stepping stone on the road to regaining the Munster crown.

Steadying influence

Jimmy Kerrigan, who has once again been providing a steadying influence for Corcaigh in the half-back line this season, is one of the more experienced members of the side.

He came up through the minor and under-21 ranks, won a Munster senior medal in 1983, and later that year he was honoured at right half back in the All Stars team – his only such trophy.

Kerrigan, who has won county and All-



Jimmy Kerrigan... a steadying influence for Corcaigh, was voted the most outstanding player in the G.A.A. / Bank of Ireland International Series v Australia last year.

Ireland club medals with Nemo Rangers, has played for Munster in the Railway Cup, but has yet to appear on a title winning team.

Kerrigan was also left half back when Corcaigh last won the National League title in 1980.

Historic win

Will history repeat itself? Corcaigh beat Dún na nGall in a semi-final in 1952 at Páirc An Chrócaigh, and then went on to win their first National Football League title. They beat Baile Átha Cliath in the "Home final, and New York in the final proper.

Corcaigh

Dathanna: Dearg is Bán

(1) SEÁN Ó CEIRÍN

(John Kerins) St. Finbarrs

(2) ANTÓIN Ó DAIBHÍS (Anthony Davis) O'Donovan Rossa

(3) COLMÁIN Ó CORRAGÁIN

(Colman Corrigan) Macroom

(4) NIALL Ó CATHALÁIN

(Niall Cahalane) Castlehaven

(5) SEAMUS Ó CIARAGÁIN

(Jimmy Kerrigan) Nemo Rangers

(6) CCUANACHÁIN (Capt.)

(Conor Counihan) Aghada

(7) ANTÓIN NAISIÚN (Tony Nation) Nemo Rangers

(8) BARRA Ó COFAIGH

(Barry Coffey) Bishopstown

(9) MAIRTIN MAC CÁRTHAIGH

(Martin McCarthy) Youghal

(10) PÁDRAIG Ó hAODHA

(Paddy Haves) St. Finbarrs

(11) T Ó MAINCHÍN

(12) TADHG MAC CÁRTAIGH

(Tom Mannix) Doneraile

(Teddy McCarthy)

Glanmire

(13) EAMON Ó LIATHÁIN

(Eamon Lyons) Bishopstown

(14) EOIN Ó MATHÚNA

(Eoin O'Mahony) Clonakilty

(15) PÓ hARRACHTÁIN

(Paddy Harrington) Doneraile

Fir Ionaid: (16) Micheal Mag Uidhir (Michael Maguire); (17) Eoghan Ó Drisceoil (Gene O'Driscoll); (18) Seán Ó hEimaín (John Evans; (19) Donal Ó Collota (Donal Culloty); (20) Seán Ó Baíolláin (John Boylan); (21) Micheál Ó Broin (Michael Burns); (22) Cíarán Ó Raghallaigh (Kierán O'Reilly).

Corcaigh	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaí	45m	Saor-Chiceanna
1 adh Leath					
2 adh Leath			enango or sole file		- 15
lomlán					

Dún na nGall

Dathanna: Glas is Óir

(1) GEARÓID BREATHNACH

(Gary Walsh) Aodh Rua

(2) TOMÁS MAC DIARMADA (3) DEASÚN NÚTÁIN

(Tommy McDermott) Aodh Rua

(Des Newton) Urris

(4) MAITIÚ Ó GALLCHÓIR

(Matt Gallagher) Ballintra

(5) DÓNAL Ó MAOILBHRÍDE (6) B MAC DOIMHLÉIBHE (7) EAMON Ó GALLCHÓIR

(Domhall Reid) Bundoran

(Brendan Dunleavey Sean Mac Cumhall's (Eunan Gallagher)

Aodh Rua

(8) ANTÓIN Ó MAOLMHUAIDH

(Anthony Molloy Ardara

(9) MICHEAL Ó LAIFEARTAIGH (Capt.)

(Michael Lafferty) Sean Mac Cumhall's

(10) MICHEÁL Ó GALLCHÓIR (11) C Ó MAOLCHRAOIBHE

(Michael Gallagher) Naomh Columha

(Charlie Mulgrew) St. Eunan's

(12) S MAC MAOLÁIN

(lovce McMullan) Four Masters

(13) MAIRTÍN MAC AODHA (14) MAIRTÍN Ó GRÍFÍN

(Martin McHugh) Kilcar

(Martin Griffin) Sean MacCumhall's (15) CIARÁN Ó CIANAIGH

(Kieran Keenev) Ardara

Fir Ionaid: (16) Micheal Ó Ceallaigh (Michael Kelly, Four Masters); (17) Martín Ó Seibhleán (Martin Shorelin, Dun Kineely); (18) Pádraig Mac Giolla Cheara (Padraig Carr, Naomh Columba); (19) Pól Mac Eiteagáin (Paul McGettigan (Corofin, Gaillimh); (20) Seamus Mac Cuaimhsí (Seamus Bonnar, Civil Service, Baile Átha Cliath); (21) Leaslaoi Mac Eiteagáin (Leslie McGettigan, St. Eunan's); (22) Briain Ó Muirí (Brian Murray, Aodh Rua).

Dún na nGall	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaí	45m	Saor-Chiceanna
1 adh Leath					
2 adh Leath					No Marian
lomlán					4 100 100

Dún na nGall

The emergence of Dún na nGall as a force of the 'Eighties in senior football could be said to have started with an 0-8 to 0-5 win over Ros Comáin at Carrick-on-Shannon in the under-21 final of 1982 for the county's first All-Ireland inter-County championship in any grade.

Tommy Dermott, Matt Gallagher, Donal Reid, Anthony Molloy, Joyce McMullan, Charlie Mulgrew and Martin McHugh, who have all appeared in the current Ford Open-Draw competition, are among the members of that gifted side who have since made good with the senior team.

Dún na nGall won the Ulster senior football title in 1983, and made a fine showing when losing the All-Ireland semi-final to Gaillimh by a point.

The County is enjoying a very successful run at present, and lines out against Corcaigh with a winning run over seven games. Four of those victories were on the way to this semi-final – against Laois, Cill Mhantáin, Port Láirge and Fearmanach. The side has not conceded a goal in the competition.

Last year Dun na nGall went out in the opening round of the Centenary Cup when they lost by three points to Ciarraí at Ballybofey.

First All-Star

Brian McEniff, team-manager of Dún na nGall, brought the first All Star trophy to the county in 1972 when he was chosen at right half back in what was only the second football side.

All-Ireland Medalists

Brendan Dunleavy, a stalwart of the team at centre half back, won an All-Ireland club senior football medal with U.C.D. as right half forward in the 1975 side that retained the championship.

Leslie McGettigan, a member of the forward squad, helped St. Jarlath's, Tuam, to their All-Ireland Colleges' senior football title wins of 1982 and 1984. He is a brother of Paul McGettigan, who won an All-Ireland Colleges' medal with Franciscan College, Gormanstown, in 1973 when he partnered Denis "Ogie" Moran at midfield.

Paul is also a Dún na nGall intercounty footballer, and is another who has appeared in the current series.

Last All Star

Martin McHugh has enjoyed considerable success in a short time. He followed his All-Ireland under-21 medal win by collecting Railway Cup medals in 1983 and 1984, an Ulster trophy in 1983, and an All Star award as right full forward in the 1983 selection – Dún na nGall's last such award winner.



Martin McHugh... considerable success since 1983.



