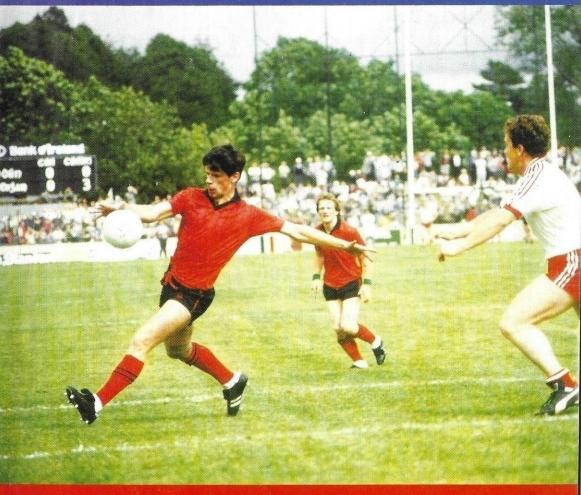




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DOWN PROFILES

D.J. Kane

The name Kane has been synonomous with Down since an exciting youngster called Val hit the county scene as a minor in the early sixties. Val went on to play with distinction for his county at all levels before going on to become one of the most successful coaches in the country.

The tradition is being carried on by his younger brother D.J. who has been a regular on the Down senior squad as a corner back this past two years. Tough as teak, the Newry Mitchells player delights in the big match atmosphere and among the many honours already counts his two Sigerson Cup triumphs as the most important.





Mickey Linden

Mayobridge is another Down club which this year celebrates it's centenary and Mayobridge folk are delighted that their Captain, Mickey Linden, is playing such a vital role in Down's successes this year. The 25 year old mechanic has already won an Ulster U21 medal and a National League medal in the Red and Black jersey, and hopes to add an Ulster Senior medal this year. A fitness fanatic, he is a familiar sight around Tamnaharry Hills as he prepares for his next big match. When Down won their last All-Ireland Mayobridge's Tom O'Hare played an outstanding part. Bridge people are hoping that '88 will be a repeat of '68.

Ross Carr

The name Carr has long been associated with football in Down. There was the late Gerry, who captained Down when they won the Junior All-Ireland in 1946. Then there was Barney, who managed the Down teams in '60 and '61, and Hughie who was known throughout Ulster as a player and referee in the fifties. The latest Carr to grace the Down scene in Ross, whose father Aidan was also a Down great in the forties. Ross has won many honours at juvenile and schools level. This year his club Clonduff celebrates its centenary and Ross has two burning ambitions — to win a Down Championship with Clonduff and an All-Ireland with Down.



An Bhfuil Fhios Agat

When Down won their first Ulster Junior championship in 1931 it was Cavan they beat in the final. The Down Captain on from Rossglass.

When Down won their first
Ulster Minor Championship in
1958 it was Cavan they beat in
the final. The Captain on that
day was Tom Keenan from
Banbridge.

When down won their first Ulster Senior Championship in 1959 it was Cavan they beat in the final. The Down Captain on that day was Kevin Mussen from Clonduff.

When Down won their first Ulster U-21 Championship in 1965 it was Cavan they beat in the final. The Down Captain on that day was Ballykinlar's Brian Johnston. Playing for Cavan on that day was Michael Greenan, referee for today's Senior game.

When Down won their first National League title in 1960 it was Cavan they again had to

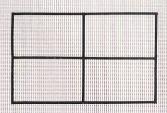
But when Cavan won their last Ulster Championship in 1969 it was Down they beat in the final.

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McCormack, father of the Down Chairman, Donal McCormack.

Paddy Smith, who played for Rathfriland and wore the Down jersey in the mid-forties, won an All-Ireland with Cavan in the Polo Grounds in 1947.

John Joe Cassidy, who played for Ardtole and Downpatrick, won an All-Ireland with Cavan in 1948.





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Et Tu Nudie!

by Adrian Logan U.T.V.



Last year at the "marshes" after Down had suffered a humiliating defeat at the hands of Derry a local wit was heard to remark

"They have scotched the snake, not killed it, it will recoil and be itself" Those words of that well known GAA scribe William Shakespeare just about sums up the championship fortunes of both today's semi-finalists . . .

Monaghan and Down were both stung by shock first round defeats by Derry and Cavan last season This year its been different

Monaghan with Nudie Hughes in sparkling form dispensed with Cavan in a rip roaring encounter . . . while Down eventually overcame a poor Derry side at Ballinascreen . . .

. . . . Both the teams know that whoever wins will be installed as favourites for the Ulster title . . .

Monaghan have won the coveted Anglo Celt Cup 13 times while Down can claim a top ten of hits . . . Monaghan last won it in 1985 and beating Derry while Down must go back to 1981 to their last success over Armagh.

And for both counties rich in tradition a win is vital this afternoon. The red and black will always cause a ripple in Croke Park while few will forget the recent heroic efforts of Monaghan as they tried to take the Sam Maguire . . . Of course all such talk is far from the minds of the players today "one game at a time" is the motto before a nail biting Ulster semi-final

"To be or not to be", thats the fortune in store for Monaghan and Down today. I wonder just what that old hack Willie Shakespeare would have made of it all, perhpas his script would have gone something like this . . .

"Alas poor Shorty, I knew him well" or even "A goal a goal my kingdom for a goal" or what about "Et Tu, Nudie".
Enjoy the game.

Some Monaghan Profiles

Declan Loughman: At 22 Declan Loughman is carrying on a great family and Castleblayney tradition. His father, Tony Loughman, had a long spell in the senior county jersey and was also Team Manager for a period. Declan is also extremly interested in the music scene and his Sports and Music store in Castleblayney is a mecca for both football fans and music lovers. He has come up all the way from juvenile ranks and has worn the county jersey with distinction in all three grades of football.





Eamonn Murphy: Eamonn began his football career as an under-10 with the Emyvale U-12 juvenile team of 1972. Won his first medal with the local school when they won the Large Schools Championship in 1974 and then graduated through the various Emyvale age-groupings until he came to the notice of the County Selectors in the Centenary Year of 1984. Has more or less made the number fourteen jersey his own in the years since then, and stars in the same position for his club.

Paddy Linden: Strangely enough, Paddy plays all his club football as a corner-back for Ballybay. His love for the game was instrumental in making him have an amazing recovery from a serious car accident some years back and he is one of the few survivors of the historic 1979 team. When he hits form with his kick-outs, he can be a menace to opponents as he inevitably turns defence into attack, and this was particularly noticeable in the first round clash with Cavan at Clones.





Eugene Sherry: Well-known to every schoolboy in the county as he travels around on the School Library van, visiting every primary school in the county. Now one of the veterans of the Monaghan team, he is really only beginning to play football and was the sheet anchor of the Monaghan defence in the first round game. Has worn the county jersey in all three grades and was also one of the men mainly responsible for bringing Scotstown to great heights in recent years.

Ray McCarron: The only Monaghan player with an English accent. Only began playing Gaelic Football when he returned from England at fourteen years of age. Has been Monaghan's top scorer on several occasions but was slightly off target in the game with Cavan. Monaghan supporters will be hoping that he has his shooting boots back on for today's clash. Will surely remember the National League game with Kerry at Clones as one of his greatest performances ever.



An Cuimhin Leat?

By S. McC.

1983 In 1983 Monaghan and Down qualified for the Final of the Dr. McKenna Cup competition and the counties agreed to toss for venue. Monaghan lost the toss at a Scór Sinsear Final in Castleblayney and the Final went ahead at Newry on Sunday. Ist May. Down were the team-of-the-moment, but Monaghan had a shock in store for them when, on a wet and windy day, they held the home side scoreless for the entire first half and for the first ten minutes of the second, and ran out deserving winners by 0-9 to 0-4. The game was played before 3,000 spectators and the winners' stars were Kevin McNeill, Gerry and Sean McCarville, Dessie Mulligan, Hugo Clerkin, Eamonn McEneaney, Nudie Hughes and Raymond McCarron.

1961 Down and Monaghan also met in the Dr. McKenna Cup Final of 1961. Down were reigning All-Ireland and Ulster champions and were powered by such great names as Dan and James McCartan, Sean O'Neill, Paddy Doherty, Brian Morgan, Kevin Mussen, and a host of other names that were now household words throughout the length and breadth of the country. The sides met at the Armagh Athetic Grounds on Sunday, 14th May, 1961, and, despite a good performance, Monaghan had to bow to their more illustrious opponents with the final score reading: Down 2-10, Monaghan 1-6. Down had led by 1-5 to 0-3 at the interval and were worthy of their victory.

1945 Down and Monaghan met in the Ulster Minor Football Championship Final at Clones on 29th July, 1945. Monaghan, playing in their new strip of blue-and-white, were held in the first half which ended level, Monaghan 1-2, Down 0-5, but pulled away in the second period and won by 1-7 to 0-7. Those were the days of great minor players Carty Donohue, Hughie McKearney, Marty Carroll, Leo Carolan, Tommy Moyna, Brian Finn and Harry McCarney, while Down were led by team captain Brian Owens from the Leitrim Fontenoys club, one of the oldest established clubs in that county. Monaghan lost to Leitrim in the All-Ireland semi-final in a game remembered more for the famous 'Moyna Switch' than for anything else.

Monaghan certainly have a 'revenge' motive when they take on Down at Breffni Park today. The last time the counties met in a Senior competition match was in the Ulster Senior Football Championship of 1986, a replay at Newcastle. The sides had met at Castleblayney in the opening round of that Championship and a great contest ended all-square on the score—Monaghan 0-13, Down 1-10. That had been the very last game of the first round, June 15th, 1986, and with the semi-final coming up a fortnight later, the replay was ordered for Newcastle the following Sunday, 22nd June. This time Down came out on top by two clear goals, 2-11 to 0-11, on the same day that Tyrone were beating Cavan in the first semi-final at Irvinestown. Monaghan were reigning Ulster champions on that occasion, but the Downmen knocked off their Ulster crown which means that Monaghan will be mighty anxious to gain revenge.

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Eamon Burns
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13 B. de Masun Brendan Mason (Loughinisland)

A. Mac Ruairi
Ambrose Rodgers
(Longstone)

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2 B. Ó Muirí Brendan Murray (Clones)

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D. Ó Broin
David Byrne
(Garda)

C. Mac Fhearrcair Kevin Carragher (Clontibret)

10 R. Mac Cearáin Ray McCarron (Scotstown) 11 G. Mac Cearbhaill Gerry McCarville (Scotstown)

12 E. Ó hAmaltúin Owen Hamilton (Latton)

13
E. Mac Aodha
Eugene Hughes
(Castleblayney)

14 E. Ó Murchú Eamonn Murphy (Emyvale) 15
E. Mac Conaonaigh
Eamonn McEneaney
(Castleblayney)

Fir Ionaid: 16, Patrick Hamilton (Latton); 17, P. J. Finlay (Ballybay); 18, Stefan White (Castleblayney); 19, Fergus Caulfield (Scotstown); 20, Declan Flanagan (Castleblayney); 21, Michael O'Dowd (Clontibret).

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John Rice — One of Monaghan's Greatest

On Monday, 18th March, 1957, the Ireland team beat the Combined Universities by 3-10 to 3-6 in the annual Representative Football game at Croke Park. Centre-half-back on that Ireland team was Clontibret and Co. Monaghan player, John Rice, who was one of the stars of the Ireland victory, while, at the same time, making a bit of history by being the first Monaghan man ever to be selected on an Ireland team. These Representative Games had been in vogue from 1950 but no Monaghan player had yet been given the honour of selection until John Rice came along in 1957.

The great Clontibret star had first played for the Monaghan senior county team in 1948 and, for the next decade was a permanent choice for the number-6 jersey on our county sides. From 1948 until 1958 his name was always the first to be positioned by the County Selectors when they sat down to pick the Senior County team and never once did he let them down. He had also won the county Junior jersey when Monaghan beat Cavan in the first round of the Ulster Junior Championship by 5-6 to 2-3 at Ballybay in the Spring of 1949, in the earlier part of his long and distinguished county career.

The Ulster Selectors, too, also recognised the worth of John Rice and he was a regular choice on the provincial sides of the 'fifties, winning his first Railway Cup medal on St. Patrick's Day 1956 when he played at centre-half-back on the Ulster team that beat Munster by 0-12 to 0-4 at Croke Park. He was the only Monaghan player on that particular winning Ulster team.

John Rice first came to prominence with his home club, Clontibret, when that club set the Monaghan football world alight by winning its first ever Senior County title in 1949 and later becoming the first club in Co. Monaghan ever to capture four successive Senior Football Championships — 1949, 1950, 1951 and 1952. That particular club team brought a new dimension to Monaghan inter-club football, capturing seven County Titles in a decade (1949 to 1958). John Rice provided the backbone of the defence of that great Clontibret team and his selection on County, Provincial and National teams was a natural consequence. Few players have made the centre-half-back berth their own to such an extent as John Rice did in the 'fifties.

A natural footballer, John Rice was the perfect general of a good rearguard and had the natural ability to marshal his men when danger loomed. He also had the respect of his team-mates, and many other Monaghan players were quick to admit that it was the leadership and example of John that spurred them to success and prominence in later years. He also had a unique style, particularly when kicking placed balls, and this was often imitated by the players who were his contemporaries and by those who followed him at a later period. His coolness, too, was also much to be admired and imitated, and there could have been very few referees who ever had to check him or take his name during his long and illustrious playing career.

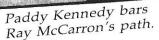
Monaghan was exceptionally proud in 1957 when John Rice was awarded Ireland selection and few players deserved the honour so much. An Ireland jersey was but meagre reward for a great player nearing the end of his football reign, and one wonders just how many All-Ireland medals would have been his had he been domiciled in a county like Kerry. Monaghan was a struggling county in his time and only reached one Ulster Final in that period — that was in 1952 when they were beaten 1-8 to 0-8 by Cavan at Breffni Park.

John Rice was surely one of the finest footballers that Ireland ever produced, and Monaghan followers recall his name with pride when they reminisce about the great teams and the great players of the past. He certainly was one of Monaghan's greatest and his name will never be forgotten while Gaelic Football is played in this county. Go mba fada buan thú, a Sheáin.

Seamus McCluskey.

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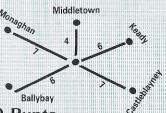
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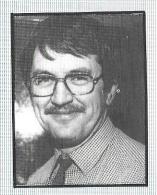
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A Common Goal . . .

By Michael McGeary, "Irish News"

"Nudie" Hughes and John Kelly have a common goal this afternoon, a victory that would take them into next month's Ulster final at Clones.

But the contrast in their careers to date could scarcely be more marked. For while the colourful "Nudie" (31) is approaching the end of a remarkable career, Kelly (21) is embarking on what he hopes will be an equally successful one.

The Castleblayney clubman's medal haul includes Railway Cup, National League, two Ulster Senior Championship and three McKenna Cup, impressive statistics by any standards.

In addition there are two All-Star awards, the first in 1979 as a defender, the second in 1985 as a forward, proof of his remarkable versatility at either end of the field.

Kelly, a Queens University student who plays his club football with Carryduff, and who won a Down Junior Championship medal in the company of Dan McCartan and Greg Blaney two seasons ago.

With his club he plays midfield though he expresses a preference for centre half-back. A former student of St. Patrick's, Downpatrick, where he won two Rannafast medals he made his county debut against Laois in last season's league at Newry.

A very competitive player who delights in pushing forward in support of his attack, the Carryduff man agrees Down could have taken more scores against Derry at Ballinascreen.

"To beat Monaghan we're going to have to play with the same flair and fire that took us through against Derry."

John Kelly stands just 70 minutes away from a place in the Ulster final, not bad for the Queen's University pharmacy student who didn't play the game until he was 11.

"Nudie" Hughes though is equally determined that the Monaghan revival will be carried a stage further. Either way they will experience vastly differing emotions at the final whistle.

BUÍOCHAS

Comhairle Uladh wishes to thank all those who assisted in the production of today's programme, particularly Michael McGeary, John Campbell, Adrian Logan, John McGlinchey, Seamus McCluskey, J. P. Graham, Fintan Mussen and Fintan McTiernan.

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The Midas Touch!

by John Campbell G.A.A. Correspondent Belfast Telegraph and 'Ireland's Saturday Night'



John C. Brady entered the Ulster Minor Football championship in Cavan's colours modestly hoping to make some small contribution to what he hoped would be a lucrative campaign for the boys in Blue.

But the Mullahoran club youngster has not only left himself breathless but the fans as well with his stunning scoring exploits to date for the Breffni side.

It was in the first game against Monaghan at Clones that John forcibly underlined his championship arrival with a goal of rare quality.

It was a goal that not only illustrated the vast potential of this talented forward but also earned Cavan a dramatic draw against their near-neighbours.

But even before his last-minute rescue act, John had left an indellible imprint on the match. A majestic 1-4 up until then spoke volumes for his accuracy and skill and fuelled the belief that he is one of the most exciting corner forwards to emerge within the Minor ranks.

Just to emphasise his versatility John moved from left-corner forward to right corenr forward for the replay from where he proceeded to rattle over six points to help Cavan to victory.

And it almost goes without saying that the pride of Mullahoran shot the winner in the dying moments of the game!

Now today John hopes to spike the guns of All-Ireland champions Down as Cavan attempt to progress further in the championship.

The slightly-built youngster with the midas touch in front of goal can revel in the wide open spaces of Brefini for not only is he a lethal finisher himself but he can also bring out the best in those round him.

And willing on their sharpshooter will be just about everyone from Mullahoran. With the club, John won Division Two League, Division Two 'A' League and Junior B Championship medals last season — ample testimony not only to his ability but to the skill, dedication and drive which exists within the club.

John has gained considerable experience at senior level and with well-known referee Michael Greenan in the managerial chair at Mullahoran the prolific corner forward can be certain of receiving every encouragement in his future playing career.

Mullahoran, in fact, supply three members of the Cavan side for the All-Ireland Under-21 final — Michael Fegan, Vivian Dowd and Damien O'Reilly.

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Dathanna: GORM agus BAN

G. Mac an Ghaill Gerard Guill (Ballymachugh)

2 N. O Cearrulain C. O Bradaigh C. Mac Giolla Padraig Niall Carolan Ciaran Brady (Capt.) Ciaran Fitzpatrick (Cavan Gaels) (Gowna) (Killeshandra) 6 7 S. O Bradaigh G. O Chrosain G. Breatnach James Brady Glen Crossan Gavin Walsh (Ballyhaise) (Bailieboro) (Belturbet) 9 T. Mac Gabhann G. Muilleoir Tommy Smith Gary Millar (Killinkere) (Bailieboro) 10 11 12 R. O Fearralaigh P. O Shields P. Mac an Mhile Ronan Farrelly Patrick Shields Paul Staunton (Crosserlough) (Laragh) (Castlerahan) 13 14 15 T. O Loinsigh N. O Beartlaigh S. C. O Bradaigh Thomas Lynch Noel Bartley John C. Brady ((Mountnugent) (Butlersbridge) (Mullahoran)

Fir Ionaid: 16, Gary Farrelly (Ramor); 17, Michael Fallon (Cavan Gaels); 18, Ray Cole (Ramor); 19, Donal Kennedy (Drumlane); 20, David Rudden (Castlerahan); 21, Dessie Maguire (Shannon Gaels).

AN CABHAN	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaí	45 m	Saor-Chiceanna
1ú Leath					
2ú Leath					
Iomlán		7			

AN DÚN

MINOR

Dathanna: DEARG agus DUBH

P. O Caoilte
Patrick Kielty
(Drum)

2	3	4
B. O hEidhin	L. O Duagain	P. O Tionnlaigh
Barry Hynes	Larry Duggan	Paddy Tinnely
(Drumgath)	(Burren)	(Rostrevor)
5	6	7
M. Mac Labhrai	N. O Cathmhaoil	P. Ris
Martin Lavery	Niall Caulfield	Paul Rice
(Castlewellan)	(Rostrover)	(Loughinisland)
8		9
L. Huileit		E. Mac Aoidh
Liam Howlett		Eamonn McKay
(Warrenpoint)		(Dromara)
10	11	12
R. Mac Giolla Padraig	S. Mac Artain	D. O Branagain
Ronan Fitzpatrick	James McCartan	Dominic Brannigan
(Burren)	(Tullylish)	(Clonduff)
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Fir Ionaid: 16, Eamonn Cunningham (Warrenpoint); 17, Colin Burns (Shamrocks); 18, Joe Blair (Longstone); 19, Martin Carey (Dundrum); 20, Martin McKibben (Castlewellan); 21, Conor Tinnelly (Rostrevor).

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C. Mac an Bheatha

Kerry McVeigh

(Bosco)

15

M. Mac an Ghoill

Michael Magill

(Warrenpoint)

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S. O Caoilte

John Kielty

(Dundrum)

AN DUN	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaí	45 m	Saor-Chiceanna
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Iomlán					

