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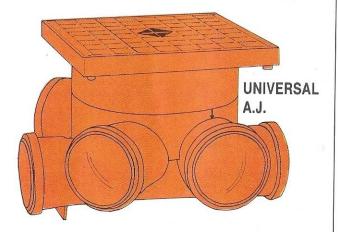
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#### A Double First

It is widely accepted — indeed, it is regarded as a self-evident fact — that a county appearing in Croke Park for the first time will suffer defeat and this is what happened to Down on the first visit of their senior team to Dublin in 1959. But the firstever visit of Down to Croke Park was in 1946 and not alone was it a winning debut at headquarters, but it was also the occasion of the county's first All-Ireland success at any level — the junior football crown which was won by beating Warwickshire in the final, that was staged as a curtain-raiser to the replay of the senior final.

Incidentally, that day (October 27) was also a happy occasion for Kerry, who recorded one of their greatest triumphs in that replay - the victory over favourites, Roscommon, in a magnificent contest. But in a sense it was Down's day, in that they recorded a double first — a first appearance at Croke Park and a first All-Ireland final win.

Regulars

The greatest number of appearances in successive years in All-Ireland semi-finals is eight, and this record is exclusively Kerry's who performed the feat twice and in comparatively recent times. Their first 'eight' was in the years 1958 to 1965 during which they qualified for five finals - their three defeats being at the hands of Derry (1958), Down (1961) and Galway (1963). Their second run of eight 'semis' was between 1975 and 1982, during which they suffered defeat only once against Dublin in the classic 1977 encounter, arguably the greatest semi-final of the past 50 vears.

#### Down's Doubles

When Down burst upon the gaelic football scene in 1960 they were not exactly an unknown quantity, as they had already made an All-Ireland semi-final appearance the previous year. Consequently the two doubles they brought off in 1960 could in no way be attributed to catching the opposition unaware, which makes them all the more noteworthy. The big double, of course, was the winning of the National League and the All-Ireland — the only occasion on which a county won its first title in both competitions in the one year.

But of almost equal merit was their achievement in beating Kerry (league semi-final and championship final) on their first meeting in both competitions. No other county can claim this particular double.

### Muimhnigh Agus Ultaigh i nGleic

An chéad uair ar tháining foireann peile ón Dún go dtí Páirc An Chrócaigh gcluiche ceannais, i 1960, b'iad foireann ón Ríocht a bhí mar chéile comhraic acu. Is cuid de stair an Chumainn Lúthchleas Gael anois é gur chloígh siad na Ciarraígh go héasca agus gur thóg siad 'Somhairle' ('Sam') thar an teorainn ó thuaidh don chéad uair ariamh.

Rinne siad an éacht céanna an bhliain dar gcionn nuair a bhí an lámh in uachtar acu ar Úíbh Fháilí (3-6 go 2-8). Aon uair amháin eile, i 1968, bhí an Dún sa chraobhchluiche arís ar an tríú Domhnach de Mhéan Fómhair - arís in aghaidh Chiarraí. Bhuaigh siad an turas sin chomh maith agus, mar sin, tá sé le maoimh acu gur shroic siad trí chraobhchluiche agus gur bhain siad bua amach gach uair.

Ach, ar ndóigh, buadh orthu i gcluiche leathcheannais agus níl náire ar bith ag baint leis sin; rud, b'fhéidir, a thabharfaidh uchtach

do Chiarraí inniu.

Tá comparáidí áirithe idir an dá fhoireann inniu — níor bhain ceachtar acu chraobh Chúige le tamall agus sa chomortas reatha chloígh siad araon curaidh chúige, Corcaigh agus Dún na nGall. D'fhéadfadh duine a rá gur mó an éacht a rinne fir na Ríochta mar gurbh Curaidh Uile-Éireann iad an Corcaígh le dhá bhliain anuas. Ceaptar, mar sin féin, go raibh muintir na Laoi beagáinín spíonta tar éis ceithre bhliana iomráiteacha acu ag barr an dréimire.

Ní haon dóichíní iad fir an Móirne i mbliana deirim leat; tá meascán deas acu d'fhir óga éifeachtacha agus 'Sean-fhondúirí' atá tar éis an fásach a thriall le tamall maith de bhlianta ach a bhailigh chucu féin anchuid den chiall cheannaithe le linn an ama agus nuair a cuirtear sin leis an ard-chumas atá iontu bíonn toradh céadach ar an imirt.

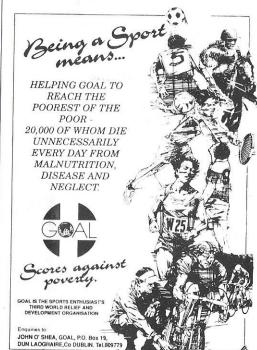
Bhí lucht an eolais ar fad, i gCúige Uladh agus lasmuigh de, den tuairim gur Doire a bhainfeadh craobh Uladh '91; bhí dhá dhianchluiche idir iad agus an Dún agus, dairíre, rinne an dá chluiche sin maitheas an domhain d'fhir na Móirne agus ní raibh an craobhchluiche chomh dian céanna orthu.

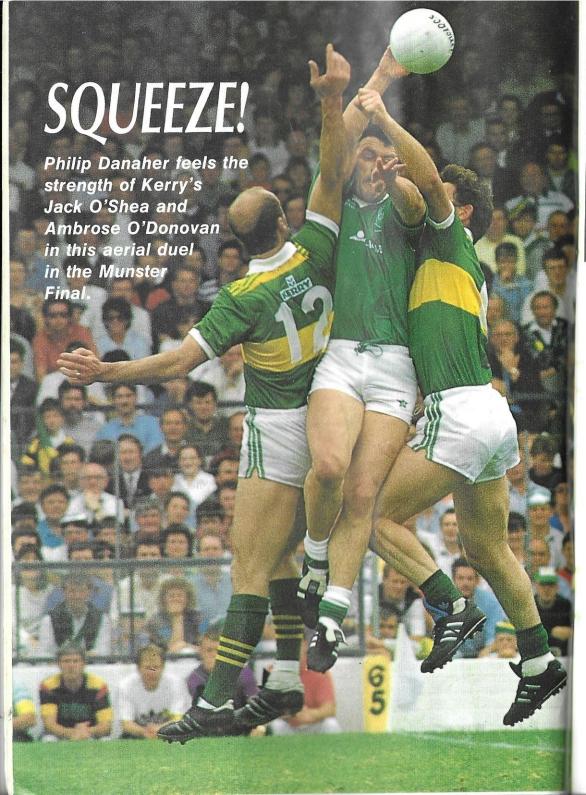
I gcás fir na Ríochta ní bhfuair siad an lámh in uachtar ar An Clár go dtí an deich noiméad deireannacha sa chéad chluiche acu i mbliana; toisc go raibh comortas peile na Mumhan ar chrainn 'oscailte' i mbliana thit sé amach gur in aghaidh Chorcaí a bhí an cluiche leathcheannais; mar adúradh thuas rinne fir óga na Ríochta éacht ach ní mór a thógaint san áireamh gur ar éigin a chloígh siad Luimneach i gcraobhchluiche na Mumhan.

Lasmuigh de thriúr nó ceathrar is foireann an-óg atá ag Ciarraí; ní hionann sin is a rá nach peileadóirí den scoth iad a tháinig tríd an córas mionúir agus faoi-21 le héifeacht agus bhí iomrá ar an gcuid is mó acu i gcraobhchluichí na n-ógánach le cúig nó sé de bhlianta anuas.

Tá sé deacair a rá cé críochnóidh ar bharr inniu; má's gá buille faoi thuarim a thabhairt, agus bunús leis, d'fhéadfaí a rá gurbé an buntáiste is mó atá ag Ciarraí go bhfuil saorspeacadóir den chéad ghrád acu, is é sin Muiris Mac Gearailt — is féidir leis a bheith cruinn beacht ag fad ar bith amuigh go dtí an '45'; anuas ar sin is sár-pheileadóir é.

Beidh an-chluiche againn inniu agus is breá an rud é foirne 'nua' ar nós an Dún agus Ciarraí a fheiceáil i bPáirc An Chrócaigh arís!





## The "haves" and "havenots"

Today's minor pairing of Cork and Donegal represents a classic example of the 'haves' and 'havenots' in this grade of football. Cork, holders of seven All-Ireland titles and arguably the most successful county in the country over the past 30 years, against Donegal who have yet to make an appearance in the final. Yet today Cork experience what is a rare situation for them - appearing in an All-Ireland minor semifinal with a fifteen every one of whom is a newcomer to this stage of the championship. In fact, only once in the past 30 years has a Cork team faced into a 'semi' without at least one player who had been there before, and this was in 1981, in which year Cork had regained the Munster crown after a three-year lapse. Today's clash with Donegal may be only the second between these counties in minor football, but for Cork it will be 22 semi-final appearances — 18 of them in the past three decades, a marvellous achievement when one considers that they must get by Kerry every year to

With Donegal it is a different story and a different task — at least it is a task of different dimensions, as the Ulster minor title is almost as difficult to win and retain as the senior crown.

And while there is such diversity in the background of today's contestants, the everchanging scenario of the under-18 grade ensures that a measure of equality reigns and superiority or inferiority will be resolved only, and entirely, on the field of play.

One Meeting

The 60-odd years of the minor championship had produced only one confrontation of Cork and Donegal, and that was in 1985 when the opposite ends of the country were represented in the curtainraiser to the Kerry-Monaghan senior semifinal

Donegal had qualified with wins over Down, Monaghan, Armagh and Cavan while Cork had disposed of Tipperary, Waterford, and Kerry. Cork, because of their great record in the grade, were favourites, but for most of the hour they played second-fiddle to the Ulster champions who dominated in most sectors. But in the all-important matter of finishing, Cork had the edge, and though operating on a restricted service, their forwards took a sufficient proportion of their chances to keep ahead of Donegal. Pat Collins grabbed the first goal shortly before half-time when the score stood 1-3 to 0-2.

Donegal's outfield dominance remained undiminished, but despite Conor White's accuracy from frees after he had taken over the role of free-taker, they had little to offer up front and Barry Harte's goal kept Cork ahead of the pursuit. Donegal had a great chance of closing the gap when they were awarded a penalty with six minutes left to play; but Barry McGowan blasted the ball at Jerome O'Mahony who had little difficulty in saving. That miss was crucial, and Cork survived on the score of 2-5 to 0-9.

Scorers

Cork: B. Harte 1-1, P. Collins 1-0, G. Cahill 0-2, G. O'Regan 0-1, J. O'Driscoll 0-1. Donegal: C. White 0-6, T. Ryan 0-1, J. Cunningham 0-1, B. McGowan 0-1.

Cork: Jerome O'Mahony (Nemo Rangers), Mossy Murphy (Kilshannig), Denis Duggan (St. Michael's), John Allen (Naomh Aban), Noel Creedon (Macroom), Brian Murphy (Bishopstown), Tony Griffin (Nemo Rangers), John O'Driscoll (Ballingeary), Kevin Kiely (St. Finbarr's), Barry Harte (Timoleague), Dominic O'Connell (Kilshannig), Ger O'Regan (Nemo Rangers), Cathal Cahill (Bishopstown), Padraig Collins (Valley Rovers), Aidan Shiels (Bishopstown). Subs. — Ronan Sheehan for Shields.

Donegal: Emmet Golden (Bundoran), John Joe Doherty (Naomh Columba), Denis Carbury (Killybegs), Sean McBride (Termon), Peter McIntyre (St. Eunan's), John Cunningham (Killybegs), Duirmuid Keon (Aodh Ruadh), Barry Cunningham (Killybegs), John Gallagher (Killybegs), Tommy Ryan (Termon), Barry McGowan (Killybegs), Stephen McMenamin (St. Eunan's), Dermot Ward (Glenfin), Luke Gavigan (Ardara), Conor White (Killybegs). Subs. — D. Bonnar for McMenamin, P. Cullen for McBride.

Referee: Micky Kerins (Sligo).

Out... In... Out... Donegal's Confusion The Roll of Honour of Ulster minor football champions lists no winners for 1935; but that's not because there was no championship in the grade in Ulster that year. Indeed, there was, and an Ulster team contested the All-Ireland semi-finals — Donegal — who made a great bid to reach the final, only going down to a late goal to Tipperary after a splendid game.

But Donegal had not qualified for this stage of the championship by winning the Ulster final. In fact, they had lost that final to Tyrone by 2-1 to 2-2 — a late goal also proving their undoing in that instance.

But an objection, on a number of grounds, to the winners resulted in the Ulster Council reversing the verdict on the field in favour of Donegal. Tyrone indicated that they would appeal to the Central Council, but despite the fact that the appeal was pending, the All-Ireland semi-final between Donegal and Tipperary went ahead, the Munster team winning by 3-3 to 2-3. That should have ended the affair, but Tyrone pressed ahead, had their appeal returned to the provincial council, who found that both teams were illegal and declared the championship void. Thus did Donegal lose ... win ... and lose the 1935 Ulster title. An unsatisfactory end to the affair, but a Donegal minor team had lined out for the first time at Croke Park ... and in an All-Ireland semi-final. That team was: Sean McHugh (Ballyshannon), Paul Sweeney (Dungloe), Sean Ferriter, capt., (Dunfanaghy), Bernie Giblin (Glenties) Cathal Carr (Gweedore), Sean McEntee (Erin's Hope), Sean Halpin (St. Eunan's), Eamon Monaghan (St. Nauls), Sean O'Donnell (Kilcar), Brendan Foley (Bundoran), Jackie Reilly (Erin's Hope), Paul Kelly (Cloughnaneely), John Hannigan (St. Eunan's), John Campbell (Dungloe), Mick McGinley (Creeslough). Sub. — Francis Cannon (Dungloe) for Monaghan.

Croke Park Quest

Donegal minors today are not alone bidding for a place in the All-Ireland final, but they are also striving to become the first Donegal team to play in an All-Ireland final at Croke Park. For strange to relate, alone of all 32 counties, no Donegal team has ever played in All-Ireland final in Dublin. The two All-Ireland under-21 finals which the county won, in 1982 and 1987, were both played at provincial venues, Carrick-on-Shannon and Roscommon.

Donegal did contest the junior decider with Mayo in 1933, but that was only a 'Home' final, and the bogey attached to Tir Connail and Croke Park finals has still to be

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# Kilkenny bring experience to clash with Derry

Kilkenny, of the classic touches, have a distinct edge in championship experience over Derry, a county where the ancient game is making solid progress, in the novel All-Ireland minor hurling semi-final.

Left full back Barry Power, left half back Philip Larkin, midfielder and captain Dan O'Neill, and free-scoring P.J. Delaney of the side that had a resounding win over Laois in the Leinster final, all helped to beat Cork in last year's All-Ireland final replay.

Kilkenny scored freely in big wins over Offaly and Laois in the East. Setting a particularly high standard is Delaney, son of former senior county hurler, Pat. He is by far the team's ace marksman with an impressive 2-16 from the two games.

Larkin is another maintaining a family tradition. He is son of former defensive ace, Phil "Fan" Larkin.

Derry represent Ulster at this stage for the second successive year. The county put up a spirited bid when losing to Cork by five points in last year's semi-final, and the current company of hurlers displayed great character and plenty of skill in staging a magnificent rally to beat Antrim and retain the provincial crown.

Eight minutes after the interval the Foylesiders were eight points in arrears, but some time later Michael Collins revived spirits with a fine goal. Encouraged by that score Derry rallied strongly, and Collins struck again with another morale boosting goal in the 26th minute to put the Foylesiders back in the hunt.

They kept up the pressure and in a strong determined finish scores by team captain Paddy McEldowney, David Murray and the dynamic Collins gave Derry a well deserved 3-10 to 2-11 win.

That great come-back stamps this Derry team as one of real character and all round ability. The Northerners are unlikely to be overawed by their latest task.

# Ancient game makes progress in Derry

Although we associate Derry mainly with football, hurling has been making very solid progress there over the years. This is particularly true as far as underage fare is concerned.

The county won five Ulster special minor hurling titles in a row from 1979 to 1983 inclusive, and in more recent times has made a spirited return to the under-18 provincial title series proper.

Derry lost an Ulster minor title to Antrim as far back as 1940, and in more recent times gave Down a real fright in the final of 1986, losing by just five points.

Last year came a noteworthy breakthrough when Michael Collins proved an inspiring figure in a surprisingly comfortable Ulster final win over Antrim. He helped himself to 2-6 to prove a real hero of a resounding 4-11 to 1-8 win.

That earned the Foylesiders a semifinal place against a good Cork side. the Munster champions earned their expected win, thanks in the main to a powerful half back line, but Derry put up a splendid display when going down by five points. The county has kept the momentum going this year by retaining the provincial title, and all the indications are that Derry can go on to build on the sound foundations of under-age fare to emerge as a force in time at senior.

Incidentally, the hurling tradition is by no means a new one in Derry. The game has enjoyed support down the years, and interestingly enough the county won an Ulster senior crown as far back as October 1903, with a 2-7 to 2-5 success over Antrim, at Celtic Park, Belfast, in the 1902 final.

Will we have much long to wait to see another Foyleside success in the premier final of the ancient game in the North?



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(13) M. Ó Coileáin MICHAEL COLLINS

(14) P. Mac Giolla Domhnaigh PADDY McELDOWNEY (Capt.)

(15) G. O Beig GREGORY BIGGS Banaher

Lavey

Ballinascreen

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ROGHNÓIRÍ: Seamus Doherty (Ballinascreen), Donal Murphy (Banagher). Coach/Manager: Peter Stevenson (Drum),

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(13) C. Ó hArrachtain **KEVIN HARRINGTON** Bantry Blues

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Dathanna: Glas is Ór

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Conaill, (22) A. Ó Treabhair (Al Travers) Aodh Ruadh, (23) S. Ó Buaigh (Sean Boyce) Cloughaneely, (24)

(15) E. Mac Meagnman **EAMON McMENAMIN** Mac Cumhaills

FIR IONAID: (16) D. Mac Gairbhith (Declan McGarvey) Dunloy, (17) A. Mac Craith (Anthony McGrath) Aodh Ruadh, (18) S. Ó Duibhir (Sean Diver) Gweedore, (19) O. Mac Giolla Bhride (Odrean McBride) Termon, (20) M. Mac Seáin (Martin McShane) Na Rossa, (21) P. Ó Braonáin (Pauric Brennan) Naomh

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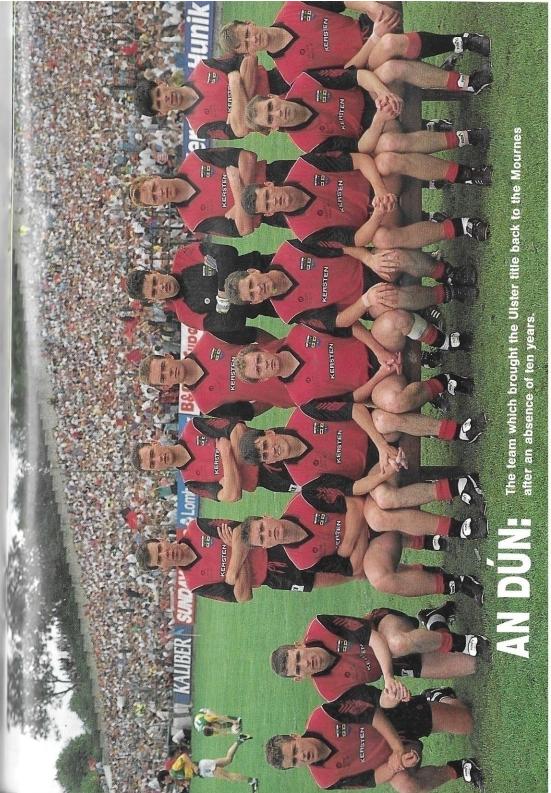
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# It Happened In the '91 Provincial Football Tests

his year's Ulster and Munster senior football champion-ships were marked by some noteworthy events.

Fermanagh, for instance, won their first game in the Northern series in eight years. Starting their outing against Antrim at Casement Park last May we had to go back to 1983 for Fermanagh's last success in the knock-out series.

That year they had Down, buoyed up by a National League title win some weeks previous, as visitors to Irvinestown, and with Peter McGinnity a midfield hero, scored a shock 0-10 to 0-8 win. But they had to wait until last May when a goal from 19-year-old championship newcomer Mark Gallagher (Devenish) played a vital part in a 3-12 to 1-8 success over Antrim at Casement Park for their next triumph in the Northern series.

The open-draw in Munster brought Cork and Kerry into opposition in a provincial championship senior semi-final at Killarney to thus end a sequence of finals between these traditional rivals stretching unbroken from 1966 to 1990 inclusive.

Martin McHugh went in as a substitute for Donegal in their opening defence of the Ulster senior football championship at Ballybofey in early June, and made his 100th appearance for the North West county as a result.

David Farrell was the first forward in the Munster and Ulster senior campaigns to score two goals in a single game. He helped himself to 2-1 to play a big part in a hard-earned Kerry win over Clare in the opening round in the South at Ennis.

John Cronin (Waterville) celebrated his senior championship debut by scoring the second half goal that clinched Kerry's shock Munster semi-final win over Cork at Killarney. He lined out at right full forward.

Earlier, he was left full back in the team beaten by Tyrone in the All-Ireland under-21 final, and full forward for Kerry in their Munster junior win over Clare at Ennis, where he scored 1-4.

A Mickey Linden penalty goal in the ninth minute at Newry set Down up for a 1-7 to 0-8 win over Armagh in the first clash of these old rivals in the initial round of the Ulster series since a 1974 encounter at Lurgan. Down also won that game. Linden's penalty goal was the second in the 1991 Northern and Southern championships.

The first was sent to the Kerry net by Gerry Killeen, the Clare left half forward, twelve minutes into his team's brave bid against the Kingdom at Ennis in late May.

Former Limerick hurler Danny Fitzgerald hit two late points to earn the Shannonsiders an 0-13 to 0-11 win over Waterford at Dungarvan in mid-June, and with it a first Munster final outing in 26 years.

A real pressure kick in injury time from a 55 metre free was cooly sent over the bar by Ross Carr to earn Down a draw with Derry at Armagh in late June — their second successive draw in an Ulster semifinal. Last year the Mourne men drew with Armagh at Casement Park, and lost the replay.

Derry powered back from an intimidating

seven points deficit ten minutes into the second half to go a point clear as their encounter with Down moved into injury time. Some great scores from Eamon Burns, Derry's teenage half forward, including a goal volleyed home from a Brian McGilligan cross, sparked the Oak Leaf revival. Then came that great equalising score from Carr: Derry 1-10; Down 0-13.

Carr was again to the fore in the replay. He hit nine top-class points, six from frees, to pilot Down to a well-deserved five points win.

#### **BRIGHT START**

Limerick had a wonderful start to their Munster final appearance at Killarney. Their clash with Kerry was only twelve seconds old when left full forward James O'Donovan had the ball in the home net from a penalty.

The Shannonsiders went on to celebrate their rare provincial final outing with a courageous display, marked by some fine passages of play. John Quane and Donal Fitzgibbon had the better of matters at midfield for the visitors, and it was the latter who put wing forward Sean Kelly for through for a second goal to set Limerick up for a 2-8 to 0-10 interval lead.

Limerick continued to battle bravely in the second half and put plenty of pressure on the home team. However, Kerry finished the stronger and points from Pat Down success.

Spillane and Maurice Fitzgerald (two) ensured a hard-earned two points win for the Kingdom. Nevertheless, Limerick won many new admirers for a very spirited effort.

Fitzgerald was very target-conscious for the winners, finishing with twelve points.

Donegal were strongly fancied to become the first county since Derry in 1976 to make a successful defence of the Ulster senior football title in their final defence against Down at Clones. However, a goal by right full forward Mickey Linden after nine minutes gave the challengers tremendous encouragement. Down went on to build in fluent style on that score, and were as many as seven points clear at the interval.

The defending champions did come back well after the restart, and cut their deficit to four points. Midway through the half Neil Collins in Down's goal brought off a great save from Barry McGowan, who had been switched from left half back. D. J. Kane added to the Down clearance, and Barry Breen won possession to sweep up field and rifle over a point. There was no holding Down after that and they collected a first title in ten years with a cushion of eight points.

Breen was a brilliant match-winner at midfield, and Greg Blaney, Linden, Ross Carr and James McCartan were others who contributed in rich measure to the Down success.

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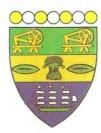
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(3) C. Ó Duiginn **CONOR DEEGAN** Downpatrick

(4) P. Ó hUiginn **PAUL HIGGINS** Ballymartin

(5) S. Ó Ceallaigh JOHN KELLY Carryduff

(6) P. Ó Ruairc PADDY O'ROURKE (Capt.)

Burren

(7) D. S. Ó Catháin D. J. KANE Newry Shamrocks

(8) B. Ó Braoin **BARRY BREEN** Downpatrick

(9) E. Ó Broin **EAMON BURNS** Bryansford

(10) R. Ó Ceara **ROSS CARR** Clonduff

(11) G. de Bleine **GREGORY BLANEY** 

Ballycran

(12) G. Masún **GARY MASON** Loughinisland

(13) M. Mac Giolla Fhiondain MICHAEL LINDEN

Mayobridge

(14) P. Withnell PETER WITHNELL

Drumaness

(15) S. Mac Artáin **JAMES McCARTAN** 

Tullvlish

FIR IONAID: (16) P. Ó Donnain (Pat Donnan) Attical (17) M. Ó Cuinn (Mick Quinn) An Ríocht, (18) M. Mac Laibheartaigh (Martin Laverty) Castlewellan, (19) P. Mac Artáin (Paul McCartan) Glenn, (20) M. Mac Artáin (Mark McCartan) Carryduff, (21) L. Mac Aibhistin (Liam Austin) Rostrevor, (22) I. Mac Aibhistin (Jarlath Austin) Rostrevor, (23) C. Ó Muirí (Cathal Murray) Clonduff, (24) A. Mac Ruairí (Ambrose Rodgers) Longstone.

ROGHNÓIRÍ: Barry Treanor, John Murphy. Manager: Peter McGrath.

AN DÚN	Cúil	Cúiliní	Seachaí	45m	Saor Chiceanna

# Ciarraí

Dathanna: Glas is Ór

(1) C. Ó Niallagáin **CHARLIE NELIGAN** Castleisland Desmonds

(2) S. Stac STEPHEN STACK Listowel Emmets

(5) S. de Búrca **SEAN BURKE** Milltown Castlemain (3) T. Ó Spealáin TOM SPILLANE Templenoe

(6) C. Ó Murchú **CONNIE MURPHY** Dr. Crokes

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(7) M. Mac Niocais **MORGAN NIX** Kerins O'Rahillys

(8) N. Ó Mathúna **NOEL O'MAHONY** Kerins O'Rahillys

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ROGHNÓIRÍ: Ger O'Driscoll, Kevin Griffin, Dr. Dave Geaney, Sean Walsh. Trainer: Michael O'Sullivan

CIARRAÍ	Cúil	Cúiliní	Seachaí	45m	Saor Chiceanna
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#### The Record So Far

Kerry are back in a familiar role at Croke Park. Their win over Limerick last month gave the Kingdom a first Munster senior football title since 1986, and their 63rd over-all since 1892.

Down are appearing at this stage for the first time in ten years. Their success against defending champions Donegal last time out boosted their record of Ulster senior titles to eleven. The first was in much more modern times compared to Kerry's initial win in that it was not recorded until 1959.

Kerry were first in the field:

Clare 2-12. Kerry 5-16; May 26. at Ennis: Cork 0-11. June 16, at Killarney: July 21, at Killarney: Kerry 0-23: Limerick 3-12. The Kingdom chalked up 6-49 (67 points) and had 5-35 (50 points) scored against them.

Maurice Fitzgerald is very comfortably ahead in their scoring review with 0-24. Jack O'Shea comes next with 0-8, and David Farrell has 2-1, John Cronin scored 1-4, Pat Dennehy 1-3, Connie Murphy 1-0, and Murt Moriarty 1-0.

Willie Maher with 0-3, Timmy Fleming 0-2, Ambrose O'Donovan 0-2 and Pat Spillane 0-2 completed the returns.

Down opened their programme with a home game against Armagh: Armagh 0-8. Down 1-7; June 9. at Newry: Derry 1-10. Draw. Down 0-13; June 30, at Armagh: Down 0-14; Derry 0-9. Replay. July 14, at Armagh: Donegal 0-10. Down 1-15: July 28, at Clones:

This means that Down scored 2-49 (55 points) and conceded ten points fewer than Kerry at 1-

37 (40 points), even though they played one game more than the Munster champions.

Ross Carr sets Down's scoring standard with 0-21. Micky Linden scored the Ulster champions' goals, and has 2-4. Greg Blaney and Gary Mason each scored 0-6, and D. J. Kane and James McCartan have 0-3 apiece.

Peter Withnall chalked up two points, and Liam Austin, Paul McCartan, Barry Breen and Paul

Higgins with a point each were the other Mourne men on the target in the North.

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## **Kerry Doing Good Job in Silencing Doubters**

What a dramatic change in football fortunes for Kerry! A mere four months after many were loudly forecasting a bleak future for the county, they have come a long way in silencing their doubters by earning this first All-Ireland senior semi-final appearance in five years.

The forecasts of a long spell in the wilderness were fuelled by a one point loss to Kildare, then a Division II team, in a Royal Liver National League quarter-final at Croke Park in March. Kerry, with many players not so well known to followers outside the county, did not seem to have reached the stage of development necessary to end Cork's visions of an All-Ireland titles treble this season.

Nevertheless, many appeared to overlook the fact that in the one point defeat there were signs that the Kingdom, with a young team, were on the right track. That has been underlined by the way the side measured up to the challenges in the meantime.

Admittedly and understandably Kerry did not produce the flair and sparkle of the great teams of the 'seventies and early 'eighties. but still deservedly regained the Munster

Wily campaigners Charlie Nelligan, Jack O'Shea, Ambrose O'Donovan and Pat Spillane, all links with the heady days of the last two decades, played prominent parts in the revival. However, they had strong support from the younger players.

Pa Dennehy, an All-Ireland under-21 medal winner in 1990, proved an influential figure in shaping the upset win over Cork before 41,334 spectators in a novel semifinal at Killarney. He played an outstanding role in prompting the attack into top gear with his clever, purposeful play, and in the opinion of many proved to be the Man-ofthe-Match.

John Cronin was given the most testing senior championship baptism possible with a call-up to the attack for the clash with Cork. He was left full back in the team beaten by Tyrone in May in the All-Ireland under-21 final, and also played this year in attack with the junior side.

The versatile young Kerryman justified the selectors confidence. He played with poise and assurance, and took the only goal of the game in the second half with skill and coolness. All in all, the best possible senior championship debut.

Kerry were given a much stronger test than many had anticipated in the Munster final by Limerick, and some argue that they should have won by a bigger margin than two points. It is well to remember, however, that Limerick, under manager and former Kerry All-Ireland medal winner John O'Keeffe, had their best side in years, and would have tested any of the other title contenders just as severely. In the circumstances, then, Kerry did well to come out on top.

Much worthwhile progress, then, by Kerry since their last Croke Park appearance ... progress that indicates they are already well geared for a challenge that proved too good for great teams in the past. If the team enhances the come-back by scoring the first win by Kerry in the senior championship over Down that would certainly be the perfect answer for the critics of last March.



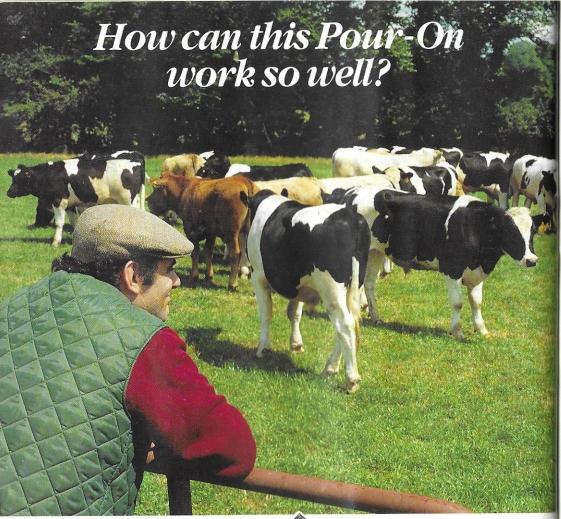
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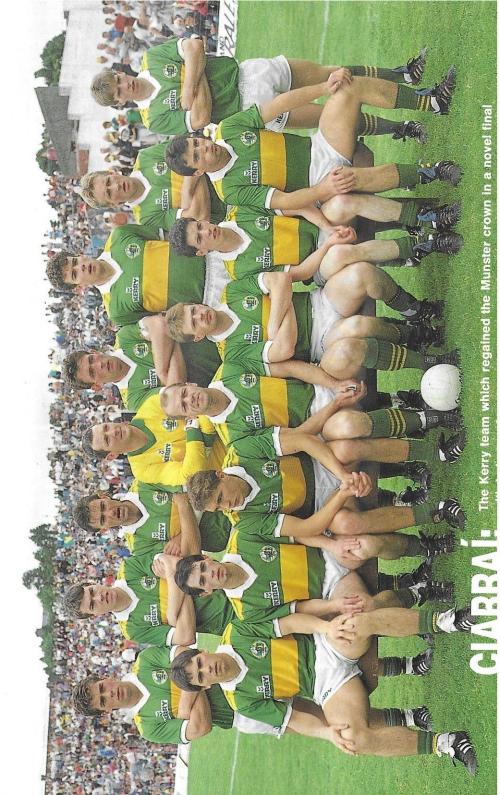
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# **Ulster A Long Time Waiting**

Ulster followers are a long time waiting a win by their provincial champions over Munster standard-bearers in an All-Ireland senior football semi-final. It's thirty years, in fact, since Northerners had cause to celebrate such a triumph.

Down beat Kerry in 1960 in the All-Ireland final to win their first title. The counties renewed rivalry in a 1961 semi-final, and Down, playing with the wind, had a dream start — a Sean O'Neill goal in 55 seconds. However, Kerry, who won the toss, were on level terms at the interval — 0-8 to 1-5 but remarkably scored just a single point in the second half. The final score was Down 1-12; Kerry 0-9.

The best performance by an Ulster side in the meantime was in 1985 when a superb 46 metres free from under the Hogan Stand by Eamonn McEneaney in injury time earned Monaghan a dramatic draw with Kerry - 2-9 to the Kingdom's 1-12. Kerry won the replay.

After the Down win of 1961, Cavan lost to Kerry in 1964 and to Cork in 1967. Derry were well beaten by Kerry in 1970, and Tyrone took a heavy defeat from Cork in 1973.

Kerry, amazingly enough, scored 5-14 in each game in their wins of 1976 and 1979 over Derry and Monaghan.

Armagh lost to Kerry in 1982, then came those 1985 matches, and in 1988 Cork made it another Southern success at the expense of Monaghan.

So. in ten South-North semi-final meetings since that last Ulster triumph of 1961. Munster have chalked up nine wins, and played one draw.

#### LAST SUCCESS

The last win by Ulster senior champions in an All-Ireland semi-final against opposition from any province was in 1986 when Tyrone scored a 1-12 to 1-9 win over Galway to earn the North a direct interest in a Sam Maguire Cup tie for the only time since Armagh lost to Dublin in 1977.

Munster's champions have not failed to win any semi-final since 1983. Cork and Dublin played a draw that year at Croke Park, and the Leesiders were well beaten in the replay at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

Prior to that 1961 win by Down, the North's last success over Munster champions was in 1958 when a superb goal by Sean O'Connell in the rain near the end of the game earned Derry a winning All-Ireland semi-final debut at the expense of Kerry. Derry won by 2-6 to 2-5, but lost the final to Kevin Heffernan-led Dublin.

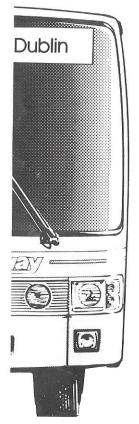
#### LAST DEFEATS

Down's last All-Ireland semi-final outing was in 1981 when they went down to Offaly by six points. Their last semi-final win in 1968 was at the expense of Galway.

Kerry have the distinction of not having lost in eight semi-finals since losing to Dublin in 1977. However, one of their outings in the meantime ended in a draw — that 1985 clash with Monaghan in the first "semi" that season.



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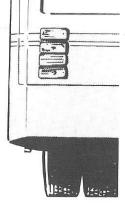
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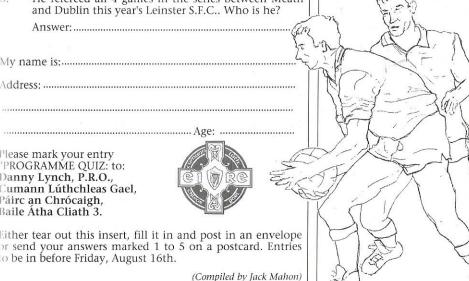
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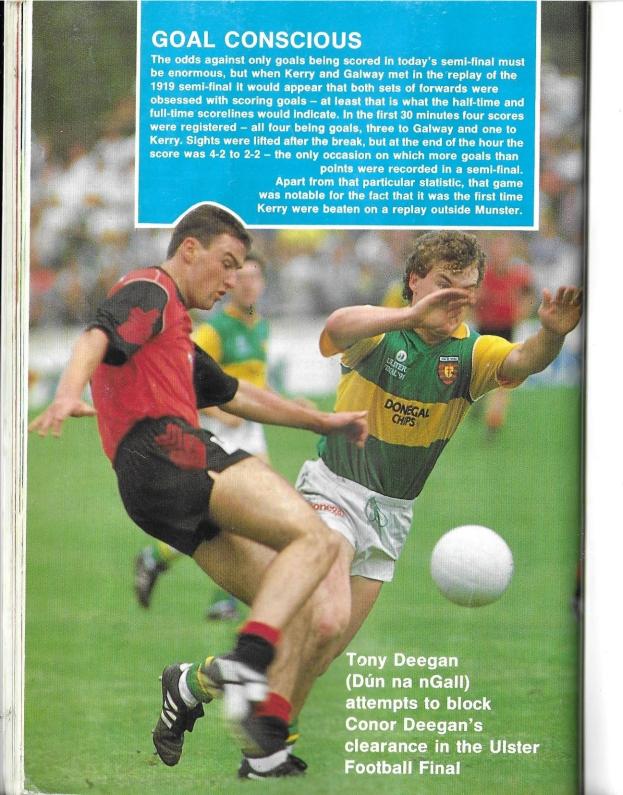
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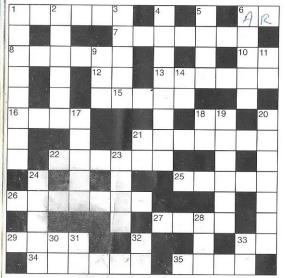
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#### **ACROSS**

- Losers of a first round Ulster senior football championship game at Newry in early June (6).
- A long serving Down forward who missed the Ulster campaign with a knee injury, but is fit again. Initials (1.1).
- Winner of All-Ireland minor football medals with Tyrone in 1947 and 1948, and later an outstanding senior with the county and with Ulster in the Railway Cup as a forward (1,6).
- An All-Ireland medal winner both at senior and under-21 football, equally at home in defence or attack, who missed the traditional Cork-Kerry clash, which this year was in a semi-final, because of injury (6).
- A national senior title winning captain already this year. Initials (1,1).
- Try the initials of Donegal's left half forward against Cavan, but who did not appear in the remaining Ulster championship ties (1,1).
- A team from here competed in the Belfast '91 football tournament last May (6).
- A morose person, for example (5).
- Derry's points total, as distinct from goals and points combined, in their first round win over Tyrone at Omagh in May (4).
- Initials of a younger brother of Down midfielder Liam, and who has also worn the county senior colours this year (1.1).
- Martin, Ireland's Vice-Captain on the last successful tour of Australia, was in fine form this summer with his county team in the championship (7).

- Padraig joined this summer a select band of footballers who have played senior championship fare in two provincial tests (6).
- 25. Most followers hope for this type of game (5).
- Not a Munster or Ulster personality, but who was a dashing left half forward in the Galway teams that beat Southern and Northern opposition on the way to three All-Ireland senior titles between 1964 and 1966 inclusive (1,6).
- 27. A half-back from Donegal with a flair for scoring points (4).
- 29. Unless the game ends in a draw, the Sam Maguire Cup tie does this for the senior football championship (4).
- 33. Initials of Cork's full forward from St. Finbarr's in the 1987 All-Ireland senior football final against Meath (1.1).
- 34. One of the best goalkeepers in the sport, and an larnrod Cup medal winner this year (1,5).
- Adrian was a sharpshooting forward in this year's All-Ireland under-21 title winning team, and also played senior championship football this season (4).

#### DOWN

- 1. Clare's full back in their Munster senior championship first round encounter with Kerry at Ennis in May (1,7).
- 2. Christian name of No. 21 across (6)
- 3. Christian name of Downey, Derry's right half back in this season's Ulster senior football championship (5).
- 4. A long-serving All-Ireland senior medal winner, still one of the best goalkeepers in football, and who again saw action in this year's championship (8).
- Christian name of Kane (Ballyshannon), Donegal's goalkeeper in their first Ulster senior football title winning team of 1972 (4).
- Form of Christian name favoured by Carroll, of Gweedore, left half back in Donegal's first Ulster senior title winning team of 1972 (5).
- 9. This will suffice for "and so on" (3).
- 11. Initials of No. 4 down (1,1).
- Initials of the surname of Sean, who scored a classic goal two minutes from time to earn Derry an All-Ireland semi-final win over Kerry in 1958 (2).
- 17. Followers, in general, like to be this for a game (5).
- Centre half back from Drumsurn for Derry in their last outing in an All-Ireland senior semi-final in 1987. Initials (1,1).
- It is generally this that the national football game is this country's most popular sport (6).
- 20. Not the same, different (7).
- 21. The other two initials of the Association (1,1).
- 23. This type of day can help to make a match more enjoyable (4).
- This player went in as a substitute for centre half forward P. Danaher for Limerick in the Munster senior final (1,4).
- 28. A form of receipt, for example (1,1,1).
- A dual player form Cork, who has played in All-Ireland senior finals in both codes in recent years, but only played championship hurling in 1991. Initials (1,1).
- 31. This will suffice for an area of a country where Irish footballers have had noteworthy Test successes in recent years (1,1).
- 32. Initials of Antrim's right full back in their first round loss to Fermanagh in the Ulster senior championship in May (1.1)
- Cork's left half back from Millstreet in the 1973 All-Ireland senior football final win over Galway. Initials (1,1).

# Sartorial Elegance and the Junior Footballer

#### by Brendan Kennelly

hen these footballers trot or gallop on to Croke Park today, you may be sure of a couple of things at least; they'll be extremely fit and they'll be impeccably attired. Footballers who make it to Croke Park have always been fairly handsomely turned out, but the G.A.A. is obviously not simply a matter of athletic fitness and sartorial elegance at headquaters; up and down the country there are clubs (at least there certainly were clubs) whose styles of dress on the field of a Sunday afternoon was patchy, to say the least. Yet, curiously, the colourful inadequacy of the attire served only to emphasise the fighting spirit of the teams.

Consider the dress of the old Junior Football team at parish level in the 1940's or '50's. First of all, Junior footballers were "too old to be Minors, and too young to be Seniors". Some of them were also retired from "serious football"; they'd be starting to suffer from rheumatism or touches of arthritis. Or they might be married for a few years and starting to feel they'd love to play again. Or they'd be home from England on a brief visit during which they'd consume large amounts of Guinness, stand round after round after round to anyone in the vicinity, and add a final celebratory touch to the visit home by turning out for the Junior team. You can

appreciate, therefore, that the level of fitness prevailing in these teams was not the kind that would bring tears of appreciation to the eyes of Mick O'Dwyer. Nor would he, I fear, have been terribly impressed by the way a lot of the lads were dressed.

Take Bloomers Noonan, for example, who took his immortal nickname from the fact that his football togs was nothing less than a slightly vet effectively transformed version of a pair of ancient but durable bloomers belonging to his grandmother on his father's side of the family. These bloomers were a deep blue hue and they turned even a deeper blue in the rain. All the other members of the team had white togs. Now all this might have passed unnoticed were it not for the fact the Bloomers Noonan had a fierce temper which was fairly easily roused. So when he started to fight he was instantly prominent because of the bloomers. Now his grandmother was a peaceful, pious woman, who could often be seen muttering prayers to herself in public. People were aware of the contrast in the behaviour of the current footballing owner of the bloomers when set against the flawless character of the old woman, "Wouldn't you think", people would mutter, watching Bloomers fight and squabble "that he'd have more respect for the cloth he's wearing!"

Then there was The Lamb Mullally who got his name from the tactics he used as a corner-back. These tactics were, in a word, barbaric. Nicknaming this laddo "The Lamb" was the parish's way of indicating its ironic awareness of the Lamb's primitive way of coping with enterprising forwards. But the really interesting thing about The Lamb was that, on the field of play every Sunday afternoon, he wore his shirt and tie. impeccably arranged, under his football jersey. One day I was more than usually impressed by the contrast between the roughness of his play and the slightly out-ofplace elegance of his under-jersey attire, and I asked him at half-time why he insisted on wearing his shirt and tie. "My mother" The Lamb replied "went to great trouble this mornin' puttin' the knot on that tie, and if I

took it off I'd never be able to put it back on right, and if I turned up at home tonight with my tie crooked and the sign o' drink on me, she'd bate me black an' blue."

When I consider that reply I often reflect both on the Lamb's incongrous sartorial style and on his less than gentlemanly style of play.

And what about these footballers who simply didn't have any togs at all? Why, they simply played in their Sunday trousers. Why didn't they go home and get a pair of old working trousers? That's one question I've never been able to answer. I suspect, however, that wearing the Sundaybest trousers, which could be almost unrecognisable at the end of the game especially if it rained, was a way of showing that the footballer respected both the Sabbath and the seriousness of the sporting occasion.

Boots were another matter altogether. Not every player on the Junior team would be in possession of an orthodox pair of football boots. So, depending on climatic conditions, he'd wear ordinary boots or old sandals or shoes. And sometimes there was the brave sould who played in his bare feet, God help

Long trousers — old sandals — blue bloomers — bare feet — shirt and tie under jersey — you could expect a Junior footballer to be dressed any old way at all. But, despite the roughness and clumsiness of the play, it was clear that these games were greatly enjoyed by practically everybody. Shakespeare said that the apparel oft proclaims the man. I wonder if Shakespeare ever played or witnessed Junior football, or its Elizabethan equivalent, in his own parish? My own belief is that he undoubtedly did. How else could he have spotted the connection between clothes and character?

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#### Kerry's All-Ireland Semi-Finals Kerry reached their first All-Ireland final (1892) 1941 — Kerry 0-4; Dublin 0-4 Replay - Kerry 2-9; Dublin 0-3

1942 — Galway 1-3; Kerry 0-3

1944 — Kerry 3-3; Carlow 0-10

1946 — Kerry 2-7; Antrim 0-10 1947 — Kerry 1-11; Meath 0-5

1948 — Mayo 0-13; Kerry 0-3

1950 - Louth 1-7; Kerry 0-8

1951 — Mayo 1-5; Kerry 1-5

Replay — Mayo 2-4; Kerry 1-5

1953 — Kerry 3-6; Louth 0-10

1953 — Kerry 3-6; Lottin 0-10 1954 — Kerry 2-6; Galway 1-6 1955 — Kerry 2-10; Cavan 1-13 Replay — Kerry 4-7; Cavan 0-5 1958 — Derry 2-6; Kerry 2-5 1959 — Kerry 1-10; Dublin 2-5 1960 — Kerry 1-8; Galway 0-8

1961 — Down 1-12; Kerry 0-9

1963 — Galway 1-7; Kerry 0-8

1964 — Kerry 2-12; Cavan 0-6

1965 — Kerry 4-8; Dublin 2-6

1969 — Kerry 0-14; Mayo 1-10

1970 — Kerry 0-23; Derry 0-10

1977 — Dublin 3-12; Kerry 1-13

1980 — Kerry 4-15; Offaly 4-10 1981 — Kerry 2-19; Mayo 1-6 1982 — Kerry 3-15; Armagh 1-11

1984 — Kerry 2-17; Galway 0-11 1985 — Kerry 1-12; Monaghan 2-9 Replay — Kerry 2-9; Monaghan 0-10 1986 — Kerry 2-13; Meath 0-12

1968 — Kerry 2-13; Longford 2-11

1972 — Kerry 1-22; Roscomon 1-12 1975 — Kerry 3-13; Sligo 0-5 1976 — Kerry 5-14; Derry 1-10

1978 — Kerry 3-11; Roscommon 0-8

1979 — Kerry 5-14; Monaghan 0-7

1962 — Kerry 2-12; Dublin 0-10

without playing a semi-final as Ulster failed to provide any opposition to the Munster winners, but when next they came out of the South (1903), Mayo barred their path to the final, and at the Market's Field, Limerick on May 7, 1905 (the championship was running tow year late), Kerry recorded the first of their 48 semi-final wins with nine points to spare. The team which did duty for Kerry that day was T. O'Gorman (capt.), J. O'Gorman, M. McCarthy, A. Stack, J. Buckley, C. Healy, C. Ryan, C. Duggan, R. Fitzgerald, T. O'Sullivan, P. Dillon, D. Kissane, W. Lynch, P. McCarthy, R. Kirwan, D. Breen, T. Sugrue.

The scorelines of Kerry's 61 semi-finals:

1903 — Kerry 2-7; Mayo 0-4; 1904 — Kerry 4-10; Cavan 0-1

1905 — Kerry 2-10; Roscommon 1-3 1908 — Kerry 2-4; Mayo 0-1 1909 — Kerry 2-12; Mayo 0-4

1910 — Kerry 1-7; Mayo 0-4

1912 — Antrim 3-5; Kerry 0-2

1913 — Kerry 1-8; Galway 0-1

1914 — Kerry 2-4; Roscommon 0-1

1915 — Kerry 2-3; Roscommon 1-1

1919 — Galway 2-6; Kerry 3-3

Replay — Galway 4-2: Kerry 2-2

1923 — Kerry 1-3; Cavan 1-2

1924 — Kerry 1-4; Mayo 0-1

1925 — Kerry 1-7; Cavan 2-3 1926 — Kerry 1-6; Cavan 0-1

1927 — Kerry 0-4; Leitrim 0-2

1929 — Kerry 3-8; Mayo 1-1 1930 — Kerry 1-9; Mayo 0-4

1931 — Kerry 1-6; Mayo 1-4 1932 — Kerry 1-3; Mayo 1-1

1932 — Kerry 1-3; Mayo 1-1 1933 — Cavan 1-5; Kerry 0-5 1934 — Dublin 3-8; Kerry 0-6 1936 — Mayo 1-5; Kerry 0-6 1937 — Kerry 2-3; Laois 1-6 Replay — Kerry 2-2; Laois 1-4

1939 — Kerry 0-4; Mayo 0-4

Replay — Kerry 3-8; Mayo 1-4 1940 — Kerry 3-4; Cavan 0-8

Compared with Kerry, or indeed with most of the football powers of recent times and the distant past, Downs semi-final presence appears extremely modest, but because of the impact they made from the earliest moments of their

penultimate engagements the Mourne county has maintained a high profile at this stage of the championship, with extraordinary interest centering on their every appearance at Croke But even Down had to learn the hard way as

their first semi-final venture — against Galway in 1959 — was a huge disappointment in the shape of a seven-point defeat that was even more

empathic than the margin suggests.

Today, Down return to Croke Park on semi-final day after a lapse of ten years — in 1981 they

lost to Offaly, the county they had overcome to win their first 'semi' 21 years earlier.

A feature of these 68 games is that Kerry held their opponents goalless a total of 31 times while failing to record a "major" themselves on only 14

In all, Down has contested 11 semi-finals and the record reads three wins, and seven defeats with one drawn.

The scorelines:

occasions.

1959 — Galway 1-11; Down 1-4 1960 - Down 1-10; Offaly 2-7

Replay — Down 1-7; Offaly 1-5 1961 — Down 1-12; Kerry 0-9

1963 — Dublin 2-11: Down 0-7

1965 — Galway 0-10; Down 0-7

1966 — Meath 2-16; Down 1-9 1968 — Down 2-10; Galway 2-8

1971 — Galway 3-11; Down 2-7

1978 — Dublin 1-16; Down 0-8 1981 — Offaly 0-12; Down 0-6

### Fitzgerald Celebrates First Medal Win In Style

Maurice Fitzgerald did more than win his first Munster senior football medal last month at Killarney. His finishing technique against Limerick was so sharp that he recorded, at 0-12, the best individual match return for the provincial championships up to, but not including, the Leinster final yesterday.

Up until then Noel Durkin, Stefan White and Brian Stafford were tied on top of the review.

Durkin set an early headline with 3-1 as Mayo opened their Connacht championship campaign with a win over London at London.

White joined the ranks with his late, late goal that earned Louth a sensational win over Royal Liver National League title runners-up Kildare at Drogheda. That goal, one of the best of the championship season so far, brought the Louth man's return for the game to 2-4.

However, Brian Stafford is proving to be the real "Bachelor of the Scoring Art". He appears in the run-down as many as four times, a tribute to his consistency in turning in noteworthy match tallies.

Stafford's expert finishing was a vital factor in eventually earning Meath their one point win over Dublin after the marathon series in the East. He scored 0-10 in the

second replay, which went on to extra time, and 1-6 in the concluding and decisive match.

Stafford grabbed another 1-6 against Wicklow in the drawn tie and remarkably he finished with 1-6 in the semi-final win over Offaly. Truly, consistency on the grand scale!

All four provinces are represented in the record of the leading individual match returns for this season, excluding the Leinster final.

The principal scoring features of the year are:

- 0-12: Maurice Fitzgerald (Kerry) v. Limerick at Killarney on July 21.
- 3-1: Noel Durkin (Mayo) v. London in London on June 2.
- 2-4: Stefan White (Louth) v. Kildare at Drogheda on June 16.
- 0-10: Brian Stafford (Meath) v. Dublin at Croke Park on June 23 in the second replay, which went to extra time.
- 1-6: Brian Stafford (Meath) v. Dublin at Croke Park on July 6 (Saturday) in third replay.
- 1-6: Brian Stafford (Meath) v. Wicklow at Croke Park on July 14 in draw.
- 2-3: Michael Lawlor (Laois) v. Louth at Croke Park on July 14 in replay.
- 0-9: Ross Carr (Down) v. Derry at Armagh on July 14 in replay.
- 1-6: Brian Stafford (Meath) v. Offaly at Croke Park on July 28.
- 0-8: Barney Rock (Dublin) v. Meath at Croke Park on June 9 in replay, which went to extra time.
- 0-8: Derek Duggan (Roscommon) v. Mayo at Roscommon on July 28 in replay.

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# Down Well Equipped For Bid To Retain Proud Record

Down are striving for more than a rare All-Ireland senior football final appearance. The latest company of players are bidding to walk tall with the giants of the past by maintaining a remarkable senior championship record by the county in clashes with Kerry.

This will be only the fourth senior championship meeting of these counties, and the score stands at 3-0 in favour of the Northerners. Down won the first — and also their first All-Ireland senior title — in the 1960 summit, and beat Kerry again in the semi-final the following year. They maintained the perfect record in the 1968 Sam Maguire Cup game — the last final appearance by the Mourne County.

The new Ulster champions have much to live up to then, but they are unlikely to be inhibited by the challenge. The side has come a long way since early March when two first half goals by Pa Dennehy set Kerry up for a one goal win at Killarney and kept Down in the basement of the Royal Liver National League Division I with four points from a seven game programme.

The provincial title was regained after ten years with some impressive displays. Armagh were beaten in the first round, and Down played some of their best football of the series when building up a seven points lead ten minutes into the second half of their semi-final

against Derry. The lost their way somewhat after that, and coming up to the end, were facing defeat as they trailed by a point.

However, the cool nerves and pin-point accuracy of Ross Carr came to Down's rescue as he sent over a pressure point from a 50 yards free in injury time to earn Down a second chance.

They made no mistake in the replay, and lost no time in stamping their dominance on the final against defending champions Donegal. The tie was only nine minutes old when Mickey Linden grabbed the only goal of the day to prompt the challengers to a seven points interval advantage.

Down allowed Donegal to come back into the chase in the opening stages of the second half, and saw their advantage cut to four points. They also had to wait until 18 minutes of the half before Barry Breen had their opening score, but that gave them a lead of five points, and they powered on in great style for a clear-cut and decisive success.

The Ulster standard-bearers, then, have good form to recommend them. Note that are they likely to find their lack of senior championship experience at headquarters a real handicap.

Most of their players are no strangers to bigtime football at Croke Park. Conor Deegan and James McCartan helped Down to their last All-Ireland minor title in 1987. Not only that, all but Brendan McKernan, Gary Mason and Peter Withnall of the Northern title winning team, saw action in the unsuccessful 1990 Royal Liver National League final against Meath.

No shortage of Croke Park know-how, then, to back up the current good form and encourage the lively and efficient Down outfit for this effort to keep in step with "Yesterday's Heroes".

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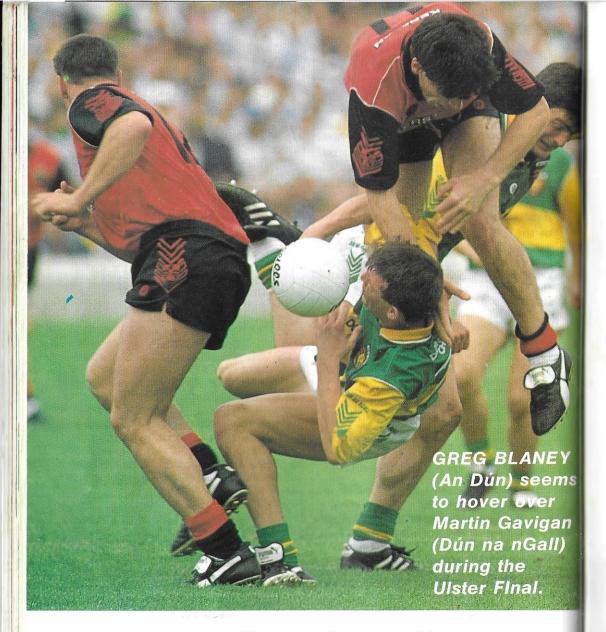
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### **Contrasting Debuts**

Kerry and Down enjoyed widely different fortunes on their initial appearance in an all-Ireland semi-final at every level of football — Kerry won the first semi-finals they contested, senior, junior, under-21 and minor, while Down had the exact opposite experience in that they lost on their semi-final debut in all four grades. Kerry's initial conquests were in 1903 at senior level when they beat Mayo at Limerick; in junior they beat Mayo (on a replay) at Tullamore in 1913; their under-21s overcame Galway at Ballinasloe in 1964, while in minor they had a successful 'launching' in 1930, beating Mayo by a big score at Tuam.

Down's story of initial disappointment began when their junior team lost to Kildare at Drogheda in 1931; the minors failed to **Dublin** at Navan in 1958 and seniors went down to Galway on their first venture in 1959. The under-21 team, semifinalists for the first time in 1965, fell to Kildare at Newcastle. Contrasting fortunes Indeed.

#### • A dismal treble

Losing an All-Ireland semi-final can be a traumatic experience for any county; losing two can 'double' the trauma, but losing three semi-finals in the one season must the ultimate disappointing experience — and this happened to Down in the mid sixties, and in the space of 15 days. The year 1965 had promised so much, as the Mourne county took three Ulster titles — senior, junior and under-21. It all went wrong, however, when the semi-finals were embarked on as Down discovered that August can indeed be a "wicked month".

On August 15 the junior travelled to Droichead Nua for their semi-final meeting with Kildare, but were narrowly beaten by 1-8 to 1-7; the following Sunday the seniors lost their tie with Galway at Croke Park, and the "treble" was completed on August 29 when even home advantage was of little help as the under-21 team went down to Kildare by 0-3 to 3-9. The year 1965 would not be remembered as one of the happiest in the history of Down football.



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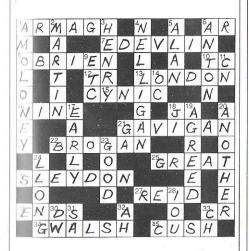
O'Neill who raced in and was rewarded when the ball rebounded from the upright into his path. O'Neill's reflexes were perfect and Culloty had no chance. Two minutes later the green flag fluttered again, this time from the lethal boot of John Murphy, after the Kerry 'keeper had saved brilliantly from O'Neill.

With only eight minutes gone Down led by 2-3 to 0-1 and Kerry were left with a huge mountain to climb. Manfully they strove, but when the interval came it was 2-7 to 0-5.

As is their wont, Kerry fought back with skill and determination, but the scores came too slowly, as their forwards wided from likely positions. Yet with 12 minutes remaining Kerry had cut the deficit to four points; Rooney streaked through to make it five points and Doherty stretched it to six with seven minutes remaining. But Kerry were not finished and with D.J. Crowley now dominating midfield they came back for their 13th point. In a last desperate assault they forced a 14-yards free. With no alternative, Brendan Lynch blasted low and

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to the net, but it was too late and Down were champions for the third time.

Scorers

Down: P. Doherty 0-5, S. O'Neill 1-2, J. Murphy 1-0, P. Rooney 0-2, T. O'Hare 0-2, J. Mulligan 0-1.

Kerry: B. Lynch 1-2, M. O'Dwyer 0-5, P. Griffin 0-3, M. O'Connell 0-2, D.J. Crowley

0 - 1.

Down: Danny Kelly, Brendan Sloan, Dan McCartan, Tom O'Hare, Ray McConville, Willie Doyle, Joe Lennon, Colm McAlarney, Jim Mulligan, Micky Cole, Paddy Doherty, Peter Rooney, Sean O'Neill, John Purdy, John Murphy. Subs. — Liam Powell for Lennon, Ger Lennon for Powell.

Kerry: Johnny Culloty, Seamus Murphy, Paud O'Donoghue, Sean Burrows, Denis O'Sullivan, Mick Morris, Donie O'Sullivan, Mick O'Connell, Mick Fleming, Brendan Lynch, Pat Griffin, Eamon O'Donoghue, Tom Prendergast, D.J. Crowley, Mick O'Dwyer. Subs. — Tim Sheehan for Burrows, Pat Moynihan for Prendergast.

Referee: Mick Loftus (Mayo).

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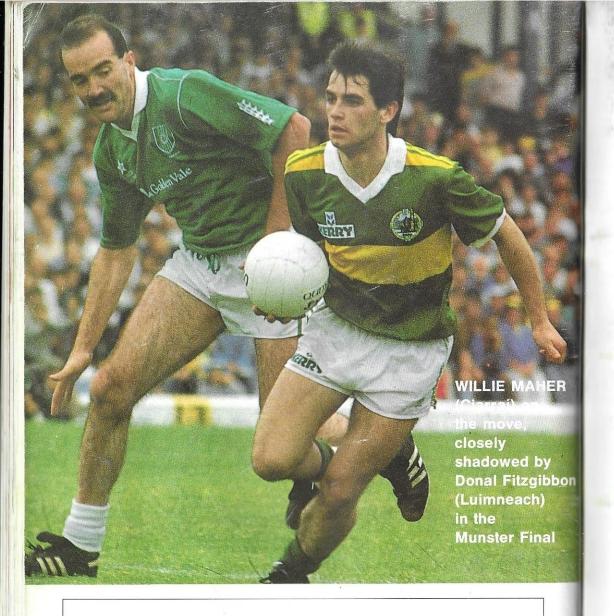
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