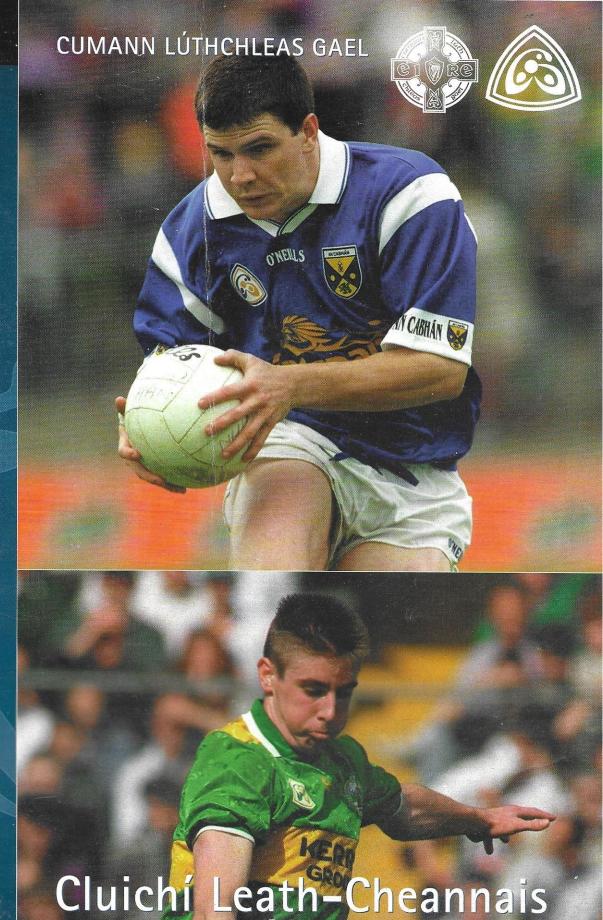
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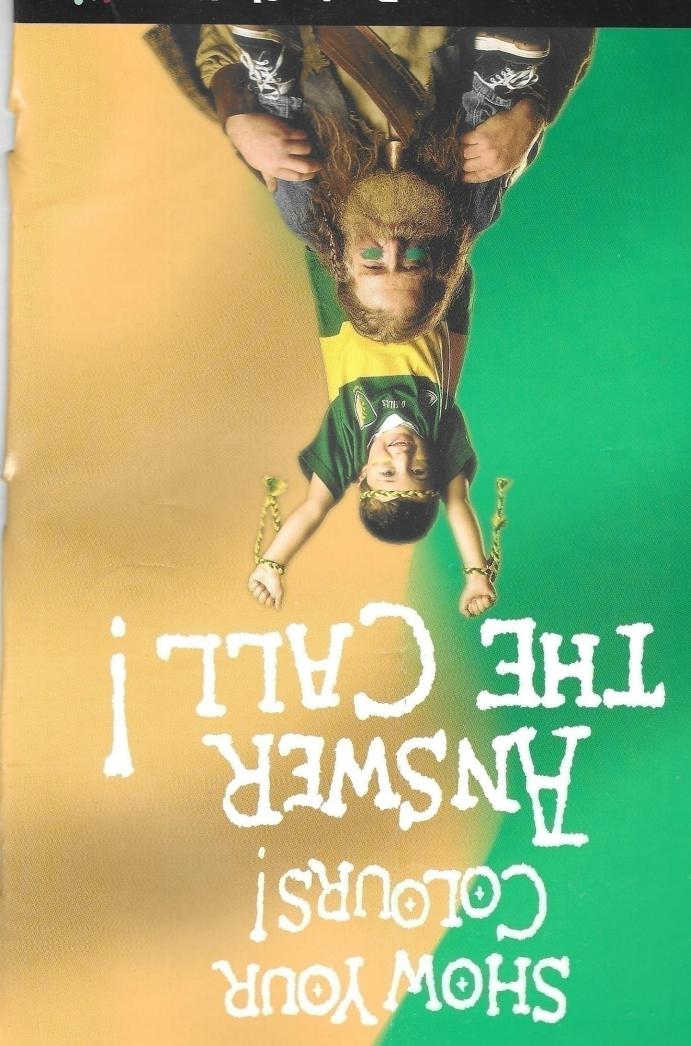
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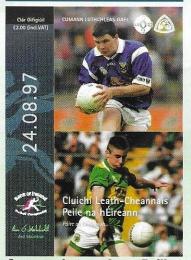
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2.30 i.n. Leath ama.

2.40 i.n. An Dara Leath.

3.10 i.n. Críoch leis an gCluiche.

3.15 i.n. An Cabhán amach ar an bPáirc.

3.17 i.n. Ciarraí amach ar an bPáirc.

3.23 i.n. Paráid na Foirne.

3.28 i.n. Amhrán na bhFiann.

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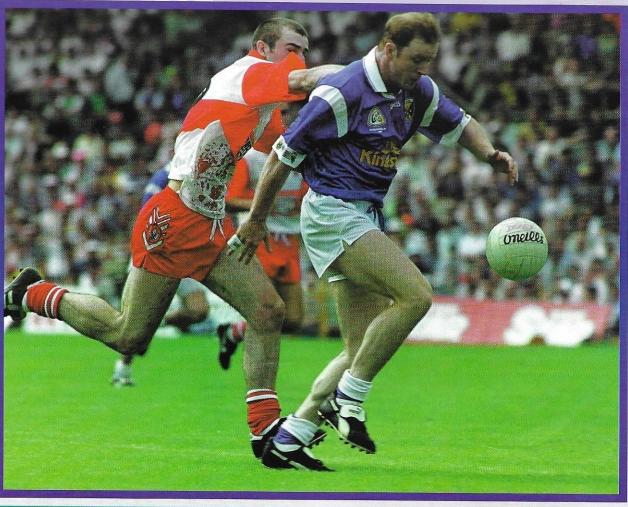
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- 3. Aoife Lennon, St. Mochuas P.S., Derrynoose, Armagh.
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- 6. Sarah Herron, Dooish N.S., Ballybofey, Donegal.
- 7. Colleen McDermott, St. Tierney's P.S., Roslea, Fermanagh.
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## Kerry's Proud Semi-Finals Record

erry have a proud record in All-Ireland senior football championship semi-finals against Cavan. The counties have met eight times at this stage and the Kingdom won all but one.

One of their victories was achieved after a draw at Croke Park in 1955.

Kerry's solitary defeat was at Breffni Park in 1933. They travelled North in a bid to advance their hopes of a fifth All-Ireland senior title in succession but were foiled by a goal in the closing stages by Vincent McGovern.

That score earned Cavan a dramatic 1-5 to 0-5 win and they went on to beat Galway to bring the Sam Maguire Cup to Ulster for the first time. That was also the first All-Ireland senior title triumph by a Northern county.

The last senior championship meeting of the counties was in 1964 when Kerry had a convincing 2-12 to 0-6 triumph. The game attracted an attendance of 45,578 and Kerry's goals were scored by full forward Tom Long after only four minutes and left full forward Tony Barrett hit the second after 42 minutes.

Best for a disappointing Cavan side were right full back Gabriel Kelly, left full back Tony Morris and Peter Pritchard in attack.

Charlie Gallagher was their top marksman with four points.

Kerry's other winning semi-finals were in 1904 (played in 1906 at Jones's Road) 1923 (played in 1924 at Croke Park), 1925 at Tralee, 1926, 1940 and 1955 after a replay, all at headquarters.

#### LAST SEMI-FINAL WINS

Kerry's last semi-final win was in 1986 when, as defending All-Ireland champions, they beat Meath by 2-13 to 0-12. Ger Power in the first half and Willie Maher in the second scored the Kingdom goals.

Kerry lost their next semi-final in 1991 to Down, when Maurice Fitzgerald was their top scorer with five points.

They did not appear in a semi-final again until last August when they lost to Mayo by 2-13 to 1-10. Fitzgerald was again their ace marksman with 0-8.

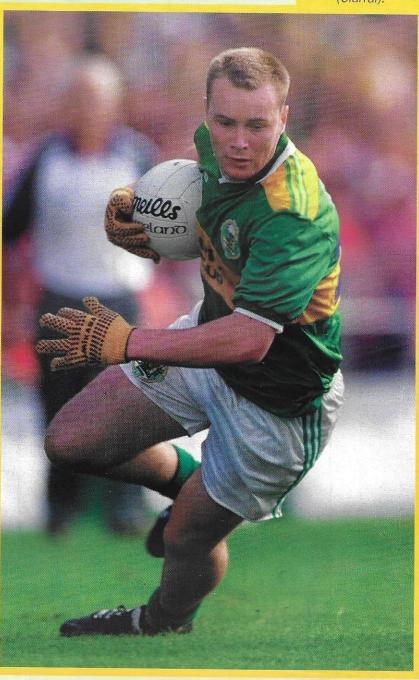
Cavan's last semi-final was as far back as 1952 when they staged a great come-back to beat Cork with a late surge.

The Ulster champions had a penalty saved in the second half and conceded a goal immediately afterwards to trail by four points.

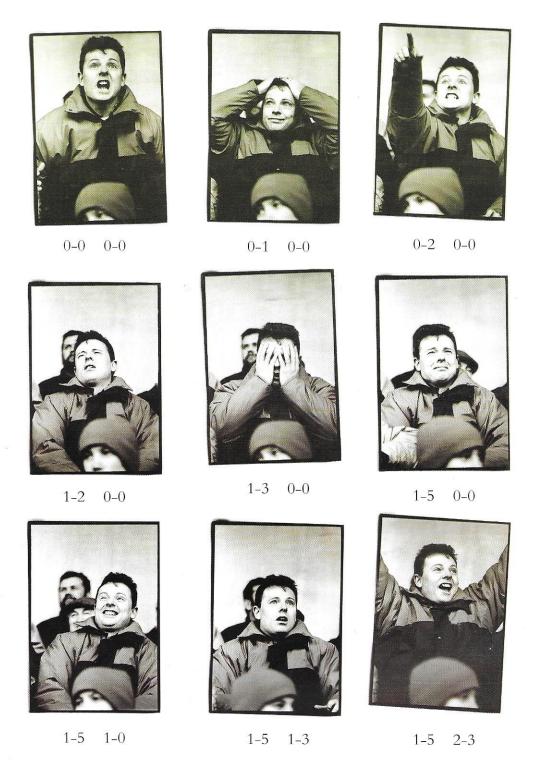
However, they rallied strongly after that and coming up to the end were level. Then in injury time J. J. Cassidy sent over a point from a free to give Cavan an 0-10 to 2-3 win.

Since then Cavan have lost semi-finals in 1954 to Meath, 1955 to Kerry after a replay, 1962 to Roscommon, 1964 to Kerry, 1967 to Cork and 1969 to Offaly after a replay.

• Brian Clarke (Ciarraí).







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## Fir Bhreifne Ar Ais San Áit Ba Dhual Dóibh

á sé do-chreidte nár bhuaigh An Cabhán craobh Uladh ó 1969 i leith. Cé gurbh comhartha é go raibh caighdéan na peile i gCúige Uladh ardaithe go mór bhí an cuma air, freisin, go raibh meon na bpeileadóirí i mBreifne gan a bheith dírithe sa treo ceart. Mar sin, fáiltítear ar ais iad mar churaidh cruthanta Uladh 1997 ar an staid náisiúnta.

Dúradh i gcónaí nach raibh cáil cheart inghlachta ag foireann peile go dtí go raibh Ciarraí buailte acu. Is trua, ar bhealach, go bhfuil an dualgas sin curtha ar ghuailne fhir Bhreifne chomh luath sin tar éis an 'briseadh tríd' tar éis ocht mbliana fichead sa bhfásach. Ar an lámh eile dhe má's leat a bheith id' Rí ar an saol caithfidh tú pé freasúra a thagann id' bhealach a chur faoi chois, luath nó mall.

Is comhtharlúint spéisiúil é go bhfuil na Ciarraígh chróga agus An Cabhán i ngleic díreach caoga bliain tar éis doíbh an craobhchluiche stairiúil a imirt i Nua Eabhrach ins na Stáit Aontaithe. Ar ndoígh casadh ar a chéile iad i gcluichí leathcheannais eile san idirlinn - i 1955 nuair a rug Ciarraí an bua in athimirt agus chuaigh ar aghaidh chun craobh na hÉireann a bhaint (an chéad uair ó 1946); i 1964 bhí an lámh in uachtar ag fir na Ríochta arís sa chluiche leathcheannais leis an scór 2-12 v. 0-6. Pé'r bith tá trí bliana triochad imithe tharainn gan fathaigh na peile, mar a cumhnítear orthu, a bheith san iomaíocht le dul ar aghaidh go dtí an craobhchluiche.

Ar bhealach tá Ciarraí féin ar a bhealach ar ais freisin cé nach fada ó bhí 'Sam' sa Ríocht (1986) áit a raibh se lonnaithe ar feadh trí bliana roimis sin. Ach, dar le muintir na Ríochta is achar ama ró-fhada é agus táid ag éirí imníoch faoin a gcáil agus a gcumas peile. Is cinnte nach mbeidh siad ag iarraidh fábhar ar bith a dhéanamh d'fhir Bhreifne.

Anuraidh nuair a d'éirigh le Ciarraí craobh na Mumhan a ghnóthú arís, tar éis 'iasacht' a bheith ag 'An Contae Réabhlóideach' agus ag an 'Banner' ó 1992 í leith, bhíothas ag ceapadh go raibh siad, mar fhoireann óg, in ann dul fhad leis an gcraobhchluiche ar a laghad. Ach chuir Maigh Eo an ruaig orthu agus is cinnte go bhfuil ceachtanna foghlamtha ón gcluiche sin. Tá Páidí Ó Sé agus Séamus Mac Gearailt iar-imreoirí den chéad ghrád tar éis suas a chur air agus féinmhuinín a ghiniúint i scata breá peileadóirí óga scilíuil, gasta agus éifeachtach.

Tá buíochas na foirne agus mhuintir An Chabháin tuillte go maith ag Máirtín Mac Aodha bainisteoir. Conallach é Máirtín a rinne cion beirte lena chontae dúchais nuair a bhain siad a gcéad chraobh shinsear Uile-Éireann i 1992. Níl aon Chúige ina bhfuil an choimhlint chomh géar agus an caighdéan peile chomh maith is atáid in Ultaibh. Tá sé rí-dheacair An Corn Anglo-Celt a ghnóthú ann agus le fiche bliain anuas, go dtí gur rinne Tír Eoghain an éacht i 1996, ní raibh ar chumas aon chontae é a ghnóthú dhá bhliain as a chéile. Ba chomhartha é sin den dian-chomortas ann.

Agus cad faoin gcluiche inniu? Tá taithí éigin ag An Ríocht ar Pháirc An Chrócaigh ó anuraidh agus is buntáiste beag é sin. Tá sár-pheileadóirí fan na páirce cé nach bhfuil an líne lántosaí socraithe agus á athrú ó am go chéile. Ní dócha go bhfuil peileadóir sa tír atá chomh cruthanta le Muiris Mac Gearailt duine de na 'seanóirí' ar an bhfoireann. Tá sé cliste, in ann ardcheapadh na liathróide a dhéanamh agus scóranna a gnóthú len a dhá chois. Is féidir leis ciceanna saor a chur thar an trasnán ó aon achar laistigh den dachad méadar. Tá na tacaí an-diongbhailte agus tá na fir lárpáirce an-éifeachtach.

I gcás fhir Bhreifne tá an bua acu go bhfuil gach duine ar an bhfoireann éifeachtach agus nach bhfuiltear ag brath ar 'Réaltóga' ar bith. Mar sin féin, ní mór focal molta ar leith a thabhairt don chaptaen - Stiofán Mac a' Rí, fear lár-páirce, atá mar 'inneal' don fhoireann. Tá Rónán Ó Cearalláin ina thosach den chéad scoth agus ar nós Mhic Ghearailt ó Chiarraí in ann cúilíní a scóráil ó triocha nó dachad slat gan stró.

Tá sé deacair cóimheas a dhéanamh nuair nár casadh ar a chéile iad cheana. Ach toisc an bhliain phrintíseachais sa bhreis a bheith curtha isteach ag An Ríocht tugtar an nod dóibh. Ach faoi mar a bhí sna sean-laethanta beidh sár-chluiche curtha faoinár mbráid ag dhá chontae iomráiteacha i gcursaí peile.

Tá triocha (30) craobh bainte ag Ciarraí idir 1903 agus 1986; tá cúig chraobh bainte ag An Cabhán idir 1933 agus 1952.



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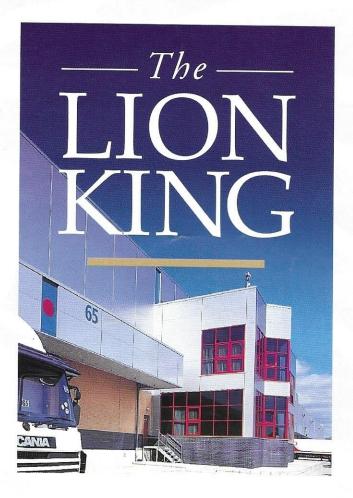
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## First Semi-Final Appearance

Ithough Cavan did not appear in their first All-Ireland final until 36 years after Kerry's 'debut', the Breffni county can claim to have contested an All-Ireland semi-final 12 years before the 'Kingdom' did at this stage. The reason for this apparently contradictory situation was that when Kerry reached the final for the first time (1892) they had no semi-final opposition, and their first appearance in a semi-final was not until 1903.

Cavan, however, on their first foray outside Ulster - in 1891 - had to face Dublin, who were represented by the Young Irelands club in the semi-final at Clonturk Park. Cavan were represented by the Slashers team from Cavan town in what was to be the last semi-final between 21-a-side teams. The Cavan champions had the better of matters early on, going into a two-point lead, but coming up to the interval Dublin came more into the game and turned over leading by 1-1 to 0-2.

The second half was very much in 'the locals' favour and they eventually ran out winners by 3-7 to 0-3. The team which did duty for Cavan on that occasion was: Mick McGurk (capt.), Paddy Gaffney, Jim Martin, Hugh O'Reilly, Paddy Reilly, Peter Reilly, Dan Taggart, John Taggart (gl), Tom Brady, John Brady, Paddy Boylan, John Gilchrist, John Ritchie, John Clarke, John McDermott, Pat McCaffrey, Jim Brogan, John Haughey, John Carroll, Paddy Sullivan, Tom O'Reilly.

By contrast, Kerry's semi-final debut was a victorious experience as they had little difficulty in overcoming Mayo at the Markets Field in Limerick where, after an even enough first half at the end of which Kerry led by a point, they eventually coasted to a 2-7 to 0-3 win. The team which did duty for Kerry in their first semi-final win was: T.Gorman (capt.), J.Gorman, D.Curran, M.McCarthy, J.Buckley, C.Healy, C.Ryan, T.Sugrue, A.Stack (Tralee), T.Sullivan, P.Dillon, R.Fitzgerald, D.Kissane, D.McCarthy, W.Lynch (Killarney), R.Kirwan, D.Breen (Castleisland).

### **Facts And Figures**

n terms of total games played in championship football to date, Kerry's edge on experience is not as great as one may have thought. Today the men from the 'Kingdom' take to the field for the 343rd time while Cavan make their 287th appearance. In terms of winning and losing both sides are heavily in credit. Kerry have won 255 games and lost 65 while Cavan have a more modest 172 victories as against 83 defeats. The Ulster side do have the edge as far as stalemate is concerned with 31 draws compared to the Southerners 22.

Although the overall differences between Cavan and Kerry in playing experience is not as pronounced as many might have thought, as far as All-Ireland experience goes, the 'Kingdom' are in a league of their own. Today will be the Munster champions 125th appearance on the All-Ireland stage while it will be Cavan's 48th game in either semi-final or final. And the 'Kingdom' are very much in the black as far as a win/loss ratio goes with 78 victories more than doubling their 32 defeats. Cavan on the other hand are very much in the red and it would take a decade of unprecedented success to rectify matters with 29 defeats dwarfing 13 victories. Unlike provincial matters Kerry are the more frequent "drawers" here with 14 as against Cavan's five.

Kerry's biggest win in championship football came as recently as 1979 when Clare were their unfortunate victims. At Miltownmalbay on the first day of July the Kingdom forwards ran riot notching up 9-21 while the defence held its own when conceding 1-9 - a 36 point winning margin. Cavan's biggest winning margin was a somewhat more modest 28 points when they hammered Tyrone in the first round of the 1950 championship by 8-7 to 0-3.

Heavy Kerry defeats are a rarity in gaelic football and one has to go back as far as 1903 to dig out a 'Kingdom' defeat of real substance. It was in fact the semi-final of the 1902 championship but it was delayed until the 10th August the following year and Kerry may have wished with hindsight that it had been delayed permanently. Cork gave out the hammering when they won the provincial semi-final at Millstreet by 2-11 to 0-3, a 14-point defeat for the men in the green and gold. Cavan's heaviest defeat was suffered in an All-Ireland semi-final and against the opponents they face today. The Breffni men travelled to Jones's Road to take on the reigning All-Ireland champions on the 6th May 1906 (it was the 1904 championship which was running late) and found Kerry in uncompromising mood. The Ulster side managed just a single point in the hour while conceding 4-10 - a 21 point defeat.

Outside of Ulster, Kerry are the team that have most often opposed Cavan, but for the Munster side it is a different story with Cavan only fourth on their list of most played opponents (outside of Munster), with Dublin, Mayo and Galway all engaging in more head-to-heads than the Breffni men.



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## Cavan's last semi-final win

1952 - Cavan 0-10; Cork 2-3.

eturning to the semi-final scene after a lapse of three years (their longest such absence for more than 20 years), Cavan were set a stiff task by a well-balanced Cork side who celebrated the let-off of a missed Cavan penalty, by hammering in a goal themselves at the other end as the opposition struggled to come to terms with their misfortune.

That goal was to separate the teams at the break and left Cavan in the role of pursuers for most of the first half at the end of which Cork led by 1-3 to 0-3. It was a role that was taken up with dogged determination with Cork's stern defenders ensuring that their lead would be conceded only with the greatest reluctance.

John Joe Cassidy and Mick Higgins had reduced the arrears to a point when what appeared to be a killing blow was dealt the Ulster champions in the shape of Cork's second goal.

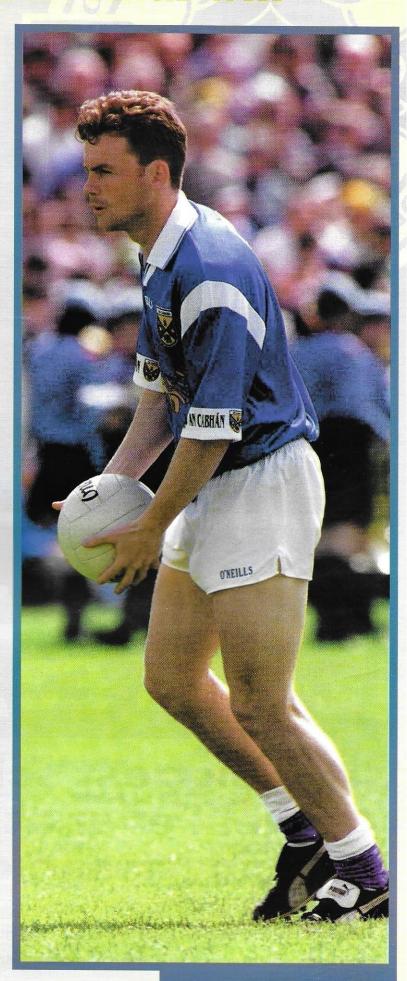
But the uphill fight was resumed with even greater determination and despite the temptation to try for goals, Cavan forwards wisely decided that the 'points route' was the one to take. Mick Higgins pointed a free he had earned himself with seven minutes remaining and Cassidy, also from a free, furthered the resurgence. A great move involving Higgins, Tony Tighe and Pat Carolan ended with the last-named reducing the arrears to the minimum.

In almost unbearable tension another Cavan surge forced Cork to concede a free which Cassidy slotted between the posts and then in lost time the same player swung over the all-important tenth point. But the game wasn't yet won and the closing minutes saw Victor Sherlock and Higgins deep in defence staving off Cork's last desperate efforts to save the day. Cavan's tenth All-Ireland semi-final win was as hard-earned as any of the previous nine.

Cavan scorers: J.J.Cassidy 0-4, M.Higgins 0-3, S.Hetherton 0-1, T.Tighe 0-1, P.Carolan 0-1. Cavan: Seamus Morris, Jim McCabe, Phil Brady, Des Maguire, Tom Hardy, Liam Maguire, Ben O'Reilly, Paul Fitzsimons, Victor Sherlock, Sean Hetherton, Mick Higgins (capt.), Paddy Carolan, John Joe Cassidy, Tony Tighe, Edwin Carolan.

#### **Out Of The Province**

avan is the only county to have played in the provincial senior football championship of another province besides their own. This strange event took place in 1895 when they had no opposition in Ulster, so to accomodate Cavan it was decided that they should play in Leinster. Alas, it wasn't a victorious venture as on their first outing they went down to Louth by 0-1 to 0-5 at Clonturk Park. Seeing that it wasn't such a heavy reverse it is somewhat surprising that the experiment was not persisted with and Cavan retired to the isolation of Ulster where there would be no championship activity until 1901.



Cavan's wing-back, Gerry Sheridan.

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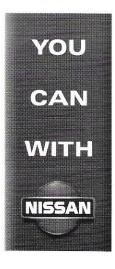
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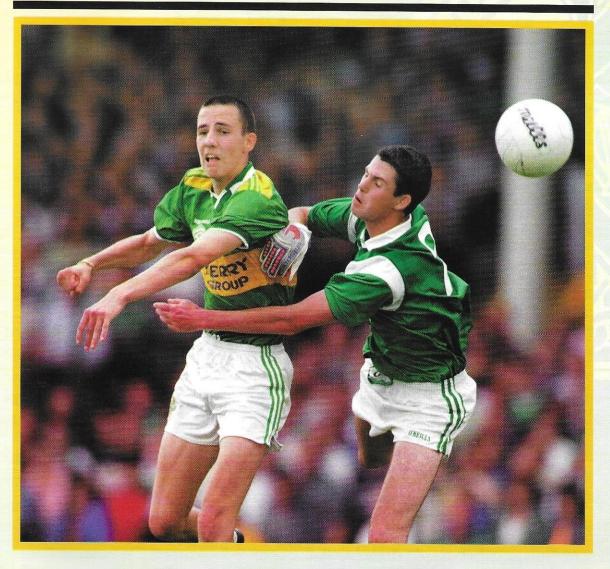
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## Minors ready to set Kerry seniors a good example

erry represented Munster at this stage of the All-Ireland minor football championship last August and had a two points win over Mayo. They lost the final to Laois.

Kerry started their Munster title defence at the semi-final stage by entertaining old riva;ls Cork at Tralee. They got off to a great start scoring five points without reply in eight minutes, but Cork came more into the picture after that and trailed by only just 0-8 to 0-4 at the interval.

Although Kerry continued to play efficiently in the second half and eventually won by 0-12 to 0-5, Cork did not help their cause by poor finishing.

The defending champions had some anxious moments before a late scoring burst carried them to a convincing 4-12 to 1-7 win over Limerick in the Munster final at Limerick.

Limerick started in great style and led by 1-4 to 0-2 after twelve minutes but a Paul Gavin goal helped the Kingdom to a 1-5 to 1-4 interval lead. The Shannonsiders were on on level terms six minutes into the second half and the exchanges

continued to prove very competitive, but as the game advanced Kerry began to come more into the picture.

They finished strongly with another goal by Galvin on 49 minutes and a two goal salvo in the last five minutes.

#### TWO GOALS

Bernard O'Connor found the net from a penalty kick and Noel Kenneally lobbed home a goal to give the Kingdom a clear-cut win although the scoreline hardly did justice to a gallant Limerick effort.

O'Connor, who was top scorer with 1-4, Galvin, with his two goals, and Martin Beckett in defence, were key figures in the Kingdom win.

Kerry are in line for an under-age national double this season as the county won the All-Ireland Vocational Schools' title last May, beating Tyrone in the final.

Although the minor team's successful defence on the Munster championship was workmanlike rather than brilliant. They can be depended on for a tremendous effort to set their seniors a good example with a win. Tadgh Kennelly (Ciarraí) and Dave Dineen (Luimneach) tussle for possession in the Munster M.F. Final at Limerick.

#### Records To Date

Today Kerry will be contesting their 33rd All-Ireland minor football semi-final. Of the 32 they have contested they have won 21 and lost eleven. To date Tyrone have appeared in 14 semi-finals with their record reading five wins and nine defeats.

Kerry's last win at this stage of the championship was, of course, when they beat Mayo twelve months ago, and their last defeat was in 1989 when they went down to Offaly.

Tyrone have lost the last four 'semis' they have contested with their last win being in 1975 when they beat Kildare by 4-8 to 2-6.

## Mionúir Inniu, Ógánaigh Amárach agus Fir Amanathar!

ailtítear go mór roimh mhionúir Thír
Eoghain agus Chiarraí go dtí an cluiche
leathcheannais sa staid náisiúnta, Páirc
an Chrócaigh. Is lá thar laethanta é do na
buachaillí óga seo agus is cuma cé a
bhuafaidh beidh cuimne go deo ag gach éinne
acu ar an ócáid. Moltar go hard iad.

Dáiríre ní fhásann peileadóirí óg ar na sceacha. Bíonn blianta fada oilúna curtha isteach ag múinteoirí, ag oifigigh óige sna contaethe, ag oifigigh agus teagascóirí sna clubanna agus, ar ndóigh, na ceadta uaireanta traenála curtha isteach ag an himreoirí óga féin. Agus thar aon rud eile caithfear smaoineamh ar na máithreacha (agus na deirfiúracha) a níonn agus a thriomaíonn an t-éadach imeartha go rialta - tá focal buíochais ag dul do gach éinne acu.

Beidh caighdeán ard peile curtha faoinár mbráid ag an buachaillí seo curaidh Uladh agus na Mumhan faoi seach. Iad cliste, gasta, fuinniúil agus scileanna thar na bearta á léiriú acu. Is mionúir iad inniu ach fásfaidh siad suas agus feicfear an chuid is mó acu i gceann cúpla bliain ag imirt sa chomortas faoi-21 bhliain (Ógánaigh) agus ina dhiaidh sin beidh cuid acu ag imirt, mar fhir, sna comortais do na sinsir

Ach mar adeirtear thuas muna mbíonn mionúir agat inniu ní bheidh ógánaigh agat amárach nó fir amanathar. Is í an bhunsraith a leagtar leis an gcomortas seo. Is gá a rá anseo gurb iad togha is rogha óna clubanna i gCiarraí agus i dTír Eoghain atá os ár gcomhair anseo. Smaoinigh ar a gcomhionann sna clubanna a bhfuil díomá orthu gan a bheith anseo. Agus tugtar moladh do na foirne as an contaethe eile sna Cúigí sin a rinne tréan-iarracht craobhacha a bhaint ach gur theip orthu. Chuir siad siúd, agus a lucht eagraithe, an oiread céanna dua is iarrachta isteach gan toradh agus a rinne na buaiteoirí.

Agus is é sin an bonn ar a bhfuil An Cumann Lúthcleas Gael bunaithe. Díograiseoirí ag saothrú ar mhaithe lena gclubanna agus lena gcontaethe. Níl aon eagras spóirt eile, go bhfios dúinn, a chuireann a ndaoine óga (na mionúir) ar an bpáirc imeartha céanna ar an lá mór ag na sinsir. Is breá an rud é!

Agus cad faoin gcluiche inniu? Tá an 'stair' taobh thiar de Chiarraí a bhfuil aon chraobh déag bainte acu i gcomparáid leis an tré atá ag Tír Eogain. Ach seasann gach cluiche ar a bhonnaibh féin agus tá iomrá ar chuild de na mionúir ag na hEoghanaigh: Tá Conall Ó Máirtín ard-éifeachtach. Tá peileadóirí thar an gcosteann ag Ciarraí freisin agus má tá roinnt den fhoireann a bhí acu anuraidh nuair a bhuail na Laoisigh óga iad beidh siad an-láidir. Tá Risteard Ó Draighneáin ina bpeileadóirí cruthanta agus toisc go raibh siad "ann" anuraidh tugtar an nod dóibh ar éigin. Go maire siad araon.



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## Harte impressively on target as Tyrone regain Ulster title

football title in four years was overshadowed by the tragic death of one of their most stylish footballers, Paul McGirr.

He was injured after scoring his side's only goal after eleven minutes against Armagh at Omagh in mid-June and tragically died in hospital that evening. His death was a a great tragedy for his family and for Gaelic Games in general.

#### Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

On Tyrone's last semi-final appearance Gerard Cavlan scored seven points but his sharpshooting was not enough to prevent Meath from recording a comfortable win.

The O'Neill County booked this season's Ulster final place with wins over Down, Armagh and Monaghan.

They started good favourites against Antrim in the decider but were rocked by two early goals. However, Tyrone displayed great character by battling back and goals by Brian O'Neill and Mark Harte in the closing minutes had them ahead at the interval by 2-6 to 2-5.

The second half was a keenly contested affair and Tyrone had to produce their best form to emerge winners by 3-13 to 2-10 in an exciting game.

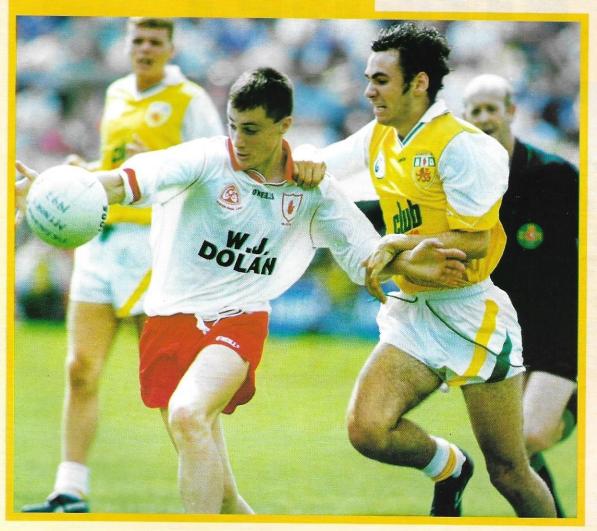
Darren O'Hanlon, who went in as a substitute, scored their third goal.

The match was a personal triumph for Harte, who contributed a splendid 1-8.

Others to the fore in the win were full back Ciaran Gourley, midfielder Conall Martin, forwards Brian McGuigan, Richard Thornton, who earlier this year won All-Ireland Colleges' medals with St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon, and O'Neill and O'Hanlon.

Tyrone are striving for a first win at this stage since beating Kildare in 1975.

Tyrone Star forward **Brian McGuigan**, son of former great Frank McGuigan in action in the Ulster Minor Final.



#### An Réiteoir



John Bannon (An Longfort)

ohn took over as referee in the extra time period in the Meath-Kildare Leinster senior semifinal first replay when fellow Longford man Pat O'Toole had to retire with cramp. He has refereed in all grades of football in Longford for some eleven years and has also been active at national level.

Bannon is from the Legan Satsfields club and is a former player, having won county championship medals.

John refereed last year's Leinster minor final draw and replay and his assignments this year included, other than the outing in the Meath-Kildare replay, the meeting of Louth and Carlow in the senior championship at Droichead Nua in June.

ONTHE SEVENTH DAY FORGET THE REST.

> SUNDAY MORID

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# Minor Football Championship Scoreboard

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June 29 - Caste		1 - 11 1	
Mayo	2-15;	Leitrim	1-9.
July 5 - Sligo:	0.7	Oli 4	
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May 3 - Gorey			
Wicklow	2-11;	Wexford	1-8.
May 3 - Droiche	ead Nua:		
Kildare	0-13;	Louth	0-8.
May 3 - Portlad	ise:		
Laois	0-9;	Offaly	0-8.
May 3 - Longfor	rd:		
Longford	0-16;	Westmeath	1-7.
May 17 - Longfo	ord:		
Meath	1-16;	Longford	0-9.
May 17 - Aughr	im:		
Wicklow	,	Carlow	0-5.
May 17 - Portla	oise:		
	2-14;	Kilkenny	4-5.
May 17 - Droich	ead Nua:	TO THE WORLD VICE SHIP	
Dublin	2-8;	Kildare	0-13.
June 29 - An Ua	imh:		
Wicklow	2-6;	Dublin	0-10.
July 6 - Croke P			
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Laois	2-11;	Wicklow	0-10.

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April 9 - Tippe	rary:		
Limerick	1-8;	Waterford	1-3.
April 17 - New	castlewes	it:	
Limerick	1-11;	Tipperary	3-5.
April 17 - Tipp	erary:		
Clare	4-18;	Waterford	0-5.
April 30 - Clon	ımel:		
Tipperary	2-16;	Waterford	1-4.
April 30 - Lime	erick:		
Clare	2-8;	Limerick	2-6.
Play-off at Clo	onmel:		
Limerick	3-9;	Tipperary	3-7.
Semi-Final: Ju	ly 9 - Trale	e:	
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Semi-Final: Ju	ly 10 - Enn	is:	
Limerick	1-6;	Clare	0-7.
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Ulster			
May 18 - Clone	es:		
Tyrone	2-10:	Down	1-8.
May 25 - Bally			10.
Antrim	4-3;	Donegal	0-14.
May 31 - Irvino	estown (Di	raw):	<u> </u>
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# Na Captaein

John Sugrue (Ciarraí)

### Semi-Final Routes

#### Kerry

#### 9th July at Tralee:

Kerry 0-12; Cork 0-5.

Scorers - Noel Kennelly 0-3, T Kennelly 0-3, William Harmon 0-2, Kevin Lynch 0-2, Mick O'Shea 0-1, Paul Galvin 0-1.

#### 20th July at the Gaelic Grounds:

Kerry 4-12; Limerick 1-7.

Scorers - Bernard O'Connor 1-4, Paul Galvin 2-0, William Harmon 0-5, Noel Kennelly 1-2, Martin Beckett 0-1.

Total Scored: 4-24 (36 points); Total Conceded: 1-12 (15).

Average: 2.40

Scorers - Noel Kennelly 1-5, William Harmon 0-7, Bernard O'Connor 1-4, Paul Galvin 2-1, T Kennelly 0-3, Kevin Lynch 0-2, Mick O'Shea 0-1, Martin Beckett 0-1.





#### **Tyrone**

#### 18th May at Clones:

Tyrone 2-10; Down 1-08.

Scorers - Stephen Donnelly 1-5, Richard Thornton 1-1, Mark Harte 0-2, Paul McGirr 0-1, P Corry 0-1.

#### 15th June at Omagh:

Tyrone 1-10; Armagh Scorers - Stephen Donnelly 0-4, Paul McGirr 1-1, Kevin Hughes 0-3, Mark Harte 0-1, Richard Thornton 0-1.

#### 29th June at Clones:

Tyrone 4-14; Monaghan 3-7.

Scorers - Richard Thornton 2-1, Stephen Donnelly 2-0, Mark Harte 0-4, Kevin Hughes 0-3, D McCrossan 0-1, C Martin 0-1, Joe Campbell 0-1, Brian McGuigan 0-1, Brian O'Neill O-1, S.O'Neill O-1.

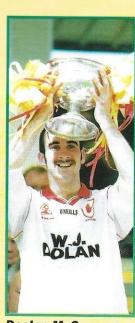
#### 20th July at Clones:

3-13; Antrim Scorers - Mark Harte 1-8, Joe Campbell 0-3. Brian O'Neill 1-0, Darren O'Hanlon 1-0, Brian McGuigan 0-1, Kevin Hughes 0-1.

Total Scored: 10-47 (77 points); Total Conceded: 6-34 (52).

Average: 1.48

Scorers - Mark Harte 1-15, Stephen Donnelly 3-9. Richard Thornton 3-3, Kevin Hughes 0-7, Paul McGirr 1-2, Joe Campbell 0-4, Brian O'Neill 1-1, Darren O'Hanlon 1-0, Brian McGuigan 0-2, D McCrossan 0-1, C Martin 0-1, S O'Neill 0-1, P Corry 0-1.



Declan McCrossan (Tír Eoghain)



## Ciarraí

Dathanna: Uaithne, Ór is Bán

**NIALL HOBBART** 

#### Fir Ionaid

(16) Jimmy Doyle S. Ó Dúghaill (Beaufort)

(17) Kieran Foley C. Ó Foghlú (Keel)

(18) Ronan O'Connor R. Ó Conchúir (Ballyduff)

(19) John Moroney S. Ó Maolruanaidh (Ballylongford)

(20)Sean McGinley
S. Mag Fhionnaile
(Tarbert)

(21) John Golden S. Ó Góilín (St. Mary's)

(22) LiamHiggins L. Ó hUiginn (Dingle)

(23)Ogie Horgan O. Ó hArgáin (Beale)

(24) Alan Lynch
A. Ó Loingsigh
(Castlegregory)

#### Roghnóirí

Charlie Nelligan (Trainer), Mikey Sheehy, Sean Walsh, Derry Crowley, Junior Murphy.

#### **N. Hoibeard** (Kerins O'Rahillys)

MARTIN BECKETT M. Beicéid (Dr. Crokes)

5 STEPHEN O'SULLIVAN S. Ó Súilleabháin

(Skellig Rangers)

3 TREVOR McKENNA

T. Mac Éanna (Finuge)

6 JOHN HEGARTY

S. Ó hÉigeartaigh (Legion) 4 NIALL CORBETT

N. Ó Coirbín (Firies)

7
PAUL McCARTHY

P. Mac Cartaigh (Kilcummin)

MICHAEL O'SHEA

M. Ó Sé
(Castlegregory)

9

JOHN SUGRUE
S. Ó Siochrú (Capt.)

(Renard)

10 WILLIAM HARMON

L. Ó hArgadáin (Milltown/Castlemaine)

13 PAUL GALVIN P. Ó Gealbháin (Finuge) 11 NOEL KENNELLY

N. Mac an Fhailí (Emmetts)

14 BERNARD O'CONNOR B. Ó Conchúir

**B. O Conchú**l (St. Mary's) 12
TADHG KENNELLY

T. Mac an Fhailí (Emmetts)

15 KEVIN LYNCH C. Ó Loingsigh (Desmonds)

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 Image: Leath in the seachaí in the

### Foireann Mhionúir Ciarraí



The Kerry Minor football team which defeated Limerick in the Munster Final in Limerick.

Back row (I-r): Kevin Lynch, Bernard O'Connor, Stephen O'Sullivan, Niall Hobbert, Paul McCarthy, Paul Galvin, Martin Beckett, Niall Corbett.

Back row (I-r): Noel Kennelly, Tadhg Kennelly, Micheál Ó Sé, John Sugrue, Sean Hegarty, Trevor McKenna, William Harmon.

## Tír Eoghain





Dathanna: Dearg is Bán

1 GARETH MAGUIRE

G. Mag Uidhir (Cookstown)

2 KEVIN O'BRIEN

C. Ó Briain (Dromore)

5 ADRIAN BALL A. Bál

(Clann na nGael)

3 CORMAC McGINLEY

C. Mag Fhionnaile (Eireagal Ciaráin)

6 CIARÁN GOURLEY

C. Mag Thoirealaigh (Rock) 4 BRENDAN DONNELLY

**B. Ó Donnaile** (Eglish)

7 DECLAN McCROSSAN

D. Mac an Chiosáin (Capt.)
(E. R. O'Neills)

CORMAC MCANALLEN

C. Mac an Ailín (Eglish) CONALL MARTIN

C. Ó Máirtín

(Eglish)

10 JOE CAMPBELL

S. Mac Cathmhaoil
(Dromore)

13 MARK HARTE M. Ó hAirt

(Eireagal Ciaráin)

11 BRIAN McGUIGAN

B. Mac Uiginn (Ardboe)

14 RICHARD THORNTON

R. Ó Draighneáin

(Coalisland)

25
STEPHEN DONNELLY

S. Ó Donnaile (Aghaloo)

15 STEPHEN O'NEILL

S. Ó Néill

(Clann na nGael)

#### Fir Ionaid

(16) Aidan O'Connor A. Ó Conchúir

(Kildress)
(17) Paddy Corry
P. Ó Corra
(Trillick)

(18) Gary Hetherington G. Ó Hetherington (Donaghmore)

(19)Kevin Hughes C. Ó hAodha (Kileeshil)

(20) Aidan Lynch A. Ó Loingsigh (Castlederg)

(21) Ciarán Meenagh
C. Muineach

(Loughmacrory)
(22) Ciarán O'Hagan
C. Ó hAgáin
(Brackaville)

(23) Darren O'Hanlon D. Ó hAnluain (Eireagal Ciaráin)

(24) Brian O'Neill B. Ó Néill (Cookstown)

# TÍR EOGHAIN Cúil Cúilíní Seachaí 45m Saor Ciceanna 1adh Leath 2adh Leath IOMLÁN Saor Ciceanna

#### Roghnóirí

Mickey Harte, Fr. Gerard McAleer, Martin McElkennon.

#### Foireann Mhionúir Tír Eoghain



The Tyrone Minor football team which defeated Antrim in the Ulster Final at Clones.

Back row (I-r): Stephen O'Neill, Kevin Hughes, Kevin O'Brien, Cormac McAnallen, Aidan O'Connor, Darren O'Hanlon, Richard Thornton, Garry Hetherington, Brian O'Neill, Conall Martin.

Middle row (I-r): Joe Campbell, Ciarán Gormley, Mark Harte, Adrian Ball, Declan McCrossan, Brian McGuigan, Brendan Donnelly, Paddy Corry, Ciarán Meenagh.

Front row (I-r): Cormac McGinley, Gareth Maguire, Martin McCann, Peter O'Neill, Adian Lynch.

#### Kerry and Tyrone's two meetings

1975 Final: Kerry 1-10; Tyrone 0-4.

lyrone took the game to Kerry from the throw-in and Damien O'Hagan opened the scoring after two minutes. Six minutes later Jack O'Shea levelled matters, and a Con O'Connor point left the 'Kingdom' 0-2 to 0-1 ahead at the end of the first quarter. The Munster champions began to dominate the midfield area but by half-time they had only increased their lead by a further two points - 0-4

Tyrone's opening surge on the restart was repelled and a stalwart Kerry defence yielded nothing. O'Shea's goal quickly accompanied by points from Mulvihill and O'Donovan ended the game as a contest. Late points from McCay and McAnneny failed to save Tyrone's blushes as Kerry coasted home.

Kerry: C. Nelligan, V. O'Connor, M. Sullivan, M. Colgan, J.J. O'Connor, M. Spillane, G. Casey, S. Walsh, N. O'Donovan, F. Scannell, J. Mulvihill, R. Bunyan (capt.), C. O'Connor, J. O'Shea, P. Sheehan. Tyrone: A. Skelton, B. Campbell, K. McGarvey, P. McCallin, P.J. Trainor, K. McCabe, J.J. Campbell, T. O'Rourke, G. McCallin (capt.), P. Teague, M. McCay, P.

Donnelly, D. O'Hagan, M. McAnneny, S.Daly. Subs: S. Donnelly for O'Rourke, E.McCann for Daly. 1988 Semi-final: Kerry 1-8; Tyrone 0-10.

The swirling wind made conditions quite difficult but Kerry used whatever advantage it gave in the opening half to turn over leading by 0-5 to 0-2. Peter Canavan kept Tyrone in touch after the resumption but Fintan Ashe's clever goal six minutes from the end seemed to settle matters. However, Tyrone refused to wilt and with time almost up they were back within a point of the Munster side. Canavan had two late chances for the equaliser but missed both and Tyrone failed to get the draw they deserved. Kerry Scorers: B. O'Sullivan 0-4, F. Ashe 1-1, P.

Laide 0-2, E. Stack 0-1.

Tyrone: P. Canavan 0-4, E. McCaffrey 0-2, A. Cush 0-2, B. McGinn 0-1, B. Daly 0-1.

Kerry: P. O'Leary, P. Lenihan, N. Savage, J.B. O'Brien, L. Flaherty, V. Knightly, S. Walsh, E. Stack, F. Ashe, P. Laide, D. Cahill, S. O'Sullivan, C. Geaney, D. Farrell, B. O'Sullivan.

Sub - T. Burns for Cahill.

Tyrone: C. Blee, E. McGale, C. McElduff, F. Devlin, P. Donnelly, T. McGinn, C. Fallon, A. Kirkpatrick, B. Sherry, A. Cush, E.McCaffrey, P. Canavan, B. Daly, B. McGinn, M. Rafferty.

Sub: C. Loughran for Daly.

#### Appreciation Paul McGirr (10/4/'79 - 15/6/'97)

he tragic death of Paul McGirr has robbed Tyrone of an elegant footballer and all of us of a friend who enriched our lives.

His short life was a series of enthusiasms. He brought energy and unremitting commitment to his task. His charisma was matched by his capability. The quality of his approach added real standing. He truly personified the dictum: "Mens sana in corpore sano".

Alas, Paul is dead, gone out in a single moment like a candle flame and in Stevenson's words: "There is some havoc made in other people's lives". Many things were precious about Paul's death and funeral. The resilience and solidarity of his family, born of a profound faith, allowed us all a glimpse of grief's great dignity -"Dínit mhór an bhróin".

With an acute eye for detail Thomas McDonagh wrote of someome he chose to call "The Man Upright".

"There came a man of a different gait A man who neither slouched nor pattered But planted his steps as if each step mattered".

"My Father, ... Let it be as you, not I, would have it". (Matthew, 26:39).

Gerard McAleer (Rev)

#### The most recent semi-finals for Kerry and Tyrone

1996 - Kerry 1-8; Mayo 0-9.

erry got off to the better start and after 20 minutes led by 0-3 to 0-1. Then some quick thinking by 'Kingdom' full-forward Gareth Clifford resulted in the only goal of the hour. Having been fouled close in on goal, the Austin Stacks youth rose quickly to fire past a startled Mayo 'keeper Sean Campbell before he could organise his defence properly.

Mayo battled back and two points before the break, and a further three within ten minutes of the restart saw them gain parity. However, in the last 20 minutes Kerry outscored their opponents by five points to three, and although they did endure some late pressure, the two-point winning margin was a fair reflection of the overall play.

Kerry scorers: N.Kennelly 0-4, L.Murphy 0-3, G.Clifford 1-0, A.McGearailt 0-1.

Kerry: Kenneth O'Keeffe, Kenneth Leen. Michael McCarthy, Owen O'Connell, Paul McCarthy, Tomas O'Se, Pa Murphy, John Lynch. Tommy Griffin, William Harmon, Michael D.Cahill, Liam Murphy, Noel Kennelly, Gareth Clifford, Bernard O'Connor.

Subs: Ian Twiss for Cahill, Aodan McGearailt for Harmon.

1993 - Meath 3-17; Tyrone 0-10.

lyrone after a poor start never recovered against a Meath team playing well within themselves. By the 7th minute the Royals were six points to the good following an Oliver Murphy goal. Despite playing against the breeze Meath continued to dominate matters territorially and a 23rd minute goal from Barry Callaghan helped them to an interval lead of 2-9 to 0-4.

Tyrone actually scored more playing against the breeze than with it but despite some fine work by Brendan Sheehy and Damien Teague, their over-reliance on the free-taking abilities of Gerard Cavlan proved their undoing. The Leinster champions notched a third goal six minutes from time when Phillip Duff fired home, but the game had finished as a contest long before then.

Tyrone scorers: G.Cavlan 0-7, B.O'Hare 0-1, L.Patterson 0-1, J.Murray 0-1.

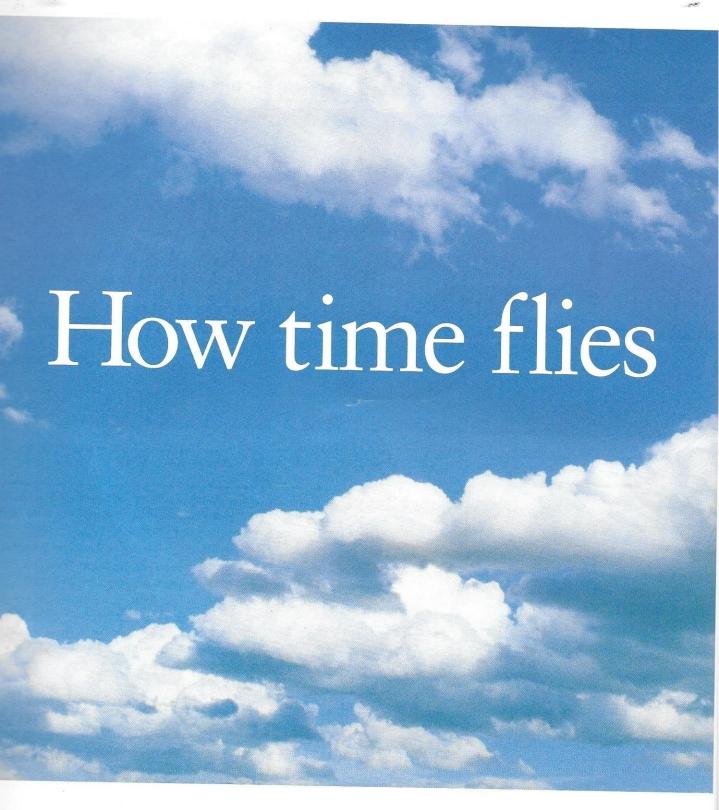
Tyrone: E.Gallogly, S.O'Kane, B.Donaghey, D.McGirr, B.Sheehy, D.Teague, L.Patterson, P.Cambell, B.Dooher, B.O'Hare, E.Cushnahan, G.Cavlan C.Holmes, M.Rodgers, P.O'Kane. Subs: J.Murray for McGirr, B.Lyons for Donaghey.



LIGHT YEARS
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In 1947, Cavan and Kerry played out the All Ireland Football final in the Polo Grounds, New York. Back then, Cavan came away victorious, winning by 2-11 to 2-7.

This year, the two counties will meet twice. In today's All-Ireland Semi Final and again on Saturday, October 18th when both teams will return to New York to meet in a

National Football League encounter. As always, Aer Lingus will be on hand to fly both the players and their supporters to this special commemorative match.

Who'll be the winners in the Big Apple this time round? We'd like to think everyone will!



#### Connacht

May 25 - Tuam:

Mayo 1-16; Galway 0-15.

June 1 - London (After Extra Time):

Leitrim 2-18; London 1-13.

June 22 - Sligo:

Sligo 1-14; Roscommon1-11.

June 29 - Castlebar:

Mayo 0-18; Leitrim 0-11.

Final: August 3 - Roscommon:

Mayo 0-11; Sligo 1-7.

#### Top scorer for the entire championship:

D. Darcy (Leitrim) 2-20 (26 points) in two games. Average: 13 points.

#### Leinster

May 11 - Tullamore:

Offaly 5-17; Longford 0-13.

May 11 - New Ross (Draw):

Wexford 2-5; Westmeath0-11.

May 17 - Mullingar (Replay):

Westmeath2-17; Wexford 1-15.

May 25 - Tullamore (Draw):

Offaly 0-8; Westmeath 0-8.

June 1 - Droichead Nua:

Louth 1-13; Carlow 1-10.

June 7 - Mullingar (Replay):

Offaly 1-14; Westmeath 0-7.

June 8 - Croke Park:

Kildare 1-11; 1-7. Laois

June 15 - Croke Park:

Offaly 1-17; Wicklow 0-8.

June 15 - Croke Park:

Meath 1-13; 1-10. Dublin

June 29 - An Uaimh:

Offaly 1-10; Louth 0-11.

July 6 - Croke Park (Draw):

Meath 0-12; 1-9. Kildare

July 20 - Croke Park (replay - draw A.E.T.):

3-17. Meath 2-20: Kildare

August 3 - Croke Park:

Meath 1-12; Kildare 1-10.

Final: August 16 - Croke Park:

3-17; Meath

#### Top scorer for entire championship:

Trevor Giles (Meath) 2-20 (26 points) in 5 games. Average: 5.20.

#### Munster

May 11 - Limerick (Draw):

Limerick 1-13; Tipperary 0-16.

May 18 - Clonmel (Replay):

Tipperary 1-17; Limerick 2-8.

June 1 - Dungarvan:

Waterford 1-5. Tipperary 2-7;

June 22 - Ennis:

Clare 1-14; Cork 1-13.

June 29 - Tralee:

Tipperary 1-10. Kerry 2-12;

Final: July 20 - Limerick:

1-13; Clare 0-11.

#### Top scorer for the entire championship:

Brendan Cummins (Tipperary) 1-13 (16 points) in three games.

Average: 5.66 points.



#### Ulster

May 18 - Clones (Draw):

Tyrone 0-15; Down 2-9.

May 25 - Clones (Replay): Tyrone 3-8: Down 1-11.

May 25 - Ballybofey:

Donegal 2-12; Antrim 1-13.

June 1 - Clones (Draw):

Derry Monaghan 2-8; 1-11.

June 8 - Celtic Park (Replay):

Derry 2-15; Monaghan0-10. June 8 - Clones (Draw):

Cavan

1-12; Fermanagh1-12.

June 15 - Clones (Replay):

Fermanagh0-11. Cavan 0-14;

June 15 - Omagh:

Tyrone 1-12; Armagh 0-12.

June22 - Clones:

Cavan 2-16; Donegal 2-10.

June 29 - Clones:

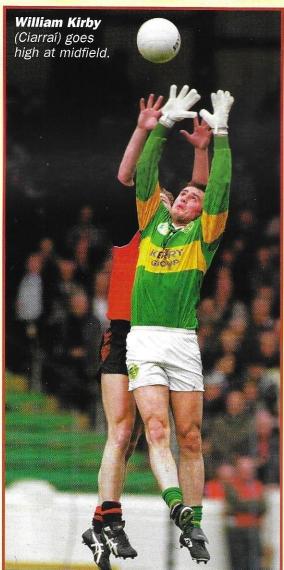
Derry 2-15; Tyrone 2-3.

Final: July 20 - Clones:

Derry Cavan 1-14; 0-16.

#### Top scorer for entire championship:

Joe Brolly (Derry) 3-16 (25 points) in four games. Average: 6.35 points.





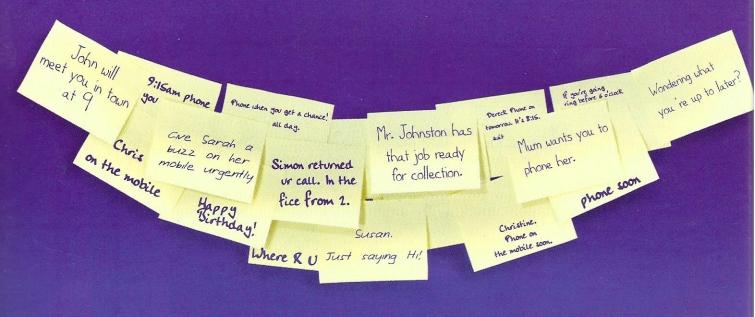








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avan ended a long famine when they beat Derry last month in the Bank of Ireland Ulster senior football final.

That was their first final win since 1969 and their 39th title since 1891.

Kerry made a successful defence of the Munster title for the first time since winning three championships in a row in 1984-86. They also won the All-Ireland crown in each of those three years.

The Kingdom are champions of Munster for the 65th time since 1892.

This is how the counties reached the last four, starting with Cavan, who were first in action:

#### An Cabhán

#### 8th June at Clones:

Drew with Fermanagh 1-12 to 1-12.

**Scorers:** Peter Reilly 0-5, Dermot McCabe 1-1, Raymond Cunningham 0-3, Mickey Graham 0-2, Anthony Forde 0-1.

#### 15th June at Clones:

Beat Fermanagh 0-14 to 0-11 in a REPLAY.

**Scorers:** Peter Reilly 0-3, Fintan Cahill 0-3, Mickey Graham 0-2, Dermot McCabe, Raymond Cunningham, Anthony Forde, Jason Reilly, Ciaran Brady, Ronan Carolan a point each.

#### 22nd June at Clones:

Beat Donegal 2-16 to 2-10.

**Scorers:** Ronan Carolan 1-7, Larry Reilly 1-4, Peter Reilly 0-2, Raymond Cunningham, Stephen King, Damien O'Reilly a point each.

#### 20th July at Clones:

Beat Derry by 1-14 to 0-16.

**Scorers:** Ronan Carolan 0-6, Jason Reilly 1-0, Peter Reilly 0-3, Larry Reilly 0-2, Dermot McCabe, Raymond Cunningham, Fintan Cahill a point each.

**Total Scored:** 4-56 (68 points). **Total Conceded:** 3-49 (58 points). **Average** 1.17.

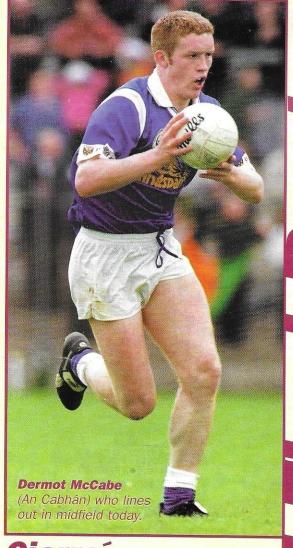
#### Narrow lead for Carolan

Ronan Carolan, who went in as a substitute against Fermanagh in the drawn game, has a narrow lead on top of the Cavan scoresheet with 1-14.

Four points behind in second place is Peter Reilly with 0-13. Larry Reilly scored 1-6, Dermot McCabe scored 1-3, Raymond Cunningham 0-6, Mickey Graham hit 0-4, Fintan Cahill 0-4 and Jason Reilly 1-1. Anthony Forde hit 0-2 and Ciaran Brady, Strephen King and Damien O'Reilly completed the returns with a point each.

#### Top individual returns

As well as heading the Cavan scoresheet, Ronan Carolan also recorded the highest individual score by a player from the county so far at 1-7 against Donegal.



#### Ciarraí

#### 26th June at Tralee:

Beat Tipperary 2-12 to 1-10.

**Scorers:** Maurice Fitzgerald 0-7, John Crowley 1-1, Denis O'Dwyer 1-0, Liam Hassett 0-2, Killian Burns 0-1, Dara Ó Sé 0-1.

#### 20th July at Limerick

Beat Clare 1-13 to 0-11.

**Scorers:** Pa Laide 1-2, Maurice Fitzgerald 0-5, Dara Ó Cinnéide 0-2, Denis O'Dwyer 0-1, Brian Clarke 0-1, Michael F. Russell 0-1, John Crowley 0-1.

**Total Scored:** 3-25 (34 points) **Total Conceded:** 1-21 (24 points).

Average 1.4.

#### Fitzgerald well clear in scoresheet

Maurice Fitzgerald is comfortably ahead in the Kerry scoresheet with 0-12.
Pa Laide hit 1-2, John Crowley 1-2, Denis

O'Dwyer 1-1, Liam Hassett 0-2 and Dara Ó Cinnéide 0-2. Killian Burns, Dara Ó Sé, Brian Clarke and Michael F. Russell completed the returns with a point each.

#### Fitzgerald again

Maurice Fitzgerald also leads on the chart for individual match retutrn for Kerry with 0-7 in the semi-final win over Tipperary.



Stephen King

The Killeshandra clubman has

given great service to Cavan. He

reached a major milestone in his

paign by leading the Breffni men

He made his Ulster senior

17th senior championship cam-

last month to their first Ulster

final debut as a substitute

decider against Tyrone.

against Donegal in 1983 and

was on the team for the 1995

troubled by an injury during the

Ulster final, helped Ulster to the

interprovincial title of 1992. He

has won under age medals and

two intermediate championship

awards within the county.

The Cavan captain, who was

title since 1969.

Captaer

## An Cabhár

Dathanna: Gorm is Bán



(Bailieboro)



P. Mac Cearnaith (Ramor United)

**GERRY SHERIDAN** 

G. Ó Sioradán

(Bailieboro)

CIARÁN BRADY C. Mac Brádaigh

(Gowna)

6 **BERNARD MORRIS** B. Ó Muiris

(Gowna)

**TERRY FARRELLY** 

T. Ó Fearchallaigh (Cuchullains)

7 PATRICK SHEILS

P. Ó Siall

(Laragh United)

STEPHEN KING

S. Mac An Rí (Capt.)

(Killeshandra)

**DERMOT McCABE** D. Mac Cába

(Gowna)

10 PETER REILLY

P. Ó Raghallaigh (Knockbride)

13 LARRY REILLY

L. Ó Raghallaigh (Knockbride)

11 **RONAN CAROLAN** 

R. Ó Cearulláin (Cuchullains)

14 **FINTAN CAHILL** 

> F. Ó Cathail (Cuchullains)

RAYMOND CUNNINGHAN

R. Mac Cuinneagán (Kilmainhamwood)

15 **DAMIEN O'REILLY** 

D. Ó Raghallaigh (Mullahoran)

Fir Ionaid

(16) Brendan McCormack B. Mac Cormaic

(Kingscourt)

(17) Michael Graham

M. Ó Greachain (Cavan Gaels)

(18) Philip Smith P. Mac Gabhann (Crosserlough)

(19) Paul Murphy P. Ó Murchú (Belturbet)

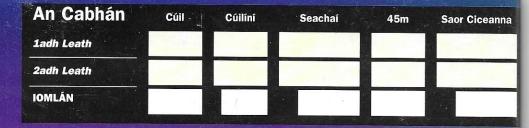
(20) Jason Reilly I. Ó Raghallaigh (Belturbet)

(21) Anthony Forde A. Mac Giollarnaith (Shannon Gaels)

(22) Paul Brady P. Mac Brádaigh (Laragh United)

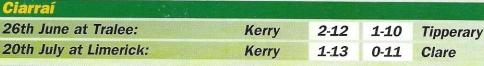
(23) Adrian Lambe A. Ó Luain (Bailieboro)

(24) Charlie Clarke C. Ó Cléirigh (Bailieboro)



#### Paths to the Semi-Final

An Cabhán				
8th June at Clones: (draw)	Cavan	1-12	1-12	Fermanagh
15th June at Clones: (replay)	Cavan	0-14	0-11	Fermanagh
22nd June at Clones:	Cavan	2-16	2-10	Donegal
20th July at Clones:	Cavan	1-14	0-16	Derry
Ciarraí				





Roghnóirí: Martin McHugh (Manager), Michael Reilly, Donal Donohoe.

## Ciarrai





Dathanna: Uaithne, Ór is Bán

#### **DECLAN O'KEEFFE**

D. Ó Caoimh

(Rathmore)

#### STEPHEN STACK

S. Stac (Emmetts)

**SEAMUS MOYNIHAN** 

S. Ó Muineacháin

(Glenflesk)

#### 3 **BARRY O'SHEA** B. Ó Sé

(Kerins O'Rahillys)

#### **SEAN BURKE**

S. de Búrca (Milltown/Castlemaine)

#### LIAM O'FLAHERTY

L. Ó Flaitheartaigh (Ballydonoghue)

#### **EAMONN BREEN** E. Ó Braoin

(Finuge)

#### DARA Ó SÉ D. Ó Sé

(Gaeltacht)

#### WILLIAM KIRBY

L. Ó Ciarba

(Austin Stacks)

#### 10 PA LAIDE

P. Mag Léid (Austin Stacks)

#### LIAM HASSETT L. Ó hAisí (Capt.)

(Laune Rangers)

#### 12 **DENIS O'DWYER** D. Ó Dubhuir

(Waterville)

#### 13 DARA Ó CINNÉIDE

D. Ó Cinnédie (Gaeltacht)

#### 14 **BRIAN CLARKE** B. Ó Cléirigh

(Dr. Crokes)

#### 15 **MAURICE FITZGERALD**

M. Mc Gearailt

(St. Mary's)

#### Fir lonaid

(16) Donal Daly D. Ó Dálaigh (Firies)

(17) Billy O'Shea L. Ó Sé

(Laune Rangers) (18) Michael F. Russell

M. F. Ruiséil (Laune Rangers)

#### (19) Morgan O'Shea M. Ó Sé

(Kerins O'Rahillys)

(20) Ruarí O'Rahilly R. Ó Raithile (Ballymacelligott)

(21) Peter O'Leary P. Ó Laoire (Legion)

#### (22) John Brennan S. Ó Braonáin (Desmonds)

(23) Fintan Ashe

F. Ághas (Dingle)

(24) Killian Burns C. Ó Broin (Sneem)

#### Ciarrái Cúil Cúilíní Seachaí 45m Saor Ciceanna 1adh Leath 2adh Leath IOMLÁN

#### An Réiteoir: Pat Casserly (An Iarmhí)

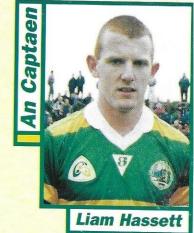


Pat took charge of the Church and General National Football league final last May at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. He has been refereeing for some eight years.

Casserly is a former footballer and won county senior league and championship medals with Newtown Cashel in his native Longford.

A member of the St. Loman's club in Westmeath, Casserly has controlled matches in the Colleges' championships, the National League and the All-Ireland series.

He had control of last year's Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior semifinal between Mayo and Kerry. Past assignments this year included the Kildare-Laois Leinster championship game at Croke Park in June.



Due to an injury to his brother, Mike, who captained Kerry in their recent Munster final victory over Clare, Liam takes over the captaincy today.

He is already an All-Ireland title winning captain, having led Kerry to their Under-21 final over Cavan last September.

That was his second successive Under-21 medal. Earlier last year, he won an AIB All-Ireland Club medal with Laune Rangers and a Munster senior medal.

He was also on the team beaten by Mayo in the All-Ireland semi-final last August. Liam has three county senior medals and helped Kerry to retain the Munster title this season.

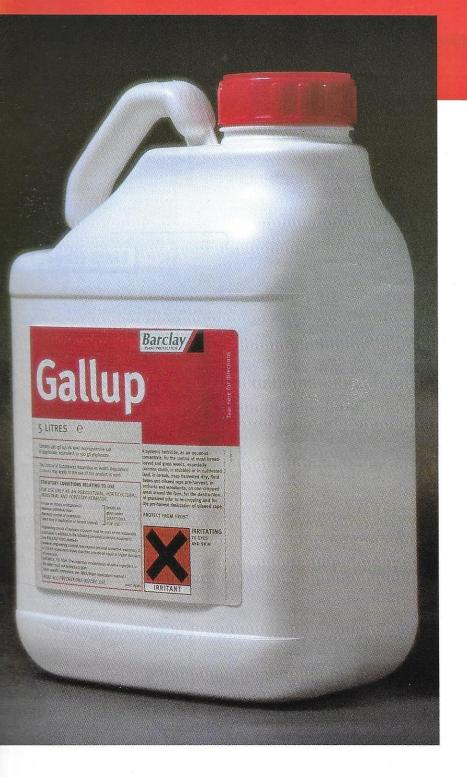


#### Roghnóirí: Paudí Ó Sé (Trainer),

Séamus Mac Gearailt (Coach) Bernie O'Callaghan, Jack O'Connor, Tom O'Connor.



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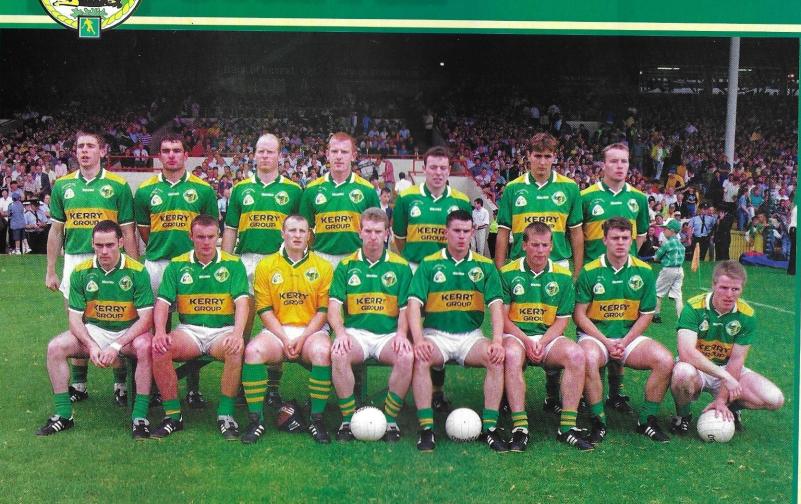






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#### The Kerry side that defeated Clare in the Munster Final.

Front row (I-r): Pa Laide, William Kirby, Declan O'Keeffe, Mike Hassett, William Burns, Dara Ó Cinnéide, Denis O'Dwyer, Eamon Breen. Back row (I-r): Dara Ó Sé, Barry O'Shea, Liam Flaherty, Liam Hassett, Seamus Moynihan, Maurice Fitzgerald, Brian Clarke.

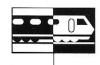
#### The Past Year

How Kerry Have Fared August 1996 -August 1997

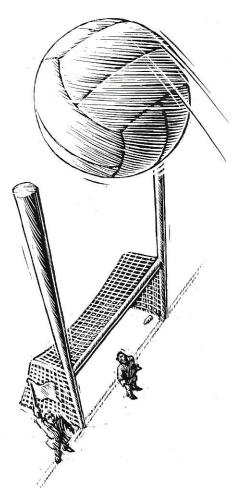
11th Au	gust - All-	Ireland Sem	i-Final
Mayo	2-13;	Kerry CGrath Cup	1-10
Kerry	1-10;	Cork I.F.L. Round	1-09
13th Oc	ctober - N	.F.L. Round	
Kildare	2-11;	Kerry I.F.L. Round	1-13
Kerry	1.12.	.F.L. Round	010
3rd Nov	ember . N	Derry IcGrath Cup	0-10
Kerry	5-17:	London	0-06
10th No	vember -	N.F.L. Rou	nd 3
Meath	0-10;	Kerry N.F.L. Rou	0-08
24th No	vember -	N.F.L. Rou	nd 4
Kerry	2-09;	Donegal	2-07
19th Jai	nuary - M	cGrath Cup	
Kerry	1-15;	Limerick F.L. Round	0-06
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	bruary - I	AcGrath Cu	
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2nd Mar	ch - N.F.L	Round 7	200
Kerry	0-09;	Cork	0-07
16th Mar	ch - McGrat	th Cup "Home	" Final
Clare	2-10;	Kerry	1-11
29th Ma	rch - Cha		
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Kerry	1-18;	<b>Quarter-Fina</b> Down	
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4th May	- N.F.L. F	inal	110
	3-07;	Cork	1-08
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	- Challen		
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	± ±0,	Clare	0-11

Played 21; Won 15; Lost 6.









## Cavan v Kerry

It's Semi-Final Day with Cavan and Kerry fighting it out for that coveted place in the final. Here's hoping for an exciting afternoon on the field but will it be the supporters of Cavan or Kerry who will be making the return trip on Final Day?

Whatever way it ends, it's full steam ahead for larnród Éireann and, as always it's time to take the train.



## Cavan's last penultimate outing

## ...1969

Offaly 0-12; Cavan 1-9.

avan opened the scoring in the second minute when Hugh Newman pointed a free, but for the remainder of the first quarter, Offaly, who appeared less affected by the treacherous under-foot conditions than their opponents, made the running to go 0-5 to 0-1 in front. Cavan gradually came into the game and a great goal by Hugh McInerney enabled them to turn over on level terms, 1-4 to 0-7.

Offaly went two points up within five minutes of the restart but, in what was an enthralling battle, Cavan came back to take the lead at the end of the third quarter only for Offaly to forge ahead with time running out. Justice was done, however, when Gene Cusack drove over a magnificent equaliser.

**Cavan scorers:** C.Gallagher 0-3, H.McInerney 1-0, G.Cusack 0-2, R.Carolan 0-1, S.Duggan 0-1, 0.Brady 0-1, H.Newman 0-1.

#### Replay - Offaly 3-8; Cavan 1-10.

Offaly took a lead they never subsequently lost when they had a point after four minutes and, though Cavan enjoyed as much of the play as Offaly, goals conceded in the 5th and 13th minutes left Cavan with a deficit they just couldn't eliminate however valiantly they tried. An interval score of 2-5 to 0-5 was grim enough, but when Offaly's third goal went in at the 34th minute, there was a veritable mountain to climb. Gene Cusack's goal coming up to the end of the third quarter revived Ulster hopes, but thereafter the points which fell to Gallagher, McInerney and Cusack were answered by Offaly who were content to contain the opposition rather than improve their own position.

Cavan scorers: G.Cusack 1-3, S.Duggan 0-3, H.McInerney 0-2, C.Gallagher 0-2.

Cavan - Paddy Lyons, Gabriel Kelly, Brendan Donoghue, Andy McCabe, Pat Tinnelly, Tom Lynch, Enda McGowan, Ray Carolan, Hugh Newman, Steve Duggan, J.J.O'Reilly, Ollie Brady, Gene Cusack, Charlie Gallagher (capt.), Hugh McInerney. Subs - Michael Grennan for Brady, John Dwyer for Grennan.



#### Cavan, Ulster Champions 1969

Front row (I-r): H. McInerney, S. Duggan, C. Gallagher (captain), G. Kelly, G. Cusack, P. Tinnelly, E. McGowan.

Back row (I-r): R. Carolan, D. Coyle, J.J. O'Reilly, P. Lyons, H. Newman, T. Lynch, B. Donohoe, A. McCabe.

#### **Perseverance**

ew counties can have displayed perseverance compared to that which Cavan showed in their attempts to record a first All-Ireland semi-final victory...their quest extending over 37 heart-breaking years. The Breffni men contested the first All-Ireland semifinal in 1891 when they lost to Dublin, and for almost four decades thereafter they experienced little but frustration as they repeatedly sought to get past the semi-final barrier. And what a barrier the 'semis' proved to be as they lost three-ina-row - 1903, '04 and '05, saw no further action at this stage until 1915 when they lost to Wexford, and then carried on sustaining defeats in 1918, '19 and '20 and yet another sad era which saw them lose four-in-a-row between 1923 and 1926.

The 1926 defeat at the hands of Kerry brought Cavan's toll of semi-final disappointments to twelve; but the tide turned at last and Cavan chalked up their first semi-final win in 1928 when they overcame Sligo at Breffni Park by 2-5 to 0-4. Incidentally, this was the first ever semi-final between the representatives of Connacht and Ulster and the team that recorded that historic triumph was - J.D.Morgan, George Malcolmson, Tom Campbell, Herbie Clegg, Harry Mulvanny, Patsy Lynch, Jack Clarke, Jim Smith (capt.), Hughie O'Reilly, Willie Higgins, Pakie Devlin, James Murphy, Andy Conlon, Willie Young, Sean Farrelly.

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# Kerry looking to end losing semi-finals run

lill it prove a case of third time lucky for Kerry? After winning the Sam Maguire Cup for the third year in succession in 1986, the Kingdom did not appear in an All-Ireland semi-final until 1991 when a side that included Maurice Fitzgerald, who scored 0-5, lost to Down.

Their next outing at this stage was last August and they lost that game to Mayo by six points.

Kerry return to the semi-final with a wealth of experience. Of the side that beat Clare in the Munster final last month all but Barry O'Shea, Liam Flaherty, William Kirby, Pa Laide, and Michael F. Russell, who went in as a substitute, appeared during the All-Ireland clash with Mayo.

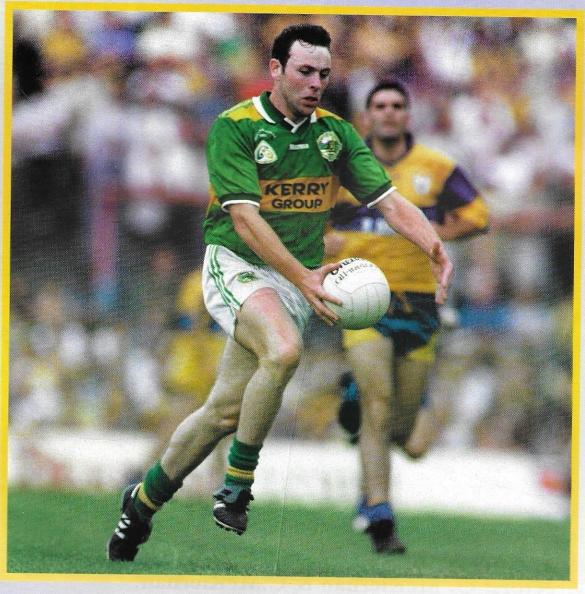
Kerry followed up their Church and General National League final win over Cork by seeing off Tipperary in their opening defence of the Munster championship. Maurice Fitzgerald did much to set the scene for the 2-12 to 1-10 win at Tralee by scoring seven points.

Kerry led Clare by 0-8 to 0-5 in the Bank of Ireland Munster final at Limerick before an attendance of 32,282. The second half had hardly begun when the Kingdom's right half forward, Pa Laide, stepped onto the scene with a classic goal to set the champions firmly on their way.

Laide gained possession from a Liam Flaherty high centre and cut through to send a powerpacked shot to the Clare net.

However, Clare refused to concede defeat. They battled on courageously and with plenty of skill and twenty five minutes into the second half were only two points adrift. But Kerry finished the stronger with unanswered points from Michael F. Russell, John Crowney and Laide to finish deserving winners by 1-13 to 0-11.

Seamus Moynihan and Barry O'Shea in defence, William Kirby at midfield, Laide, especially for his classic goal, and Maurice Fitzgerald were hard-workers for Kerry, who over-all look well armed for their bid to end their recent losing record in semi-finals.



### Goals On Demand

ne can only speculate as to the odds against either Cavan or **Kerry failing to** score a point in the opening half of today's semi-final; but there were such occasions in the past, notably in the 1932 Dublin-**Kerry semi-final** when both sides reached the halfway stage without a score to their credit.

**Equally remark**able, however, was the interval situation in the 1919 semi-final between **Kerry and Galway** as by that stage, although there were four scores on the board...all of them were goals with Galway leading by 3-0 to 1-0. Thereafter, the forwards 'raised their sights' somewhat and two white flags were raised by each side to present a full-time score of 4-2 to 2-2.

That was the only occasion in the history of the championship that more goals than points were recorded in an All-Ireland football semi-final.

**Seamus Moynihan** (Ciarraí).

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# An Gabhan



#### The Cavan side that defeated Derry in the Ulster Final.

Front row (I-r): Ciarán Brady, Gerry Sheridan, Larry Reilly, Stephen King (captain), Fintan Cahill, Philip Kermath, Raymond Cunningham. Back row (I-r): Peter Reilly, Dermot McCabe, Terry Farrelly, Ronan Carolan, Paul O'Dowd, Patrick Shiels, Damien O'Reilly, Bernard Morris.

### The Past Year

How Cavan Have Fared August 1996 -August 1997

		N.F.L. Roun				
Cavan	2-06;	Meath	1-09			
27th Oc	tober -	N.F.L. Roun	d 2			
Kildare	0-17;	Cavan	1-06			
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Donegal	0-10;	Cavan	0-06			
		N.F.L. Rou				
Cavan	0-14;	Derry	0-05			
2nd Feb	ruary -	N.F.L. Roun	d 5			
Cork	0-12;	Cavan N.F.L. Rou	0-09			
16th Feb	ruary -	N.F.L. Rou	nd 6			
Kerry	0-10;	Cavan F.L. Round 7	0-08			
2nd Mar	ch - N.F	L. Round 7				
Cavan	0-08;	Tyrone cKenna Cup	1-04			
Cavan	rcn - M	cKenna Cup	0.10			
Cavan	0-14;	Derry	0-12			
6th April - Div. 1 Relegation Play-Off						
Cavan			0.00			
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Tyrone	212	Cavan	1.00			
20th Apr	il - Cha	Hondo	1-08			
Longford			206			
18th May			2-06			
Meath			1-15			
8th June	- Cham	pionship	1-13			
		Fermanagh	1-12			
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		Fermanag	hO-11			
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			2-10			
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Played 17; Won 7; Drew 2; Lost 8.



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### Last Meeting ... 1964

Kerry 2-12; Cavan 0-6.

Cavan meetings, to say the least, and by the interval the writing was on the wall when Cavan, who had played with the advantage of the breeze, trailed by four points.

The Ulster champions had opened at a fast pace and were a point up after only ten seconds, but Kerry's reply was swift and emphatic - a goal by Tom Long after goalkeeper P.J.Gorman had parried the initial effort by Mick O'Dwyer. Cavan subsequently had chances in the first quarter but most of them were wasted, and Kerry, ever alert to the half-chance, paced themselves beautifully, answering every Cavan score with a similar effort.

At the interval it was 1-5 to 0-4 and when play resumed Kerry could afford to wide from a couple of likely situations before Pat Griffin, O'Dwyer and Long stretched the lead. Ray Carolan, J.J.O'Reilly and the accurate Charlie Gallagher tried manfully to keep Cavan afloat and their efforts caused Kerry some concern. However, the tide was flowing too strongly against them and it was the 45th minute before Gallagher had their first score of the half.

Meanwhile, Kerry were widening the gap, and it widened to impossible proportions when O'Dwyer's blistering shot was pushed out by the goalkeeper into the path of the inrushing Tony Barrett who just couldn't miss.

To their credit, Cavan, despite the hopelessness of their position, kept plugging away, but the game drifted to its inevitable conclusion with hundreds leaving the ground well before John Dowling sounded the final whistle.

Kerry scorers: T.Long 1-3, B.O'Callaghan 0-4, M.O'Dwyer 0-4, T.Barrett 1-0, P.Griffin 0-1.

Cavan: C.Gallagher 0-4, P.Pritchard 0-1, B.Morris 0-1.

Kerry: Johnny Culloty, Mick Morris, Niall Sheehy (capt.), Paid O'Donoghue, Denis O'Sullivan, Sean Murphy, Jerdie O'Connor, Mick O'Connell, Mick Fleming, Bernie O'Callaghan, Mick O'Dwyer, Pat Griffin, Dom O'Donnell, Tom Long, Tony Barrett.

Subs: Donie O'Sullivan for O'Connell, Dan McAuliffe for O'Donnell, Kevin Coffey for Murphy.

Cavan: P.J.Gorman, Gabriel Kelly, P.J.McCaffrey, Tony Morris, Jimmy Stafford, Tom Maguire, Frank Kennedy, Ray Carolan, Tom Lynch, J.J.O'Reilly, Jim O'Donnell, Peter Pritchard, Mattie Cahill, Charlie Gallagher, Jim McDonnell.

Subs: Hugh O'Donoghue for Lynch, Brian Morris

for Cahill, Tony Nulty for O'Reilly.

Last February's League Meeting





Kerry 0-10; Cavan 0-8.

erry and Cavan had different agendas when they entered this round six tie at O'Rahilly Park in Kingscourt last February. The 'Kingdom' were second in the table and looking good for a quarter-final spot while the Breffni men were firmly rooted to the bottom of the division and desperately needed the points to help in their relegation fight.

Kerry had the better of the opening moments and a couple of Maurice Fitzgerald points put them 0-2 to the good. Damien O'Reilly set up and converted Cavan's opening point and from there to half-time, the Ulster side were in the ascendancy. Ronan Carolan knocked over a couple of frees and Peter Reilly chipped in with a couple more from play, but Cavan's shooting was causing some concern and they left the field at the interval just two points ahead - 0-6 to 0-4.

Raymond Cunningham stretched the Cavan lead shortly after the restart but that proved to be the Ulster side's last score for 20 minutes. Kerry now began to control matters and James O'Shea, Denis O'Dwyer and John Crowley all registered minors for the 'Kingdom' in a 90-sec-

ond spell before they took the lead when Dara Ó Sé pointed. That score was followed by a dozen scoreless minutes as Cavan continued to waste scoring chances. Pa Laide increased the lead to two before Carolan's third free raised the prospects for a draw. However, O'Dwyer had the last say and his score sent the points southward. **Kerry scorers:** M.Fitzgerald 0-3, D.O'Dwyer 0-2, J.Crowley 0-2, P.Laide 0-1, J.O'Shea 0-1, D.Ó Sé 0-1.

Cavan: R.Carolan 0-3, P.Reilly 0-2, D.O'Reilly 0-1, R.Cunningham 0-1, J.Reilly 0-1.

**Kerry:** Peter O'Leary, Killian Burns, Barry O'Shea, Morgan O'Shea, Seamus Moynihan, Liam Flaherty, Eamonn Breen, William Kirby, Donal Daly, Denis O'Dwyer, John Crowley, Pa Laide, James O'Shea, Maurice Fitzgerald, Gene Farrell.

**Subs:** Eamonn Fitzmaurice for Burns, Dara Ó Sé for Kirby, Dara Ó Cinnéide for Farrell.

Cavan: Brendan McCormack, Philip Kermath, Ciaran Brady, Michael Reilly, Gerry Sheridan, Damien O'Reilly, Patrick Shiels, Stephen King, Philip Smith, Dermot McCabe, Anthony Forde, Raymond Cunningham, Jason Reilly, Ronan Carolan, Peter Reilly.

**Subs:** Adrian Lambe for J.Reilly, Aidan Connolly for Shiels.

#### Familiar Surroundings

hen Cavan and Kerry qualified for the 1947 All-Ireland final, it was said that as the game was being played in New York it was the ultimate neutral venue, no championship game having previously been played on American soil. **But interestingly,** for one of the 30 players, the New York Polo Grounds was not entirely a new scene of action as he had played there 15 years earlier. The man was Kerry's long-serving 'keeper Dan O'Keeffe who was a member of the Kerry team which, in the course of an American tour in 1932 had played a **New York team at** the Polo Grounds. Indeed, the game at that venue was the highlight of Kerry's tour of a number of American cities in the North-East.

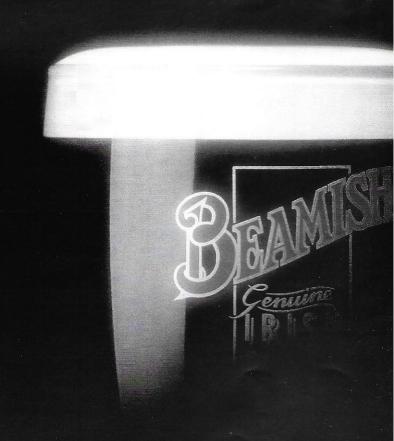
In the event, the distinguished Kerry custodian had happier memories of his first visit to the great baseball stadium, as on that occasion Kerry managed an 0-4 all draw before a huge attendance of exiles.

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### Jason Reilly goal helps Cavan to end a long titles famine

fter a somewhat uncertain start when they played a first round draw with Fermanagh, Cavan improved steadily as the season advanced and eventually ended years of disappointments and frustrations by beating Derry in the Bank of Ireland Ulster senior football championship final.

For many of their supporters in the attendance of 34,349 that was their first time to experience the joys of a Cavan win in the Blue Riband game in the province. And the return of the crown to Breffni after an absence of 28 years was clebrated in colourful fashion at the end of one of the best Ulster finals in years.

Cavan had many heroes against a Derry side that many fancied to go all the way to the All-Ireland crown. Jason Reilly only went into the game as a substitute after 51 minutes but played an outstanding part in ending the long titles famine.

#### **Derry Ahead**

Derry were a point ahead nine minutes from time when Reilly struck. Philip Smith, who also went in as a second half substitute, Peter Reilly and Damien Reilly combined in a move that put Jason Reilly in possession and his low and left-footed shot ended in the net.

Cavan were ahead by 1-14 to 0-15 and while Derry fought back courageously, Cavan held out to concede just a single point and finish as wellmerited champions.

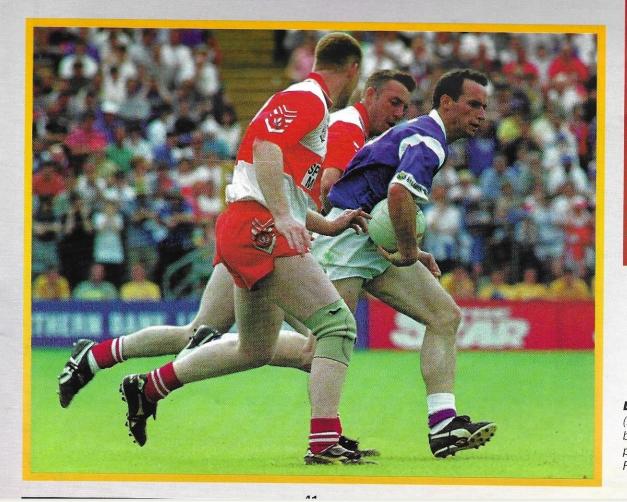
While Jason Reilly's magical goal will long be talked about in Breffni, others also did much in fashioning the success story.

Gerry Sheridan, who was named at right half back but moved into the corner at the start of the game, was a bright jewel in the Cayan crown.

#### Inspirational

Dermot McCabe gave one of the best individual performances of the year with his inspirational play at midfield and Ronan Carolan and 19-year-old Larry Reilly were other giants for Cavan.

The Breffni County will be giving away much in experience to Kerry, but that was also true in the Ulster final. That win is bound to have given their morale a tremendous boost and with the backing of what will be a tremendous following, Cavan, who are sound in all departments, can be depended on to make a tremendous effort to end another famine. Not since 1952 has the county qualified for an All-Ireland final.



### Distinguished Setting

avan waited a long time to record their first championship victory at Croke Park. Indeed, for a long time after they had gone down to Kildare at Jones's Road in the 1903 semi-final, it seemed that headquarters was a bogey ground for the Breffni men as they lost the 1905, 1915, 1923, 1924,1926 semifinals, the 1928 final and the 1932 semi-final on the famed sod.

But when they eventually experienced their first victory in the capital it was on the occasion of their first All-Ireland win in 1933. A first win could hardly have had a more distinguished setting.

**Damien O'Reilly** (An Cabhán) dashes between two Derry players in the Ulster Final.

### The Polo Grounds Epic

rom the perspective of 50 years ago it seems incredible that a championship final should have had such a setting. The notion that a country's major sporting event could be 'exported' and still retain its status and appeal is baffling if not mind-boggling; but the playing of the 1947 All-Ireland was in most respects a huge success. And if there has never been any demand that the 'experiment' be repeated, that fact takes nothing from an event that was magnificent in its vision, its ambition and its execution.

When the idea of playing the 1947 All-Ireland final in New York was first mooted, it was treated with a mixture of bewilderment, amusement and, in places, downright derision, but Canon Hamilton of Clare, who conceived the notion of the G.A.A. staging one of its major events in America as a centenary commemoration of 'Black 47', was not easily deterred by the initial scepticism and by the time the 1947 Congress took place he had marshalled sufficient support to have his motion carried.

Immediately the championship scene was galvanised as 32 hopefuls set-out on what they hoped was the road to New York. Few today can appreciate what an attraction a trip to America was in the 1940s, and indeed, in the course of the championship campaign, the view was expressed in many quarters that the trip would become an end in itself to the detriment of the final as a competitive occasion. These fears were unfounded; the game between Cavan and Kerry was one of the best finals of the forties with both sides overcoming the handicap of the searing heat, the baseball mound in the middle

of the pitch, and not least, the confines of a pitch that measured only 137 yards by 81.

"The Irish Press" columnist, a P.Quinlan, noted "This amazing game had in it the combined thrills of a dozen finals, with its wonder Kerry start, Cavan's grand, glorious fighting comeback and again Kerry's last minute effort to pull the game out of the fire. A pitiless burning, broiling sun made the Polo Grounds a melting pot, and before the start of the game the iron-hard sod had to be specially treated".

Later it would be claimed in some quarters that the staging of the final so far removed from all that makes an All-Ireland such a special event was a mistake, but time, the ultimate arbiter in such matters, has bestowed on the 1947 All-Ireland final a status, and even grandeur, that is enhanced.

#### **Electric**

The opening was electric as "Gega" O'Connor's first-minute point from a free was immediately followed by the first goal when Batt Garvey's bullet-like drive gave Val Gannon no chance between the Cavan posts. When the Ulster champions advanced a free enabled Peter Donoghue to open their account, but when Kerry took it up again Eddie Dowling raced past at least four Cavan defenders to blast home the second goal. O'Connor added a point at the 12th minute to leave it 2-2 to 0-1, and after an exchange of white flags between Colm McDyer and Teddy O'Connor, Paddy Kennedy's neat efforts left eight points between the sides - and



The throw-in to start the historic 1947 final featuring Kerry's Dan Kavanagh and Cavan's Gunner Brady at the front of the lineouts. On right is referee Martin O'Neill (Loch Garman).

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the possibility of a one-sided contest all too likely.

Cavan, however, clawed their way back as Donoghue pointed three frees with painstaking care and then as half-time loomed, goals by Joe Stafford and Mick Higgins put Cavan in front for the first time (2-5 to 2-4), a position that was unchanged at the break.

Within a minute of the restart "Gega" O'Connor had the sides level, but Cavan soon forged ahead with two points from Donoghue. "Gega" kept Kerry in touch but Donoghue slotted over the response almost from the kick-out. The full-forward then had what proved to be Kerry's last score but Cavan, full of running, produced the winning effort which brought points by Donoghue and Higgins for a four-point lead.

Kerry died game; the Cavan defence was subjected to a fierce pounding in the closing minutes, but the nearest they came to a score was when Tim Brogan took the paint off the upright with a terrific drive from close range. It was a fitting finale to an historic encounter.

Full-Time: Cavan 2-11; Kerry 2-7.

Cavan scorers: P.Donoghue 0-8, M.Higgins 1-2,

J.Stafford 1-0, C.McDyer 0-1.

Kerry: G.O'Connor 0-5, B.Garvey 1-0, E.Dowling 1-

O, T.O'Connor O-1, P.Kennedy O-1.

Cavan: Val Gannon, Bill Doonan, Brian O'Reilly, Paddy Smith, John Wilson, J.J.O'Reilly (capt.),

Simon Deignan, P.J.Duke, Phil Brady, Tony Tighe, Mick Higgins, Colm McDyer, Joe Stafford, Peter Donoghue, T.P.O'Reilly.

Kerry: Dan O'Keeffe, Dinny Lyne (capt.), Joe Keohane, Paddy Bawn Brosnan, Jackie Lyne, Bill Casey, Eddie Walsh, Eddie Dowling, Teddy O'Connor, Tim O'Sullivan, Dan Kavanagh, Batt Garvey, Frank O'Keeffe, Tom "Gega" O'Connor, Paddy Kennedy.

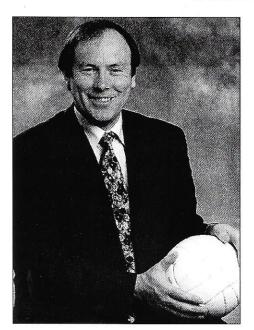
Subs: Buddy O'Donnell for Dowling, Tim Brosnan for Walsh, Gerard Teehan for Kennedy.

Referee: Martin O'Neill (Wexford).

Figures of the Game					
First Half					
Cavan	Frees 9	<b>50s</b> ()	Wides 6	Goals 2	Points 5
Kerry	5	0	4	2	4
Second Half					
Cavan	9	2	6	0	6
Kerry	10	0	5	0	3
Total					
Cavan	18	2	12	2	11
Kerry	15	0	9	2	7

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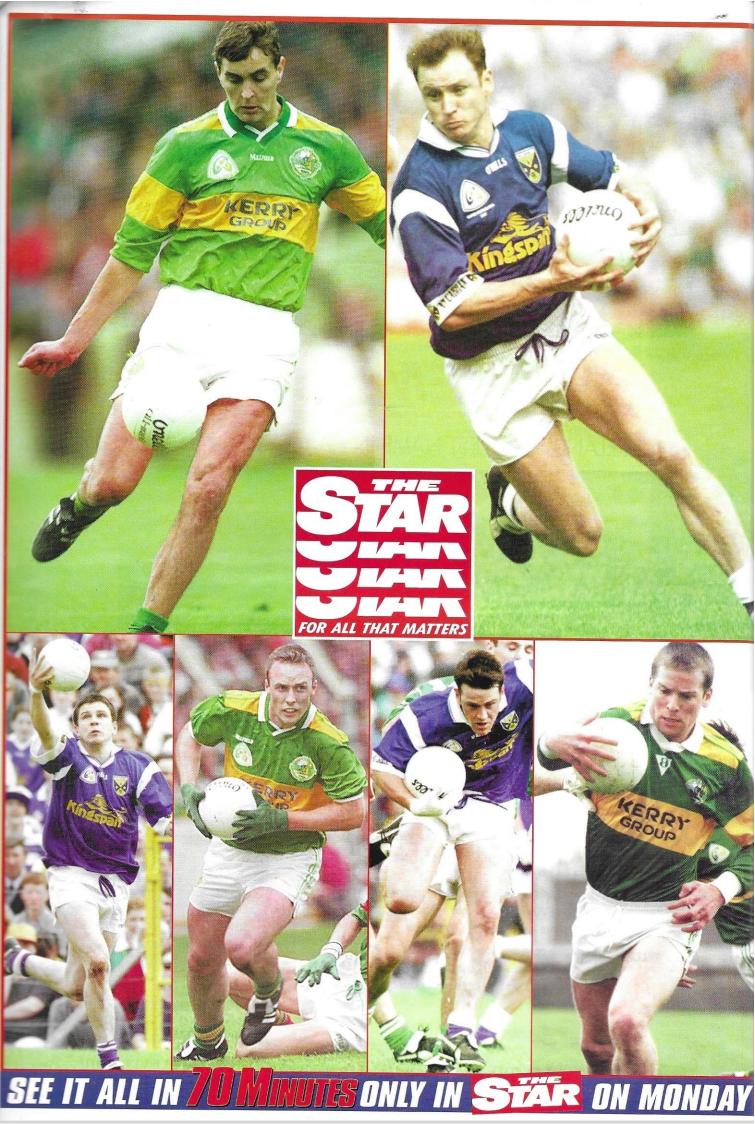
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### Kerry's Most Recent Semi-Final Appearance

1996: Mayo 2-13; Kerry 1-10.

modest attendance of 33,165 turned up at headquarters to see if Mayo could upset the form guide and oust warm favourites Kerry. They started about that task in the right way when Maurice Sheridan opened the scoring after two minutes. John Casey put the Westerners two ahead before a hatrick of minors from Maurice Fitzgerald gave the Munster champions the lead. The sides swapped goals in the space of sixty seconds just after the half-hour when James Nallen's major was immediately countered by a similar score from Sean Burke. However, Mayo fired home three more points before the break and were deserving leaders by 1-8 to 1-4 when the half-time whistle sounded.

A couple of Fitzgerald points tightened matters up considerably within five minutes of the restart and by the half-way point there was still just two points between the sides. Kerry continued to cling on but they never looked capable of overhauling Mayo. The Kingdom's last score came courtesy of a

Dara Ó Cinnéide point with just over five minutes remaining to bring them within two points of Mayo, but the Westerners finished strongly and a Sheridan point and a James Horan goal saw them safely through to their first final in nine years.

Mayo scorers: M.Sheridan 0-6, J.Casey 0-4, J.Horan 1-1, J.Nallen 1-0, D.Nestor 0-1, N.Connelly 0-1.

**Kerry:** M.Fitzgerald 0-8, S.Burke 1-0, E.Breen 0-1, D.O'Cinneide 0-1.

Mayo: John Madden, Kenneth Mortimer, Kevin Cahill, Dermot Flanagan, Pat Holmes, James Nallen, Noel Connelly, Liam McHale, Pat Fallon, James Horan, Colm McMenamon, Maurice Sheridan, David Nestor, John Casey, Raymond Dempsey.

**Subs:** Kevin O'Neill for Horan, Anthony Finnerty for Nestor.

**Kerry:** Declan O'Keeffe, Stephen Stack, Mike Hassett, Charles McCarthy, Killian Burns, Sean Burke, Eamon Breen, Dara O'Se, Seamus Moynihan, John Crowley, Maurice Fitzgerald, Billy Ó Sé, Gene Farrell, Liam Hassett, Dara Ó Cinnéide.

**Subs:** Johnny O'Driscoll for McCarthy, Brian Clarke for Hassett, Denis Dwyer for Crowley.

### FAR APART

Kerry enjoys the dubious distinction of being the only county to have lost two All-Ireland finals on the same day but at venues three thousand miles apart. This was in 1947 when a few hours after they had lost the All-Ireland junior football "Home" final to Meath at Croke Park, they went down to Cavan in the historic Polo **Grounds senior final** to Cavan.

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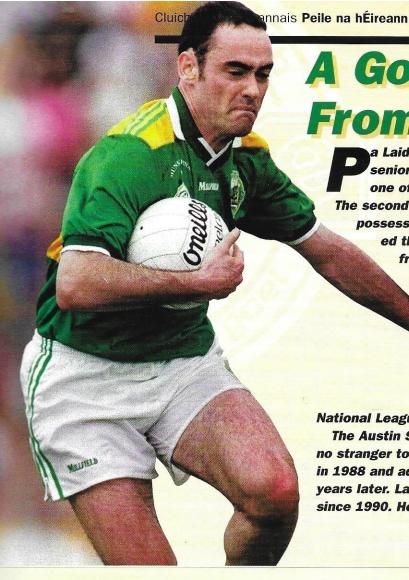
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A Golden Goal From Pa Laide

a Laide highlighted Kerry's Bank of Ireland Munster senior football championship final win over Clare with one of the best goals of the season so far.

The second half was only four minutes old when Laide won possession from a high centre from Liam Flaherty, eluded the Clare cover and sent an unstoppable shot from 25 yards for the only goal of the game.

A brilliantly executed goal and one that gave Kerry a 1-8 to 0-5 lead and really set

them up for their successful defence of the Munster title.

Laide is having a successful season. Before winning his first provincial senior medal he helped the Kingdom to their first

National League title in thirteen years.

The Austin Stacks clubman, who will be 26 in December, is no stranger to All-Ireland glory. He won a national minor medal in 1988 and added an under-21 souvenir to his collection three years later. Laide has been an inter-county senior footballer since 1990. He has won a county senior championship medal.

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onan Carolan equalled a personal scoring best for a senior football championship game when he made an outstanding contribution to Cavan's Ulster semi-final win over Donegal by recording a splendid 1-7 at Clones.

He hit 0-10 in 1988 at Clones but that impressive return was not enough to prevent Monaghan from recording their first championship win over Cavan in 58 years.

Carolan scored 0-10 yet again against Monaghan at Castleblayney in a 1993 game that ended all square.

Carolan scored six points in the Ulster final to bring his record to 1-111 (114 points) in 22 games. The only game in which he failed to score was in the first round draw with Fermanagh in June. He only went into that game as a substitute.

Carolan is one of Cavan's longer-serving players at 29. An Ulster under-21 medal winner in 1988, he has been a consistent marksman with the county and holds a Dr. McKenna Cup medal as well as two intermediate county championship medals. Ronan has also worn the Ulster jersey and played in the team that won the interprovincial title in 1992.

He is maintaining a proud family tradition as his father, Pat, was in Cavan's last All-Ireland senior title winning team of 1952. That side also included his late uncle, Edwin.



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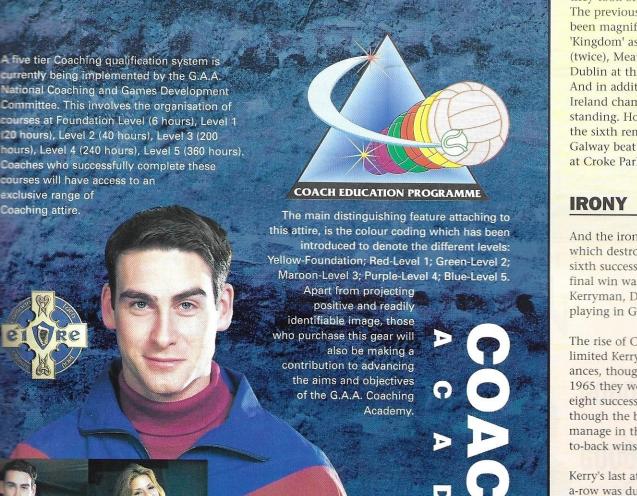
### The Sixth Bogey

ttempting an extended run of AllIreland semi-final successes has not been a Kerry priority in recent years Cork and Clare have seen to that. But there was a time when the Kingdom repeatedly strung together semi-final victories in a manner that the rest of Gaeldom could only admire. But Kerry did have a problem with All-Ireland semi-finals in that even in their greatest era's they were unable to extend a run of semi-final success beyond five successive wins - the sixth always proving a bit of a bogey.

Kerry's first experience of the 'six bogey' was in the 1920s. Having won the semi-finals of 1923, '24, '25, '26 and '27, it seemed that Kerry had only to turn up to make it six-in-a-row. They opened their 1928 campaign with an eight-point win over Clare at Kilrush, but they didn't even get out of Munster as the 'formality' of beating Tipperary at Tipperary town turned into a nightmare when, despite attacking for almost the entire second half, they went down by a point (2-3 to 1-7).

Cavan stopped them making it five-in-a-row in 1933, but Kerry were back seeking a sixth semi-

final win in as many years when they took on Galway in 1942. The previous five seasons had been magnificent years for the 'Kingdom' as they beat Laois (twice), Meath, Cavan and Dublin at the semi-final stage. And in addition they were All-Ireland champions of three years standing. However, on the day, the sixth remained untaken as Galway beat them by 1-3 to 0-3 at Croke Park.



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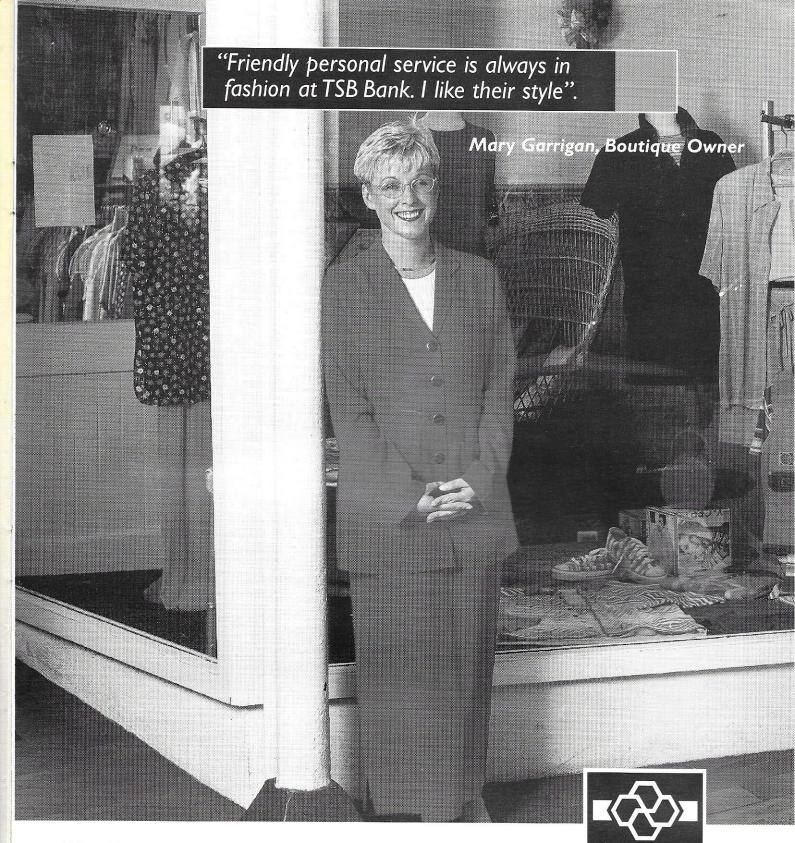
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And the irony was that the goal which destroyed the dream of a sixth successive All-Ireland semifinal win was scored by a Kerryman, Dan Kavanagh, then playing in Galway.

The rise of Cork in the forties limited Kerry's semi-final appearances, though between 1958 and 1965 they were involved in eight successive semi-finals though the best they could manage in that period was back-to-back wins in 1959-60.

Kerry's last attempt at the six-ina-row was during Mick O'Dwyer's reign as manager, and while Offaly shattered the five-in-a-row title dream in 1982, the 'Kingdom' was still on course for the elusive six semi-final victories when the 1983 campaign got underway. But, shades of 1928, Kerry again failed to get out of Munster. The win which put them in the Munster final was a 20-point demolition of Tipperary, but Tadghe Murphy's late-late blockbuster at Páirc Uí Chaoimh shattered the chance of the six-in-a-row semi-finals as effectively as had Seamus Darby's effort the five-in-a-row All-Irelands 12 months previously.



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2. Where was last year's All-Ireland under-21

footb<mark>all final b</mark>etween Kerry a<mark>nd Cavan</mark>

3. Kerry won that game. Did they line out as

4. Cavan manager Martin McHugh won an

All-Ireland under-21 footb<mark>all med</mark>al with his native Donegal in 1982. True or false?

5. Name the last Ulster man elected President

6. Mark O' Reilly, of Meath, won a Sigerson Cup

football medal with Tralee RTC earlier this

Can you identify these county crests?

played?

of the G.A.A.

year. True or false?







### Odd Man Out

Who is the odd man out in this group of players and why?

- A. David O'Neill (Derry),
- B. David Keane (Clare).
- C. Dermot Flanagan (Mayo),
- D. Anthony Rainbow (Kildare).
- E. Paddy Christie (Dublin).



Give the Irish names for these counties:

Donegal; Leitrim; Waterford; Westmeath; Down; Wicklow.



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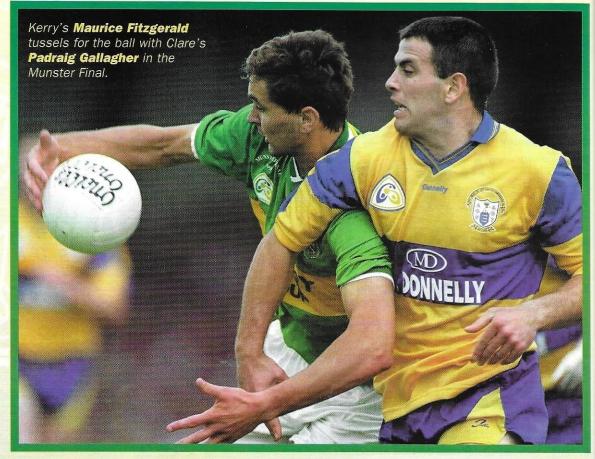


#### A Glorious Decade

ot many will remember the era but the thirties were arguably the most glorious decade in the history of Kerry and Cavan football. Apart from the fact that it was in the thirties that Kerry completed their first four-in-a-row of All-Ireland wins (1932), and that Cavan won their first All-Ireland title (1933), it was also a decade of remarkable involvement at the All-Ireland semi-final stage by both counties. Kerry, of course, were semifinal winners in the opening year of the decade and for the remaining nine years (with the exception of 1935 when they stood down), they reached the last four every year. The record from the nine 'semis' was seven wins and two defeats. Cavan's run began in 1931 when they lost to Kildare by two points at Breffni Park, and they were again on the losing end of a two-point verdict the following year when Mayo were the victors.

The great semi-final win over Kerry at Breffni Park in '33 was the first of Cavan's four wins at this stage in the decade which saw them contest, in all, eight semi-finals. They missed out in 1930 and 1938 when Monaghan represented the province.

Cavan bettered that achievement in the 1940s when they contested nine semifinals, winning five and losing four. The nearest Kerry have come to their thirties feat was in the 1960s when they contested eight 'semis', six of which they won.



### A Rare Double

espite the many fine achievements of Derry, Donegal, Down and Tyrone at all levels in recent years, Cavan can still claim the distinction of being the only Ulster county to have won All-Ireland senior and minor semi-finals in the one year. In fact, Cavan was the first county from the North to actually contest both 'semis' which was in 1937 when they became the first county to win the Ulster double. They carried on the good work in the All-Ireland semi-finals at Mullingar where the seniors beat the All-Ireland champions, Mayo by 2-5 to 1-7 and the minors completed the double by overcoming a strong Galway team by 3-11 to 2-9.

The Breffni county repeated that achievement in 1952 when the seniors pipped Cork by 0-10 to 2-3 in the semi-final at Croke Park on August 17, with the minors completing the double at Longford a week later as Westmeath were overcome on a 3-6 to 1-10 scoreline.

Since then a number of Ulster counties have sought to emulate the Breffni county's feat, but without success. Down contested both semi-finals in 1960, winning the senior at Offaly's expense but losing the minor to Cork. In 1963 the Mourne men tried again, with an even poorer outcome as they lost the senior to Dublin and the minor to Westmeath. The third attempt (1966) saw Down win the minor game from Laois on a replay but lost the senior to Meath.

Derry was the third Ulster county to bid for this particular double, but experienced bad luck on both counts - losing to Kerry in senior and minor. Tyrone were the last Ulster county to challenge for the honour only to lose the senior semifinal to Cork after the minors had overcome the same opposition in 1973. And seeing that Ulster's bid today is a two county affair it will be at least another twelve months before Cavan's record is again under threat.

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- It provides a shopwindow for the work of Cumann na mBunscol and I.N.T.O. members in promoting our national games in our national schools.
- Approximately 10,000 children from all 32 counties participate in the local, regional and national levels of the scheme.
- The 240 lucky boys and girls who will participate during this year's All-Ireland semi-finals and final were selected by independent judges at 14 regional festivals throughout the country.
- To fittingly commemorate last year's 10th birthday. Wexford's Rory McCarthy became the first Mini-Sevens graduate to win a senior All-Ireland medal. Meath's Darren Fay, Barry Callaghan, Paddy Reynolds and Ollie Murphy added their names to the Mini-Sevens roll of honour when they won All-Ireland football medals.

#### **Owen O'Connell**



Practically every primary school in Kerry participates in the highly-efficient graded leagues, for boys and girls, run by Cumann na mBunscol Chiarraí. Twelve-year-old Owen O'Connell was a member of the Tarbert N.S. team that won the competition for 6/8 teacher schools in 1997 and, having also won the G.A.A./i.N.T.O.

Mini-Sevens competition, he was selected for today's exhibition after a fine display at the regional festival in Cork. Owen also had the distinction of captaining Tarbert club to U-12 county league success in 1995.

This talented youngster is also a gold and silver sprint medal-winner in the Community Games and next weekend will pay his fifth visit to the national finals in Mosney when he competes in the long-jump and relay events.

Owen is confident of a kingdom double today and fancies the seniors to win the All-Ireland "simply because they are better than any of the remaining teams". Pa Laide is his personal favourite because of his brilliant score-taking and fielding ability. His father, Thomas, is a former Listowel Emmett's midfielder and is a selector with the Tarbert U-14 team. Mother Mary, sister Emma (15) and brother Garreth (7) will be cheering on their favourite player at half-time in today's senior encounter.

#### **Michael Cooke**



Pupils and teachers from St. Felim's N.S. in Cavan will be proud today of Michael Cooke - their representative in the Mini-Sevens. This talented midfielder has already represented his county in a friendly encounter with Cumann na mBunscol, Gaillimh earlier this year in Kingscourt. He is a member of the Cavan

Gael's club that supplies several fine players for today's Breffni challenge. Michael has won an U-14 Féile na nÓg title with the club.

Not surprisingly, he fancies Cavan to triumph today "because they are fitter". His brothers Liam (7) and Edward (26) and sisters Lucinda (19) and Sabrina (26) as well as her parents Liam and Margaret will be cheering him on today.

Swimming, cycling and snooker also occupy the leisure time of this all-round sportsman who hopes to become a mechanic when he leaves school. He described his selection for participation today as "the greatest thing that has happened to me".

#### **Aoife Kelly**



The Tyrone minor team will have an avid supporter today as Aoife Kelly from Fintona is present to participate in the Mini-Sevens. She is confident of a northern victory to mark her very first visit to G.A.A. headquarters. She was selected for today's game at the regional festival in Teemore, Co. Fermanagh and repre-

sents St. Lawrences P.S.. She also plays for Fintona ladies club. Like her brother Mark (12) she is a goalkeeper. Peter Canavan is her sporting hero and she also finds time to rollerblade and cycle. Sisters Derbhla (9), Estelle (5) and Shannon (3) will be watching for a glimpse of her on T.V. today while her teacher Mr. Dessie Campbell will be a guest at today's games.

#### **Helen Quinn**



Today will be Helen's second Croke Park appearance as she represented Cooraclare N.S. in a half-time mini-game during last year's All-Ireland ladies' final. She is "extremely excited" about playing again on the pitch where her heroes Martin Daly and Jamsie O'Connor have performed heroics for the Banner county.

Cooraclare N.S., under the guildance of Mr. Gerard Kelly and Mr. Des Monaghan, has had a remarkable run of success for the past three years.

In 1995 they won the Community Games U-14 title. In 1996 success came in the Cumann na mBunscol Div. C competition while 1997 saw the capture of the prestigious Div. A title. Helen is also involved in soccer, swimming and badminton and her favourite position on the football pitch is at corner-forward. Her ambitions are to play with Clare Ladies team and to work with computers when she leaves school. Her brother Declan (9) and sister Carmel (14) will wish her well as she marches proudly behind the Artane Band today.





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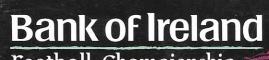


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