

Cluiche Ceannas Peil Uladh



MINOR

AONTROIM V. AN CABHAN

2.00 i.n. Réiteoir : Gerry Lynch (Fear Manach)

Fir Line: Colm Broderick (An Dún) Michael Convery (Doire)

SENIOR (70 minutes)

AN CABHAN V. DÚN NA nGALL

3.30 i.n. Réiteoir : Jim Curran (Tir Eoghain)

Fir Line: Brendan Gorman (Armagh)
Michael Cranny (An Dún)

in St. Tighearnach's Park, Clones 22ú Meitheamh 1997

Buiochas

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SENIOR

Jim Curran

(Tir Eoghain)

Jim Curran the 41 year old O'Donavan Rossa clubman from Ardboe, is refereeing his third match of the Senior Championship in 1997. He took charge of the Quarter Final game between Cavan and Fermanagh and the consequent replay here at Clones last week-end.



MINOR

Gerry Lynch

(Fear Manach)

Garage Proprietor, Club Roslea Shamrocks, Senior County Championship medals 3, Senior League 6. Gerry played Senior football for his club for 26 years. He represented Fermanagh at Minor, Under 21 and Senior level, winning Ulster Minor League, 2 Ulster Under 21 Championship and one Dr. McKenna Cup. He has been active as a referee for the past nine seasons and refereed his first Senior County final in 1995. Since coming into the Inter County panel he has referee in the Minor League and the Under 21 Championship, and this is his second year refereeing in the Minor Championship.





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A Game To Savour?

by Michael McGeary (Sunday Life)

it said that Cavan are the ing without ever scoring great enigmas of Ulster the goals they so badly football?

Decade after decade they Now they come face to way.

But time moves on and it's stage. almost 30 years since Donegal still have fresh glory.

Twenty eight years to be now P.J. McGowan has the precise, but now with task of rekindling the manager Martin McHugh glory, glory days. in his third year at the Both sides are blessed managerial helm hope with some outstanding springs eternal.

Breffni men made it might just have a game to through to an Ulster savour and drool over in decider only to lose to the weeks and months Tyrone after giving their ahead.

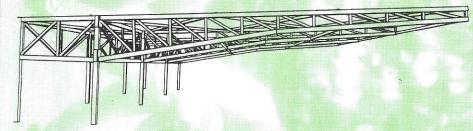
How often have you heard defence a first half roastneeded.

dominated football like no face with a Donegal side county before or since determined to make up winning five All Ireland for last season when they Senior Titles along the crashed out to Down in the preliminary round

Cavan fans last had the memories of Ulster and opportunity of celebrating All-Ireland success as Ulster Championship recently as 1992, but like Cavan times change and

attacking talent and given Two seasons ago the the right conditions we

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Another Close Encounter

by Adrian Logan (UTV)

Well, it may be the game that Martin McHugh doesn't want but it's the game that everyone else does. Donegal against Cavan provides an attractive semi final pairing here at Clones today and its a game between two footballing teams which should provide us with plenty of five star entertainment.

Cavan are on the march again under the 'Wee Man' but they had to fight to the bitter end to put away a superb Fermanagh side. On another day Pat King's side could have moved into the next round but that edge in experience for Cavan shone through in the end.

Cavan will know that they will have to improve one hundred per cent against a Donegal side who also need to step up a grade after an indifferent performance against Antrim in the first round.

Donegal come into today's game with very little hype behind them and that suits team boss P.J. McGowan just fine. While all the talk has been about the replays and the performances of Derry and Tyrone, Donegal have been quietly plotting their way back to an Ulster decider.

Martin McHugh reckons that no matter who wins today he will win but behind that statement is a determined young football manager who dearly wants to see Cavan back in Clones in July and a young manager who now believes that this is the time for his team to deliver on the big stage.

There's been a lot of talk this season about the so called poor quality of the Ulster Championship and in some instances that is fair enough but it masks some other excellent passages of play.

Some of the goals this season have been outstanding, in particular Raymond Gallagher's effort in the first game against Cavan, Brolly's belter against Monaghan, Duffy's opener against Derry and McGleenan's finish against Down. Allied to that has there been a better mid field performance that that of Jarlath Burns in any Province this season?

Ross Carr recently wrote that the death of Ulster Football had been greatly exaggerated and I for one tend to go along with him. The measure of the provincial footballers will only be measured in the All Ireland series and I believe the champions from the province will be enough for any team in the land.

The champions too could come from either of these two sides today. No one would bet against either in a match that is very close to call. Derry, Tyrone and all the rest will keep a keen eye on Clones this afternoon.

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STEPHEN KING (Cavan)

By Michael McGeary (Sunday Life)

When Cavan midfielder Stephen King finally packs in the sport he's entitled to a medal for service over and above the call of duty.

Big Stephen has been the driving force of Cavan teams for longer than he cares to remember. Now in his 18th championship season with the county few players have given such loyal and unstinting service with so little material reward.

It's difficult to imagine a Cavan side without him, but he agrees that day is just around the corner as Father Time is fast catching up.

Obviously he would love to bow out on a high note, but he steers clear of making any rash predictions that might come back to haunt him in the weeks and months ahead.

He will be 35 in August, but despite the odd injury continues to defy the passing years and victory this afternoon would set him up nicely for one last throw of the Ulster championship dice.

DECLAN BONNER (Donegal)

Declan Bonner's return to Donegal's championship team is one of the most heartwarming stories of the year.

Bonner, one of the 1992 All-Ireland winning heroes, has always been a huge favourite with Donegal followers, but 14 months ago he suffered an horrific kidney injury against Wicklow in a league quarter final game in Croke Park. Against his better judgement he defied the pain barrier and played on, but on the way back home to Donegal he was rushed to Cavan Hospital before being moved on to Dublin's St. Vincent's Hospital.

He was detained there for the best part of four weeks before being allowed home to recuperate. A lesser man would there and then have opted for a quieter life and turned his back on the sport for good.

But not Declan Bonner. By last January he felt well enough to resume his footballing career and happily there were no complications.

Already with one championship game under his belt he can scarcely wait to make it two against Cavan.



INTRODUCTION

Cavan GAA County Board are presently engaged in a fundamental upgrading of facilities at Breffni Park, Cavan. Included in this proposal is the extension of the main stand and provision of a 6,000 seater all modern facility complete with new press box, dugouts etc. It is also proposed to create tiered standing room on each of the remaining three sides of the grounds. Finally, the playing pitch is getting the "Prunty"

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When Donegai Ruled the Under-21 Fooball Roost

Donegal's success at All-Ireland level in 1992 was built on the tremendous success they had at Under-21 level. In fact the north-western county ruled the roost in this grade during the 'sixties and again during the 'eighties, when the nucleus of recent teams was welded together. Their first success was in 1963 when Ulster inaugurated this competition. In the Final they defeated Cavan 3-6 to 1-3, and retained the title the following year, beating Monaghan in the Final, 2-14 to 0-4, but lost to Laois in the All-Ireland semi-final. They were again tops in Ulster in 1966 when they again defeated Monaghan in the Final, 1-11 to 1-4.

Then came the glorious 'eighties, and after losing the 1981 Final to Monaghan, they captured the Ulster title the following year, 1982, beating Derry 0-8 to 0-6 in the Final. They then beat Laois 0-5 to 0-4 in the All-Ireland semi-final, and took the title with a 0-8 to 0-5 Final victory over Roscommon with this team:- M. Kelly, M. McBrearty, S. Bonner, N. Gallagher, E. McIntyre, T. McDermott, B. Touhy, A. Molloy, D. Reid, M. McHugh, C. Mulgrew, J. McMullen, S. Meehan, P. Carr, P. McGroarty. Subs used:- P. Gallagher and S. Maguire.

They went all the way again in 1987 to take their second All-Ireland title in this grade, beating Kerry 1-12 to 2-4 in a replayed Final with this team:- D. Gallagher, J.J. Doherty, J. Connors, T. Maguire, P. Carr, J. Cunningham, D. Keon, B. Cunningham, J. Gallagher, P. Hegarty, T. Ryan, B. Mcgowan, D. Ward, M. Boyle, L. Gavigan. Sub: S. Ward.

The Thirties Belonged to Cavan

The nineteen-thirties were totally dominated by Cavan teams in Ulster. With the exception of 1930 and 1938 they captured the Senior Football Championship every other year in that decade and went on to win All-Ireland Senior titles in both 1933 and 1935. But success was not confined to Cavan senior teams during that ten year period. Their minors also did Cavan and Ulster proud by winning two All-Ireland titles in that same decade – 1937 and 1938.

In the 1937 All-Ireland Final they defeated Wexford by 1-11 to 1-5 with this team: J.D. Benson, W. Doonan, B. Cully, P.P. Calligan, M. Reilly, P. Coyle, S. Deignan, J. Maguire, S. McCormack, K. O'Reilly, P. Conaty, M. Fitzsimons, F. Coyle, J. Johnson and P. Doyle.

It was remarkable the number of later great senior players that came from these two minor sides – players that would win All-Ireland medals at senior level. To mention just half a dozen – Barney Cully, T.P. O'Reilly, J.D. Benson, Billy Doonan, Simon Deighnan and P.P. Galligan.

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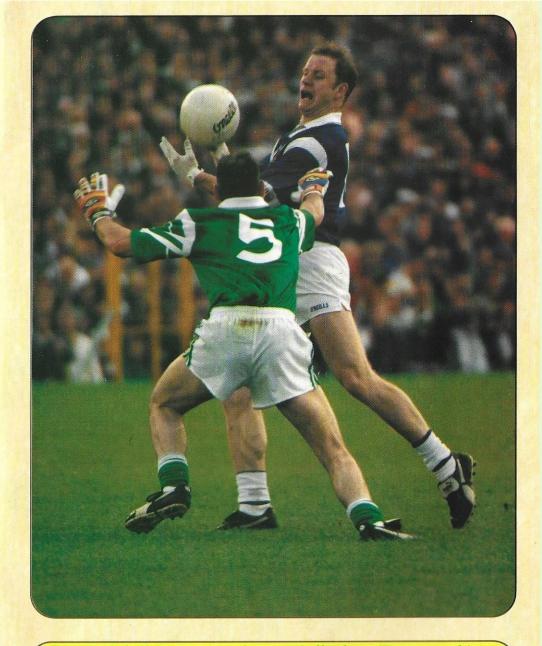
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Fintan Cahill (Cavan) and Tony Callaghan (Fermanagh) in a tussle for possession in the first round game at Clones



Fir Ionaid

(16) Brendan McCormac Kingscourt

(17) Philip Smith Crosserlough

(18) Anthony Forde Shannon Gaels

(19) Adrian Lambe Bailleboro

(20) Jason Reilly Belturbet

(21) Paul Brady Laragh Utd.

(22) Michael Reilly Knockbride

(23) Brian Donohoe Ballymachugh

(24) Paul Murphy Belturbet

AN CABHÁN 7-16

Dathanna: Gorm agus Bán

1

P. O Duda Paul O'Dowd Bailieboro

3

2

C. Mac Brádaigh Ciaran Brady Gowna

5

G. Ó Síoradán Gerry Sheridan Bailieboro

8

S. Mac an Rí

Stephen King - Capt.

Killeshandra

T. Ó Fearchallaigh

Terry Farreily

Cuchullains

6 B. Ó Múirín Bernard Morris

Gowna

Ó Rag

D. Ó Raghallaigh

Damien O'Reilly

Gowna

7

P. Ó Síaíl Patrick Sheils Laragh Utd.

9

D. Mac Cába Dermot McCabe Gowna

10

F. Ó Catháil Fintan Cahill Cuchullains

13

P. Ó Raghallaigh Peter Reilly Knockbride 11

L. Ó Raghallaigh Larry Reilly Knockbride

14

R. Ó Cearáilláin Ronan Caroian Cuchullaina 12

R. Mac Cuinneagán Raymond Cunningham Kilmainhamwood

15

M. Ó Greacháin Michael Graham Cavan Gaels

DÚN na nGALL

Dathanna: Glas agus Ór

1

P. Ceallacháin Paul Callaghan Burt

2

P. Mac Fhionagaile
Peter McGinley
Killybegs

S. S. Ó Dochartaigh John Joe Doherty Naomh Columba S. Mac Eoin Sean McEwen

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M. Mac Chrossain

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9

B. Ó Muiri Brian Murray Kilcock S. Ó Ruáin James Ruane Bundoran

10

A. Mac Suibhne Adrian Sweeney Dungloe

13

D. O Cnaimhsí Declan Bonner Na Rossa 11

S. Ban Ó Gallchoir John B. Gallagher Killybegs

14

Antóin Ó Baoill

Tony Boyle

Dungloe

S. Mac Aonghusa Jim McGuinness Naomh Conaill

15

12

M. O Baoill Manus Boyle Killybegs Fir Ionaid

(16) Gary Walsh Burren

(17) John Cunningham Killybegs

(18) Damien Diver Ard an Ratha

(19) Brian Roper Aodh Ruadh

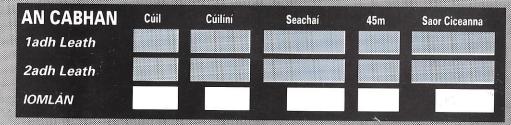
(20) Martin Coll Gweedore

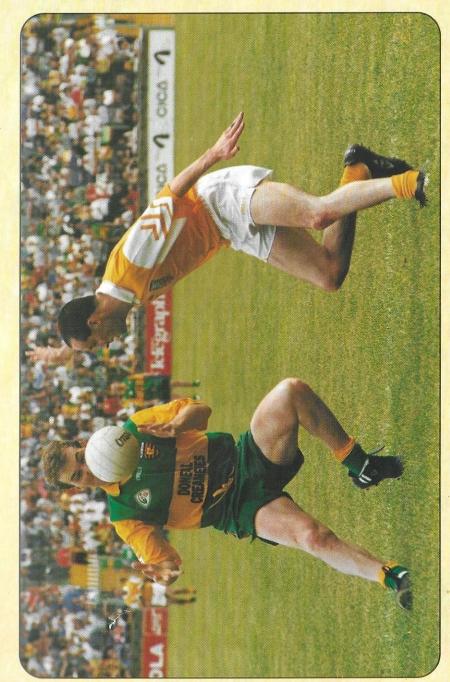
(21) Brian McLaughlinn Naomh Micheal

(22) Matt Gallagher Naomh Bríd

(23) Ronan McLaughlinn Beart

(24) Mark Boyle Killybegs





25 YRS. AGO - DONEGAL BROKE THE BARRIER

One often wonders why it took so long for Donegal to crash the Ulster SFC barrier. Down the years they had regularly contributed many outstanding players to Ulster Railway Cup teams, and had also been highly successful at Under-21 level, taking no less than three Ulster titles during the 'sixties.

They had also appeared in two Ulster Senior Finals, losing 2-11 to 1-4 to Down at Cavan in 1963, and 1-7 to 0-8 to the same county at Belfast in 1966. their first final in Clones (1972) proved the turning point, however, and they defeated Tyrone by 2-13 to 1-11.

It was a really excellent Final with veterans Frankie McFeeley (captain), Pauric McShea, Anton Carroll and Declan O'Carroll well backed up by new stars Brian McEniff, Martin Carney and Donal Monaghan, to make it a really memorable and nostalgic occasion for the O'Donnell county. They met All-Ireland champions, Offaly, in the All-Ireland semi-final and gave a wonderful performance before going down 1-17 to 2-10.

AN ALL-IRELAND FINAL CAVAN SHOULD HAVE WON - 1937

In 1937 Cavan qualified for their third All-Ireland Final in five years. They had a comfortable run through Ulster to meet Armagh in the Final at Castleblayney and won easily by 0-13 to 0-3. In the All-Ireland semi-final they met Mayo at Mullingar, where two tremendous late goals from Blessing and Magee saw them win by 2-5 to 1-7. In the All-Ireland Final they were to meet Kerry at Croke Park on 26th September 1937, a final that would be watched by 60,000 people.

It was a brilliant and pulsating Final, but had a controversial conclusion. Scores were level with time running out, when Packie Boylan fisted over the bar for the winner for Cavan. Thus many thought that Cavan had won, but it later transpired that the referee had disallowed the score for a "throw" and Cavan were forced to a replay, but lost that one.

Even the great Joe Keohane, the Kerry full-back, stated that Boylan's disallowed point was perfectly legal. Many who had listened to the broadcast of the Final thought that Cavan were All-Ireland champions and did not find out the dreadful truth until the following day.

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Brian McEniff, former Donegal Manager, now UTV Gaelic Game Analyst, was Donegal's first All-Star in 1972.

In 1972 Donegal won their first ever Ulster Senior Football
Championship the same year that St. Patrick's Cavan were the
Hogan Cup winners.

Martin McHugh played on the Donegal team that defeated Cavan in the 1983 Ulster Final.

Cavan players have been top of the scorers' table in the U.S.F.C. on 5 occasions in the last thirty years:

1967 : Charlie Gallagher 1978 : Donal Donohue

1969 : Gene Cusack 1976 : Steven Duggan

1983 : Derek McDonnell

Cavan last beat Donegal in the Ulster Championship over

Cavan and Donegal have met on a total of 34 occasions in the U.S.F.C., the score line at present reads as follows: Donegal 9 wins Drawn 4

Cavan and Donegal have played each other in the Championship in every decade since 1919.

Donegal recorded only 4 victories over Cavan in the U.S.F.C. between 1919 and 1982.

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Adrian Cush (Tyrone)

Barry McGowan (Donegal)

Peter Duffy (Monaghan)

Raymond Gallagher (Fermanagh)

Henry Downey (Derry)

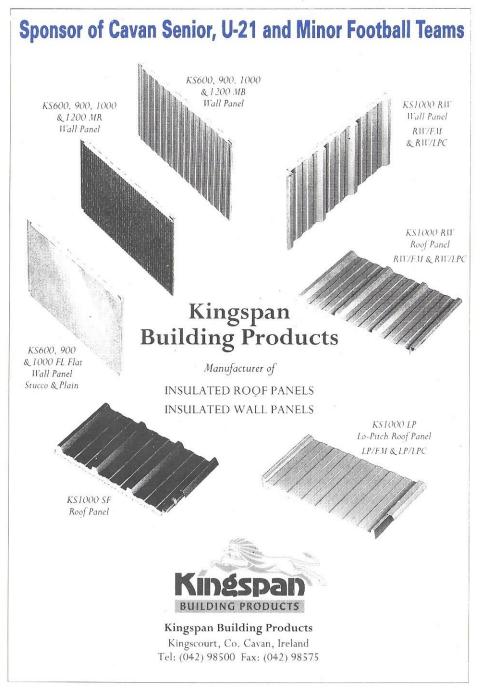
Mickey Graham (Cavan)

Mattie McGleenan (Tyrone)

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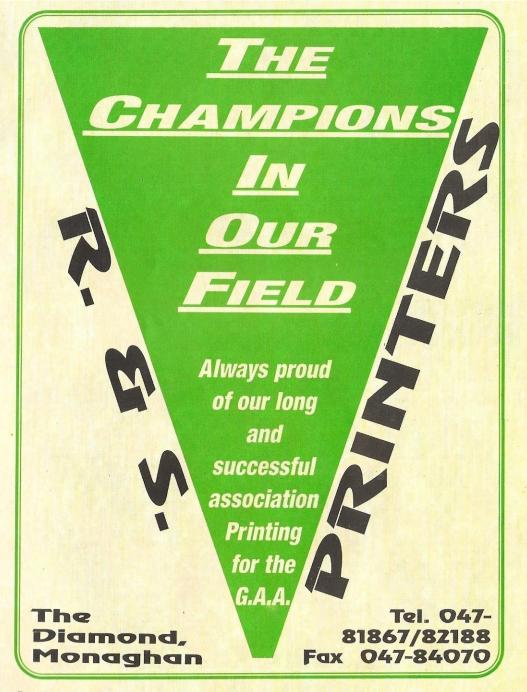
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CAVAN have a big incentive to win today's Minor clash with Antrim — but their opponents have an even bigger reason for wanting to succeed.

Naturally a Breffni underage victory would lend further impetus to the seniors' drive to reach the Ulster final and a dual Cavan rep-

resentation back here in Clones a month hence would certainly be welcomed by everyone who has blue blood in their veins.

But Antrim have a towering desire to succeed today. It's not just (Belfast Telegraph) a central role in the Saffrons' strategy. But Antrim are far from because they wish to carry off being a one-man team. One has

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because they wish to carry off where they left off against Donegal—and that's by banging in the goals—but it's more because the young Saffrons want to go some way to compensating their county's followers for that narrow failure by the seniors at MacCumhaill Park.

Perhaps Donegal were nine points.

Perhaps Donegal were nine points to the good at one stage but the spirit and commitment which Ray McDonnell's men displayed on that occasion would not go amiss.

Indeed, it will be needed against a Cavan side who humbled Fermanagh in the opening round. Cavan's late scoring blitz, with Emmet Traynor the main architect of an enthralling climax, underlined the depth of talent there is within the side.

Fermanagh had no answer to the

attacking power of the Breffni youngsters but Antrim manager Brian White and his helpers believe that they have done their homework. They feel that they pinpointed areas in which Cavan could be vulnerable but they recognise that it will take an all-out effort by the side as a whole if they

are to come out on top.

Adrian Dunlop is a key figure in the Antrim side and with so much of the play tending to revolve around him he will have a central role in the Saffrons' strategy. But Antrim are far from

being a one-man team. One has only to consider the way that the goals were flashed to the Donegal net at Ballybofey to realise that they have a hungry, potent attack.

Cavan too know how to create and finish and the way that they killed off Fermanagh proved that they have the correct attitude, never easing up until the final whistle had been blown. Antrim football needs a shot in the arm, there's no doubt about that. There are many fine young players in the county and those wearing the jersey today can help cement the belief that better days are just around the corner.

Antrim are unlikely to find today's opponents as generous as Fermanagh and don't be too surprised if this match needs a replay before a decision is arrived at.



Fir Ionaid

- (16) Kevin McNally Erin's Own
- (17) Paul McKeever Sean Stinsons
- (18) Thomas Magillgan Cuchullains
- (19) Brendan Grieve St. Agnes
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- (22) Rory O'Loan Con Magee
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Kickhams Ardovne

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Paddy Logan

Seán Stinsons

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12

G. Mac an Bhaird Gareth Ward Kinawley

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P. Ó Cluasaigh Paul Close O'Donovan Rossa

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Dathanna: Gorm agus Bán

F. O Raghallaigh Fintan O'Reilly Redhills

T. Wakley Thomas Wakley Kingscourt

F. O Seireadain Frances Sheridan Bailieboro

C. Ó Coirc Colin Oates Laragh Utd.

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B. O Raghallaigh Brian O' Reilly - Capt. Redhills

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Nail Donnellan

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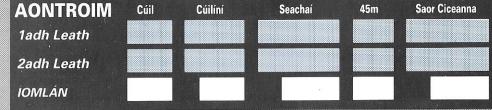
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- (17) Ronan Kiernan Denn
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