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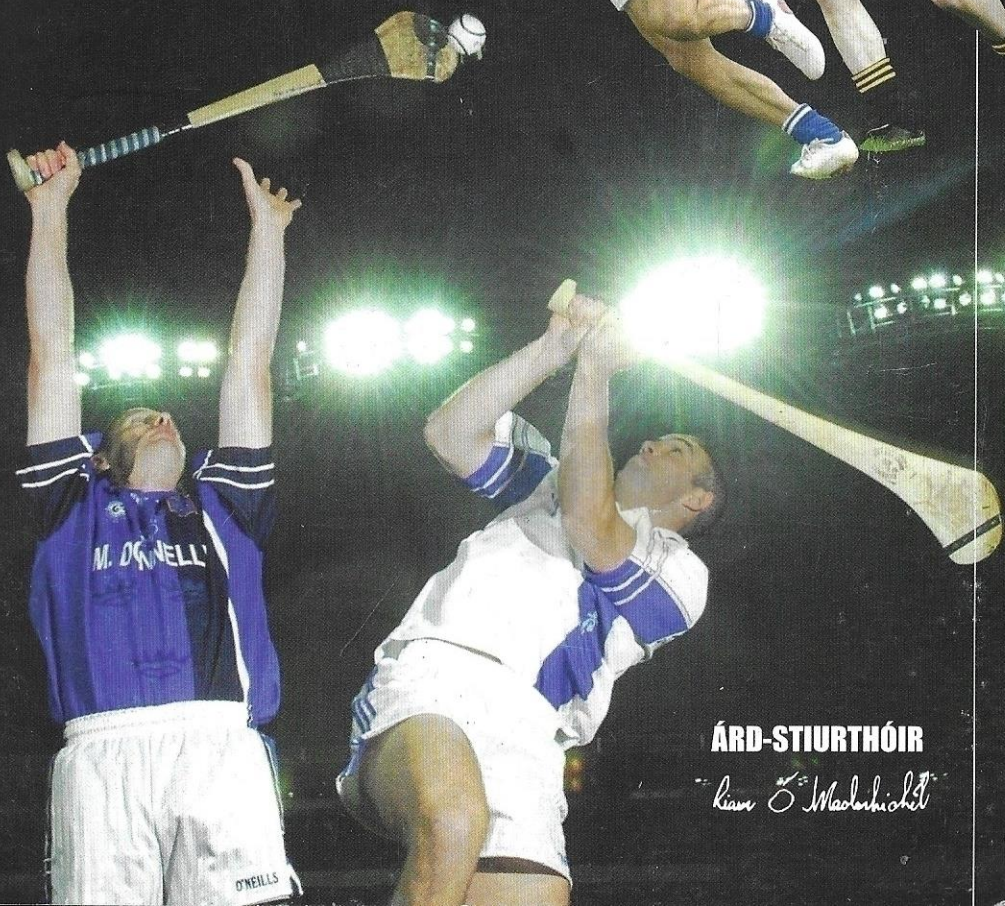
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Mumha v. Uladh



Réiteoir: Maurice Deegan (Laois)
Stand-by: Marty Duffy (Sligeach)
Linesman: Brian O'Shea (Áth Cliath)
Sideline Official: Eddie Craul (Cill Mhantáin)

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M. DONNELLY INTERPROVINCIAL HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

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7.00i.n.

Connacht v. Mumha



Réiteoir: Declan Magee (An Dún)
Stand-by: Eamonn Morris (Áth Cliath)
Linesman: Tiernach Mahon (Fear Manach)
Sideline Official: Tony Carroll (Uíbh Fhailí)

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05.00in	Uladh amach ar an bPáirc	06.53in	Casadh an Boinn
05.05in	Casadh an Boinn	06.58in	Amhrán na bhFiann led by 'The Discovery Gospel Choir'
05.15in	Tús an Chluiche — Mumha v. Uladh	07.00in	Tús an Chluiche — Connacht v. Mumhan
05.52in	Leath-Am	07.37in	Leath Am
05.54in	Cluichí Chumann na mBunscol	07.39in	Cluichí Chumann na mBunscol
06.07in	Tus an Dara Leath	07.52in	Tús an Dara Leath
06.45in	Críoch an Chluiche	08.30in	Críoch an Chluiche
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Message from the Sponsor



MDonnelly and Co. are delighted to once again be associated with the Interprovincial Championships in both Hurling and Football. Since our sponsorship of these competitions began, we have endeavoured to work with the GAA to revive a competition that has a wonderful history and one that has meant an enormous amount to players from all provinces who have played in it over the years.

In recent years, the finals have been taken on Tour – firstly to Rome and Paris in 2003 and 2004 respectively, while for the last two years Canton Field in Boston proved an excellent host venue. This year we return to Croke Park and the finals will be played under lights at Headquarters for the first time in their 80 year history. It is also the first time in many years that we will have live coverage of the finals on RTÉ and these are all positive innovations for a competition that features the cream of Gaelic Football and Hurling.

I want to extend my best wishes to the players, officials and supporters of the Munster, Ulster and Connacht teams and I hope that the memory of the great and unique experience that is performing in Croke Park under lights will stay with them for some time to come.

Le Dea-ghuí,

Martin Donnelly,
M. Donnelly and Co.



Teachtaireacht an Uachtaráin



Is chúis mór áthais dom fáilte a chuir romhaibh go léir go Páirc an Chrócaigh anocht. Fearaim fáilte faoi leith roimh na himreoirí, na hoifigi is an lucht leanúna ó Uladh, Mumhan agus Connacht. Tá súil agam go mbainfidh sibh taitneamh as an oíche ata romhainn.

It is my pleasure to welcome the players, officials and supporters of Ulster, Munster and Connacht to Páirc an Chrócaigh for the M Donnelly Interprovincial finals of 2007. We have spent considerable time and resources in promoting these finals. Indeed, I am delighted that the finals are returning to Headquarters this year after a number of years absence and I hope that there will be a positive public reaction to this event.

It is of course the first time that hurling will have been played under the lights of the magnificent new Croke Park and that in itself is a very attractive prospect. The finals are also being televised live on National Television for the first time in many years and we have reduced admission prices in our efforts to say a big thank you to our loyal supporters as we celebrate the last major GAA occasion of the year.

We also took the opportunity to celebrate the diversity and multiculturalism of modern Ireland by encouraging non-Irish nationals to attend tonight's games. In this context, we have been in contact with various ethnic societies and media in the Dublin region and over the past few weeks have been running promotions through the likes of shops, clubs, university societies and so on. We are also delighted to welcome community leaders from across the ethnic spectrum as our special guests this evening. To you all we say a big "Céad Mile Fáilte" or one hundred thousand welcomes and I have no doubt that you will be as enthralled by our special National Sports as the Irish themselves have been over the years.

In qualifying for tonight's football final, Munster were most impressive in dismissing the challenge of Leinster in the semi-final at Fermoy a fortnight ago. With the influence of a significant number of the players who featured in the All Ireland football final between Cork and Kerry, they will fancy their chances of winning the football title for the first time since 1999 against competition specialists Ulster. However, the men from the North will be well tutored by the wily Brian Mc Eniff who has an unrivalled record of success in the competition and they also have the experience of having played under lights in Ballybofey in the semi-final. A fascinating contest is in store.

As I mentioned, the Hurling final will be the first time that a hurling game has been played under the new Croke Park lights, and I'm sure all of the players involved will appreciate the significance of a victory in such a scenario. Connacht enjoyed semi-final success over a very well prepared Ulster team while Munster, with Eoin Kelly in spectacular form, dismissed the challenge of Leinster. It will be a very close game and, like the football, should go right down to the wire.

The Sponsor of tonight's finals is that irrepressible Clare man Martin Donnelly. Martin has been a wonderful friend to the GAA over a long period of time and has championed this competition in particular for the last number of years. He has worked extremely hard to promote the Championships again this year and I would like to express our thanks to him for his continued support.

Finally, I wish all our patrons an enjoyable night in Páirc an Chrócaigh. Thanks for your support and please take special care on your way home from tonight's games.

Tá lá spórtúil i ndán dúinn. Bainigí taitneamh as agus slán abhaile libh.

Níoclás Ó Braonáin

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Uachtarán,
Cumann Lúthchleas Gael



Cumann na mBunscol Mini-Game participants

Girls Football — An Lú

Aine Breen, Rampark NS, Lordship
Orlaith Grogan, Rampark NS, Lordship
Lauren Quigley, Kilkenny NS
Jade McKeown, Kilkenny NS
Katie Ann Holdcroft, Tenure NS
Lauren Sheeran, Tenure NS
Sarah Fagan, Knockbridge NS
Emily McGee, Knockbridge NS
Kathy O'Reilly, St. Malachy's GNS
Jessica Browne, St. Malachy's GNS

Girls Football — Cill Mhantáin

St. Laurence O'Toole NS, Roundwood
Aoife Davis
Megan Davis
Michelle Murphy
Emma Kavanagh
Kate Mockler
Jessica Scott
Katie Coleman
Jenna Brady
Claire O'Toole
Shannon Doyle

Mentors: Eithne Kavanagh and Helen Davis An Tochar GAA Club

Boys Football — An Lú

Nathan Murray, St. Mary's BNS, Drogheda
Gideon Lugoye, St. Mary's, Drogheda
Daniel McKeown, Kilkenny NS
Conor Kirk, Kilkenny NS
Kevin Lally, Cartown NS
Ciarán McDonnell, Cartown NS
Conor Brennan, Darver NS
Cormac Brennan, Darver NS
Craig Doherty Dromiskin NS
Ciarán Gallagher Dromiskin N.S.

Boys Football — Cill Mhantáin

St. Patrick's BNS, Wicklow Town
Tommy Murphy
Emmet Cullen
Matthew Cullen (twins)
Colin Roche
Rory Marron
Andrew Murphy
Brian Doyle
Bobby Keenaghan
Jordan Pettigrew
Dylan Orr

Mentors: Gary Duffy and Brian O'Connor St. Patrick's GAA Club

Girls Camogie — Áth Cliath

Sally Douglas, Bishop Galvin
Aisling Shiels, Bishop Galvin
Marion O'Donnell, Bishop Galvin
Alanna Duffy, Bishop Galvin
Emily Dunne, Bishop Galvin
Anna Woods, Bishop Galvin
Faye McCarthy, Bishop Galvin
Hannah McKenna, Bishop Galvin
Sarah Lahiff, Bishop Galvin
Aoife Molloy, Bishop Galvin

Girls Camogie — Cill Dara

Laura Bowden (Athy)
Maevie Breathnach (Scoil Ui Fhiaich, MaighNuad)
Caoimhe Broderick (Kill)
Aine Costello (St. Anne's, Ardclough)
Jennifer Downey (Crookstown)
Elaine Duggan (Straffan)
Stephanie Higgins (Rathcoffey)
Louise Qualter (Presentation Girls, Maynooth)
Sarah Fitzsimons (Carragh)
Aoibheann Margalit (Scoil Choca Naofa, Kilcock)

Coach: Breda Fay (Scoil Choca Naofa, Kilcock)

Boys Hurling — Áth Cliath

Eanna Wolohan, Bishop Galvin
Conor Moloney, Bishop Galvin
Oisín Egan, Bishop Galvin
Ross Butler, Bishop Galvin
Kevin Treacy, Bishop Galvin
Cillian Ó Séanáin, Scoil Lorcáin
Eoghan Ó Naoire, Scoil Lorcáin
Dara Ó Gallchoibhair, Scoil Lorcáin
Seán Ó Dúlaing, Scoil Lorcáin
Daithí Ó Murchú, Scoil Lorcáin

Boys Hurling — Cill Dara

Niall Kenny (Scoil na Mainistreach, Celbridge)
Adam McKay (Scoil na Mainistreach, Celbridge)
Pol O'Meiscil (Scoil Ui Fhiaich, MaighNuad)
Seamus Ó Sé (Scoil Ui Fhiaich, MaighNuad)
Ross O'Connor (Maynooth)
Tadhg Forde (Maynooth)
Colm Power (Carragh)
Mark Waters (Carragh)
Eoin O'Hehir (Scoil Chorbain, Naas)
Michael Russell (Scoil Chorbain, Naas)
Coaches: Deaghlan O'Driscoll (Scoil Ui Fhiaich, MaighNuad) Paul Keegan (Scoil na Mainistreach, Celbridge)

Cumann na mBunscol

Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta wishes to express its gratitude to Martin Donnelly for his generous sponsorship of the mini games this evening. This is a unique occasion for the children and their families and the memories of this night will stay with them for many years to come. A special word of thanks is due to Mr. Gerry O'Meara of Cumann a mBunscol Laighin for his continued enthusiasm and for organising the mini games series during the Leinster championship campaign.

Today's mini games would not have been possible but for the co-operation and dedication of the national school teachers who freely give of their time in the promotion of our national games. Thanks also to the parents and families of the children and to members of the many GAA clubs throughout the island of Ireland who assist their local national school in making Gaelic games the choice of the primary school children in the thirty-two counties.

CROKE PARK RETURN AFTER SIXTEEN YEARS

This evening marks the first time that both interprovincial finals form a double bill at Croke Park since 1991. The games were played in early April.

- Munster were doubly engaged against the same opposition and lost both games. They went down to a Pete Finnerty-led all Galway side in hurling by 1-13 to 0-12.

- Ulster, captained by Tony Scullion (Derry) won the football tie by 1-11 to 1-8.

- That was the last football final played at Croke Park. However, the last hurling decider was in 1995 and a novel pairing it was, too, with Munster just edging home against Ulster by 0-13 to 1-9.

THE DOUBLE

Munster are in line for the first interprovincial hurling and football double since as far back as 1981, when they beat Leinster in hurling, and Connacht in football.

- Des Foley made Railway Cup history in 1962 when he became the first to win interprovincial medals in both hurling and football on the one day.

The Dubliner turned in a superb performance at midfield for Leinster as they ended Munster's bid for a sixth successive hurling title. Four different hurlers "marked" the Dubliner during the hour, but he was unbeatable as the East won by two points.

Foley subsequently lined out at midfield for the Leinster against Ulster in the football final and played a vital role in forging out a Leinster win.

- No player has since won interprovincial medals in both codes on the same afternoon.

EXCITING FINAL SCORE-WISE

One of the most exciting finals scorewise, and also one of the most memorable, was the free-kick exhibition turned on by two of the real Bachelors of the Scoring Science, Paddy Doherty (Down) and Cyril Dunne (Galway) in the 1965 meeting of Ulster and Connacht.

- Effortlessly and with pin-point accuracy Dunne sent ten frees over the bar. Doherty's immaculate left foot was responsible for seven points from placed balls. Not only that, neither failed to convert a single free.

- Doherty also hit five points from play.

LAST DRAWN FOOTBALL FINAL

Munster and Ulster were involved in the last drawn football final in 1978. They each scored 2-7 and Munster won the replay by 4-12 to 0-19 after extra time.

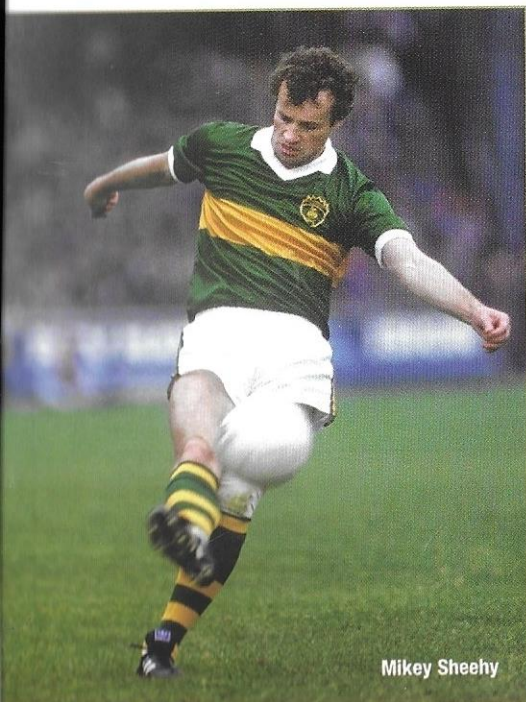
Twenty years later Ulster and Leinster finished all square at the end of normal time. The game at Clones went to extra time and the North won by 0-20 to 0-17.



FOOTBALL FINAL BRINGS A FRESH WIND OF CHANGE

The Ulster-Munster Martin Donnelly interprovincial football final brings a fresh wind of change to the concluding round. This is the first meeting of these provinces at this stage since as far back as 1994 when Ulster made history at Ennis by becoming the first province to win five titles in succession.

A superb second half goal by Peter Canavan (Tyrone) sent the Northerners on the road to their place in the record books with a 1-6 to 1-4 win.



Mikey Sheehy

Munster are hoping to bridge a long gap. Their last final win over Ulster was in 1978 in a Croke Park replay. The provinces played a draw at 2-7 each at Croke Park late in March, and the replay provided a feast of scores with the South triumphing by 4-12 to 0-19. Michael Sheehy (Kerry) was top marksman for both teams with 2-4.

Since then Munster have lost finals to Ulster in 1979, 1980, 1989, 1991, 1992 and 1994.

FEAST AND FAMINE

Munster's current titles famine is in sharp contrast with their record during the seventies when they won five titles, highlighted by their only sequence of four in succession from 1975 to 1978 inclusive.

The 1975 win against Ulster was noteworthy for the goal scoring skills of Jimmy Barry-Murphy. The then 20-year-old Cork forward, who was making his final debut, found his way through to the Northern net four times.

His brilliant finishing naturally enough was a key factor in a 6-8 to 0-15 win that brought the title back to the South after three years.

His team-mates included Billy Morgan (Cork), who captained the side, Michael O'Sullivan, who went on to captain the 1976 team, and John O'Keeffe (Kerry), skipper of the 1977 and 1978 teams.

FOUR-IN-A-ROW

Barry-Murphy was also on duty in each of the three remaining finals in the four in a row success. However, the sequence was completed in a replay, and the Cork man was not in action in the 1978 drawn tie.

Ger Power (Kerry) also played in all four finals. He was left half back in 1975, 1976 and 1977 and left half forward in 1978. Power was the only player to play in all five finals, counting the 1978 replay. Barry-Murphy was the only other to line-out in the four of the five summits.

Seamus Moynihan (Kerry), led Munster from centre half back to that last title win in 1999.

Ulster are appearing in their first final in two years. Their hopes of a titles treble were ended by Leinster at Parnell Park in 2005.

GOLDEN ERA

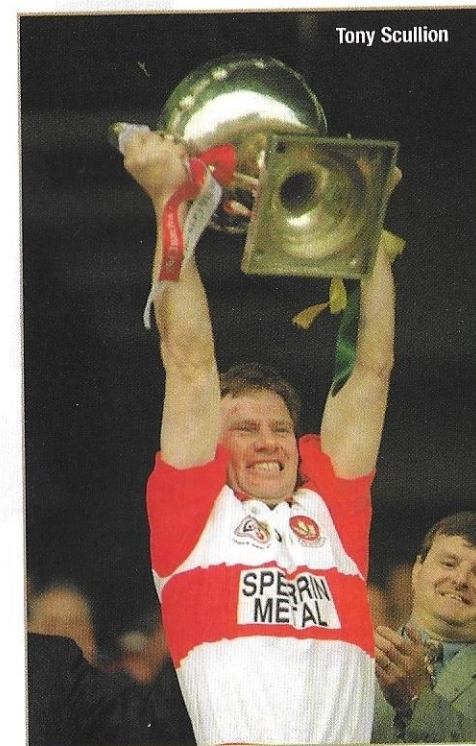
The North had a golden and record era between 1989 and 1994 when the province completed the first-ever sequence of five titles in succession in the code. They regained the Railway Cup in 1989 after a five year interval. No competition was played in 1990 and the North opened their defence of the title in 1991 with a win over Connacht at Ballybofey.

A remarkable feature of the success story was the amazing contribution made by brilliant Derry defender Tony Scullion. He played in every one of the ten games on the way to the record—the only player to achieve that distinction.

The Derry man was chosen at left full back for every game, and had not to retire once during a match. He captained the 1991 team.

Scullion had made his mark with the North before the record-making run began. He held the left full back position from 1987 without a break up to the start of the record-making run.

Ulster went on in 1995 to boost their record to six successive titles in 1995 and Scullion added to his achievements by playing at full back in the two games that season to bring his record to 15 appearances during that memorable reign.



Tony Scullion



LAST FINAL MEETING WAS 13 YEARS AGO

1994 – Ulster 1-6 Munster 1-4

It is 13 years since Ulster and Munster last clashed in the final of the Railway Cup and at Cusack Park Ennis the sides defied less than ideal conditions to serve up an entertaining encounter. Reigning champions Ulster started off superbly and hit three points without reply in the opening ten minutes. The Banner's Francis McInerney opened Munster's account before the end of the opening quarter, but the second was dominated by defences on both sides leaving matters nicely poised at the change of ends.

Maurice Fitzgerald converted a free six minutes after the resumption to edge Munster closer and they took the lead shortly after when McInerney and John O'Driscoll combined for a well-worked goal. However, Ulster replied with an even better major within five minutes as James McCartan and Anthony Tohill combined to set up Peter Canavan for a clinical finish.

Undaunted, Munster roared back and, with Billy O'Shea excelling, Fitzgerald and John Quane fired over points for the lead. Seven minutes from time Martin McQuillan sent over

a superb equaliser and in the closing minutes McCartan and Canavan lofted over the winning points to give the Northerners a fifth successive title.

Ulster scorers: P.Canavan 1-1, A.Tohill 0-2, J.McCartan 0-2, M.McQuillan 0-1.

Munster scorers: J.O'Driscoll 1-0, M.Fitzgerald 0-2, J.Quane 0-1, F.McInerney 0-1.

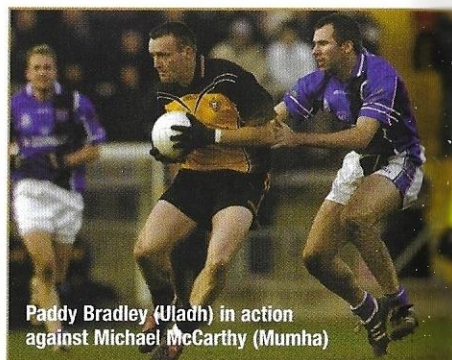
Uladh – D.McCusker (Derry), J.J.Doherty (Donegal), M.Gallagher (Donegal), T.Scullion (Derry), M.McQuillan (Armagh), D.Loughman (Monaghan), D.J.Kane (Down), B.McGilligan (Derry), A.Tohill (Derry), J.McHugh (Donegal), N.Smyth (Armagh), R.Carr (Down), G.Houlihan (Armagh), D.Heaney (Derry), J.McCartan (Down). Subs – H.Downey (Derry) for Loughman, P.Canavan (Tyrone) for McHugh, B.Murray (Donegal) for Heaney.

Mumha – P.O'Leary (Kerry), P.Coleman (Cork), M.O'Connor (Cork), A.Gleeson (Kerry), C.O'Sullivan (Cork), A.Moloney (Clare), J.Owens (Tipperary), J.Quane (Limerick), D.Culloty (Cork), J.Costello (Tipperary), B.O'Shea (Kerry), F.McInerney (Clare), M.Fitzgerald (Kerry), D.Fitzgibbon (Limerick), J.O'Driscoll (Cork).

Sub – T.Morrissey (Clare) for Culloty.

LAST MEETING

Although their paths haven't crossed in the final for more than a decade, Munster and Ulster last faced off at the semi-final stage a couple of years ago. At Crossmaglen, wind-assisted Munster moved smoothly into a 0-8 to 0-3 lead at the break, but in the second period they could only manage a single point. On the restart Ulster quickly notched the five points required for parity before Steven McDonnell's goal gave them a lead they never remotely looked like relinquishing. Paddy Bradley added a second at the 56th minute as Ulster cruised to a 2-13 to 0-9 verdict.



Paddy Bradley (Uladh) in action against Michael McCarthy (Mumha)

THE SEMI-FINALS SUCCESSES

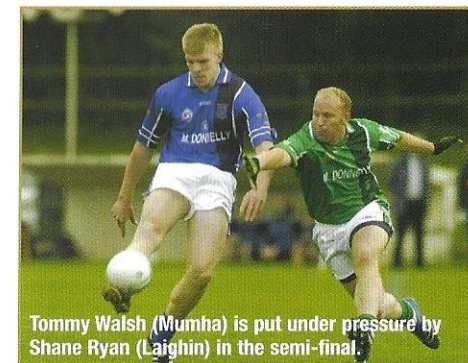
Second half goals by Cork men Pierce O'Neill and John Miskella were key factors in bringing Munster from arrears of four points well into the first half to a well-merited win over Leinster at Fermoy.

Munster were three points adrift at the break, but came more into the game in the second half and gradually reduced their arrears to a point.

Then came goals by O'Neill and Miskella to set them firmly on the road to their 2-11 to 0-12 win.

Tommy Walsh (Kerry) gave a mature display at full forward that belied his 19 years. Conor McCarthy (Cork), the goal scorers, and Graham Canty (Cork) were other commanding figures in forging out the success.

Ulster conceded two early goals against Connacht in their semi-final at Ballybofey, but displayed a real will-to-win in battling back to earn their ticket to the final.



Tommy Walsh (Mumha) is put under pressure by Shane Ryan (Laighin) in the semi-final

Some good points scoring, especially from Paul Finlay and Tomás Freeman helped to prompt the Ulster rally and they were back in the hunt at the break when they trailed by three points—2-5 to 0-8.

The home province got off to a great start with a goal from Finlay after only four minutes and went on to earn a well-merited 1-15 to 2-8 success.

Finlay contributed 1-5 and Freeman 0-4. Aaron Kernan and Kevin Cassidy in the half back line, and midfielder Dan Gordon were others who did much to orchestrate the success.

THE SEMI-FINAL TRIUMPHS

MUNSTER

13th October. Fermoy:

Munster 2-11; Leinster 0-12.

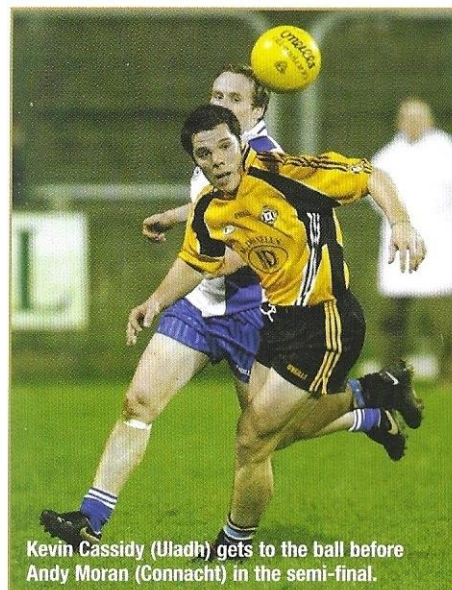
Scorers: Conor McCarthy 0-5, John Miskella 1-1, Pierce O'Neill 1-0, Fintan Gould 0-3, Gary Spillane 0-1, David Moran 0-1.

ULSTER

20th October. Ballybofey:

Ulster 1-15; Connacht 2-9.

Paul Finlay 1-4, Tomás Freeman 0-4, Dan Gordon 0-3, Enda Muldoon 0-1, Kevin Cassidy 0-1, Aaron Kernan 0-1, Gerard Pierson 0-1.



Kevin Cassidy (Uladh) gets to the ball before Andy Moran (Connacht) in the semi-final



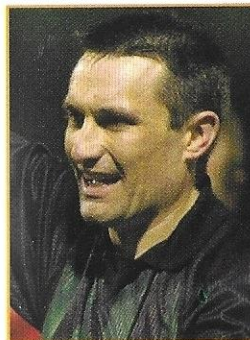
FOOTBALL FINALS...1927-2006

1927 – Croke Park	Munster 2-3; Connacht 0-5	1968 – Croke Park	Ulster 1-10; Leinster 0-8
1928 – Croke Park	Leinster 1-8; Ulster 2-4	1969 – Croke Park	Connacht 1-12; Munster 0-6
1929 – Croke Park	Leinster 1-7; Munster 1-3	1970 – Croke Park	Ulster 2-11; Connacht 0-10
1930 – Croke Park	Leinster 2-3; Munster 0-6	1971 – Croke Park	Ulster 3-11; Connacht 2-11
1931 – Croke Park	Munster 2-2; Leinster 0-6	1972 – Croke Park	Munster 1-15; Leinster 1-15
1932 – Croke Park	Leinster 2-10; Munster 3-5	Cork Athletic Grounds (R)	Munster 2-14; Leinster 0-10
1933 – Croke Park	Leinster 0-12; Connacht 1-5	1973 – Croke Park	Univers 2-12; Connacht 0-18
1934 – Croke Park	Connacht 2-9; Leinster 2-8	replay – Athlone	Univers 4-9; Connacht 1-11
1935 – Croke Park	Leinster 2-9; Munster 0-7	1974 – Croke Park	Leinster 2-10; Connacht 1-7
1936 – Croke Park	Connacht 3-11; Ulster 2-3	1975 – Croke Park	Munster 6-7; Ulster 0-15
1937 – Croke Park	Connacht 2-4; Munster 0-5	1976 – Croke Park	Munster 2-15; Leinster 2-8
1938 – Croke Park	Connacht 2-6; Munster 1-5	1977 – Croke Park	Munster 1-14; Connacht 1-9
1939 – Croke Park	Leinster 3-8; Ulster 3-3	1978 – Croke Park	Munster 2-7; Ulster 2-7
1940 – Croke Park	Leinster 3-7; Munster 0-2	replay – Croke Park (AET)	Munster 4-12; Ulster 0-19
1941 – Croke Park	Munster 1-8; Ulster 1-8	1979 – Croke Park	Ulster 1-7; Munster 0-6
replay – Croke Park	Munster 2-6; Ulster 1-8	1980 – Croke Park	Ulster 2-10; Munster 1-9
1942 – Croke Park	Ulster 1-10; Munster 1-5	1981 – Ennis	Munster 3-10; Connacht 1-9
1943 – Croke Park	Ulster 3-7; Leinster 2-9	1982 – Tullamore	Munster 1-8; Connacht 0-10
1944 – Croke Park	Leinster 1-10; Ulster 1-3	1983 – Breffni Park (AET)	Ulster 0-24; Leinster 2-10
1945 – Croke Park	Leinster 2-5; Connacht 0-6	1984 – Ennis	Ulster 1-12; Connacht 1-7
1946 – Croke Park	Munster 3-5; Leinster 1-9	1985 – Croke Park	Leinster 0-9; Munster 0-5
1947 – Croke Park	Ulster 1-6; Leinster 0-3	1986 – Ballinasloe	Leinster 2-8; Connacht 2-5
1948 – Croke Park	Munster 4-5; Ulster 2-6	1987 – Newbridge	Leinster 1-13; Munster 0-9
1949 – Croke Park	Munster 2-7; Leinster 2-7	1988 – Ballina	Leinster 2-9; Ulster 0-12
replay – Croke Park	Munster 4-9; Leinster 1-4	1989 – Páirc Uí Chaoimh	Ulster 1-11; Munster 1-8
1950 – Croke Park	Ulster 4-11; Leinster 1-7	1990 – No Competition	
1951 – Croke Park	Connacht 1-9; Munster 1-8	1991 – Croke Park	Ulster 1-11; Munster 1-8
1952 – Croke Park	Leinster 0-5; Munster 0-3	1992 – Newry	Ulster 2-7; Munster 0-8
1953 – Croke Park	Leinster 2-9; Munster 0-6	1993 – Longford	Ulster 1-12; Leinster 0-12
1954 – Croke Park	Leinster 1-7; Connacht 1-5	1994 – Ennis	Ulster 1-6; Munster 1-4
1955 – Croke Park	Leinster 1-14; Connacht 1-10	1995 – Clones	Ulster 1-9; Leinster 0-8
1956 – Croke Park	Ulster 0-12; Munster 0-4	1996 – Droichead Nua	Leinster 1-13; Munster 0-9
1957 – Croke Park	Connacht 2-9; Munster 1-6	1997 – Castlebar	Leinster 2-14; Connacht 0-12
1958 – Croke Park	Connacht 2-7; Munster 0-8	1998 – Clones (AET)	Ulster 0-20; Leinster 0-17
1959 – Croke Park	Leinster 2-7; Munster 0-7	1999 – Tuam	Munster 0-10; Connacht 0-6
1960 – Croke Park	Ulster 2-12; Munster 3-8	2000 – Markievicz Park	Ulster 1-9; Connacht 0-3
1961 – Croke Park	Leinster 4-5; Munster 0-4	2001 – Killarney	Leinster 1-10; Connacht 0-10
1962 – Croke Park	Leinster 1-11; Ulster 0-11	2002 – Salthill	Leinster 1-14; Ulster 2-9
1963 – Croke Park	Ulster 2-8; Leinster 1-9	2003 – Enniskillen	Ulster 0-14; Connacht 0-9
1964 – Croke Park	Ulster 0-12; Leinster 1-6	2004 – Paris	Ulster 1-13; Leinster 1-8
1965 – Croke Park	Ulster 0-19; Connacht 0-15	2005 – Parnell Park (AET)	Leinster 0-20; Ulster 1-18
1966 – Croke Park	Ulster 2-5; Munster 1-5	2006 – Boston	Leinster 2-14; Connacht 2-11
1967 – Croke Park	Connacht 1-9; Ulster 0-11		

AN RÉITEOIR (Peil)



Maurice Deegan (Laois)



Maurice was on All-Ireland football final duty earlier this year when he took charge of the Colleges' "A" summit between Omagh CBS and Tralee CBS.

He has been on the intercounty refereeing panel for over six years, and in 2005 made history as the first Laois man to referee an All-Ireland minor final. He also controlled two other All-Ireland finals that year – intermediate club and Under-21.

Maurice, who was on League and championship duty earlier this year, won county senior championship medals with his club, Stradbally.

FOOTBALL ROLL OF HONOUR

Leinster (28):	1928, 1929, 1930, 1932, 1933, 1935, 1939, 1940, 1944, 1945, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1959, 1961, 1962, 1974, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1996, 1997, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2006.
Ulster (27):	1942, 1943, 1947, 1950, 1956, 1960, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1968, 1970, 1971, 1979, 1980, 1983, 1984, 1989, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1998, 2000, 2003, 2004.
Munster (14):	1927, 1931, 1941, 1946, 1948, 1949, 1972, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1981, 1982, 1999.
Connacht (9):	1934, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1951, 1957, 1958, 1967, 1969.
Universities (1):	1973.

FOOTBALL WINNING CAPTAINS

ULSTER

1942 – John J.O'Reilly (Cavan)
 1943 – John J.O'Reilly (Cavan)
 1947 – Kevin Armstrong (Antrim)
 1950 – John J.O'Reilly (Cavan)
 1956 – Tom Maguire (Cavan)
 1960 – Sean O'Neill (Down)
 1963 – Jim McDonnell (Cavan)
 1964 – Paddy Doherty (Down)
 1965 – Charlie Gallagher (Cavan)
 1966 – Jim McCartan (Down)
 1968 – Joe Lennon (Down)
 1970 – Ray Carolan (Cavan)
 1971 – Sean O'Connell (Derry)
 1979 – Colm McAlarney (Down)

1980 – Peter McGinnitty (Fermanagh)
 1983 – Peter McGinnitty (Fermanagh)
 1984 – Eugene McKenna (Tyrone)
 1989 – Jim Reilly (Cavan)
 1991 – Tony Scullion (Derry)
 1992 – Greg Blaney (Down)
 1993 – Martin McHugh (Donegal)
 1994 – Brian McGilligan (Derry)
 1995 – Mickey Linden (Down)
 1998 – Peter Canavan (Tyrone)
 2000 – Henry Downey (Derry)
 2003 – Paul McGrane (Armagh)
 2004 – Michael McVeigh (Down)

MUNSTER

1927 – John Joe Sheehy (Kerry)
 1931 – Joe Barrett (Kerry)
 1941 – Danno Keefe (Kerry)
 1946 – Tadgh Crowley (Cork)
 1948 – Jackie Lyne (Kerry)
 1949 – Batt Garvey (Kerry)
 1972 – Donal Hunt (Cork)
 1975 – Billy Morgan (Cork)
 1976 – Michael O'Sullivan (Kerry)
 1977 – John O'Keefe (Kerry)
 1978 – John O'Keefe (Kerry)
 1981 – Ger Power (Kerry)
 1982 – Tim Kennelly (Kerry)
 1999 – Seamus Moynihan (Kerry)



MUMHA

DATHANNA: GORM IS BÁN



	1ADH LEATH	2ADH LEATH	IOMLÁN
CÚIL			
CÚILÍNÍ			
SEACHAÍ			
45M			
SAOR CICEANNA			

	1ADH LEATH	2ADH LEATH	IOMLÁN
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SEACHAÍ			
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SAOR CICEANNA			

1 ALAN QUIRKE A. Ó Cuirc (Corcaigh)		
2 THOMAS O'GORMAN T. Ó Gormáin (Port Láirge)	3 TOM O'SULLIVAN T. Ó Suilleabháin (Ciarraí)	4 KIERAN O'CONNOR C. Ó Conchubhair (Corcaigh)
5 TOMÁS Ó SÉ T. Ó Sé (Ciarraí)	6 GRAHAM CANTY G. Ó Cainte (Corcaigh)	7 GER SPILLANE G. Ó Spealáin (Corcaigh)
8 DARRAGH Ó SÉ D. Ó Sé (Ciarraí)	9 SEAMUS SCANLON S. Ó Scanláin (Ciarraí)	
10 EOIN BROSNAN E. Brosnacháin (Ciarraí)	11 PIERCE O'NEILL P. Ó Neill (Corcaigh)	12 JOHN MISKELLA S. Mac Scalai (Corcaigh)
13 MIKE FRANK RUSSELL M. Prionnsias Ó Ruiséil (Ciarraí)	14 KIERAN DONAGHY C. Ó Duinneacha (Ciarraí)	15 DONNCHA O'CONNOR D. Ó Conchubhair (Corcaigh)

FIR IONAD

(16) PAUL FITZGERALD P. Mac Gearailt (Thiobraid Árann)	(19) FINTAN GOULD F. de Gúil (Corcaigh)	(22) DARREN O'SULLIVAN D. Ó Suilleabháin (Ciarraí)	(25) DAVID MORAN D. Ó Móráin (Ciarraí)
(17) CONOR MCCARTHY C. MacCarthaigh (Corcaigh)	(20) PAUL GALVIN P. Ó Gealbháin (Ciarraí)	(23) MICHAEL SHIELDS M. Ó Slail (Corcaigh)	(26) COLM O'NEILL C. Ó Néill (Corcaigh)
(18) MIKE AHERNE M. Ó hEathirim (Port Láirge)	(21) GARY HURNEY G. Ó hUrnáin (Port Láirge)	(24) LIAM Ó LIONÁIN L. Ó Lionáin (Port Láirge)	(27) DANIEL GOULDING D. Ó Góilín (Corcaigh)

ROIGHNÓIRÍ

Seán Geaney (Manager), Ger O'Sullivan, Seamus McCarthy.

ULADH

DATHANNA: BUÍ IS DUBH



1 JAMES REILLY S. Ó Raghallaigh (An Cabhán)		
2 BARRY OWENS B. Ó hEoghain (Fear Manach)	3 KEVIN McCLOY C. Mac Luaidh (Doire)	4 KARL LACEY C. de Léis (Dún na nGall)
5 CIARÁN McKEEVER C. Mac Iomhair (Ard Mhacha)	6 CONOR GORMLEY C. Ó Garmaille (Capt.) (Tír Eoghain)	7 KEVIN CASSIDY C. Ó Casaide (Dún na nGall)
8 EOIN LENNON E. Ó Leannáin (Muineachán)	9 DAN GORDON D. Mag Mhuirneacháin (An Dún)	
10 DICK CLERKIN D. Ó Cléirichin (Muineachán)	11 SEÁN CAVANAGH S. Caomhánach (Tír Eoghain)	12 PAUL FINLAY P. Ó Fionnaláin (Muineachán)
13 THOMAS FREEMAN T. Mac an tSaoir (Muineachán)	14 PADDY BRADLEY P. Ó Brolcháin (Doire)	15 ENDA MULDOON E. Ó Maoldúin (Doire)

FIR IONAD

(16) PAUL DURCAN P. Mac Dhuarcáin (Dún na nGall)	(19) DESSIE MONE D. Ó Mocháin (Muineachán)	(22) CHRISTY TOYE C. Ó Thathaigh (Dún na nGall)	(25) GERARD PIERSON G. Mac Piarais (An Cabhán)
(17) SHANE GOAN S. Ó Gobhann (Fear Manach)	(20) JUSTIN CROZIER S. Crúséir (Aontroim)	(23) COLM McFADDEN C. Mac Pháidín (Dún na nGall)	
(18) BARRY MONAGHAN B. Ó Manacháin (Dún na nGall)	(21) AMBROSE RODGERS A. Mac Ruairí (An Dún)	(24) STEVEN McDONNELL S. Mac Donall (Ard Mhacha)	

ROIGHNÓIRÍ

Brian McEniff & Art McRory (Managers).



EIGHTY YEARS OF THE RAILWAY CUPS

The late 1920s saw a great expansion of G.A.A. activity with the introduction of the National Leagues, minor championships and the Railway Cups. Of the three new competitions only the inter-provincials had a precedent, which were the Railway Shields (first played in 1905). However, the Shields lasted only four years, being abandoned after 1908 and there was no further inter-provincial activity until 1924 when matches were played as part of the Tailteann Games staged that year.

The modest success of that venture did not lead to immediate demands for inter-provincial competition, but when Michael Crowe, the noted referee of the early years of the championship, suggested to the Railway companies that they present trophies for competitions between the provinces, his suggestion was immediately taken up and St.Patrick's Day was agreed upon for the staging of finals in both codes.

The semi/finals were played in November 1926. With Ulster not competing in hurling, Leinster and Connacht met in the semi/final at Portlaoise with the eastern province comfortable winners by 7-6 to 3-5. The football semi/finals provided much closer encounters; Munster beat Ulster by 1-8 to 3-1 at Cavan while Connacht pipped Leinster by 1-4 to 1-3 at Ballinasloe.

A Promising Start

If ever a competition got off to a promising start it was the Railway Cup as the contenders on St.Patrick's Day 1927

delivered two enthralling contests, which saw an all-Kerry Munster side led by John Joe Sheehy overcome a five-county Connacht selection by 2-3 to 0-5. The hurling decider was a classic featuring legendary figures like Tommy Daly, Mick Gill and Lory Meagher for Leinster and Seán Óg Murphy, Jim Regan, "Gah" Aherne and Martin Kennedy for the opposition, which the easterners won by 1-11 to 2-6. The attendance at the first finals was 9,847; quite a good crowd when it is noted that the first-ever National League Football final attracted less than 1,000 spectators six months previously.

A year later that figure of almost ten thousand was increased by 50% (15,000) when Leinster (football) and Munster (hurling) took the honours. The years following were dominated by the east and south as they contested the finals in both codes. In football Matt Goff, Jack Higgins and Paul Doyle starred for Leinster while Munster's kingpins included Joe Barrett, Con Brosnan, Bob Stack and J.J.Landers. The hurling scene witnessed performances from amongst others Dinny Barry-Murphy, Eudie Coughlan, Mick Cross, "Tull" Considine, Phil Purcell, Dinny O'Neill, Mattie Power, Paddy Phelan and Charlie McMahon.

Munster recorded a brilliant four-in-a-row between 1928 and 1931 before Leinster won their second title in 1932. The return of Connacht to the final day football scene helped attendances and 17,000 were present when the west took their first title in 1934. Leinster took their sixth title in 1935, but Connacht dominated the football

scene for the remainder of the decade thanks to men like Mick Connaire, Brendan Nestor, Paddy Moclair and Josie Munnelly. In 1936 a new record attendance of 18,000 was set. The hurling competition did not quite measure up to its football equivalent at the time, but it did lead to the emergence of Mick Mackey whose mark on the St.Patrick's Day showpiece would be exceeded by only Christy Ring.

An Historic First

Despite their magnificent efforts, the 1930s ended with Connacht (hurling) and Ulster (football) still without a title, but that was to change in the decade that followed. Ulster had lost the 1939 final to Leinster before a record attendance of 21,200, but having lost the 1941 decider on a replay to Munster, the Northerners were back to record an historic first title twelve months later over the same opposition. In that talented squad were the likes of Kevin Armstrong, Jim McCullagh, Vincent Duffy and John Joe O'Reilly.

The decision of the Central Council to persist with the Railway Cup during the Emergency was wise and far-sighted as, despite the travel restrictions, attendances at the finals increased to new records in 1943 (25,170), 1944 (31,031) and 1945 (31,704). Undoubtedly one of the outstanding achievements of the 1940s was Connacht's first-ever hurling title in '47. Because of extremely bad weather the final was put back to Easter Sunday, but the delay did not diminish the all-Galway side's determination as "Inky" Flaherty, John Killeen, Sean Duggan, Paddy Gantley

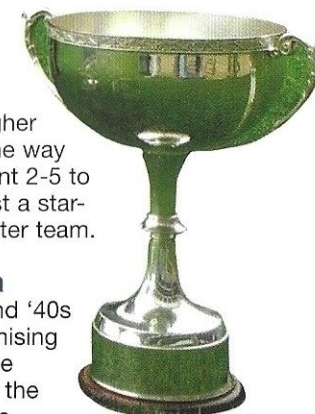
and the Gallagher brothers led the way to a magnificent 2-5 to 1-1 win against a star-studded Munster team.

The Golden Era

If the 1930s and '40s had been promising decades for the Railway Cups, the 1950s could be described as the 'golden era' if public interest is to be the yardstick. A crowd of 40,256 set a new record for the finals in 1950 and that mark was to be exceeded on several occasions over the next ten years with a new peak of 49,023 being reached in 1954 when Leinster brought off the double in two epic finals.

Leinster completed a four-in-a-row of football titles in 1955 with a team drawn from seven counties. The Easterners were back on the winning trail in '59 when they beat Munster by two goals in front of a crowd of 35,002...a superb attendance as the hurling final had been deferred to later in the year for the opening of the new Hogan Stand.

But the great days of the Railway Cup were coming to an end and the finals of 1962 were the last to attract an attendance in excess of forty thousand (40,429). Many reasons have been advanced for the decline in public appeal of the Railway Cups, but the competitions should survive as long as the players regard it as an honour to be selected for their province.





CONNACHT

DATHANNA: BÁN IS GORM



	1ADH LEATH	2ADH LEATH	IOMLÁN
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POCANNA			

1 JAMES SKEHILL S. Ó Scathail (Gaillimh)		
2 FEARGAL MOORE F. Ó Móra (Gaillimh)	3 CONOR DERVAN C. Ó Doirbheáin (Gaillimh)	4 GER MAHON G. Ó Mathúna (Gaillimh)
5 DAVID COLLINS D. Ó Coileáin (Capt.) (Gaillimh)	6 JOHN LEE S. Ó Laoi (Gaillimh)	7 ANDREW KEARY A. Ó Ciara (Gaillimh)
8 FEARGAL HEALY F. Ó hÉilí (Gaillimh)	9 EINO LYNCH F. Ó Loinsigh (Gaillimh)	
10 ALAN KERINS A. Ó Céirín (Gaillimh)	11 IARLA TANNIAN I. Ó Tanaidheáin (Gaillimh)	12 SEAN GLYNN S. Mac Fhloinn (Gaillimh)
13 DAMIEN HAYES D. Ó hAodha (Gaillimh)	14 NIAL HEALY N. Ó hÉilí (Gaillimh)	15 AONGUS CALLANAN A. Ó Callanáin (Gaillimh)

FIR IONAD

(16) COLM CALLANAN C. Ó Callanáin (Gaillimh)	(19) ALAN GAYNOR A. Mac Fhionnbair (Gaillimh)	(22) ADRIAN CULLINANE A. Ó Cuilleanáin (Gaillimh)	(25) FINIAN COONE F. Ó Cuain (Gaillimh)	(28) GERRY FALLON G. Ó Fálúin (Ros Comáin)
(17) GREGORY KENNEDY G. Ó Cinnéide (Gaillimh)	(20) KEVIN HYNES C. Ó hEidhin (Gaillimh)	(23) RICHIE MURRAY R. Ó Muiri (Gaillimh)	(26) AIDAN HARTE A. Ó hAirt (Gaillimh)	(29) DEREK WALSH D. Breathnach (Maigh Eo)
(18) TONY ÓG REGAN A. Ó Riagáin (Gaillimh)	(21) KENNETH BURKE C. de Búrca (Gaillimh)	(24) KEITH HIGGINS C. Ó hUiginn (Maigh Eo)	(27) STEPHEN COYNE S. Ó Cadhain (Maigh Eo)	

ROIGHNÓIRÍ

Ger Loughnane (Manager).

MUMHA

DATHANNA: GORM IS BÁN



1 BRIAN MURRAY B. Ó Muiri (Luimneach)		
2 EINO MURPHY E. Ó Murchú (Port Láirge)	3 DECLAN FANNING D. Ó Fainnín (Tiobraid Árann)	4 GERRY QUINN G. Ó Coinn (An Clár)
5 JOHN GARDINER S. Ó Gairnéir (Corcaigh)	6 TONY BROWNE A. de Brún (Port Láirge)	7 SEÁN ÓG Ó hAIPÍN S. Óg Ó hAilpín (Corcaigh)
8 DONAL O'GRADY D. Ó Grádaigh (Luimneach)	9 BRIAN O'CONNELL B. Ó Conaill (An Clár)	
10 SHANE McGRATH S. Mac Craith (Tiobraid Árann)	11 OLLIE MORAN O. Ó Móráin (Luimneach)	12 EINO KELLY E. Ó Ceallaigh (Port Láirge)
13 JOHN MULLANE S. Ó Maoláin (Port Láirge)	14 DAN SHANAHAN D. Ó Seanacháin (Port Láirge)	15 LAR CORBETT L. Ó Coirbín (Tiobraid Árann)

FIR IONAD

(16) GERRY KENNEDY G. Ó Cinnéide (Tiobraid Árann)	(18) SEÁN O'CONNOR S. Ó Conchubhaúir (Luimneach)	(20) CONOR O'MAHONY C. Ó Mathúna (Tiobraid Árann)	(22) NIAL GILLIGAN N. Ó Giollagáin (An Clár)	(24) SEAMUS HICKEY S. Ó hÍcí (Luimneach)
(17) MIKE O'BRIEN M. Ó Briain (Luimneach)	(19) NIAL MORAN N. Ó Móráin (Luimneach)	(21) MICHAEL FITZGERALD M. Mac Gearailt (Luimneach)	(23) JONATHAN CLANCY S. Mac Lannchaidh (An Clár)	(25) GERRY O'GRADY G. Ó Grádaigh (An Clár)

ROIGHNÓIRÍ

Michael Ryan (Manager), Tony Hickey, Alan Cunningham.

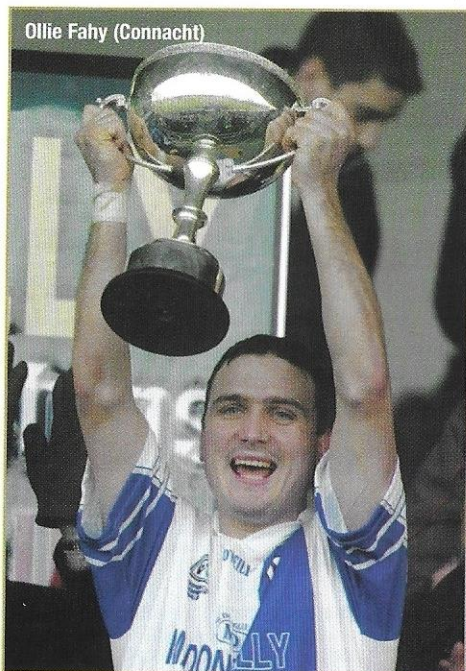


MUNSTER AND CONNACHT HAVE BRIGHTENED THE HURLING SERIES

Munster and Connacht last met in a final in 2004 at Pearse Stadium, where the home province, captained by full forward Ollie Fahy, chalked up an impressive 1-15 to 0-9 win to complete a major titles treble for the Western province.

Earlier in the year Galway brought the Allianz National League title across the Shannon, and the county's minors captured the All-Ireland crown.

Munster's last final win over Connacht was forged out in 2001 at Nenagh, where they triumphed by 1-21 to 1-15.



Ollie Fahy (Connacht)

Hurlers from both provinces have, down the years, brightened the interprovincial test with their skills.

PRIDE OF PLACE

Pride of place must go to the late, great Christy Ring, who earned a truly remarkable record, and one that well never be equalled let alone surpassed.

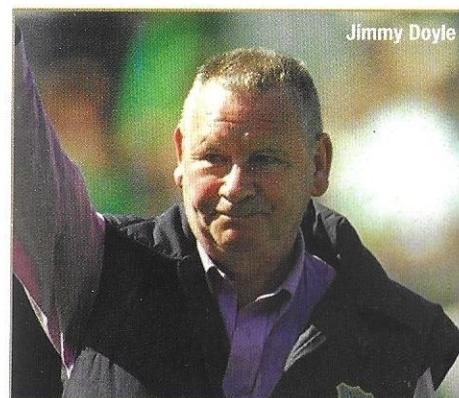
First chosen by Munster as a substitute in 1941, the Cork man made his debut at centre half forward in the 1942 final against Leinster, to which the South had a bye.

That was the first of 44 outings in the Munster blue that spanned 22 years and ended in a 1963 final replay against Leinster, in which he retired injured after only 15 minutes play.

He scored 42 goals and 105 points (231 points) at an average of 5.25 points a match. His best match return was 4-5 against Connacht in the 1959 final, which was played in June to mark the official opening of what was then the new Hogan Stand.

That limited outing in 1963 was one of only three appearances in which Ring failed to score. The first was in the 1947 final, in which Connacht won their first title, and the next the 1952 decider against Leinster.

Ring captained Munster in the 1947 final, which proved to be a remarkable game scorewise. The South with a star-studded team were bidding for a sixth successive title, but scored just 1-1.



Jimmy Doyle

Goalkeeper Sean Duggan captained an all Galway team that scored 2-5.

MULTI-MEDALISTS

Mick Mackey (Limerick), eight medals between 1934 and 1945, Jimmy Doyle (Tipperary), also on eight between 1958 and 1970, and Mick Cashman (Cork), who collected six between 1957 and 1963, are just some of the other names that immediately spring to mind from the Munster roll call.

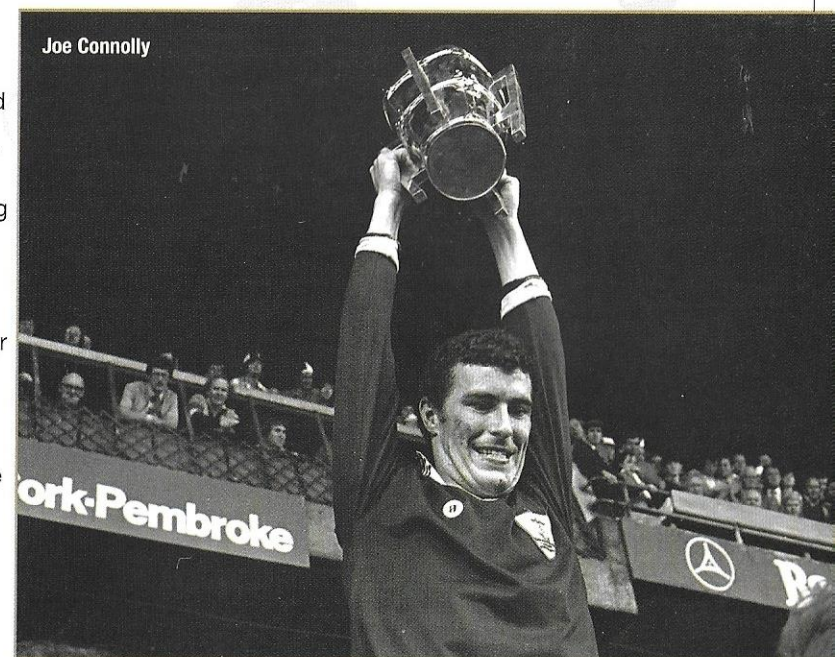
Connacht cannot match the Munster parade of stars in terms of medal wins, but hurlers from the province still brightened the interprovincials down the years, and the province reached new heights in the eighties.

That decade opened with Connacht and Munster in opposition in the hurling final—and what a day arrived for the West! A well-drilled team, powered by Joe Connolly and Noel Lane in attack, John Connolly at midfield, and Sean Silke and Conor Hayes in defence, came out on top by 1-5 to 0-7 for only a second title.

That was the first of six title wins by the province in the eighties. Others who helped to fashion that grand total included P. J. Molloy, Joe Cooney, Peter Finnerty and Tony Keady.

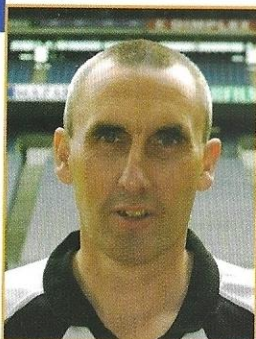
LAST DRAW

The last final to end in a draw as far back as 1969 when Munster and Connacht each finished with the same scoreline—2-9. Munster won a scoring feast replay by 3-13 to 4-4.



Joe Connolly

AN RÉITEOIR (Iomáint)



Declan Magee (An Dun)

Declan makes his refereeing debut at Croke Park in this Martin Donnelly interprovincial hurling final. He has a busy week-end as he takes charge of the AIB Ulster club final tomorrow at Casement Park.

A member of the Killclief club, Magee is a former hurler with the Down junior side, and won one intermediate and two junior club medals as a forward.

He has been refereeing locally since 1995 and made his intercounty debut in the Allianz League in 2003. Declan was on duty earlier this year in the Allianz League, the Ulster senior championship, the Christy Ring Cup and Nicky Rackard Cup.



HURLING ROLL OF HONOUR

- 44: MUNSTER:** 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1934, 1935, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1955, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1963, 1966, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1976, 1978, 1981, 1984, 1985, 1992, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2000, 2001, 2005.
- 24: LEINSTER:** 1927, 1932, 1933, 1936, 1941, 1954, 1956, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1967, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1979, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2002, 2003, 2006.
- 11: CONNACHT:** 1947, 1980, 1982, 1983, 1986, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1994, 1999, 2004.

NOTE: The competition was not played in 1990.

HURLING WINNING CAPTAINS

MUNSTER

- 1928 – Seán Óg Murphy (Cork)
1929 – Seán Óg Murphy (Cork)
1930 – Dinny Barry Murphy (Cork)
1931 – Philip Purcell (Tipperary)
1934 – Timmy Ryan (Limerick)
1935 – Timmy Ryan (Limerick)
1937 – Mick Mackey (Limerick)
1938 – Jim Langan (Tipperary)
1939 – John Keane (Waterford)
1940 – Sean Barrett (Cork)
1942 – Willie O'Donnell (Tipperary)
1943 – Jack Lynch (Cork)
1944 – Sean Condon (Cork)
1945 – Johnny Quirke (Cork)
1946 – Ger Cornally (Tipperary)
1948 – Willie Murphy (Cork)
1949 – Jim Ware (Waterford)
1950 – Pat Stakelum (Tipperary)

- 1951 – Sean Kenny (Tipperary)
1952 – Pat Stakelum (Tipperary)
1953 – Christy Ring (Cork)
1955 – Christy Ring (Cork)
1957 – Mick Cashman (Cork)
1958 – Phil Grimes (Waterford)
1959 – Tony Wall (Tipperary)
1960 – Frankie Walsh (Waterford)
1961 – Tony Wall (Tipperary)
1963 – Jimmy Doyle (Tipperary)
1966 – Jimmy Doyle (Tipperary)
1968 – Mick Roche (Tipperary)
1969 – Len Gaynor (Tipperary)
1970 – Gerald McCarthy (Cork)
1976 – Eamon O'Donoghue (Cork)
1978 – Charlie McCarthy (Cork)
1981 – Joe McKenna (Limerick)
1984 – John Fenton (Cork)
1985 – Ger Cunningham (Cork)
1992 – Declan Carr (Tipperary)

- 1995 – Gary Kirby (Limerick)
1996 – Anthony Daly (Clare)
1997 – Brian Lohan (Clare)
2000 – Fergal Ryan (Cork)
2001 – Brendan Cummins (Tipperary)
2005 – John Gardiner (Cork)

CONNACHT

- 1947 – Sean Duggan (Galway)
1980 – Joe Connelly (Galway)
1982 – Sean Silke (Galway)
1983 – Sylvie Linnane (Galway)
1986 – Noel Lane (Galway)
1987 – Conor Hayes (Galway)
1989 – Joe Cooney (Galway)
1991 – Peter Finnerty (Galway)
1994 – Michael Coleman (Galway)
1999 – Brian Feeney (Galway)
2004 – Ollie Fahy (Galway)

KELLY AND HEALY ON TARGET IN SEMI-FINALS

The excellent finishing technique of Eoin Kelly (Waterford) and Niall Healy were key factors in earning Munster and Connacht their semi-final wins over defending champions Leinster at Fermoy and Ulster at Ballybofey respectively

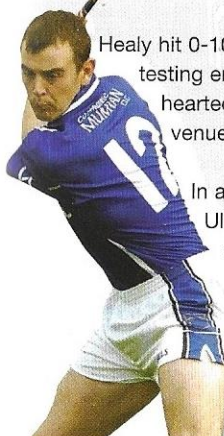
Kelly highlighted a fine display by contributing 1-10 to the 1-21 to 1-13 Southern success.

Leinster were a goal ahead after twenty-seven minutes but Munster finished the half the stronger to lead at the interval by 0-13 to 1-7.

Munster restarted in fine style with some excellent points, and when Kelly found the net well into the half they went nine points clear. They went on from there for a well-merited win.

Full back Declan Fanning (Tipperary), right half back John Gardiner (Cork), team captain and midfielder Michael Walsh (Waterford) and Lar Corbett (Tipperary) in attack were other aces in the Munster pack.

Eoin Kelly (Mumha)



Healy hit 0-10 as Connacht overcame a testing engagement against a great-hearted Ulster at the Donegal venue.

In a keenly contested first half Ulster were on level terms after twenty minutes, but Connacht did somewhat better after that and a

goal by full forward Aongus Callanan helped them to lead at the break by 1-14 to 3-5.

Connacht conceded another goal in the second half but they did not panic, and some excellent points scoring and clever play sent them on the road to a 1-28 to 4-13 win

While Healy was a very influential player with his excellent finishing technique and good general play, goal scorer Callanan, midfielders Iarla Tannian and Alan Kerins, and Tony Óg Regan in defence, also played prominent roles.

THE SEMI-FINAL TRIUMPHS MUNSTER

13th October. Fermoy:

Munster 1-21; Leinster 1-13.

Scorers: Eoin Kelly 1-10, Lar Corbett 0-3, John Gardiner 0-2, Michael Fitzgerald 0-1, John Mullane 0-1, Sean O'Connor 0-1, S. McGrath 0-1, Michael Walsh 0-1, J. Clancy 0-1.

CONNACHT

20th October. Ballybofey:

Connacht 1-28; Ulster 4-13.

Scorers: Niall Healy 0-10; Sean Glynn 0-7, Aongus Callanan 1-3, Iarla Tannian 0-3, Alan Kerins 0-2, Fergal Healy 0-1, Kenneth Burke 0-1, Kevin Hynes 0-1.



Niall Healy (Connacht)



HURLING FINALS...1927-2006

1927 – Croke Park	Leinster 1-11; Munster 2-6	1967 – Croke Park	Leinster 2-14; Munster 3-5
1928 – Croke Park	Munster 2-2; Leinster 1-2	1968 – Croke Park	Munster 0-14; Leinster 0-10
1929 – Croke Park	Munster 5-3; Leinster 3-1	1969 – Croke Park	Munster 2-9; Connacht 2-9
1930 – Croke Park	Munster 4-6; Leinster 2-7	replay – Galway	Munster 3-13; Connacht 4-4
1931 – Croke Park	Munster 1-12; Leinster 2-6	1970 – Croke Park	Munster 2-15; Leinster 0-9
1932 – Croke Park	Leinster 6-8; Munster 4-4	1971 – Croke Park	Leinster 2-17; Munster 2-12
1933 – Croke Park	Leinster 4-6; Munster 3-6	1972 – Croke Park	Leinster 3-12; Munster 1-10
1934 – Croke Park	Munster 6-3; Leinster 3-2	1973 – Croke Park	Leinster 1-13; Munster 2-8
1935 – Croke Park	Munster 3-4; Leinster 3-0	1974 – Croke Park	Leinster 2-15; Munster 1-13
1936 – Croke Park	Leinster 2-8; Munster 3-4	1975 – Croke Park	Leinster 2-9; Munster 1-11
1937 – Croke Park	Munster 1-9; Leinster 3-1	1976 – Croke Park	Munster 4-9; Leinster 4-8
1938 – Croke Park	Munster 6-2; Leinster 4-3	1977 – Croke Park	Leinster 2-17; Munster 1-13
1939 – Croke Park	Munster 4-4; Leinster 1-6	1978 – Páirc Uí Chaoimh	Munster 2-13; Leinster 1-11
1940 – Croke Park	Munster 4-9; Leinster 5-4	1979 – Thurles	Leinster 1-13; Connacht 1-9
1941 – Croke Park	Leinster 2-5; Munster 2-4	1980 – Croke Park	Connacht 1-5; Munster 0-7
1942 – Croke Park	Munster 4-9; Leinster 4-5	1981 – Ennis	Munster 2-16; Leinster 2-6
1943 – Croke Park	Munster 4-3; Leinster 3-5	1982 – Tullamore	Connacht 3-8; Leinster 2-9
1944 – Croke Park	Munster 4-10; Connacht 4-4	1983 – Breffni Park	Connacht 0-10; Leinster 1-5
1945 – Croke Park	Munster 6-8; Ulster 2-0	1984 – Ennis	Munster 1-18; Leinster 2-9
1946 – Croke Park	Munster 3-12; Connacht 4-8	1985 – Thurles	Munster 3-6; Connacht 1-11
1947 – Croke Park	Connacht 2-5; Munster 1-1	1986 – Ballinasloe	Connacht 3-11; Munster 0-11
1948 – Croke Park	Munster 3-5; Leinster 2-5	1987 – Ennis	Connacht 2-14; Leinster 1-14
1949 – Croke Park	Munster 5-3; Connacht 2-9	1988 – Casement Park	Leinster 2-14; Connacht 1-12
1950 – Croke Park	Munster 0-9; Leinster 1-3	1989 – Wexford Park	Connacht 4-16; Munster 3-17
1951 – Croke Park	Munster 4-9; Leinster 3-6	1990 – No Competition	
1952 – Croke Park	Munster 5-11; Connacht 4-2	1991 – Croke Park	Connacht 1-13; Munster 0-12
1953 – Croke Park	Munster 5-7; Leinster 5-5	1992 – Nowlan Park	Munster 3-12; Ulster 1-8
1954 – Croke Park	Leinster 0-9; Munster 0-5	1993 – Casement Park	Leinster 1-15; Ulster 2-6
1955 – Croke Park	Munster 6-8; Connacht 3-4	1994 – Thurles	Connacht 1-11; Leinster 1-10
1956 – Croke Park	Leinster 5-11; Munster 1-7	1995 – Croke Park	Munster 0-13; Ulster 1-9
1957 – Croke Park	Munster 5-7; Leinster 2-5	1996 – Ennis	Munster 2-20; Leinster 0-10
1958 – Croke Park	Munster 3-7; Leinster 3-5	1997 – Ballinasloe	Munster 0-14; Leinster 0-10
1959 – Croke Park	Munster 7-11; Connacht 2-6	1998 – Nowlan Park	Leinster 0-16; Connacht 2-9
1960 – Croke Park	Munster 6-6; Leinster 2-7	1999 – Thurles	Connacht 2-13; Munster 1-15
1961 – Croke Park	Munster 4-12; Leinster 3-9	2000 – Nowlan Park	Munster 3-15; Leinster 2-15
1962 – Croke Park	Leinster 1-11; Munster 1-9	2001 – Nenagh	Munster 1-21; Connacht 1-15
1963 – Croke Park	Munster 5-5; Leinster 5-5	2002 – Nowlan Park	Leinster 4-15; Munster 3-17
replay – Croke Park	Munster 2-8; Leinster 2-7	2003 – Rome	Leinster 4-9; Connacht 2-12
1964 – Croke Park	Leinster 3-7; Munster 2-9	2004 – Salthill	Connacht 1-15; Munster 0-9
1965 – Croke Park	Leinster 3-11; Munster 0-9	2005 – Boston	Munster 1-21; Leinster 2-14
1966 – Croke Park	Munster 3-13; Leinster 3-11	2006 – Salthill	Leinster 1-23; Connacht 0-17



CONNACHT ON TOP IN LAST FINAL MEETING

2004 – Connacht 1-15 Munster 0-9

Three years ago Connacht and Munster clashed in the Railway Cup final before a small attendance at Pearse Stadium and the locals that stayed away didn't miss much if the truth be told for the game as a contest was effectively over at half time. By that point Connacht led by three points having played against a very strong wind and, with the Munster attack struggling (they failed to score from play in either half), the outcome was obvious.

Initially, it looked as if a close contest was in the offing as Eoin Kelly and Niall Gilligan punished any western indiscretions, but when Mark Kerins and Kevin Broderick loosened up, the play began to flow towards the Munster posts. Trailing by three at the interval, the Munster selectors introduced Colin Lynch and John Gardiner for the restart, but their effect on proceedings was minimal.

Eight minutes after the resumption Alan Kerins set up Dave Donoghue for the game's only goal and from there it was only a matter of what Connacht's winning margin would be. Despite the pattern of play the exchanges were still robust with

Dan Shanahan and David Tierney receiving their marching orders midway through the half. The final quarter was devoid of excitement as Ollie Fahy, Niall Healy and Mark Kerins increased the victory margin to nine points.

Connacht scorers: M.Kerins 0-6, O.Fahy 0-4, D.Donoghue 1-1, K.Broderick 0-2, D.Collins 0-1, N.Healy 0-1.

Munster scorers: E.Kelly 0-7, N.Gilligan 0-2.

Connacht (all Galway) – L.Donoghue, D.Joyce, S.Kavanagh, O.Canning, F.Healy, L.Hodgins, F.Moore, D.Collins, D.Tierney, A.Kerins, M.Kerins, K.Broderick, D.Hayes, O.Fahy, D.Donoghue. Subs – T.Óg Regan for Hodgins, G.Farragher for Collins, N.Healy for A.Kerins, K.Higgins (Mayo) for Donoghue.

Munster – B.Cummins (Tipperary), P.Curran (Tipperary), P.Maher (Tipperary), J.Murray (Waterford), E.Corcoran (Tipperary), R.Curran (Cork), K.McGrath (Waterford), T.Browne (Waterford), O.Moran (Limerick), D.Shanahan (Waterford), N.Gilligan (Clare), N.Moran (Limerick), J.Mullane (Waterford), E.Kelly (Tipperary), J.Deane (Cork). Subs – J.Gardiner (Cork) for Curran, C.Lynch (Clare) for Browne, K.Murphy (Cork) for Deane, P.O'Brien (Limerick) for Gilligan.

LAST MEETING

The most recent meeting of Connacht and Munster occurred twelve months ago when the sides clashed in the semi/final at Ennis. In the opening half there was little between the protagonists with Eugene Cloonan's goal keeping Connacht in touch at the change of ends – 0-10 to 1-6. An Eoin Kelly goal gave Munster a three-point advantage which they held to the end of the third quarter – 1-14 to 1-11. However, Connacht dominated the closing period and Cloonan's second goal helped them to a 2-17 to 1-16 victory.



Kevin Broderick (Connacht) races clear of Mike O'Brien and Conor Plunkett (Munster)

M. DONNELLY INTERPROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS



Lá na gCúigí

Tá deis iontach inniu ag lucht leanta ár gcluichí Gaelacha réalta an tsamhraidh sa pheil agus san iomáint a fheiceáil arís agus geansaithe a gcontae a gcaitheamh acu. Bíonn áthas i gconaí ar imreoirí imirt ar son a gcúigí. Blianta ó shoin bhíodh na sluaite i láthair i bPáirc an Chrócaigh ar Lá 'lé Pádraig do Chorn an Bhóthair Iarainn –ceann dena laethanta ba mhó i bhféilire Chumann Luthchleas Gael. Tá cúrsaí athruithe ó shin ó thaobh an lucht féachana de ach níl laghdú ar suim na nimreoirí sa chomórtas seo.

Comórtaisí Martin Donnelly atá againn anois agus tá éacht déanta ag an bhfear céanna chun athbheochan a dhéanamh orthu. Le blianta beaga anuas tógadh na himreoirí thar lear dona cluichí ceannais agus caitheadh go fial leo. Dhá bhliain ó shoin, bhí na cluichí ceannais i bPáirc Pharnell agus tháinig na sluaite amach ar oíche le ríomh. Beidh deis inniu ar imreoirí imirt sa

Cheannárus - deis nach bhfaigheann cuid mhaith acu ró-mhinic. Imreofar iomáint inniu don chéad uair fé shoilse.

Beidh deis inniu, freisin, ag páistí bunscóile o Bhaile Atha Cliath, Cill Dara, An Lú agus ó Chill Mhantáin a scileanna a léiriú dúinn ag leath-am. Is iontach an onóir dóibh siúl amach le Banna Cheoil Ard Aidhean agus imirt ar an bhfaiche stairiúil os chomhair a dtuismitheoirí agus a gcáirde. Tá an-suim ag Martin Donnelly san óige agus glacann páistí Chumann na mBunscol páirt sna cluichí leathcheannais agus na cluichí ceannais gach bliain.

Beidh an Discovery Gospel Choir ag canadh dúinn anocht freisin agus is cinnte go mbeidh atmaisféir iontach fé shoilse againn. Tá súil againn go mbainfidh gach éinne fíor-thaitneamh as an ócáid stairiúil agus go mbeidh cluichí le ríomh againn freisin.

THREE DECADES

Only one man has won Railway Cup hurling medals in three different decades and, needless to say, that man was Christy Ring (the first of his 18 awards came in 1942 and the last in 1963). No one can approach the Leesiders' record and his achievements are put in perspective by noting that in the 80-year history of the inter-provincial tests just two other players have actually played in finals in three different decades...John Connolly of Galway and Limerick's Eamon Cregan.

The Corribsider appeared in his first final in 1969 but had to wait eleven years (1980) to garner his first medal. The Shannonsider collected medals in 1966 (sub), 1968, 1969 and 1981, but five times in the 1970s ('71, '72, '74, '75 & '77) he was on the losing side in finals. And on the three occasions Munster took the title in that decade (1970, 1976 and 1978) Cregan failed to catch the eye of the selectors for even a place on the substitutes' bench.



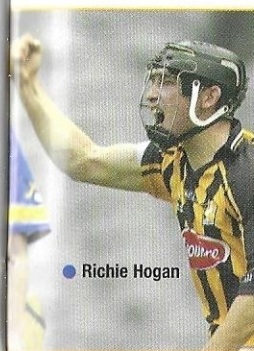
WINNING & LOSING

The longest winning sequence in Interprovincial football finals belongs to Ulster who won the six titles on offer between 1989 and 1995 (there was no competition in 1990). Conversely, the longest losing sequence of finals also stands at six, a record which Munster would prefer not to hold as the province lost all six deciders between 1956 and 1961. That run of six successive defeats is hard to credit as the southern province had amongst their ranks the likes of Mick O'Connell, Jerome O'Shea, Paudie Sheehy and Mick O'Dwyer of Kerry as well as Cork's Niall Fitzgerald, Paddy Harrington and Paddy O'Driscoll.

As with the football competition, the longest winning streak in Interprovincial hurling finals stands at six, which Munster recorded between 1948 and 1953. Ironically, the Southerners also hold the longest losing streak in finals, which was the five successive deciders they lost to Leinster between 1971 and 1975. Connacht's best winning run in finals stands at two; a feat they recorded on three occasions – 1982/83, 1986/87 and 1989/91 (there was no competition in 1990). However, although the Westerners have never lost back-to-back finals, their defeat to Leinster twelve months ago means that they must win this evening to preserve that record.

Handball: Hogan to lead the US Troops

The top young talents of Irish handball were in action last weekend and fought it out to represent Ireland at the USHA Junior Nationals in Phoenix, Arizona this December.

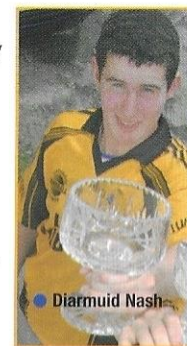


Richie Hogan

Kilkenny's Richie Hogan secured the Boy's 19 and under spot on the Irish squad after a win over Mayo's Kieran Burke. Hogan represented Ireland in the 15 and Under bracket a few years ago and his addition to this year's squad will be a major boost to Irish prospects on US soil this December.

In the 17 and under bracket, Clare minor county hurler Diarmuid Nash dominated and will be one

of the key figures to watch in Arizona. Nash will already be representing Ireland in November at the Basque International Tournament after taking the Boy's U-18 Irish One-Wall national title in June. The left-handed Tuamgraney handballer is a rising young star in the game, showing great form at present.



Diarmuid Nash

Roscommon's Leona Doolin, the current 15 and under World champion, will be in search of further glory stateside in the 17 and under category, while another promising young star, Aisling O'Reilly from Belfast, unbeaten at underage level for many years, looks certain to take the 19 and under title.

IRISH HANDBALL WOULD LIKE TO THANK MARTIN DONNELLY FOR HIS SUPPORT OF OUR GAME THIS YEAR AND PARTICULARLY AS SPONSOR OF THE 60x30 FINALS. BEST WISHES TO ALL CONCERNED IN THE M DONNELLY INTERPROVINCIAL FINALS TODAY.

DOUBLE PURSUIT

Thanks to their double victory over Leinster at Fermoy a fortnight ago, this evening Munster are in pursuit of their eighth Railway Cup double. The competition was in its fifth year when the southern province achieved the first-ever double in 1931 with wins over Leinster in both codes; hurling 1-12 to 2-6 and football 2-2 to 0-6. The teams that brought Munster its first double were:

Hurling – T.O'Meara, P.Purcell, P.Cahill, T.Treacy, M.Kennedy (Tipperary), C.Ware (Waterford), J.J.Doyle, T.Considine (Clare), P.Collins, J.Hurley, D.B.Murphy, E.Coughlan, P.Aherne (Cork), M.Cross, G.Howard (Limerick);

Football (all Kerry) – J.O'Riordan, D.O'Connor, J.Barrett, J.Walsh, P.Russell, J.O'Sullivan, T.O'Donnell, C.Brosnan, R.Stack, E.Fitzgerald, M.Doyle, J.J.Landers, E.Sweeney, T.Landers, J.J.Sheehy.

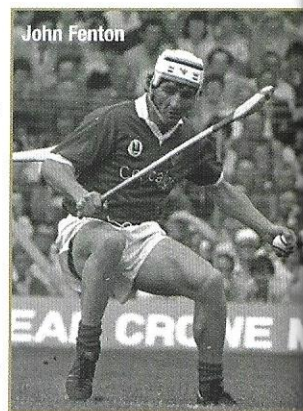
Leinster swiftly recorded back-to-back doubles in 1931 and 1932, but in the late forties Munster recorded three in four years ('46, '48 & '49). In 1954 Leinster recorded their third double and pulled level with Munster eight years later. The Easterners edged ahead in 1974, but Munster moved back in front with dual success in 1976 and 1978.

In 1981 at Ennis Munster recorded their seventh and most recent double with comfortable wins over Leinster (hurling) by 2-16 to 2-6 and Connacht (football) by 3-10 to 1-9. The teams which brought the southern province its most recent dual success lined out:

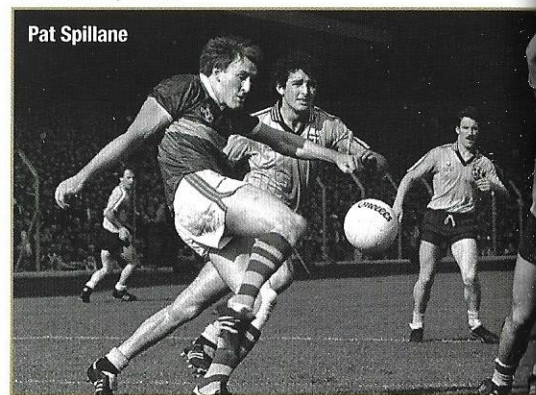
Hurling – P.Moloughney (Tipperary), G.Loughnane (Clare), B.Murphy (Cork), T.O'Connor (Tipperary), D.McCurtain

(Cork), S.Hehir (Clare), L.O'Donoghue (Limerick), J.Fenton, T.Cashman (Cork), J.Callinan (Clare), P.Horgan (Cork), M.Walsh (Waterford), E.O'Donoghue (Cork), J.McKenna, E.Cregan (Limerick). Subs – O.O'Connor (Limerick), T.Crowley (Cork);

Football – C.Nelligan, J.Deenihan, J.O'Keefe (Kerry), K.Kehily (Cork), P.O'Shea, T.Kennelly, D.Moran, S.Walsh, J.O'Shea, G.Power (Kerry), D.Allen (Cork), P.Spillane, M. Sheehy, E.Liston, J.Egan (Kerry).



Leinster recorded their sixth double in 1988 and their seventh in 2002, while twelve months ago they moved ahead of Munster with an eighth success. However, should Munster win both matches this evening they will pull level with Leinster at eight doubles apiece.



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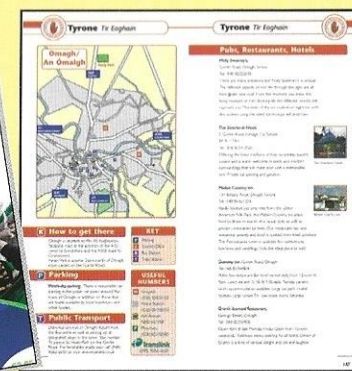
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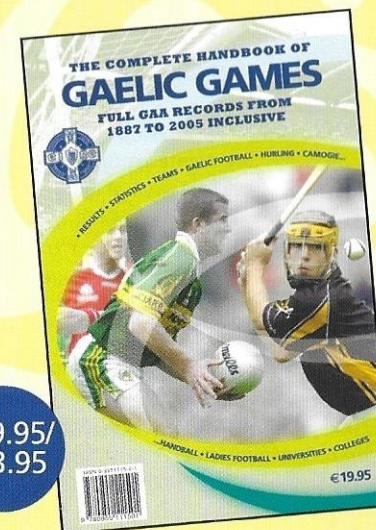
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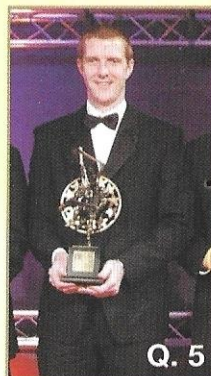
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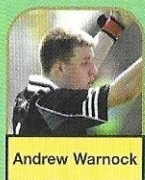
Tráth na gCeist

1. Name the winners of the 2007 Cadbury All-Ireland Under-21 football title.
2. How many Connacht players were included in the Vodafone All Stars football team announced last week-end?
3. Who refereed the All-Ireland senior hurling final— Michael Haverty (Galway), Diarmuid Kirwan (Cork) or Barry Kelly (Westmeath)?
4. How many Kilkenny hurlers won Vodafone All Stars awards last week-end?
5. Henry Shefflin (Kilkenny) won his fifth, sixth or seventh Vodafone All Stars award recently. Your choice!
6. Where was last year's Martin Donnelly interprovincial football final played?
7. Crossmaglen Rangers won their 11th successive Armagh senior football title last month. True or false?
8. Who won this year's Leinster Under-21 hurling title?
9. Who refereed last week-end's Ulster-Connacht Martin Donnelly interprovincial football semi-final?
10. Paddy Bradley won a Derry senior football medal last Sunday with what club?

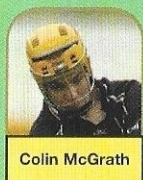


Spotlight On The Minors

Listed below are six counties and six young players, all goalkeepers, who were action in the concluding rounds of this year's ESB All-Ireland minor hurling and football championships. Can you match each player with the correct county?



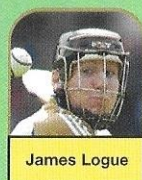
Andrew Warnock



Colin McGrath



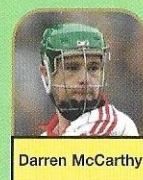
Conor O'Shea



James Logue



Owen Higgins



Darren McCarthy

Kilkenny, Cork, Derry, Tipperary, Galway, Laois

Other Sports

1. What province won the Gael-Linn interprovincial senior camogie title last week-end for the first time in forty years?
2. Kerry's Maria Daly and Ashley Prenderville won what All-Ireland title in handball last week-end?
3. Leitrim earned ranking last month as the winners of the first-ever All-Ireland championship final in what grade in ladies football?
4. Who captained Mayo in their unsuccessful All-Ireland ladies senior football final bid against Cork last month?
5. Name this year's All-Ireland junior camogie finalists.

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I led my county to their only All-Ireland senior football title not so long ago. However, I have not been playing club football in my county of late but with a Dublin club. I retired from intercounty football recently, but I will be back on the intercounty scene in a new role in the coming year, but not with my native county



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Cusack Stand Lower: First Aid Centre rear of Section 312.

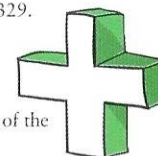
Canal Stand Upper: First Aid Centre rear of Section 724.

Hogan Stand Lower: First Aid Centre rear of Section 329.

Hill 16: First Aid Centre rear of Section A

Lower Hogan: Medical Centre

The Site Medical Officer will be situated on the pitch in front of the Cusack Stand. All Treatment Centres are staffed by St. John Ambulance Brigade members.



Lost Children

Lost Children can be collected at the above Medical Centres.





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