

# THE GAELIC ECHO

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## Kerry and Roscommon Clash Again For All-Ireland Football Crown

**KERRY AND ROSCOMMON**, rivals of two years ago, who packed Croke Park with a record crowd of 79,265, while hundreds sought admission to gain, meet for the second time in an All-Ireland football final at the now famous Jones' Road tryst of the Gael on Sunday.

Last meeting went in favour of Roscommon, who are again favourites to win back the title they first won in 1943, and then successfully defended against the Kingdom footballers in 1944.

As was the case two years ago, the game is arousing nation-wide interest and it can be safely predicted that the biggest crowd of the year will flock to Croke Park on Sunday.

There was a feeling that the 1944 final would produce a good hard game of football and the struggle between two teams favouring a style which had much in common, lived up to expectations. Both counties passed out of the championship in their provincial competitions last season, but with reorganised forces they set about recovering the local honours this year, and after a series of hard games they face each other full of confidence for the 1946 title.

**ROSCOMMON COME BACK.** Roscommon opened their championship campaign in the West by dethroning Galway, last year's Connacht champions, at Ballinasloe, where later they defeated Mayo in the provincial decider. This game was replayed by agreement at Roscommon town, where Jimmy Murray and his men repeated their Ballinasloe victory to qualify for the All-Ireland semi-final with Laoighis.

The test with the O'Moore County net winners was one of the stiffest ever at C by the Roscommon men, whose team-work and a brilliant last minute save by Dolan carried them to the final for the third time in four years.

When Kerry passed out of the running last year in Munster, it was generally felt that their absence would not be a prolonged one, as in the long span since 1905 the Kingdom has had the honour of representing Munster in the All-Ireland tests oftener than all the other Southern counties combined.

Re-organising their forces and introducing many young players, the Kerry men dethroned Cork, reigning All-Ireland champions, in a hard, sporting game at Killarney.

### Versatile



**P. MURRAY**, a versatile footballer, equally at home in defence and attack.

### KERRY HARD SET.

This was their first step on the way back to Croke Park, and it was nearly their last of the season, as Clare with a well trained confident side almost created a sensation at Ennis.

The Kerry men were hard set to qualify for the final at Tralee with Waterford, who had beaten Tipperary at Dungarvan.

Although Waterford shined well in the early stages, Kerry readily won back the Southern title to qualify for a meeting with Antrim, who away back in 1912 had inflicted a sensational defeat on what was adjudged at the time a first class team.

Avenging that defeat by a three points' margin, Kerry qualified for its twenty-fifth final, and went into training over a fortnight ago at Tralee

in preparation for another tilt at the Western stars.

### IN STRICT TRAINING.

Roscommon, too, have been in strict training for what they consider to be their biggest task since they stepped into the limelight three years ago.

The Western champions have shown vast improvement in team work and football craft since they won the Connacht title from Galway in 1943. They have gathered all the tricks of the game and with the 1944 win to encourage them are again confident of bringing the title to Connacht.

There will be no clash of styles in this game, as Roscommon and Kerry belong to the catch and kick school that has won so many major and minor honours in the past sixty years.

### TRADITION DISCOUNTED.

The Roscommon men showed two years ago that tradition counts for little when they beat Kerry by two points.

Kerry have now introduced a greater blend of youth and officials, and team followers say that prospects of victory are far brighter than they were in 1944.

### THE CURTAIN RAISER.

As a curtain raiser to the senior game, Dublin and Kerry line out in the minor football final.

Dublin, who are holders of the title, defeated Kerry in last year's semi-final and Leitrim in the final.

This year they beat Laoighis, Wexford, Meath and Tyrone, victory in each case being impressive enough to leave their supporters confident of another victory.

Kerry could only draw with Cork in the opening round, but they put the issue beyond doubt at the second meeting with the lads from the Lee. They were particularly impressive in beating Tipperary in the Munster final, but Lady Luck helped them to defeat Mayo in the semi-final at Tralee.

Two great games are in prospect at the National Stadium on Sunday.

Renewing their rivalry of two years ago, Roscommon and Kerry can be relied on to play the game in a true sporting spirit.

Hard knocks will be given and taken, and when the heat of the day's struggle is over the champions of South and West will still be good friends. Somebody must win, and may the better team win the 1946 All-Ireland senior football title is our last word to the sporting counties.

### How They Will Line-Out

#### KERRY (Green and Gold)

**D. O'Keeffe**  
(Kerins-O'Rahillys)

**D. Lyne** Lt. **J. Keohane** **P. B. Brosnan**  
(Legion) (J. Mitchels) (Dingle)

**C. O'Connor** **T. O'Connor** **E. Walsh**  
(Fermoy) (F'geralds) (C'island)

**A. Cremin (Capt)** **D. Kavanagh**  
(S. Rangers) (Fitzgeralds)

**W. O'Donnell** **P. Kennedy** **B. Garvey**  
(J. Mitchels) (G'dines) (G'dines)

**J. Lyne** **P. Burke** **T. O'Connor**  
(Legion) (Fitzgeralds) (Dingle)

Subs.—**E. Dowling**, **G. Teahan**, **T. Long**, **B. Kelliher**, **T. Sullivan**, **C. Sullivan**, **N. Donoghue**, **J. Falvey**, **F. O'Keeffe**, **M. Moore**.

#### ROSCOMMON (Saffron and Blue)

**G. Dolan**  
(St. Comans)

**W. Jackson** **J. Casserly** **O. Hoare**  
(Tarmon) (S. Comans) (S. Comans)

**B. Lynch** **W. Carlos** **T. Collins**  
(G'dines) (C. Service) (Crossmolina)

**P. Murray** **E. Boland**  
(St. Patricks) (Strokestown)

**V. Beirne** **J. Murray (Cpt.)** **D. Keenan**  
(Dungar) (St. Patricks) (Elphin)

**Lt. McQuillan** **J. J. Fallon** **J. J. Nerney**  
(St. Patricks) (Barnacoola) (Boyle)

Subs.—**M. Heavey**, **J. P. O'Callaghan**, **T. Cox**, **J. Kelly**, **T. Quinn**, **F. Kinlough**, **H. Gibbons**, **J. Briens**.

### THE REFEREES

Referees for the All-Ireland Senior and Minor finals: **W. Delaney** (Laoighis) and **B. Nestor** (Galway) are well known exponents of the game.

**Bill Delaney**, member of the famous Stradbally family of Delaneys has won many honours with his county and province. He has already built a big name for himself as referee in Leinster, where he has handled many important games.

**Brendan Nestor** helped Galway to win All-Irelands and Connacht to win Railway Cups. Like **Bill Delaney** he, too, has built up a big reputation as a capable referee who can always be relied on to do the right thing.

### DATES FOR JUNIOR

#### FINALS

**THE** Executive Committee of the Central Council, G.A.A., re-fixed the Down v. Leitrim All-Ireland Junior Football final (home) for September 29 at Mullingar, with **M. Leech**, Louth, as referee.

**The Junior Hurling Final London** **The Junior Hurling Final (London v. Kilkenny)** is fixed for Oct. 6 at Kilkenny.

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1.45—M.F. Final:

DUBLIN (holders) v. KERRY  
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KERRY v. ROSCOMMON  
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# 1939, The First Of Six Glorious Years

It was July 23rd, 1939, and "Connacht Derby" day. Thousands of fans had flocked to St. Coman's Park, Roscommon, for the Ga'way-Mayo Connacht final, which in those days was one of the leading sporting events of the year west of the Shannon. A meeting of these old rivals never failed to draw a crowd, and the 1939 meeting was no exception. If anything that year's "Derby" held more than ordinary interest, as Galway, defending their All-Ireland title, which they had won by defeating Kerry in the re-play of the 1938 final, were facing a strong Mayo challenge.

It was not to be wondered at, therefore, that the senior game that day was the main topic of conversation, and that the minor game between Leitrim and Galway, which served as a curtain-raiser for the big game, had not gripped the attention of any but the more ardent supporters of the two teams concerned.

But the splendid fare served up by the minors soon got a hold on the crowd, and when the half-way stage was reached the "Derby" was momentarily forgotten. The second half was also productive of good football, but after a time it was apparent that the experience of the heftier Leitrim lads was swaying the game in their favour. Galway, however, imbued with the traditional fighting spirit of old Galway teams, had not given up hope, and a sparkling finish, with both teams going all-out, was the result.

When the final whistle sounded the score stood: 1-13 to 1-5 in Leitrim's favour.

"Twas a grand game, and that's a good Leitrim team," said a friend to me. I agreed with him. It was as nice a minor combination as I had seen in action for a long time. The Roscommon team, which it was to meet in the Connacht semi-final on the following Sunday would not stand much of a chance against it, I thought.

The match was fixed for Elphin, and we were all to be there to cheer our encouragement, even though we had a feeling that it would be in vain. The weather that Sunday made cycling impossible, and prevented us from being present. In a continuous downpour, and before a small crowd, our lads lined out in the Orchard Park against Leitrim, with a quiet confidence that was not shared by many.

Sean O'Callaghan's Gaelic sports talk from Radio Eireann that night

brought us the first account of the match. And were we surprised when we heard the result? "By defeating Leitrim on the score 1-8 to 1-6, Roscommon minors qualified to meet Mayo in the Connacht final on Sunday next at Castlerea." We could scarcely believe it, but there was no mistake about it.

It was a splendid struggle with the strength and staying-power of the Roscommon lads, coupled with the accurate place-kicking of their forty yards man, Joe Tiernan, of Elphin, proving too much for Leitrim.

Sunday, August 6th, was a big day for the Gaels of Roscommon, with the county minor and junior teams facing Mayo minors and juniors respectively in two Connacht finals. It was not, however, a very pleasant day for football, as showers made the pitch and ball slippery.

The minor game was first, and the youngsters flung themselves into the spirit of the match with such rare abandon that the spectators soon forgot their discomfort in the excitement of the game.

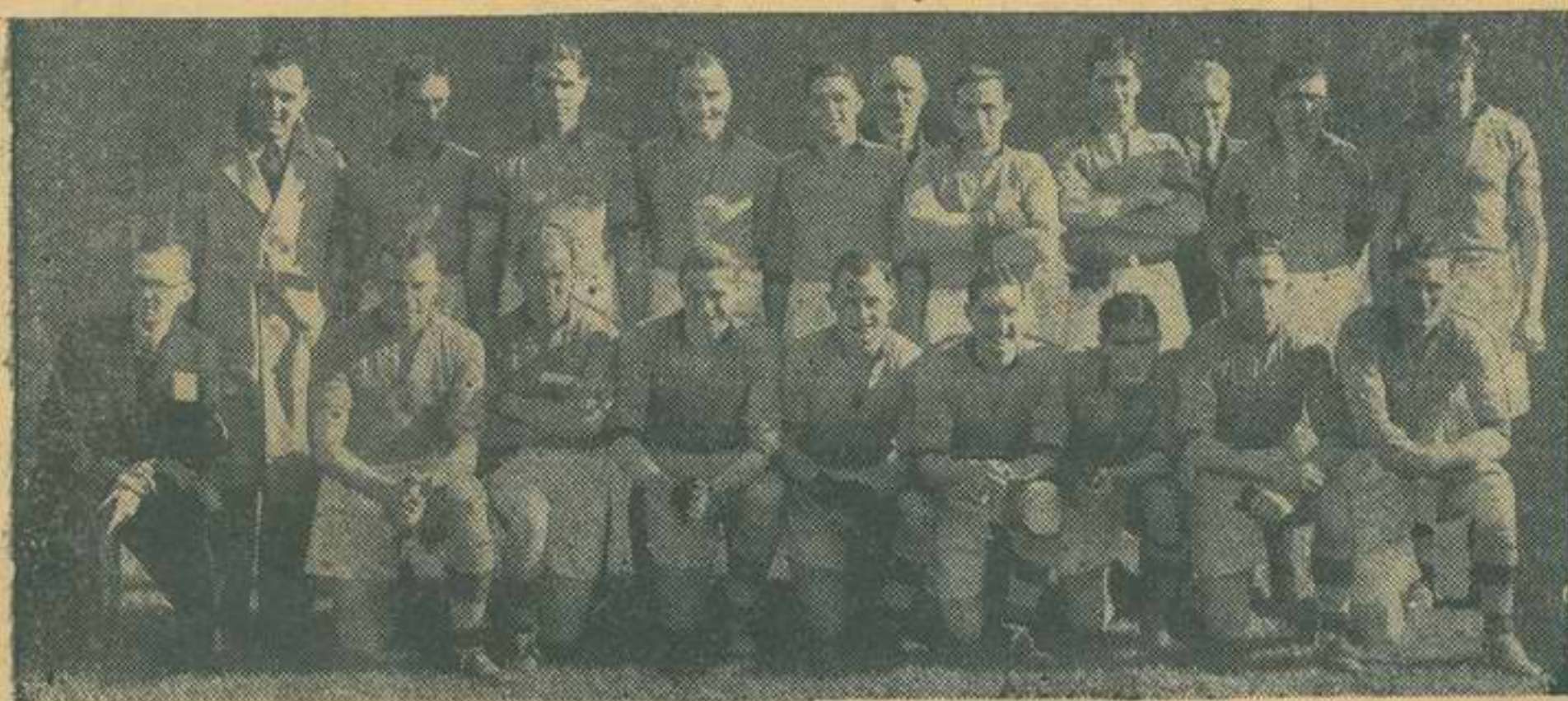
Roscommon supporters were jubilant. Mayo were making a great fight for it, but their opponents held the upper hand. At last a Roscommon team seemed to be getting somewhere in the football world, and a Connacht title was within its grasp. Tiernan was again deadly accurate with his frees, and the score was piling up in their favour.

Mayo broke away, but Gilmartin, Cummins, Carlos and Murray were sound in the defence. Lynch and Lavin held sway at centre-field, and Kilduff, Winston and Cathal Beirne were making splendid use of the ball in the forward line.

The long whistle came, and with it, to Roscommon, came the Connacht minor title for the first time in history. The score was: Roscommon, 1-11; Mayo, 1-3.

Commented Mick Jennings, the

Roscommon team with officials, trainer and subs. photographed before the 1944 final with Kerry at Croke Park.



referee, when asked about the game: "The minors have set an example of how to play the game that the seniors might well copy."

The team that day was: S. Naughton (goal); L. Cummins; L. Carlos, D. Boyd; P. Donnelly, L. Gilmartin (Capt.), A. Murray; S. Lavin, T. Lynch, C. Beirne, Joe Tiernan, J. McDermott; J. Bambrick, G. Kilduff, H. Winston.

So a Roscommon minor team was headed for Croke Park. Their opponents in the semi-final were the Southern Champions, Cork, and when the teams took the field there was a large mustering of Roscommon people there to raise the cry, which at the time was new to Croke Park, but which has since been heard there very frequently—"Come on, Roscommon."

The last time a Roscommon team had appeared in Croke Park was in 1932, in the junior semi-final when, incidentally, Cork also provided the opposition.

It was evident from the start that the Roscommon lads were suffering from stage fright; that the big occasion was having a bad effect on some of the players—faults that nearly proved costly for the seniors four years later.

But the fighting spirit, that had carried them through in the Connacht Championship, was there, and when half-time came Cork held only a point lead—1-3 to 0-5.

The second half provided a great struggle with the boys of the West, apparently having overcome their nervousness, making a great bid to get in front. And get in front they did! Before many minutes of the second half had elapsed the Roscommon lads were in front, and from that on they never looked back. In this half Cork only added one point to their half-time score, while Roscommon put on five points, to leave the final score 0-10 to 1-4 in their favour.

It was a popular win, and the Roscommon team, which showed one change—Cox replacing Donnelly—on the side that beat Mayo, received a great ovation as it left the pitch.

Thus it was that the team which started with such little hope earlier in the year was now in the all-Ireland final. The other finalist was Monaghan who, after winning through in the North, had defeated Westmeath in the semi-final.

The Roscommon lads went through a course of training under that trainer of so many all-Ireland teams, Tom Molloy, an old Galway footballer. It was a very fit fifteen that took the field that day, and their supporters were very confident that the title was coming to the West.

It was a great struggle, and Roscommon's rally in the last quarter that changed a seven-points deficit into a two-points lead will long live in the memory of those who saw it.

Roscommon supporters' hopes had turned to despair as the game entered the last quarter with Monaghan leading 1-7 to 0-5. Even the most ardent supporter had given up hope, but not so the team, which came back and turned defeat into victory when all seemed lost.

Again Tiernan proved the match-winner. As free followed free so point followed point, but with very few minutes left it looked as if Roscommon were rallying late.

Kilduff received from Penny, who had come in as a sub, to replace Winston injured, and passing the ball over the full back's head he wheeled and let fly with a shot that never gave the goalie a chance. There was only a point in the Ulstermen's favour now. A free to Roscommon followed, and amidst tense excitement Tiernan ran up to take it. He tried for a goal. He failed. The ball was cleared out field, but was returned. Another free followed, and this time the Elphin lad made no mistake.

Over the bar went the ball for the equalising point, to be followed soon after by another point to put Roscommon in front. It was nearly full time, and the backs had come up the field to help in the attack. Cox, who had been playing left half-back, got the kick-out, and from 40 yards sent over a beauty point to leave his side winners on the score 1-9 to 1-7.

It was a glorious finish to the first chapter in the record-breaking sequence of victories by Roscommon teams in the five years that followed.

There were great scenes of enthusiasm all over the county

following that victory. Blazing bonfires and cheering crowds greeted the victors when they returned from Dublin, and in the months that followed, round many a hearthstone and at cross-roads and meeting places the match was the main topic of discussion.

The success had a marked and very beneficial effect on the game in the county, as was evident in the standard of play in subsequent inter-club and inter-county games.

From "Six Glorious Years" in Roscommon's G.A.A. History.

## Westerners Are Slightly Better Fancied But Kerry Attack May Be Their Big Problem

**"SAVE the Harvest" or "U.N.O."** may be front page news at the moment but for the general masses of the Irish people "Kerry or Roscommon?" is the big question and many thousands will be disappointed if Sunday's All-Ireland football final meeting of the counties does not produce a thrilling struggle.

Two years ago Roscommon beat the Kerry men before a crowd that touched the 80,000 mark and while these figures may not be reached this year owing to harvesting operations, there is certain to be a huge attendance when the teams line out for the title.

### A CLOSE GAME?

That the game is going to be a close one is the general opinion and the man in the street or at the cross-roads finds it hard to answer the question "Who'll win on Sunday?"

Opinion is sharply divided on the question. Some hold that Roscommon have improved as a team since 1944, while others say that Kerry will be a difficult side this year following the introduction of young players like Teddy O'Connor, Paddy Burke, Gus Cremens and Batt Garvey.

That there will be little clash of styles is the general opinion as both teams favour football methods that have much in common.

Roscommon, like Galway, have always held that the only way to beat Kerry is at their own game of high catching and long kicking.

"Grip them high and kick them long" has been the policy in Roscommon in recent years as it has been in Kerry since the early days of that county's rise to fame.

Roscommon are in the happy position of having no team building worries as all their players are to fill positions in which they have become familiar in many hard struggles. Kerry on the other hand must replace two or three of the team which defeated Antrim,

with a resultant shuffle of positions.

Whether these shuffles will make for strength or the reverse it is hard to say, but it leaves Roscommon with an advantage when you start to measure up the chances of the teams.

Kerry two years ago lost the game through an attack that carried too many passengers in the shape of veterans or injured players.

### CHANGED ATTACK

The whole Kerry attack has been changed, which makes the question "Who'll win?" still more difficult to solve.

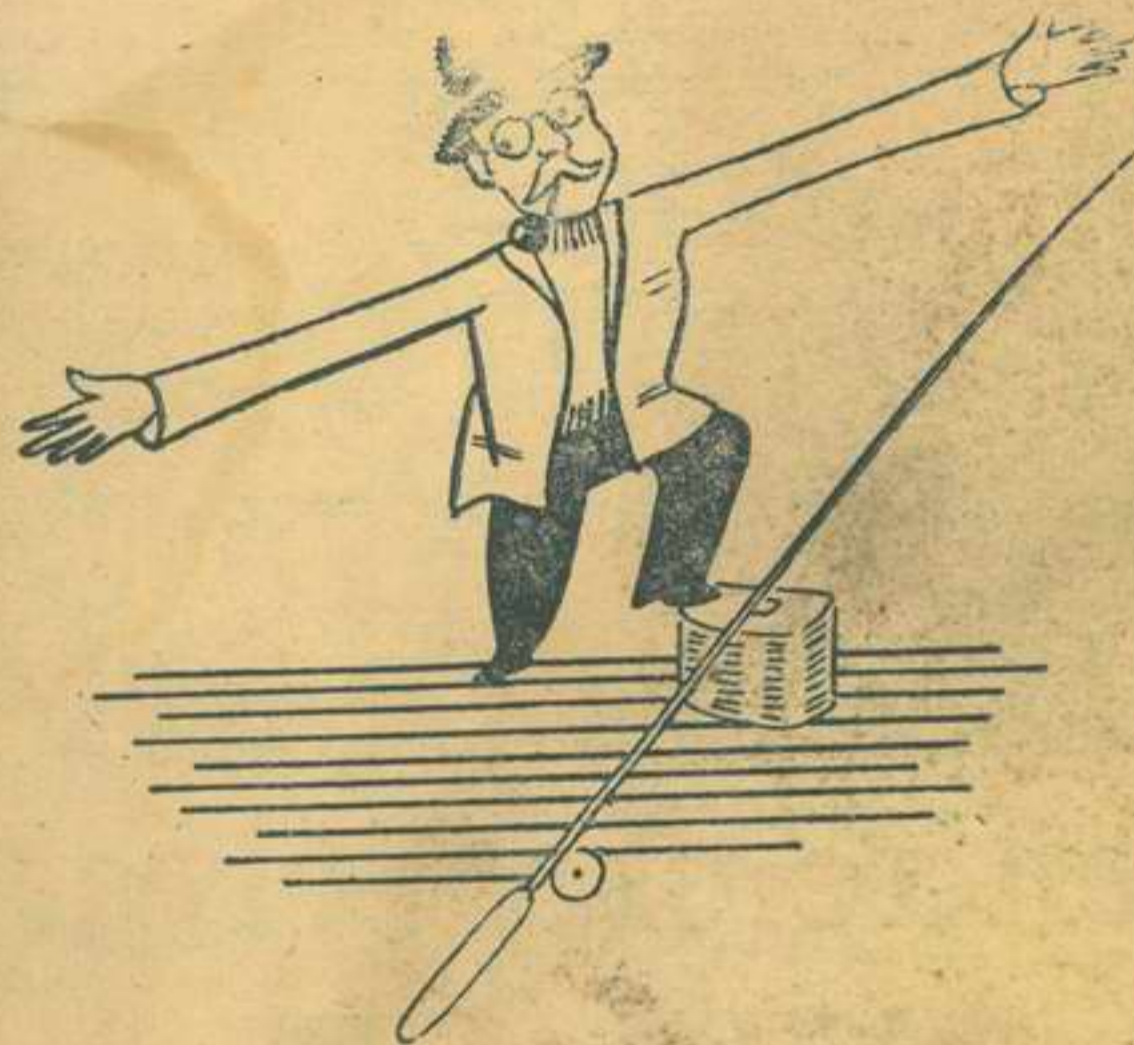
Against Antrim the Kerry forwards were on top for a long spell in the second half but wasted chances scoring points through seeking goals. The Kingdom forwards may, however, be glad to get points against Roscommon defence, which does not give away many openings.

Football is a game in which centre field plays a big part and Roscommon say they are going to dictate terms hereabouts. If they do, and they did it against Mayo and Laoighis, they will make good their claim that they will repeat the 1944 victory.

Kerry will be a more eager team than we saw two years ago and they will be a faster team. This is especially so in attack and if the Westerners are beaten it will be by the speed of the Kerry forwards. A hard game is in prospect and a game that may not be won or lost until the closing minutes as happened in 1944.

Roscommon are undoubtedly the better balanced as a team, but the Kerry men have also improved in this respect, so that it looks like being a neck-and-neck struggle, though Roscommon are slightly better fancied, but Kerry have often surprised Croke Park crowds by winning when least expected.

Let us hope that it will be a good game, a clean game, and a game in which there will be plenty of play, knocks but no frayed tempers.



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## GREAT MEN WHO LED GREAT KERRY TEAMS

**MEN** whose names have filled leading places in the story of the G.A.A. and who were in the forefront of the struggle for Irish freedom, have led Kerry teams to victory and defeat in All-Ireland Finals.

First in the great line of Kerry captains came J. P. O'Sullivan, whose Laune Rangers from the hills and glens of the Killorglin country blazed the trail for Kerry men to Dublin, Thurles and Cork. J.P.'s trip to Clonturk Park was an unsuccessful one, and the next decade of years was well on its way ere another Kerry team hit the trail for Tipperary town to play Kildare in the All-Ireland Final.

This was a July day in 1905 when Thady O'Gorman led his Mitchels selection against the Clane-Roseberry short-grass combination that was captained by Joe Rafferty of immortal fame. Russet-haired Joe was the first man to bear a white jersey, that was afterwards to become famous as the Lily white of Kildare, who on that day at Tipperary lined out in the Clane colours, while Kerry wore the jerseys of the Tralee Junior Mitchels, red with green cuffs and collars.

A special train carrying hundreds of Kerry supporters arrived late in Tipperary town and the game was in full swing when many of the hundreds who packed themselves into carriages and guard's van, got to the grounds.

I well remember hearing the tales of that homecoming of a Kerry contingent elated and disappointed, elated because Kerry had won and disappointed at the news that the final should be replayed.

Slowly that packed train plugged its way up Barna height while the tired and happy passengers from all over North Kerry got out to drink water which ran in a clear stream beside the railway line. It was "July Big Fair Day" in Listowel, and the farmers were on their way to Listowel as the merry Kerry enthusiasts cycled to Tarbert, Asdee, Ballybunion and the other districts which sent their enthusiasts to cheer on the Kerry footballers.

Kerry football found a new life in those great games between Kerry and Kildare. Kerry, still led by the Mitchell's captain, Thady O'Gorman, won the title at Cork on October 15, 1905, by 8 points to 2.

Second man to lead the Kingdom to All-Ireland honours was Austin Stack, son of a Fenian and a Fenian himself, who in after years was to become one of Ireland's greatest leaders in the fight for independence.

Stack himself played a big part in that victory, but as in many subsequent finals it was the Kingdom defence which held Dublin at bay in the second half. 1907 saw Kerry and Kildare again in opposition for the title, the venue this time being Thurles, where a crowd of 18,000 lined the ground and saw a Kingdom selection, led by Maurice McCarthy, defeated.

The game will ever be remembered for an aftermath in the shape of a letter from Austin Stack replying to criticisms of the referee, Mr. M. F. C. O'Connell.

Austin's letter read: "I am sure

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J. P. O'SULLIVAN, who led the Laune Rangers

game in which some Kerry men did not reproduce the form expected.

Tom Costelloe, that sturdy defender from the Mile Height, was the next to join the parade of Kerry's All-Ireland captains.

Tomaseen's seventeen, who beat Louth for the 1909 title, included Batt O'Connor, of Dingle; Frank Cronin, who later became a successful London journalist; M. J. Quinlan, Tom Rice, Danny Mullins, and Jack Kennelly of North Kerry.

Kerry, after the stand-down against the action of the Great Southern Railway in refusing the proper travel facilities for the players going to Dublin to play Louth in the 1910 final, did not again appear in a final until they met Wexford for the 1913 title.

### DICK FITZ

Kerry had beaten Louth in the Croke Memorial replay and, led by Dick Fitzgerald, they repeated the victory over the Loc Garman men at Jones' Road. Dick was again the skipper in 1914 when the victory over Wexford was repeated when it took two meetings in that year to decide the issue as the counties drew on November 1.

Kerry were led by six points to nil



M. DOYLE C. BROSINAN

Kerry men, who faded out of the picture, as the war of Independence grew hotter.

Football and hurling were forgotten in those glorious days when the youth of Ireland with the shot gun and rifle, faced the might of an Empire in one great struggle for freedom.

Many Kerry footballers were in the vanguard of the struggle, and it was not until the sparks of the Civil War had cleared away that Kerry again appeared on the Gaelic horizon. Men who had been in different camps filled places on the team which lined out against Dublin on a September day in 1924 for the 1923 title.

### KERRY'S WELCOME.

Few of us who were at Croke Park that day will forget the reception accorded the Kerry men as they trooped over the pitch. There was no booing or no cat-calls but a spontaneous welcome for men like John Joe Sheehy, Pluggy Moriarty, Paddy McKenna, Joe Barrett, and Con Brosnan. The cheer that greeted

Sheehy, on the run for months on the Kerry hillsides during the Civil War, was particularly warm.

Kerry lost that game but were back again within seven months to win back the title. Phil O'Sullivan, "the Mocca teacher," as he was familiarly known, led Kerry to victory, a feat which was followed by another All-Ireland in 1926. John Joe Sheehy was the skipper against Kildare, who were only beaten on a replay with the luck on Kerry's side in the drawn game.

### JOHN JOE

The big-hearted Boherbee man again captained the team which lost to Kildare in 1927, while Joe Barrett led the green and gold to victory over their old lily white rivals in the 1929 final.

John Joe was back again in leadership when Kerry won its easiest All-Ireland of fifteen by beating Monaghan 3-11 to 0-2 in the 1930 final. Scribes in every part of the country described this team as the best ever fielded in the history of the championship.

### CONEEN AND JOE.

Third of the four title wins off the reel saw another great footballer receive the cup as Con Brosnan captained the team which defeated Kildare in the 1931 final by six points, the biggest margin which separated the counties in a decider for the title since the replay of the 1903 final at Cork in 1905.

Joe Barrett headed the Kerry men in their victory march of 1932 which was almost capped by Dublin in the semi-final. The game with Mayo in the final was a close struggle, Kerry eventually winning by three points.

From the defeat in the 1934 semi-final by Dublin at Tralee until the 1937 final, Kerry did not appear at Croke Park in the deciding game for the title.

Meeting their now doughty rivals from Breffni O'Raghallaigh, Kerry were captained by Miko Doyle, who joined the parade of great Kerry captains, when Cavan were beaten on a replay.

Bill Kinnerk captained the team which lost to Galway in the 1938 replay, and then in a row Gega O'Connor (1939), Dan Spring (1940), and Bill Dillon (1941), led the Kingdom to victory.

Paddy Bawn Brosnan was the skipper two years ago when Roscommon won, and now the mantle of great Kerry captains falls on a North Kerry man.

It is a long list that started fifty years ago with the Killorglin man, J. P. O'Sullivan, who led the first Kerry team on the rocky road to Dublin.

It includes some of the biggest figures to grace the game in the records of the championship started almost sixty years ago.



KERRY'S FIRST FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS (1903)

been, absolutely impartial. I shall not endeavour to make excuses for the team's defeat; they were beaten fairly and squarely on the day's play."

This letter written away back in 1907, is symbolic of the man who wrote it, and of his county, which has taken defeat without grouse, protests, or objections.

"Beat us on the field if you can and we'll be the first to shake your hand," was Kerry's policy forty years ago, and it has still remained the same.

The game was also memorable in the fact that this was the first occasion for a North Kerry footballer to find a place on the Kerry team, Jim Wren, Tarbert, who later emigrated to the States, being among the seventeen.

### THE MILE HEIGHT MAN.

John Thomas Fitzgerald captained the 1908 team which also lost to Dublin, and this defeat probably did more than victory to put Kerry football on its feet. Strong criticism followed the

at the half-way stage of the replay, but in whirlwind fashion they scored two goals and three points without a reply from Wexford in the second half.

Paddy Breen, now a member of the Central Council, and then a Wexford player, wrote to the Kerry Co. Board as follows:—"Heartiest congratulations from Wexford opponents and Wexford Co. Board; all honour to the victors and long may they live to wear the crown of laurels when such ability entitled them to the proud position of Irish champions. Our wish is to meet again and our greatest shall be the conquest, but in all one spirit shall prevail—that which cements the bonds of good fellowship."

### A WISH FULFILED.

The Castlebridge man had not long to wait as the third meeting in succession of the counties for the title which Wexford won to start their record-making run of four All-Irelands on a string.

Dick Fitzgerald again captained the



PHIL SULLIVAN, 1924 Captain

### DICK FITZGERALD

Many brilliant football forwards we have seen but never a one in quite the same class as Dick Fitzgerald of Killarney. Other footballers had talent. Dick Fitz was a football genius born. Tall and slim, he played a share of street football before going to school to Cork. At sixteen he played in the Cork Senior Championship with the Nils. Returning to Killarney he was soon the leader of the Crokes Club. By 1904 he was on a plane apart—he heralded the rise of Kerry in the famous Kerry-Kildare days of glamour. He blazed the trail to many titles and captained the teams against Wexford in 1914 and 1915 when a past master of football strategy. Perfect hands and feet; a master dribbler; he could screw-kick a point from the corner flag. He could rally a beaten side and inspire them with a brilliant goal. He could pass, feint, dummy, kick over his head—long range or short, he could drive a ball at goal dead true to the net or higher up on demand.

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## NATIONAL LEAGUES

Starting dates for the National Leagues are:—Hurling, October 13; Football, October 20. Both competitions will continue on alternate Sundays up to a date to be fixed at the next meeting of the Central Council.

Laoighis has been admitted to the National Hurling League.

It was stated that Limerick were dissatisfied with last year's grouping and would withdraw if there was not a change.

It was agreed to sub-divide "A" Group as follows:—(a) Limerick, Clare and Galway; (b) Laoighis, Offaly and Westmeath—the winners of each section to play off for group honours.

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# Running The Rule Over The Connacht Champions

**K**EEPING the flag of Connacht flying sturdily in the breeze Roscommon after a year's absence, re-enter Croke Park in quest of the All-Ireland title they won in 1943 successfully defended in 1944 and lost in 1945.

The majority of the 15 are familiar to All-Ireland final day crowds as they were here in 1944 when Kerry were beaten by two points.

Conquerors of Mayo and Laoighis these Roscommon men are full of confidence that they can again beat the Kingdom stalwarts.

They have trained with their customary thoroughness and the experience gained since last they faced Kerry is expected to bring the Cup over the Shannon to the plains of Roscommon for the third time. Enter the Men of the West.

**G. DOLAN** (St. Coman's), who keeps goal for the Western Champions, proved his worth in the two games against Mayo. Brought off a wonderful last-minute save in the semi-final against Laoighis. Kept goal in the Connacht Championship drawn game against Sligo in 1944. Playing in his first All-Ireland final. Was on the Roscommon C.B.S. team which won the Connacht Colleges title in 1939-40.

**W. JACKSON** (Tarmon), is a well-known Army player who helped Roscommon to win the 1943 and 1944 All-Irelands. Native of Castlerea, he has played a big part in Roscommon triumphs of recent years. Filled the left full back berth against Cavan in 1943 and was moved to right full for the 1944 final against Kerry. A sterling footballer who can always be relied on to play a sound game. Was on the Connacht Railway Cup teams of 1944, 1945 and 1946.

**J. CASSERLEY** (St. Coman's), is a native of Four Roads. Son of an old Roscommon county footballer, Jack learned a good deal of his football in Westmeath playing for that county in the Leinster championships. Helped Roscommon to defeat Kerry as left full back in 1944 and is now at full back. Is a good fielder and long kicker who was in topping form against Laoighis in this year's semi-final.

**O. HOARE** (St. Coman's), kept goal against Kerry in the 1944 final and is now at left full back where he was prominent in the Connacht tests and also against Laoighis in the semi-final. Originally played at left half back, a position he filled with the 1940 junior team. Just over eleven stone weight "Owensy" is a hard man to get past as he showed in this year's Connacht final.

**B. LYNCH** (Geraldine's, Dublin), is a native of Oran who has filled the right half back position for his county since 1943. Product of Roscommon C.B.S. football, Brendan has been one of the mainstays of his county's defence. His three uncles—Fr. Tim Quigley, Jim Quigley and Paddy Quigley—played for Roscommon. Brendan won All-Ireland minor honours in 1939 and 1941 and helped Roscommon C.B.S. to win the Connacht Colleges title in 1940. Has a great sense of position and is a safe fielder whose deliveries can turn the defence into attack.

**LIAM CARLOS** (Civil Service, Dublin), is one of the best know defenders in the game to-day. Another product of Roscommon C.B.S. Bill has won two All-Ireland Colleges football and one hurling medal as well as All-Ireland senior and minor medals. Has filled many roles for his school, county and province but is at his best as a centre half back. Weighs 14 stone 8 lbs and is only 22 years. Was off the team for the senior final against Laoighis owing to an injury.

**T. COLLINS** (Crossmolina), first made his name in Mayo football. Filled the left halfback berth against Mayo in the Connacht final and operated at centre field in the replay. Was prominent in the defeat of Laoighis and is expected to do well against Kerry in the final.

**P. MURRAY** (St. Patrick's and U.C.D.), is a native of Knockcroghery, the village which suffered so much during the "Black-and-Tan" war. Like Bill Carlos, Pheilm has won many honours. Helped Roscommon C.B.S. to win two Connacht football titles and was on Connacht Colleges teams which won All-Ireland hurling and football

honours. Has also won All-Ireland minor honours. A versatile footballer who can fill most positions with distinction.

**D. QUINN** (Mullingar), came on at left half back in the Connacht final replay against Mayo. Was also on the team which defeated Laoighis in the semi-final. A sturdy footballer who can fill most positions with success.

**E. BOLAND** (Tarmon), who fills a centre field berth is a brilliant footballer. Played a big part in the defeat of Laoighis, his third quarter display being invaluable to his team, hard-pressed at the time. Played with the Roscommon junior All-Ireland team in 1940 and was on the teams which won senior honours in 1943-1944. Has also played for Connacht in Railway Cup games. Aged 25 he weighs 13 st. 7 lbs. and is just over 6 feet.

**F. KINLOUGH** (Moore), is well known to Kerry footballers and followers as he played with Castleisland for a couple of seasons. Played for Connacht Colleges in 1938 and assisted Galway minors. Played for Offaly



E. BOLAND and F. KINLOUGH (Roscommon).

before throwing in his lot with his native Roscommon. Native of Shannon Bridge, Frank learned his football in many schools. A fast and clever winger who has got scores against the best defences in the country. Aged 24, Frank is 12 st. 3 lbs. and almost six feet.

**J. MURRAY** (St. Patrick's), who will captain the team, is probably the most popular player in the game at the moment. A fair footballer in every way (he is fair-haired and plays a fair game), Jimmy is the inspiration of his

## Deadly Accurate



D. KEENAN, Roscommon's deadly accurate place-kicker.

team. Helped his county to win the junior All-Ireland in 1940 and led it to major honours in 1943 and 1944. Fills the centre half forward berth where his solo runs and quick passes have been a feature. Will be one of the first to congratulate Kerry if they win as this Knockcroghery player is a sportsman of the first water.

**D. KEENAN** (Elphin), who fills the left half forward position was also on the 1940 junior All-Ireland team. Deadly place-kicker, Donal has received very valuable points off-frees for his team. Helped U.C.D. to win the Dublin senior title in 1943. Kicked four points off-frees against Kerry in 1944. Donal is 26 years, 5 ft. 10 ins. and around 12 stone.

**J. McQUILLAN** (Tarmon), is an Army man who filled the full forward berth against Cavan in 1943 and against Kerry in 1944. Played in the right corner in the replay against Mayo and was also in this position against Laoighis in the semi-final. Played minor and junior before appearing in senior ranks. A strong, bustling footballer who in possession takes the shortest way to his opponent's post. Jack is 26 years, 5 ft. 9 ins. and weighs 12 st. 10 lbs.

**J. FALLON** (Barnacoola), who will fill the full forward berth is one of the fastest forwards to come out of the West for some years. An ideal spearhead Fallon can travel far and return fast with the ball which he generally places to the best possible advantage.

**J. J. NERNEY** (Elphin), first came into prominence when he replaced Frank Kinlough in a Connacht championship game in 1944. Played against Kerry in the 1944 final and was also on the teams which beat Mayo and Laoighis this year. A nippy corner man who invariably adds his score to the Roscommon total. Aged 24 he is 5 ft. 7 ins. and weighs around 11 st.

**L. GILMARTIN** (Sean McDermots), who filled a centre field berth against Kerry in 1944 and against Cavan in 1943, has been out of the game for some time. A native of Ballymurray, Liam led the Roscommon minors to victory in 1939. Played a big part in the defeat of Kerry in the 1944 final. Aged 25 and over 6 feet Liam weighs 13 st. 7 lbs.

## GREAT RECORDS

**T**HE G.A.A. Annual may be a rather dry publication made up on the main of records and figures, but from it you can learn many interesting facts.

Seven Kerry men have for instance won forty-two All-Ireland senior football medals between them while a Kilkenny man played in eleven All-Ireland finals.

Seven men have each won All-Ireland senior medals in hurling and football. There were the two re-plays in an All-Ireland football final and two re-plays in an All-Ireland hurling final.

The seven Kerry men to each win six All-Ireland senior football medals are: Joe Barrett, Paul Russell, Jacky Ryan, Bob Stack, Jack Walsh, Con Brosnan, and Dan O'Keeffe.

The Kilkenny men who played in eleven All-Irelands were: Jack Grace, one of the seven men to win titles in hurling and football. Jack, a superb half-back in either game, played in six All-Ireland football finals and five All-Ireland hurling finals.

In addition to Jack Grace, Paddy Mackey (they called him "Bargeeman" in Wexford); Sean Kennedy (Wexford); Frank Burke (Kildare); Billy Mackessy Jack Lynch and Derry Beckett (Cork), have won both hurling and football medals.

The 1903 All-Ireland football final between Kerry and Kildare brought two re-plays while the 1931 All-Ireland hurling final, Cork v. Kilkenny, also brought two re-plays.

## FOR ALLEY FANS

Followers of handball are fully catered for this week-end as games are listed for Depot Court, Phoenix Park on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. The fixtures are:—

Saturday—Jun. S.B. Singles—Cork v. Wexford (3.0); Jun. S.B. Singles—Mayo v. Westmeath (4.0).

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**Ninth Final**



**DANNO KEEFFE,**  
playing in his ninth final.

**1923—1929**

When Kerry returned to "final" fields in 1923 and 1924 (won), they had a host of "star" players. Some of us believe the 1924 side the greatest fifteen that ever played Gaelic Football. You will find them in the Champion list under these years.

It is perhaps the most remarkable record in Gaelic Football—in the decade 1923 to 1932 Kerry were in nine finals.

Con Brosnan, North Kerry, was the best mid-fielder of his time in all-round excellence. He was fast and strong; his stamina and resource were unending; his partnership with Bob Stack won scores of big games for Kerry—Con Brosnan still plays well—almost 20 years after his great seasons. Jack Sheehy kept a good goal. Jerry ("Pluggy") Moriarty, famous back in two continents; Joe Barrett, who was a stonewall back for 10 years of brilliant football; Phil O'Sullivan, John Murphy of the Garda (R.I.P.), one of whose Croke Park Finals lives in memory. Paul Russell of Killarney, the most efficient wing-half of his time—has scored goals from 60 yard drop kicks; John Walsh, a steady giant in defence; John Ryan, reckoned the greatest stylist that ever left Tralee, a multiple match winner; the Baily brothers of honoured name and attacking skill; and the whole troupe of Landers—Liam ("Lang"), John Joe and Tim ("Roundy")—whose name will survive as long as Kerry men will kick a football.

Later came John Riordan, humourist and perfect goalie; Joe Sullivan, a tireless wiry defender; D. O'Connor, a broad-shouldered Glenflesk man; Pedlar Sweeney, O'Connell, Slattery, and Tom Mahony; Tim O'Donnell, a graceful Guardsman.

Around 1929 Miko Doyle appeared—a powerful brainy attacker, who won matches when least expected; Eamonn Fitzgerald—champion jumper too; Pat Whitty, of U.C.D. teams—they had a record run.

"Gaelic Football."

**Peerless Footballer**

John Joe Sheehy, who suffered much in the national struggle, was one of Kerry's greatest. Native of Boherbee, Tralee, he was reared to football allied to all the niceties of the art. He was of magnificent build—fast, strong, 6 ft., 14 stone—he never abused his strength—a clean, inspiring type, always allaying tempers and yet fierce in fearless attack.

# Here They Come Again Kerry's Dashing Fifteen

**T**HE Kingdom footballers are again in an All-Ireland final in which they meet the champions of Connacht. For the second time in their many appearances in an All-Ireland final they will be led by a North Kerryman in their bid to recover a title they last held in 1941.

The majority have already tasted the thrills of Croke Park, but for quite a few it will be a first All-Ireland final appearance. For over a fortnight the players have been in training in Tralee where the great Kerry teams of the past have prepared for All-Ireland and other big games.

Realising that the football honour of their county is at stake this bunch of Kerry men that includes seasoned players and youthful newcomers are determined to give of their best in this test with their great Roscommon rivals. In their familiar green and gold colours here they come.

**D. O'KEEFFE** (Kerins - O'Rahillys) who guards the Kingdom net is playing in his ninth final, six of which he has helped to win for his county. First caught the selectors' eye when he kept goal for the Kerry junior team which won the 1930 All-Ireland. Selected to keep goal on the eve of the 1931 final against Kildare, "Danno" has played many great games for his County and Province. Is one of seven Kerry men to win six senior All-Ireland medals each.

**D. LYNE** (Legion, Killarney) plays in his second All-Ireland final. Fills the right back berth where he was exceptionally sound against Cork at Killarney. Helped to break up many Antrim raids in the semi-final. Member of a well known Killarney football family. Dinny is a brother of Jack who plays at right full forward.

**Lt. J. KEOHANE** (John Mitchels, Tralee), Kerry's tall full-back, was recalled for the All-Ireland semi-final with Antrim, in which his experience was a big asset. Learned his football in that age-old nursery of Tralee football: Boherbee, and played minor in 1936. Filled the full-back berth in the 1937 drawn game and replay with Cavan, and was also on the team which drew with Galway in 1938. Playing in his seventh final, four of which he has helped to win. Has been on many Munster teams since 1938.

**E. WALSH** (Castleisland) who plays at left full back is a native of Knocknagoshel. Eddie, better known as a left half back, has been in the limelight for his county since 1939, winning three All-Irelands. A sound defender who relies more on clever positioning and covering up than on spectacular football. Plays in his fifth All-Ireland final. Has also played for Munster in Railway Cup games.

**J. LYNE** (Legion, Killarney) who plays in his second All-Ireland final is a versatile footballer who now plays at right corner forward where he was an outstanding success in this year's Railway Cup final. Brother of Dinny who fills the right full back berth.

**T. O'CONNOR** (Fitzgeralds, Killarney) learned his football in "Beauty's Home." Played centre field against Cork and was one of the stars in the dethroning of last year's champions. Moved to left half back for the semi-final he was an outstanding success in his new position. A sturdy footballer with all the Kingdom fire, Teddy has hit the headlines with a bang this season. Playing in his first All-Ireland final.

**E. DOWLING** (Shannon Rangers), who will captain the team, hails from the Ballydonoghue country, home of many footballers. First made his name with Rangers in the Kerry Cham-

pionships. Captained the team which beat Cork at Killarney and has since led the county to victory over Clare, Waterford and Antrim.

**A. CREMINS** (Shannon Rangers), was promoted from junior ranks to fill a midfield berth against Antrim. Comes of a well-known North Kerry football stock, his father having played for Ballydonoghue in the palmy days of that North Kerry Club while his uncle, Johnny Woulie, kept goal for Dromlough and Ballydonoghue in North Kerry Leagues of twenty years back.



**P. KENNEDY**, who played at mid-field against Roscommon in 1944, has been filling berths in the Kerry attack this year.

**W. O'DONNELL** (John Mitchels, Tralee), has been prominent in local championship games for two or three years. Played right corner forward against Carlow in the 1944 semi-final, he was not on the team which lost to Roscommon in that year's final. Starred for Munster against Connacht in the Railway Cup semi-final last February and was also on the team which beat Leinster in the final. Did not play against Cork at Killarney but recalled for the semi-final with Antrim was Kerry's chief score-getter. Playing in his first final.

**P. KENNEDY** (Geraldines, Dublin), native of Annascaul, is probably the best known footballer in the game to-day. Graduating from minor ranks Paddy has filled many berths for his club and county but it is as a centre-field man that the public know him best. Proved a success as centre-half forward against Antrim. Helped his county to win three All-Irelands and Munster to win two Railway Cups. Playing in his sixth final.

**B. GARVEY** (Geraldines, Dublin), who comes from the Dingle area, is a fast wing forward who has rapidly made the grade in big-time football. Played against Cork in the 1945 Munster final and was also on against that county this year at Killarney. Moved to left half back for the games with Clare and Waterford but was at his more familiar left half forward berth in the semi-final.



**JOE KEOHANE.**



**E. WALSH.**

## Kerry Supporters Confident of Success Better Team Than 1944 They Say

**S**TAGING another come-back bid Kerry are relying on a team that includes seasoned players like O'Keeffe, Keohane, Eddie Walsh, Kennedy, Kavanagh and "Gega" O'Connor.

Youth, too, has found its place on the selection, which is drawn from the chief strongholds of the game in the county.

As in the days of the Kingdom's rise way back in the early years of the century, Tralee, Killarney, and Castleisland men fill many berths, with Dingle and North Kerry also represented.

Five or six of the players are making their first appearance in an All-Ireland final but even these have gathered the essential experience in the games which marked the Kingdom's recovery of the Munster title.

**STRONG CONFIDENCE**  
In Kerry there is strong confidence behind the team, which has been in training for over a fortnight. Unlike the team of two years ago there are no doubts owing to injuries, while the strong splash of youth is generally welcomed.

Scored the goal that gave Kerry victory. Plays in his first All-Ireland final.

**P. BURKE** (Fitzgeralds, Killarney), who fills the full forward berth has been the find of the year for Kerry. Hails from the Milltown country and is a splendid fielder who with a little more experience in top class should develop into a first-class spearhead of the attack. Plays in his first final.

**D. KAVANAGH** (Fitzgeralds, Killarney), who fills the left corner forward position is another versatile footballer. Played for Galway in the 1941 and 1942 finals and came on as sub for Kerry in the 1944 final. Generally operated at centre field he was chosen for a forward berth by the Munster selectors and proved a success in his new role against Connacht and Leinster. Plays in his fourth final.

**T. O'CONNOR** (Dingle), has been a familiar figure at Croke Park since the 1937 replay against Cavan when he came on as sub. Helped to win the 1939, 1940 and 1941 All-Irelands and was on the team that dethroned Cork at Killarney. A versatile footballer who can capably fill most berths. Better known as "Gega."

In O'Keeffe they have one of the best goalmen ever to play for the county while the Lynes, Keohane, Eddie Walsh and Teddy O'Connor make up a defence that is rated far in front of that which faced Roscommon two years ago.

The Kerry forward line of 1946 is admitted by all to be far in advance of anything seen out of the county since the days of the Landers, Jacky Ryan, Sheehy, Sweeney and the Bails.

Paddy Burke has proved to be the ideal full and with the coaching he has received in training should have a far better idea of ball distribution than he had in the semi-final against Antrim.

Garvey and Kavanagh make up a strong left flank, while O'Donnell is in form a match winner on his own, as he showed against Connacht in the Railway Cup semi-final and again in the All-Ireland semi-final, in which his scoring helped so much in the defeat of Antrim.

Cremins making his first Croke Park appearance against Antrim played well enough to encourage the hope that he will follow in the footsteps of other great Kerry mid-fielders, and Kennedy, who is now the utility man of the side, is playing with all the dash which marked his early years in the game.

The defeat supplied at the hands of Roscommon two years ago had a tonic effect on the players, who now realise that they can take nothing for granted against Roscommon.

Kerry's mid-field has been a problem for the selectors and it has been found difficult to find a partnership of the calibre of Brosnan and Kennedy, or of Stack and Brosnan.

**MADE OR MARRED**  
Kerry supporters on the Stands or on the line at Croke Park will watch the play around the half-way line with particular interest, as it is here the fate of the Kingdom's come-back well may be made or marred.

Not since the early years of the century have Kerry set about the task of winning an All-Ireland with the earnestness which has marked their efforts this year.

They were a determined team when they faced Cork in the Munster Championship and in the semi-final against Antrim that determination was fully apparent.

Everybody connected with the team admit that the final is likely to be

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## Perfect Understanding Between Players Is Westerners' Long Suit

**F**IELDING out eleven or twelve of the team which emerged victorious over Kerry in the 1944 All-Ireland Final, Roscommon face the issue on Sunday with a confidence that is even stronger than that which brought thousands of enthusiastic supporters in the wake of Jimmy Murray and his men to Croke Park two years ago.

After undergoing the customary thorough preparation in Roscommon town, every player is reported fit and well. Youth coupled with experience make the team one of the best to ever play for the county.

The goalkeeper, Dolan, who graduated from College competitions, proved his worth against Galway and Mayo in the Connacht Championships, while his brilliant save against Laoighis in the semi-final made top-line news.

### CARLOS RETURNS.

The return of Carlos has strengthened the defence, which was in such sparkling form against Laoighis.

Jackson, Casserley and Hoare are a trio of very sound backs who can be relied on to hold off the Kerry front line forwards.

Carlos, one of the greatest centre-half backs of his time, should be able to repeat his great display of two years ago against the Kerry centre-half.

He will have able lieutenants on his right and left, and Roscommon supporters and officials have no worries about their defence, which is equal to any team at Croke Park in an All-Ireland final.

Discussing the game with a Roscommon official, he gave it as his opinion that the Roscommon backs will be too good for the Kerry for-

wards. He also thought that Roscommon would hold a match-winning pull in centre field.

Boland's great football at centre field has become a familiar feature of Roscommon's appearances in championship or League, and few can question his right to be classed as a star in this important position.

With either Phelim Murray or the Croghan man, Collins, as partner, he should keep Roscommon on top and give the forwards plenty of the ball.

### GOOD FORWARDS.

Jimmy Murray and his fellow attackers have built up high reputations for themselves as score-getters against the best defenders in the country.

The Knockcroghery centre half is a clever leader, while Fallon is one of the most elusive full forwards to ever cross over the Shannon to Croke Park.

Keenan's place-kicking is a bye-word, as few close-up frees are missed by the Elphin sharpshooter, who can also get scores direct.

Nerney, McQuillan and Kinlough played against Kerry in 1944, and as far as this trio go Roscommon supporters have no worries, as they feel that these smart forwards can again produce the score-getting team-work of 1944.

Quinn, who came on as sub against Laoighis is well up to Roscommon standard, which undoubtedly has been high in the years since the minors first brought an All-Ireland title to that county.

### NO WORRIES.

With players that have campaigns together against Galway, Mayo, Cavan, Louth, Sligo, Leitrim, Kerry, and

### OUR NEXT ISSUE

Next issue of the Gaelic Echo will be the Christmas No. It will contain a summary of the year's championship and League activities as well as seasonal articles and poems. On sale on December 18. Copies can be ordered from 14 Cearnog Parnall, Baile Atha Cliath, or from your newsagent.

## LARRY STANLEY

One of the most brilliant Gaelic footballers I ever saw was Larry Stanley, of Kildare. He seemed to fascinate the ball and could bring it down his arm as with an elastic string. Six feet tall, thirteen and a half stone he was a commanding man. Yet he never used his weight. He relied on skill and artistry, could kick goals and points from any angle and could play anywhere from goal and captained Kildare around 1919. On his day he stood peerless a magnificent high jumper who cleared 6 feet 3 1/2 inches against Howard Osborne in the Tailteann Games.

Cork, to name but a few, Roscommon supporters have no worries as they prepare to follow their footballers to an All-Ireland final for the third time. They have no doubts about the result as they feel that the Roscommon men, every bit as good fielders and kickers as the Kerry men, will have an advantage in team work.

Direct methods, allied to good team work, beat Mayo in the West and then disposed of Laoighis, and it is a realisation that the Roscommon players can again produce the goods that encourages every follower of the team to say when you ask him his opinion on the final: "We'll win, as our players know each other well enough to ensure that few chances will be wasted on Sunday."

## DUBLIN AND KERRY IN MINOR CURTAIN RAISER

As generally happens the senior final is inclined to overshadow the meeting of Dublin and Kerry in the All-Ireland minor football final which acts as the curtain raiser at Croke Park on Sunday.

Dublin, who are holders, defeated Kerry in last year's semi-final but judging by results in the South their task will be a stiffer one on Sunday.

Dublin will have six of last year's side filling key positions on a team which has trained specially for the final. Kerry had an easy victory over Tipperary in the Munster final but were a trifle lucky to beat Mayo who put in a storming finish in the semi-final at Tralee.

Dublin beat Tyrone in the second semi-final at Clones and are strongly fancied to retain the title.

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### KERRY

(Green and Gold)

J. Ryan (T. Stacks)

L. Connor B. Sullivan D. Murphy (Dingle) (C'maine) (Killarney)

J. Sullivan D. Sheehan J. Fenton (T. Mitchels) (Killarney) (Dingle)

T. Moriarty T. Ashe (T. Stacks) (Dingle)

B. Garvey D. Regan M. Lynch (Killarney) (T. Mitchels) (T. Mitchels)

P. Godley J. Madden J. O'Brien (B'heigue) (T. Mitchels) (Killarney)

## KERRY SUPPORTERS CONFIDENT

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the hardest and closest game played at Croke Park for many years, but the vast majority of the Kingdom's supporters are convinced that this year team is far better than that which lost by two points in 1944. The strongest blend of youth will make for greater speed and it is also held that player without All-Ireland medals have greater incentive to win than have those with many Celtic Crosses hanging off their watch chains.

Win, lose or draw this Kerry side is the best the county can put out and if success comes its way its followers will be delighted and if it loses there will be no regrets in a county that has always taken defeat as part of the game. Its legion supporters wish the team success, confident that the great Kingdom tradition will help it on its way to a victory that will put Kerry over all on the All-Ireland roll of honour.

## 100 p.c. RECORD

Limerick and Roscommon between them share a hundred per cent record as both counties won two All-Ireland senior football titles out of two appearances in the final.

Limerick won its two titles in 1888 and 1896 while Roscommon's success came in 1943 and 1944.

## Siamsa Mor

(Official All-Ireland Reception Ceilidhe)

## Mansion House

Dia Domhnaigh, 22/9/46

Rinnee 7.30-11.30.

CEAD ISTEACH — 2/-.

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## CUMANN LUITH CHLEAS GAEDHEAL

## CROKE PARK

SUNDAY, 22.9.'46

# ALL-IRELAND FOOTBALL FINALS

SENIOR GAME: **Ciarráioe v. Roscomáin** Ar 3.15 a chlog

MINOR GAME: **Át Cliat v. Ciarráioe** Ar 1.45 a chlog

EXPERIENCED STEWARDS WILL BE STATIONED THROUGHOUT THE GROUNDS.

By co-operating with them you and your friends will see the game in a degree of comfort which those who do not co-operate must inevitably deny themselves.

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## Fógra Speisialta

(IMPORTANT NOTICE)

THE PUBLIC ARE EARNESTLY REQUESTED TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE MANAGEMENT IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:—

1. COME EARLY and "Q-UP" AT THE STILES. (Gates open 12 noon)
2. KEEP ALL PASSAGES CLEAR. THIS REQUEST APPLIES PARTICULARLY TO:
  - (a) The passage in front of Hogan Stand and Long Stand.
  - (b) The passage from Canal Stiles to Cusack Stand side of the Grounds.
  - (c) The passages on Hill '16 and on the concrete terrace under Cusack Stand.
3. OCCUPY THE SEATS AT BOTH ENDS OF SIDE-LINE as soon as the Seats at the Sides are Filled. DO NOT STAND ABOUT ON THE SIDE-LINE.

LOUD SPEAKERS ARE INSTALLED

at all entrances and in the Grounds TO DIRECT THE PUBLIC.

LISTEN FOR THE QUICKEST AND EASIEST WAYS OUT OF GROUNDS AND BACK TO THE CITY AFTER THE GAME.

COME EARLY, and DO NOT HOLD-UP STILES BY ASKING FOR CHANGE.

**REMEMBER!** It is in YOUR OWN INTEREST to OBEY THE STEWARDS.



# THE THOMAS AGHAS TOURNAMENT

## Has All-Ireland Flavour

ONE society is improving the intellect; the other the physique of Ireland. Neither of them is complete without the other. The Gaelic League recognised this from the first. Has the Gaelic Athletic Association recognised it equally? Well-developed Irish brains in well-developed bodies is the true ideal of the Gaelic League. Well-developed bodies with well-developed Irish brains ought to be the ideal of the Gaelic Athletic Association.

These great words from the pen of a great Gael, An Craoibhin Aoibhinn, Dr. Douglas Hyde, were written thirty-four years ago, in a letter to the G.A.A., in which he called for closer co-operation between the two bodies. Reading them again, one automatically asks the question: "Has this message borne fruit?" While the links of unity between the two bodies have not been closed, the members of both bodies may be happy in the knowledge that the spirit of co-operation so clearly put in 1912, is every year becoming more apparent, and never before was this given more concrete form than this year, when the G.A.A. in order to aid the Gaelic League and An Oireachtas, inaugurated the Tomas Aghas Tournament, which will be an annual affair.

### PARALLEL IDEALS.

Since the founding of the two bodies, in a time when Ireland's nationhood was nearest to extinction, their leaders have worked with all their might to attain the parallel ideals for which they sought. Words spoken later by Terence MacSwiney, "The Irish mind can do itself justice only in Irish," were merely an expression of the great thoughts which had animated those grand Irishmen, who foresaw that the only real hope for complete Irish freedom was by fostering the aim of "Well-developed Irish brains in well-developed bodies."

Here again the words of Seoirse Gabhan O Dubhthaig are brought to mind, "Love of the native tongue is the natural complement of love for the native pastimes; combine both in the rising generation and you will have tomorrow an Irish-Ireland; divorce them, and your children will have thrown away their stoutest weapon against the denationalisation of the Gael."

Is it not a cause for pride of achievement to know that to-day thousands of our youth are devoting themselves to a realisation of a truly Irish-Ireland, to-morrow they will be the inspiration of another generation, whose task, enture to hope, will be to safeguard and strengthen the real Irish nation? All the generations who made our recent history the great forgers of that steel which has bound our people to the common aim, worked zealously in the ranks of both the Gaelic League and the G.A.A. Those who would to-day divorce the two would blaspheme the names of Ireland's noble sons, Padraig Pearse, Tomas Aghas, Micheal O Ciosoig, Terence MacSwiney, Tomas Mac Curtain, Eamonn Ceannt, Sean O Treasaigh, Peadar Clancy, Pierce McCann, Thomas Weaver, Sean Mac Diarmuda, men whose names have been written indelibly in the annals of both organisations.

### LIFE-LONG WORKERS

Even to-day dissociate the names of the leaders from one organisation or the other. Padraic Mac Con Midhe, ex-President of the G.A.A., is also Secretary of Comhaltas Uladh, of the Gaelic League, while Seamus Garneir, President, and Domhnall O Ruairc, T.D., President of the G.A.A., are life-long Gaelic Leaguers.

As always the leaders and organisers of the two movements in every parish, are the leaders in the task of securing complete freedom. Their achievements could not be more splendidly put than in the words of the late Cardinal MacRory, when he addressed the members of the G.A.A. on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the Association:

"This is the miracle, nothing less than a resurrection, that will be commemorated. . . . It will be a celebration that will redound to the honour, not only of the G.A.A., but of the Gaelic League and all the kindred organisations."

Perhaps this grand gesture of the G.A.A. in inaugurating the Tomas Aghas Tournament, is an augury of a great future when the two organisations will have a common membership, and when all the youth of the country will enjoy their native pastimes in an Ireland not merely free but Gaelic as well; not merely Gaelic but free as well.

All Gaels are assured of three fine games of football next month. The Tournament will open on October 13, with a game between Kerry and Laoisigh, at Croke Park, and a match at Corrigan Park, Belfast, between Antrim and Roscommon. The final will be played on Oireachtas Sunday, October 27, at Croke Park.

On Oireachtas Sunday the spectators will be treated to a massed pipe band display, and it is of interest to note that the parade will be led by the Black Raven Band, Lusk, which was founded by Tomas Aghas.

### WORK INCREASING

The organisers are confident that the attendance will be such that it will place the work of the Oireachtas and the Gaelic League in a position to increase their great efforts for the attainment of the common aim. The Gaelic League's work is increasing every year, and they now have 400 branches registered. The Oireachtas and the Gaelic League are inaugurating a new scheme of Feiscanna and this will entail considerably increased expenditure. The support of the G.A.A. will hasten their work.



TOMÁS AGHAS

## Deas-Smaoineam do b'ead é

Da deas-rymaoineam é as árd Comhairle Cumann Lúic-Éilear Gaedéal comórtaí bliana do ceardúad éin cuideíte le Connrad na Gaedilge agus leir an Oireachtar. D'fár an dá cumann seo taob le taob le breir ir leat-éad de bliantaib agus b'é an traidirín céadna agus an curróir céadna a shíorúis iad ó móir-ghnóm go móir-ghnóm agus ó neart go neart. B'iad an dá shuairceat ro-Connrad na Gaedilge agus Cumann Lúic Éilear Gaedéal a bí mar énam-órama as an náirín Gaedéalaic ó éoraic na hAoire seo.

"As the G.A.A. took root in the economic classes in 1884, so the Gaelic League took root in the same classes in 1893. Both included some, too, from the classes in the system of authority of the time, notably in the cultural system. They were both rebels against the systems of the other civilisation."

Da éian an t-éoraic a bí le déanadh de ba t-éoraic glóiríar é agus níor féannúis rir ir mna óga na héireann a éirinnis ircaic inr an dá shuairceat agus a glac le curróir agus ceasre an dá oream—Éire Saor Gaedéalaic—an uatgar agus an cruáctan a lean an móir-foatar do éagsaor opra féin.

Ni haon iongnad é gurú iad an dá shuairceat a foitéirúis dáim ceoiris ir neart shuairceat na raoirre a táinig éin bíaca i héirge ámac 1916 agus arir i ndáiríir na nDúib Éiríonaic. Tuis Rialtar Sápana fan mar uatgar Chief Secretary Duke trát gurú iad Cumann Lúic Éilear Gaedéal agus Connrad na Gaedilge fá nearta an bhorúad náirínca agus arir níorú é a déapmarú as Sir Hamar Greenwood an dá shuairceat seo do éir fá comneat dácaic i oreamca le nógtais na héireann, Cumann na mDán agus Sinn Féin, fá bliain 1920 nuair ba déine an t-éoraic.

D'amlaid go ní-mime gurú iad na ceoiris céadna a bí gníomac i gConnrad na Gaedilge, i gCumann Lúic Éilear Gaedéal agus i nShuairceat na raoirre. Tuis móirín áca foobairte a n-annna ar fon na héireann, da éine áca Tomár Ágas.

Rugad Tomár i gCinnáirí a' Teampall i nAice le Déat Tráda Úrge i gCorca Duíone fá bliain 1881. Le linn órge Tomár fuair fé an t-oireachtar ceasre i gcúrraí na héireann cor ceallais i nuécais mar ná raib éin t-rean-náiríncaic marú.

Nuair éiad Tomár amad fé'n raogal fuair fé eolair nua ar cúrraí a tíre agus éir fé aine ar an oream a bí as odir ar a fon le gnáid ir le uéircaic. Ir é a bí uirí oi agus bí fé do ríor as cabair uéircaic a éiríde agus gíocair a aigne agus neart a lám ar fon na héireann.

"CARBERY."

## UNIQUE RECORD

Frank Burke, Kildare born hurler and footballer, soldier of the Republic in 1916 and pupil of Padraig Pearse's, has a unique record as he is the only man to have won more than one All-Ireland medal in both hurling and football. Frank played in seven finals with Dublin and helped to win five. Three of these: 1921, 1922 and 1923, were football and two: 1918 and 1920, were hurling.

He was a beautiful forward in football and could shoot a point from almost any angle.

## Greatest Centre-Half Back

I have no hesitancy in naming Jack Higgins, of Kildare, as the greatest centre-half I have seen. He was master of all the Gaelic art, clean, honest, cool, fiery on demand—great hands; a man who could change defence into attack in one flash of genius.

For ten years he was head and shoulders above great players—his polished kicking was a model of judgment and accuracy.

"CARBERY."

## féile an Oireachtas 1946

mairead an oireachtas féin ó'n 26ad deiread roimair go 3ad samain

- DIA SAÉAIRN, 26-10-'46: Comórtaí Féilte. 7.30 p.m. (Ircóide)—Oreamce Oirgeamail an Oireachtar. Dronnag na nDúiréanna. Cuirn Ceól an Oireachtar. Táille—2/-.
- DIA DOMHNAIS, 27-10-'46: 3 p.m.: Comórtaí Tomár Ágas—An Clúicé-éannair i bpeil: Aontuim nó Roscomáin v. Clárnaicé nó Laoisigh. Paráid agus Cairbéancar móir Riobairceata as Iol-Dúine Riobairí Caíraic agus Connrae Áca Clúicé, i bPáiric an Éiríonaic. (Ircóide)—Cairbéancar Dhámaíreáca i nÁmarclainn na Mairead. Ceas ircaic—3/6, 2/6, 2/-, 1/6.
- DIA LUAIN, 28-10-'46: (Ar maidin)—Cionól as Scoláirí na mDun-Scol. (Iarcóin)—Comórtaí Árdáin. (Ircóide)—Fáilcú Oirgeamail an Oireachtar. Táille—8/6.
- DIA MÁIRE, 29-10-'46: (Ar maidin)—Comórtaí Árdáin (Muintir na Gaedéalaic). (Iarcóin)—Do. (Ircóide)—Cúir Féilteáca. Ceas ircaic—1/-.
- DIA CÉADAOINE, 30-10-'46: (Ar maidin)—Díoróirceat Foilíde. (Iarcóin)—Lá na nÓs, Cionól as Scoláirí na mDun-Scol agus na gCéirí-Scol. (Ircóide)—Crimnínú Cairbéancanair.
- DIA DARDAOINE, 31-10-'46: (Iarcóin)—Siampa Don Úrge. Ceas ircaic—1/-.
- (Ircóide)—Léirceat. Ceas ircaic—60.
- DIA HAoine, 1-11-'46: (Iarcóin agus Ircóide)—Comórtaí Dhámaíreáca.
- DIA SAÉAIRN, 2-11-'46: (Iarcóin)—Comórtaí Riobairceata. Comórtaí Dhámaíreáca. (Ircóide)—Céiríde an Oireachtar. Táille—8/6.
- DIA DOMHNAIS, 3-11-'46: Comórtaí Dhámaíreáca.

OSCAILE AN CAISEÁNCAS EALAÓAN SAN DÁNLANN FIEACHAIRCEAC NA CAIRAC, CEARNÓZ PARNAIL, DIA LUAIN, 21ad DEIREAD ROIMAIR. BEID SE AN OSCAILE SAC LÁ GO DEÍ 3ad SAMAIN.

TÁ DO CABAIR UAINN  
seól do shínúis éis:  
CISTEÓIR AN OIREACHTAIS, 14 CEARNÓZ PARNAIL, ÁC CLUIC.  
AR AGAID LINN! AR AGAID!

COMÓRTAS TOMÁIS AGHAS  
(Éin Cuideíte le Connrad na Gaedilge agus leir an Oireachtar)

**SEMI-FINALS**

**CROKE PARK, 13/10/'46, at 3.15:**  
**CIARRAÍDE v. LAOISIGIS**

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**CORRIGAN PARK, BELFAST, 13/10/'46:**  
**ΔONTUIM v. ROSCOMÁIN**

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**FINAL — OIREACHTAS SUNDAY,**  
**CROKE PARK, 3.0:**  
**CIARRAÍDE nó LAOISIGIS**

**v.**  
**ΔONTUIM nó ROSCOMÁIN**  
**MASSED PIPE BAND DISPLAY.**



# More Victory Songs Of The Gael

Keeping up our popular Victory Songs series we present a fresh sheaf with this, our Sixth All-Ireland Football Final No. of the "Gaelic Echo."

We are grateful to the many readers who sent us songs in recent weeks.

Many were in connection with the All-Ireland hurling final, and we hope to publish those suitable in the Christmas Number of the "Echo."

We again appeal for further contributions to this page, which has now become a regular feature of our publication, which by the way is the only one of its kind in the country.

WITH Kerry and Roscommon back again in Croke Park it is only fitting that we should open with a song in praise of Kerry's trip to the U.S.A. in 1931.

### THE BOYS OF THE KINGDOM.

Oh, Ireland you may well feel proud of the team that you sent o'er, The Kerry men from hill and glen, true rebels from your shore; They came to conquer Yankee-land in the grand old Gaelic game, And from East to West they met the best, and held their Irish fame.

Chorus:

Up Kerry! is the rallying cry at home and o'er the sea, True-hearted Gaels that never fail the game to play with glee; Athletes so clean from the Isle of green, Erin's honour to uphold, And the colours they wear, to do and dare, the Green the White and Gold.

Throughout the States, the land of the free, Up Kerry! now we hear, They played the ball to rise or fall, their courage had no fear, True champions in a foreign land, and the exiles they could see, That the American Cup and victories were going home to Tralee.

No crowd so grand in all the land, an athletic Gaelic scene, On the same flag pole the Stars and Stripes with the Orange, White and Green, Their first appearance in New York, and all the bands did play, When the ball went round the Yankee ground and Kerry won the day.

Chicago they invaded, more laurels to their crown, And the score was high as they said good-bye to Philadelphia's town, Come on New York—another chance—the Yanks they held at bay, All-Ireland football champions, Now champs of the U.S.A.

The Boston team full of esteem, they thought that they could play,

But the Kerry boys the ball did rise and easily won the day, The crowds did flock from all New York, and the cheers were heard in Mars, For the final game of Yank and Gael, and Kerry were the Stars.

A Laoighis admirer has sent the following in praise of his county's victory over Kildare in the 1946 Leinster football final.

### LEINSTER CHAMPIONS OF '46.

From Rathdowney to Graiguecullen they collected these fifteen To contest the Leinster final against "the Short Grass"—evergreen, Prior battles in the championship had left their mark on some— But the gallant O'Moore County men determined they would come; "No soft title by default we'll give our neighbours of Kildare, The Leinster laurels in football must be fought for fair and square." And so, ag Paire an Crochaig, that fine evening in July The stage was set for a battle-Royal— Cill Dara to defy;

First whistle blown, the ball is in, Cill Dara break away— Young Lawlor fields a highish one, returns it into play— Then up the field a movement starts—the Lily Whites are grand— Delaney (Bill) has got it now—he's off—from toe to hand, A lovely pass goes out to Hughes, then right across in front, A free relieves Cill Dara's sticks—for some illegal Dunt, At centrefield 'tis even yet and looks like weight for weight, Then Murphy sends across the bar, his first of total eight.

The fortunes sway for Lily Whites and gallant Laoighis as well, There's score for score and knock for knock—result none yet can tell, The Leinster crown in football may go to those who beat Loc Gormain staunch and Catharloc—but who would say defeat To Conquering Laoighis of '46 before whom Louth went out And Offaly and Atha Cliath—"Cill Dara too we'll rout, And on to meet the Connacht men—Roscommon or Mayo— Who like true Gaels can give and take without complaint or woe."

'Tis near half-time—the breathing space—Cill Dara take the lead, With Hunt and Jones and Haughney, their forwards bent to feed, Delaney (M.) and Sayers and Dunne and Tommy Murphy too, Now put that ounce that turns the scale—Cilldara to subdue— From sixty yards with ten to spare, the ball sails o'er the bar To level up the score board, Murphy's fifth to-day, so far, That kick made all the difference—new life to give the team; "A-T-O-M-I-C strength" onlookers say—its like was never seen."

The second stage was ushered in, and none could reckon yet

Where Leinster football laurels would rest, or gauge to win a bet, But Murphy's sixth and seventh went up—with openings made by Chris—Delaney (Morgan) playing grand—young Peacock a "near miss, Sixsmith (the sub) and Fanning, and Whelan in the goal, These fifteen Laoighis men pull their weight to earn honour's roll And so with Murphy's eight grand points—a total seldom beat, The Leinster Crown is won by Laoighis—Kildare to taste defeat.

Our friend, T. J. Carroll, of Cork was quick off his mark with the following verses to honour Cork's record making hurlers.

### CORK—HURLING CHAMPIONS, 1946.

I. We have won our sixteenth title, The news has travelled fast, How Cork have downed Kilkenny, Great rivals of the past.

II. Our heroes' names are legend, We've heard them all before, And now when'er we hear them, They thrill us more and more.

III. In goal was Tom Mulcahy, Who strove with might and main, To win his county victory, With saves, again and again.



CHRISTY RING, who led Cork to victory in 1946 Hurling Final.

IV. Bill Murphy was a Trojan, The man who pucked the ball, 'Twas near Kilkenny's uprights, Before we saw it fall.

V. Con Murphy was the keystone, Of our defence so tight, Which stood its ground so manfully, Against Kilkenny's might.

VI. Beside him, Din Joe Buckley, Whose name will ever rank, With all our great defenders, Who filled the rear left flank.

VII. Pat Donovan so solid, Was half-back on the right, The way he spoiled fast movements, Was certainly a sight.

VIII. Alan Lotty was a wizard, Who cleared with skill and grace, And saved his lines from danger, When Kilkenny set the pace.

IX. A darling striker on the sod, And also in the air, Was tireless worker, Jimmy Young, He of the hair, so fair.

X. Once again, at centre-field, Did Jack Lynch hurl with skill, His clever play and so cool Keeps him at top class still.

XI. Con Cottrell was his partner, The man who held the game, Whose first time pulling left and right Will always make his name.

XII. At right-half, Paddy Healy, Was always in the van, In a fiery bunch of forwards, Skillful, man for man.

Cló-buante as munnair "An Ciarraige" Teo., Traighi, agus foilligthe as luic "Macalla na nGaeleat," 14 Ceapnós Pápaí, Baite Léa Cliaé.

XIII. The best of all, though light and small, Our captain, Christy Ring, Whose lightning strokes went goalwards With perfect style and swing.

XIV. Con Murphy, of Rathormac, Was a forward new who starred, He confirmed his early promise, And kept his name unmarried.

XV. Moss O'Riordan, of the Rockies, The man with the deadly shot, Was always fast and dangerous, With every chance he got.

XVI. His brother, Jerry, too, was there, And very clever played, For when the ball dropped goalwards, He shone in every raid.

XVII. Joe Kelly was a wing man, And right well did he fare,

When he outpaced defenders, As fast as any hare.

XVIII. They are the men who did it, Who played us sixteen up, In the list of winning counties, By bringing home the Cup.

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## Up Roscommon Every Time

Under Captain Jimmy Murray's lead, a skipper born and bred, Proudly around Croke Park they marched erect, with steady tread, Resolved to show to every Gael at home and far away, Once more Roscommon's valiant sons would nobly win the day, Serene they looked, so cool and calm, in colours gold and blue, Circling round that mighty ground of bright and dazzling hue, Owensie Hoare was to the fore, Bill Jackson on his right, McQuillan shone before the throng with undiminished light, Maddening shouts of wild delight for Murray rent the air, Oh, proud were we when every call found gallant Jimmie there, Nerney small, Gilmartin tall, Casserly at left back,

Elusive Phelim Murray and young Doctor Derry Mac, Verily brave, "Doc," Callaghan saved in that eventful game; Enough will never written be of Donal Keenan's fame, Review of news must also sing of gallant Brendan Lynch, Young Carlos played at centre half and never budged an inch.

Time must ever cherish Kinlough's and Boland's play, Ingenious Dr. Gibbons, who was always in the fray, My view is this, 'twill take some time, before the Cup will go; Emphatically we'll raise our hats to Sergeant Billy Keogh, M. O'LEARY, Boyle, From "Six Glorious Years" Sean's review of Roscommon G.A.A. history, 1939-1944.

Cumann Luith-Chleas Gaedheal, Corcaighe.

# Big Championship Events Still To Come

## THRILLS GALORE FOR CORK GAELS

September 22—1st Senior Hurling Semi-Final:—  
Fanuidhthe An Gleanna v. Na Sairsealaigh

September 29 — 2nd Senior Hurling Semi-Final:—  
Imokilly v. Cumann Barra.

September 29 — Inter. Hurling Final at Fermoy:—  
Croch Dubh v. Rathluirc.

October 6 — Senior Football Final:—  
Clanna Chaoilthe v. Mainistir Fhearmuigha

October 13:—  
SENIOR HURLING FINA

1 SCÉIN AGUS  
1 nSAR  
níl TOITÍN  
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A FTON