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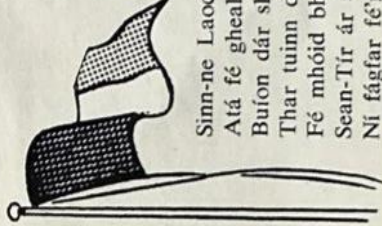
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1964—John Donnellan.



1965—Enda Colleran.



1966—Enda Colleran.



The Cork team which won the 1952 Munster championship. They later lost to Cavan, 0-10 to 2-3, in the All-Ireland semi-final.

FIRST CHAMPIONS OF AN AGE

AUTUMN 1945 and the beginning of a new age. Rineanna Airport, later to be known as Shannon Airport, proudly announced that it would soon be catering for 200 passengers per week, while Collinstown Airport joyfully received its first "transocean" aeroplane. French troops re-occupied Saigon, while the nationalists of India refused to consider any proposition other than complete independence from Britain.

Then one morning the world learned that the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki had, within minutes, been seared into nothingness and, from that moment onwards, it was inevitable that the new era should be known as the atomic age.

On Sunday, September 16, a veteran of four All-Ireland medals named Christy Ring saw Glen Rovers to an exciting victory over Carrigdhoun

in the Cork senior hurling final and seven days later the Cork footballers lined out against Cavan at Croke Park in the All-Ireland final. It was the Leesiders' tenth appearance in a senior football decider . . . and yet, strangely, their first 15-a-side final.

A crowd of 67,329 lent the contestants company and saw Dublin, who included names such as O. Freaney, D. O'Mahony and N. Maher, score an easy win over Leitrim in the minor final. Then referee John Dunne sent the senior game on its way.

In the fourth minute P. J. Duke crossed to T. P. O'Reilly and Cavan were a point to credit. One minute later Eamonn Young held fast at mid-field from a kick-out and sent to Derry Beckett, whose shot at goal was finished to the net by Mick Tubridy.

It took Cavan some minutes to recover and when they did P. J. Duke pointed. In the 15th minute T. P. O'Reilly placed Joe Stafford for the equaliser.

Two minutes later Cork regained the lead with a point from a free by Derry Beckett and, shortly afterwards, the Leesiders extended their lead when Eamonn Young, who was the dominant figure in the centre of the field, sent to Jim Cronin who, in turn, crossed to Mick Tubridy and the umpire raised the white flag.

In the 25th minute Humphrey O'Neill had another Cork point and from a very difficult angle, Joe Stafford pointed a free for Cavan. Then came a further exchange of points per Mick Tubridy and T. P. O'Reilly. Just on the stroke of half-time a Cavan 'fifty' was caught by Eamonn Young and the whistle sounded—however, some did not hear it and, when Simon Deignan booted the ball to the net, a goal was signalled in error. The matter was quickly righted

and so the teams left the field with Cork leading by 1-4 to Cavan's 0-5.

Two minutes after the resumption, Derry Beckett increased Cork's lead with a point and then came 14 scoreless minutes when fortune swayed and the backs at both ends dominated play.

In the 16th minute Joe Stafford pointed a Cavan free and this heralded ten minutes of tremendous Cavan pressure in search of the golden goal which would make all the difference. But there was no beating of "Weeshie" Murphy, Caleb Crone, Tadhg Crowley and Co. All that Cavan gained was a point from a free by Peter Donohoe.

Then, with time running out, Jack Lynch gathered at mid-field, slipped by two Cavanmen, to send to Jim Cronin—from Cronin to Beckett and it was in the net.

Cork had won the first football final of the post-War atomic age.



A close call for the Cork goal in the All-Ireland semi-final against Cavan.



Action in the Meath-Mayo semi-final. Many hands reach high in the Mayo square and moments later

The unsung heroes of '54

RARELY has a team been as little fancied in an All-Ireland football final as were Meath in 1954—and with good reason. Firstly, they were rather old, most of them remnants of another decade. Secondly, they were meeting Kerry, the reigning champions. But influencing opinion to a greater extent than any of these was Meath's current form. The best that could be said of it was that it was "uninspiring."

Having just about survived in Leinster, Meath were more than just lucky to beat Cavan by a point in the All-Ireland semi-final. On Sunday, September 5, they played Louth at Ardee in the

McKeever Cup and lost by 2-6 to 0-9. A week later at An Uaimh, Meath played Louth again, this time in the O'Byrne Cup. The final score was Louth 2-10; Meath 3-3.

These then were Meath's credentials as they lined out against Kerry at Croke Park on Sunday, September 26, 1954. Just as they were doing so, a veteran of eight All-Ireland medals named Christy Ring was leading Glen Rovers to yet another Cork senior hurling title at the Leeside Athletic Grounds.

The attendance at Croke Park was 75,275 and many were surprised to see Kerry take the field in



it's in the net.

Cavan-blue. Referee, Simon Deignan, set the game in motion.

Kerry were away and Paddy O'Brien cleared but the Kingdom came again and, from a John Dowling delivery, Jim Brosnan collected to send over the bar. Two minutes later Matty McDonnell opened Meath's account with a point—just as he had done five years previously in historic '49. Paddy Meegan added a point and Meath were ahead.

In the eighth minute Tadhg Lyne equalised for Kerry and three minutes later Paudie Sheehy cut through on a solo-run, crossed to Lyne, and Kerry had regained the lead.

But Meath came back. There was something calm and unruffled about their play—almost casual. Paddy Meegan pointed a free . . . and then another. Tom Moriarty, a Kerryman in a Meath jersey, added two more.

Then came a forceful Kerry attack and J. J.

Sheehan slammed to the net. Two more points by Tadhg Lyne and one by Meegan left Kerry leading by 1-5 to Meath's 0-7 at half-time.

On the resumption, Brian Smith levelled and came again to send Meath ahead. Matty McDonnell left Meath two points clear and, with young Micheál Grace from Ceanannus Mor carrying and feeding from the right wing, Paddy Meegan kicked over yet another point from a free.

The crowd awaited Kerry's rally — and it came. A point by J. J. Sheehan and no more. Then Tom Moriarty shot to the Kingdom net; Peter McDermott whipped over a glorious point . . . and the rest was a formality.

When it was over the scoreboard read : Meath 1-13; Kerry 1-7. And so the unfancied and unsung Meath veterans of '54 proudly bore home the Sam Maguire.

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That is the simple issue, and it is as vital now as ever to the national destiny. The games can stand on their own merits; but were they to create a force subversive of nationality we should disown and destroy them. They are native and racy of the soil. That, perhaps, is their gravest defect in the eyes of many. It is their highest recommendation to ours. The rose is a more attractive emblem than the shamrock; but the shamrock springs closer to the native sod, and therefore we cherish it.

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Action in the Laois-Roscommon minor semi-final. Laois won by 2-8 to 2-7.

minor contenders



EN ROUTE to the final Laois have played six games and Cork three : —

May 7—Laois 7-11; Kilkenny 2-1 at Athy
May 28—Laois 5-9; Wexford 2-1 at Croke Park.
July 2—Laois 5-17; Offaly 1-8 at Croke Park.
July 20—Laois 4-9; Longford 2-8 at Tullamore.
July 30—Laois 1-8; Dublin 2-4 at Droichead Nua.
August 20—Laois 2-8; Roscommon 2-7 at Croke Park.

The top Laois scorers in those games were :

Steve Allen—9-8; John Lalor—2-23; Sylvester Furey—4-10; Enda Condron—4-3; Bobby Millar—2-5; Tommy Keane—2-3; Ivor Holohan—1-6.
June 23—Cork 6-18; Waterford 1-5 at Fermoy.
July 16—Cork 2-8; Kerry 0-3 at Cork.
August 6—Cork 3-6; Tyrone 0-7 at Croke Park.

Cork's leading scorers in those games were :
Dan Morley—3-9; Teddy O'Brien—4-3; Donal Hunt—1-6; Denis Long—2-3; Ned Kirby—1-3.

Laois are in search of their first minor football title while Cork seek their second title.



The Cork team which defeated Tyrone by 3-6 to 0-7 in the semi-final.



The Laois minor team which defeated Roscommon by 2-8 to 2-7 in the semi-final.

CORCAIGH

Dathanna : Dearg is Bán
(Red and White)

- (1) M. Mac Coitir (M. Cotter)
- (2) S. O Luanaigh (S. Looney)
- (3) T. O Murchú (T. Murphy)
- (4) S. O Fathaigh (J. Fahy)
- (5) D. O Cuagáin (D. Cogan)
- (6) S. O Murchú (S. Murphy)
- (7) C. O Cítheallaigh (K. Kehilly)
- (8) D. O Longáin (D. Long)
- (9) Dáithí O hEathúir (D. Aherne)
- (10) S. O hArgáin (J. Horgan)
- (11) D. O Fiaich (D. Hunt)
- (12) S. Bairéad (J. Barrett)
- (13) D. O Murchú (D. Morley)
- (14) E. O Ciarba (E. Kirby)
- (15) T. O Briain (T. O'Brien)

Fir Ionaid : (16) C. O Suilleabháin (C. O'Sullivan); (17) Donal O hEathúir (D. Aherne); (18) E. Pléim-ionn (E. Fleming); (19) P. Mac Cárthaigh (P. McCarthy); (20) D. Mac Cárthaigh (D. McCarthy).

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LAOIS

Dathanna : Gorm is Bán
(Blue and White)

- (1) A. de Búrca (A. Burke)
- (2) M. O Murchú (M. Murphy)
- (3) P. Fingleton (P. Fingleton)
- (4) S. O Mongáin (J. Mangan)
- (5) S. O Caomhánaigh (J. Kavanagh)
- (6) L. O Manachair (W. Monagher)
- (7) C. O Murchú (C. Murphy)
- (8) S. Pléimionn (S. Fleming)
- (9) I. O hUallacháin (I. Houlihan)
- (10) S. O Fiohbhra (S. Furey)
- (11) R. Muilleoir (R. Miller)
- (12) S. O hAilín (S. Allen)
- (13) E. O Conaráin (E. Condron)
- (14) S. O Leathlobhair (J. Lalor)
- (15) T. O Catháin (T. Keane)

Fir Ionaid : (16) T. O Cinsealaigh (T. Kinsella); (17) C. Mac a' Bhuf (C. McEvoy); (18) P. d. Burke; (19) S. Mac Domhnaill (J. McDonald); (20) T. O Briain (T. O'Brien).

LAOIS				Saor-Chiceanna	
Iadh Leath ...	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaf	50 Sl.	
2adh Leath ...					
Iomlán ...					

AN MHI

Sean McCormack (Nobber)—A county minor in 1960, he won an All-Ireland junior medal in 1962 and was in goal when Meath lost to Galway in last year's final. Aged 24, he is 5'-9" and weighs 11-7.

Mick White (Rathkenny)—A minor in 1959, he too won an All-Ireland junior medal in 1962. He was a substitute in last year's final. Aged 26, he is 5'-9" and weighs 11-5.

Jack Quinn (Kilbride)—The youngest of three brothers all of whom have been regulars on the Meath senior team. He first won distinction at mid-field prior to being placed at full-back. He is 24, 6'-2" and weighs 13-8.

Peter Darby (Trim)—The captain and veteran of the team. He first joined the senior team in 1956 and has represented the county in all grades of football and hurling. Aged 29, he is 5'-11" and weighs 12-12.

Pat Collier (Stamullen) — One of football's most colourful players, he has been on the senior team since 1961. He is 25, 5'-6" and weighs 12-4.

Bertie Cunningham (Ballivor) — He won an All-Ireland minor medal in 1957 and has, during the past few years, established himself as an outstanding centre half-back. Aged 28, he is 6'-0" and weighs 13-7.

Pat Reynolds (Walterstown)—The son of a former Louth player, he came on to the Meath senior team in 1964. Aged 22, he is 5'-9" and weighs 11-9.

Peter Moore (Ballinabrackey) — He was a substitute on the All-Ireland winning Meath minor team of 1957 and joined the senior team in 1960. Aged 27, he is 6'-1" and weighs 12-12.

Terry Kearns (Ardcath)—A county minor in 1963, he made his senior debut in 1964 but did not win a permanent place until this year. Aged 22, he is 5'-9" and weighs 13-0.

Tony Brennan (Enfield) — A former county minor, he made his senior debut in 1964 and is now Meath's leading marksman. Aged 23, he is 5'-9" and weighs 11-9.

Matt Kerrigan (Summerhill)—On the Meath junior team of 1964, he joined the senior team this year and is the first Summerhill player in thirty years to be so honoured. Aged 25, he is 6'-1½" and weighs 13-6.

Mick Mellett (Martinstown)—He represented the county in a variety of grades in football and hurling prior to joining the senior football team in 1966. Aged 22, he is 5'-9" and weighs 11-7.



Peter Darby

Paddy Mulvaney (Skryne)—A county minor in 1958, he won an All-Ireland junior medal in 1962. He was a substitute in last year's final. Aged 27, he is 5'-8" and weighs 11-8.

Noel Curran (Dunshaughlin)—He was on the county minor team in 1960 and during the past two years has become one of Meath's most dependable forwards. Aged 24, he is 5'-10" and weighs 13-0.

Oliver Shanley (Duleek) — A member of the senior team since 1963, having graduated from the minor and junior ranks. Aged 24, he is 5'-10" and weighs 12-2.

Paddy Cromwell (Skryne)—Prior to joining the senior team in 1963, he had not represented Meath in any other grade. Aged 25, he is 5'-9" and weighs 13-2.

Martin Quinn (Kilbride)—An older brother of Jack Quinn's, he had played at full-back for a number of years until succeeded by his brother. Aged 29, he is 6'-2" and weighs 14-10.

Peter Black (Bellewstown)—A county minor in 1960, he was on the successful Meath junior team of 1962. Aged 24, he is 5'-10½" and weighs 14-2.

Oliver Geraghty (Fenchanstown)—He played minor and senior with Louth prior to joining the Meath panel last year. Aged 27, he is 6'-1½" and weighs 13-8.

Mick O'Brien (Walterstown)—A regular member of the Meath panel in recent years he has played in quite a number of games. Aged 24, he is 5'-10" and weighs 12-8.

CORCAIGH

Billy Morgan (U.C.C.)—He played minor for Cork as a forward and graduated to the senior team via junior and under-21 competition. Aged 22, he is 5'-10" and weighs 11-12.

Brian Murphy (Crosshaven)—He was on the under-21 team in 1963 and made his senior debut a year later. He has also played in goal for the county. Aged 24, he is 5'-10" and weighs 12-4.

Jerry Lucey (Ballyvourney)—He was for three years on the under-21 team and first came on the senior team in 1965. Aged 22, he is 6'-1" and weighs 13-8.

Johnny O'Mahony (Kanturk) — A minor in 1954 and '55, he joined the senior team in 1958. Aged 30, he is 5'-8" and weighs 12-0.

Frank Cogan (Nemo Rangers)—A former Cork minor and under-21 star, he joined the senior team in 1965. Aged 23, he is 5-11 and weighs 12-12.

Denis Coughlan (St. Nicholas)—The captain of the team, he has represented Cork in virtually all grades of football and hurling. Aged 22, he is 6'-0" and weighs 12-7.

Kevin Dillon (Clonakilty)—He came in as a substitute for Jerry O'Sullivan in last year's semi-final. Aged 26, he is 5'-8" and weighs 11-0.

Mick Burke (Mitchelstown)—A former minor star, he made his senior debut in 1960. Aged 26, he is 6'-1" and weighs 14-2.

Mick O'Loughlin (Kanturk)—A member of the under-21 team which lost to Kildare in the 1965 final, he came on to the senior team that same year. Aged 22, he is 5'-10" and weighs 12-1.

Eric Philpott (U.C.C.)—He played in the 1964 minor final and has since been on the under-21 team. Aged 20, he is 5'-10" and weighs 11-5.

Eugene McCarthy (St. Finbarr's)—A minor star in 1955 and '56, he joined the senior team in 1959. Aged 29, he is 6'-0" and weighs 12-8.

Bernie O'Neill (Adrigole)—He first joined the senior team in 1965 and has also played at mid-field. Aged 22, he is 5'-10½" and weighs 12-10.

Eamonn Ryan (U.C.C.)—He never played minor for the county and made his senior debut in 1963. Aged 26, he is 5'-9" and weighs 12-7.



Denis Coughlan

Con O'Sullivan (Urhan)—He is the longest serving member of the team, having first been selected in 1956. He has played in virtually every position from full-back to full-forward. Aged 30, he is 5'-10½" and weighs 13-7.

Flor Hayes (Clonakilty) — He won an All-Ireland minor medal in 1961 and first joined the senior team in 1964. Aged 23, he is 5'-8" and weighs 12-0.

Johnny Carroll (Dohenys)—A recent accident has resulted in him being included among the substitutes. On the team since 1960, he is 26, 5'-8" and weighs 13-0.

Jerry O'Sullivan (St. Nicholas)—Better known as a hurler, he won an All-Ireland medal last year—as well as captaining the Cork football team. Aged 27, he is 5'-11" and weighs 12-2.

J. J. Murphy (Civil Service, Dublin) — He never played minor for the county but was on the under-21 team in 1963 and '64. Aged 23, he is 5'-9½" and weighs 12-7.

Jim Downing (Urhan)—A former minor and under-21 star, he had his first senior game this year. Aged 21, he is 6'-2" and weighs 13-7.

John Crowley (Dohenys) — He played minor with Kildare in 1962 and had his first senior game with Cork in 1964. Aged 21, he is 5'-8" and weighs 12-0.

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Niall Duggan leads Cork in the 1957 Final.

CHAMPIONSHIP MARKSMEN

ALTHOUGH he is not engaged in this afternoon's final, it is likely that Charlie Gallagher of Cavan will be the top scorer in the 1967 senior football championship. In four games, he scored 0-27. The only players, involved to-day, who are within a reasonable distance of his total, are Tony Brennan and Noel Curran who are 12 points short of that figure.

Meath's leading marksman of recent years has been Davy Carty, who captained the county in last year's final. In 86 senior intercounty games he has scored a total of 20 goals and 176 points. Cork's top scorer of latter years has been Gene McCarthy who has a total of 13-96 from 48 games.

Other leading Meath and Cork scorers are Tony Brennan who has scored a total of 14-87 in 47 games; Noel Curran who has scored 13-71

in 53 games and Con O'Sullivan who has a total of 8-83 from 63 games.

The leading senior football championship marksmen since 1955 have been:—

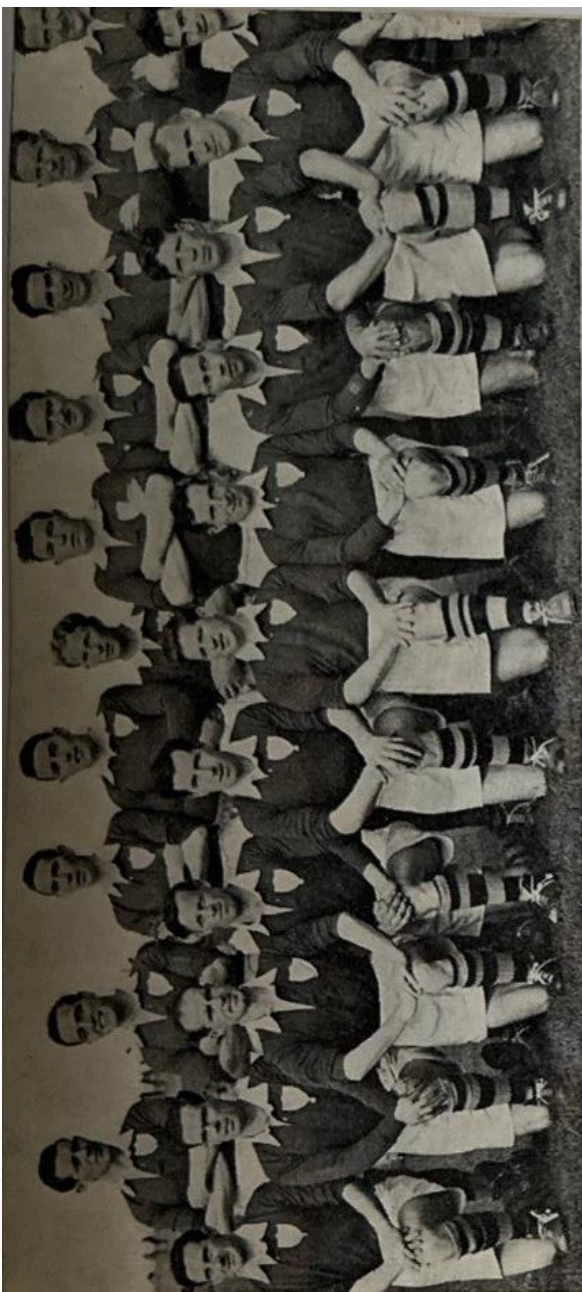
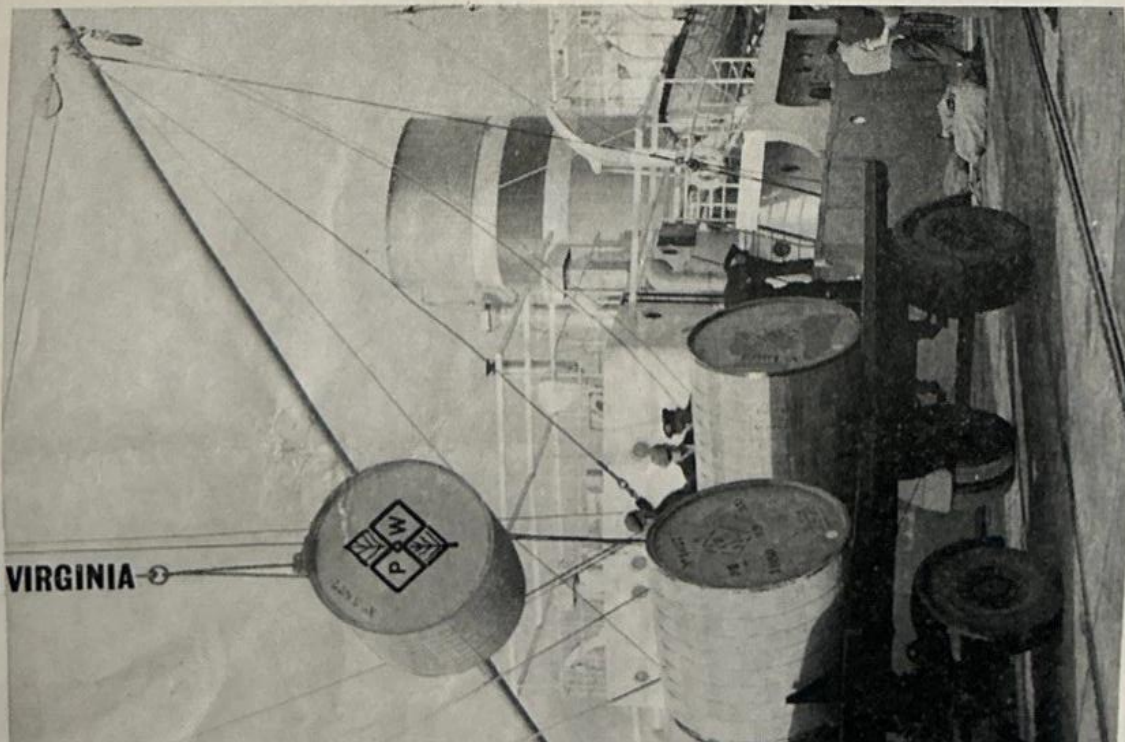
Year	Points	Score	Games	Average
1955	30	O. Freaney	2-24	6
1956	27	S. Purcell	1-24	5
1957	28	J. Timmons*	4-16	3
1958	28	O. Freaney	0-28	5
1959	33	O. Freaney	2-27	5
1960	35	P. Doherty	4-23	6
1961	33	H. Donnelly	2-27	5
1962	25	Don Feeley	3-16	4
1963	23	M. Whelan	1-20	5
1964	28	C. Dunne	0-28	4
1965	38	C. Gallagher	3-29	5
1966	25	P. T. Treacy	4-13	3

* John Timmons then with Wicklow.

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The Meath team which lost to Mayo, 2-8 to 0-9, in the 1951 final.

FACTS and FANCY

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EN ROUTE to this afternoon's final, Meath have played four games and Cork have played three:—

May 21—Meath 2-9; Louth 0-3 at Croke Park.
July 9—Meath 0-12; Westmeath 0-6 at Tullamore.
July 23—Meath 0-8; Offaly 0-6 at Croke Park.
August 20—Meath 3-14; Mayo 1-14 at Croke Park.

Meath's leading scorers in those games were: Tony Brennan—1-12; Noel Curran—2-9; Mick Mellett—0-6; Matt Kerrigan—0-5; Paddy Mulvaney—0-4; Pat Collier—1-1; Peter Moore—1-1; Oliver Shanley—0-3.

Cork's record reads:—

June 18—Cork 1-13; Clare 1-6 at Cork.
July 16—Cork 0-8; Kerry 0-7 at Cork.
August 6—Cork 2-7; Cavan 0-12 at Croke Park.

The Leaside's leading scorers were: Con O'Sullivan—0-9; Johnny Carroll—0-5; Denis Coughlan—1-2; Flor Hayes and J. J. Murphy—1-1 each; Eric Philpott—0-4; Bernie O'Neill—0-3; Eamonn Ryan—0-2.

The teams which brought the All-Ireland senior football title to Meath and Cork were:—

1949—Meath 1-10; Cavan 1-6

K. Smith, M. O'Brien, P. O'Brien, K. McConnell, S. Heery, P. Dixon, C. Hand, P. O'Connell, J. Kearney, F. Byrne, B. Smith (Capt.),

M. McDonnell, P. Meegan, W. Halpenny, P. McDermott.

1954—Meath 1-13; Kerry 1-7

P. McGearty, M. O'Brien, P. O'Brien, K. McConnell, K. Lenihan, J. O'Reilly, E. Durbin, P. O'Connell, T. O'Brien, M. Grace, B. Smith, M. McDonnell, P. Meegan, T. Moriarty, P. McDermott (Capt.).

1890—Cork 2-4; Wexford 0-1

J. Power (Capt.), P. Moore, J. Leahy, R. Kellerher, M. Coleman, T. Lucey, J. Fitzgerald, M. Riordan, J. Fitzgerald, T. Downey, R. Power, J. D. Brien, W. Hennessy, H. Egan, J. Aherne, M. Murphy, M. Buckley, W. Buckley, M. Buckley (it was a 21-a-side team but only 19 names are on record).

1911—Cork 6-6; Antrim 1-2

M. Mehigan (Capt.), M. O'Shea, E. Barrett, J. A. Beckett, J. Shorten, J. Donovan, W. Mackessy, M. Cotter, T. Murphy, J. Lebane, W. Lebane, J. Lynch, C. Kelleher, J. Young, P. Connell, C. Paye, J. O'Neill (17-a-side).

1945—Cork 2-5; Cavan 0-7

M. O'Driscoll, D. Magnier, P. Murphy, C. Crone, P. Cronin, T. Crowley (Capt.), D. O'Connor, F. O'Donovan, E. Young, E. Casey, H. O'Neill, M. Tubridy, J. Lynch, J. Cronin, D. Beckett.

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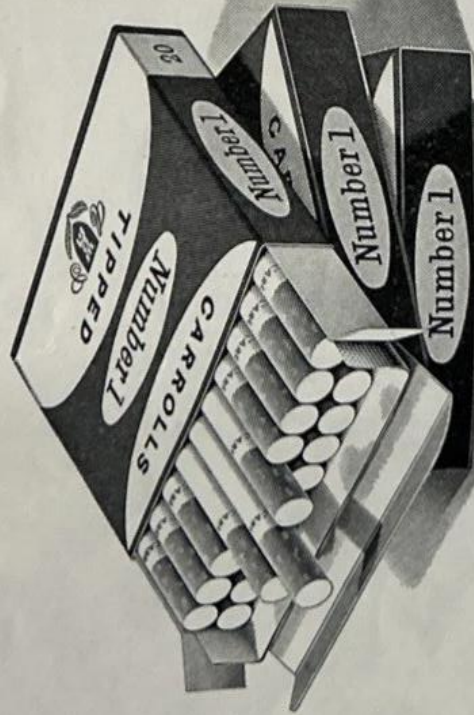
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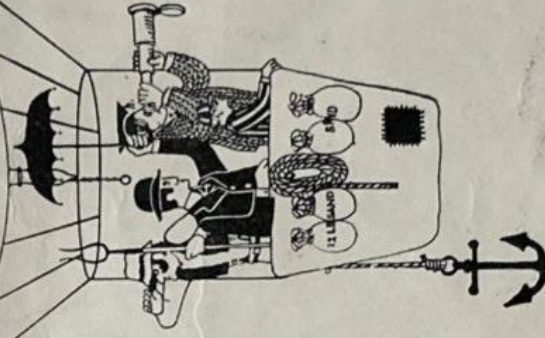
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