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SEPTEMBER 3

**ALL-IRELAND S.H. and M.H.
FINALS**

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SEPTEMBER 24

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FINALS**

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of the Association.*

General Admission—5'.



The Walsh delivers under pressure in the 1941 All-Ireland semi-final. Mayo won by 2-11 to Meath's 0-10.

in days of yore . . .

MEATH-MAYO rivalry began in the late thirties when the Warriors were dominating the National Football League and Meath were valiantly trying to regain the football prominence which had not been their's since prior to the turn of the century.

The counties met in the 1937 League final, played at Croke Park, and Mayo retained the title with a 3-4 to 1-8 victory. A year later it was Mayo-Meath in the League final once again. This

time the game was played in Dublin and Mayo won by 5-9 to 0-8.

The first championship encounter between the counties was in the 1949 semi-final—Meath winning by 5-10 to 1-10. However, Mayo had their turn in the 1951 All-Ireland final where they won by an almost similar margin—3-8 to 0-9.

The counties have not met since then in a major game.



The throw-in at the commencement of the 1954 final. Meath won by 1-13 to Kerry's 1-7.

royal MEATH

NO county can establish an older football tradition than that of Meath. There are many references to games being played in the county in the early 18th century. Meath-Louth rivalry developed in subsequent years and it is on record that Lord Edward Fitzgerald attended

a game between Meath and Kildare in 1797 which Meath won.

As soon as the Association was established Meath clubs affiliated and Dowdstown represented the county in the first All-Ireland championship of 1887. They were drawn against Limerick Commercials and the game was played at Dublin's Elm Park, Merrion, on July 24 of that year. Played as a curtain-raiser to it was a meeting between Louth and Waterford. Limerick and Louth triumphed and went on to qualify for the final which was won by the Munster county.

Meath, therefore, has the distinction of being one of the seven counties to compete in the first All-Ireland football championship. To add to the four already named, the other three were Cork, Kilkenny and Tipperary.

To Meath also went the honour of competing

in the first All-Ireland football final to be played at Croke Park (then the City and Suburban Sports Ground, Jones's Road). Their opponents were Tipperary and the game was played on March 15, 1896.

It was the previous year's final. Meath were represented by Navan O'Mahony's and Tipperary by the famed Arravale Rovers. It was a tremendous contest and at the end Tipperary led by 0-4 to 0-3.

However, two days later a letter appeared in the national press from the referee, J. J. Kenny of Dublin, stating that he had erred in allowing Tipperary a vital point. The result, he stated, should have been a draw.

J. J. Kenny was a much respected referee and a man of considerable standing in G.A.A. circles. However, the championship medals had already been presented to Tipperary and to Meath's everlasting credit, they declined to press the issue.

In a letter to the Central Council the President

of the Navan O'Mahonys Club stated: "Proud as I should be to see the All-Ireland medals decorating the breasts of the boys in whom I take such deep interest, yet prouder am I to be President of a club which for the sake of the G.A.A. can show such a grand spirit of self-abnegation."

As a tribute to the Meathmen, the Central Council awarded them a special set of medals, inscribed "Virtual Championship of Ireland 1895." It was also agreed that Meath and Tipperary should meet again in a challenge game. This took place in May and ended in a draw. So did a second challenge game. However, Tipperary won the third one by the convincing margin of 2-13 to 1-4.

Since that competition of more than seventy years ago, Royal Meath has done much to add to its football story . . . but even if it had not, it would still be entitled to a special place in the annals of Gaelic games for its sportsmanship and dignity following that first Croke Park final of 1895.



Oliver Shanley gets in his kick in the Leinster final despite the efforts of two Offaly defenders.



The throw-in at the commencement of the 1951 semi-final replay. Mayo won by 2-4 to Kerry's 1-5.

THE MEN OF THE WEST

BALLINA STEPHENITES, winners of the county championship from 1904-1916 inclusive, were the source of Mayo's earliest major successes.

In the 1906 Croke Cup semi-final, played at Tuam, they drew with Kerry—one point each. The replay took place at Limerick and Mayo won. In the final, at Jones's Road, they were paired with All-Ireland champions, Kildare, and the Mayo representatives were well beaten—1-9 to nil.

The Croke Cup in those years enjoyed a status now accorded to the National League and Mayo

became specialists in the competition. In 1907, they again reached the final and met Kerry at Ennis. It was one of the great games of those years and Kerry triumphed by 2-6 to 2-3.

Mayo scored their greatest inter-county success to date in the 1908 Croke Cup semi-final when they defeated All-Ireland champions Dublin. To add to it, they outclassed Kerry by 1-8 to 0-5 in the final and so it was that Mayo, represented by Ballina, won their first national football competition.

Mayo, still led by Ballina, qualified for their first All-Ireland final in 1916. In the semi-final,

played in a downpour at Croke Park on November 19 of that year, they beat Cork by 1-2 to 1-1. In the final they met Wexford, the reigning champions, and, following a hard-fought hour, lost by 2-4 to 1-2.

Then began an era of great Mayo-Tipperary rivalry. In the 1918 semi-final the Munster champions were considered extremely lucky to beat the Westerners by 2-2 to 1-4. Tipperary subsequently lost to Wexford in the final by a single point.

In the 1920 semi-final it was another keenly contested hour between Mayo and Tipperary. Once more the Munstermen triumphed and in the final they scored a good win over Dublin.

The following year saw Mayo, again led by Ballina Stephenites, back in the final where they lost to Dublin. And so the story of great endeavour continued.

Most Mayomen old enough to remember insist, with some justification, that they should have been awarded the 1925 title—when, having beaten Wexford in the semi-final, both Kerry and Cavan were ruled out because of illegalities. However, the Connacht championship had still to be concluded and when Galway defeated Mayo in the final of that competition it was they who were declared champions.

But Mayo's hour had to come and it did on September 27, 1936, when they swept to victory over Laois in the All-Ireland final. It was a triumph twice repeated in 1950 and '51 to consolidate Mayo's position on the championship roll of honour.

The tradition, born of Ballina Stephenites, was by then secure.



Action in the Connacht semi-final—from left: John Nealon, Noel Tierney, Johnny Geraghty, Mick Ruane.



Seamus O'Dowd, Joe Langan, Johnny Mulvey (Co. Secretary), Seamus Daly (Co-Trainer) and John Morley following Mayo's triumph over Leitrim in the Connacht final.

THE ABSENT LEADER

NO player has contributed more towards bringing about the football revival which Mayo is currently enjoying than the captain of the team, John Morley of Kiltimagh. What a cruel twist of fate it is that, as a result of an appendicitis operation, he misses the opportunity of leading the men of the West in this afternoon's contest.

Fearless, strong and an excellent all-round footballer, Morley's high-fielding and exceptionally lengthy kicking will be missed this afternoon . . . but, of course, should Mayo win, he will be appreciated all the more in or about the same time on Sunday, September 24.



Jubilant Laois minors following their win over Dublin in the Leinster final. With them are officials, Dinny Murphy and Jack Conroy (Co. Chairman).

STARS in the making



LAOIS have played five games en route to to-day's semi-final, while Roscommon have had but two outings. The O'Moore County record reads:

Laois 7-11; Kilkenny 2-1.
Laois 5-9; Wexford 2-1.
Laois 5-17; Offaly 1-8.
Laois 4-9; Longford 2-8.
Laois 1-8; Dublin 2-4.

The top marksmen in those games were:
Sean Allen—9-7; John Lalor—2-20; S. Furey—4-8; E. Condon—3-3; R. Miller—2-4; T. Keane—2-3; I. Houlihan—0-6.

Roscommon's games resulted:
Roscommon 9-12; Leitrim 0-3.

Roscommon 2-5; Mayo 1-5.

The Connacht champions' marksmen were:
S. McHugh—4-4; C. Doolan—3-2; P. Shallow—1-7; B. O'Hara—1-2; M. Flanagan—1-1; J. O'Callaghan—1-1.

Laois's only All-Ireland minor football final appearance was in 1932 when they lost to Kerry by 3-8 to 1-3. They did not win the Leinster crown again until last year when they lost to Down in a replayed semi-final.

Roscommon won the All-Ireland minor crown in 1939, '41 and '51. Their last semi-final appearance was in 1965 when they lost to Derry in a thrilling game.



The Laois minor team which defeated Dublin by 1-8 to 2-4 in the Leinster final.

LAOIS

Dathanna : Gorm is Bán
(Blue and White)

Réiteoir : P. O DOIBHILIN
(Tír Eoghain)

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|------|-----------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|
| (1) | A. de Búrca
(A. Burke) | (4) | S. O Mongáin
(J. Mangan) |
| (2) | M. O Murchú
(M. Murphy) | (5) | C. O Murchú
(C. Murphy) |
| (3) | P. Fingleton
(P. Fingleton) | (6) | |
| (4) | S. O Caomhánaigh
(J. Kavanagh) | (7) | |
| (5) | L. O Manachair
(W. Monagher) | (8) | |
| (6) | S. Pléimionn
(S. Fleming) | (9) | I. O hUallacháin
(I. Houlihan) |
| (7) | | (10) | S. O hAilín
(S. Allen) |
| (8) | S. O Fiobhra
(S. Furey) | (11) | T. O Briain
(T. O'Brien) |
| (9) | R. Muilleoir
(R. Miller) | (12) | |
| (10) | S. O Leathlobhair
(J. Lalor) | (13) | |
| (11) | | (14) | |
| (12) | | (15) | |
| (13) | | (16) | |
| (14) | | (17) | |
| (15) | | (18) | |
| (16) | | (19) | |
| (17) | | (20) | |

Fir Ionaid : (16) T. O Cinselaigh (T. Kinsella); (17) C. Mac a' Bhuí (C. McEvoy); (18) T. O Catháin (T. Kane); (19) A. Puirseál (A. Purcell); (20) S. Mac Domhnaill (J. McDonald).

LAOIS	Cúil Goals	Cúilíní Points	Seachai Wides	50 sl. 50's	Saor-Cícheanna Free Kicks
1adh Leath (1st Half)					
2adh Leath (2nd Half)					
Iomlán (Total)					



The Roscommon minor team which defeated Mayo by 2-5 to 1-5 in the Connacht final.

ROS COMÁIN

Mionúir : 2.00

Dathanna : Buí is Gorm
(Yellow and Blue)

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|------|---------------------------------------|------|---------------------------------|
| (1) | L. O. Gallchóbbhair
(W. Gallagher) | (4) | P. Mac Tiarnáin
(P. Tiernan) |
| (2) | L. Mac Fícheallaigh
(W. Feeley) | (5) | G. O Riagáin
(G. Regan) |
| (3) | T. Mac Mathúna
(T. McMahon) | (6) | |
| (4) | E. Mac Gabhann
(E. Smith) | (7) | |
| (5) | A. O Mainnín
(A. Mannion) | (8) | M. O Flanagan
(M. Flanagan) |
| (6) | P. O Ceallacháin
(P. Callaghan) | (9) | |
| (7) | C. O Dúláin
(C. Doolin) | (10) | P. Sealbhaigh
(P. Shallow) |
| (8) | S. O Ceallacháin
(J. O'Callaghan) | (11) | L. O hEára
(W. O'Hara) |
| (9) | | (12) | |
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| (17) | | (20) | |

Fir Ionaid : (16) C. Mac Floinn (K. Glynn); (17) S. O Craobháin (S. Craven); (18) M. O Duígin (M. Deignan); (19) N. O Muiris (N. Morris); (20) S. Mac Aoidh (J. McHugh).

ROS COMAIN	Cúil Goals	Cúilíní Points	Seachai Wides	50 sl. 50's	Saor-Cícheanna Free Kicks
1adh Leath (1st Half)					
2adh Leath (2nd Half)					
Iomlán (Total)					



The Meath team which defeated Offaly by 0-8 to 0-6 in the Leinster final.

AN MHÍ

Dathanna : Glas
(Green)

Réiteoir : S. O MAOLDOMHNAIGH
(Tiobraid Arann)

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|------|----------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|
| (1) | S. Mac Cormaic
(S. McCormack) | (4) | P. Mac Diarmada
(P. Darby) |
| (2) | M. de Faoite
(M. White) | (5) | P. Mac Raghnaill
(P. Reynolds) |
| (3) | S. O Cuinn
(J. Quinn) | (6) | T. O Céirín
(T. Kerins) |
| (7) | P. O Coilléir
(P. Collier) | (8) | M. O Ciaragáin
(M. Kerrigan) |
| (8) | P. O Mórdha
(P. Moore) | (9) | M. Méalóid
(M. Mellett) |
| (9) | A. O Braonáin
(T. Brennan) | (10) | O. O Seanlaoich
(O. Shanley) |
| (10) | P. O Maolanaigh
(P. Mulvanny) | (11) | |
| (11) | | (12) | |
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| (14) | | (15) | |
| (15) | | (16) | |

Fir Ionaid : (16) P. O Cromail (P. Cromwell); (17) M. O Cuinn (M. Quinn); (18) P. O Duibh (P. Black); (19) O. Mac Oireachtaigh (O. Geraghty); (20) M. O Briáin (M. O'Brien).

AN MHÍ	Cúil Goals	Cúilíní Points	Seachai Wides	50 sl. 50's	Saor-Cícheanna Free Kicks
1adhb Leath (1st Half)					
2adhb Leath (2nd Half)					
Iomlán (Total)					



The Mayo team which defeated Leitrim by 4-15 to 0-7 in the Connacht final.

MAIGH EO

Dathanna : Bán
(White)

Sinsir : 3.30

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| (1) | M. O Gallchóbhair
(M. Gallagher) | (4) | S. O Conchúir
(S. O'Connor) |
| (2) | S. O Ciardha
(J. Carey) | (5) | M. O Flaitile
(M. Flatley) |
| (3) | R. de Priondargás
(R. Prendergast) | (6) | L. de Lochtús
(W. Loftus) |
| (7) | S. O Fearchair
(J. Farragher) | (8) | S. O Longáin
(J. Langan) |
| (8) | P. S. de Lochtús
(P. J. Loftus) | (9) | S. O Corcoráin
(J. Corcoran) |
| (9) | S. O Dubhda
(S. O'Dowd) | (10) | S. O Giobúin
(J. Gibbons) |
| (10) | S. O Nialláin
(J. Nealon) | (11) | |
| (11) | | (12) | |
| (12) | | (13) | |
| (13) | | (14) | |
| (14) | | (15) | |
| (15) | | (16) | |

Fir Ionaid : (16) E. O Ruanaigh (E. Rooney); (17) S. Pléimíonn (J. Fleming); (18) S. O Riain (J. Ryan); (19) M. S. O Rodaigh (M. J. Ruddy); (20) S. O Muraile (J. Morley).

MAIGH EO	Cúil Goals	Cúilíní Points	Seachai Wides	50 sl. 50's	Saor-Cícheanna Free Kicks
1adhb Leath (1st Half)					
2adhb Leath (2nd Half)					
Iomlán (Total)					



Noel Curran, Meath's top marksman, in full flight.

En Route

EN route to to-day's game both counties had three outings. Meath's record reads:—
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.

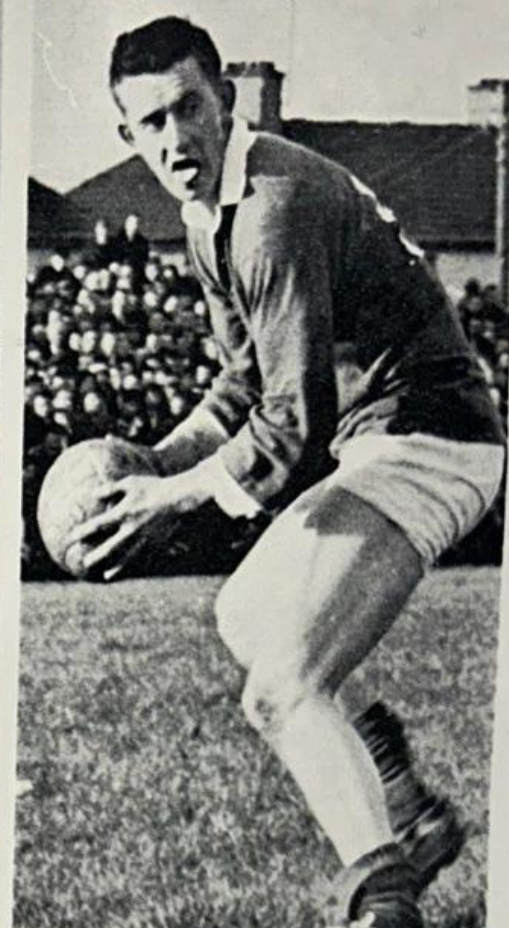
The county's leading marksmen in those games were: Noel Curran—2-7; Tony Brennan—0-10; Matt Kerrigan—0-4; Mick Mellett and Oliver Shanley—0-2 each.

Mayo's three games were:—
May 28—Mayo 3-6; Sligo 1-7 at Sligo.
June 25—Mayo 3-13; Galway 1-8 at Galway.
July 16—Mayo 4-15; Leitrim 0-7 at Tuam.

Mayo's leading marksmen in those games were: Mick Ruane—3-3; Joe Corcoran—0-11; Seamus O'Dowd—2-4; Johnny Farragher—2-3; Joe Langan—0-7; Willie Loftus—1-2; John Nealon—1-1; Mick Connaughton—1-0.



Joe Langan.



Joe Corcoran.

A tale of two Joes

IF Mayo win this afternoon it will probably be, to a large extent, because Joe Langan and Joe Corcoran combined brilliantly once again.

Both have been in the green and red of Mayo for a long time—Corcoran was the star of the county's 1958 minor team and joined the senior team almost immediately afterwards, while Langan arrived a year later. They were part of the fruitless years and grew to be key-men in the great resurgence. For them this afternoon

required much achieving. It is the culmination of a long wait.

There are many who hold that the partnership of Langan and Corcoran will yet be coupled with such legendary pairings as Mick Higgins-Tony Tighe and Sean Purcell-Frank Stockwell. For that to come about Langan and Corcoran will require scores—as well as combination this afternoon.



The Kerry goal under pressure in the 1951 semi-final (drawn game). The final score was Mayo 1-5; Kerry 1-5.

FACT and FANCY

MAYO have a marked tendency towards being involved in draws in All-Ireland semi-finals. Three of their last seven semi-final appearances ended in this manner: against Kerry in 1939; against Kerry in 1951 and against Dublin in 1955. The only replay which the Westerners won was that of 1951.

The Parnellite Split cut deeply into Meath G.A.A. affairs and the County Board's first Chairman, P. Fullam, stood with Michael Davitt as anti-Parnellite candidates for North and South

Meath respectively in the turbulent general election of 1892. Both were elected and subsequently unseated on a petition.

Meath's record in All-Ireland semi-finals is exceptionally good. Of the ten which they have contested they won seven. The counties to beat them were—Galway in 1940 and '64, and Kerry in 1947.

Mayo reached the semi-final stage on 28 occasions and, including their 1925 victory over Wexford, qualified on only eight occasions.



Mick White



Mick Mellett

CHANGES FROM 1966

MEATH show five changes in personnel to-day from the team which lined-out against Galway in last year's All-Ireland final.

The five 'new' players are Mick White at right fullback; Terry Kerins at mid-field; Matt Kerrigan at centre half-forward; Mick Mellett at left half-forward and Pat Mulvanny at right full forward.

The half-back line of Pat Collier, Bertie Cunningham and Pat Reynolds is the only one to remain unchanged.

Captaining Meath this year is 29-year-old Peter Darby of Trim who is also the longest-

serving member of the team. He first joined the Meath seniors in 1956 and has represented the county in all grades of football and hurling.

Pat Mulvanny, Jack Quinn and Mick White were members of the All-Ireland winning Meath junior team of 1962, while Bertie Cunningham and Peter Moore won All-Ireland minor medals in 1957.

Five members of the team played with Leinster this year—Jack Quinn, Peter Darby, Pat Reynolds, Peter Moore and Noel Curran, while Bertie Cunningham came on as a substitute in the province's semi-final game against Ulster.



The safe hands of Jack Quinn.

JACK QUINN

JACK QUINN succeeded his brother Martin as Meath's fullback. Prior to that he had been starring at mid-field. It is interesting to note that his career is following a similar pattern to that of the great Paddy O'Brien, who came to prominence at mid-field prior to winning recognition as one of the outstanding fullbacks of all time.

The youngest of three brothers—all of whom

have represented Royal Meath with distinction. Jack won an All-Ireland junior medal in 1962. Now 24, this 6'-2" Kilbridean has, during the past two seasons, proven himself to be one of the most consistently brilliant players in the game.

This afternoon he meets a worthy opponent in the Mayo veteran, Mick Ruane. Their's will be one of the deciding "battles."

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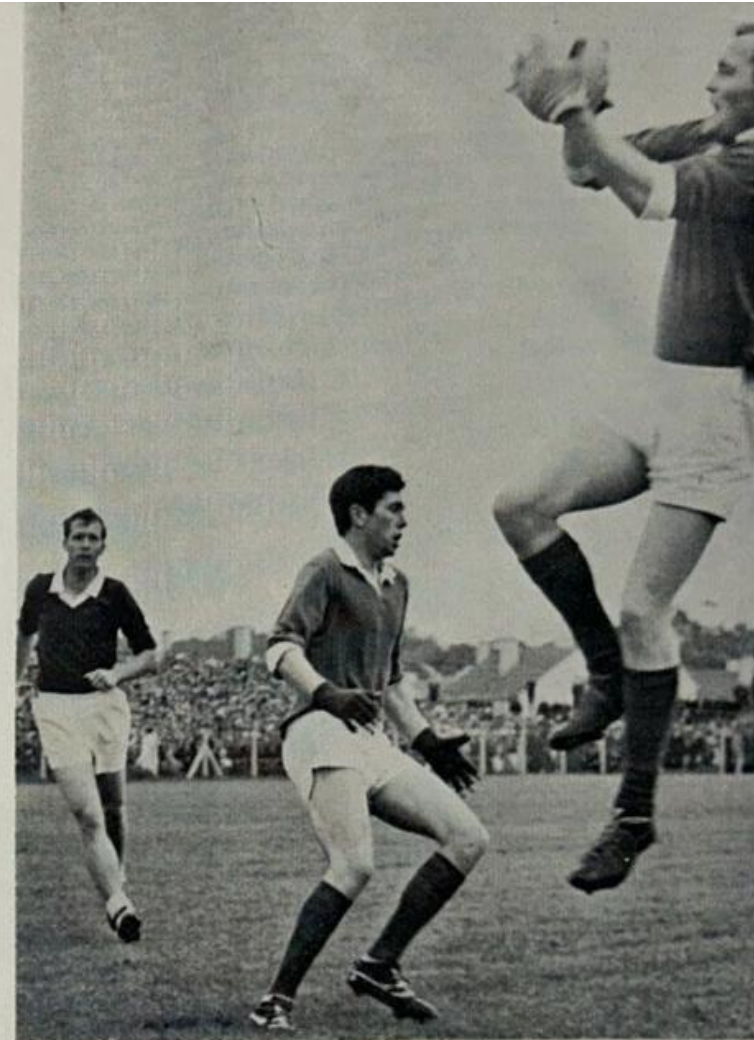
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It is somewhat of a strange coincidence that both fullbacks, Jack Quinn and Ray Prendergast, are following in the footsteps of older brothers who won distinction in the same positions.



Ray Prendergast goes high.

★ Ray Prendergast

RAY PRENDERGAST is, in fact, the third of three brothers to play at fullback for Mayo. Tom was at fullback on the 1946 Mayo team and shortly afterwards the berth was filled by the inimitable Paddy whose dynamic play will always be recalled when men discuss great fullbacks.

Ray, now 27, made his debut on the Mayo senior team in 1961. Then a series of injuries and a period of emigration resulted in his absence from the football scene for three years.

An outstanding "fielder", he and Jack Quinn should provide spectacular play at their respective ends of the field this afternoon.



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