

You've heard the story, now read the book

Kerry's football story stretches through our history. Kerry has had many hard days, coupled with a few good days. But only 36 All-Ireland Champion days. Greatest days.

By JIMMY DARCY

Radio Kerry won a McNamee Award recently for 'The Greatest Day', their series of one hour programmes which recorded those great 36 All-Ireland victories.

Their head of Sport, Joe O'Mahony, consulted with a huge variety of people to weave the many strands of each triumph into one story. There are personal interviews, newspaper reports, assessments by experts from the relevant era and the modern game.

'The Greatest Day' has been such a success that there have been a host of calls for the programme to be captured in book format.

Kerry GAA fans will be thrilled to hear that The

Kingdom, Kerry football - the stuff of champions will be released shortly. Joe O'Mahony is pleased with the final result, as well he should be, but credits many people other than himself for the result.

"We were very lucky to have the Radio Kerry archives since 1991, with all the commentaries and post match interviews. Just as importantly was the input of people like Weeshe Fogarty, who himself is a great historian.

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"For the radio shows, he and Gary O'Sullivan did 'live' commentary of the great games based on archive footage. Prior to that the Kerry County Library was a massive resource and we

also got great help from people like Murt O'Shea and Canon Jackie McKenna". Each of these is a superb resource.

But 'The Greatest Day' and now *The Kingdom, Kerry Football - the stuff of champions* are a celebration of all those voices. It's unmissable for any supporter of Kerry GAA.

Joe's favourite story is of the 1924 All-Ireland.

"John Joe Sheehy was on the run but Con Brosnan arranged an amnesty and Kerry won the All-Ireland. People say that Kerry GAA football is about a bond that cannot be broken - that, for me is the year that proves it". His favourite stand out moment of many is DJ Crowley's goal against Meath in the 1970 final.



NOW IN BOOK FORM: Radio Kerry's head of Sport, Joe O'Mahony, proudly displays the new book based on The Greatest Day series. The book is called *The Kingdom, Kerry Football the Stuff of Champions*.

"This was Roy of the Rovers stuff. Five minutes from time a box to box midfielder takes the ball in his own half and runs through for the winning goal."

Kerry football is about a hundred such moments.

'The Greatest Day' & *The Kingdom* tell the story of them all.

The Kingdom, Kerry Football - the stuff of champions is in book stores from September 24th

EYE LITES

Star on the mark

KERRY star Kieran Donaghy has insisted that the GAA should have retained the 'mark' for this year's All-Ireland football championships.

Donaghy was disappointed with the lack of clean catches in yesterday's All-Ireland semi-final and believes with an emphasis on short kick-outs, high-fielding is fast becoming a dying art.

Donaghy called on the GAA to review the situation and admitted that he was a huge fan of the 'mark', which was experimented with during this year's NFL campaign.

Speaking to RTÉ the Stacks man said: "The worst thing I thought about the Dublin v Cork game was the lack of long kick-outs and the lack of high fielding. That's why the mark should have been kept.

You saw the Dublin-Tyrone game, Dublin let Tyrone get every short kick-out. It's something the game is lacking today - a few high catches."

(Source-RTE)



BOARDWORK



The victorious St. Senan's team who defeated Duagh in the North Kerry Senior Football League Division 2 Final in O'Sullivan Park, Finuge on Friday night last. Front l-r: Conor Keane, selector, Austin Quilter, Con O'Keefe, Paul Costello, Paudie Whelan, Sean Weir, Richard Nolan, Darragh Kennedy, Philip Twomey, John Somers (captain) and his son Ewan, Brendan Quinlan, Sean Dowling and Paudie Somers. Back l-r: Tom O'Connell, selector, Michael Lynch, trainer, Michael Whelan, Tom Thornton, Benny Somers, Brendan O'Connell, Johnny Kennedy, Brendan Whelan, Paudie Quille, Richard Kelliher, Ronan Kerin, Jonathan Caffrey, Jason Browne, Paul Walsh, Sean O'Connell, David O'Donnell, Johnny Daughton, James O'Donnell, Damien Somers and Alan Doran.

KERRY GAA

Castleisland Mart Championships
Congratulations to both Kerins O'Rahillys and Na Gaell for their victories in the senior and novice championships respectively.

Kilgarvan retain Intermediate title
Kilgarvan won the Intermediate Hurling Championship Final in Kilgarvan yesterday when they defeated their neighbours Kenmare on a score line of 1-16 to 0-13. Kilgarvan have now the Intermediate Hurling Championship on eight occasions in 1972, 1981, 1982, 1984, 2006, 2007 and 2009. AIB County Senior Hurling Championship The Quarter Finals of the AIB County Senior Hurling Championship are as follows:

- St Brendan's Causeway 3rd September at 6pm
- Crotta O'Neills V Winners of Ballyheigue v Lixnaw 4th September at 6.30pm
- Keanes Minor Hurling Championship Draw Round 1 will be played on Monday Sept 6 at 6.30pm
- A Kenmare v Lixnaw in Levis Rd B St Brendans v Ballyheigue in Ardferf
- C Kilmoyley v Causeway in Kilmoyley D O'Dorney v Ballyduff in Abbeydorney

Semi final line-up:
The winners of D v The winners of A
The winners of B v The winners of C

Win two tickets to The All Ireland Hurling Final and also win €17,200

The Jackpot for The Kerry teams Lotto this week was €17,000 and the numbers drawn on Monday night were 17,22,31 and 35. There was no winner of the jackpot of €17,000 The Lucky dip winners were:
• €100.00 Pat. Riordan, The Bronx New York
• €50.00 Templee GAA Club
• €50.00 Jim Hickey, Cliveragh, Listowel
• €50.00 Kerry O'Donnell Dublin Association

SYMPATHY

Kerry County Committee extend its deepest sympathies to the following:

To the family of the late Pat Mahony who played for Kerry and Ballyheigue who died on Thursday last. Patrick was captain of the Ballyheigue teams that won the County Senior championships in 1992 & 1996.

To Brian O'Callaghan and all the family of Michael O'Callaghan from Killarney who died also on Thursday. Michael played Minor for Kerry, was a former member of the Fitzgerald Stadium committee and a lifetime member of the Dr Crokes GAA club. His son Brian is the Kerry County Committee IT officer.

To the family of Peadar Cassidy Swinford Co Mayo who passed away last week. Peadar's son Ollie did wonderful work in underage handball within Kerry when he was studying in the county in the early part of the last decade

RESULTS

Castleisland Mart Senior Club Championship
Kerins O Rahillys 1-14, Rathmore 1-10

Castleisland Mart Novice Club Championship
Listy 0-9, Na Gaell 1-10

Intermediate Hurling Championship
Kilgarvan 1-16, Kenmare 0-13

Acorn Life U21 Club Championship
Fines 4-16, Austin Stacks 0-8
Beaufort 3-12, Scartaglin/Cordal 1-17
Dingle 4-20, Knocknagoshel/Brosna 0-4
An Ghaeltacht 2-9, Dr Crokes 0-15
Laune Rangers 1-16, St. Michaels/Foilmore 0-12

Acorn Life U21 Shield Championship
Currow 3-10, Ballydonoghue 3-9
Ballymacelligott 1-12, Beale 1-11
Desmonds 2-12, St Marys Renard 0-13
Templee 2-16, Cromane/Keel 2-12

The Keanes Minor County Championship
Kilcummin 0-22, Legion 1-15

Division 1 County League
Ardfert 1-13, Gneeveguilla 1-9
Dr Crokes 1-16, Laune Rangers 0-11
Milltown/Castlemaine 1-13, Listowel Emmets 0-14

Division 4 County League
Moynane 0-10, Renard 2-7

Division 5 County League
Ballylongford 0-14, Dingle 1-8

McElligott Cup
Churchill 2-8, Ballymacelligott 5-12
Dromid Peases 0-8, M'town/C'maine 1-9
Glenbeigh/Glencarr 1-4, Keel 2-10
Castlegregory 2-13, Ardferf 2-9

Barrett Cup
St Pats Blennerville 1-8
Castleisland Desmonds 0-13

Cahill Cup
Valentia 1-8, Sneem 0-12
Lispolle 2-10, Cromane 1-8
Fossa 1-8, Tarbert 0-12



The Duagh team who played St Senan's in Finuge on Saturday night last in the North Kerry Senior League Div 2 Final. Front l-r: Terry McMahon, Eoin Kelly, Tim Quirke, Sean Broderick, Kieran Duffy, Tom Dillon, Tim Scanlon, Colm Horgan & John Sheeran. Back l-r: Anthony Maher, Mike Reidy, Tom McNamara, John O'Brien, Donal Scanlon, Joe Sheeran, Stephen Moran, Peter Sheeran, Jer Kelly, Daniel O'Donoghue, Tom O'Sullivan & Sean Lane.

Referee sues

IN an action that could have serious implications for the GAA, a referee is suing two football clubs following an alleged assault at the end of a controversial game.

Louth official Joey Moynagh is seeking damages, claiming he was not given enough protection after the bad-tempered clash in June.

The referee sent two players off during the Sheelan Cup final between Drogheda side O Raghallaighs and Glyde Rangers.

The two players from Glyde, who lost the game, were given their marching orders late in the match. Angry Glyde fans stormed the pitch after the final whistle, where the alleged assault took place and gardai had to be called.

A solicitor's letter was sent to Collon-based Mattock Rangers, where the final was played, claiming the club did not provide enough security to adequately protect him. A letter was also sent to Glyde Rangers.

While there was no official response from the Louth County Board, one source said the move could cause problems for the GAA.

"To be fair, most clubs would have just a few volunteers there to take the gate money and steward the pitch, and it is unlikely any of them would have training in crowd control.

"If this goes ahead it will leave a lot of clubs very worried and, if you take it to its logical conclusion, you could get clubs turning round and saying, 'we are not prepared to stage any matches at our grounds because we could be sued if things go wrong'. That would create major problems for the GAA." (Source The Irish Examiner)

Tadhg makes playoffs

Tadhg Kennedy's Sydney Swans made the play-offs with a 114-70 win over the Western Bulldogs. Kennelly was named as one of the game's top performers. Meanwhile Tommy Walsh, playing for St Kilda's feeder team Sandringham, landed a mammoth 60 metres strike as they defeated the Bendigo Bombers. Walsh was named as one of his side's best performers.

Desmonds head for Offaly

Castleisland Desmonds play Shannonbridge (Offaly) on Saturday 28th August at 1pm in Shannonbridge in RTE's *Celebrity Bannisteoir*.

Desmonds are managed by Derek Burke from Crystal Swing while Shannonbridge are managed by RTE weather forecaster Nuala Carey.

Home advantage was achieved by Shannonbridge's four players, John Ryan, Dermot Turley, Adrian Kelly and Adrian Coughlan, who managed to overcome the challenge of Castleisland Desmonds in an assault course challenge at the Curragh. Jason Kelly and Kieran Flannery both have inter county experience with Offaly while veteran Anthony Kelly is a former Offaly Footballer of the Year.