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Sponsors Message



Dear All,

At Beacon Hospital we are thrilled to once again sponsor the All-Ireland Football 7s at Kilmacud Crokes. The GAA has always been at the heart of our community, bringing all together and fostering a spirit of camaraderie. As Club Sponsors of Kilmacud Crokes, we are delighted to

also have the opportunity to support the vibrant and exciting All-Ireland Football 7s.

Each year, this tournament showcases the dedication and passion of some of the country's finest athletes. We are particularly excited to see the incredible talent and sportsmanship that will be on display.

The Football 7s is a great representation of community, health and exercise which we support in Beacon Hospital. The Football 7s aligns perfectly with our values as it emphasises the importance of teamwork, an active lifestyle and community spirit. At Beacon Hospital we are committed to promoting

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We would also like to thank the Football 7s Organising Committee as their efforts ensure the day runs smoothly and is enjoyable for all. It is their hard work and dedication year-round that makes such a fantastic event possible.

Finally, we wish the very best of luck to all competing in this year's Beacon Hospital All-Ireland Football 7s competition!

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Club Chairperson Intro For Football 7's

Welcome to the Beacon Hospital All-Ireland 7s Series at Kilmacud Crokes

This is the third year of Beacon sponsorship which brought the four codes under one umbrella for the first time in 2022. Hurling, Camogie, Football and the LGFA under 15s competitions are all played over four separate weekends in Kilmacud Crokes. These events have been running for decades and we are delighted to welcome visitors to our club to take part in what have become landmark events for our club. Over 1,000 players will take part over the four weekends of the games.

A huge thank you to the hoards of volunteers who give of their time so freely to allow us to host these brilliant events. The community of Kilmacud Crokes will be out in force.

The football 7s is always a very competitive event and no doubt it will be the same this year. We have some fantastic teams taking part from clubs with very proud histories and all of them will be fighting to take home the silverware.

Special thanks to the Football committee for their hard work and we wish everyone taking part the very best of luck.

Joan Kehoe
Chairperson,
Kilmacud Crokes GAA Club



Réamhrá



On behalf of the Football Committee, I am delighted to welcome everyone to the Beacon sponsored All Ireland Football 7's. It is an honour for us in Kilmacud Crokes to host so many teams who have travelled from all over Ireland. This is the 52nd anniversary of this competition and it continues to be very much part of the All Ireland Football Final weekend.

We are delighted that Beacon Hospital continue to sponsor this event and look forward to a long and mutually beneficial partnership. We are very grateful to all those who have taken ads in the brochure as we certainly don't take this support for granted.

We have a list of top class referees in attendance today. They willingly give their time to officiate at this event for which we are very grateful.

The competition could not be staged without the massive cross club support and spirit of voluntarism. Thank you all. It is days like today that make you very proud to be a member of Kilmacud Crokes.

Enjoy the day.

Pat Horgan

Chairman
Kilmacud Crokes Football Committee



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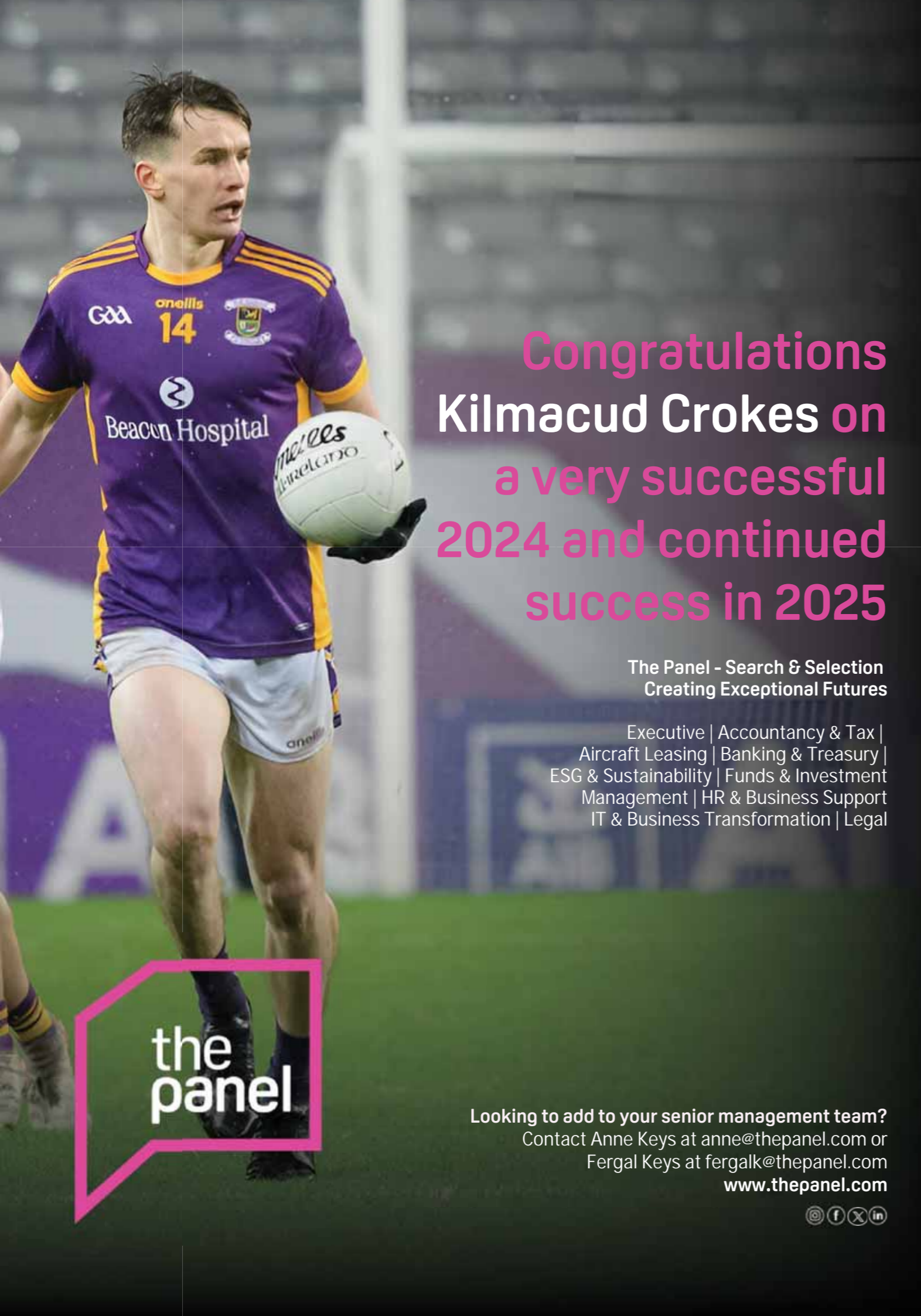
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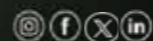
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The Competition Rules



1. The Competition is a one day tournament, to be run on the eve of the All-Ireland Football Final each year. Games will be played at various grounds as arranged by the host Club - Kilmacud Crokes G.A.A.
2. Entry to the competition will be by invitation only. An entrance fee will be payable to help defray running expenses of the tournament.
3. The competition will be confined to properly registered G.A.A. Club's and all players must be registered members of their clubs.
4. The Executive Committee of Kilmacud Crokes G.A.A. Club, who are ultimately responsible for this competition, will appoint a controlling committee to run the tournament on the day. This competition committee will make all decisions in relation to the running of the competition. The decision of the Competition Committee is final.
5. The referees to be used will be drawn from the current inter-county panel of referees and will be submitted for approval to the Games Administration Committee.
6. This year's competition will be made up of 5 groups of 4 Teams and will be played on a round robin basis.
5 group winners will progress automatically to the 1/4 finals along with the 3 highest runners up in the 5 groups
The group winners and runners up will be determined as follows
 - a. Points accumulated in group
 - b. Score difference of group games. ie. Difference between scores for and scores against
 - c. Scores for including goals and points
 - d. Greater points scored in group games (Excluding Goals)
 - e. Penalties
 - f. max of 2 teams can qualify per group

Quarter Finals

1. Winners Group 1 v Runners up 1
 2. Winners Group 2 v Runners up 2
 3. Winners group 3 v Runner Up 3
 4. Winners Group 4 v Winners Group 5
- In the quarter finals a repeat of the group games will be avoided if possible

Semi Finals

- 1 v 2
- 3 v 4

- The Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Final will be run on a knockout basis. In the event of a draw in the knockout stage three penalties shall be taken by each team using three different players to decide the winning team. Goals only shall count in the penalty contest. If the sides are level after three penalties are taken by each team the penalty contest will continue, using other players on a "sudden-death" basis - each team taking alternative penalties until one team gains the advantage. This team will then be declared the winner of that game. The number of different players to be used is six - if necessary. Thereafter players may take a second penalty.
7. All games shall be 10 minutes each half.
 8. A team fielding 15 minutes late is liable for disqualification subject to the decision of the official in charge of the ground.
 9. A panel of 10 players must be submitted by each team on an official registration form to be provided by the Organisation Committee before the commencement of the first-game. Only the players on this panel may be used throughout the competition. Any team using a player outside this panel is automatically disqualified from the competition.
 10. The panel lists will be retained by the Organising Committee. One copy of each team list will be submitted to the Games Administration Committee within 3 days of the Competition.
 11. Official match report forms will be provided by the Organising Committee. The referee must complete his match report immediately after each game and hand it to the Organising Committee. A copy of each report will be submitted to the Games Administration Committee within three days of the Tournament.
 12. Normal playing rules will apply with the following exceptions: The ball may not be played backwards to a player who is in his own half of the pitch. The Mark does not apply. Substitutions can be made as often as wished but only with the consent of the referee, at a break in play and from the centre of the side line.
 13. In the event of a colour clash, one team chosen by the toss of a coin will wear an alternative jersey to be provided by the Organising Committee.

DEVELOPING DECISION MAKING

Decision making in sports like Gaelic football and hurling involves choosing the best action in response to rapidly changing game scenarios. Effective decision making skills allow players to adapt, exploit opportunities, and avoid errors, contributing to overall team success. Coaches should start focusing on decision-making skills in youth Gaelic football and hurling players around the age of 10 to 12. At this stage, players have developed basic technical skills and are ready to handle more complex aspects of the game, including tactical awareness and decision making. This early focus helps players adapt to the fast-paced and dynamic nature of these sports, improving their ability to make quick, effective decisions under pressure. A recent article on RTÉ Brainstorm by Dr. Phil Kearney emphasised the critical role of decision making skills in the development and performance of players. The article provided essential methods that coaches can use to enhance these skills in youth GAA players. Coaches can benefit greatly from these insights. Here, we will discuss how to apply these principles in practice.

Key Insights for Volunteer Coaches

1. Game-Based Training

One of the most effective ways to develop decision making is through game-based training. This involves creating training scenarios that replicate the conditions and pressures of actual matches. By doing this, players can practice making decisions in a realistic context.

Application in Coaching:

Small-Sided Games: Organise small-sided games (e.g., 5v5 or 7v7) during training. These games should mimic match intensity and complexity, forcing players to make quick decisions.

Conditioned Games: Introduce specific conditions or rules that emphasise decision making, such as limiting the number of touches or creating zones where certain actions must be taken.

2. Encouraging Autonomy

Allowing players to make their own decisions during training helps develop their cognitive skills. Coaches should guide rather than dictate, providing feedback that helps players understand the outcomes of their decisions.

Application in Coaching:

Guided Discovery: Instead of giving direct instructions, ask players questions that lead them to discover solutions themselves. For example, "What could you do differently next time to create more space?"

Decision Making Drills: Design drills where players must choose between multiple options, such as deciding whether to handpass or kick based on opponents positioning.

3. Reflective Practice

Encouraging players to reflect on their performance helps consolidate learning and improve future decision making. This can be done through video analysis, feedback sessions, and self-assessment.

Application in Coaching:

Video Analysis: Record training sessions and matches. Review clips with players to discuss decision making moments, highlighting good decisions and areas for improvement.

Post-Game Discussions: Conduct debrief sessions after games where players can reflect on their decisions and discuss what worked and what did not.

Practical Drills to Enhance Decision Making

1. Scenario-Based Drills

Create drills that simulate common game situations requiring quick decisions.

Examples:

2v1 Drills: Players must decide when to pass or shoot based on the defender's position.

Transition Drills: Set up scenarios where players transition from defence to attack, focusing on quick decision making to exploit the transition.

2. Pressure Drills

Introduce pressure elements to training to simulate the high-stress environment of a match.

Examples:

Time Pressured Drills: Set time limits for making passes or taking shots (shot clock).

Opponent Pressured Drills: Include defenders who apply pressure, forcing attackers to make decisions quickly.

3. Cognitive Drills

Develop drills that specifically target cognitive processes involved in decision-making.

Examples:

Colour Coded Drills: Use coloured cones or markers, where players must make decisions based on the colour they encounter, such as changing direction or passing to a specific teammate.

Random Condition Drills: Change conditions randomly during the drill (e.g., calling out changes in rules or objectives) to keep players thinking and adapting.

Tips for Effective Coaching

Positive Reinforcement: Focus on reinforcing good decisions with positive feedback. This encourages players to take risks and learn from their experiences.

Patience and Support: Understand that decision making skills take time to develop. Be patient and provide consistent support and encouragement.

Allow for Mistakes: Decision making requires making mistakes often enough to understand what better decisions are. It is about learning and becoming familiar with different scenarios through practice. This helps in anticipating outcomes based on repetition. Instead of fearing mistakes, embrace them as opportunities to develop and refine decision-making skills.

Balanced Focus: While decision making is crucial,

ensure a balanced approach that also includes technical and physical training. And FUN!

Player Centred Approach: Tailor coaching methods to individual players' needs, recognising that each player develops at their own pace.

Conclusion

Volunteer Coaches play a pivotal role in developing the decision-making skills of young GAA players. By incorporating game-based training, encouraging autonomy, and promoting reflective practice, coaches can help players become more skilful at making quick, effective decisions on the field. Implementing practical drills and maintaining a supportive coaching environment will further enhance players' cognitive abilities, contributing to their overall development and the success of the team.

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WHEN IRELAND HOSTED ITS OWN OLYMPICS

– THE TAILTEANN GAMES, 1924

BY MARK DUNCAN

It's been a glutinous summer of sport – the full, all you can eat menu. And it doesn't end with tomorrow's novel All-Ireland football decider.

It won't be long before club championships are in full swing everywhere across the country and while many of us turn our minds to matters local, we'll do so with a keen eye kept on Olympic affairs and the fortunes of perhaps the finest ever team of Irish athletes to travel to the world's biggest sporting jamboree.

Paris is of course the venue for this year's Olympic games, same as it was a century ago when Ireland was permitted to compete for the first time as a separate country, a dividend of the independence achieved with the Anglo-Irish settlement of 1921-22.

The Irish team that travelled to Paris in 1924, an Olympics immortalised in David Putnam's Oscar-winning film *Chariots of Fire*, was comprised mostly of men, but not exclusively so. Among the group were two women – Phoebe Blair White and Hilda Wallis – who competed as a doubles' partnership in tennis, the last time the sport would be included in an Olympic programme until 1988. And joining this sporting pair were sixteen footballers; eight boxers, most of them members of the Irish army; a squad of ten water polo players; and eleven athletes, among them high-jumper and All-Ireland winning gaelic footballer, Larry Stanley, and John O'Grady, a shot-putter from Co. Limerick, who became the first person to carry an Irish flag into an Olympic athletics arena.

The symbolism of an Irish flag being borne into an Olympic stadium was highly significant. After years of pressing the right of Irish-born athletes to represent their own country, what mattered most in Paris was the mere matter of an Irish presence rather than the performance of the travelling team. In priority terms, representation trumped results.

And yet, medals were still won, albeit not by athletes, but by artists. Jack B. Yeats - whose brother, William Butler Yeats, had been awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature the year before - won a silver medal for his painting, *The*

Liffey Swim, while Oliver St. John Gogarty, a surgeon, writer and Senator in the new Free State, claimed a bronze medal in the literary competition for his *Ode to the Tailteann Games*, commissioned by the new Irish Free State Government and soon after to be sung by a massed, 500-member choir at the opening ceremony of the Tailteann Games at Croke Park.

Remarkably, those Tailteann games in Dublin were bigger than the Paris Olympics, on which they were largely modelled. Like the Olympic games, the Tailteann Games, or Aonach Tailteann as they were widely known, offered programmes combining athletic events and cultural competitions. Like the Olympic games, they were bookended by grand opening and closing ceremonies. And like the Olympic games, the Aonach



A poster for the Paris Olympic Games, 1924

took as inspiration the reimagining of an ancient athletic festival for a modern age: nationalist legend told that the games could be traced to 632 B.C. when they were held in Teltown, Co. Meath, as funeral games organised by Luaghaidh Lamhfáda to honour his mother/stepmother, Queen Tailte. Significantly and symbolically, it was claimed that the last Aonach Tailteann had been held in 1169 AD, on the eve of Norman Invasion of Ireland.

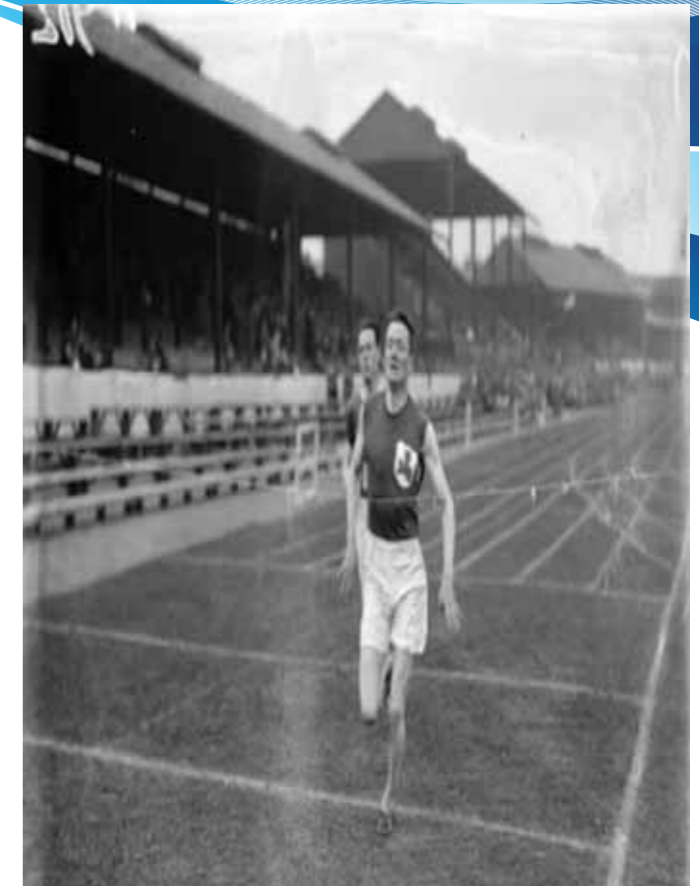
The idea of a Tailteann revival had been floated in the 1880s but was only seriously taken up with the establishment of an Irish Free State government. Originally planned for the summer of 1922, the turmoil associated with the civil war caused by the Anglo-Irish settlement of the previous December, forced a deferral of the Tailteann until August 1924. For the new Irish government, the decision to invest in the games was as much political as sporting: not only would they help advertise the new State to the wider world; they would equally foster relations with Irish emigrant populations across the globe.

In all, the Tailteann games attracted an impressive field of 5,000 athletes (for comparison, the figure for the Olympics was just over 3,000), the vast majority of them Irish or from Irish diaspora backgrounds in Australia, Britain, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa and the USA. Then there were the outliers, those competitors with no Irish connection, including swimming's first superstar, the American Johnny Weissmuller who later added to his fame by playing the title role of Tarzan in a dozen Hollywood blockbusters.

The organisation of all this was no easy undertaking. For the Aonach organisers, led by JJ Walsh, the new Postmaster General and former Cork GAA County Board chairman, the logistical, and financial challenges were immense. What's more, the preparations were shrouded in uncertainty. At the start of the summer of 1924, they still had no idea how many people would turn up for the games and feared that those who did would be subject price gouging on the part of greedy or opportunistic hoteliers and taxi and hackney cab drivers. To compound their problems, they had to contend with the naysayers within the Cumann na Gaedhael government who questioned



Fireworks over Croke Park in August 1924 during the Tailteann Games (National Library of Ireland)



Crossing the winning line at the third and final Tailteann games in Croke Park, 1932 (National Library of Ireland)

the merits of the whole enterprise, Minister for Justice Richard Mulcahy suggesting a mere few months before the start date that the influence of the cabinet 'should be used to stop the games.'

And yet, the Free State administration did not shout stop and in the aftermath of an impressive opening ceremony at a newly redeveloped Croke Park, its decision appeared vindicated. An Irish Times editorial gushed that the ceremony would help instil 'new confidence in ourselves' and 'it may well prove, in the strictest sense, the most important psychological moment in the history of the Free State.'

Given how young the State was and how troubled its birth had been, this may not have been as grand a claim as first appears, but it does afford a sense of just how much weighed on the games and how much meaning was invested in them.

The Tailteann Games were not a once-off: they were repeated in 1928 and 1932, again to coincide with the staging of the Olympic Games, but to nothing like the same social or political effect.



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Kilmacud Crokes Juvenile 7's - 26/27 July 2024

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18:55	Down	Clare	Armagh	Galway	18:55
19:20	Dublin	Down	Cork	Armagh	19:20
19:45	Tyronne	Clare	Fermanagh	Galway	19:45
20:10	Dublin	Clare	Cork	Galway	20:10
20:35	Tyronne	Down	Fermanagh	Armagh	20:35
	PITCH 1		PITCH 2		
SATURDAY 16:00	SHIELD FINAL Group 1 - 3rd		PLATE FINAL Group 1 - 4th		SATURDAY 16:00
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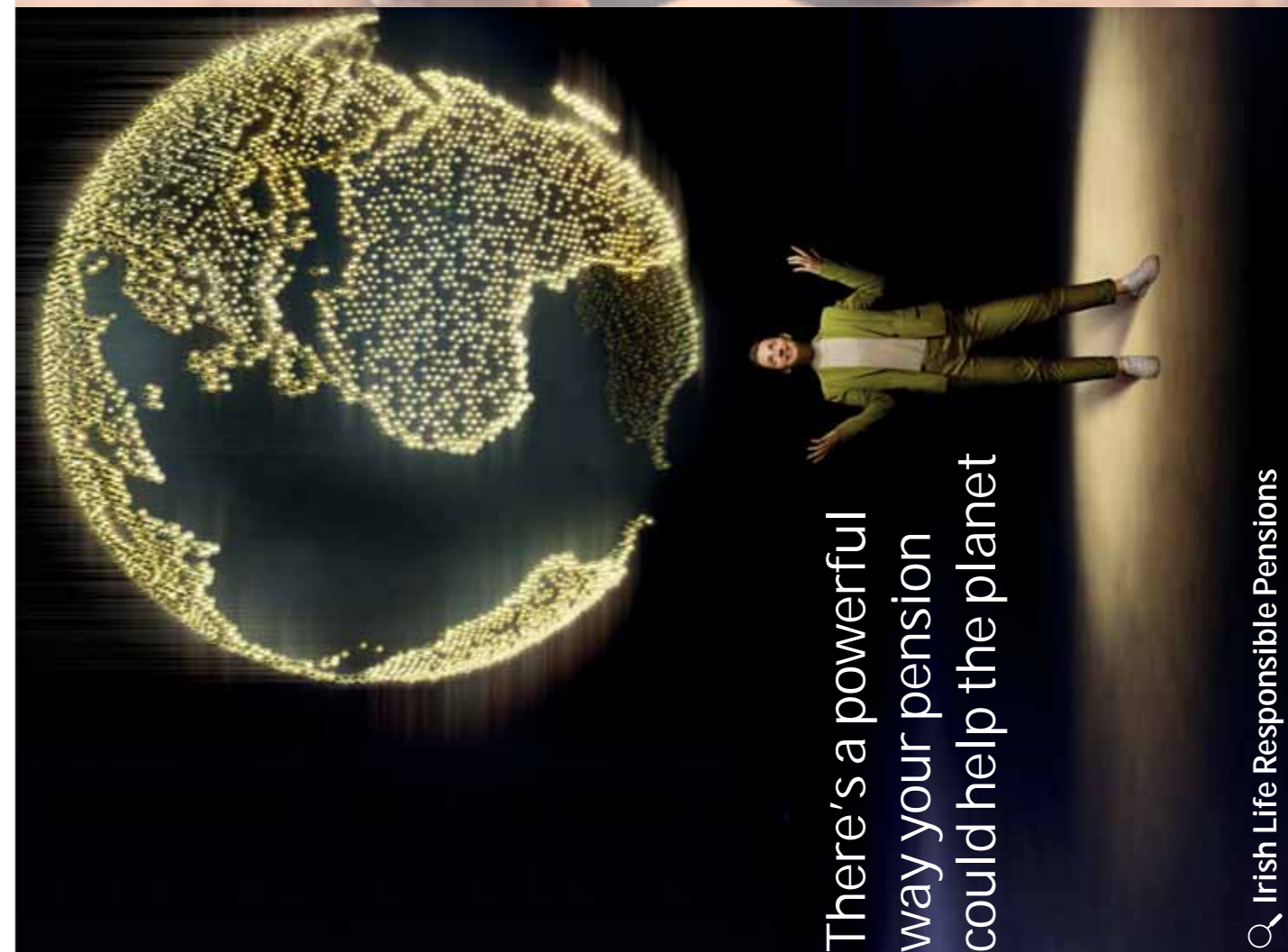


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Round 1	Time	Pitch	Score	Round 2	Time	Pitch	Score	Round 3	Time	Pitch	Score	U12 Games	1/4 Finals	Semi-Finals	Final	
Group 1 - Silverpark								Fingal Ravens GFC v Ballaghaderreen GAA	13:00	SP3		14:15 G1 U12's 1	15:00 G1			
Fingal Ravens GFC v Athy GFC 1	11:00	SP1		Fingal Ravens GFC v Bryansford GAC	12:00	SP2		Athy GFC 1 v Bryansford GAC	13:00	SP4			1/4 Final 1 Winner Group 1 v Runners Up 1	17:00 G1		
Brynasford GAC v Ballaghaderreen GAA	11:00	SP2		Athy GFC 1 v Ballaghaderreen GAA	12:00	SP1							1/4 Final 2 Winners Group 2 v Runners Up 2	18:00 G1		
Group 2 - Silverpark								St Pats Donabate v Calry St Josephs GAA	13:00	SP1			14:15 G2 U12's 2	15:00 G2		
St Pats Donabate v Athy GFC 2	11:00	SP3		St Pats Donabate v Carryduff GAC	12:00	SP4		Athy GFC 2 v Carryduff GAC	13:00	SP2				1/4 Final 3 Winners Group 3 v Runners Up 3	17:00 G2	
Carryduff GAC v Calry St Josephs GAA	11:00	SP4		Athy GFC 2 v Calry St Josephs GAA	12:00	SP3								1/4 Final 4 Winners Group 4 v Winners Group 5	17:00 G2	
Group 3 - Silverpark								Moynalvey GFC v Naomh Molaise Gaels GAA	13:30	SP3		15:30 G1		15:30 G1		
Moynalvey GFC v Leixlip GAA	11:30	SP1		Moynalvey GFC v Latton O Rahilly GAA	12:30	SP2		Leixlip GAA v Latton O Rahilly GAA	13:30	SP4				1/4 Final 3 Winners Group 3 v Runners Up 3	17:00 G2	
Latton O Rahilly GAA v Naomh Molaise Gaels GAA	11:30	SP2		Leixlip GAA v Naomh Molaise Gaels GAA	12:30	SP1								1/4 Final 3 Winners Group 3 v Runners Up 3	17:00 G2	
Group 4 - Glenalbyn								Kilmacud Crokes 1 v Naas GAA	13:00	G1			15:30 G2	15:30 G2		
Kilmacud Crokes 1 v Geraldines GFC	11:00	G1		Kilmacud Crokes 1 v Dungannon Thomas Clarkes GFC	12:00	G2		Geraldines GFC v Dungannon Thomas Clarkes GFC	13:00	G2				1/4 Final 3 Winners Group 3 v Runners Up 3	17:00 G2	
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Group 5 - Glenalbyn								Kilmacud Crokes 2 v Naas GAA	13:30	G1		15:30 G2		15:30 G2		
Kilmacud Crokes 2 v Palatine GAA	11:30	G1		Kilmacud Crokes 2 v Enniskillen Gaels	12:30	G2		Kilmacud Crokes 2 v Mountbellew Moylough GAA	13:30	G1				1/4 Final 4 Winners Group 4 v Winners Group 5	17:00 G2	
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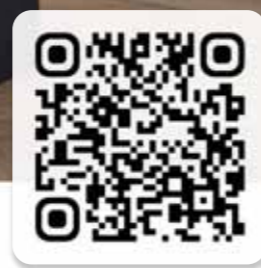
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SENIOR LADIES SENIOR FOOTBALL 2023 REVIEW



2023 Dublin Senior Champions
2023 Leinster Senior Champions
2023 Dublin League Division 1 Champions
2023 Dublin Senior Cup Champions

Our roll of honour vividly demonstrates that 2023 was a fantastic year for the Ladies Senior Football team.

The Dublin Senior Championship win was the highlight of the year. We had some really strong performances throughout and in the group stages we beat Ballyboden St. Endas, Castleknock, Clontarf and St. Sylvesters to win our group. In the Semi final, held in Pairc de Burca, we played Thomas Davis and in front of a big home crowd, we played some great football to run out very convincing winners. The final in Parnell Pk. In early October saw us up against Na Fianna. I believe that the first half of the County final saw our best ever half of football. The second half was one of those halves where the gods seemed to be conspiring against us, but we demonstrated great resilience, fortitude and football skill to eventually pull away from Na Fianna in a 2-12 to 3-4 win. The intense post match celebrations were testament to the importance the team places on regaining the Dublin Senior Championship!

We continued on from retaining the Dublin Championship by then winning the Leinster Club Championship. All of our games brought us on the road and it was fantastic to see big numbers travelling in support of the team. Our first game was away to the Meath champions Dunshaughlin and we won very comfortably. A much more difficult test away to Milltown of Westmeath saw us escape very narrowly by two points. We then met Naomh Ciarán from Offaly in the Leinster final and a super performance by the team saw us emerge convincing winners on a 4-19 to 1-10 scoreline.

Sadly our odyssey ended when we lost after extra time to the reigning All Ireland champion Kilkerrin-Clonberne of Galway in the All Ireland Semi final. While we were bitterly disappointed at the defeat, I know that the team left everything on the pitch, and they can be so proud of not just their performance on the day but of how they have played and conducted themselves over the past few years.

Nestled in amongst these championship wins, we won the Div 1 league for the second time.

Earlier in the Autumn we won the Div 1 Cup beating Ballyboden in the final by 10 points. It's a great sign of the girls that they take all matches seriously and that helps explain why they have won all three Dublin Senior competitions in the past two years. The strength in depth of the team has meant that we only lost two games in each of 2022 and 2023. I would like to thank Ann O'Connor, manager of our Inters and Darragh Egan our Minor manager for helping us over the year by providing many players to us when we were short numbers.

The running of a Senior Football team takes a small village working behind the scenes. I would like to thank Imelda Callaghan, Peter Ward, Terry Jennings, Eoin Moran, Kate Kirby, Declan Collins, Dave Buckley and Emmet Farrell for all their assistance and advice during the year. Every year the players raise the bar and they put in tremendous work to ensure that our standards don't drop.

I'd also like to thank the Ladies Football Committee for their unwavering support. Anything we asked for we got!! Anne Marie Kilkenny did a fantastic job for us and Ladies Football all year.

I would also like to acknowledge the huge support we received from all sections of the club during the year. It really made a big difference to the team's preparations. The importance of Kilmacud Crokes being a "One Club" is a huge benefit to all sections of the Club and indeed the local community. It is not possible to be as successful as Kilmacud Crokes are in all sections unless the Committees and Executive are working harmoniously.

Emer Sweeney, our Captain deserves a special word of thanks and recognition. The amount of calls she has taken from me and the number of tasks that she has carried out is unbelievable. She is a fantastic leader of the team, and a huge part of our success is down to her.

Finally, I want to thank the team, for the commitment, drive, ambition they display as well as the craic we have. They are a fantastic group of people to be involved with and it's an honour to be associated with them.

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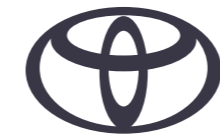
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