

## **Day Out at Croke Park**

Nineteen and thirty nine was the first visit I paid to Croke Park and I had two weeks wages with me to take me to Croke Park in nineteen thirty nine. We got a taxi from Donaghmore to the train in Dungannon at half past six in the morning for five pence each Jack Murphy and there was six of us, there was Paddy McLernon, Barney McGlade, Vinnie Hamill, Joe Devlin from Castlecaulfield Francie McCullagh and myself.

The return fare was thirty two and a half pence from Dungannon to the station in Dublin, the return fare for thirty two and a half pence. The Cusack stand tickets were twenty five and a half pence somebody said where did you get the stand tickets to the Garda he said in a little shop around the corner you went into the shop it was like a sweetie, grocery shop you got the tickets for the Cusack stand I went into the Cusack stand the six of us were sitting there there might be a dozen seats you look to the left or the right each side of you Kerry and Meath were playing in the finals and Roscommon and Monaghan was playing in the minors Kerry won Joe Koehane was centre back mighty man he was I saw him when Tyrone started to go good I saw him in Dungannon a mighty footballer and a boy by the name of Boiler McGuinness he was Centre Back for Meath I mind coming home with two weeks wages and came home with a lock of shillings in my pocket them was the times and at that time things were a bit on the move

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