

The rules of hurling and Gaelic football are published in the 'United Ireland' newspaper on 7th February.

1885

All-Ireland Championships are launched. Commercials, Co. Limerick win the football and Thurles, Co. Tipperary win the hurling.

1884

The inaugural meeting of the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) takes place at Hayes' Hotel,

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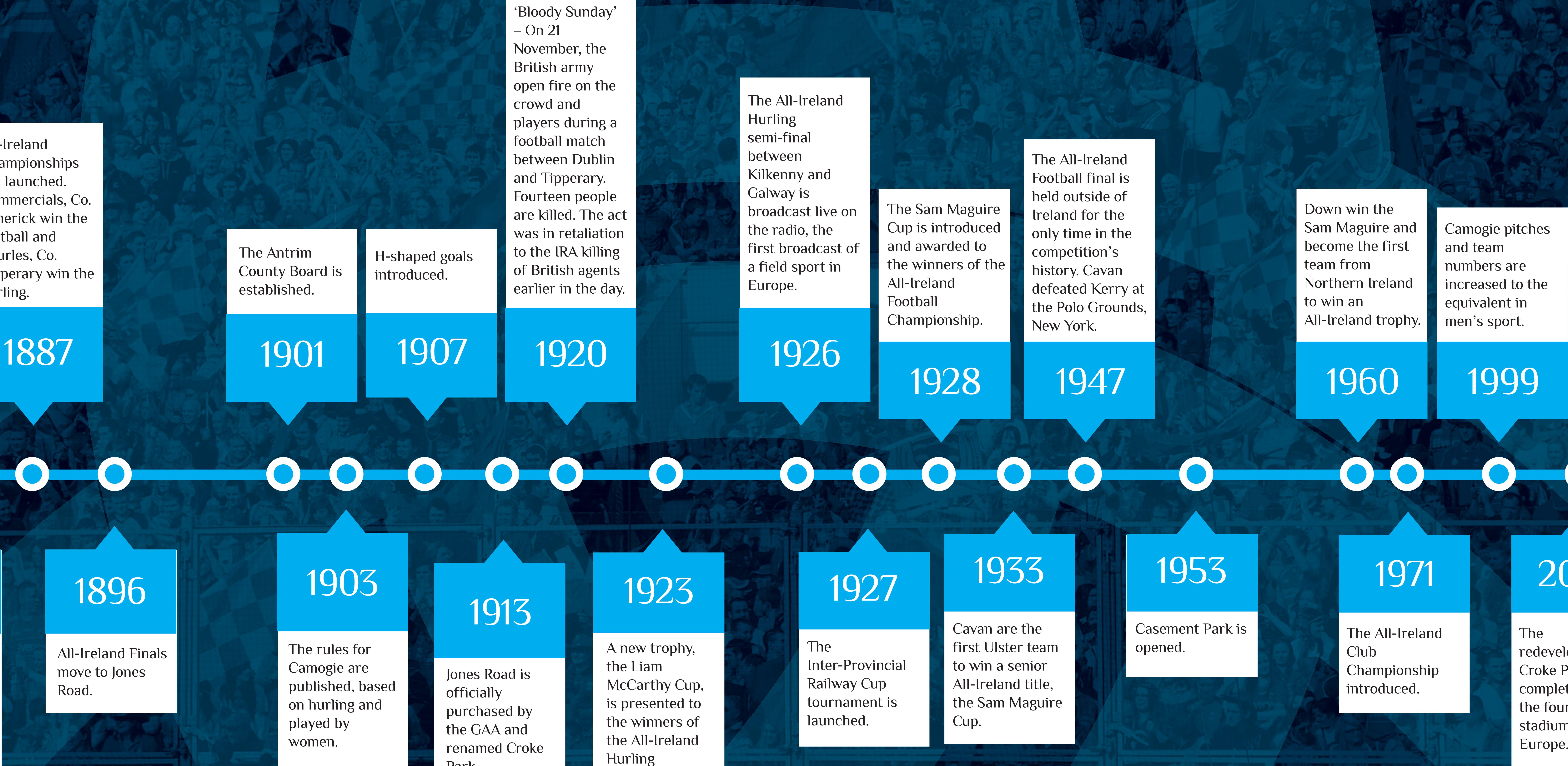
1886

The first recorded football game in Ulster under GAA rules takes place in Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan

Gaelic Athletic Association

On 1st November 1884, Michael Cusack met with six other men at Hayes' Hotel, Thurles, Co. Tipperary and formed the "Gaelic Athletic Association for the Preservation and Cultivation of our National Pastimes".

Since then, the G.A.A. has become one of the world's most active amateur sporting associations, with over 2500 affiliated clubs and schools and Gaelic games played on five continents.



numbers are equivalent in

1999

Rule 42 which prevents sports other than Gaelic Games from being played at GAA venues is temporarily set aside to allow the Ireland Rugby and soccer teams to play games at Croke Park while Lansdowne Road is being redeveloped.

2005

2003

redevelopment of Croke Park is completed. It is the fourth largest stadium in Europe.

2009

The GAA celebrates its 125th anniversary with an array of events to mark the vear.