

A List of the Feats

The ball-feat, the blade-feat, the feat with horizontally-held shield, the javelin-feat, the rope-feat, the feat with the body, the cat-feat, the hero's salmon-leap, the cast of a wand, the leap across ..., the bending of a valiant hero, the feat of the gae bolga, the feat of quickness (?), the wheel-feat, the eight-men feat, the overbreath feat, the bruising with a sword, the hero's war-cry, the well-measured blow, the return-stroke, the mounting on a spear and straightening the body on its point, with the bond of a valiant champion.

For a third of the day Cú was plying his weapons against him protected by the boss of his shield, and no blow or thrust reached Cú Chulainn in the wild excitement of his feats, nor did he realise that the man was attacking him until Fíacha mac Fir Fhebe cried to him: 'Beware of the man who is attacking you!' Cú Chulainn glanced at Cú and cast the ball-feat which he held in his hand so that it went between the boss and the centre of the shield and back through the fellow's head. —According to another version it was in (the battle of) Imshlige Glendamnach that Cú fell.— Fergus turned to the host.

'If your surety binds you,' said he, 'stay here until tomorrow.' 'Not here,' said Ailill, 'but we shall go back to our encampment.' Then Láth mac Da Bró was asked to fight him even as Cú had been asked. He too fell. Fergus turned again to enforce their surety. So they remained there until there were slain Cú mac Da Lath and Lath mac Da Bro and Foirc mac Trí nAighech and Srubgaile mac Eóbith. These men were all killed in single combat.

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