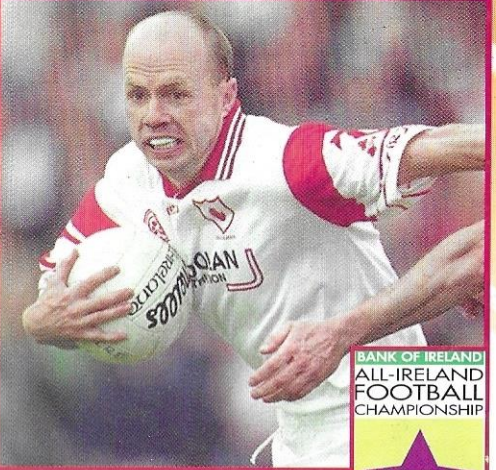
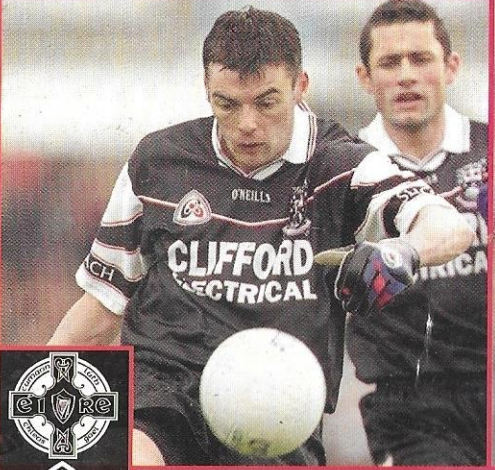
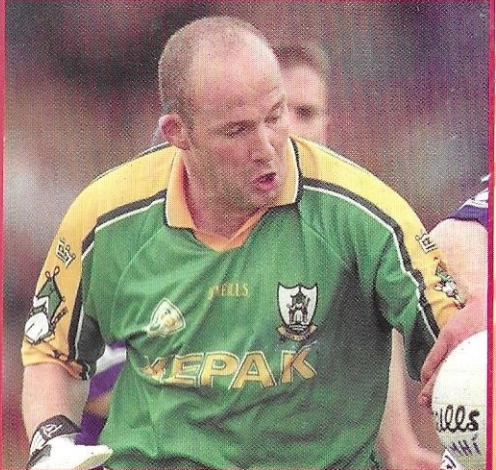
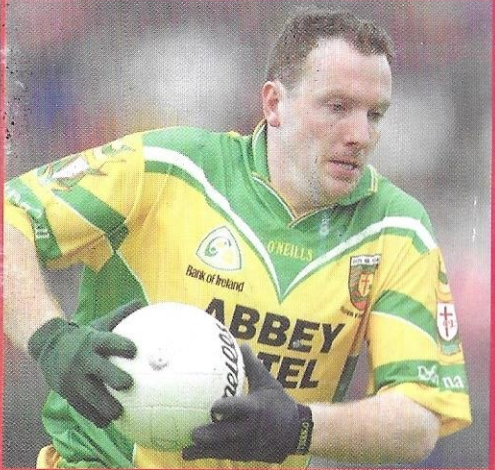


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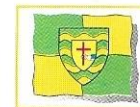
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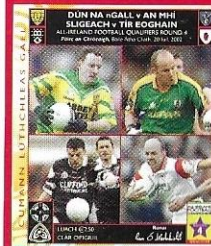


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It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Croke Park for what is a unique double-header in the Bank of Ireland Football Qualifier Series.

The introduction of the Bank of Ireland Qualifiers has been a phenomenal success, with unique pairings such as Mayo and Westmeath and some old rivalries renewed such as Dublin and Kerry. Today sees Sligo face Tyrone for the very first time in championship action and Meath face Donegal for the first time in 12 years.

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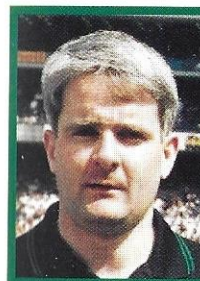
Michael Collins (Corcaigh)

The Clonakilty clubman makes a quick return to Croke Park. He was in charge of last Sunday's Bank of Ireland Leinster senior final.

That was his second major decider of the year as he officiated at the Tyrone-Cavan Allianz League decider at Clones in April. His busy programme also included the Meath-Westmeath Leinster quarter-final at Portlaoise and Donegal-Derry Ulster semi-final at Clones, both last month.

Michael has been on the intercounty refereeing panel since 1994 and last September he made his debut as an All-Ireland senior final referee at the Galway-Meath tie.

He has also been active as an administrator and is Treasurer of the Cork Minor County Board.



John Bannon (An Longfort)

John refereed two drawn games in this year's Bank of Ireland Provincial senior championships—Armagh-Tyrone at Clones in May and Cork-Kerry at Killarney last month.

A member of the Legan Sarsfields Club, he has been on the intercounty refereeing panel since 1992. He has controlled All-Ireland finals at minor and club as well as the Sam Maguire Cup tie of 1998 between Galway and Kildare and is having another busy season.

John is a former player and enjoyed considerable success. He won Senior "B", Intermediate and Junior Championship medals and he has also been active as an administrator. He is a former Longford County Minor Board Chairman.

Lá Mór Eile Sa Cheannáras

Is do laethanta mar seo a dhéanann imreoirí dianthraenáil bliain i ndiadh bliana. Tá spreagadh breise acu i mbliana, áfach, os rud é go bhfuil Páirc an Chrócaigh 'nua' ar an tsaol agus dúil ag gach éinne imirt ar an ndromchla draíochta úrnua.

Bhain gach éinne a bhí i láthair an Domhnach seo chaite an-taitneamh as an ócáid nuair a bhí an ait pló-daithe ag cluiche den scoth idir 'Bhleá Cliath agus Cill Dara. Beidh aird Ghaeil Uladh, Laighean agus Connachta ar an imirt inniu agus súil acu uiligh go dtógfaidh a bhfoireann céim eile chun tosaigh ar thóir 'Sam'.

Bhí an-bhlain ag Sligeach anuraidh nuair a bhain siad leas as chóras nua na gcluichí cáilithe. Ní dhéanfar dear-mad ar a dtaispeántas iontach in aghaidh Chill Dara i bPáirc an Chrócaigh agus an sár-pheil a diimríodar. I gcoinne 'Bhleá Cliath, freisin, ar feadh leath an chluiche, bhíodar ar fheabhas. Níl cúrsaí chomh héasca dóibh i mbliana agus tar éis a léasadh in aghaidh na Gaillimhe, ní bheidh brú a chur ag a lucht leanta inniu. Tá dóchas ann, áfach, go mbeidh an tadh leo ar an lá agus má fhaigheann siad seilbh na liathróide i lár na páirce go ndéanfaidh tosaíthe mar - Dessie Sloyan, Gerry McGowan agus Mark Brehony - a d'imir anseo i bPáirc an Chrócaigh i 1993 'sna Mini-Sevens do Scoil Naomh Eoin, an beart.

Le leithéidí McAnallen agus O'Neill i lár na páirce ag Tír Eoghain, áfach, ní bheidh cúrsaí ró-éasca ag na hIartharaigh. Chomh maith le sin, tá Peter Canavan acu agus, cé nach bhfuil an fhoireann ag brath chomh mór air agus a bhí, bíonn an-tionchur aige i gcónaí. Cé go mbeidh lucht leanta Thír Eoghain ag súil le bua inniu beidh fhios acu nach raibh ach cúlín nó dhó eatarthu i gcúpla cluiche dúshlán le blianta beaga anuas agus beidh cuimhne acu freisin ar na héachtaí a rinne Sligeach anuraidh. Os rud é go bhfuil an cúl-báire, John Devine, agus leithéidí Ger Cavlin agus Seán Cavanagh gortaithe beidh ar Na Tuaisceartaigh bheith san airdeall. Bí cinnte go mbeidh na fir sna geansaithe Dubh agus Ban san

iomaíocht ar feadh tréimhse fada ach ceaptar go mbeidh na Tuaisceartaigh ró-mhaith dóibh ag deireadh na himeartha.

Nuair a d'éirigh le 'Bhleá Cliath an lámh in uachtar a fháil ar Na Ríogaigh ag 'baisteadh' Pháirc an Chrócaigh nua i gcuiche ceannais Laighean, ceapadh go raibh a rás rite ag an bhfoireann airithe seo. Ní mar sin a bhí, áfach, agus tar éis éalú ar a sean-stíl in aghaidh An Lú, nuair a ghnóthaigh Graham Geraghty cúl an bhua sa nóimead deireanach, thugadar bata is bóthar do Laois i mbabhta a trí de na cluichí cáilithe. Cuireadh an-bhrú ar cúlaithe An Mhí in aghaidh 'Bhleá Cliath agus cé go rabhadar i bhfad níos fearr i gcoinne Laoise, bhí tosaíthe an fhreasúra an-lag an lá sin. Dealraíonn sé go bhfuil meon a lucht leanta athruithe anois agus muinín an chontae ag fás. Tá dóchas acu go mbeidh an samhradh níos faide agus tá caint faoi bhabhta eile in aghaidh 'Na Dubs' sara fada.

Beidh go leor le rá ag na Conallaigh fé sin inniu. Níor thug na contaethe aghaidh ar a chéile i gcluiche craoibhe ón lá a bhuaigh Na Ríogaigh le hocht gcúlín i gcluiche leathheannais Uile Éireann dhá bhliain déag ó shin. Braithfidh Na Conallaigh Mark Crossan uathu, a gortaíodh in aghaidh Ard Mhacha. Ní docha go mbeidh Michael Hegarty i mbarr a mhaitheasa tar éis bas a mháthar ach an oiread, ach tá dea -scéala ag Mickey Moran faoi Adrian Sweeney agus John Gildea a bheith ar fáil in ainneoin ráflaí go rabhadar ag fágáil na tíre. Beidh fadhbanna ag tacaithe An Mhí agus aghaidh á thabhairt acu ar Sweeney agus Brendan Devenney inniu. Bhí an-diomá ar Na Tuaisceartaigh tar éis chluiche ceannais Uladh. Tá rimead orthu seans eile a fháil agus, go háirithe, an deis a fháil imirt i bPáirc an Chrócaigh. Ní bheidh ach caitheamh pingine idir na foirne ag an deireadh agus ceaptar go mbeidh an lá ag An Mhí le cúlín nó dhó tar éis chluiche géar gasta.

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Impressive revenge win for Tyrone

Tyrone have made a good come-back after losing their Ulster senior football title in a replay with Armagh in the opening round at Clones in May.

After wins over Wexford and Leitrim they took a handsome revenge in round three over Derry at Casement Park early this month for their defeat by the Oak Leaf county in an All-Ireland quarter-final at Clones last year.

The Casement Park game was marked by good football, some fine individual displays with Tyrone finishing deserving winners by 1-17 to 1-12. Peter Canavan and Stephen O'Neill were influential figures in the Tyrone success and scored a splendid thirteen points between them.

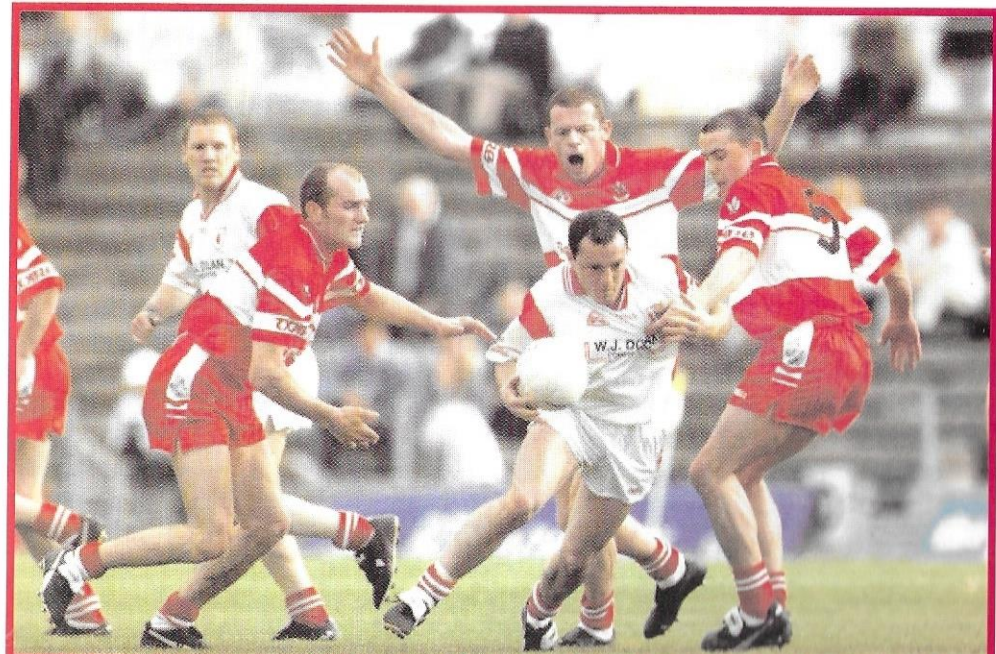
Nevertheless, the League champions still had to work hard for victory. They looked to be on the road for a good win when midfielder Colin Holmes set the seal on a sparkling movement from the goalkeeper out by sending to the Derry net seven minutes into the sec-

ond half. However, Derry displayed genuine character by rallying strongly to get on level terms at 1-9 each.

But Tyrone were in no mood to allow victory slip from their grasp. They redoubled their efforts and with Canavan setting the standard were soon two points clear. While Derry continued to battle bravely, Tyrone finished the stronger to end good winners.

While Canavan and O'Neill captured the honours up front Chris Lawn played a big part in orchestrating the success with his quality work at full back. He turned in a man-of-the-match display. Ryan McMenamin in the half back line, Cormac McAnallen at midfield and Brian Dooher, in addition to O'Neill and Canavan, in the attack, worked to good effect for the winners.

This was Tyrone's best performance for some time. They moved with poise and purpose, presented a sound barrier in defence, shaped well at midfield and the forwards took their chances well. A good build-up by Tyrone, then, for their bid to get through to the All-Ireland quarter-finals for the second successive season.



Brian Dooherm (Tír Eoghain) is surrounded by Derry players Fergal Crossan, Anthony Tohill and Claran McNally in the Bank of Ireland All-Ireland Football Championship Qualifier Round 3 at Casement Park, Belfast earlier this month.

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Sligo show spirit in the rain

Although Sligo's hopes of a first Connacht senior football title since 1975 were dashed by Galway in the final at rain-soaked McHale Park, Castlebar, late last month, they still displayed plenty of character and ability when losing by 1-11 to 0-11.

They played against the wind in the first half and took some time to get into their stride. Galway opened strongly and went five points clear before Sligo reduced their arrears to three points.

But just when it appeared they were getting right into the game Galway won a penalty in the thirty-second minute, and Derek Savage expertly sent the ball to the net to help the All-Ireland champions to an interval lead of 1-7 to 0-4.

Galway, despite playing against the wind, had the better of the exchanges in the early part of the second half and looked to be well on the road to a resounding win when they led by 1-11 to 0-5 after forty-five minutes.

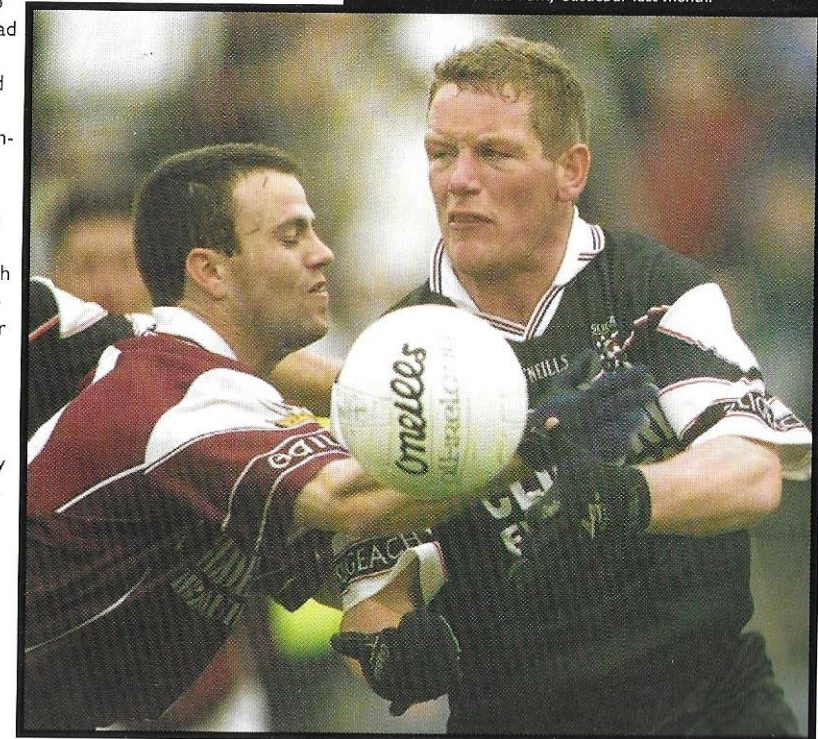
However, Eamonn O'Hara and Paul Durcan came much more into the picture at midfield for Sligo to spark a revival. Mark Brehony scored their first point from play after fifty five-minutes and the Yeats County chalked up five more points without reply. But Galway remained cool and held out for a well-merited win.

O'Hara had a very good game for Sligo and Durcan also did well. Padraic Doohan and Niall Carew worked hard at the back, while Dessie Sloyan and Gerry McGowan were best of the attack.

No doubt Sligo, who beat Kildare in the Qualifier at Croke Park before losing there to Dublin in the next round, will have learned some profitable lessons from that game ... lessons that they can turn to good effect in this match. The good run in the West will also have helped to boost teamwork and all in all Sligo look well equipped to make a bold bid for a winning return to headquarters.

Sligo had three outings in last year's Qualifier. They beat Carlow in the opening round and then came those games with the Lily Whites and Dublin.

Mark Cosgrove (Sligeach) wins the ball from Galway's Derek Savage in the Connacht Senior Football Championship Final at McHale Park, Castlebar last month.



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All this comes at a cost ... around £5,000 a week for our County teams alone. Beyond that, at County level, we have coaching; games development; and physical infrastructure that we want to support.

Club Tyrone is the vehicle we have put in place to help support all that work, be it high profile like today or hidden and unnoticed. Club Tyrone members - individuals and companies, District Councils and GAA clubs –make a commitment to contribute financially to the GAA at County level in Tyrone.

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More than 200 people and organisations are already members of Club Tyrone. Most will be here today, will know the contribution they make, and will know the value we place on it.

There is still room for many more people in Club Tyrone. And we'll be here for the duration, regardless of the ups and downs on the field of play.

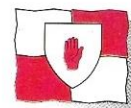
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Tyrone's Long March

Tyrone entered the Ulster championship for the first time in 1890; in 1933 they qualified for an Ulster final for the first time (they got direct entry to the 1890 decider); in 1956 they won their first provincial title; in 1986 they made their first All-Ireland final appearance; and now 112 years after their debut they are still seeking their first All-Ireland title. Behind those bare statistics lies a story of struggle and heartbreak, of achievement and disappointment, of perseverance on a grand scale. No doubt there are other counties whose stories could match Tyrone's, but of that group of counties which have yet to win All-Ireland honours, few can come as close as Tyrone over the years.

Tyrone's early experience of the championship grind was not exactly encouraging. Their first-ever outing against Armagh in 1902 was called off midway through the second half with the Orchard county in the lead. There was little joy in the replay, which Armagh won by 1-6 to 0-3. That, however, was only a sample of what was in store. The following year Tyrone again lost to Armagh, objected and were granted a replay, which they lost by a margin of 24 points.

Over the next 20 years Tyrone were as often absent as present on the Ulster scene, and on the occasions on which they appeared, it was to make a first-round exit every time. Fate relented at last, and in the first round of the 1924 championship at

Strabane they recorded their first win when beating Donegal by 0-2 to 0-1. And while they failed to survive the second round in going down to the eventual provincial champions Cavan by 0-7 to 1-6, the future looked bright.

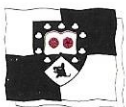
But it was a false dawn. There was the occasional promising display – notably when Derry (1928) and Fermanagh (1929) were beaten – but it wasn't until 1933 that Tyrone reached their first Ulster final of the 20th century. Sadly, it was an unmitigated disaster. At Clones, Cavan were out of sight by half time and in the end it was 6-13 to 1-2 – the heaviest ever defeat of a county in a provincial final in any province. The irony was that a year later when Cavan made their first defence of their All-Ireland crown, Tyrone ran them to a point (2-4 to 2-5) at Clones. That however, was the high point of Tyrone endeavours for a long time and when next they reached the Ulster decider – 1941 – Cavan were again lying in wait (3-9 to 0-5).

Fifteen years were to pass before Tyrone again graced final day and this time many old bogies were banished as Cavan were crushed by 3-5 to 0-4. Since then Tyrone have been Ulster champions eight times, but of the nine All-Ireland semi-finals they have contested, they emerged victorious on just two occasions – against Galway in 1986 and 1995. The final barrier still remains, but if spirit and perseverance eventually bring their reward, Tyrone's day cannot be long delayed.

At Croke Park

Prior to last season's brace of games (against Kildare and Dublin) it had been 26 years since Sligo last played at Croke Park, and that was when they lost to Kerry in the 1975 All-Ireland semi-final. Tyrone, despite winning out in Ulster last season, didn't get to play at headquarters, and although they have been more frequent visitors to the capital than their western opponents, Sligo did win on their first outing at Croke Park, which was in 1922 when they defeated Tipperary in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Tyrone didn't reach the hallowed turf until 1956 when they lost out to Galway by 0-6 to 0-8, and a year later they returned only to go down to Louth. In 1973 they tried to make it 'third-time-lucky', but Cork denied them, as did Dublin on their next appearance in 1984. At the fifth attempt Tyrone won an All-Ireland semi-final as they overcame Galway in a thrilling contest in 1986, before falling to Kerry in the decider. Mayo thwarted their ambitions in the '89 penultimate round and it was six years later before they recorded their second win at Galway's expense. However, the final hurdle again proved too high as they lost narrowly to Dublin. In 1996 Tyrone returned to the capital, but were unable to match Meath so their record of championship outings at Croke Park isn't an impressive one – two wins and eight defeats. Sligo have had five championship outings at Croke Park which resulted in two wins (Tipperary 1922 and Kildare 2001) and three defeats (Galway 1922 Connacht Final, Kerry 1995 and Dublin 2001).



Sligo...the unrewarded

Seven counties have never featured in an All-Ireland senior final in either code. Sligo is one of these, but unlike the other six, Sligo enjoys the distinction of actually qualifying for a final – though through a mix of circumstances they never got to play in a decider. This was, of course, the remarkable 1922 championship when Sligo became the first – and only – Connacht team to win on a first championship appearance at Croke Park.

Having won the provincial final for the first time that year, Sligo went on to beat Tipperary in the All-Ireland semi-final to qualify for a clash with reigning All-Ireland champions Dublin, but when Galway (whom they had beaten in the provincial final) lodged an objection on a number of technical grounds, they were granted a replay which was surprisingly staged at Croke Park.

That 1922 experience, which might be said to be the nearest Sligo ever came to winning a national senior title, in a sense epitomised the county's struggle to reap some reward for years of whole-hearted endeavour.

Nothing came easy to Sligo. Back in the 1880s they had played a drawn game with Mayo in the Connacht final – a final, that strangely never received official recognition – but they never got a second chance to prove their worth as for some reason the game was never replayed.

It would be more than 30 years before Sligo again graced the provincial scene, but luck was not their

ally when losing the 1920 final to Mayo at Castlereagh by two points. The twenties were to produce more frustration for Sligo. The bizarre circumstances of the infamous 1925 campaign, which forced Sligo to play six games with Roscommon before advancing to meet a fresh and vibrant Mayo in the semi-final, to whom they lost by a goal, was another example of fortune casting a cold eye on Sligo's efforts.

DELIVERANCE

Deliverance on the provincial scene came in 1928 when senior and junior Connacht titles were annexed, but the All-Ireland semi-final stage proved to be the end for both teams. Perseverance, however, did bring its reward in 1935 in the shape of All-Ireland junior honours, but the spectre of Galway-Mayo dominance, to which Roscommon later made a contribution, continued to haunt Sligo for decades to come. Provincial final appearances in the fifties raised hopes and then deflated them, but perhaps the most agonising failure was in 1965 when Galway, then reigning All-Ireland champions, were pushed to a single score at Tuam Stadium.

The year 1971 brought another tantalising experience when the provincial final was lost to Galway on a replay – and by the narrowest of margins. When success in the West finally came in 1975 it was hugely welcome, but in retrospect it was probably too late as Kerry cruelly emphasised in the semi-final. Had the breakthrough come four years earlier the All-Ireland scene – just might – have yielded to a county which was more deserving than most.



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Sligo and Tyrone...a league background

Sligo and Tyrone have never met in the championship at any level; at various times over the years there was the possibility that paths would cross, but invariably results and fortunes decreed that they should remain apart. That has been the case for almost 100 years and even when the National League was introduced in the 1920s, it didn't ensure a meeting of the counties for the simple reason that neither could make it to the knock-out stages.

However, the league eventually produced a meeting, the first of which was in 1974 when both, ironically, had already qualified for the semi-finals. Over the next 14 years they clashed on a number of occasions, but there hasn't been a meeting since the late eighties, which means that today there are no survivors of their last confrontation.

**First Meeting – 1973/74:
Sligo 1-12 Tyrone 2-9**

In this, the last of the seven qualifying games, there was little at stake except prestige and this was especially so in the case of Sligo who were bidding to be the only county in any division to emerge with a 100% record. And perhaps it was this factor that lent an edge to this encounter at Markievicz Park that it would not normally have. And that was reflected in the fact that Tyrone finished with only 14 men while the names of three Sligo players were entered in the referee's note book.

It was a game of phases, of the good and the bad, of mutual slump and boom – a game which, in the final analysis, had an equitable outcome. But that final verdict was a long time in the making as each side in turn looked likely to take the honours.

The home team had a dream start when Micky Kearins side-line kick was tapped on by Jim Kilgallon to Mick Laffey who found the net with a shot that left 'keeper Liam Turbitt no more than a spectator. Tyrone, however, were quick to accept the challenge and Frank McGuigan at midfield repeatedly sent his forwards raiding with Patsy Hetherington, Sean McElhatton and Aidan McMahon giving the Sligo

rearguard many anxious moments. For a long way the visitors had to be content with the points sniped by Hetherington and McMahon until the break, in the shape of their first goal, arrived when McGuigan set up Hugh Crawford for a shot which Tony Cummins got to, but could not prevent from crossing the line.

That score ensured the teams turned over on level terms (1-6 all), but early in the second half Sligo looked like they were going to pull away with the breeze in their favour. The scores, however, just refused to come and a two-point advantage was all the home side had to show for prolonged bouts of pressure. At this stage Tyrone struck with such vigour that from two points down they were four up in the space of four minutes, thanks mainly to McElhatton's 48th-minute goal. Points were exchanged before a late Sligo rally brought points by Jim Colleary and Kearins to save the day and their unbeaten record.

Sligo scorers: M.Kearins 0-7, M.Laffey 1-1, J.Colleary 0-2, J.Kilgallon 0-1, P.J.Brennan 0-1.

Tyrone scorers: P.Hetherington 0-4, A.McMahon 0-3, S.McElhatton 1-0, H.Crawford 1-0, F.McGuigan 0-1, D.McKenna 0-1.

Sligo – T.Cummins, R.Lipsett, J.Brennan, A.Caffrey, M.Brennan, B.Murphy, P.Henry, T.Colleary, J.Stenson, M.Laffey, M.Kearins, B.Wilkinson, J.Colleary, P.J.Brennan, J.Kilgallon.

Tyrone – L.Turbitt, M.Jordan, P.Mulgrew, M.J.Forbes, W.Hughes, J.McElroy, P.King, F.McGuigan, D.McKenna, P.Hetherington, A.McMahon, J.Earley, H.Crawford, O.Nugent, S.McElhatton. Subs – B.Ward for Crawford, M.Harte for Nugent.

**Last Meeting – 1988/89:
Tyrone 0-8 Sligo 0-6**

At Omagh, the pressure was on the home team as they sought their first win in three games; Sligo, by contrast, could boast two wins from two outings and they certainly looked the more composed side from the outset. Not that their undoubted composure was reflected on the scoreboard, and the waywardness up front, especially during several

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Sligo and Tyrone...a league background

periods of dominance, was eventually to have disastrous consequences. Their opening flurry, which saw Paul Seevers point after only 45 seconds, was not sustained and Jerome Bayne put the sides level at the fourth minute. Sligo chances were missed before Tom Mahon unlocked the scores, but Tyrone should have gone in front when Paudge Quinn's shot looked destined for the net only for a deflection to send it out for a fruitless '45'. The game had failed to ignite and a brace of points for the visitors by Pat Dockery and Enda Deignan brought replies from Quinn and Sean McNally. An interval lead of 0-6 to 0-4 scarcely reflected the visitors' superiority, but shrewd switches by Tyrone – notably the moving of full-back Ciaran McGarvey to the attack – yielded dividends. The newcomer had two points to level matters, but a lack of support from his colleagues ensured that situation remained unchanged for a long time. Three minutes from time the sides were still deadlocked, but finally the home side mounted a couple of attacks of note, which yielded points by McElhatton

and McCabe and they decided the issue.

Tyrone scorers: C.McGarvey 0-2, P.Byrne 0-1, S.McNally 0-1, P.Quinn 0-1, J.Bayne 0-1, P.McElhatton 0-1, K.McCabe 0-1.

Sligo scorers: E.Deignan 0-2, T.Mahon 0-2, P.Dockery 0-1, PSeevers 0-1.

Tyrone – F.McConnell, S.Donnely, C.McGarvey, Paddy Quinn, R.Munroe, P.Ball, J.Lynch, P.Byrne, H.McClure, K.McCabe, P.Donaghy, S.McNally, I.Gallagher, Paudge Quinn, J.Bayne. Subs – C.Corr for Gallagher, P.McElhatton for Bayne.

Sligo – C.Gorman, N.Molloy, P.J.Duffy, D.Keaveney, B.Deignan, P.Kilgallon, T.Brehony, G.McManus, J.McDonagh, J.Bruen, P.Dockery, E.Deignan, PSeevers, F.Feeney, T.Mahon. Subs – B.Mulhern for Bruen, S.Higgins for McDonagh, T.Clarke for Dockery.



It Happened in Football



TOP SCORES

The first championship game to yield more than 20 scores in the hour was not one between any of the great powers of present-day football, or even of the early years of the last century, but between Kilkenny and Limerick in the very first year of the championship in 1887. This was the second-round tie at Clonturk Park on July 30th, in which the forwards on both sides were very much on their game. In the opening round Limerick had scored five times in beating Meath at Elm Park while the Noresiders had raised just four flags in disposing of Cork at Dungarvan.

But in what was the first game to be staged at the north city venue, Shannon and Nore served up what was claimed by many to be the best contest of that historic championship as each shot a score of 1-10. This record of 22 scores in an hour was never exceeded in a 21-a-side game, but it was eventually bettered in 1897 when the Wexford-Carlow first-round tie at Jones's Road saw 31 scores recorded in the hour as the Slaneysiders triumphed by 2-24 to 0-5. Needless to say that record of 31 scores stood for a long time.

ALL IN

In the early years of the provincial championships there was rarely a full muster of counties when the championship got underway. In fact, previous to 1900 no province saw all its counties in action in any given year, but eventually Munster broke the ice in 1901 when, for the first time all six counties were in action with Cork, Tipperary and Limerick all recording wins with the Leesiders eventually emerging as provincial champions.

A year later the Leinster campaign saw all twelve counties participate as Longford entered for the first time. The Connacht championship began in 1901 with just three counties competing, but by 1906 all five could claim to have at least one hour of championship fare. However, it was a long time before Ulster came on board. As late as 1915 the Northern campaign was fought out by as few as five counties, but two years later eight teams entered the provincial campaign and a further two years down the road all nine entered for the first time. Incidentally, the 1919 campaign was the first to have 32 entrants.

LITTLE ACTION

Last year, with the introduction of the qualifier series, saw more championship action than any year to date, with no fewer than 63 games being played amounting to 4,410 minutes of football. It was all a far cry from the year that saw so little competition that the championship almost didn't exist – 1893. In that year just five counties indicated a willingness to take part, but when Kerry withdrew that was reduced to four.

That should have left three hours of football to decide the destination of the honours, but even that meagre portion of action did not materialise. In fact, only one game went the full distance, which was Wexford's win over Westmeath at the Phoenix Park. In the Leinster final Kilkenny had by far the better of the first-half exchanges to lead by 0-5 to 0-1, but the leaders failed to appear for the second period complaining that Wexford were far too rough. The Slaneysiders stayed on the pitch for an hour and were eventually awarded the contest. The All-Ireland final scarcely provided much better entertainment. Wexford scored a goal and a point in the first half while Cork failed to register. Shortly after the restart Cork notched their first score, but with the half just ten minutes old the exchanges, never less than vigorous to that stage, spilled over into violence, which eventually led to Cork refusing to continue. Wexford were awarded the championship after the shortest campaign on record, which had seen the Slaneysiders feature in just one hour and 40 minutes of football.

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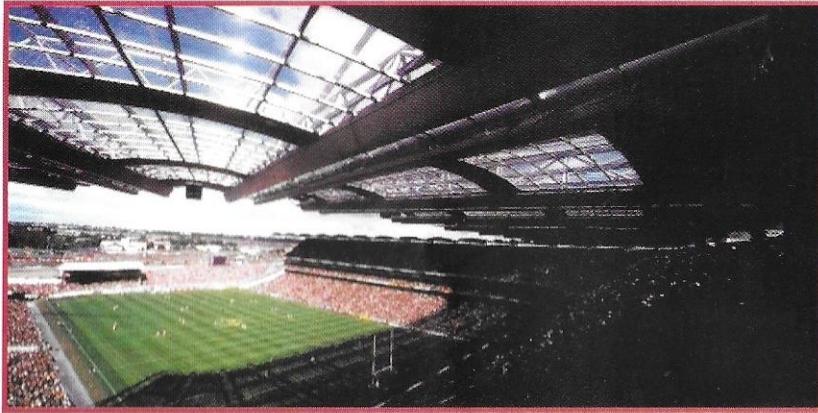


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Paths to Round 4

Tír Eoghain

19th May. Clones:

Tyrone 1-12; Armagh 1-12.

Scorers: Sean Cavanagh 1-2, Peter Canavan 0-4, Kevin Hughes 0-2, Ryan McMenamin 0-2, Declan McCrossan 0-1, Stephen O'Neill 0-1.

26th May. Clones:

Tyrone 0-16; Armagh 2-13.

Scorers: Stephen O'Neill 0-7, Kevin Hughes 0-3, Sean Cavanagh 0-2, Cormac McAnallen 0-2, Ryan McMenamin 0-1, Declan McCrossan 0-1.

9th June. Wexford:

Tyrone 1-9; Wexford 0-10.

Scorers: Kevin Hughes 1-1, Peter Canavan 0-4, Brian Dooher 0-2, Stephen O'Neill 0-1, Gerard Cavan 0-1.

30th June. Carrick-on-Shannon:

Tyrone 1-22; Leitrim 0-7.

Scorers: Stephen O'Neill 0-5, Brian McGugian 1-2, Brian McGuckan 0-4, Peter Canavan 0-3, Cormac McAnallen 0-2, Gerard Cavan 0-2, Sean Cavanagh 0-1, Ryan McMenamin 0-1, Cormac McGinley 0-1, Eoin Mulligan 0-1.

6th July. Casement Park:

Tyrone 1-17; Derry 1-12.

Scorers: Peter Canavan 0-7, Stephen O'Neill 0-6, Colin Holmes 1-0, Cormac McAnallen 0-1, Brian Dooher 0-2, Gerard Cavan 0-1.

TOTAL SCORED: 4-76 (88 points).

TOTAL CONCEDED: 4-54 (66 points).

Scorers: Stephen O'Neill 0-20, Peter Canavan 0-18, Kevin Hughes 1-6, Sean Cavanagh 1-5, Brian McGuigan 1-2, Cormac McAnallen 0-5, Brian Dooher 0-4, Gerard Cavan 0-4, Brian McGuckan 0-4, Ryan McMenamin 0-4, Colin Holmes 1-0, Declan McCrossan 0-2, Cormac McGinley 0-1, Eoin Mulligan 0-1.

Sligeach

5th May, Gaelic Park New York:

Sligo 1-19; New York 1-11

Scorers – Gerry McGowan 0-8, Mark Brehony 1-3, Tommy Brennan 0-3, Dessie Sloyan 0-2, Kieran Quinn 0-1, Sean Davey 0-1, John McPartland 0-1.

9th June, Markievicz Park:

Sligo 2-13; Leitrim 2-4

Scorers – Mark Brehony 0-5, Gerry McGowan 1-2, Dessie Sloyan 1-0, Dara McGarty 0-2, Padraig Doohan 0-1, Eamonn O'Hara 0-1, Tommy Brennan 0-1, Brian Walsh 0-1.

30th June, Castlebar:

Galway 1-11; Sligo 0-11

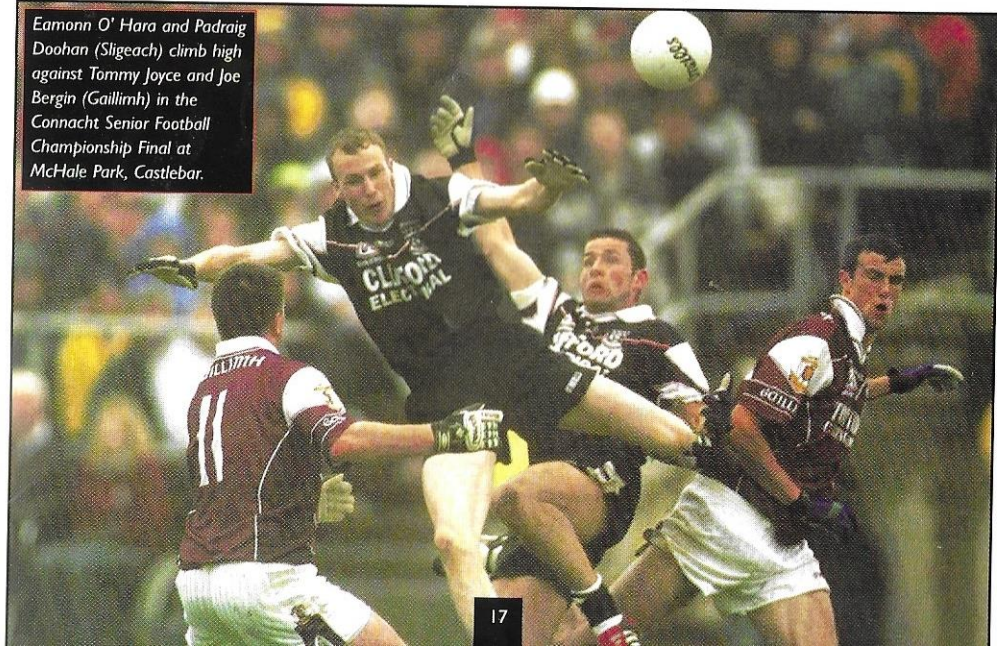
Scorers – Dessie Sloyan 0-4, Gerry McGowan 0-3, David Durkin 0-2, Eamonn O'Hara 0-1, Mark Brehony 0-1.

Total Scored 3-43 (52 points)

Total Conceded 4-26 (38) Average 1.37

Scorers – Gerry McGowan 1-13, Mark Brehony 1-9, Dessie Sloyan 1-6, Tommy Brennan 0-4, Dara McGarty 0-2, Eamonn O'Hara 0-2, David Durkin 0-2, Kieran Quinn 0-1, Sean Davey 0-1, John McPartland 0-1, Padraig Doohan 0-1, Brian Walsh 0-1.

Eamonn O' Hara and Padraig Doohan (Sligeach) climb high against Tommy Joyce and Joe Bergin (Gaillimh) in the Connacht Senior Football Championship Final at McHale Park, Castlebar.





Sligeach 1-14

Dathanna: Dubh is Bán

Fir Ionaid

- (16) **Aidan Carty**
A. Ó Cárthaigh
(Coolera/Strandhill)
- (17) **Neil Carew**
N. Carrún
(Coolera/Strandhill)
- (18) **Michael Langan**
M. Ó Langáin
(Castleconnor)
- (19) **Noel McGuire**
N. Mag Uidhir
(Easkey)
- (20) **Karol O'Neill**
C. Ó Néill
(Coolera/Strandhill)
- (21) **Michael McNamara**
M. Mac Conmara
(St. John's)
- (22) **Sean Davey**
S. Ó Dáibhí
(Curry)
- (23) **Brian Walsh**
B. Breathnach
(Tubbercurry)
- (24) **Tommy Brennan**
T. Ó Braonáin
(Lucan Sarsfields)
- (25) **Paul Taylor**
P. Ó Táillíúir
(Eastern Harps)
- (26) **Jonathan Davey**
S. Ó Dáibhí
(St. Mary's)
- (27) **Eddie Brennan**
E. Ó Braonáin
(Drumcliffe/Rosses Point)
- (28) **Darren Kearns**
D. Ó Céirín
(Geevagh)
- (29) **Philip Gallagher**
P. Ó Gallchoir
(Drumcliffe/Rosses Point)

2
MARK COSGROVE
M. Mac Oscáir
(Eastern Harps)

5
PADRAIG DOOHAN
P. Ó Duacháin
(Bunninadden)

10
DARA MCGARTY
D. Mag Oireachtaigh
(St. John's)

13
DESSIE SLOYAN
D. Ó Sluáin
(Easkey)

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JAMES CURRAN
S. Ó Corráin
(Coolera/Strandhill)

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NIGEL CLANCY
N. Mac Lannchaidh
(Na Fianna)

8
PAUL DURKAN
P. Ó Duarcáin
(Na Fianna)

11
MARK BREHONY
M. Ó Breithiúnaigh
(St. Mary's)

14
JOHN McPARTLAND
S. Mac Parthaláin
(Coolera/Strandhill)

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BRENDAN PHILLIPS
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(Eastern Harps)

7
PATRICK NAUGHTON
P. Ó Neachtáin
(Castleconnor)

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EAMONN O'HARA
E. Ó hEara (Capt.)
(Tourlestrane)

12
KIERAN QUINN
C. Ó Coinn
(Coolera/Strandhill)

15
GERRY MCGOWAN
G. Mac Gabhann
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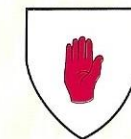
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Tír Eoghain

Dathanna: Bán is Dearg



Fir Ionaid

- (16) **Duine Eile**
- (17) **Ciarán Gourley**
C. Mag Thoirrealigh
(An Charraig)
- (18) **Kevin Hughes**
C. Ó hAodha
(Cill Isreal)
- (19) **Jarlath Quinn**
I. Ó Cuinn
(Cabhán a'Chaoirtainn)
- (20) **Eoin Mulligan**
E. Ó Maolagáin
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B. Mag Eocháin
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G. Ó Cathláin
(Dún Geannainn)
- (23) **Peter Donnelly**
P. Ó Donnaile
(Oileán a'Ghuail)
- (24) **Seamus Mulgrew**
S. Ó Maolchroibhe
(Domhnach Mór)
- (25) **Ciarán McRory**
C. Mac Ruairí
(Dún Geannainn)
- (26) **Enda McGinley**
E. Mag Fhionnaile
(Aireagal Chiaráin)
- (27) **Rory Meenan**
R. Ó Mianáin
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1
PETER WARD
P. Mac an Bhaird
(An Droim Mór)

2
CONOR GORMLEY
C. Ó Garmaile
(An Charraig Mhór)

5
RYAN McMENAMIN
R. Mac Meanmáin
(An Droim Mór)

10
BRIAN DOOHER
B. Ó Dúchair
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BRIAN MCGUIGAN
B. Mac Uiginn
(Árd Bó)

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CHRIS LAWN
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P. Ó Ceannubháin
(Aireagal Chiaráin)

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PHILIP JORDAN
P. Mac Shiúrtáin
(An Mhaigh)

9
COLIN HOLMES
C. Mac Thómais
(Na Cláirsigh)

12
DECLAN MCCROSSAN
D. Mac an Chroisáin
(E.R. Uí Néill)

15
PETER CANAVAN
P. Ó Ceannubháin (Capt.)
(Aireagal Chiaráin)

	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	45m	Saor Ciceanna
1adh Leath					
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IOMLÁN					

Roghnóirí:
Joint Managers:
Eugene McKenna,
Art McRory.



2001 Round Up • 2001 Round Up

The year 2001 ushered in a new era in the history of the football championship when, for the first time, every county was assured of at least two championship outings. And it certainly lent credence to the new system that a team beaten in the provincial semi-final (their second game) eventually emerged as All-Ireland champions. Between May 5th and September 23rd a total of 63 games were played, which was 23 more than the previous highest number in a championship season.

HIGHEST SCORE

- The highest score recorded by any team was the 3-24 (33 points) notched by Galway against Leitrim in the first round at Tuam. Second place was taken by Kerry with 3-17 (26) against Tipperary in the first round at Clonmel, while third spot was occupied by Cork who scored 3-16 (25) in beating Waterford in the opening round at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. The lowest score by any team was Kerry's 0-5 in their All-Ireland semi-final clash with Meath.

BIGGEST MARGIN

- The biggest winning margin was 19 points – a

distinction that was shared by Kerry (3-17 to Tipperary's 1-4) and Galway (3-24 to Leitrim's 3-5). Cork again occupied third place with their 15-point win (3-16 to 1-7) over Waterford.

NUMBER OF SCORES

- The highest number of scores recorded in one game was 40 – a figure evenly divided between Westmeath and Wexford (1-19 apiece) in the first round of the qualifiers at Wexford Park, although the counties did play extra time. The highest number of scores in normal time was the 35 recorded in the Dublin-Longford game at Croke Park, which ended 2-19 to 1-13 in the Metropolitan's favour.

LOSING SCORE

- The record score for a losing team was 19 points; a score totted up by Donegal when going third to Kildare (1-16 to 1-17) in the second round of the qualifiers at Droichead Nua.

AGGREGATE

- The highest aggregate score in one game was the 6-29 (47 points) totted up in the opening round of the Connacht campaign when Galway defeated Leitrim by 3-24 to 3-5. The six goals recorded in

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that game was the best return of 'majors' in the entire campaign. On the opposite end of the scale there were seven games – including the All-Ireland final – that failed to produce a goal. The lowest aggregate score was 17 points which was Derry's 0-10 to 0-7 win over Antrim in the first round of the qualifiers at Casement Park.

MOST OUTINGS

- Galway and Westmeath were involved in the most outings – each featuring in eight games. However, Galway had the better return in that they won seven and lost just one, while the Midlanders won four, drew two and lost two. Derry, with seven games (five of which they won) were closest to the top two.

FAVOURIED VENUE

- Of the 63 games, 12 were played at Croke Park with Clones next in line for its staging of seven championship fixtures. Droichead Nua and Enniskillen with three championship matches occupied third most favoured venue status.

FIRST MEETINGS

- The qualifier system inevitably produced a number of first-ever meetings in championship

football. No fewer than 20 counties were involved in first-ever encounters, with Sligo meeting no fewer than three teams for the first time – Carlow, Kildare and Dublin.

GOAL SCORING

- In the course of the 63 games, a total of 124 goals were scored with the highest number recorded by any team being eleven. Ironically, in view of their dismal finale, those eleven majors fell to Meath – the only county to run its tally into double figures. Galway and Roscommon (eight each) shared runners-up spot with Kerry and Cork (seven apiece) and Dublin (six) other prominent green-flag raisers. Just three counties failed to score a goal in the championship and they were Antrim, Limerick and Laois.

GOALS CONCEDED

- The greatest number of goals conceded by any county over the course of the campaign was the eight Westmeath let in – averaging one per game. Winners Galway conceded seven while Dublin, Waterford and Derry saw six green flags raised against them, while Meath's net shook on five occasions.

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8th June. Limerick (After extra time):
Limerick 1-15; Cavan 2-12.
Top Scorer: Michael Reidy (Limerick) 1-9.

8th June. Casement Park:
Westmeath 0-14; Antrim 1-10.
Top Scorer: Kevin Madden (Antrim) 0-7.

8th June. Wexford:
Tyrone 1-9; Wexford 0-10.
Top Scorers: Peter Canavan (Tyrone) 0-4, Kevin Hughes (Tyrone) 1-1, Matty Forde (Wexford) 0-4.

8th June. Longford:
Longford 1-16; Down 0-14.
Top Scorer: Padraic Davis (Longford) 0-6.

8th June. Clones:
Louth 2-11; Monaghan 1-8.
Top Scorers: David Reilly (Louth) 1-2, Mark Stanfield (Louth) 0-5.

8th June. Carlow:
Laois 0-18; Carlow 0-11.
Top Scorers: Chris Conway (Laois) 0-6, Stephen Kelly 0-6.

8th June. Dungarvan:
Roscommon 3-19; Waterford 3-11.
Top Scorer: Stephen Lohan (Roscommon) 1-6.

8th June. Aughrim:
Wicklow 2-22; London 2-6.
Top Scorer: Anthony Nolan (Wicklow) 1-8.

15th June. Cavan:
Limerick 2-8; Cavan 0-11.
Top Scorer: Michael Reidy (Limerick) 0-5.

22nd June. Mullingar:
Fermanagh 0-14; Westmeath 0-7.
Top Scorer: Raymond Gallagher (Fermanagh) 0-6.

22nd June. Portlaoise:
Laois 1-19; Clare 0-6.
Top Scorer: Stephen Kelly (Laois) 0-9.

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22nd June. Carrick-on-Shannon:
Leitrim 1-0; Tyrone 0-1.
Game abandoned because of weather conditions. The Leitrim goal was scored by James Holohan.

23rd June. Castlebar:
Mayo 0-20; Roscommon 2-8.
Top Scorer: Nigel Dineen (Roscommon) 2-4.

23rd June. Longford:
Derry 2-13; Longford 0-9.
Top Scorer: Anthony Tohill (Derry) 2-1.

29th June. An Uaimh:
Meath 3-8; Louth 2-9.
Top Scorer: Richie Kealy (Meath) 2-0.

29th June. Carrick-on-Shannon:
Tyrone 1-22; Leitrim 0-7.
Top Scorers: Stephen O'Neill (Tyrone) 0-5, Brian McGuigan (Tyrone) 1-2.

30th June. Portlaoise:
Kerry 5-15; Wicklow 0-7.
Top Scorer: Eoin Brosnan (Kerry) 2-2.

6th July. Portlaoise:
Meath 1-15; Laois 0-7.
Top Scorer: Ollie Murphy (Meath) 1-3.

6th July. Limerick:
Limerick 3-9; Offaly 2-7.
Top Scorer: Stephen Kelly (Limerick) 1-2.

6th July. Portlaoise:
Kerry 2-15; Fermanagh 0-4.
Top Scorer: Dara Ó Cinnéide (Kerry) 0-6.

6th July. Casement Park:
Tyrone 1-17; Derry 1-12.
Top Scorers: Peter Canavan (Tyrone) 0-7, Anthony Tohill (Derry) 0-7.

13th July. Casement Park:
Mayo 0-13; Limerick 1-9.
Top Scorers: Michael Reidy (Limerick) 0-5.



An Mhí 0-14

Fir Ionaid

- (16) **David Gallagher**
D. Ó Gallchóir
(St. Peter's, Dunboyne)
- (17) **Donal Curtis**
D. de Cuirtéis
(Rathkenny)
- (18) **Ray Magee**
R. Mag Aoidh
(Kilmainhamwood)
- (19) **Hank Traynor**
A. Mac Threáinir
(Simonstown Gaels)
- (20) **David Crimmins**
D. Ó Cruiméin
(Dunshaughlin)
- (21) **Seamus Kenny**
S. Ó Cionaoith
(Simonstown Gaels)
- (22) **Niall McKeigue**
N. Mac Thaidhg
(Navan O'Mahony's)
- (23) **Dáithí Regan**
D. Ó Riagáin
(St. Michael's)
- (24) **Anthony Moyles**
A. Ó Maolmhuire
(Blackhall Gaels)
- (25) **Mick O'Dowd**
M. Ó Dúda
(Skryne)
- (26) **Niall Kelly**
N. Ó Ceallaigh
(Dunshaughlin)
- (27) **Christopher Reynolds**
C. Mac Ránaill
(Walterstown)
- (28) **Charles McCarthy**
S. Mac Cárthaigh
(Walterstown)
- (29) **Shane McKeigue**
S. Mac Thaidhg
(Navan O'Mahony's)
- (30) **Joe Sherdian**
S. Ó Sirideáin
(Seneschalstown)

Dathanna: Uaithne is Ór

1				
CORMAC SULLIVAN				
C. Ó Suilleabháin (St. Patrick's)				
2		3		4
MARK O'REILLY		DARREN FAY		CORMAC MURPHY
M. Ó Raghallaigh (Summerhill)		D. Ó Féich (Trim)		C. Ó Murchú (St. Patrick's)
5			6	
PAUL SHANKEY			NIGEL NESTOR	
P. Ó Seancaigh (Kilmainhamwood)			N. Mac an Adhastair (Blackhall Gaels)	
8		9		
NIGEL CRAWFORD		JOHN CULLINANE		
N. Mac Crábhagáin (St. Peter's, Dunboyne)		S. Ó Cuilleannáin (Drumree)		
10		11		12
EVAN KELLY		ADRIAN KENNY		TREVOR GILES
E. Ó Ceallaigh (Drumree)		A. Ó Cionaoith (Summerhill)		T. Ó Glaisne (Capt.) (Skryne)
13			14	
OLLIE MURPHY			GRAHAM GERAGHTY	
O. Ó Murchú (Carnaross)			G. Mag Oireachtaigh (Seneschalstown)	
15		15		
RICHIE KEALY		RICHIE KEALY		
R. Ó Caollaí (Dunshaughlin)		R. Ó Caollaí (Dunshaughlin)		

Roghnóirí:
Sean Boylan, Manager
Colm Coyle,
Eamonn O'Brien.

	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seacháí	45m	Saor Ciceanna
1adh Leath					
2adh Leath					
IOMLÁN					



Dún na nGall 1-13

Dathanna: Uaithne, Ór is Bán

Fir Ionaid

1				
TONY BLAKE				
A. de Blaca (Naomh Adhamhain)				
2		17		4
SHANE CARR		EAMON DOHERTY		NOEL MCGINLEY
S. Mac Giolla Chearra (Na Ceithre Maistrí)		E. Ó Dochartaigh (Ard an Ratha)		N. Mac Fhionnagaile (Naomh Columba)
5			6	
RAYMOND SWEENEY			BARRY MONAGHAN	
R. Mac Suibhne (An Clochán Liath)			B. Ó Muineacháin (Na Ceithre Maistrí)	
8		9		
JOHN GILDEA		JIM MCGUINNESS		
S. Mac Giolla Dé (Naomh Conail)		S. Mac Aonasa (Naomh Conail)		
10		11		12
CHRISTY TOYE		MICHAEL HEGARTY		BRIAN ROPER
C. Ó Tuaithe (Naomh Micheál)		M. Ó HEigeartaigh (Vice-Capt.) (Cill Chartha)		B. Ó Ropéir (Aodh Ruadh)
13		14		15
ADRIAN SWEENEY		BRENDAN DEVENNEY		PAUL MCGONIGLE
A. Mac Suibhne (An Clochán Liath)		B. Ó Duibheannaigh (Naomh Adhamhain)		P. Mac Congail (Buncranaigh)

- (16) **Gerard McGill**
G. Mac Ghoill
(Naomh Columba)
- (18) **Damien Diver**
D. Ó Duibhir
(Ard an Ratha)
- (19) **Kevin Rafferty**
C. Ó Raffairtaigh
(Naomh Adhamhain)
- (20) **Brendan Boyle**
B. Ó Baoill
(Ard an Ratha)
- (21) **Rory Kavanagh**
R. Ó Caomhánach
(Naomh Adhamhain)
- (22) **Conal Dunne**
C. Ó Doinn
(Naomh Adhamhain)
- (23) **Colm McFadden**
C. Mac Pháidin
(Naomh Micheál)
- (24) **Paddy Campbell**
P. Ó Cathmhóil
(Naomh Conail)
- (25) **Brian McLaughlin**
B. Mac Lochlainn
(Naomh Micheál)
- (26) **James Gallagher**
S. Ó Gallchóir
(Gaath Dobhair)
- (27) **Declan Gallagher**
D. Ó Gallchóir
(Cill Chartha)
- (28) **Patrick McConigley**
P. Mac Congail
(Gael Fhánada)
- (3) **Mark Crossan**
M. Mac Chrossáin
(Naomh Adhamhain)

Roghnóirí:
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Michael Oliver McIntyre,
Ownie McBride.

	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seacháí	45m	Saor Ciceanna
1adh Leath					
2adh Leath					
IOMLÁN					

Paths to Round 4

Dún na nGall

12th May, Breefni Park:

Donegal 1-17; Cavan 0-15

Scorers - Brendan Devenney 0-7, Adrian Sweeney 0-5, Michael Hegarty 0-3, Brian Roper 1-0, Kevin Cassidy 0-1, Jimmy McGuinness 0-1.

2nd June, Ballybofey:

Donegal 3-12; Down 1-6

Scorers - Adrian Sweeney 1-5, Brendan Devenney 1-4, Brian Roper 1-1, John Gildea 0-1, Jimmy McGuinness 0-1.

16th June, Clones:

Donegal 1-9; Derry 0-10

Scorers - Adrian Sweeney 1-3, Christy Toye 0-2, Brian Roper 0-1, Paul McGonigle 0-1, Jimmy McGuinness 0-1, Brendan Devenney 0-1.

7th July, Clones:

Armagh 1-14; Donegal 1-10

Scorers - Adrian Sweeney 0-4, Jimmy McGuinness 1-0, Brendan Devenney 0-3, Christy Toye 0-2, Paul McGonigle 0-1.

Total Scored 6-48 (66 points)

Total Conceded 2-45 (51) Average 1.29

Scorers - Adrian Sweeney 2-17, Brendan Devenney 1-15, Brian Roper 2-2, Jimmy McGuinness 1-3, Christy Toye 0-4, Michael Hegarty 0-3, Paul McGonigle 0-2, Kevin Cassidy 0-1, John Gildea 0-1.

An Mhí

2nd June, Portlaoise:

Meath 1-12; Westmeath 0-11

Scorers - Trevor Giles 0-6, Evan Kelly 1-2, Graham Geraghty 0-2, Paul Shankey 0-1, Donal Curtis 0-1.

23rd June, Croke Park:

Dublin 2-11; Meath 0-10

Scorers - Graham Geraghty 0-2, Evan Kelly 0-2, Ray Magee 0-2, Nigel Crawford 0-1, Ollie Murphy 0-1, Nigel Nestor 0-1, Trevor Giles 0-1.

29th June, An Uaimh:

Meath 3-8; Louth 2-9

Scorers - Richie Kealy 2-0, Graham Geraghty 1-0, Trevor Giles 0-2, Nigel Crawford 0-2, Hank Traynor 0-1, John Cullinane 0-1, Evan Kelly 0-1, Ray Magee 0-1.

6th July, Portlaoise:

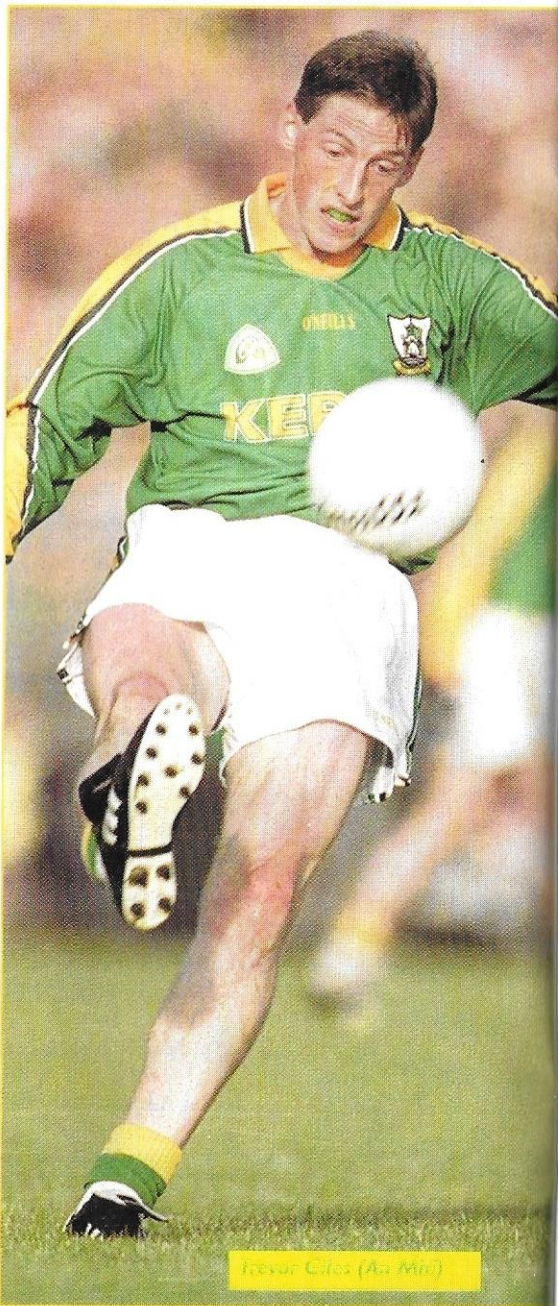
Meath 1-15; Laois 0-7

Scorers - Ollie Murphy 1-3, Graham Geraghty 0-4, Richie Kealy 0-4, Adrian Kenny 0-2, Trevor Giles 0-2.

Total Scored 5-45 (60 points)

Total Conceded 4-38 (50) Average 1.20

Scorers - Trevor Giles 0-11, Graham Geraghty 1-8, Richie Kealy 2-4, Evan Kelly 1-5, Ollie Murphy 1-4, Nigel Crawford 0-3, Ray Magee 0-3, Adrian Kenny 0-2, Paul Shankey 0-1, Donal Curtis 0-1, Nigel Nestor 0-1, Hank Traynor 0-1, John Cullinane 0-1.



Trevor Giles (An Mhí)

Encouraging performances by Donegal

Although Donegal's hopes of a first Bank of Ireland Ulster Senior Football title since 1992 were dashed by Armagh in the provincial decider earlier this month, they still can take much encouragement from their performance.

The North West County got off to a disappointing start when they conceded a goal after only two minutes, but they did not allow heads to drop and battled back bravely and with skill and determination. They were level after fourteen minutes and were well in the hunt at the break when they trailed by 1-6 to 0-6. They might well have been closer but for some poor finishing.

Donegal squandered some good scoring chances in the second half as Armagh took the game to their opponents. The northwesterners refused to concede defeat and ten minutes from the end received a great boost when Jim McGuinness set the seal on a splendid movement by crashing the ball to the Armagh net to leave his side just two points adrift.

However, Armagh, much the more experienced team, did not panic and were soon back for a point to earn a well merited 1-14 to 1-10 win.

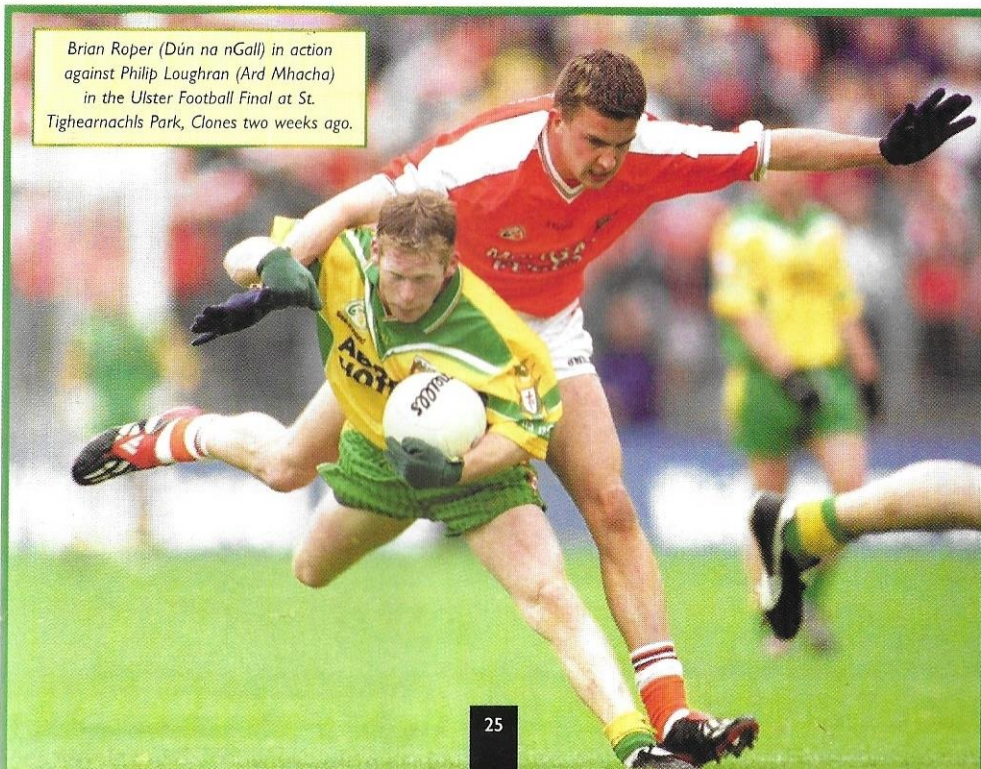
Adrian Sweeney got through much valuable work in attack and finished as his team's top scorer with four points. John Gildea had a fine game at midfield, while McGuinness topped a workmanlike display with his goal. Noel McGinley and Barry Monaghan were influential figures as well at the back.

Donegal had two outings in last year's All-Ireland Qualifiers. They took revenge over Fermanagh on their debut for a defeat by that county after a replay in the opening round of the Ulster Championship.

Next time out they went down to Kildare at Droichead Nua in what many rightly regarded as the best game of last season's entire Qualifier series.

Donegal have made solid progress in the meantime and have also gained from this year's Ulster championship giving them the type of big game experience that will prove invaluable in this bid to get back on the winning trail.

Brian Roper (Dún na nGall) in action against Philip Loughran (Ard Mhacha) in the Ulster Football Final at St. Tighearnach's Park, Clones two weeks ago.





TOP SCORERS

Reidy bows out with impressive total

Michael Reidy (Limerick) has bowed out of the current All-Ireland senior football championship Qualifiers with an impressive 2-20 (26 points) to his credit in four games at an average of 6.50 points a game.

He is now strongly placed to finish as the leading marksman for the season. His closest rival as far as the players engaged in today's games are concerned is Peter Canavan (Tyrone), who is twelve points behind in fifth position.

The Northerner's match average is 4.66 points. If he maintains that average today he will move up into second place.

Holding down that position at present is Stephen Kelly (Laois), who cannot now add to his tally to 0-16 following the O'Moore County's defeat by Meath in the last round.

The leading individual scorers in the individual chart in the Bank of Ireland All-Ireland Qualifiers so far are:

POINTS	SCORE	GAMES	AVERAGE	
26	Michael Reidy (Limerick)	2-20	4	6.5
16	Stephen Kelly (Laois)	0-16	3	5.33
15	Chris Conway (Laois)	1-12	3	5
14	Anthony Tohill (Derry)	2-8	2	7
14	Peter Canavan (Tyrone)	0-14	3	4.66
13	Nigel Dineen (Roscommon)	2-7	2	6.5
12	Pauric Davis (Longford)	0-12	2	6
12	Anthony Nolan (Wicklow)	1-9	2	6
12	Stephen O'Neill (Tyrone)	0-12	3	4
11	Eoin Brosnan (Kerry)	2-5	2	5.5
10	Richie Kealy (Meath)	2-4	2	5
10	Conor Mortimer (Mayo)	0-10	2	5
10	Johnny Murphy (Limerick)	1-7	3	3.33

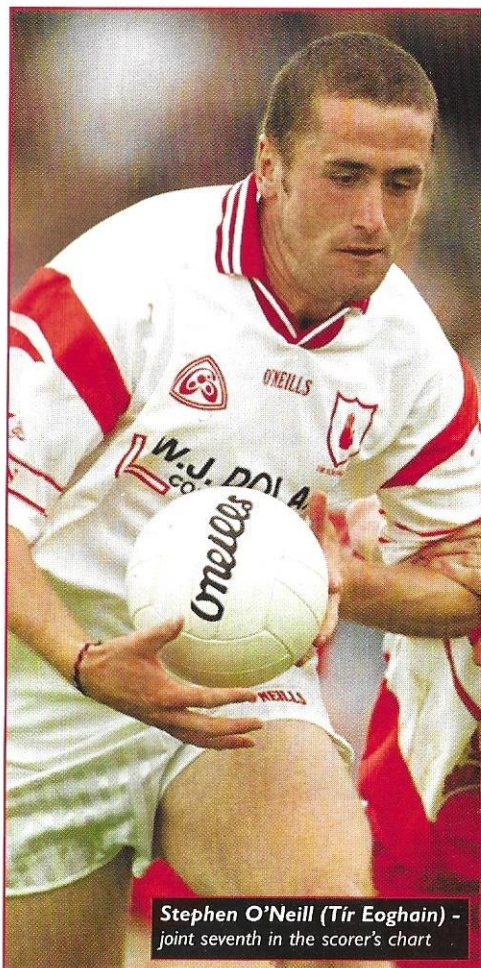
PENALTIES

Peter Canavan (Tyrone)

v Wexford at Wexford on 8th June — Saved.

Cathal Mullen (Clare)

v Laois at Portlaoise on 22nd June — Saved.



Stephen O'Neill (Tír Eoghain) - joint seventh in the scorer's chart



Meath bounce back in fine style

What contrasting fortunes Meath have already experienced in the current All-Ireland senior football championship Qualifiers!

This is their first year competing in the new championship and as their opening encounter against old rivals Louth at An Uaimh was rapidly moving to a conclusion, the Royals appeared destined for the "Exit" door.

Louth had dominated for much of the game and looked capable of holding out as they led by two points coming up to the final whistle. The came a final Meath bid to save the day and Gergahy was in to collect a goal and earn his side a dramatic 3-8 to 2-9 win.

A close call for Meath, but they still deserved credit for refusing to accept defeat and battling on in traditional fashion in search of the winning score.

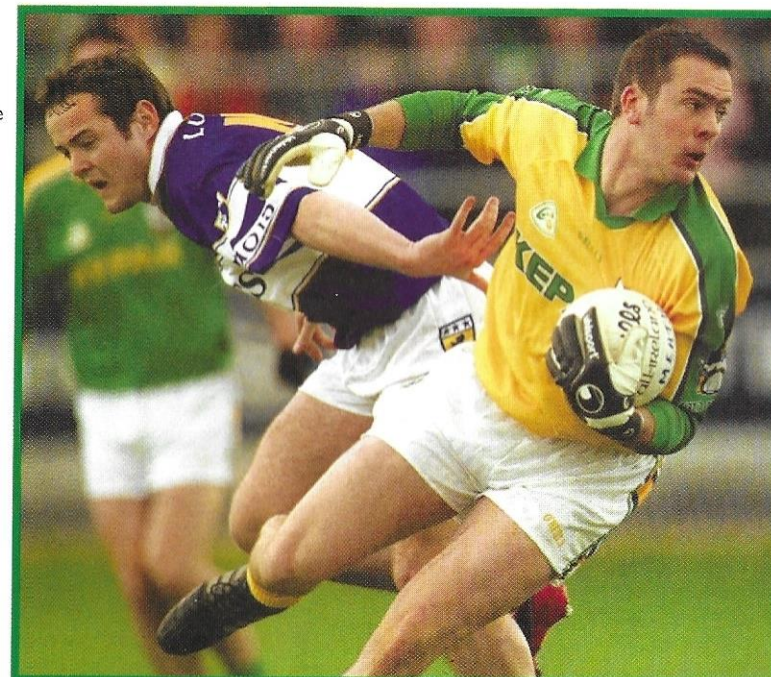
But what a contrast next time out in the Qualifier against well fancied Laois at Portlaoise! There were some who felt that Meath's defeat by Dublin in the Leinster semi-final and that hard-earned win against Louth were signs that the Royal County were losing much of their old sparkle and drive.

But they lost little time in silencing such critics at Portlaoise. The Royals produced their best performance in a long time with Ollie Murphy, who was having his first start in three games, and Geraghty orchestrating matters in attack.

Murphy hit the only goal of the game after twenty-six minutes and Meath were well on their way to the next round at the break when they led by 1-7 to 0-3. They eventually finished resounding winners by 1-15 to 0-7.

Murphy and Geraghty contributed 1-7 between them. Richie Kealy was another key figure up front. The Meath defence, with Darren Fay and Paul Shankey very much to the fore, gave little away, while Nigel Crawford and John Cullinane got through much valuable work in the middle of the park.

Can they now make it third time lucky on this latest appearance at headquarters? Only time will tell, but this is the type of challenge that is sure to bring out the best in the Royal County, whose last two headquarters appearances ended in defeats by Galway in last year's All-Ireland final and by Dublin, of course, last month.



Meath goalkeeper Cormac Sullivan (An Mhí) is tackled by Stephen Kelly (Laois) in the Bank of Ireland Football Qualifier at O'Moore Park, Port Laoise two weeks ago.

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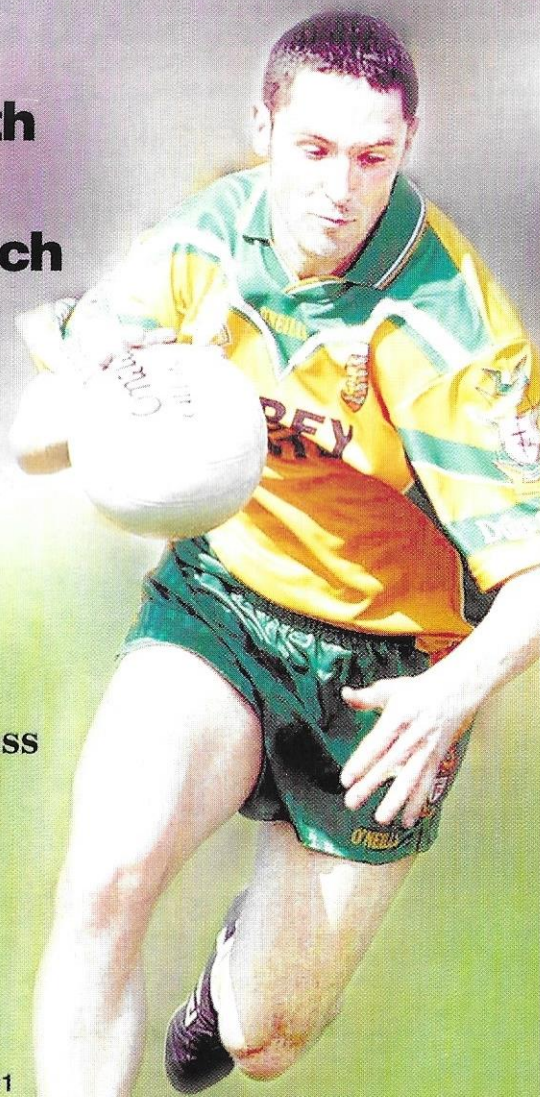
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In recent times

Since the lone championship meeting in August 1990, Donegal and Meath have met five times in the league with Meath winning twice, Donegal once, and two draws resulting.

November '90 – Meath 1-11 Donegal 0-10

This contest at An Uaimh was an ill-tempered affair with two players – Meath's P.J. Gillic and Donegal's Paddy Hegarty – receiving their marching orders, and numerous others were lucky not to have joined their two colleagues. The visitors had won two and drawn one of their three previous league outings, while Meath were at the other end of the table with just one win and two losses.

The only goal of the game came at the tenth minute when Gillic's free was flicked on by Finian Murtagh to Sean Kelly and his low-drive sped by Gerry Walsh. That score divided the sides at the break (1-6 to 0-6), but six minutes after the resumption the visitors were level (1-7 to 0-10). However, they failed to trouble the scoreboard operator after that and Meath notched four unanswered points to emerge worthy winners.

Meath scorers: S.Kelly 1-2, A.O'Halloran 0-4, P.J. Gillic 0-3, F. Murtagh 0-1, T. Dowd 0-1.

Donegal scorers: D. Bonner 0-5, P. Hegarty 0-2, M. Boyle 0-2, B. Murray 0-1.

Meath – D. Smyth, R.O'Malley, M.O'Connell, T. Ferguson, K. Foley, P. Cahill, C. Coyle, L. Hayes, M. Lyons, F. Murtagh, P.J. Gillic, A.O'Halloran, S. Kelly, C.O'Rourke, T. Dowd. Sub – A. Reilly for Cahill.

Donegal – G. Walsh, J.J. Doherty, M. Gallagher, J. Cunningham, D. Reid, N. Hegarty, M. Shovlin, M. Gavigan, B. Murray, P. Hegarty, T. Ryan, G. Curran, D. Bonner, T. Boyle, M. Boyle. Subs – P. Carr for Cunningham, C. Mulgrew for Curran, J. McMullen for T. Boyle.

March '95 – Donegal 0-13 Meath 0-11

With both sides having identical records to date (three wins and two losses), this meeting at An Uaimh was very much make-or-break for both sides as defeat would almost certainly spell the end of any knock-out ambitions. Battling against a strong wind in the opening half Meath impressed and were level at 0-5 apiece at the 22nd minute, but the visitors finished the half strongly to lead by 0-10 to 0-6 at the break.

However, with the wind now at their backs, Meath set about the arrears but the scores were slow in coming and the odd Donegal point kept them clear. Seven minutes from time Declan Bonner had their last score of the afternoon, before points by Colm O'Rourke and Alan Browne left just two points between the sides with as many minutes left. The home side did have a couple of late chances, but Tommy Dowd and Browne failed to convert and Donegal deservedly took the points.

Donegal scorers: M. Boyle 0-5, T. Boyle 0-3, D. Bonner 0-2, M. McShane 0-1, J. Duffy 0-1, P. Hegarty 0-1.

Meath scorers: T. Dowd 0-3, A. Browne 0-3, C. O'Rourke 0-2, E. Kelly 0-1, T. Giles 0-1, J. Devine 0-1.

Donegal – G. Walsh, B. McGowan, M. Gallagher, J.J. Doherty, M. Crossan, J. Cunningham, D. Diver, J.B. Gallagher, B. Murray, M. McShane, D. Bonner, P. Hegarty, J. Duffy, T. Boyle, M. Boyle.

Meath – C. Martin, E. McManus, M.O'Connell, J. Brady, G. Geraghty, D. Fay, C. Murphy, A. Finnegan, A. Browne, E. Kelly, C. Coyle, C.O'Rourke, J. Devine, T. Dowd, T. Giles. Subs – B. Stafford for Kelly, S.O'Rourke for Finnegan.

February '96 – Meath 2-4 Donegal 0-10

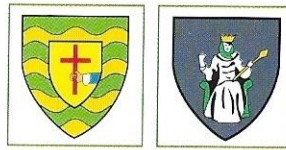
Meath went into this contest with a 100% record with Donegal their closest challengers and the final result at An Uaimh was a fair enough reflection on the afternoon's play. An attendance of 8,000 turned up for this top-of-the-table clash and they saw the home side score just twice in the opening half with Barry Callaghan getting the all-important goal at the 14th minute. However, the visitors led at the interval by 0-5 to 1-1.

Within three minutes of the resumption the Royals were in front when Trevor Giles set up Ollie Murphy for their second goal, but Donegal were quickly on terms thanks to points from Tony Boyle and Eamon McMenamin. From there to the end it turned into a point-swapping exercise, although Murphy appeared to have scored the winner a minute into injury time, but Boyle converted a late free to restore parity.

Meath scorers: O. Murphy 1-1, B. Callaghan 1-0, T. Giles 0-2, J. McGuinness 0-1.

Donegal scorers: T. Boyle 0-4, J. Duffy 0-3, J. Ruane 0-1, J.B. Gallagher 0-1, E. McMenamin 0-1.

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In recent times — CONTINUED

Meath — C.Martin, C.Murphy, D.Fay, M.O'Connell, G.Geraghty, J.McDermott, K.Macken, K.Cahill, J.McGuinness, E.Kelly, T.Giles, C.Coyle, O.Murphy, A.Finnegan, B.Callaghan. Subs — J.Devine for Kelly, C.Sheridan for Cahill.

Donegal — P.Callaghan, P.Cunningham, M.Gallagher, S.McEwan, D.Diver, M.Crossan, M.Shovlin, J.Ruane, J.B.Gallagher, E.McMenamin, J.Gildea, N.McCready, B.Roper, T.Boyle, J.Duffy. Subs — N.McGinley for McEwan, P.Hegarty for Duffy.

February '97 — Meath 0-13 Donegal 0-8

Meath, joint bottom of the table with Cavan and Tyrone, badly needed the points when they took on Donegal in this round five clash at Ballybofey, and that hunger was probably the difference between the sides. There was little to separate the teams in the opening half, with both missing likely goal chances, but the visitors always had their noses in front and trooped off leading by 0-6 to 0-4.

After the resumption the sides appeared happy to trade points, but early in the final quarter Meath made their winning burst. Between the 46th and 50th minutes Graham Geraghty, Nigel Nestor, Evan Kelly and Trevor Giles all fired over to push the Royals clear, and an under-strength home side had no answer. Tony Boyle did have the last score of the afternoon, but it was of no consequence.

Meath scorers: T.Giles 0-5, N.Nestor 0-3, E.Kelly 0-2, O.Murphy 0-2, G.Geraghty 0-1.

Donegal scorers: T.Boyle 0-5, A.Sweeney 0-1, J.Gildea 0-1, O.Reid 0-1.

Meath — C.Martin, M.O'Reilly, D.Fay, M.O'Connell, D.Curtis, E.McManus, P.Reynolds, K.Cahill, J.McDermott, T.Giles, T.Dowd, G.Geraghty, E.Kelly, N.Nestor, O.Murphy. Subs — J.Devine for Geraghty, P.J.Gillic for Dowd.

Donegal — P.Callaghan, P.McGinley, M.Gallagher, S.McEwan, O.Reid, J.Cunningham, M.Shovlin, M.Coll, B.Murray, J.McHugh, J.Gildea, A.Sweeney, B.Roper, T.Boyle, P.Hegarty. Subs — R.McLoughlin for Sweeney, M.Gavinan for McHugh, D.McNamara for Hegarty.

November '97 — Donegal 1-8 Meath 1-8

With both teams holding 100% records, it was predicted that little would separate the sides at Ballyshannon, and so it proved as the counties played out an exciting draw. Meath shaded the midfield exchanges, but Donegal made better use of their chances to lead by 0-4 to 0-3 after 20 minutes. However, a goal by Evan Kelly and a point by Graham Geraghty put the visitors three points clear.

Donegal were soon back on terms when John Duffy goaled after Brendan Devenney's initial effort was blocked to leave it 1-4 apiece at the break. After the resumption neither side could set up a winning platform and there was never more than a point in it. Donegal were a point ahead with little over a minute remaining but Ollie Murphy ensured justice was done with a late equaliser.

Donegal scorers: T.Boyle 0-5, J.Duffy 1-1, B.Devenney 0-2.

Meath scorers: E.Kelly 1-0, R.Magee 0-2, J.Devine 0-2, O.Murphy 0-2, G.Geraghty 0-1, T.Giles 0-1.

Donegal — P.Callaghan, E.Reddin, J.J.Doherty, N.McGinley, M.Crossan, N.Hegarty, D.Diver, J.McGuinness, B.Murray, S.Carr, A.Sweeney, B.Roper, J.Duffy, T.Boyle, B.Devenney. Subs — B.McLoughlin for Carr, J.Ruane for Murray, J.Scanlon for McLoughlin.

Meath — C.O'Sullivan, D.Curtis, E.McManus, H.Traynor, C.Coyle, G.Geraghty, P.Reynolds, N.Nestor, P.J.Gillic, R.Magee, T.Giles, J.Devine, E.Kelly, S.Dillon, O.Murphy. Sub — B.Reilly for Gillic.

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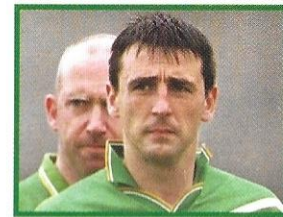
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Top Hurlers for Poc Fada

This year's Poc Fada Craobh na hÉireann which takes place in the Cooley Mountains on Monday 5th August promises to be as competitive as expected with the news that some of Ireland's best known and most skilful hurlers will be joining the unique all-Ireland hurling contest. All-Ireland winner and all-star goalkeeper Brendan Cummins will be back to face the rugged 5km mountain course, and will be joined by reigning champion, Limerick hurler Albert Shanahan. David Fitzgerald, high profile Clare goalkeeper and Poc Fada champion in 1999, will also attend the Poc Fada Final which is sponsored once again by M Donnelly & Co. of Dublin and Ennis. Another hurler to attract attention will no doubt be dual player Cork's Diarmuid O'Sullivan. Graham Clarke of Down and D.D. Quinn of Antrim will be flying the flag for Ulster hurling, whilst Aidan Ryan of Galway and Colm Kelly of Roscommon will represent the Connacht challenge. Well-known sports journalist Christy O'Connor, brother of Clare star Jamsie, and David Young of Tipperary will also be hoping to claim the all-Ireland winning medal for this gruelling hurling contest, as will Mark Gannon, goalkeeper of the improving hurling side, Meath. Colin Byrne from Wicklow, who won the title in 2000 and 1997, will also be participating this year as will Kildare hurler Ciaran Divilly. Pat Hamilton of An Coiste an Poc Fada stated that the lineout was fitting to the occasion as the Poc Fada returns to its ancestral home on Annaverna Mountain, after the misery of last year's Foot and Mouth disease. Pat stated that he expected a huge attendance this year with visitors from all over Ireland expected to attend the unique gaelic sporting occasion. Pat McGinn secretary of the All-Ireland An Coiste, has made an appeal for the usual help on the day and those looking for more information should contact **Pat McGinn 02830839488, Pat Hamilton 0429323903, Patsy Mullholland 0429336532, Peter Hoey 0429374514, or Jackie Connolly 0429335992.**



Donegal's captain

Donegal's full-back and captain, Mark Crossan, should be today celebrating his one hundredth appearance for his county. Unfortunately, he suffered an injury in the Ulster Final two weeks ago which makes him unable to take his now customary place on the field.

He will not, however, lose his No. 3 jersey as, in a gesture to his great service, the Donegal County Board is allowing him to wear the number as he joins his team-mates on the substitutes bench today.

His place as full back is being taken by No. 17, Eamon Doherty.

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The lone championship meeting

1990 - Meath 3-9 Donegal 1-7

For an hour this All-Ireland semi-final clash at Croke Park was in the melting pot, but a late rally saw Meath pull away to win by a very flattering eight points in front of 40,000 enthralled spectators. In that opening 60 minutes Donegal looked the more likely victors as they continually forced the pace, but some sloppy shooting by their forwards was to cost them dear. It was obvious from an early stage that the underdogs had come to headquarters to do more than make up the numbers and they definitely had the better of the opening 15 minutes only for five wides to undo all the good work. As usual Meath made them pay for such profligacy with a goal against the run of play when P.J. Gillic and David Beggy combined to set up Bernard Flynn whose shot struck the post before rebounding off 'keeper Gerry Walsh and into the net. That goal separated the sides until just on the half-time whistle when Donegal were awarded a somewhat dubious penalty when Manus Boyle lost possession. The same player calmly slotted home the kick to leave it 1-4 apiece at the break.

Incensed by the penalty award, a fired-up Meath restarted impressively and points by David Beggy and Brian Stafford put them two clear. However, dogged Donegal refused to be shaken off and two lovely points by Declan Bonner soon had them on terms. Apart from those four scores, defences dominated for more than 20 minutes after the resumption and

as the hour mark approached Meath led by the narrowest of margins (1-7 to 1-6). Donegal had a great chance to take the lead when Murray was through on goal, but he steered his shot wide of the post. Within a minute of that miss the Royals were four points clear as Beggy intercepted John Cunningham's pass and drove the ball into the danger area where it rebounded off Donal Reid's chest and fell kindly for Stafford to first-time it to the net. If that goal had a somewhat fortuitous flavour, Meath's third 90 seconds later was all skill as Colm O'Rourke's lovely pass left Flynn in space and he made no mistake. The leaders could even afford the luxury of a late penalty-miss when Walsh comfortably stopped Stafford's tame effort, but by that stage it mattered little and Meath were home and dry.

Meath scorers: B.Flynn 2-2, B.Stafford 1-2, P.J.Gillic 0-4, D.Beggy 0-1.

Donegal scorers: M.Boyle 1-1, D.Bonner 0-3, T.Boyle 0-2, M.McHugh 0-1.

Meath - D.Smyth, B.O'Malley, M.Lyons, T.Ferguson, M.O'Connell, K.Foley, B.Reilly, L.Hayes, C.Brady, D.Beggy, P.J.Gillic, T.Dowd, C.O'Rourke, B.Stafford, B.Flynn. Subs - G.McEntee for Brady, M.McCabe for Dowd, Brady for McEntee.

Donegal - G.Walsh, M.Gallagher, P.Carr, J.Cunningham, D.Reid, M.Gavigan, M.Sovlin, A.Molloy, B.Murray, J.McHugh, M.McHugh, J.McMullan, D.Bonner, T.Boyle, M.Boyle. Subs - T.Ryan for J.McHugh, L.Gavigan for M.McHugh, J.Gallagher for Murray.

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Refereeing Matters In 2002

Assessment of Referees — how useful is it?

Too much Pressure on Referees?

Interestingly, Mickey Moran, the Donegal manager, is quoted in the *Irish Independent* of July 4th as saying: "Having assessors in the stand adds more pressure on the referee. If he is deemed capable of doing the job in the first place, he should be let get on with it without worrying what the assessors think of him." Mickey Moran is a thoughtful, shrewd reader of football and what he says is worth considering.

How is the referee assessed?

At each senior game the referee's performance is assessed by two independent assessors- from different counties to the two teams and the referee himself. The Assessment Form gives an overall summary of the referee's performance under four headings: Very Good, Good, Fair, Poor. But the assessors must then comment on specific areas:

- Application of rules relating to Technical Fouls.
 - Application of rules relating to Aggressive Fouls.
 - Application of rules relating to Dissent.
 - General comments on the referee's performance re: Fitness, Positioning, etc.
 - Positive aspects of the referees performance.
 - Areas of performance in need of improvement.
- The assessors also must report on the condition of the pitch, if it was a difficult game to referee. If they have a criticism they must give specific reference e.g. 1st half, 4th minute.

Who are the assessors?

They are chosen from former referees, former players, and officials. They are expected to have a thorough knowledge of the rules. There is a *Guide for Assessors* and they are brought together once a year.

Who gets Assessment?

It is sent to the Referees' Appointments Committee in Croke Park and then to the referee himself. The assessors sign the assessment along with their phone

numbers to give the referee the opportunity to query any part of the assessment.

Are assessments acted on?

The Appointments' Committee expect a referee to get an overall comment of Very Good or Good. Fair or Poor means he will not be appointed for a championship game in the near future and must prove himself again in League games.

Are assessments useful?

Referees themselves like to get them and are disappointed if they do not arrive in time. They feel that general criticisms are not valid - they must be told the specific mistakes they made. The whole point of assessment is to help the referee improve.

Who assesses the assessors?

When assessment was introduced first some years ago, the assessor was not named and the referee did not know who had assessed him. To try to meet the objection that an individual assessor may be wrong or too harsh in his judgement, it was decided to have two assessors who meet immediately after the game and agree a common assessment.

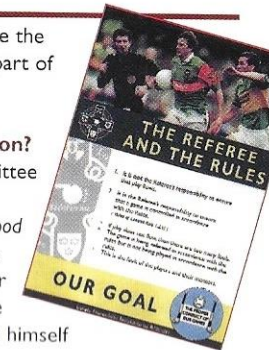
SUMMARY

The referees' committee do need an independent, objective judgement on a referee's performance. How can that be got unless there is an objective, knowledgeable person(s) to do it? The player's assessment comes if he is taken off. The manager's assessment, unfortunately, is often rated solely on success. The referee's assessment will, of course point out any mistakes but should be helpful with positive suggestions on improvement.

Rule teaser

Question: In the case of a sideline kick, can the ball be moved 13m to a more advantageous place than the place of the original kick where dissent is shown?

Answer: NO (Rules of Football. Set Play. Rule. 2.9)



STRATEGIC REVIEW REPORT

FINANCE

What exactly is the financial situation facing the GAA today?

The growth of the GAA and the continually rising popularity of Gaelic Games means that the association generates substantial income every year. This, as figures published at every level of the association every year illustrate, is re-invested in the many projects being undertaken throughout the country.

Has the massive investment in the new Croke Park added a new burden on the finances?

It is not just the investment on Croke Park but the overall investment by the GAA in facilities all over Ireland that places huge demands on finances. This is happening during a period of increased competition from other sports that can tap into the international arena for income while at the same time have a national stadium built for them at no cost.

Won't Croke Park generate income for the GAA?

Once the debt has been reduced Croke Park will be a cash-generating asset for the GAA. But that won't happen for the next ten to fifteen years. In the meantime we must continue to invest in the development of the games, coaching, facilities at club, county and provincial level; marketing our games.

Surely with the new qualifier series in hurling and football and the increased commercial opportunities available to the GAA, the coffers must be bulging.

Five years ago a study showed that over 40 per cent of County Committees in Ireland and most of those abroad were technically insolvent and more than half were in debt to the banks. That is the reality. The GAA is now in the process of improving that situation but it will take time and effort.

Are the counties spending wisely?

That is something that needs to be examined. The demands on County Committees are increasing all the time. For example, the increase in the minimum mileage allowance for players is costing the county committees an average of €1.25 million per year. So they need to be more vigilant than ever in operating within their budgets.

What is happening in this regard?

It is now recommended that by the end of this year each county committee will have produced a five year plan that deals with its strategy for the next five years; the adequacy of the number of clubs in the county and the standard of those clubs; its planned investment in new and existing clubs and in infrastructure; sources of finance to fund these investments; appropriate financial targets and budgets for county team expenses. These plans should be drawn up with the provincial council.

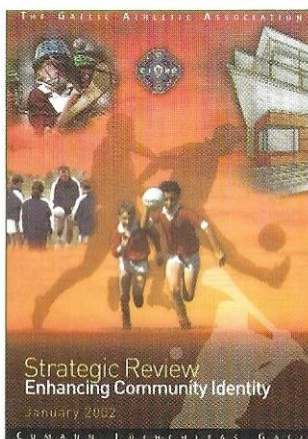
How can you control finances?

There are many ways. The budget for each county should be presented

for approval at central level each year. No individual county should be allowed go into debt for operational purposes. All costs relating to the training and management of inter-county teams (an increasing source of concern) should be made available to the central authorities.

Can formal controls be introduced?

It is proposed that an Audit Committee be set up by the GAA's Central Council. The primary purpose of this committee would be to assure members that their interests are properly protected. Also proposed is that the GAA should establish a formal and transparent procedure for developing policy on executive remuneration and for fixing remuneration packages of individual staff at senior/director level.



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An Maor: Brother Larry's Controversial Study of The GAA and its Relevance to Irish Placenames

There are many towns and villages around the country that GAA fans associate with great players... think of Templenoe, and you think 'Spillane', of Cloyne and it's Ring who springs to mind, of Valentia and it's O'Connell... and so on.

Yet, there are very few places with what might be called 'GAA' names. You'd be a long time driving round the country (unless you are forced to get off a transatlantic plane in Shannon) before coming across the likes of Hurlers' Cross in County Clare. Yes, indeed, there's the Jack Lynch Tunnel, the Christy Ring Bridge and other tar-macadamed accolades. But these are not places where people live. At least, An Maor hopes they are not! Even with all this new house building over the past few years, we have yet to see the likes of Charlie Redmond Villas, Mick O'Dwyer Copse, Ger Loughnane Avenue (although that may not be too far off!), Mickey Linden Lawn, Paddy Cullen Court or even Rue de Jimmy Keaveney!

However, hope is at hand. After much investigation in university libraries, An Maor has come across a study on 'The GAA and its relevance to Irish placenames' by a renowned American anthropologist called Brother Larry Brennan. Brother Larry - a member of the Irish Christian Brothers based in Mater Dei College, in upstate New York, in the USA - was previously known to many in academia for his work with enculturated apes. He has spent many years studying the origin of Irish placenames and has published some startling results.

According to Brother Larry, Spanish Point in Clare does not in fact originate from the Armada but from a Spaniard named Arturo Inglesias who had a handy knack of hitting points over from every angle when he played with Miltown Malbay circa 1896. Midfield, near Swinford in County Mayo, originates from an incident in 1897 when a team and their supporters refused to leave the field after a referee blew up early. They stayed so long that some eventually settled there in the middle of what was then the pitch. Urlingford, County Kilkenny derives its name from a famous crossing of the river Nore where people from far and wide gathered to 'Hurl' under the eye of local nobleman Lord MountGarrett.

According to Brother Larry, the village of Goleen, in West Cork, is the anglicised version of Cúilín, meaning 'small goal'. Whether this comes from local lore, which states that one goal was smaller than the other or another story where goals were hard to come by, is debatable, but Brother Larry feels that the one goal being smaller than the other is the more likely explanation.

Strokestown in County Roscommon, was not, as it might seem, named after some politician but Brother Larry believes it's where the sideline cut and the art of left handed strokes originated. Indeed, the name of Roscommon itself may have originated from an old custom in that area of rubbing rose water into a hurley to make it more pliable. 'Ros' meaning 'rose' and Common being the anglicisation of 'camán'. So, Roscommon would be roughly translated as 'Home of the Rosed Hurley'. Now, as any analyst of old Irish poetry will tell you, the name of a woman or that of a flower often represented dear 'ou' Ireland itself. So, according to Brother Larry, Roscommon may also translate as 'Irish Hurley' or 'Home of the Irish Hurley'. Brother Larry also mentions that the name Bandon may have originated from a lifetime suspension given to the reportedly vicious Donal Óg O'Sullivan in 1901. Hook Head, in the deep South of County Wexford, is another place Brother Larry feels may clearly have had a link to hurling.

The most sensational and controversial aspect of Brother Larry's study involved the word 'Bally', a part of many town and village names. Where the standard translation of Bally is from the Irish word 'Baile' meaning 'town', Brother Larry argued that it was, in fact, from the English word 'ball'. For example, he wrote of Ballinaclash in Co. Wicklow that the name had connotations of a place where there were frequent 'Derby games' between fierce local rivals. Ballymore Eustace in county Kildare is roughly translated as 'Useless Big Balls' by Brother Larry. It is not clear if this is a reference to the playing of football or some sort of derogatory reference to the local footballers themselves. 'I believe it is no coincidence that the strong football counties have many towns or villages beginning with 'Bally' while in strong hurling counties the 'Bally' prefix is less evident', wrote Brother Larry. 'For instance, Kilkenny has only one major 'Bally' in Ballyraggett, while Kerry has Ballylongford, Ballybunion, Ballydonoghue, Ballyheigue and Ballyduff - to name but a few'. He went on to state: 'From the model I have created, I can clearly show a relation between the number of football All-Irelands won and the amount of 'Ballys' in a county'.

All in all, along with the Artane Boys Band, yet a further fascinating contribution by an Irish Christian Brother to the world of the GAA ...

An Maor's column is provided courtesy of the popular website 'An Fear Rua - The GAA Unplugged!'

Fiche Ceist

- Galway won the All-Ireland minor football title late last month. What county lost that decider?
- Diarmuid O'Sullivan, the dual Cork senior player, is a member of what club?
- Seamus McCormack, who refereed the Ulster senior football final earlier this month, is from what county?
- What was Galway's winning margin over Sligo in the Connacht senior football final late last month?
- Tipperary will be bidding today against Cork in the replay at Páirc Uí Chaoimh for their first Munster senior football title in how many years?
- When did Tyrone last contest an All-Ireland senior football final?
- Who was the first Munster man presented with the new Sam Maguire Cup after an All-Ireland senior football final win.
- Galway are the only Connacht county to win the All-Ireland senior football title three years in succession. In what years did they achieve that treble?
- Who led Dublin to their last Sam Maguire Cup win?
- Who was President of the G.A.A. when Donegal won their only All-Ireland senior football title in 1992?
- What county knocked Louth out of this year's Leinster senior football championship?
- Mayo won the Connacht junior football title earlier this year. True or false?
- Mayo's National Football League title win in 2001 was their first in 29, 30 or 31 years. Your choice!
- Did Tyrone become the fourth or fifth Ulster county to win the National Football League title when they beat Cavan in April?
- Longford won their first Leinster minor football title last Sunday in 54, 64 or 74 years. Your choice.
- When did Sligo last win the Connacht senior football championship?
- Donegal's Ulster senior football final appearance earlier this month was their first in how many years?
- Did Kildare score a goal against Sligo when the counties met in the All-Ireland Qualifier at Croke Park last year?
- Tyrone scored two goals in their unsuccessful 1986 All-Ireland senior football final against Kerry. True or false?
- How many goals did Ollie Murphy score in Meath's draw with Westmeath in an All-Ireland quarter-final last August?

Fragair!
1. Leitrim. 2. Cloyne. 3. Meath. 4. Three points—1-11 to 0-11. 5. 67 years. 6. 1995 when they lost to Dublin. 7. Denis Allen, of Cork, in 1989. 8. 1964, 1965 and 1966. 9. John O'Leary. 10. Peter Quinn (Fermanagh). 11. Kildare in a quarter-final. 12. True. 13. 31 years. 14. Fifth. 15. 64 years. 16. 1975. 17. Four years. 18. No. That game did not provide a single goal. 19. False. They scored one goal. 20. Two. He also hit a point.

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