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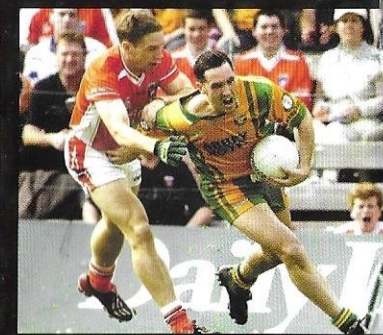
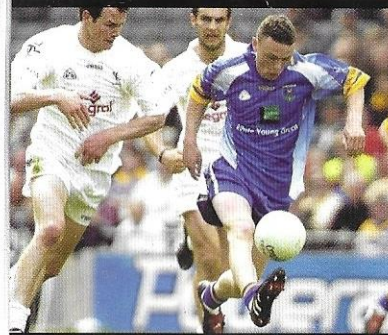
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GLISTERING HALVES

The greatest goal-scoring spree ever in the first half of an All-Ireland football final at any level was that produced by the Dublin team which won the 1933 junior final. In their replayed tie with Limerick (the drawn game had ended with a 1-2 all scoreline) at Croke Park the Dublin attack ran in a first-half score of 5-2 to which their opponents replied with 0-1. And even if the Metropolitan's scoring was dropped dramatically after the change of ends, they still ended up winners by 6-4 to 0-2.

But it Dublin's goal-scoring feat in that final was a record for the opening half of an All-Ireland final, the honours were to be shared with Cork and Kerry who each scored in the second half of a minor final, Kerry against Mayo in 1962 and Cork against Limerick five years later. Needless to say, the minor finals of recent years have been marred by similar displays of forward expertise.

A FENIANISH PASTIME!

Gaelic football has been described in many ways but to most people it will be news that it was once described as "the invention of the devil" as a meeting of a religious body in county Down only five years after the G.A.A. had been founded.

It would appear that there had been a falling off in attendance at religious services in the Newry area in the late 1880s and the growth of Gaelic football was held responsible – at least that was the opinion of the Rev. Father Rooney when he addressed the Holy Family in 1891. The "Newry Telegraph" of 1891 said: "Football is the cause of the decline of the Holy Family."

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But obviously Down survived the belt of this particular crosier.

GENTLEMAN ALL

In recent decades Dublin-Meath games have been notable for the uncompromising nature of the exchanges with hard knocks given and taken, for the most part, without question, in what is essentially a man's game. Which gives a piquant flavour to the referee's report of the 1895 Dublin-Meath Leinster final in which J.J. Murphy of Kildare stated that "...both teams conducted themselves in the most gentlemanly fashion throughout". It is interesting to note that there has always been something special about a Meath-Dublin encounter!

MESSING UP
When the "Newry Telegraph" of 1891 reported the Dublin and Wexford footballers at Jones's Road (the 1899 Leinster final) produced very little goal, the ground conditions were almost entirely responsible for the poor play. It was stated that the Dublin team had mucked up the pitch on a rainy afternoon leaving it a quagmire. But the officials who had fixed the game said they had no control over such matters and could not have prevented the game taking place at Jones's Road grounds were privately owned, which the G.A.A. could not do as required. Incidentally the game was on Saturday and which left the pitch in such a poor state for the playing of football games, but a scoreline of 2-2 between a Dublin team Bohemians and Belfast Celtic.

MAJOR TURN OF EVENTS
The appearance of a Dublin team in a championship game – especially a provincial tie – almost certainly ensures a large attendance. But that wasn't always the case; at least it wasn't the case when Dublin and Wexford met in the 1899 Leinster final. The attendance at Jones's Road was an under-statement as the crowd scarcely exceeded 400, and the "Freeman's Journal" report most of the crowd present had come from Wexford. Apparently Dublin had been taken to Gaelic football, which was a pity as a tremendously exciting game was eventually won by a Dublin team.

Brave championship bid boosts Wicklow

Victory alone is concrete but Wicklow can still take much encouragement from their loss to Kildare in the opening round of the Bank of Ireland Leinster senior football championship at Croke Park in mid-May.

Wicklow made light of their rank outsiders role with their best performance in a long time when going down by 1-17 to 2-12.

After winning twice and playing a draw in seven Division II "A" League games, the Garden County produced fast, clever football and with a little sharper finishing might well have provided the first real shock of the championship season.

Despite their good form they were only on level terms at the break—0-7 each—after having had the benefit of the wind. But they really excelled immediately after the restart and goals by right full forward Paul Earls and left half forward Thomas Harney had them 2-9 to 0-9 ahead after eleven minutes.

Wicklow lost their way somewhat after that and conceded 1-5 without registering a score of their own to go two points in arrears. But they hit back and were on level terms with six minutes remaining. However, Kildare got through for the vital scores to seal a hard-earned win.

The match was a personal triumph for Paul Earls, who made the type of senior championship debut most players dream of but seldom achieve. He had a cracking game in what was also his first Croke Park appearance and highlighted a man-of-the-match display by scoring 1-6.

Thomas Harney and Wayne O'Gorman in attack and Breandán Ó hAinle and Cianan Hyland in defence did much to spearhead the good Wicklow challenge.

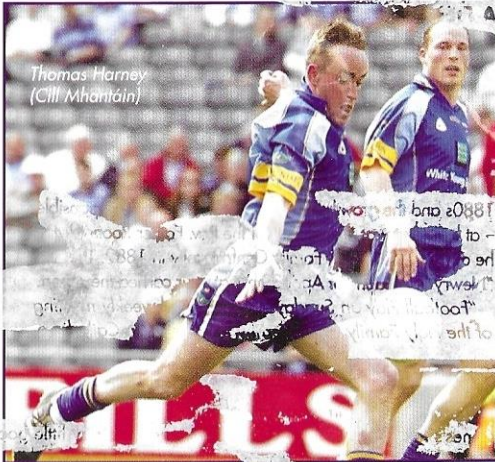


After that bright start, Wicklow are hoping that it will be a case of third time lucky in the opening round of the All-Ireland Qualifiers. They lost to Carlow at Dr. Cullen Park in the first round in 2003 and were beaten at the same stage last year at Aughrim by Derry.

Wicklow went into that game boosted by a win over Derry in the League earlier in the year. They came with plenty of drive and determination and no little skill but went down by five points.

Left half forward Trevor Doyle had a good game for the home side and finished their leading marksman with 1-5, the goal from a penalty.

Alan Ellis and Thomas Harney, also in attack, midfielder Breandán Ó hAinle and defender Leighton Glynn were hard workers for the home county.



2001 QUALIFIERS ROUND 1. AUGHHRIM:	Wicklow 1-14; Longford 0-11.
ROUND 2. AUGHHRIM:	Wicklow 1-9; Galway 3-12.
2002. ROUND 1. AUGHHRIM:	Wicklow 2-22; London 2-6.
ROUND 2. PORTLAOISE:	Wicklow 0-7; Kerry 5-15.
2003. ROUND 1. CARLOW:	Carlow 0-18; Wicklow 0-13.
2004. ROUND 1. AUGHHRIM:	Wicklow 1-10; Derry 1-17.
LEINSTER CHAMPIONSHIP 2003. 1ST ROUND. CROKE PARK:	Wicklow 2-12; Kildare 1-17.
Wicklow scorers:	Paul Earls 1-6, Thomas Harney 1-1, Wayne O'Gorman 0-2, Leighton Glynn 0-1, Dave Dillon 0-1, Alan Ellis 0-1.

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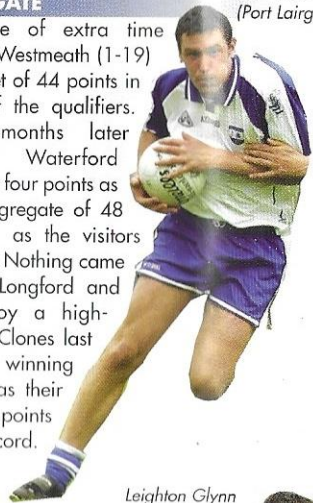
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last season, that 12-point return still remains the highest individual return in the opening round of the qualifiers.

HIGHEST AGGREGATE

Carl O'Keefe (Port Lirge)

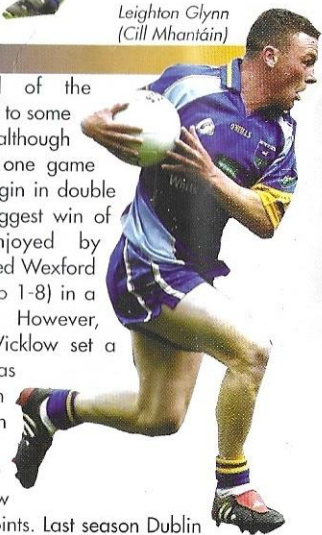
With the assistance of extra time Wexford (1-19) and Westmeath (1-19) set an imposing target of 44 points in the opening year of the qualifiers. However, twelve months later Roscommon and Waterford exceeded that total by four points as they recorded an aggregate of 48 points at Dungarvan as the visitors won by 3-19 to 3-11. Nothing came close in 2003, but Longford and Monaghan did enjoy a high-scoring encounter at Clones last year with the visitors winning by 4-15 to 1-17. Alas their combined total of 47 points fell one short of the record.



Leighton Glynn (Cill Mhantáin)

BIGGEST WIN

The opening round of the qualifiers can lend itself to some one-sided encounters, although in its debut year not one game yielded a winning margin in double figures. Indeed, the biggest win of the round was enjoyed by Westmeath who defeated Wexford by eight points (1-16 to 1-8) in a replay at Mullingar. However, twelve months later Wicklow set a new mark of 16 points as they hammered London by 2-22 to 2-6, and in 2003 Armagh's 2-21 to 0-8 win over Waterford set a new mark of 19 points. Last season Dublin extended the winning margin record to 27 points as they trounced London at Parnell Park by 3-24 to 0-6.



HIGHEST

of the qualifiers Wexford and Westmeath matched 1-19 in their drawn encounter at Wexford the following year common (3-19 v Waterford) and Wicklow (2-22 v London) new high marks. In 2003 (4-15 v London) and Armagh (2-21 v Waterford) came within a point of the record before Dublin set a new mark last year with their 3-24 aggregate at Parnell Park.

imposing target

Padraig Davis (An Lár)

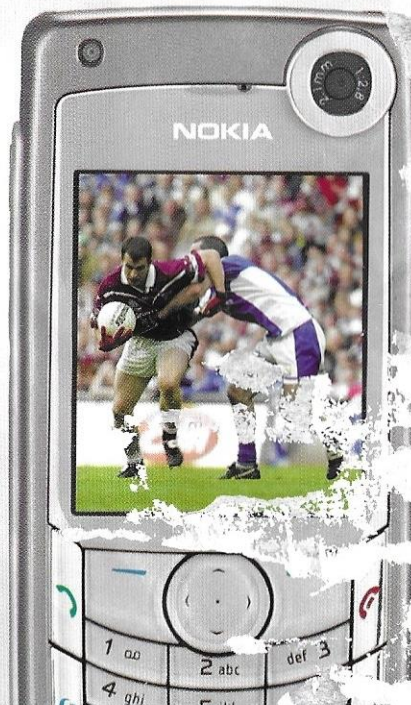
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B. Ó Duibheannaigh
(Naomh Adhamháin)



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WHEN LAST THEY MET...APRIL '96



DONEGAL 2-12 WICKLOW 1-8

Today Donegal and Wicklow meet for the first time in the senior football championship, and although the counties do have a league relationship, it is a brief one. They met for the first time in February 1982 when Wicklow won at Aughrim (1-7 to 0-7) and for a second time 18 months later when Donegal won at Ballybofey (0-13 to 0-4). Their third meeting at Aughrim in February 1992 saw Wicklow again on top (2-6 to 1-6), before Donegal evened the score with this quarter/final victory at Croke Park.

From the throw-in heavily favoured Donegal always looked the more likely candidates and Brian Roper's early goal set them on their way, but Keith Byrne replied with a major for the Garden county and at the break just three points separated the sides (1-7 to 1-4).

Shortly after the restart Kevin O'Brien missed a likely goal chance for the Leinster outfit and having added a couple of points to their interval total Donegal were gifted a goal to effectively end the contest, Declan Bonner's under-hit free deceiving Wicklow 'keeper Ken Quirke.

SEVEN DOWN

The possibility of any team in today's two games conceding seven goals in the opening 35 minutes – going on the scorelines over the past 75 years – is virtually non-existent. But it did actually happen that a team did concede seven goals in the first half of a vital championship game...and it happened to Kilkenny in a Leinster final.

This was the 1927 clash with Dublin at Croke Park when the Metropolitan's powerful attack pulverised the Noreside defence for the opening 30 minutes at the end of which they led by 7-1 to 1-2. Shrewd switches by the Kilkenny mentors completely altered the pattern of the exchanges to such an extent that the Dublin attack, which had rampaged through the opening half, was confined to a mere three points for the entire second half.

However, the gap was too great to bridge and the early pacemakers held on to win by 7-6 to 4-6.

AN RÉITEOIR GEARÓID Ó CONÁMHA (GAILLIMH)

One of the most experienced referees in the country, Gearóid took charge of his first Allianz Football League final early last month. He was also the man-in-the-middle at last Sunday's drawn Tyrone-Cavan Bank of Ireland Ulster semi-final at Clones.

Ó Conámha refereed the 2003 All-Ireland Under-21 final between Dublin and Tyrone at An Uaimh and he has been on senior championship duty in a number of provinces. Last November he refereed the M. D. Donnelly interprovincial final between Ulster and Leinster at Paris—the first played outside of this country.

A member of Cumann Peil Naomh Pádraig, Clonbur, Gearóid won an All-Ireland junior medal with Galway in 1985.

An Réiteoir: G. Ó Conámha (Gaillimh)

Linesmen: T. Quigley (Loch Garman) STANDBY-REFEREE
C. Reilly (An Mhí)

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IN THE EVENT OF A DRAW**

Now trailing by eight points (1-4 to 2-9) Wicklow had it all to do, but they did register three points without reply to at least cloud the issue. However, sensing danger, the favourites upped the tempo and outscored their opponents by three points to one in the final quarter, although the seven-point victory margin was somewhat flattering.

Donegal scorers: D.Bonner 1-4, T.Boyle 0-5, B.Roper 1-0, M.Shovlin 0-1, J.Ruane 0-1, M.Boyle 0-1.
Wicklow scorers: K.Byrne 1-1, K.O'Brien 0-3, S.Cullen 0-2, F.Daly 0-1, S.O'Neill 0-1.

Donegal – Gary Walsh, John Joe Doherty, Matt Gallagher, John Cunningham, Barry McGowan, Mark Crossan, Martin Shovlin, James Ruane, Brian Murray, Paddy Hegarty, James McHugh, Declan Bonner, Brian Roper, Tony Boyle, Manus Boyle. Subs – John Ban Gallagher for McHugh, Eamon McMenamin for Hegarty, Dessie McNamara for Boyle.

Wicklow – Ken Quirke, Seamus Miley, Hugh Kenny, Damien McMahon, Mick McDonald, Philip McGillicuddy, Barry O'Donovan, Fergus Daly, Raymond Danne, Keith Byrne, Donal McGillicuddy, Nicky Murphy, Shay Cullen, Kevin O'Brien, Fergal Mulligan. Subs – Shane O'Neill for Donal McGillicuddy, Murt Davis for Murphy, Jonathan Behan for Mulligan.

FIR IONAD

- (16) **Ian Burke** (Hollywood)
I. de Búrca
- (17) **Jonathan Daniels** (Blessington)
S. Ó Dónaill
- (18) **Darragh O'Sullivan** (St. Patrick's, Wicklow)
D. Ó Suilleabháin
- (19) **John Paul Davis** (An Tochar)
S. P. Ó Dáibhis
- (20) **Garry Duffy** (St. Patrick's, Wicklow)
G. Ó Dufaigh
- (21) **Clive Davis** (An Tochar)
D. Ó Dáibhis
- (22) **Garry Doran** (Carnew Emmets)
G. Ó Deoráin
- (23) **Dara Ó hAinle** (Bray Emmets)
D. Ó hAinle
- (24) **Tom McKeown** (Kilbride)
T. Mac Eoghain

Roghnoiri:

Hugh Kenny, Manager
Conan Daye, Anthony Grey,
Gerry Grehan, Jimmy Callaghan.

CILL MHANTÁIN

Dathanna: Gorm is Ór

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ROBERT HOLLINGSWORTH R. Hollingsworth (Capt.) (St. Patrick's, Wicklow)		
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CIARÁN HYLAND C. Ó hAoláin (Arklow Geraldines/Ballymoney)	BRENDAN DALY B. Ó Dálaigh (Donard/Glen)	TOM BURKE T. de Búrca (Hollywood)
5	6	7
KEVIN MANNING C. Ó Mainnín (Ashford)	WESLEY CALLAGHAN U. Ó Ceallacháin (Blessington)	BRENDÁN Ó hANNAIDH B. Ó hAinle (Bray Emmets)
8		
DAVID DILLON D. Ó Dialáin (Tinahely)		
9		
JAMES STAFFORD S. Stafort (Rathnew)		
10	11	12
DAVID SMULLEN D. Ó Smolláin (St. Patrick's, Wicklow)	LEIGHTON GLYNN L. Mag Fhloinn (Rathnew)	THOMAS HARNEY T. Ó hAithne (Dunlavin)
13	14	15
PAUL EARLS P. Mac an Iarla (St. Patrick's, Wicklow)	WAYNE O'GORMAN U. Ó Gormáin (Ashford)	ALAN ELLIS A. Ó hEileas (Blessington)



DÚN na nGALL

FIR IONAD

- (16) **Paul Durcan** (Na Ceithre Maistri)
P. Ó Dúrcáin
- (17) **Barry Dunning** (Na Ceithre Maistri)
B. Ó Dúilín
- (18) **Mathew Smith** (Na Cealla Beaga)
M. Mac Gabhann
- (19) **Neil McGee** (Gaith Dobhair)
N. Mac Aoidh
- (20) **Stephen McDermott** (Glenn Fhine)
S. Mac Dáiméda
- (21) **Brendan Boyle** (Ard an Rath)
B. Ó Baoill
- (22) **Rory Kavanagh** (Naomh Adhamháin)
R. Ó Caomhánach
- (23) **Conal Dunne** (Naomh Adhamháin)
C. Ó Doinn
- (24) **Ryan Bradley** (Buneraonaigh)
R. Ó Brocháin
- (25) **Eamon Reddin** (Beart)
E. Ó Reddán
- (26) **Gavin Maguire** (Naomh Naíle)
G. Mag Uidhir
- (27) **Michael Maguire** (Naomh Columba)
M. Mag Uidhir
- (28) **Conal Molloy** (Na Cealla Beaga)
C. Ó Lúdhog
- (29) **Paddy McNulty** (MacCumhail)
P. Mac Ullaigh
- (30) **Stephen Cassidy** (Gaith Dobhair)
S. Ó Casáide

Roghnoiri:

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John Cunningham, Michael Lafferty,
Trainer, Raymond Munroa.

Dathanna: Uaithne is Ór

1		
MICHAEL BOYLE M. Ó Baoill (An Tearmain)		
2	3	4
EAMON MCGEE E. Mac Aoidh (Gaith Dobhair)	RAYMOND SWEENEY R. Mac Suibhne (An Clochán Liath)	NIAL MCCREADY N. Mac Riada (Aodh Ruadh)
5	6	7
DAMIEN DIVER D. Ó Duibhir (Ard an Rath)	SHANE CARR S. Mac Giolla Chearra (Na Ceithre Maistri)	KARL LACY C. de Lasa (Na Ceithre Maistri)
8		
BARRY MONAGHAN B. Ó Muineacháin (Capt.) (Na Ceithre Maistri)		
9		
NEIL GALLAGHER N. Ó Gallchoir (Glenn Sulair)		
10	11	12
CHRISTY TOYE C. Ó Tuaithe (Naomh Micheál)	MICHAEL HEGARTY M. Ó hEigheartaigh (Cill Chartha)	BRIAN ROPER B. Ó Ropier (Aodh Ruadh)
13	14	15
COLM MCFADDEN C. Mac Fháin (Naomh Micheál)	ADRIAN SWEENEY A. Mac Suibhne (An Clochán Liath)	BRENDAN DEVENNEY B. Ó Duibheannaigh (Naomh Adhamháin)

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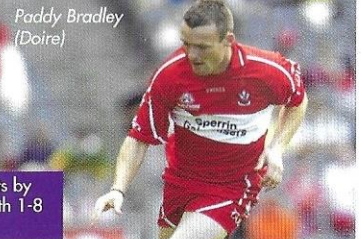


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The greatest number of goals scored by a team in a senior football championship game is ten a total totted up by Dublin in the 1960 second-round tie at Mullingar when they beat Longford by 10-13 to 3-8.

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Paddy Bradley (Doire)

The highest individual return in last year's opening round was eleven points by Padraig Davis of Longford against Monaghan. Paddy Bradley of Derry with 1-8 against Wicklow also reached that total.

3

Since the first trophy was presented to the captain of the winning All-Ireland team, three trophies in all have been presented to the winners. The Croke Cup, which had been presented for a separate competition in 1896 and '97, was the All-Ireland trophy between 1898 and 1901; the Great Southern and Western Railway Cup was presented in the years 1913 to 1916 before the Sam Maguire became the permanent trophy in 1928.

When Wexford beat Carlow in the first round of the 1897 championship at Jones's Road their score was 2-24. The record of 24 points in a 60-minute game has never been equalled.

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QUALIFIER ROUND 1 RESULTS- 2001/2004

2001				2003			
CASEMENT PARK:				BALLYBOFEY:			
ARMAGH	1-13;	DOWN	2-4	DONEGAL	1-17;	LONGFORD	1-11
CASEMENT PARK:				DR HYDE PARK:			
ANTRIM	0-13;	LEITRIM	1-8	ROSCOMMON	0-14;	CORK	1-10
DUNGARVAN:				TULLAMORE:			
CARLOW	3-11;	WATERFORD	1-10	OFFALY	4-15;	LONDON	0-10
CLONMEL:				WEXFORD PARK:			
LOUTH	0-13;	TIPPERARY	1-8	DERRY	3-10;	WEXFORD	0-9
AUGHIRM:				WALSH PARK:			
WICKLOW	1-14;	LONGFORD	0-11	ARMAGH	2-21;	WATERFORD	0-8
ENNISKILLEN:				DR CULLEN PARK:			
DONEGAL	0-15;	FERMANAGH	1-6	CARLOW	0-18;	WICKLOW	0-13
WEXFORD PARK (AFTER EXTRA TIME):				AN UAIMH:			
WEXFORD	1-19;	WESTMEATH	1-19	CAVAN	1-12;	LOUTH	2-7
MULLINGAR (REPLAY):				CLONES:			
WESTMEATH	1-16;	WEXFORD	1-8	MONAGHAN	0-14;	WESTMEATH	1-9
2002				2004			
WEXFORD PARK:				DROICHEAD NUA:			
TYRONE	1-9;	WEXFORD	0-10	OFFALY	2-17;	KILDARE	1-16
PEARSE PARK:				PARNELL PARK:			
LONGFORD	1-16;	DOWN	0-14	DUBLIN	3-24;	LONDON	0-6
DUNGARVAN:				DROGHEDA (AFTER EXTRA TIME):			
ROSCOMMON	3-19;	WATERFORD	3-11	LOUTH	2-13;	ANTRIM	0-14
CASEMENT PARK				AUGHIRM:			
WESTMEATH	0-14;	ANTRIM	1-10	DERRY	1-15;	WICKLOW	1-10
AUGHIRM:				CLONES:			
WICKLOW	2-22;	LONDON	2-6	LONGFORD	4-15;	MONAGHAN	1-17
CLONES:				CUSACK PARK:			
LOUTH	2-11;	MONAGHAN	1-8	CLARE	1-15;	SLIGO	1-7
DR CULLEN PARK:				DR CULLEN PARK:			
LAOIS	0-18;	CARLOW	0-11	DOWN	1-19;	CARLOW	1-13
GAELIC GROUNDS:							
LIMERICK	1-15;	CAVAN	2-12				
BREFFNI PARK (REPLAY):							
LIMERICK	2-8;	CAVAN	0-11				



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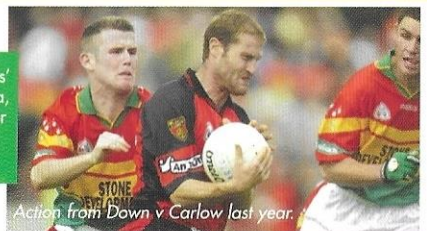
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Over the years several counties have won six provincial senior titles in succession (Kerry have won more), but the honour of being the first county to bring off the sextet was Antrim who were unbeaten in Ulster from 1908 to 1913.

4

The number of away wins in the opening round of last year's qualifiers was four as Offaly beat Kildare at Droichead Nua, Derry defeated Wicklow at Aughrim, Longford got the better of Monaghan at Clones, and Down eased by Carlow at Dr. Cullen Park. There were three home victories in the round.



Action from Down v Carlow last year.

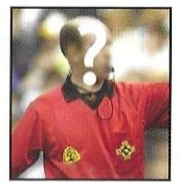
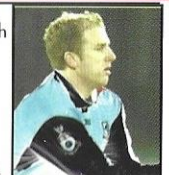
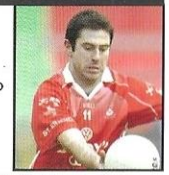
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Since 1892 when champion clubs were permitted to select players from other clubs in the county, county selections have been the norm. Except in one year (1895) when the Tipperary team that won the All-Ireland final was drawn from only one club - Fethard. Substitutes, however, were drawn from other Tipperary clubs.

The closing stages of the 1905 Kildare-Offaly game at Geashill was fought out almost exclusively in the Kildare half, and according to one newspaper report at one period only the Offaly goalkeeper was in the Offaly half, which meant that 33 players (17-a-side) were crowded into the other half of the field.

FICHE CEIST

- Who refereed the first senior football championship game of the year between Offaly and Louth in May?
- Michael Meehan captained Galway to the All-Ireland Under-21 football title early in May. True or false?
- Rory Gallagher, who went in as a substitute for Fermanagh against Armagh in the Ulster senior championship in May and scored their only goal, is a member of what Dublin club?
- Name the winners of the under-17 International Rules Test football series of three games between Ireland and Australia earlier this year.
- Where was the opening game in this year's Connacht senior football Championship played?
- Who is the footballer pictured here?
- What is the official name of the ground where Tyrone and Down opened their Ulster senior football championship campaign in May?
- Who was top scorer for Kildare in their Leinster senior football championship first round win over Wicklow in mid-May?
- What was the first county knocked out of this year's Connacht minor football championship?



- Aaron Hoey was centre-half back with what county in their losing start in a provincial senior football championship tie in early May?
- Kerry beat Limerick in a Munster senior final replay last year. Where was that game played?
- What county lost to Down in an All-Ireland Under-21 football semi-final at An Uaimh in late April.
- Did Laois, as Leinster title runners-up, compete in the All-Ireland senior football Qualifiers last year?
- Kerry won last year's All-Ireland minor football title. True or false?
- When did a Leinster county last win the Sam Maguire Cup?
- Wexford reached their first National Football League final this year after an interval of how many years?
- Who was inducted into the Hall of Fame at the G.A.A. McNamee Awards in May?
- Who is the referee pictured here?
- Name the two counties that played the only draw in last year's All-Ireland semi-finals.
- How many Leinster counties reached last year's All-Ireland senior quarter-finals?

debut in Round Four when they lost to Tyrone at Croke Park. 14. False. Tyrone beat Kerry in the final, 1-5 1999, when Meath beat Cork in the final, 1-6 59 years. 17. Fr. Seamus Gardiner, who was involved with the Munster Council for over 30 years before retiring at this year's Munster Convention. 18. Michael Collins (Cork). 19. Mayo who lost to Offaly. 20. Two—Dublin and Westmeath.

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HUNGER HAS A THIRST



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A Profile of Jim O'Riordan Cathaoirleach Cumann na mBunscol Cill Mhantáin

There is a saying that if you want to get something done you should ask a busy man – the other never has time. This is certainly true of Jim O'Riordan, Cathaoirleach of Cumann na Bunscol Cill Mhantáin. By day Jim teaches third and fourth class in St. Joseph's BNS, Newtownmountkennedy. Much of the rest of his time is given over to the promotion of our native sports to the youth of the county. As Cathaoirleach Jim attends every meeting of the coiste and that of any sub-committee. He is the primary schools' representative on the county board. On quiz night he is Máistir na gCeist, and as football officer he is the main organiser of boys' football competitions in the county. No matter how busy Jim is, he always makes time to attend to any query relating to Cumann na mBunscol. A native of Cork, Jim is immensely proud of his roots. In Wicklow he is involved with his local club, Newtown. Both Jim's sons Paul and Eoin wear the black and white of the North Wicklow club with pride. Indeed Paul has often refereed for Cumann na mBunscol, and for this we are truly grateful.

Jim's wife Anne is most understanding – often the Cathaoirleach will be at GAA related meetings five nights a week. Jim is one of the unsung heroes of Cumann na mBunscol, and yet up and down the



Cathaoirleach of Cumann na mBunscol Cill Mhantáin Jim O'Riordan receiving a Roadstone Award from Her Excellency President Mary MacAleese in 2002. Also in the photograph is Michael Grogan MD of Roadstone Ireland (retired) and former President of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, Seán Mc Cague.

country there are teachers just like Jim who give so much of their time freely in order to promote the games that they love.

In order to relax, Jim likes nothing better than to play a round of golf. You may think that as a national school teacher Jim has plenty of time during July and August to perfect his swing – not so! This summer Jim will be returning to Romania with a group of volunteers from the Newtown area to participate in the House of Dreams project – the refurbishment of an orphanage in the town of Yash.

As long as there are teachers like Jim O'Riordan the future of Gaelic games is healthy!



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Donegal hoping for a change of fortune



As Donegal return to the Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior football Qualifiers they will be contemplating the contrasting fortunes of sport.

After contributing to one of the best games of the year so far in the senior football championship in any province in their drawn match with firm favourites Armagh just under two weeks ago, they line out at Aghrim under the shadow of a seven points defeat in the replay at Clones last Saturday.

Donegal made their championship debut of the season in the drawn quarter-final at Clones and displayed tremendous character and ability in playing throughout the second half with fourteen men. A midfielder was dismissed by the referee after twenty-eight minutes.

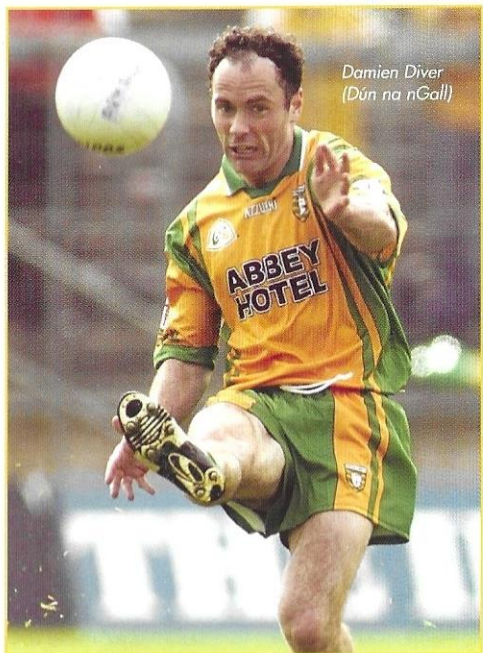
The North West county played their best football in some time throughout the second half. Spurred on by midfielder Neil Gallagher, who had a splendid senior championship debut, and left half back Shane Carr, they took the game to the Allianz League champions in impressive style and were only deprived of victory by a late equalising point.

After that they had a chance from a free to score the winner, but the ball fell short and was caught by an Armagh player and the tie ended at 0-12 each.

Donegal got off to a bad start in the replay when they conceded a goal after only four minutes. They responded to that set-back in spirited style and were five points in arrears at the break.

Ten minutes into the second half Donegal's hopes took a knock when they had a defender dismissed by the referee. There was no spirited come-back to match their exhilarating play of the drawn game.

Before the end Donegal had two more players



Damien Diver (Dún na nGall)

sidelined and bowed out of the Northern race by 3-11 to 1-10. Their goal was scored by Brendan Devenney in the second half.

A disappointing prelude, then, for Donegal to this engagement. However, they have a solid framework of accomplished footballers who have the ability to provide the inspiration for a really genuine bid to get the county back into match-winning gear.

ALL-IRELAND QUALIFIER 2001.

ROUND 1. ENNISKILLEN:
Donegal 0-15; Fermanagh 1-6.

ROUND 2. DROICHEAD NUA:
Donegal 1-16; Kildare 1-17.

2002. ROUND 4. CROKE PARK:
Donegal 1-13; Meath 0-14.

2003. ROUND 1. BALLYBOFEY:
Donegal 1-17; Longford 1-11.

ROUND 2. BALLYBOFEY:
Donegal 0-16; Sligo 0-11.

ROUND 3. CROKE PARK:
Donegal 2-19; Tipperary 0-15.

ROUND 4. CLONES:
Donegal 3-15; Down 2-10.

2004. ROUND 4. CLONES:
Donegal 0-12; Fermanagh 1-10.

ULSTER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP 2005

12TH JUNE. CLONES:
Donegal 0-12; Armagh 0-12.

Scorers: Colm McFadden 0-5, Adrian Sweeney 0-4, Brian Roper 0-1, Brendan Devenney 0-1, Christy Toye 0-1.

18TH JUNE. CLONES:
Donegal 1-10; Armagh 3-11.

Scorers: Brendan Devenney 1-4, Colm McFadden 0-6.

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CÚINNE NA NÓG

TRÁTH NA GCEIST

Seven questions to test your knowledge of happenings in all grades of the provincial football championships this season so far:

1. Name the runners-up in the Leinster and Ulster under-21 championships.
2. Who won the Connacht junior championship?
3. How many goals did Galway score in their opening game in the Connacht senior championship against New York?
4. What is the name of the ground where the first game in the provincial senior championships was played in early May?
5. Who refereed the Dublin-Longford first round Leinster senior tie at Croke Park—Michael Hughes (Tyronne), Paddy Russell (Tipperary) or Dave Coldrick (Meath)?
6. Who scored Armagh's opening goal in their winning start in the Ulster senior championship against Fermanagh at Clones?
7. Kerry won the Munster under-21 football title in May. True or false?



UNSCRAMBLE THE LETTERS

The names of four players who have already been in action in the senior football championship this year are concealed in our letters jumble below. When placed correctly the letters in each will reveal the initial and surname of a well-known forward. Below each letters jumble is a clue to find the name of the player.

- EONLLOLIMCCV**
An All-Ireland senior football medal winner in attack in 1992.
- NIPAGLV**
Right half forward in last year's Vodafone All Stars team.
- FMDEOR**
One of the best finishers in senior football at present.
- DDCMNAOCL**
Captained his county in a recent national final.

WHO AM I?

I won my first Vodafone All Stars award at right full back in the 2003 football team. I have one All-Ireland senior medal and one National League medal. My club is Crossmaglen Rangers and I have won three All-Ireland club medals. I have been on duty at full back with my county in the League and senior championship this year.



MATCH THE REFEREE AND THE GAME

Here is your chance to see how expert you are on referees, who play such important roles in games. Listed below are six football referees and six recent games. What you have to do is to match the referee with the appropriate game.

PADDY RUSSELL (TIPPERARY)	GALWAY V NEW YORK
MAURICE DEEGAN (LAOIS)	LEAGUE DIVISION II FINAL
AIDAN MANGAN (KERRY)	DUBLIN V LONGFORD
GEARÓID Ó CONÁMHA (GALWAY)	ARMAGH V FERMANAGH
DAVID COLDRICK (MEATH)	ALL-IRELAND UNDER-21 FINAL
JIMMY WHITE (DONEGAL)	LEAGUE DIVISION I FINAL

Who Am I?: Francie Bellwe (Armagh), Fermanagh. Jimmy White—Galway v New York. Conamha—League Division II Final. Gearóid Ó Aidan Mangan—League Division II Final. Gearóid Ó Dublin v Longford. Maurice Deegan—All-Ireland Under-21 Dublin v Longford. Paddy Russell—

Match The Referee And The Game: Paddy Russell—Sligo. 3. Three. 4. Páirc Tailteann in An Uaimh. 5. Paddy Russell. 6. Ronan Clarke early in the second half. 7. False.

Unscramble The Letters: 1. O. McDonnell (Armagh), P. Galvin (Kerry), M. Ford (Wexford), K. McDonnell (Mayo).

Correct won the Munster title:

Freagraí: 1. Kildare and Cavan respectively. 2.

An increase of 66% in the price of admission in the space of a year to any event would probably create a huge outcry nowadays or even a boycott of the event in question. That, however, was not the case in 1930 when the Central Council decided to increase the price of admission to the Hogan Stand for the All-Ireland finals to 5/=. People quietly accepted the increase, which was of the order of 66% as the price in the previous year had been a mere 3/=. On the credit side, it should be noted that the 5/= charge was unchanged for the next ten years.

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A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

CILL MHANTÁIN

1905 – Finding the going extremely tough in the senior grade, Wicklow welcomed the establishment of the junior championship in Leinster and was one of the four counties that lined up for the new competition. Having played two drawn games with Carlow, Wicklow were poised for success, but at Jones's Road they went down heavily (0-3 to 1-12).

1925 – Back in junior ranks since the resumption of that grade in 1922, Wicklow did very well to overcome a strong Westmeath team at Croke Park. Defenders dominated the first half at the end of which the score stood at 0-2 each and despite a disallowed goal Wicklow did enough to shade it by 1-4 to 1-3. Next time out, however, an exceptionally strong Louth team ended Wicklow's interest at Croke Park (0-1 to 2-3).

1945 – The first-round draw presented Wicklow with an easy task at Enniscorthy against a poor and dispirited Kilkenny team. A 3-10 to 0-2 scoreline indicates how easy it was. Having to wait seven weeks for their next outing, which was against a strong Laois side, was probably a spell of inactivity that Wicklow could have done without; none the less they made a brave bid considering they went five points down in the first ten minutes. By the interval they were four points in arrears (1-4 to 2-5), pulled level after 47 minutes, only to be thwarted by two late points (2-8 to 2-10).

1965 – The showing in the National League games did not suggest any upward swing in Wicklow's fortunes and by half time at Dr Cullen Park they trailed Kildare by no score to 1-8. There may have been no way back, but still Wicklow sought one and indeed put up a brave showing in the face of inevitable defeat. It was all in vain, however, as Wicklow departed the scene on a 1-4 to 3-14 scoreline.

1985 – Wicklow, for a team considered rank outsiders, did remarkably well at Droichead Nua against Kildare and deservedly led by 0-6 to 0-5. But the effort waned in the second half, though they were on level terms as the game entered the final quarter. Then the Lily Whites' finishing flourish proved too much and Wicklow exited by 0-9 to 1-11.

DÚN NA NGALL

1905 – Considering the dearth of club activity in the county at this time, it was remarkable that Donegal could field a team in the Ulster championship. All things considered it was a good debut against Derry at Strabane and indeed, despite obvious weaknesses up front, Donegal were in contention until Derry's second goal went in, which left it 2-2 to 0-2.

1925 – Seeking their first championship win in six years, Donegal took on Fermanagh in the first round at Ballyshannon, where with wind assistance they ran up an interval lead of 2-5 to 0-0 and finished easy winners by 3-6 to 0-1. However, in the semi-final against provincial champions Cavan, Donegal struggled badly and lost by 0-2 to 6-2.

1945 – At home in Letterkenny, Donegal were never in danger against Derry and having led at the break by 1-3 to 0-2, they moved smoothly to a 3-7 to 2-2 victory. But the game with Cavan was anything but smooth. Trailing by ten points at the changeover (0-0 to 3-1), Donegal subsequently did manage to find the target, but so did Cavan who ran out easy winners by 6-12 to 2-4.

1965 – There was absolutely nothing between Donegal and Cavan at Ballybofey, where a late 1-1 by the visitors left the scores tied at 1-8 apiece. At Breffni Park a fortnight later, the visitors trailed by a goal at the break, but fought back for parity (0-14 to 1-11). There was no extra time. The issue was finally resolved back at Ballybofey. Again little divided the sides, but Cavan just got the verdict by 0-9 to 0-8.

1985 – At Ballybofey, Down were the better side in the opening half and deservedly led by 2-4 to 1-4 at the break. However, when the home side converted a penalty and followed up with five points from frees, they took the laurels by 2-12 to 2-8. A good first-quarter showing at Castleblaney only resulted in parity at the interval, but Monaghan dominated the second period and ran out ten-point winners (1-14 to 0-7).

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