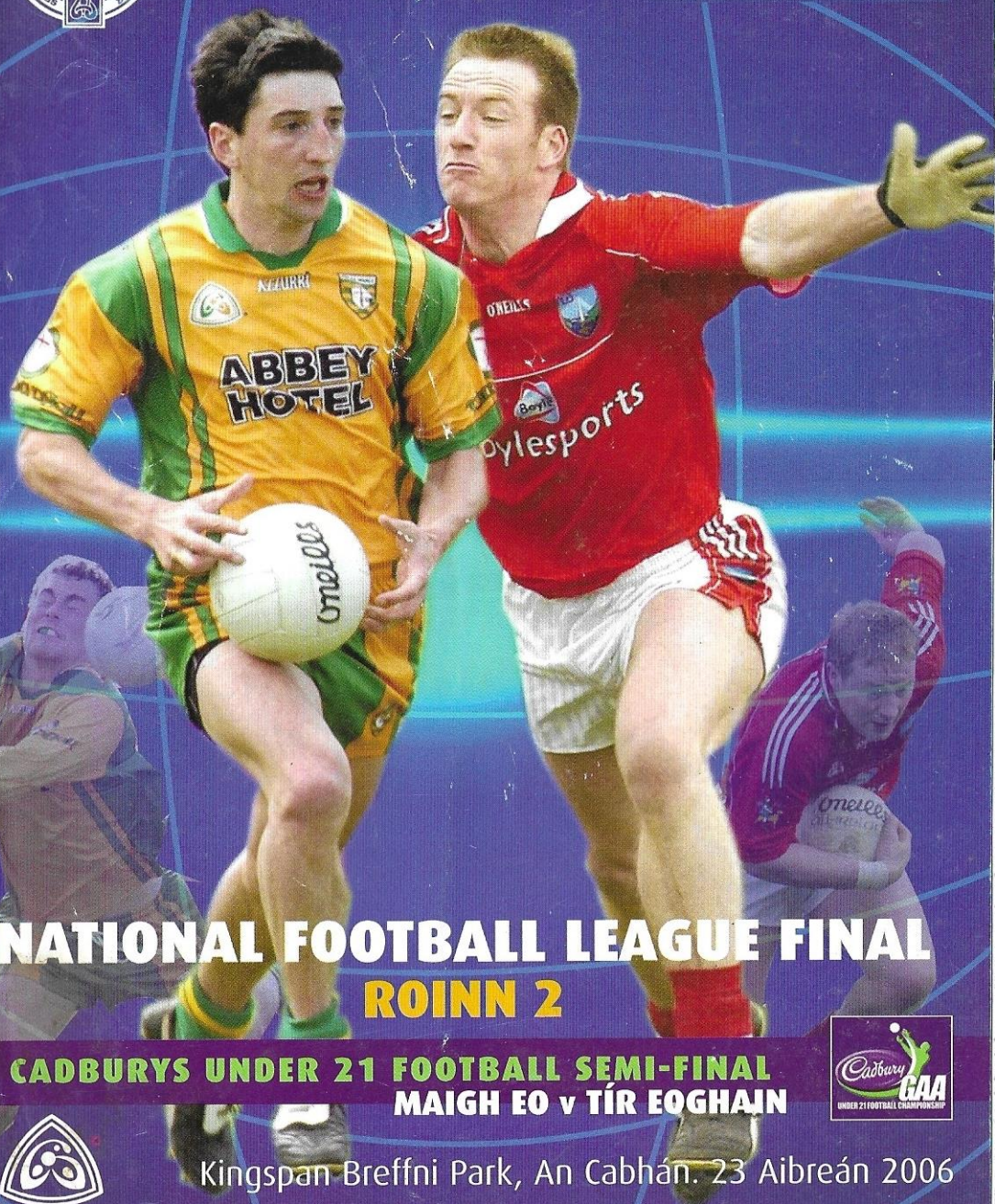




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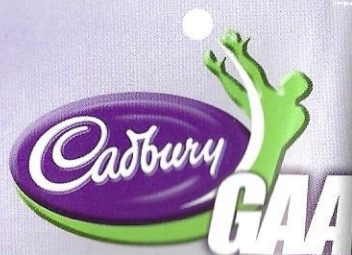


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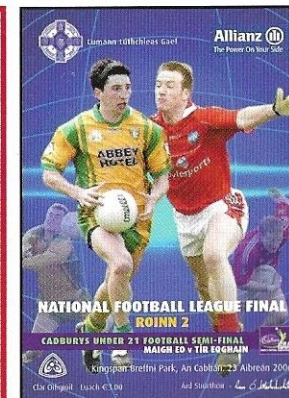
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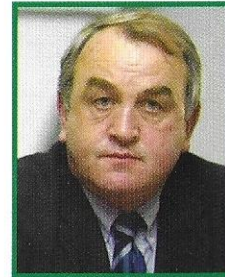
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Acháirde is mór an onóir domsa fáilte a chuir romhaibh go Páirc Kingspan Breffni inniu. Mar is eol dúinn tá an lá ag dul chun síneadh. Níl amhras ar bith ann go bhfuilimid ag siúil le cluichí den scoth inniu. Tá ár n-aighe go léir dírithe ar laethanta geala an t-Samraidh. Go néirí go geal leis na himreoirí go léir ata ag glacadh páirt inniu.

On behalf of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, I welcome you all to Kingspan Breffni Park in Limerick this afternoon for what promises to be two highly entertaining games. I welcome in particular the Players, Team Mentors, County Board Officials from the participating counties and I wish all the teams well in their endeavours. I also welcome our Match Officials and hope they also have an enjoyable and successful afternoon.

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Donegal were always fancied to make the National Football League Division 2 Final, so their presence here in Kingspan Breffni Park this afternoon is no great surprise. However, they had a tough semi-final against Westmeath last Sunday and will not be taking anything for granted today. Louth on the other hand have been the revelation of this year's National Football League and the side's successes and performances have lifted the spirits of everyone in the "Wee" county. Having defeated a strong Limerick side last Sunday, I know they will enter today's final with a high degree of confidence. While both teams are no doubt already focusing on their upcoming championship campaign, a National League title would certainly help to instil a high degree of confidence for the big challenges that lie ahead. I wish both teams well and I look forward to an entertaining and competitive game this afternoon.

The opening game today afternoon sees Tyrone and Mayo contest the All-Ireland Under 21 Football Semi-final with the winners playing either Cork or Laois in the decider. Mayo had a very impressive campaign in Connacht and after the disappointing loss of their senior side last weekend, all Mayo supporters will be anxious to get back to winning ways. Mayo will not have happy memories of their last visit at Under 21 level to Kingspan Breffni Park when they lost the All-Ireland decider to Armagh in 2004, so they will be hoping for a better result this afternoon. Tyrone are fresh from an Ulster title success over their neighbours Derry and the great work being carried out at underage level in the county is certainly paying off with another fine side taking the field this afternoon. Both sides are sprinkled with an abundance of players with senior experience and patrons this afternoon could not have wished for a more exciting opening contest.

I am deeply honoured to have taken over as Uachtarán of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael at Congress in Killarney. Many challenges lie ahead and I am determined that each issue receives due attention. Chief amongst these will be the issues raised by the GPA in recent weeks. I informed Congress yesterday of a number of initiatives which the G.A.A. are committed to implementing. Discussions are due to commence with the GPA on the 2nd May and I expect many such meetings to take place in the months ahead.

I wish you all an enjoyable afternoon and I thank you for travelling to Cavan, whether you are a supporter of one of the participating counties and just here to enjoy two great games of Gaelic Football from some of our most talented sportsmen.

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Súil le Fíor-Choimhlintí Peile

Beidh ionadaithe peile ó na ceithre cúigí san iomaíocht um thráthnóna nuair a imreofar cluichí ceannais na Sraithe Allianz agus cluichí leathcheannais faoi 21 sa pheil freisin.

Beidh na boic móra - Ciarraí agus Gaillimh - in adharca a chéile i Luimneach agus tá súil le fíor-choimhlint idir na sean-naimhde. Tá stair ghloirmhar ag an dá chontae agus bíonn fíor-chomhraic eatarthu i gcónaí ar pháirc na himeartha. Bí an lámh in uachtar ag na Deisceartaigh nuair a chasadar ar a chéile i gcluiche ceannais an bliana 2004. Beidh fonn díoltais, mar sin, ar fhir Peter Ford inniu. Bhí bua maith ag na Gaillimh ar Mhuigheo an tseachtain seo chaite agus tá a lucht leanúna ag tnúth le laethanta móra i bPáirc an Chrócaigh i rith an tsamhraidh - cé go bhfuil an fhoireann go dona ar fad ag tú s na sraithe. Tá an-chuid oibre déanta ag Ford, imreoirí nua ag teacht chun cinn agud na seanfhondúirí cáiliúla ar a seanléim arís, de réir dealraimh. Tá go leor le déanamh fós, áfach, agus , mar sin, tá tabhacht faoi leith le cluiche an lae inniu agus foireann á mhúnlú ag Ford agus a chomhghleacaithe. Tá fhios ag cách go bhfuil tosaithe den scoth ag na hIartharaigh - leithéidí Meehan, Armstrong, Donnellan agus Savage - ach tháinig na cúlaithe chun cinn in rith na sraithe reatha agus má leanann siad leis an bhfeabhsú, beidh leithéidí - Diarmuid Blake agus Alan Burke - i mbéal an phobail freisin i rith an tsamhraidh.

Cad faoi fir na Ríochta? Ní raibh stró ar bith orthu in aghaidh Laoise agus tá peil den scoth imeartha acu i mbliana. Tá siad láidir ar fud na páirce - Séamus Moynihan ar ais : muintir Uí Shé ag imirt sár-peil - na fir lár-páirce ar fheabhas agus leithéidí Fitzmaurice, Galvin agus Gooch ag aimsiú scóranna den scoth. Is fíor go mbíonn aird na Ríochta dírithe , de ghnáth, ar an gCraobhchomórtas, ach beidh fonn ar Jack O'Connor an corn - a bhaint inniu chun an lucht leanúna sa chontae a shásamh agus chun meon dearfach a chothú sa phainéal roimh thus an Craobhchomórtais i gceann tamailín.

Ba chóir go mbeadh ard-chluiche againn le scileanna, luas, fíor-aicsean ar fud na páirce agus gan morán eatarthu ag deireadh na himeartha. Moltar na Muimhneigh chun craobh na Sraithe Allianz - an chéad duais mór peile i 2006 - a bhaint agus cúpla cúilín le sparáil acu.

Bíonn ard-chaighdeán i gcónaí sa ghrád faoi 21. Beidh Corcaigh agus Laois i ngleic inniu agus is cinnte gur sár-chluiche a bheidh ann. Tá fonn an-mhór ar lucht Laoise an chraobh seo a bhuachaint don chéad uair. Tá foireann acu i mbliana atá go maith i ndán é sin a dhéanamh agus, faoi stiúir Seán Dempsey, bhuaigh siad craobh na mionúir i 2003. Tá sé buaite go minic ag na Muimhneigh ach nuair a rachaidh an dá fhoireann chun páirce um thráthnóna, ní bheidh suim acu sna statistíc. Beidh an-áthas ar lucht leanúna Laoise go bhfuil Donie Brennan ar ais agus beidh Deargaigh na Mumhan ag súil le taispeantaisí móra arís ó leithéidí Fintan Gould, Daniel Goulding, Paul Kerrigan agus Brian Cotter, a bhí ar fheabhas nuair a sciob siad Craobh na Mumhan don tríú uair

as a chéile in aghaidh Phort Láirge, 4-14 do 1-6, le déanaí.

I Roinn 2 na Sraithe, beidh Dún na nGall agus an Lú ngleic i bPáirc Breffni. Cé a dhéanfaidh dearmad ar chéiliúradh Mhuineacháin anuraidh nuair a bhuaigh siad Roinn 2 na sraithe i bPáirc an Chrócaigh? Dhéanfadh bua um thráthnóna ard-mhaitheas don dá fhoireann seo roimh thús an Craobhchomórtais. Bhuaigh an Lú an craobh seo cheana i 2002 agus níl ach cluiche amháin cailte acu i mbliana. Tá gach cluiche buaite ag Dún na nGall agus, má bhuann siad um thráthnóna, beidh dóchas mór sa chontae roimh thús na himeartha i gCraobh Uladh. Is trua nach mbeidh Karl Lacey ar fail dóibh ach tá Barry Monaghan aclaí arís agus is mór an buntáiste é sin do Brian McIver.

Beidh Eamonn McEnaney ag brath arís ar na laochra a rinne an bheart don chontae go rialta i rith na sraithe. Go dtí seo bhí Mark Stanfield, J.P. Rooney, Conor Grimes, Mark Brennan agus Darren Clarke ar fheabhas. Chloí siad Luimneach sa chluiche leathcheannais 2-13 do 0-11 agus bhí an bua tuillte go maith acu. Ní dócha, áfach, go mbeidh siad láidir nó cliste go leor dona Muimhneigh inniu. Tá an-stair ag Corcaigh sa chomórtas seo agus moltar iad chun áit sa chluiche ceannais a bhaint.

Beidh Tír Eoghain agus Muigheo ag troid sa chluiche leathcheannais eile. Chloí Tír Eoghain Doire i gcluiche ceannais Uladh. Cuireadh triúr den bpáirc agus bhí ar an réiteoir trí chárta buí déag a thaispeáint an lá úd.. Beidh súil nach mar sin a bheidh cúrsaí um thráthnóna nuair a thabharfaidh na Tuaisceartaigh aghaidh ar fhir Noel Connelly. Bhí an bua ag Muigheo ar Ghailimh - curaidh Uile Eireann - i gcluiche ceannais Chonnachta 0-15 do 1-7. Ceaptar, áfach, go mbeidh an lá inniu ag na hUltaigh. Beidh siad ag brath ar Colm Cavanagh, Raymond Mulgrew, John Gilmore agus ar Martin McCreech - a d'aimsigh cúilíní gleoite dóibh in aghaidh Dhoire. Corcaigh agus Tír Eoghain , mar sin , don chluicthe ceannais.

• AN RÉITEOIR (FAOI 21) • CORMAC REILLY (AN MHÍ)



Cormac refereed the All-Ireland junior club football final between Ardferit, Kerry, and Loughrea, Galway, at Coke Park in February.

He has been refereeing locally for over six years and has been on duty at county senior final level.

A member of the St. Mary's club in Donore, he is in his third season on the inter-county panel. He took charge of his first senior championship game last June—the Monaghan-London clash at Clones in the All-Ireland Qualifier.

Reilly was on duty earlier this year in the Sigerson Cup (Higher Education Championship), the Allianz League and the Leinster Under-21 final.

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Laois the first provincial champions of the new season

- **Laois** were the first Cadbury Provincial Under-21 football champions of the season. They beat Longford at Pearse Park, Longford, to regain the Leinster title after eight years. Ironically enough, their last semi-final win in 1998 was at Pearse Park, where the finishing powers of Ian Fitzgerald and Chris Conway, who scored 0-5 and 0-4 respectively, proved very influential in forging out a hard-earned but merited 0-3 to 1-9 win over Galway.
- **Cork** are Munster champions for the third successive year and are hoping it will prove a case of third time lucky. They lost their last two semi-finals to Armagh and Galway. That was their third semi-final defeat (they were beaten in 2001 by Tyrone) since their last win at

- this stage in 1994 when they beat Laois handsomely by 1-21 to 0-6 at the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick. The match was something of a personal triumph for Pdraig O'Mahony, who scored 0-10.
- **Mayo** are back in an All-Ireland semi-final after two years. They had a good 1-13 to 1-7 win over Kildare at Pearse Stadium. Full back Pat Nevin, midfielder Barry Moran and top scorer Alan Costello, who shot 1-3, were prominent for the Connacht side. They last appeared in the final in 2004 when they lost to Armagh.
 - **Tyrone** are back in the All-Ireland semi-final for the first time since 2003 when a goal early in the second half by left half forward Sean Cavanagh set the O'Neill County on the way to a 1-9 to 0-9 win over Mayo at Markievicz Park.

Cadbury Under-21 Football Championship Scoreboard

CONNACHT

17th March. Carrick-on-Shannon:
Mayo 0-13; Leitrim 0-5.

SEMI-FINALS
25th March. Tuam:
Galway 2-9; Sligo 1-8.

1st April. Roscommon:
Mayo 1-19; Roscommon 2-8.

FINAL
8th April. Castlebar:
Mayo 0-15; Galway 1-5.

LAIGHIN

4th February. Droichead Nua:
Kildare 0-12; Dublin 0-9.

18th February. Freshford:
Wexford 5-17; Kilkenny 0-1.

18th February. Longford:
Longford 1-11; Offaly 0-10.

19th February. Drogheda:
Louth 3-7; Wicklow 0-7.

4th March. Enniscorthy:
Westmeath 2-10; Wexford 1-2.

4th March. Droichead Nua:
Kildare 2-13; Meath 1-8.

4th March. Dundalk:
Laois 1-11; Louth 0-9.

4th March. Longford:
Longford 2-13; Carlow 1-4.

SEMI-FINALS
25th March. Droichead Nua:
Longford 2-6; Kildare 0-9.

25th March. Portlaoise:
Laois 2-12; Westmeath 0-8.

FINAL
2nd April. Longford:
Laois 0-9; Longford 0-7.

MUMHA

11th March. Killarney:
Kerry 0-10; Cork 0-10.

11th March. Kilmallock:
Clare 1-10; Limerick 1-7.

18th March. Páirc Uí Rinn (Replay):
Cork 1-14; Kerry 2-8.

SEMI-FINALS
1st April. Limerick:
Cork 4-14; Tipperary 1-6.

1st April. Dungarvan:
Waterford 1-8; Clare 0-7.

FINAL
14th April. Páirc Uí Rinn:
Cork 4-14; Waterford 1-6.

ULADH

11th March. Kingspan Breffni Park:
Armagh 0-10; Cavan 0-9.

18th March. Ballybofey:
Tyrone 0-10; Donegal 0-6.

18th March. Celtic Park:
Derry 2-13; Monaghan 1-10.

18th March. Casement Park:
Antrim 3-8; Fermanagh 0-5.

18th March. Crossmaglen:
Armagh 1-12; Down 0-10.

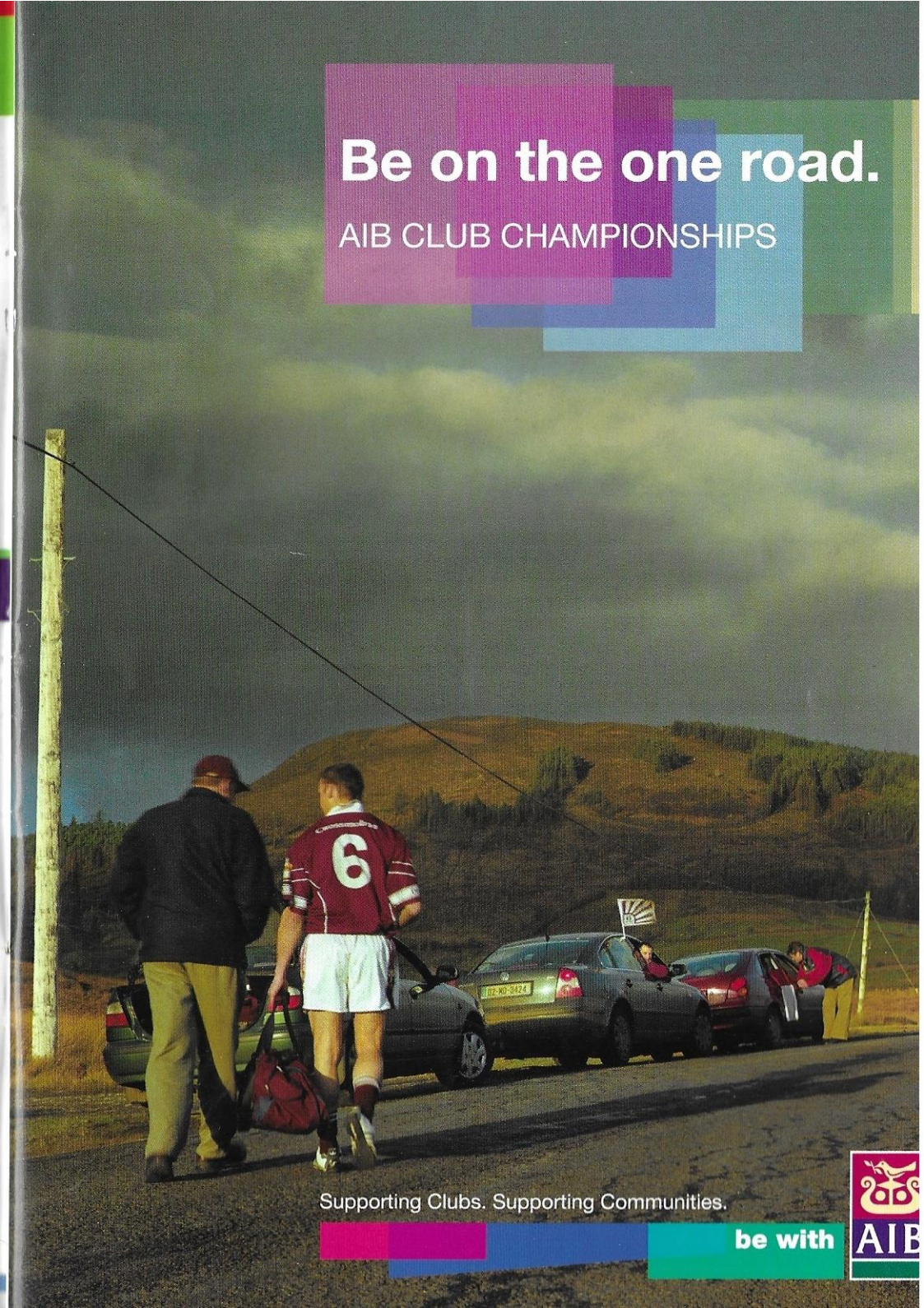
SEMI-FINALS
1st April. Omagh:
Tyrone 0-13; Antrim 0-11.

1st April. Crossmaglen (After extra time):
Derry 1-7; Armagh 1-5.

FINAL
15th April. Ballybofey:
Tyrone 0-12; Derry 1-7.

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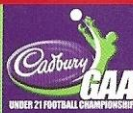
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Semi-Final Records

Today Mayo are appearing in their 20th All-Ireland semi/final and their current record reads nine wins and ten losses. Tyrone have less experience at this stage of the competition, but possess a more impressive record as, of their ten penultimate outings to date, they have won six and lost four.

MAIGH EO

1967	beat Derry	3-9 to 1-8
1968	lost to Offaly	2-10 to 3-9
1970	lost to Cork	1-13 to 1-15
1971	lost to Cork	0-5 to 4-11
1973	drew with Tyrone	1-9 to 0-12
	beat Tyrone	1-14 to 1-6
1974	beat Dublin	1-11 to 2-7
1975	lost to Dublin	1-9 to 1-12
1976	lost to Kerry	2-7 to 1-12
1980	lost to Dublin	2-8 to 1-13
1983	beat Kerry	3-6 to 0-7
1984	beat Dublin	0-9 to 0-7
1985	drew with Derry	2-3 to 0-9
	lost to Derry	3-6 to 3-9
1986	drew with Offaly	1-11 to 1-11
	lost to Offaly	0-7 to 1-15
1994	beat Fermanagh	1-15 to 2-10

1995	beat Offaly	0-11 to 0-9
1997	lost to Derry	1-5 to 0-12
2001	beat Meath	0-11 to 0-7
2003	lost to Tyrone	0-9 to 1-9
2004	beat Kildare	1-13 to 1-7

TÍR EOGHAIN

1972	lost to Galway	1-9 to 4-5
1973	drew with Mayo	0-12 to 1-9
	lost to Mayo	1-6 to 1-14
1980	lost to Cork	1-5 to 3-10
1990	beat Meath	2-10 to 1-9
1991	beat Leitrim	4-13 to 2-7
1992	beat Kerry	1-13 to 1-8
2000	beat Galway	1-10 to 0-6
2001	beat Cork	0-14 to 1-2
2002	lost to Dublin	1-9 to 1-13
2003	beat Mayo	1-9 to 0-9

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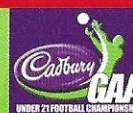
Kerry hold the record for successive semi/final victories when they recorded four between 1975 and 1978, while two other counties, Cork (1979-81 & 1984-86) and Tyrone (1990-92), have each recorded three successive penultimate victories. However, the Leesiders will be striving today to avoid joining a very exclusive club, i.e. the counties that have lost three successive under-21 football semi/finals. Indeed, currently that club has just a sole member - Meath, as the Royals lost the 1989 (Galway), 1990 (Tyrone) and 1991 (Kerry) semi/finals.

On two occasions Galway came close to membership, but in 1966 they failed to get out of Connacht having lost semi/finals in 1964 and '65, while after losses in 1987 and '88, they won their 1989 'semi' against Meath - ironically the Royals first of three successive losses. On three occasions Mayo have lost back-to-back semi/finals (1970-71, 1975-76 and 1985-86), but on each occasion they failed to win the provincial crown in the third year.

Previous Meetings

Dates & Result 1973-2003

1973 - Dungannon			
Mayo	1-9	Tyrone	0-12
Replay - Carrick-on-Shannon			
Mayo	1-14	Tyrone	1-6
2001 - Markievicz Park			
Tyrone	0-13	Mayo	0-10
2003 - Markievicz Park			
Tyrone	1-9	Mayo	0-9



Tyrone are modern Ulster title specialists



Tyrone are proving the modern-day specialists of the Cadbury Ulster Under-21 football championship. Their win last week-end over Derry at Ballybofey brought the provincial title back to the county after three years and brought their record to five since 2000.

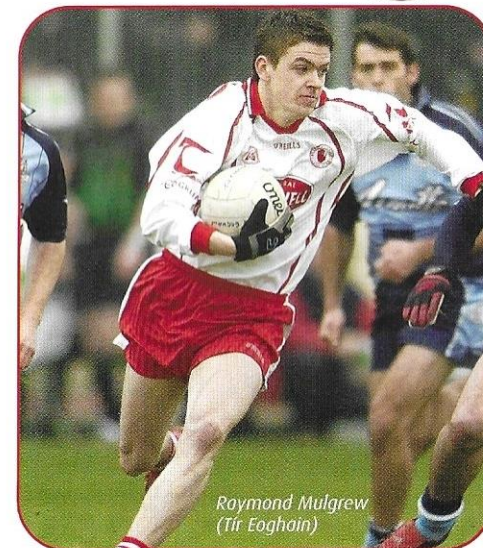
A strong finish that brought three unanswered points in the concluding stages clinched a hard-earned but merited 0-12 to 1-7 win over the Oak Leaf men.

Tyrone, who displayed much promise in their earlier wins over Donegal and Antrim, started the provincial final on a bright note. They went six points clear after only ten minutes and did not concede a score until the 14th minute.

Derry rallied well and were just three points behind (0-8 to 0-5) at the break. The Derry men maintained the momentum after the change of ends and after 46 minutes were a point ahead to present their opponents with a test of character.

The O'Neill County response was quick and decisive. Finbar McGill brought them level at 0-10 to 1-7 and they went on to put in that strong finish to ensure a return to this All-Ireland semi-final..

This was a very workman like performance by Tyrone. Justin McMahon anchored the defence splendidly as pivot and also hit two valuable points from frees. P. J. Quinn also did well at the back,



Raymond Mulgrew
(Tír Eoghain)

while McGill, McCeesh and McDermott spearheaded the attack in clever style.

A good return, then, by Tyrone to the top spot in Ulster and a performance that must also give them encouragement for their bid to get back into the final after three years.

How The Ulster Title Was Won

Tyrone had three games on the way to the Ulster title:

18th March. Ballybofey:

Tyrone 0-10; Donegal 0-6.

Scorers: Justin McMahon 0-6, Brendan Boggs 0-1, Colm Cavanagh 0-1, Finbar McGill 0-1, Damien McDermott 0-1.

1st April. Omagh:

Tyrone 0-13; Antrim 0-11.

Scorers: Finbar McGill 0-3, Damien Mc Dermott 0-3, Raymond Mulgrew 0-2, Caolan Tierney 0-2, Justin McMahon 0-1, Colm Cavanagh 0-1, Niall Kerr 0-1.

15th April. Ballybofey:

Tyrone 0-12; Derry 1-7.

Scorers: Fergal McGill 0-3, Justin McMahon 0-2, Damien McDermott 0-2, Martin McCreesh 0-2, Colm Cavanagh 0-1, Raymond Mulgrew 0-1, John Gilmore 0-1.

TOTAL SCORED: 0-35.

TOTAL CONCEDED: 1-24. (27)

AVERAGE: 1.3

Scorers: Justin McMahon 0-9, Finbar McGill 0-7, Damien McDermott 0-6, Colm Cavanagh 0-3, Raymond Mulgrew 0-3, Caolan Tierney 0-2, Martin McCreesh 0-2, John Gilmore 0-1, Brennan Boggs 0-1, Niall Kerr 0-1.



MAIGH EO



Dathanna: Uaithne is Dearg

FIR IONAIÐ

- (16) **Richie Byrne**
R. Ó Broin
(Castlebar)
- (17) **John Conlon**
S. Ó Conalláin
(Castlebar)
- (18) **John Healy**
S. Ó hÉilí
(Hollymount)
- (19) **Alan Feeney**
A. Ó Fiannaí
(Castlebar)
- (20) **Henry McLoughlin**
A. Mag Lochlainn
(Crossmolina)
- (21) **Kevin Costello**
C. Mac Coisteala
(Carramore)
- (22) **Sean Ryder**
S. Ó Marcaigh
(Castlebar)
- (23) **Simon McGuinness**
S. Mac Aonasa
(Aghamore)
- (24) **Enda Varley**
E. Mac Giolla
Bhearshúiligh
(Garrymore)

1
KENNETH O'MALLEY
C. Ó Máille
(Ballinrobe)

2
TREVOR HOWLEY
T. Ó hUalaigh
(Knockmore)

3
GER CAFFERKEY
G. Mac Eafarcaigh
(Ballina)

4
KEITH HIGGINS
C. Ó hUigin (Capt.)
(Ballyhaunis)

5
CHRIS BARRETT
C. de Bairéid
(Béal an Mhuirthead)

6
TOM CUNIFFE
T. Ó Conuibh
(Castlebar)

7
COLM BOYLE
C. Ó Baoill
(Davitts)

8
SEAMUS O'SHEA
S. Ó Sé
(Breaffy)

9
BARRY MORAN
B. Ó Moráin
(Castlebar)

10
AIDAN CAMPBELL
A. Ó Cathmhaoil
(Swinford)

11
JOE DILLON
S. Ó Diolúin
(Ballaghaderreen)

12
AIDAN KILCOYNE
A. Mac Giolla Chadháin
(Knockmore)

13
MARK RONALDSON
M. Mac Raghnaill
(Shrule-Glencorrib)

14
MARCUS HANNICK
M. Ó hAilmhic
(Killala)

15
MICHAEL CONROY
M. Ó Conraí
(Davitts)



TÍR EOGHAIN



Dathanna: Bán is Dearg

FIR IONAIÐ

- (16) **Daren McCann**
D. Mac Cana
(Aireagal Chiaráin)
- (17) **Martin Murray**
M. Ó Muirí
(An Chorra Chríochach)
- (18) **Seán O'Neill**
S. Ó Néill
(An Droim Mór)
- (19) **Cathal O'Neill**
C. Ó Néill
(Doire Treasc)
- (20) **Cathal McCarron**
C. Mac Cearáin
(An Droim Mór)
- (21) **Dean O'Neill**
D. Ó Néill
(An Omaigh)
- (22) **Cathal McCarron**
C. Mac Cearáin
(An Omaigh)
- (23) **Niall Kerr**
N. Mac Giolla Cheara
(Oileán a'Ghuail)
- (24) **Marc Cunningham**
M. Ó Cuinneagáin
(Cill Íseal)

1
JONATHAN CURRAN
S. Ó Corráin
(Oileán a'Ghuail)

2
P. J. QUINN
P. S. Ó Coinn
(Baile na Móna)

3
STEPHEN McNULTY
S. Mac an Ultaigh
(Cluain Eo)

4
DAMIAN BURKE
D. de Búrca
(Cluain Eo)

5
BRENDAN BOGGS
B. Ó Buaigh
(E. R. Úí Néill)

6
JUSTIN McMAHON
S. Mac Mathúna
(An Omaigh)

7
JOHN GILMORE
S. Giolla Mhir
(An Chorra Chríochach)

8
MICHAEL MURPHY
M. Ó Murchú (Capt.)
(An Gallbhaile)

9
SHANE O'HAGAN
S. Ó hÁgáin
(Cluain Eo)

10
RAYMOND MULGREW
R. Ó Maolchraoibhe
(An Chorra Chríochach)

11
MARTIN McCREESH
M. Mac Raois
(An Charraig)

12
FINBAR MCGILL
F. Mac Giolla
(An Charraig Mhór)

13
CAOLAN TIERNEY
C. Ó Tighearnaigh
(Aireagal Chiaráin)

14
COLM CAVANAGH
C. Caomhánach
(An Mhaigh)

15
RONAN McRORY
R. Mac Ruairí
(Aireagal Chiaráin)

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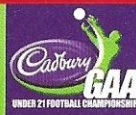
Pat Holmes, *Manager*,
Noel Connelly,
Michael Collins.

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Maigh Eo & Tír Eoghain... LAST MEETING

2003 Tyrone 1-9 Mayo 0-9

The most recent meeting of Mayo and Tyrone took place three years ago in the All-Ireland semi/final at Markievicz Park before an attendance of 4,000. For the Northerners it was their fourth penultimate appearance in as many years and having lost to Dublin a year earlier they hoped to get back to winning ways. Mayo, who had defeated Meath in their most recent semi/final in 2001, were hoping to gain revenge for their loss to Tyrone in that year's final. However, on the day the Connacht side suffered the same fate as their predecessors in going down by three points.

The first 20 minutes produced little quality football with the Westerners eking out a 0-3 to 0-2 lead. Then Tyrone found their stride and three unanswered points had them 0-5 to 0-3 in front at the change of ends. Seven minutes after the restart Tyrone still enjoyed a two-point advantage and then came the game's crucial score. Leo Meenan's sideline kick was gathered by Sean

Cavanagh and the senior midfielder made space before firing past Fintan Ruddy. A five-point deficit looked a huge obstacle for Mayo to overcome and with eight minutes remaining Tyrone still led by five. Conor Mortimer did stage a mini-recovery in the closing minutes, but it never looked like denying the leaders.

Tyrone scorers: S.Cavanagh 1-1, K.Hughes 0-3, P.Donnelly 0-1, J.McMahon 0-1, R.McCann 0-1, R.Ward 0-1, L.Meenan 0-1.

Mayo scorers: C.Mortimer 0-7, P.Doherty 0-1, D.Munnally 0-1.

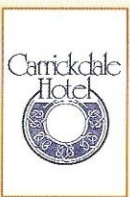
Tír Eoghain - J.Devine, S.Sweeney, K.McCrory, D.Carlin, O.Devine, M.Garry, P.O'Farrell, P.Donnelly, J.McMahon, K.Hughes, L.Meenan, S.Cavanagh, R.Ward, A.McCarron, R.McCann. Subs - M.Penrose for Ward, D.McDermott for Meenan.

Maigh Eo - F.Ruddy, L.O'Malley, R.Walsh, D.Geraghty, C.Moran, E.Devenney, D.Costelloe, P.Harte, P.Nevin, B.Egan, P.Doherty, A.Moran, C.Mortimer, A.Dillon, D.Munnally. Subs - D.Clarke for Ruddy, J.Prenty for Doherty, P.Carey for Regan.

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BEST WISHES TO THE LOUTH & TYRONE TEAMS IN TODAY'S MATCHES

Mayo regained Connacht title in sparkling style

Mayo return to this Cadbury All-Ireland Under-21 football championship semi-final with really sound credentials.

Although they served notice with wins over Leitrim and Roscommon that they were a force to be reckoned with, some still felt they would find the Connacht final against old rivals Galway, last year's All-Ireland champions, a step too far at Castlebar.

However, Mayo responded to the challenge with their best performance of the season so far. They took the game right from the throw-in to their fancied opponents and, playing fast and creative football, finished very convincing winners with seven points to spare.

Galway had an ideal start by opening the scoring with a point inside two minutes. But Mayo quickly got their game together, went in front after only five minutes and were never led after that.

Michael Conroy and Joe Dillon sparkled in the attack that moved with purpose and built up an interval lead of 0-7 to 0-2.

Mayo were eight points clear after about fifteen minutes of the second half before Galway boosted morale with a goal and when they followed on with a point, a come-back appeared on the cards.

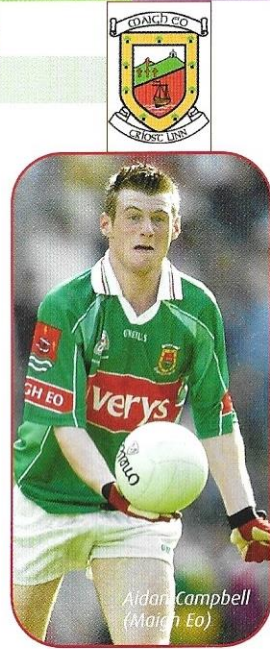
The home side did not lose their momentum, however. They responded in champion style with

three unanswered points to eventually regain the title in sparkling style by 0-15 to 1-5.

There was much to admire in this Mayo success. The attack, with Conroy and Dillon providing the main scoring punch, moved with purpose and also made the most of scoring opportunities.

Keith Higgins, who has worn the county colours in the Allianz Football and Hurling Leagues this season, played a real captain's part at full back. Right half back Chris Barrett, who chipped in with a point, was another to shine in defence, while the midfield pair also did well.

Mayo can certainly take much encouragement from this display—a display which should have them in the right frame of mind as they seek a first final outing since 2004.



Aidan Campbell (Maigh Eo)

The Victory March in the West

Mayo regained the Connacht title after two years and are now provincial champions for the 20th time. This is how they came out on top in the West:

17th March. Carrick-on-Shannon:
Mayo 0-13; Leitrim 0-5.

Scorers: Aidan Kilcoyne 0-3, B. Moran 0-3. Mark Ronaldston 0-2, Aidan Campbell 0-1, Michael Conroy 0-1, Marcus Hannick 0-1, S. O'Shea 0-1, E. Valey 0-1.

1st April. Roscommon:

Mayo 1-19; Roscommon 2-8.

Scorers: Aidan Kilcoyne 0-12, Mark Ronaldston 0-2, B. Moran 0-1, Aidan Campbell 0-1, Michael Conroy 0-1, Marcus Hannick 0-1, Colm O'Boyle 0-1.

8th April. Castlebar:

Mayo 0-15; Galway 1-5.

Scorers: Michael Conroy 0-5, Colm Barrett 1-1, Joe Dillon 0-3, Aidan Kilcoyne 0-2, Aidan Campbell 0-2, Mark Ronaldston 0-1, Marcus Hannick 0-1.

TOTAL SCORED: 1-47 (50 points),

TOTAL CONCEDED: 3-18 (27 points).

AVERAGE: 1.85

Scorers: Aidan Kilcoyne 0-17, Mark Ronaldston 1-5, Michael Conway 0-7, B. Moran 0-4, Aidan Campbell 0-4, Marcus Hannick 0-3, Joe Dillon 0-3, Chris Barrett 0-1, S. O'Shea 0-1, E. Valley 0-1, Colm O'Boyle 0-1.



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AN LÚ



Dathanna: Dearg is Bán



DÚN NA NGALL



Dathanna: Uaithne is Ór

FIR IONAIÐ

- (16) **Shane McCoy**
S. Mac Aodha
(Roche Emmet's)
- (17) **John Doyle**
S. Ó Dughail
(St. Finbarr's)
- (18) **Shane Lennon**
S. Ó Leannain
(Ennmití Cill Choirle)
- (19) **John Kermath**
S. Kermath
(Oliver Plunkett's)
- (20) **Brendan Reilly**
B. Ó Raghallaigh
(John Mitchell's)
- (21) **Ronan Greene**
R. Ó hUaine
(Naomh Malachí)
- (22) **Sean O'Neill**
S. Ó Neill
(Cooley Kickhams)
- (23) **Brian White**
B. de Faoite
(Cooley Kickhams)
- (24) **David Bracken**
D. Ó Breacháin
(Glen Emmets)
- (25) **Trevor O'Brien**
T. Ó Briain
(Glyde Rangers)
- (26) **Dessie Finnegan**
D. Ó Fhinneagán
(St. Patrick's)
- (27) **Hugh McGinn**
A. Mac Fhinn
(Newtown Blues)
- (28) **Colm Judge**
C. Mac an Bheithiún
(Newtown Blues)
- (29) **Shane Thornton**
S. Ó Droighneáin
(Geraldines)
- (30) **Ronan Carroll**
R. Ó Cearúil
(St. Mary's)

ROGHNÓIRÍ:

Eamon McEaney, Manager,
Pat Mulligan, Stephen Melia,
Seamus O'Hanlon.

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2adh Leath

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Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	45m	Saor Ciceanna

1 STUART REYNOLDS

S. Mac Ránaill
(O'Connells)

2 DAVID BRENNAN

D. Ó Braonáin
(Mattock Rangers)

3 COLIN GOSS

C. Ó Gós
(St. Patrick's)

4 JAMIE CARR

S. Ó Cearra
(Newtown Blues)

5 JOHN O'BRIEN

S. Ó Briain
(Seán O'Mahony's)

6 PETER MCGINNITY

P. Mac Fhinneachta
(Dundalk Gaels)

7 JOHN NEARY

S. Ó Nearaigh
(Geraldines)

8 MARTIN FARRELLY

M. Ó Faircheallaigh
(St. Joseph's)

9 PADDY KEENAN

P. Ó Cianáin
(St. Patrick's)

10 CHRISTY GRIMES

C. Ó Gréacháin
(Mattock Rangers)

11 MARK BRENNAN

M. Ó Braonáin
(Mattock Rangers)

12 MARK STANFIELD

M. Mac Stanmhaca
(Killeavey)

13 J.P. ROONEY

S.P. Ó Ruanaigh
(Naomh Máirtín)

14 AARON HOEY

A. Ó hEochaidh
(St. Bride's)

15 DARREN CLARKE

D. Ó Cleirigh
(St. Mary's)

FIR IONAIÐ

- (16) **Ciarán Sharkey**
C. Ó Searcaigh
(An Clochán Liath)
- (17) **Raymond Sweeney**
R. Mac Suibhne
(An Clochán Liath)
- (18) **Thomas Donoghue**
T. Mac Donnacha
(Naomh Conall)
- (19) **Stephen McHugh**
S. Mac Aoidh
(Ard an Rátha)
- (20) **Barry Dunnion**
B. Ó Dúinín
(Na Céithre Máistrí)
- (21) **Gavin Maguire**
G. Mag Uidhir
(Naomh Naílle)
- (22) **Anthony Thompson**
A. Mac Tomáis
(Naomh Conall)
- (23) **Rory Kavanagh**
R. Ó Caomhánach
(Naomh Adhamhnán)
- (24) **Conal Dunne**
C. Ó Doinn
(Naomh Adhamhnán)
- (25) **James Gallagher**
S. Ó Gallchoir
(Gaoth Dobhair)
- (26) **Adrian Sweeney**
A. Mac Suibhne
(An Clochán Liath)
- (27) **Paddy McNulty**
P. Mac an Ultaigh
(Seán Mac Cumhailís)
- (28) **Seamie Friel**
S. Ó Fríil
(Gaeil Phanada)
- (29) **Leon Thompson**
L. Mac Tomáis
(Naomh Conall)

ROGHNÓIRÍ:

Brian McIver, Manager,
Michael Kelly,
Piaras Coyle,
Francie Martin.

1 MICHAEL BOYLE

M. Ó Baoill
(An Tearmann)

2 NEIL MCGEE

N. Mac Aoidh
(Gaoth Dobhair)

3 PADDY CAMPBELL

P. Mac Cathmhaoil
(Naomh Conall)

4 KARL LACEY

C. de Léis
(Na Céithre Máistrí)

5 DAMIEN DIVER

D. Ó Duibhir
(Ard an Rátha)

6 BARRY MONAGHAN

B. Ó Manacháin
(Na Céithre Máistrí)

7 FRANK MCGLYNN

P. Mag Fhloinn
(Gleann Fhinne)

8 BRENDAN BOYLE

B. Ó Baoill
(Ard an Rátha)

9 NEIL GALLAGHER

N. Ó Gallchoir
(Gleann tsúilí)

10 CHRISTY TOYE

C. Ó Tuathaigh (Capt.)
(Naomh Micheál)

11 MICHAEL HEGARTY

M. Ó hÉigeartaigh
(Cill Chartha)

12 STEPHEN McDERMOTT

S. Mac Diarmada
(Gleann Fhinne)

13 BRIAN ROPER

B. Ó Ropeair
(Aodh Ruadh)

14 CIARÁN BONNER

C. Ó Cnáimhsí
(Gleann tsúilí)

15 MICHAEL DOHERTY

M. Ó Dochartaigh
(Na Céithre Máistrí)

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TOP SCORERS

DOHERTY POISED TO REGAIN TOP SPOT IN SCORING CHART

Michael Doherty lost his place on top of the Allianz National Football League Div 2 top scoring chart nationally last Sunday to Dessie Dolan, but he must be firmly fancied not only to regain the No.1 position today, but finish as a comfortable leader.

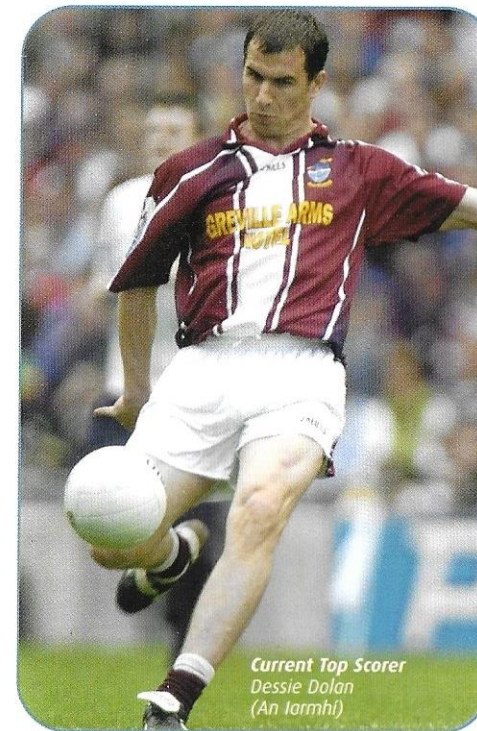
The Donegal sharpshooter is only a point behind Dolan, who bows out after Westmeath's defeat last week with 1-49 (52 points) in eight games at an average of 6.5 points a match.

Doherty's average is well up on that at 6.3 for a scoreline of 3-42 (51 points) from eight outings.

There is no footballer now in a position to pass out the Donegal man. Leading the way for Louth is Darren Clake with 1-26 (29 points) in eight games for a match rating of 3.62 points.

The leading scorers in Division II nationally are:

Points	Score	Games	Average	
52	Dessie Dolan (Westmeath)	1-49	8	6.5
51	Michael Doherty (Donegal)	3-42	8	6.3
41	Declan Browne (Tipperary)	2-35	7	5.85
35	Ger Heneghan (Roscommon)	0-35	7	5.0
34	Clement Duignan (Leitrim)	0-34	7	4.85
29	Darren Clarke (Louth)	1-26	8	3.62
29	Michael Reidy (Limerick)	3-20	9	3.62
25	Brian Kavanagh (Longford)	1-22	4	6.25
25	Jonathan Daniels (Wicklow)	1-22	7	3.57
23	Finbar O'Reilly (Cavan)	0-23	7	3.28
23	Sean Davey (Sligo)	1-20	7	3.28



Current Top Scorer
Dessie Dolan
(An Iomhí)

• AN RÉITEOIR (SINSIR) • PAT MCGOVERN (GAILLIMH)



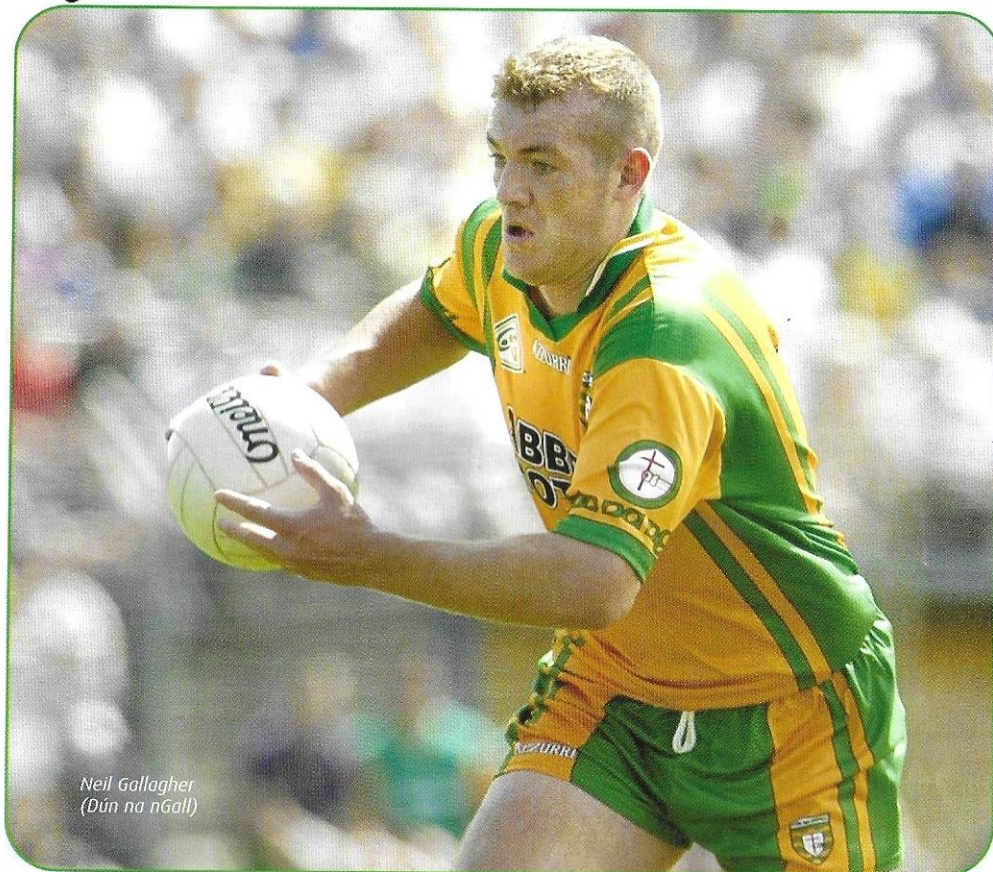
Pat is a native of Cavan and is nephew of Owen Roe McGovern, who won an All-Ireland senior medal with the Breffni County in 1947.

He played club football with Swanlinbar in Cavan, St. Loman's, Mullingar and St. Mary's, Athenry. He is now a member of St. Mary's. McGovern has refereed in New York in a Connacht FBD League final.

He has refereed in the Allianz League already this year as well as in the Sigerson Cup (Higher Education Football Championship).



Donegal blending into formidable unit



Neil Gallagher
(Dún na nGall)

Donegal bring an impressive record to this bid for the Allianz National Football League Division II title. They dropped just one point in the Divisional series—to Leitrim in round one—and scored well throughout that campaign.

They also underlined their never-say-die spirit when seeing off the challenge of Westmeath last Sunday at Kingspan Breffni Park in the semi-final. After leading by three points at the interval, they were rocked by a Westmeath goal after fifteen minutes of the restart to go a point behind.

However, the North-West County did not panic but put their shoulder to the wheel and in a storming finish some top class points scoring from Kevin Cassidy, Michael Doherty and Christy Toye set the scene for a well-deserved win.

GOOD FINISHING

Donegal were perhaps a little fortunate to have been ahead by 0-8 to 0-5 at the interval as Westmeath squandered some good scoring opportunities. However, the Ulster men still displayed some good finishing. They restarted

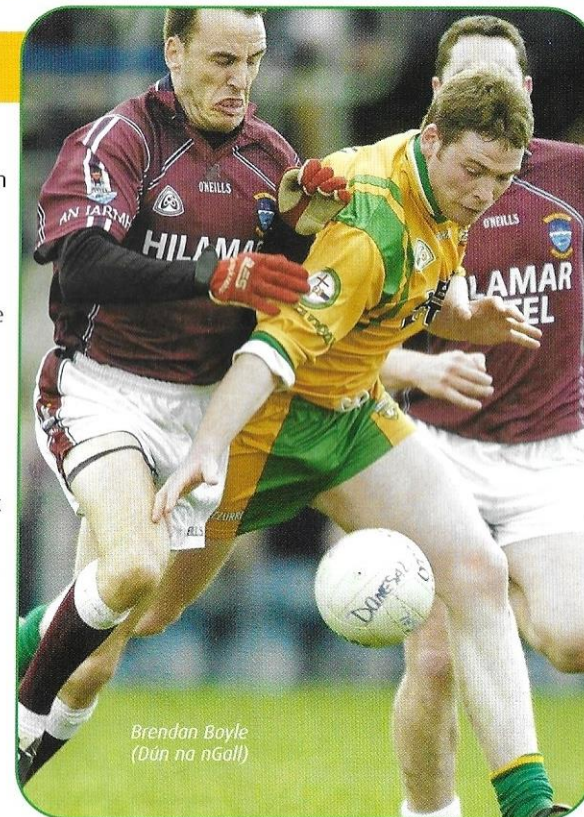


promisingly but then came that Westmeath goal to present Donegal with a real challenge.

They were quickly back on level terms and got back into the lead with a superb point from left half back Kevin Cassidy. Christy Toye strengthened his team's grip with a good point and Donegal went on from there to finish worthy winners by 0-14 to 1-9.

Michael Doherty, the team's top scorer overall, again played a big part in the success with his excellent free-taking that yielded six points. Kevin Cassidy, sound in defence and scorer of two excellent points, Toye, Brendan Boyle, second half substitute Damien Diver and Paddy Campbell at full back all played important roles in the success.

Donegal have made steady progress over the League campaign and are blending into a formidable side, well armed in all departments. A team to command the respect of the best.



Brendan Boyle
(Dún na nGall)

DONEGAL'S PATH TO THE SEMI-FINAL

Date	Opposition	Score
5th February. Ballyshannon:	Donegal	0-11; Leitrim 1-8.
12th February. Carlow:	Donegal	1-21; Carlow 0-8.
12th March. Ruislip:	Donegal	1-21; London 0-4.
19th March. Ennis:	Donegal	0-11; Clare 0-4.
26th March. Ballybofey:	Donegal	1-9; Limerick 1-5.
4th April. Ballybofey:	Donegal	3-16; Longford 0-9.
9th April. Roscommon:	Donegal	0-14; Roscommon 1-9.
16th April. Kingspan Breffni Park	Donegal	0-14; Westmeath 1-9.
TOTAL SCORED:	6-117 (135 points).	
TOTAL CONCEDED:	3-56 (65 points). AVERAGE: 2.08	

SCOREBOARD

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Michael Doherty	0-5	0-5	0-9	0-2	1-5	2-6	0-4	0-6	3-42
Christy Toye	0-2	0-2	1-0	—	—	0-4	0-2	0-1	1-11
Adrian Sweeney	0-2	0-5	0-1	0-2	—	—	0-1	0-2	0-13
James Gallagher	—	1-5	0-3	—	—	0-1	—	—	1-9
Rory Kavanagh	—	—	0-4	0-1	0-1	—	—	—	0-6
Michael Hegarty	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	0-4	0-1	0-6
Ciarán Bonner	—	0-1	—	0-2	0-1	0-2	—	—	0-6
Brendan Boyle	—	—	0-2	—	0-1	—	0-1	0-1	0-5
Conal Dunne	—	0-1	—	0-1	—	0-1	—	—	0-3
Brian Roper	—	—	—	—	—	1-1	—	—	1-1
Neil Gallagher	—	—	0-1	0-1	0-1	—	—	—	0-3
Kevin Cassidy	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	0-2	0-3
Stephen McDermott	0-1	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	0-1	0-3
Colm McFadden	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	0-1
Frank McGlynn	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-1
Anthony Thompson	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-1
Damien Diver	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-1
Barry Monaghan	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	0-1
Barry Dunnion	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	0-1



Louth get back into winning ways in style



Darren Clarke
(An Lú)

Louth recovered winning ways in fine style at the expense of Limerick at Droichead Nua to book their place in this Allianz National Football League Division II final.

They set an impressive pace in their Division with six good wins in succession before losing to Westmeath. In fairness, however, it must be said that they were short a number of key players in that match.

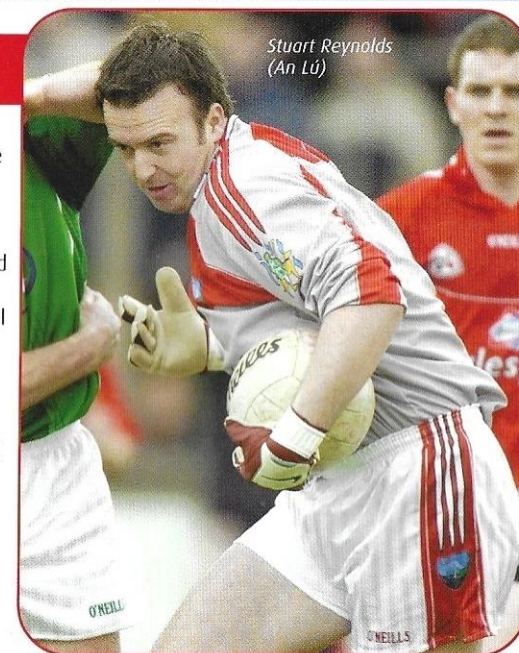
However, the "Wee County" put that set-back behind them in the best possible manner last

week with a polished and convincing performance in their win over the Shannonsdiers.

They lost no time in taking a decisive grip on the game. After only fifteen minutes they provided the platform for their success by rifling over five points to no score.

SET THE PACE

Louth continued to impressively set the pace and after twenty eight minutes a J. P. Rooney goal further advanced their cause by boosting their



Stuart Reynolds
(An Lú)

score to 1-5 without reply. At half-time Louth were well on the way to the final with a comfortable lead of 1-8 to 0-3.

Limerick did come more into the game in the second half, but Louth continued to play with confidence and skill and finished on a high note with a late goal by Trevor O'Brien to seal a 2-13 to 0-11 win.

This was a solid performance by the Leinster men. Martin Farrelly and Paddy Keenan got through much valuable work in the middle of the park and both also got on the scoresheet.

Rooney and Mark Stanfield up front and defenders David Brennan and Colin Goss were others who did much to have the side motoring in smart fashion. A good build-up over-all for Louth facing this latest challenge.

HOW THEY REACHED THE SUMMIT

5th February. Kingspan Breffni Park:			
Louth	2-9;	Cavan	0-10.
12th February. Dundalk:			
Louth	2-15;	Antrim	0-12.
5th March. Dundalk:			
Louth	0-20;	Sligo	2-6.
12th March. Semple Stadium:			
Louth	1-11;	Tipperary	0-9.
19th March. Dundalk:			
Louth	0-18;	Wicklow	1-12.
26th March. Dungarvan:			
Louth	4-11;	Waterford	0-5.
9th April. Mullingar:			
Louth	1-8;	Westmeath	2-8.
16th April. Droichead Nua:			
Louth	2-13;	Limerick	0-11.
TOTAL SCORED:	12-105 (141 points).		
TOTAL CONCEDED:	5-73 (88 points) AVERAGE: 1.6		

SCOREBOARD

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Darren Clarke	0-2	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-7	1-2	0-2	0-4	1-26
Christy Grimes	—	0-2	0-3	—	0-4	1-2	0-1	0-2	1-14
Mark Brennan	1-0	0-2	—	0-1	0-1	1-1	0-1	—	2-6
Trevor O'Brien	1-0	0-1	0-4	0-1	—	—	—	1-0	1-6
J. P. Rooney	0-3	0-1	0-3	—	0-2	0-1	—	—	0-10
Mark Stanfield	—	1-0	—	0-1	0-1	—	1-1	0-3	2-6
Aaron Hoey	0-1	—	0-1	0-3	—	0-3	—	1-1	1-9
John O'Brien	0-1	0-2	0-2	1-1	—	—	—	—	1-6
Shane Lennon	0-2	1-2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1-4
Paddy Keenan	—	0-1	0-1	—	0-2	0-1	—	0-1	0-5
B. White	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	0-3	—	0-4
Martin Farrelly	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	0-2	0-3
Ronan Carroll	—	—	—	—	—	1-0	—	—	1-0
John Neary	—	—	0-1	—	0-1	—	—	—	0-2
Jamie Carr	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	0-1
David Bracken	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-1
S. Thornton	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	0-1
Shane Briggs	—	—	—	—	—	1-0	—	—	1-0
(Waterford) Own Goal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

SYMPATHY

The Louth County Board GAA wishes to extend its sympathy to the relatives, friends and clubmates of Gerry Lennon, who sadly passed away while watching Louth in Droichead Nua last Sunday. Gerry (62) was a member of the Dowdallshill Club in Dundalk and was a former county junior footballer.

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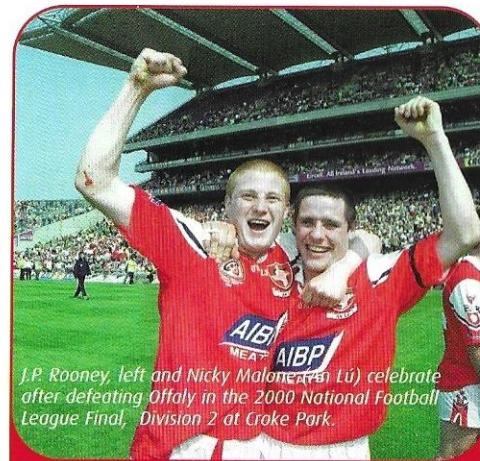
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Louth's Last Title...2000



J.P. Rooney, left and Nicky Malone (An Lú) celebrate after defeating Offaly in the 2000 National Football League Final, Division 2 at Croke Park.

Louth 1-13 Offaly 0-13

Having lost to the same opposition in the opening round, Louth went into this Division 2 Final as underdogs and when they retired at half time trailing by three points (0-6 to 0-9), despite having enjoyed wind advantage, it appeared as if the contest was going according to script. And on the restart there was nothing to suggest that Louth could turn the tide as the Midlanders outscored their opponents by three points to two to establish a four-point cushion.

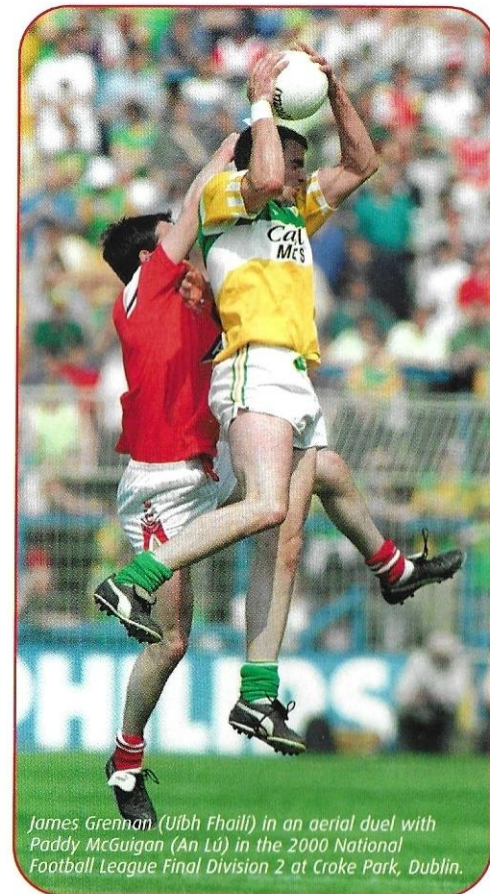
However, undaunted Louth hit back with three points from Martin Farrelly (two) and Cathal O'Hanlon to reduce the deficit to the minimum and in the 51st minute they swept into the lead as Simon Gerard finished Ollie McDonnell's centre to the net to make it 1-11 to 0-12. Offaly were in disarray now and conceded two further points before Ciarán McManus had their only score for 25 minutes with the last kick.

The Louth defence can take much credit for this win with Stephen Melia at full back particularly outstanding in a unit that was as cohesive as it was impressive. At midfield Martin Farrelly did much of

the donkey work while up front Mark Stanfield, Ollie McDonnell and J.P.Rooney caught the eye.

Louth scorers: M.Stanfield 0-4, J.P.Rooney 0-3, S.Gerard 1-0, M.Farrelly 0-2, P.McGinnity 0-1, D.Reilly 0-1, D.Kirwan 0-1, C.O'Hanlon 0-1.

An Lú – Colm Nally, Brian Phillips, Stephen Melia, Brendan Reilly, Peter McGinnity, Aaron Hoey, Simon Gerard, Seamus O'Hanlon, Martin Farrelly, Mark Stanfield, Nicky Malone, Ollie McDonnell, David Reilly, Darren Kirwan, J.P.Rooney. Subs – Cathal O'Hanlon, Paddy McGuigan, Christy Grimes.



James Greiman (Uibh Fhail) in an aerial duel with Paddy McGuigan (An Lú) in the 2000 National Football League Final Division 2 at Croke Park, Dublin.



When Last They Met

**2001 Donegal 3-12 Louth 1-11**

The old saying about a good start being half the battle is not necessarily true as Donegal and Louth could testify at the end of this campaign. The league, of course, requires more than one good performance to ensure a rewarding season, but after their wins in the opening round when Louth beat Kerry and Donegal defeated Offaly, both counties thoughts must have been more on the knock-out stages rather than relegation.

But next time out Donegal settled for a draw with Galway while Louth failed to Roscommon. When the teams met in the third round at Ballyshannon, Donegal had seven points to spare over the Wee county and from there on it was strife all the way for both counties. Their respective misfortunes eventually led to a head-to-head to avoid relegation, and if the clash at Brewster Park, Enniskillen displayed all the desperation associated with such a confrontation, from an early stage it was clear that the Ulster men were better focussed than their opponents.

Inside four minutes Donegal got the start they wanted and Louth didn't; a goal punched home by Brendan Devenney after the Louth 'keeper Colm McNally had saved a shot by Adrian Sweeney. Devenney chalked up number two at the 21st minute and Louth's problems were mounting alarmingly when the same player

completed his hat-trick seven minutes later.

An interval score of 3-5 to 0-4 spelled only trouble for the Wee county and though the Donegal attack had completed their quota of green flags at that stage, there was no way back for floundering Louth. True, they did make brave efforts with Kelly, Neary and Reilly all contributing to the scoresheet in the second period, but the leaders were never in danger.

Donegal scorers: B.Devenney 3-2, M.Hegarty 0-3, A.Sweeney 0-2, J.Gallagher 0-2, J.McGuinness 0-1, J.McCaffrey 0-1, C.Toye 0-1.

Louth scorers: C.Kelly 0-3, D.Reilly 1-0, J.Neary 0-2, M.Stanfield 0-1, M.Farrelly 0-1, C.Grimes 0-1, O.McDonnell 0-1, S.O'Hanlon 0-1, D.Shevlin 0-1.

Dún na nGall – G.McGill, P.McConaghy, M.Crossan, N.McGinley, B.Monaghan, K.Browne, R.Sweeney, P.McGonigle, J.Gildea, A.Sweeney, M.Hegarty, J.Gallagher, J.McCaffrey, J.McGuinness, B.Devenney. Subs – D.Duffer for Browne, C.Toye for A.Sweeney, C.Molloy for McCaffrey, S.Friel for McGuinness.

An Lú – C.Nally, B.Philips, E.Shevlin, D.Brennan, S.Gerrard, C.Goff, J.Neary, S.O'Hanlon, C.Quinn, C.Grimes, M.Farrelly, M.Stanfield, D.Reilly, O.McDonnell, J.P.Rooney. Subs – K.Lynch for Goff, C.Kelly for Rooney, C.O'Hanlon for Stanfield, A.McKenna for Philips.

HEAD TO HEAD

The rivalry of Donegal and Louth is a recent one with today's meeting just the 12th in a series that goes back only 35 years. The counties met for the first time at Ardee with the home side winning by five points, but a couple of seasons later Donegal achieved their first victory at Drogheda. Up to the end of the century the counties were tied at four wins each, but Donegal's two successes in the 2000/01 season gives them a 6-4 lead, with one game drawn. The details are:

1971/72 – Ardee:

Louth 1-7; Donegal 0-5

1973/74 – Drogheda:

Donegal 2-10; Louth 1-10

1974/75 – Dundalk:

Louth 2-9; Donegal 2-6

1975/76 – Ballyshannon:

Donegal 1-11; Louth 0-4

1980/81 – Dundalk:

Louth 1-5; Donegal 1-5

1981/82 – Ballyshannon:

Donegal 1-12; Louth 1-5

1982/83 – Dundalk:

Louth 1-11; Donegal 2-4

1984/85 – Dundalk:

Louth 0-10; Donegal 0-8

Clones**(play-off):**

Donegal 2-7; Louth 2-5

2000/01 – Ballyshannon:

Donegal 2-14; Louth 1-10

Enniskillen**(play-off):**

Donegal 3-12; Louth 1-11



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1999/00 – Croke Park:

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Top Scorer – Ciarán McManus (Offaly) 0-5

2000/01 – Croke Park:

Westmeath 3-11; Cork 2-13

Top Scorer – Ger Heavin (Westmeath) 2-2

2002 – the Gaelic Grounds:

Kerry 1-9; Laois 1-5

Top Scorer – Colm Cooper (Kerry) 1-2

2003 – Croke Park:

Westmeath 2-12; Limerick 1-14

Top Scorer – Muiris Gavin (Limerick) 1-8

2004 – Croke Park:

Offaly 1-10; Down 1-8

Top Scorer – Ciarán McManus (Offaly) 0-5

2005 – Croke Park:

Monaghan 3-13; Meath 3-12

Top Scorer – Thomas Freeman (Monaghan) 2-3

Division 2...A Chequered History

There is little doubt about the place of Division 2 in today's National Football League structure, which is a far cry from the position second division football enjoyed in the early days of the league. In the 1920s there was no second division, although there was an arrangement of a sort introduced in 1930.

The first 'secondary' league was introduced in the 1932 season, but its composition was somewhat vague though there was a final between Cork and Wexford described as a 'special' competition.

However, things were more clearly outlined in the 1934/35 season with two groups participating. The final, in which Offaly beat Sligo, was staged at Tuam on October 15th 1934. Armagh beat Westmeath in the 1935 decider and Division 2 appeared to be a permanent part of the league structure when Offaly defeated Longford in the decider, with Longford winning out in '37 and Tipperary a year later.

But suddenly a Division 2 competition disappeared as the league was again re-organised and it would be many years before it re-appeared. In fact, it wasn't until the revamping of the league in 1972 that a Division 2 final was staged with Tyrone overcoming New York, having defeated Down in the "Home" final. Kildare were the next holders and it says something for the lowly standing of Dublin at that time that the attendance at that "Home" final at Croke Park was a mere 6,000.

Armagh, Clare and Laois were winners of the title later in the decade, but once again Division 2 as a separate entity disappeared as the league was re-organised in 1980 into four divisions with promotion and relegation, with no divisional finals.

However, the re-introduction of Division 2 finals in recent years has been widely welcomed and is almost certain to be a part of any future league system.



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UNDER-AGE SPOTLIGHT

All the questions here relate to happenings at under-age level already this year.

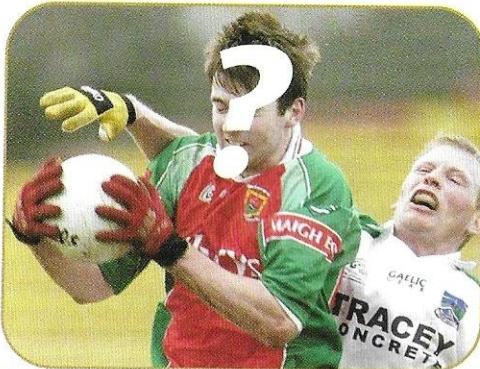
1. Ireland and Australia met in Melbourne in the opening game of the three match international football series at under-17 earlier this month. Ireland won that game. True or false?
2. Name the runners-up for the MacRory Cup (Ulster Colleges' senior football championship) on St. Patrick's Day.
3. David Reidy scored 1-8 for what county in their ESB Munster minor hurling championship losers round clash against Kerry at Austin Stack Park earlier this month—Cork, Clare or Limerick?
4. Wicklow beat Cork or Kerry in an All-Ireland Vocational Schools' semi-final earlier this month. Your choice!
5. Name this year's Colleges' provincial senior football champions in Leinster and Munster.

WHO AM I?

I was on duty last week with my county in the Allianz Football League.

I am a midfielder and I won an AIB All-Ireland club senior football medal in 2005.

I am also a well-know basketball player.



Captain's Call
 1. Maurice Sheridan. 2. Declan O'Sullivan. 3. Down. 4. Bryan Cullen (Dublin). Corofin.
Memory
 1. Pat McEaney (Monaghan). 2. Kingspan Breffni Park. 3. One by Mayo. 4. Waterford.

Freagraí

CAPTAIN'S CALL



1. Who led Salthill-Knocknacarra, Galway, to the AIB All-Ireland club senior football title on St. Patrick's Day?
2. Name Kerry's captain in last year's All-Ireland senior football final.
3. Ambrose Rogers led what county to last year's All-Ireland Under-21 football final.
4. Who captained DCU to their first-ever Sigerson Cup (Higher Education Football Championship) win earlier this year?
5. Alan Burke, who led Galway from right full back to last year's Cadbury All-Ireland Under-21 football title, is a member of the Corofin, Salthill-Knocknacarra or Claregalway club. Your choice!

APRIL SPOTLIGHT

Here is a short exercise to test your memory of recent events

1. Who refereed the Kerry-Laois Allianz Football League semi-final at Killarney last Sunday.
2. Where was the Donegal-Westmeath Division II Allianz Football League semi-final played last week.
3. How many goals were scored in the Mayo-Tyrone Allianz Football League Division I tie at Castlebar in early April?
4. What county beat Cavan earlier this month to end the Breffni County's hopes of promotion and a place in the Allianz Football League Division II semi-finals?



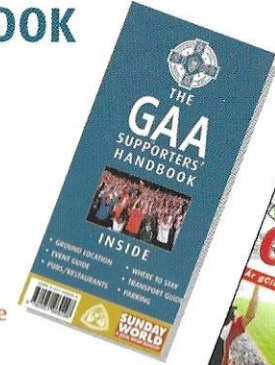
Under-Age Spotlight
 1. False. The game ended in a draw. 2. St. Louis, Killeel. 3. Clare. 4. Cork. 5. St. Pat's, Navan, and DLS Macroom, Cork.
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 Ronan McGarrity, Mayo.



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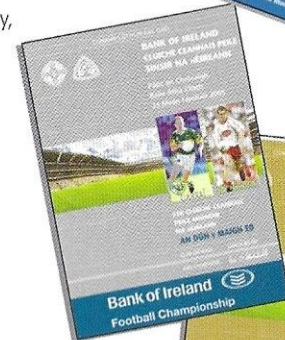
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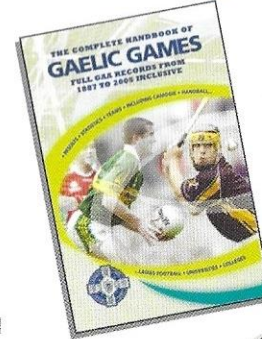
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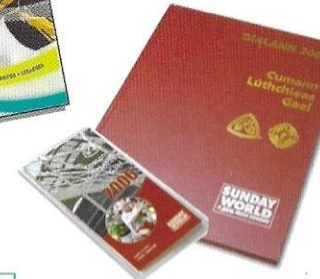
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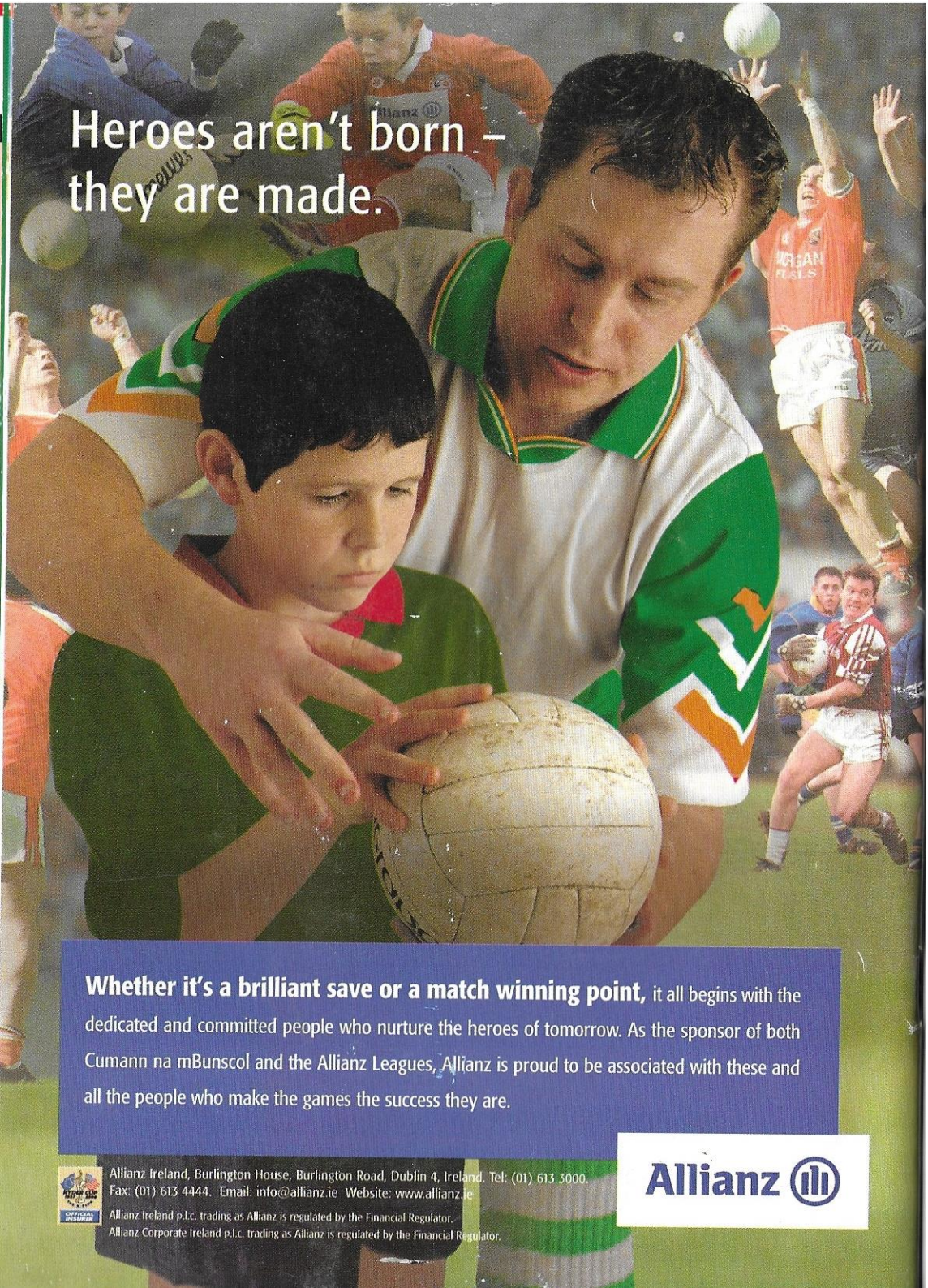
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