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DONEGAL EXPOSE CLARE'S FRAILTIES AT CROKE PARK

DONEGAL 1-12 CLARE 1-7



researched by Pádraig Mac Mathúna

TODAY'S GAME IS THE TENTH MEETING OF CLARE and Donegal in the national football league and the results of the nine games played have been very much in the Ulster county's favour, with eight victories to Clare's lone win in the 1982/3 competition. Their highest profile meeting was played at Croke Park on 18th April 1993 in the league semi-final, when Donegal were Ulster and all-Ireland champions and Clare were champions of Munster. The game formed part of a double-header with Dublin playing Kerry in the other semi-final in the league. Hereunder are extracts from the *Clare County Express* report on the game.

As the colourful Clare crowd in the 46,536 attendance drifted away from Croke Park, soul-searching ensued. They had seen their team out-played, out-maneuvred and out-fought in most sectors by a superior Donegal outfit. At the whistle, Clare were beaten 1-12 to 1-7. Despite a valiant and brave battle up, Donegal were deserving winners in a moderate encounter.

Clare, bar a few notable exceptions, were playing below par and the hunger, passion, determination and fighting spirit of the Munster champions was absent. While these attributes are part of winning, the failure of some of our leading lights to approach anything like their true form was particularly disappointing.

The attack, with only three points coming from play over the sixty minutes, was particularly weak. The Clare goal, a well-struck left-footed effort from midfielder Tom Morrissey, was secured in injury time. Mid-field, beaten by Mayo in the last round, were again overshadowed by the Brian Murray-Anthony Molloy partnership. Defence, where Frankie Griffin and Seamus Clancy prospered, weathered the flow of play coming through mid-field to some extent.

Playing with a stiff breeze and on wet, lush green grass, Clare made the early probings. But fouls on Joe Joe Rouine and Brendan Rouine were not converted into concrete reward in the opening two minutes. This laxity was in contrast to Donegal's excellent use of their scoring opportunities as Declan Bonner opened his side's scoring inside three minutes.

Loose marking was to prove fatal to Clare's game plan on the day and saw Donegal mid-fielder Brian Murray notch his side's second point three minutes later. A point from Ger Killeen a minute later brought the Clare following into full voice for the county's opening score. Manus Boyle immediately restored

his side's two point advantage. Francis McInerney, operating from the fringe of the square, worked earnestly to find Noel Roche, who was hauled down. Ger Killeen dispatched to Denis Russell to leave the minimum separation—a point. An excellent cross-field drive from Seamus Clancy found Noel Roche, who drove badly wide.

Following a good build-up by Pat Murray, Joe Joe and Ger Killeen rewarded initial efforts with a beautifully-struck point to level matters on fifteen minutes. Clare were now more settled but confusion between defenders Aidan Moloney and captain Ger Kelly let in Tony Boyle for a point and the lead minutes later.

With an eager Donegal gathering the loose ball behind mid-field, the signs were ominous for Clare. Noel Roche retrieved a desperate situation close to Clare's goal with a timely interjection. A Joe Joe Rouine free left Clare a point adrift at the interval.

Hopes that Clare might repeat their traditional second half revival were dashed by Tony Boyle (2) and James McHugh (1) points in the first five minutes. Francis McInerney, during this period, was penalised for over-carrying close to goals. Frankie Griffin was seen to great effect attacking from the right wing of defence.

Within a minute of Brendan Rouine being called off, Donegal had goaled with help from lady luck. A move involving Hegarty/Boyle saw John Enright failing to hold the ball. Barry Cunningham lashed it past helpless Carl Walsh, off Aidan Moloney's boot. This effectively ended the contest but Clare fought on and the Tom Morrissey goal was reward for their efforts.

Scorers, Donegal: B Cunningham 1-0; T Boyle 0-3; J McHugh 0-3; D Bonner 0-2 (from frees); M Boyle 0-2 (0-1 from 45) and A Molloy and B Murray 0-1 each; Scorers, Clare: T Morrissey 1-0; J Killeen 0-4 (0-2 from frees, 0-1 from 45) and F McInerney, D Russell and J J Rouine (free) 0-1 each.

Donegal: G Walsh, J J Doherty, M Gallagher, B McGowan, D Reid, M Gavigan, M Shovelin, A Molloy, B Murray, J McHugh, M McHugh, B Cunningham, D Bonner, T Boyle and M Boyle; substitutes: P Hegarty for McHugh and J McGuinness for Bonner (both injured).

Clare: C Walsh, S Clancy, A Moloney, G Kelly, F Griffin, J J Rouine, J Enright, T Morrissey, B Rouine, N Roche, F McInerney, J Killeen, D Russell, P Murray and M Daly; substitutes: C Clancy for B Rouine and M Flynn for Russell.

Referee: P Casserly, Westmeath

FOCAIL FÁILTE

M ar cathaoirleach CLG Coiste Chondae an Chláir, ba mhaith liom fáilte a cuir romhaibh go léir inniu. Ta suil agam go mbeidh cluiche sportúil againn.

Fáilte specialta to the players, mentors, officials and supporters of Dún na nGall, who have made the very long journey to Páirc Cíosóg, Inis.

Again, I welcome the under-ten footballers and thank the urban board officers for their commitment. To the mentors of these teams, keep up the good work: your involvement with parents in this project is vital.

Céad míle fáilte agus míle buíochas to media, sponsors, guests, referee and officials and all supporters.



Micheal Mac Donncha CATHOIRLEACH, CLG AN CHLÁIR



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Doora/Barefield v Clooney/Quin



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Míle buíochas, Deasúin Mac Concro
PRO, CLG an Chláir
programme editor

Allianz NFL division 2a

table and scores after four rounds

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
Limerick	4	3	1	0	6-49	5-40	12	7
Roscommon	4	3	0	1	3-54	0-35	28	6
Leitrim	4	2	2	0	5-34	3-25	15	6
Donegal	3	2	1	0	2-53	1-20	36	5
Longford	3	1	2	0	4-36	4-25	11	4
Clare	4	1	0	3	3-34	4-42	-11	2
Carlow	4	0	0	4	2-30	5-56	-35	0
London	4	0	0	4	2-16	5-63	-56	0

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Dún na nGall

Donegal

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green, gold, white trim

<p>2 T Ó Donnchú Thomas Donoghue Naomh Conail</p> <p>5 E Mac Aoidh Eamon McGee Gaoth Dobhair</p> <p>8 B Ó Baoill Brendan Boyle Ard an Ratha</p> <p>10 C Ó Tuath Christy Toye (c) Naomh Michael</p> <p>13 A Mac Suibhne Adrian Sweeney An Clochan Liath</p>	<p>1 P Ó Durcáin Paul Durcan Na Ceithre Maistri</p> <p>3 P Ó Cathmhail Paddy Campbell Naomh Conail</p> <p>6 B Ó Muineacháin Barry Monaghan Na Ceithre Maistri</p> <p>11 C Ó Cnamhsí Ciaran Bonner Gleann Suláí</p> <p>14 S Ó Galloir James Gallagher Gaoth Dobhair</p>	<p>4 C de Lasa Karl Lacy Na Ceithre Maistri</p> <p>7 C Ó Casaide Kevin Cassidy Gaoth Dobhair</p> <p>9 N Ó Galloir Neil Gallagher Gleann Suláí</p> <p>12 R Ó Caomhánach Rory Kavanagh Naomh Adhamhain</p> <p>15 M Ó Dochartaigh Michael Doherty Na Ceithre Maistri</p>
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| 16 Michael Boyle | M Ó Baoill | An Tearmain | 24 Shane Carr | S Mac Giolla Chearra | Na Ceithre Maistri |
| 17 Raymond Sweeney | R Mac Suibhne | An Clochan Liath | 25 Stephen McDermott | S Mac Diarmada | Gleann Fhinne |
| 18 Frank McGlynn | P Mac Ghlóinn | Gleann Fhinne | 26 Colm McFadden | C Mac Phaidín | Naomh Michael |
| 19 Neil McGee | N Mac Aoidh | Gaoth Dobhair | 27 Brian Roper | B Ó Ropier | Aodh Ruadh |
| 20 Barry Dunionn | B Ó Duinin | Na Ceithre Maistri | 28 Conal Dunne | C Ó Doinn | Naomh Adhamhain |
| 21 Damien Diver | D Ó Duibhir | Ard an Ratha | 29 Martin Caulifield | M Ó Caulifield | Na Rossa |
| 22 Stephen McHugh | S Mac Aoidh | Ard an Ratha | 30 Paddy McNulty | P Mac Ultaigh | Sean Mac Cumhailis |
| 23 Gavin Maguire | G Mag Uidhir | Naomh Naile | roghnóirí Brian McIver, Francie Martin, Michael Kelly and Pierce Coyle | | |

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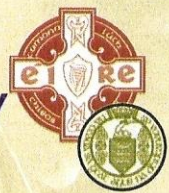
Clare

cróch is gorm
saffron and blue

<p>2 P Ó Gallchoir Padraig Gallagher Doonbeg</p> <p>5 G Ó Ceallaigh Gordon Kelly St Josephs/Miltown</p> <p>10 P Ó Deá Frank O'Dea Doonbeg</p> <p>13 R Ó Dongháile Rory Donnelly Summerhill</p>	<p>1 D Ó Briain Dermot O'Brien Kilmurry Ibrickane</p> <p>3 C Ó Faoláin Conor Whelan (c) Doonbeg</p> <p>8 C Ó Duillín Kevin Dilleen St Josephs/Doora/Barefield</p> <p>11 A Ó Clochasaigh Alan Clohessy Liscannor</p> <p>14 D Ó Ruiseál David Russell St Senans Kilkee</p>	<p>4 G Ó Tiobráide Ger Tubridy Cooraclare</p> <p>7 R Ó Slatara Ronan Slattery Liscannor</p> <p>9 G Ó Coinlean Ger Quinlan O'Currys</p> <p>12 N Mac Consáidín Niall Considine Liscannor</p> <p>15 duine eile A N Other</p>
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| 17 Dara Blake | D de Bláca | Liscannor | 25 Greg O'Leary | G Ó Láioin | St Breckans |
| 18 Michael O'Shea | M Ó Sé | St Senans Kilkee | 26 Brian Dillon | B Ó Diolúin | Doonbeg |
| 19 David Hedigan | D Ó hEideagáin | Cooraclare | 27 Shane Daniels | S Ó Donáil | Éire Óg Inis |
| 20 Laurence Healy | L Ó hÉilí | Ennistymon | 28 David Russell | D Ó Ruiseal | Éire Óg Inis |
| 21 Marty Whelan | M Ó Faoiláin | Éire Óg Inis | roghnóirí Donie Buckley, Michael Brennan (joint managers) Tom Craddock, trainer | | |
| 22 Joe Dowling | S Ó Duillín | Ennistymon | | | |
| 23 Richie Kane | R Ó Catháin | St Jos/Doora/Bfield | | | |

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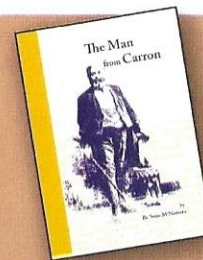
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Clare in Munster football 2006

- Minor football**
March 25th Clare v Cork (Kilmallock)
April 26th Losers' group
May 10th Winners' semi-final
- Under-21 football**
April 1st Semi-final Clare v Waterford (Waterford venue)
- Senior football**
May 21st Clare v Limerick (Limerick)
June 11th Clare or Limerick v Cork
- Junior football**
May 21st Clare v Limerick (Limerick)



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National football league 2006

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| March 19 th | Clare v Donegal | Cusack Park, Ennis |
| March 26 th | Clare v London | Ruislip |
| April 9 th | Clare v Longford | Cusack Park, Ennis |

FROM THE STAND



by Mattie Murphy

SINCE I WAS LAST WITH YOU, CLARE football has had mixed fortunes. The senior footballers have played two more rounds of the Allianz national football league but, unfortunately, defeat is all that has been bestowed on them.

But it has not been all bad news for our county football teams as our under-21 footballers had a totally deserved victory over Limerick last Saturday in Kilmallock. Indeed, the Clare players on duty last weekend in the under-21 championship would not have been flattered by a bigger winning margin other than the three points that separated the teams at the final whistle, such as Clare's dominance from time to time during the game. We wish this panel and mentors the very best of luck in their semi-final meeting with Waterford in two weeks' time.

But, getting back to the national football league, John Maughan's return to Cusack Park a fortnight ago, albeit as manager of the Roscommon team, did swell the attendance considerably from Clare's opening league encounter and the first thing I noticed about the Roscommon team as they disembarked off their team bus was how young they really were. Gone were all the older players that were part of their county panel for a decade or more and it would have been really interesting to have got their average age—no more than twenty-four, I'd say.

By the way, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the patrons for their patience when buying their programmes before that game. They were considerate and jovial while waiting to collect their change in what were very cold conditions.

The game itself was a poor affair and there was a lot of pulling and dragging. Clare opened brightly and were leading by four points to two at the end of the first quarter but, amazingly, Clare only scored four more points in the remaining forty-five minutes.

It was Roscommon's more direct style of play that ensured that they would return home with two valuable points, after a fully-deserved fifteen to eight point win. Personally, I thought that Michael O'Shea's miss while going for goal was the end of Clare's challenge as it said to me this was not going to be Clare's day.

Clare's other national football league game was away to Limerick and here our footballers tasted defeat for a second time in a week. As I was not at the game I cannot offer an opinion on it.

Today's opponents Donegal are sure to offer a very stiff test. Ulster football is by far the toughest in the country so Clare had better be ready for a tough, physical encounter. I spoke in my last article about leadership and today, from number one to number thirty, our team will have to show leadership, commitment and the desire to win if the two points on offer are to be collected. There is no doubt in my mind but that our players have all of these qualities and today I hope they show them in abundance.

You will have noticed in today's article I have used the words 'our team' a lot. Well, that is because these players are representing us proud Clare men and women. So, from today onwards, let's all get behind our team and give them the support they fully deserve. Good luck, men.

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- the ball; mid-fielders may move between zones at will
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Donnacha Rua (blue)		v		Rineanna (green)	
1	Kevin Justice	1	Robbie Meaney		
2	Michael O'Halloran	2	Cian Pettigrew		
3	Daniel Clair	3	Rory Hayes		
4	Aaron Shanagher	4	Eoghan Gough		
5	Darby Buckley	5	Darragh McMahon		
6	Ben O'Gorman	6	Dara Leahy		
7	Dylan Kerr	7	Ross O'Connor		
8	Adam Cahill	8	Jack Cunningham		
9	Brian O'Connor	9	Dion Kethan		
10	Gearoid Kelly	10	Brian Monaghan		
Mentor: Matt O'Connor				Mentor: Pat O'Connell	

Doora/Barefield		v		Clooney/Quin	
1	Barry Guilfoyle	1	Rudhan Dunne		
2	Brien Guilfoyle	2	Paul Leamy		
3	Connor McInerney	3	Connor Groghan		
4	Neill Keane	4	Eannu Barry		
5	Kieran O'Halloran	5	Toigh Corbett		
6	Kean Ruan	6	David O'Brien		
7	Colm Devlin	7	Rory Corbett		
8	Ross McCarthy	8	Paul Reylons		
9	John Mather	9	Douglas Redden		
10	Owen Hanrahan	10	Michael Culligan		
Mentor: Mike Guilfoyle				Mentor: Trish Dunne	

National hurling league 2006

March 26 th	Clare v Offaly Cusack Park, Ennis
April 2 nd	Clare v Cork Páirc uí Chaoimh

Clare in Munster hurling 2006

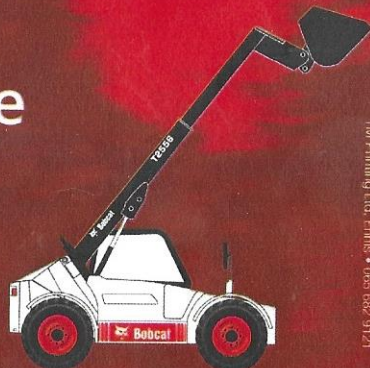
Minor hurling	
April 5 th	Clare v Tipperary
April 13 th	Losers' group
April 19 th	Winners' group semi-final
Under-21 hurling	
June 7 th	Clare v Kerry
July 12 th	Clare or Kerry v Tipperary
Senior hurling	
May 28 th	Clare v Cork (Thurles)
Intermediate hurling	
May 28 th	Clare v Cork (Thurles)

Clare v Donegal NFL 1926-2005

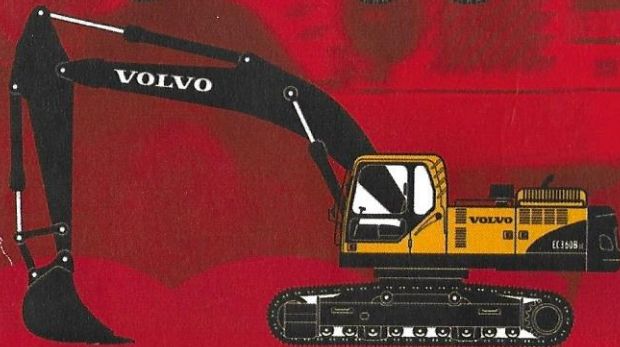
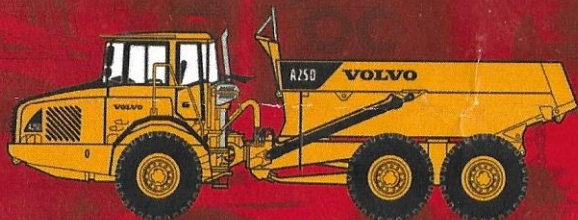
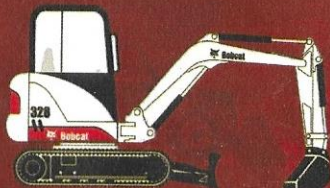
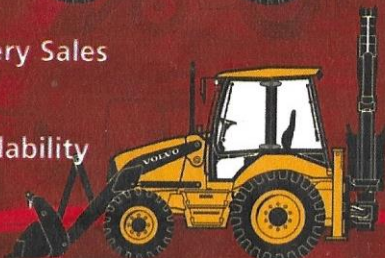
1980/81	Ballyshannon	Donegal	0-9	Clare	0-4
1982/83	Ennis	Clare	0-8	Donegal	0-7
1983/84	Ballybofey	Donegal	2-8	Clare	0-5
1987/88	Ballyshannon	Donegal	1-7	Clare	0-8
1992/93	Croke Park	Donegal	1-12	Clare	1-7
1993/94	Ballyshannon	Donegal	0-10	Clare	1-5
1994/95	Castlebar	Donegal	2-11	Clare	3-7
1995/96	Ennis	Donegal	3-8	Clare	0-8
2004	Ballybofey	Donegal	0-12	Clare	2-4

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