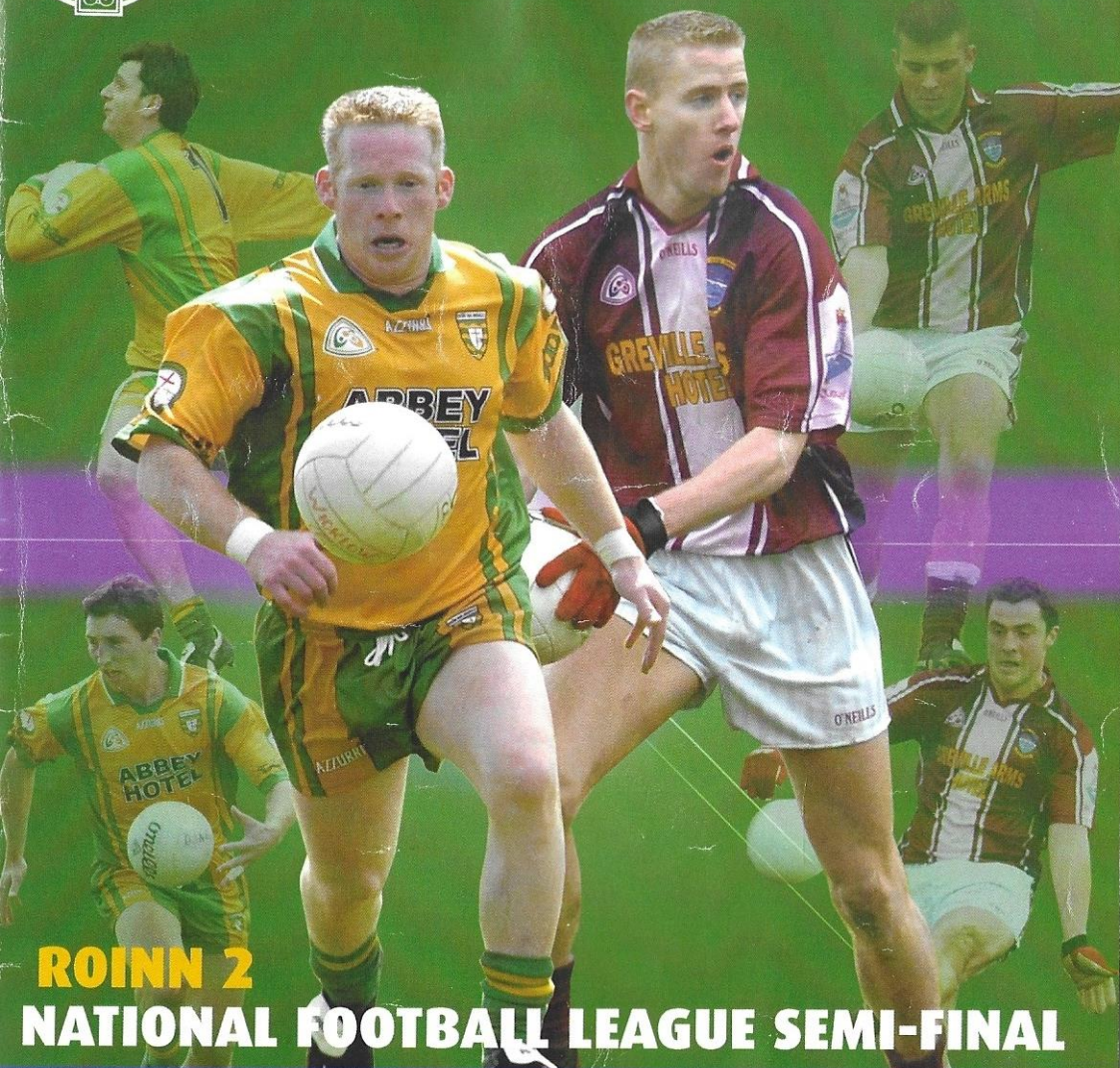




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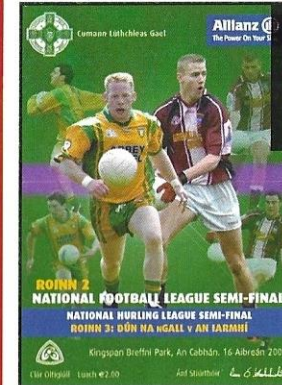


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(Dún na nGall)
and Denis Glennon
(An Iarmhí)

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE TABLES

Division 1A						
	P	W	D	L	Pts	Diff
Mayo	7	5	1	1	11	+12
Kerry	7	4	1	2	9	+14
Tyrone	7	4	1	2	9	+13
Dublin	7	3	1	3	7	+5
Cork	7	3	0	4	6	-10
Fermanagh	7	3	0	4	6	-12
Offaly	7	2	1	4	5	-12
Monaghan	7	1	1	5	3	-10

Division 1B						
	P	W	D	L	Pts	Diff
Laois	7	4	2	1	10	+22
Galway	7	4	1	2	9	+14
Derry	7	4	0	3	8	+6
Down	7	4	0	3	8	-3
Kildare	7	2	2	3	6	-
Armagh	7	3	0	4	6	-4
Meath	7	3	0	4	6	-10
Wexford	7	1	1	5	3	-25



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Good recovery by Donegal to earn semi-final outing

Donegal recovered well from a shaky start to their Allianz League Division II "A" programme to earn this semi-final outing as well as promotion to the premier Division next season.

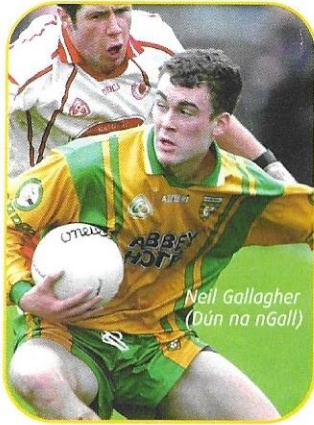
The North-West county appeared to be heading for a first round defeat at Ballyshannon when they trailed Leitrim by three points nine minutes from the end of normal time. But they displayed character and determination in a rally that culminated with a late,

late Adrian Sweeney point earning them a draw.

Donegal stepped up considerably on that form in their remaining games. An unbeaten run in their following four games boosted morale for an outing against Longford at Ballybofey on a Tuesday evening in early April.

They got off to a dream start when

Michael Doherty, their top scorer throughout the campaign, expertly sent a penalty kick to the



Neil Gallagher (Dún na nGall)

Longford net after only three minutes.

They built on that bright beginning to finish with their best scoring return of the campaign at 3-16. Doherty finished with 2-6, his second goal was also from a penalty. That high scoring return boosted Donegal's scoring difference in a big way and more or less there and then ensured their return to Division I.

SOLID PROGRESS

Donegal have made solid progress under Brian McIver, who took over as their team manager at the end of last year

They have one of the best score-takers in the game at present in Michael Doherty, who has scored in every game and is by far their leading marksman for the series so far.

The return from injury of wily Brian Roper—he scored 1-1 in his first full game against Longford—is a bonus. Christy Toye and Giarán Bonner are others who have been influential in orchestrating the return to Division I.

Donegal have conceded just two goals in the League so far, they have a good midfield and they finished their programme with a good win over Roscommon to top their Divisional table and will be back in Division I next season after a year's absence

SCOREBOARD

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Michael Doherty	0-5	0-5	0-9	0-2	1-5	2-6	0-4	3-36
Christy Toye	0-2	0-2	1-0	—	—	0-4	0-2	1-10
James Gallagher	—	1-5	0-3	—	—	0-1	—	1-9
Adrian Sweeney	0-2	0-5	0-1	0-2	—	—	0-1	0-11
Rory Kavanagh	—	—	0-4	0-1	0-1	—	—	0-6
Conal Dunne	—	0-1	—	0-2	0-1	0-1	—	0-5
Conal Bonner	—	0-1	—	0-1	—	0-2	—	0-4
Brendan Boyle	—	—	0-2	—	0-1	—	0-1	0-4
Michael Hegarty	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	0-4	0-5
Brian Roper	—	—	—	—	—	1-1	—	1-1
Neil Gallagher	—	—	0-1	0-1	0-1	—	—	0-3
Stephen McDermott	0-1	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	0-2
Frank McGlynn	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-1
Anthony Thompson	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	0-1
Damien Diver	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	0-1
Colm McFadden	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	0-1
Kevin Cassidy	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	0-1
Barry Monaghan	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	0-1
Barry Dunnion	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	0-1

THE MARCH TO THE SEMI-FINAL

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 0-5.

4th April. Ballybofey:

Donegal; 3-16; Longford 0-9.

9th April. Roscommon:

Donegal 0-14; Roscommon 1-9.

TOTAL SCORED: 6-103 (121 points).

TOTAL CONCEDED: 2-47 (53 points).

AVERAGE: 2.28



Deireadh Seachtaine Le Ríomh – Aicsean sa Pheil agus san Iomáint

Cad é mar dheireadh seachtaine atá romhainn Le haicsean sa pheil agus san iomáint ar fud na tíre. Tá sna sraitheanna Allianz ag druidim chun deiridh agus beidh lucht leanta na bhfoirne atá san iomaíocht ar bís go deireadh na himeartha um thráthnóna.

I gcluichí leathcheannais na sraithe peile, tabharfaidh Ciarraí aghaidh ar Laois agus beidh na sean-naimhde Gaillimh agus Maigheo i ngleic freisin. Os rud é go bhfuil Mick O'Dwyer i bhfeighil ar na fir lártíre beidh spéis faoi leith sa chluiche seo i gCill Airne. Nil amhras á go bhfuil aird O'Dwyer agud Jack O'Connor dirithe ar aicsean an tsamhraidh ach, mar sin féin, tuigfidh siad gur fiú go mór na cluichí cruaidh an tráth seo bliana. Bí cinnte, mar sin, go mbeidh coimhlint ghéar idir na foirne inniu.

Beidh fíor-choimhlint san iarthar freisin nuair a tabharfaidh sean naimhde eile aghaidh ar a chéile. Tá lucht leanta Mhaigheo ag feitheamh le fada an lá le cúis céiliúridh. Bhuaigh siad Sam i 1951 agus an tSraith Náisiúnta i 1970 agus 2001. Beidh siad lán-sásta anois, áfach, má éiríonn lena laochra áit a bhaint sa chluiche ceannais. Tabharfaidh an cluiche breise deise eile do Mickey Moran foireann níos fearr a mhúnlú don Chraobhchomórtas.

Tá peil den scoth imeartha acu i mbliana ach cuirfidh fir an Gaillimhe dian-scrúdú orthu um thráthnóna. Bhí an lámh in uachtar ar na Gaillimh i gcluiche ceannais sraithe Chonnacht le deanaí ach ceaptar go mbeidh an lá inniu ag foireann Peter Forde cé go bhfuil leithéidí Michael Donnellan, Michael Meehan agus Seán Armstrong ag na Gaillimh. Tá fuinneamh agus spiorad faoi leith ag Maigheo faoi láthair agus moltar iad d'áit sa chluiche ceannais in aghaidh Chiarraí.

I Roinn 2 den sraith, tabharfaidh Dún na nGall aghaidh ar laochra na hIarmhí agus beidh Luimneach agus Lú ag dul chun chatha freisin. 'Siad fir Thír Chonaill an taon fhoireann ón dTuaisceart atá fágtha sna iomaíoch. Tá fadhbanna ag Brian McIver ó thaobh gortuithe de ach ba chóir go mbeidís ró-láidir dona fir lártíre. Tá Eoin Keating ar ais do Luimneach agus cé go bhfuil dul chun cinn déanta ag foireann Mickey O'Sullivan beidh sé fíor-dheacair an Lú a chloí inniu. Bhí cúpla bua den gcéad scoth ag foireann Eamonn McEnaney sa sraith agus moltar iad chun áit a bhaint sa chluiche ceannais.

Beidh aicsean sna iomáint an deireadh seachtaine seo freisin. I gcluichí ceathrúcheannais Roinn 1 beidh aird an phobail ar Babs Keating nuair a tabharfaidh Tiobraid Arann aghaidh ar Uíbh Fháilí. Tá Nicky English ar ais mar chomhairleoir don bhfoireann agus tá athruithe móra déanta ag Babs chomh maith. Tá athrú ar mhuintir Uíbh Fháilí freisin agus léirigh siad in aghaidh Phort Láirge an tseachtain seo chaite go bhfuil an sean-spiorad ar ais agus dóchas úr sa chontae. Bhí an déagóir Joe Bergin thar bharr. D'aimsigh sé 2-3 ón imirt agus stiúir sé an Contae Dlíis isteach sna cluichí ceathru cheannais don chéad uair ó 1995. Tá amhras faoi Brian Carroll agus Alan Egan – a scóráil cúl an lá faoi dheireadh – agus tá súil ag a lucht leanta go mbeidh an bheirt scillicí réidh chun chatha. Nil amhras ná go raibh Port Láirge go dona ach, mar sin féin, ceaptar go mbeidh

rith an ráis ag fir John McIntyre inniu.

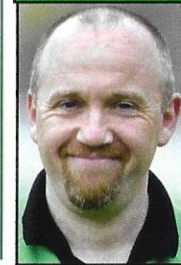
Beidh deis eile inniu ag Na Déisigh dul chun cinn a dhéanamh sa sraith reatha nuair a rachaidh siad i ngleic le Luimneach. Beidh fir Joe McKenna mar rogha na núdar don choimhlint seo agus, cé go raibh buanna éasca acu go dtí seo - 4-24 go 2-11 ar Aontroim, mar shampla - ní dócha go mbeidh an lá leo inniu. Beidh brú oll-mhór ar Phort Láirge tar éis droch-thaispeántais na seachtaine seo chaite ceaptar go mbeidh a chuid obair baile déanta ag Justin McCarthy agus go mbeidh feabhas mór orthu do chluiche an lae inniu.

Beidh lucht leanta iománaite na príomhchathrach ag súil go néireoidh lena bhfoireann i gcluiche leathcheannais Roinn 2 in aghaidh na hIarmhí. Bhí feachtas sraithe iontach ag na Gormaigh agus bhuaigh siad gach cluiche. Bhuaigh na fir lártíre Corn Christy Ring na bliana seo chaite agus beidh fonn orthu áit a bhaint i gcluiche ceannais eile. Ceaptar, áfach, nach gclóifidh siad na Dubs. Tá borradh faoin iomáint cois Life faoi láthair agus tá an féin-mhuinín ag foireann Tommy Naughten. Bígi ag faire amach do Kevin Flynn, a d'aimsigh seacht gcúl sa sraith, agus do thóirín ón bhfoireann mionúir a bhuaigh Craobh Laighean na bliana seo chaite - John McCaffrey, Keith Dunne agus Tomás Brady.

Beidh ceithre fhoireann ó Roinn 1 ag troid inniu freisin chun a stádas sa príomh-roinn a choimeád. Beidh Aontroim agus an Dúin in adharca a chéile ó Thuaidh. Píoctar Aontroim sa chluiche seo cé go raibh An Dúin ar fheabhas in aghaidh Loch Garman. Ba chóir, freisin, go mbeidh fir Séamus Murphy ró-láidir do laochra Laoise, atá ag múnlú foirne faoi láthair, sa chluiche eile.

Go néirí leis na himreoirí go léir a bheidh ag imirt an deireadh seachtaine seo. Tá súil againn freisin go mbeidh na sluite fíor-thaitneamh as na cluichí éagsúla sa pheil agus san iomáint.

AN RÉITEOIR • MARTIN DUFFY (SLIGEACH)



Martin is having another busy season. He has refereed three Allianz League games so far and was also the man-in-the-middle at the Connacht Under-21 final last week-end between Mayo and Galway.

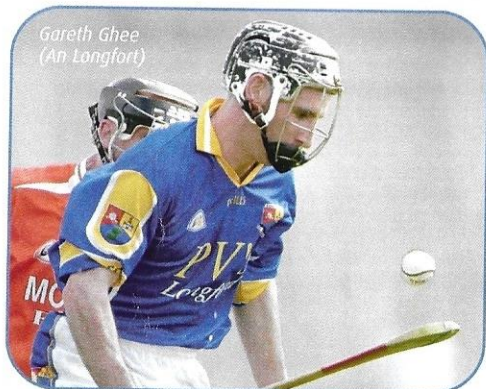
He is an experienced inter-county referee in both the men's and ladies' games. He took charge of two All-Ireland ladies finals in recent times.

Duffy has been on the inter-county panel for some seven years and has refereed provincials in addition to under-21 at minor and senior.

He is a member of the Enniscrone/Kilglass club and is a former player. He won a county intermediate medal in 1991 as a forward.



ENTERTAINING CURTAIN-RAISER IN PROSPECT



Gareth Ghee
(An Longfort)

Donegal and Longford should provide a keenly contested and entertaining curtain-raiser when they meet for a place in the Allianz National Hurling League Division III final as both counties have much to recommend them.

Donegal booked their place in the semi-final with a hard-earned but merited 3-13 to 2-10 win over Sligo at O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny, earlier this month. That win earned them a top of the table ranking in Division "A" with six points from four games. As a result they qualified for the last four.

Kevin Campbell was a very influential figure in the win over Sligo. He scored eight points, six from frees. That brought his record for the four game series to an impressive 0-28.

Donegal were in front by a point early in the second half when they were rocked by a Sligo goal. However, they rallied in fine style with a goal and four points without reply to set the scene for their win.

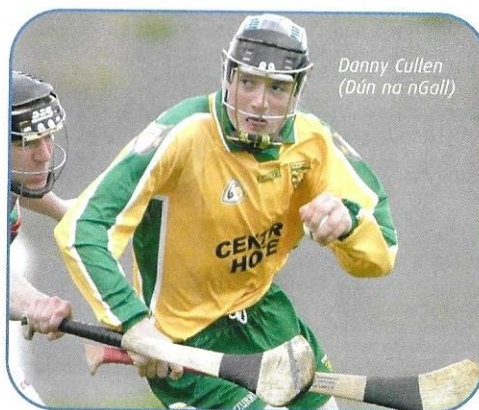
Substitute Ger Dwyer clinched the success with a goal in the closing minutes. Midfielder Eugene Organ and centre half forward Paddy Hannigan were the other goal scorers.

Donegal lost to Mayo in last year's Division III final. Longford finished runners-up in the "B" division with six points from four games. Then they struck it rich in a quarter-final against Monaghan at Ballyconnell, where they collected scores almost as if they were going out of fashion. They won handsomely by 5-19 to 1-3.

The Leinster men had their semi-final ticket in safe keeping at the break when they led by fifteen points. The game was a personal triumph for Gareth Ghee, who finished with a superb 2-7.

Longford, however, are not a one-man side. They are well-served in all departments and are improving with every outing.

Both teams, then, have good credentials and will not be found wanting for the lack of all out endeavour.



Danny Cullen
(Dún na nGall)

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	1		4
	GERARD GRINDEL G. Ó Grindal (Seán Mac Cumhaill)		JAMES CALLAGHAN S. Ó Ceallacháin (Setanta)
2	3		7
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5	6		
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	8	9	
	EUGENE ORGAN E. Ó hArgáin (Naomh Adhamhnán)	PETER TOOHER P. Ó Tuachair (Na Ceithre Máistrí)	
10	11		12
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13	14		15
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AN LONGFORT

Dathanna: Gorm is Buí

	1		4
	PADDY CULLEN P. Ó Coileáin (Wolfe Tones)		BRENDAN STAKEM B. Staicim (Wolfe Tones)
2	3		7
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5	6		
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	8	9	
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10	11		12
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IOMLÁN					

- (16) **Cathal Mullin**
C. Ó Maoláin
(Garrycastle)
- (17) **Daniel McDermott**
D. Mac Diarmada
(Castletown/Finea/
Coole/Whitehall)
- (18) **James Davitt**
S. Mac Daibhéid
(St. Loman's Mullingar)
- (19) **Steven Cleary**
S. Ó Cléirigh
(The Downs)
- (20) **Graham Dillon**
G. Diolún
(Trinity Gaels, Dublin)
- (21) **Niall Kilmartin**
N. Mac Giolla Mhártaí
(Coralstown/Kinnegad)
- (22) **Paul Bannon**
P. Ó Banáin
(Athlone)
- (23) **Derek Heavin**
D. Ó hÉimhín
(Castledaly)
- (24) **Joe Fallon**
S. Ó Fallúin
(Athlone)
- (25) **Gordon Duffy**
G. Ó Dufaigh
(Castledaly)
- (26) **Brendan Nannery**
B. Ó Náraigh
(St. Joseph's)
- (27) **Jason Lynch**
S. Ó Loingsigh
(Coralstown/Kinnegad)

PATHS TO THE SEMI-FINAL

DÚN NA NGALL

5th February at Ballyshannon:

Donegal 0-11; Leitrim 1-8
Scorers – M.Doherty 0-5, A.Sweeney 0-2, C.Toys 0-2, S.McDermott 0-1, F.McGlenn 0-1.

12th February at Dr Cullen Park:

Donegal 1-21; Carlow 0-8
Scorers – J.Gallagher 1-5, M.Doherty 0-5, A.Sweeney 0-5, C.Toys 0-2, K.Bonner 0-1, C.Dunne 0-1, A.Thompson 0-1, D.Diver 0-1.

12th March at Ruislip:

Donegal 1-21; London 0-4
Scorers – M.Doherty 0-9, R.Kavanagh 0-4, J.Gallagher 0-3, C.Toys 1-0, B.Boyle 0-2, A.Sweeney 0-1, S.McDermott 0-1, N.Gallagher 0-1.

19th March at Ennis:

Donegal 0-11; Clare 0-4
Scorers – M.Doherty 0-2, A.Sweeney 0-2, K.Bonner 0-2, C.Dunne 0-1, R.Kavanagh 0-1, N.Gallagher 0-1, B.Monaghan 0-1, C.McFadden 0-1.

26th March at Ballybofey:

Donegal 1-9; Limerick 0-5
Scorers – M.Doherty 1-5, K.Bonner 0-1, R.Kavanagh 0-1, B.Boyle 0-1, N.Gallagher 0-1.

4th April at Ballyshannon:

Donegal 3-16; Longford 0-9
Scorers – M.Doherty 2-6, C.Toys 0-4, B.Roper 1-1, C.Dunne 0-2, J.Gallagher 0-1, K.Bonner 0-1, M.Hegarty 0-1.

9th April at Dr. Hyde Park:

Donegal 0-14; Roscommon 1-9
Scorers – M.Doherty 0-4, M.Hegarty 0-4, C.Toys 0-2, A.Sweeney 0-1, B.Boyle 0-1, K.Cassidy 0-1, B.Brennan 0-1.

Total Scored: 6-103 (121)

Total Conceded: 2-47 (53)

Average: 2.3

Scorers – M.Doherty 3-36, C.Toys 1-10, J.Gallagher 1-9, A.Sweeney 0-11, R.Kavanagh 0-6, K.Bonner 0-5, M.Hegarty 0-5, C.Dunne 0-4, B.Boyle 0-4, B.Roper 1-1, N.Gallagher 0-3, S.McDermott 0-2, F.McGlenn 0-1, A.Thompson 0-1, D.Diver 0-1, B.Monaghan 0-1, C.McFadden 0-1, K.Cassidy 0-1, B.Brennan 0-1.



AN IARMHÍ

5th February at Mullingar:

Westmeath 3-23; Waterford 1-7
Scorers – P.J.Ward 2-3, D.Dolan 0-8, D.Glennon 1-2, A.Mangan 0-2, R.Whelan 0-2, P.Dillon 0-2, J.Nugent 0-1, D.Duffy 0-1, M.Ennis 0-1, R.O'Connell 0-1.

11th February at Thurles:

Westmeath 0-12; Tipperary 0-9
Scorers – D.Dolan 0-6, A.Mangan 0-2, P.J.Ward 0-1, J.Nugent 0-1, D.Duffy 0-1, G.Dillon 0-1.

5th March at Mullingar:

Westmeath 0-15; Wicklow 1-9
Scorers – D.Dolan 0-11, A.Mangan 0-1, D.Duffy 0-1, P.Bannon 0-1, G.Dolan 0-1.

12th March at Mullingar:

Westmeath 3-11; Antrim 0-9
Scorers – D.Dolan 1-5, A.Mangan 1-2, P.J.Ward 0-4, D.Glennon 1-0.

19th March at Markievicz Park:

Sligo 1-13; Westmeath 0-9
Scorers – D.Dolan 0-3, P.J.Ward 0-2, D.Glennon 0-2, A.Mangan 0-2.

26th March at Mullingar:

Cavan 0-12; Westmeath 0-7
Scorers – D.Dolan 0-3, A.Mangan 0-2, P.J.Ward 0-1, P.Bannon 0-1.

9th April at Drogheda:

Westmeath 2-8; Louth 1-8
Scorers – D.Dolan 0-5, P.J.Ward 1-1, G.Dolan 1-0, J.Nugent 0-2.

Total Scored: 8-85 (109)

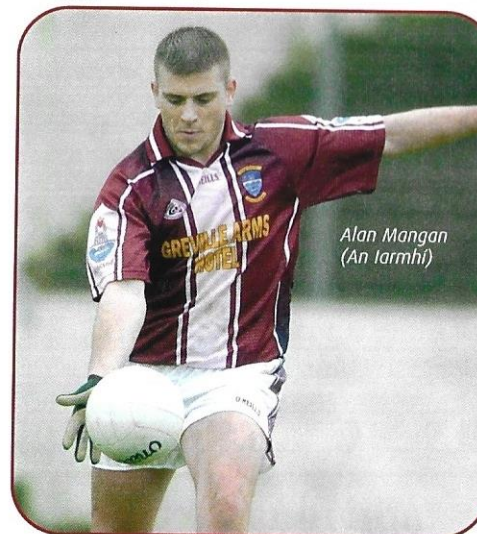
Total Conceded: 4-67 (79)

Average: 1.38

Scorers – D.Dolan 1-41, P.J.Ward 3-12, A.Mangan 1-11, D.Glennon 2-4, J.Nugent 0-4, G.Dolan 1-1, D.Duffy 0-3, R.Whelan 0-2, G. Dillon 0-3, P.Bannon 0-2, M.Ennis 0-1, R.O'Connell 0-1.



Westmeath gain semi-final spot on the post



Alan Mangan
(An Iarmhí)

Westmeath experienced sharply contrasting fortune in earning their place in the last four in the Allianz National Football League Division II.

They appeared to be well on the road to the semi-finals after starting on a bright note with the perfect record from their first four games.

But they stumbled in round five away to Sligo, where they were well beaten, and semi-final

WESTMEATH'S MARCH TO THE SEMI-FINAL

5th February. Mullingar:

Westmeath 3-23; Waterford 1-7.

11th February (Saturday). Semple Stadium:

Westmeath 0-12; Tipperary 0-9.

5th March. Mullingar:

Westmeath 0-15; Wicklow 1-9.

12th March. Mullingar:

Westmeath 3-11; Antrim 0-9.

19th March. Markievicz Park:

Westmeath 0-9; Sligo 1-13.

26th March. Mullingar:

Westmeath 0-7; Cavan 0-12.

9th April. Drogheda:

Westmeath 2-8; Louth 1-8.

TOTAL SCORED: 8-85 (109 points).

TOTAL CONCEDED: 4-67 (79 points).

AVERAGE: 1.4

hopes took another blow next time out as a result of a defeat by Cavan at Mullingar.

However, they refused to throw in the towel against then unbeaten Louth at Drogheda in their final game of the divisional series.

The home team started well and were 1-2 to 0-2 ahead after thirteen minutes. However, Westmeath began to get their game together and two goals inside a minute coming up to the interval by P. J. Ward and Gary Dolan proved the platform for a return to winning ways.

The visitors led by four points at the break. They went on in the second half to lead by 2-8 to 1-5 but then had to endure some anxious moments as Louth bounced back with three late points. Westmeath remained cool under the pressure and eventually secured the vital win by 2-8 to 1-8.

All in all a good performance by Westmeath and one that should boost morale. The Leinster team is a good all round one, and with two of the most efficient forwards in the game in Dessie Dolan and P. J. Ward.

With potential match-winners throughout the field they will make a very spirited bid to earn their final ticket.

SCOREBOARD

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Dessie Dolan	0-8	0-60	11-5	0-3	0-3	0-5	1-41	
P. J. Ward	2-3	0-1	—	0-4	0-2	0-1	1-1	3-12
Alan Mangan	0-2	0-2	0-1	1-2	0-2	0-2	—	1-11
Denis Glennon	1-2	—	—	1-0	0-2	—	—	2-4
James Nugent	0-1	0-1	—	—	—	—	0-2	0-4
Gary Dolan	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	1-0	1-1
G. Dillon	0-2	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	0-3
David Duffy	0-1	0-1	0-1	—	—	—	—	0-3
R. Whelan	0-2	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-2
Paul Bannon	—	—	0-1	—	—	0-1	—	0-2
Rory O'Connell	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-1
Michael Ennis	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-1



TOP SCORERS

DOHERTY AND DOLAN CLOSE RIVALS IN SCORING CHART

The leading scores in Division II nationally are:

Points	Score	Games	Average
45	Michael Doherty (Donegal)	3-36	7 6.42
44	Dessie Dolan (Westmeath)	1-41	7 6.28
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
28	Michael Reidy (Limerick)	3-19	7 4.0
25	Brian Kavanagh (Longford)	1-22	4 6.25
25	Jonathan Daniels (Wicklow)	1-22	7 3.57
25	Darren Clarke (Louth)	1-22	7 3.57
23	Finbar O'Reilly (Cavan)	0-23	7 3.28
23	Sean Davey (Sligo)	1-20	7 3.28

The Donegal-Westmeath game will have a vital bearing on who will finish in the top spot in the chart of leading scorers nation-wide for Division II of the Allianz National Football League.

Michael Doherty is setting the pace with 3-36 (45 points) in seven appearances with Donegal for a match average of 6.42 points. He has a one point lead over Dessie Dolan (Westmeath), who scored 1-41 in seven outings at an average fractionally down on Doherty's at 6.28 points. Doherty also leads the match average review.

Of the other forwards still in a position to add to their scoring returns the closest to the leaders is Michael Reidy (Limerick), who is in sixth position with 3-19 (28 points) in seven games, or four points a match on average.

MANNION AND DOHERTY TOP CHART

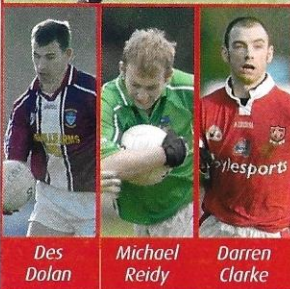
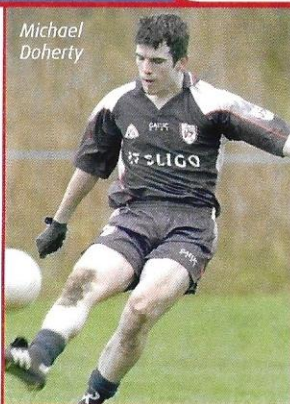
Individual Scorers

Karl Mannion and Michael Doherty finished the Divisional programme in Division II of the Allianz Football League jointly on top of the chart of leading individual match returns.

Mannion scored 3-3 for Roscommon in their win over Longford at Longford in mid-March. On a Tuesday evening in early April Doherty equalled that total with 2-6 for Donegal in their big win over Longford at Ballybofey. Both his goals were scored from penalty kicks.

Mannion and Doherty have a point to spare over Dessie Dolan, who scored 0-11 for Westmeath in their win over Wicklow at Mullingar in early March. His points tally, as distinct from goals and points combined, is the best by any player in Division I or Division II.

Mannion was the only player to score more than two goals in a single game in Division II.



Michael Doherty

Des Dolan

Michael Reidy

Darren Clarke

The leading individual scoring returns in Division II in the divisional programme were:

Points	Score	Games	Average
12	Karol Mannion (Roscommon) 3-3 v Longford at Longford on 19th March.		
	Michael Doherty (Donegal) 2-6 v Longford at Longford on 4th April.		
11	Dessie Dolan (Westmeath) 0-11 v Wicklow at Mullingar on 5th March.		
	Paddy Cunningham (Antrim) 1-8 v Wicklow at Casement Park on 5th February.		
9	Michael Doherty (Donegal) 0-9 v London at London on 12th March.		
	P. J. Ward (Westmeath) 2-3 v Waterford at Mullingar on 5th February.		
	Declan Browne (Tipperary) 1-6 v Waterford at Dungarvan on 19th March.		
	Bernard Kavanagh (Longford) v Roscommon at Longford on 19th March.		
8	Ger Heneghan (Roscommon) 0-8 v Limerick at Limerick on 5th February.		
	Dessie Dolan (Westmeath) 0-8 v Waterford at Mullingar on 5th February.		
	Paddy Cunningham (Antrim) 0-8 v Louth at Dundalk on 12th February.		
	James Gallagher (Donegal) 1-5 v Carlow at Carlow on 12th February.		
	Brian Kavanagh (Longford) 0-8 v Limerick at Longford on 12th February.		
	Dessie Dolan (Westmeath) 1-5 v Antrim at Mullingar on 12th March.		
	Brian Kavanagh (Longford) 1-6 v Roscommon at Longford on 19th March.		
	Michael Doherty (Donegal) 1-5 v Limerick at Ballybofey on 26th March.		
	Paul Barden (Longford) 1-5 v Clare at Ennis on 9th April.		



THEIR LAST SEMI-FINALS

2004

Down 2-5 Donegal 0-10

Going into this semi/final at Clones, Donegal enjoyed universal favouritism and for the first half at least it seemed that the Down forward line might end up with a record small total for a league - or championship - game. During the opening half Donegal may not have been all that impressive, but in every sector they were much superior to the Mourne men and it seemed that they had only to stand up to ensure a place in the final.

Yet the first half concealed quite a few Donegal shortcomings, the most notable of these being the inability of the attack to turn a goodly number of chances to account. True, only a superb save by Down 'keeper Mickey McVeigh of a blistering drive by Michael Hegarty prevented a goal, as did the upright when Brendan Devenney let fly from close range. The result was that Donegal held an interval

lead of only three points (0-4 to 0-1) leaving themselves vulnerable to even a modest comeback by their opponents.

And the comeback duly arrived in the shape of two well executed goals before the end of the third quarter, and though Donegal managed to tie the scores (0-8 to 2-2) with 15 minutes left, Down now had the edge and without suggesting that they were world beaters they tacked on three points to Donegal's brace. It was only a point but that was all that was required to end Donegal's interest.

Donegal scorers: B.Devenney 0-4, C.McFadden 0-2, B.Boyle 0-1, P.McGonigle 0-1, M.Hegarty 0-1, A.Sweeney 0-1.

Dún na nGall - P.Durcan, E.Reddin, R.Sweeney, D.Diver, E.Mcgee, B.Monaghan, K.Cassidy, B.Boyle, P.McGonigle, C.Toys, M.Hegarty, B.Roper, C.McFadden, A.Sweeney, B.Devenney. Subs - N.McCready, S.McDermott, S.Cassidy.

2003

Westmeath 1-16 Longford 2-12

The rivalry between these neighbours on the football field was exactly 100 years old when they lined out in this Division 2 league semi/final at Hyde Park, and it is doubtful if any of the close-fought encounters of a century could match this clash for thrills and excitement as did this tremendous cliff-hanger.

And the feature of this game was undoubtedly Longford's last-quarter fight back which came within an ace of saving the day. The breeze had a big bearing on the trend of play in both halves and with its assistance and an outstanding display at midfield by Rory O'Connell, Westmeath did most of the first-half attacking. The scoreboard reflected their dominance as they turned over with an interval lead of 1-12 to 1-5.

When Westmeath conceded little to their wind-assisted opponents in the third quarter, it looked as if the game would fizzle out to a tame conclusion. But Longford had other ideas and though the gap was an intimidating nine points with 15 minutes remaining, they set about their task with a will. Despite hitting some appalling wides, they steadily closed the gap with free-taker Davis punishing Westmeath indiscretions at the back. Longford's second goal, finished by Paul Barden, paved the way for a possible win and another Davis point left just the minimum dividing the sides. However, defenders Heavin, Healy and company steadied as the Lake county sneaked through.

Westmeath scorers: F.Wilson 0-6, D.Dolan 0-4, J.P.Casey 0-3, G.Dolan 1-0, J.Conroy 0-2, S.Colleary 0-1. **An Iarmhí** - A.Lennon, D.Heavin, D.Mitchell, K.Henson, D.Gilmartin, D.Healy, D.Gavin, R.O'Connell, D.O'Shaughnessy, S.Colleary, F.Wilson, J.Conroy, J.P.Casey, G.Dolan, D.Dolan.Subs - P.Rouse, K.Larkin, D.O'Donoghue, P.J.Ward.



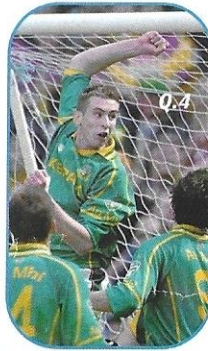
HUNGER HAS A THIRST



CÚINNE NA NÓG

2005 ALLIANZ FOOTBALL LEAGUE

1. Armagh won their first, second or third Allianz Football League title last year?
2. What county lost to Armagh in the Division I League final last year?
3. Name the runners-up for the Football League Division II title last year?
4. Who took the free that resulted in the late goal that earned Monaghan the League Division II title—Paul Finlay or Tomás Freeman?
5. Where was the Division II League football final played last year?



MATCH THE PLAYER AND THE COUNTY

Listed below are six footballers who were in action in the Divisional programme in this year's Allianz League and six counties. Can you match each player with the correct county?

Enda Murphy	Carlow
James Masters	Mayo
James Nallen	Dublin
Jonathan Gurn	Kildare
Conal Keaney	Fermanagh
Simon Rea	Cork

THE C CONNECTION

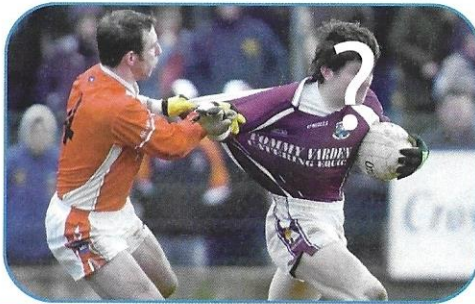
Name a footballer from each of the four counties listed below, whose first and second names begin with the letter C.

Kerry, Laois, Roscommon and Antrim.

WHO AM I?

Pictured here is a young footballer who has been in scoring form in the current League.

1. What's my name?
2. What is my club?
3. In what year did I win an AIB All-Ireland club senior medal?
4. I won another county senior medal in 2005. True or false?



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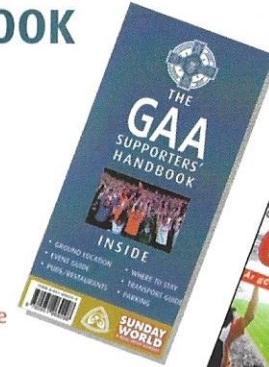
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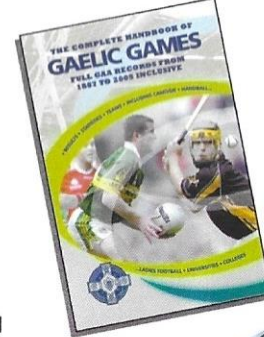
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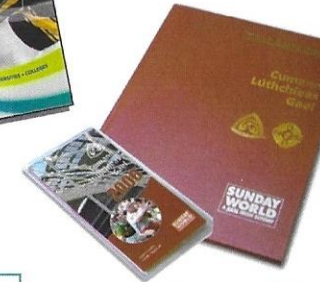
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