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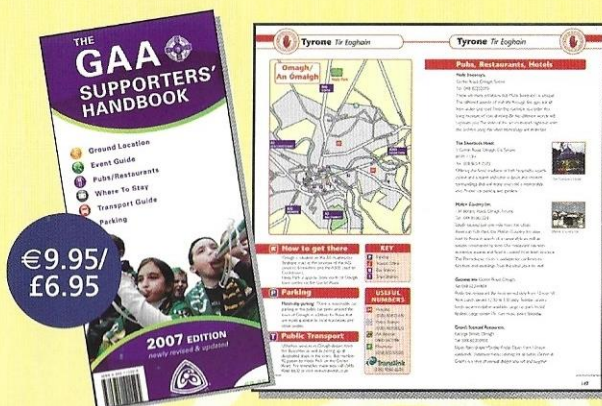
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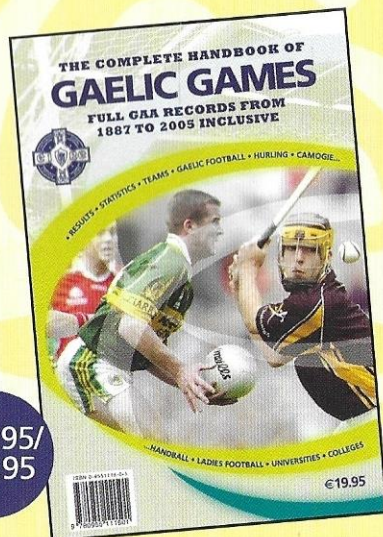


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Ballybofey

20 Deireadh Fomhair 2007

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# Connacht v. Uladh



Réiteoir: James McGrath (An Iarmhí)  
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M. DONNELLY INTERPROVINCIAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL

8.00i.n.

# Connacht v. Uladh



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## CLÁR AN LAE

**6.00pm** Inter-Provincial Hurling Semi-Final  
**Connacht v. Uladh**

**6.35pm** Half Time  
**Dún na nGall Bord na nÓg –  
Presentation to Clubs**

**7.30pm** Official 'Switch On' of new  
Floodlighting system  
Uachtarán Comhairle Uladh CLG –  
Tomás Ó Dálaigh

**8.00pm** Inter-Provincial Football  
Semi-Final  
**Connacht v. Uladh**

**8.35pm** Half Time  
**Cumann na Bunscoil Uladh  
– Football  
Exhibition/Entertainment**

**9.20pm** Events conclude



## NA RÉITEOIRÍ

An Iarmhí earns a noteworthy refereeing double with two experienced knights of the whistle from the county, James McGrath and Pat Fox, taking charge of the Martin Donnelly interprovincial semi-finals.



### James McGrath (An Iarmhí)

McGrath, who has been on the intercounty hurling panel for a number of years, was the man-in-the-middle at the All-Ireland Under-21 semi-final between Galway and Cork at Thurles at the end of August.

About a month earlier he controlled the Wexford-Tipperary All-Ireland quarter-final at Croke Park. He was also on duty this year in the Allianz National League, and last year took charge of the Antrim-Carlow Christy Ring Cup final.

James has also hurled at junior and intermediate level with his club, Turin.



### Pat Fox (An Iarmhí)

Fox refereed the Laois-Offaly Leinster Under-21 football final in April, and the Cork-Limerick Bank of Ireland Munster senior championship tie about a month later at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

He has also been on duty All-Ireland junior final level, as well as in the interprovincial championship, senior championship and League.

Pat won an All-Ireland Colleges' medal with Carmelite College, Moate, in 1980, and a senior county medal with Rosemount nine years later as goalkeeper.

He played in all grades from under-14 to senior with Westmeath.



## PREVIOUS SEMI-FINAL MEETINGS

(11) – Connacht 9 Ulster 2

1946	– Croke Park	Connacht	4-14	Ulster	1-7
1949	– Croke Park	Connacht	5-7	Ulster	2-7
1952	– Corrigan Park	Connacht	7-6	Ulster	3-0
1955	– Casement Park	Connacht	5-10	Ulster	2-4
1987	– Cusack Park	Connacht	5-13	Ulster	0-15
1991	– Athenry	Connacht	1-11	Ulster	1-6
1992	– Nowlan Park	Ulster	2-6	Connacht	0-7
1995	– Ballinasloe	Ulster	2-10	Connacht	0-14
1998	– Casement Park	Connacht	3-18	Ulster	1-12
2001	– Templemore	Connacht	4-16	Ulster	1-9
2004	– Casement Park	Connacht	2-24	Ulster	2-11

## LAST TEN SEMI-FINALS

### Connacht – Won 6 Lost 4

1997	– Ballinasloe	Lost to Munster	2-15 to 1-19
1998	– Casement Park	Beat Ulster	3-18 to 1-12
1999	– Birr	Beat Leinster	1-14 to 1-10
2000	– Freshford	Lost to Munster	3-7 to 1-19
2001	– Templemore	Beat Ulster	4-16 to 1-9
2002	– Nowlan Park	Lost to Leinster	2-13 to 3-18
2003	– the Gaelic Grounds	Beat Munster	1-20 to 1-16
2004	– Casement Park	Beat Ulster	2-24 to 2-11
2005	– Loughrea	Lost to Leinster	0-10 to 1-25
2006	– Ennis	Beat Munster	2-17 to 1-16

### Ulster – Won 0 Lost 10

1997	– Ballinasloe	Lost to Leinster	1-9 to 2-16
1998	– Casement Park	Lost to Connacht	1-12 to 3-18
1999	– Casement Park	Lost to Munster	3-14 to 0-29
2000	– Dicksboro	Lost to Leinster	1-7 to 1-15
2001	– Templemore	Lost to Connacht	1-9 to 4-16
2002	– Nowlan Park	Lost to Ulster	0-10 to 5-18
2003	– Casement Park	Lost to Leinster	2-10 to 5-16
2004	– Casement Park	Lost to Connacht	2-11 to 2-24
2005	– Casement Park	Lost to Munster	1-13 to 0-25
2006	– Parnell Park	Lost to Leinster	0-12 to 2-19

\*Ulster's last semi-final win was over Connacht in 1995 at Ballinasloe where the final score was 2-10 to 0-14





# SOME HURLING MEMORIES FROM CONNACHT AND ULSTER

**T**he Railway Cup in hurling, now the Martin Donnelly interprovincial championship, has provided many bright chapters in the annals of the game. Munster and Leinster dominate the history, but Connacht and Ulster have played their parts in the competition.

Both provinces have paraded many top-class hurlers in the series down through the years. Connacht

have enjoyed much more success than Ulster, who have still to win the title.

## WESTERN WIN

The West also won the last meeting of the provinces in 2004 when the points scoring skills of Niall Healy was a big factor in their semi-final success at Casement Park. The left full forward contributed 0-11 to the 2-24 to 2-11 win.

It was still a spirited

performance by the North, who were on level terms when they had a defender dismissed after forty-three minutes.

Ulster hurlers have invariably approached every engagement with wholehearted endeavour and enthusiasm, and also plenty of skill.

## DRAMATIC

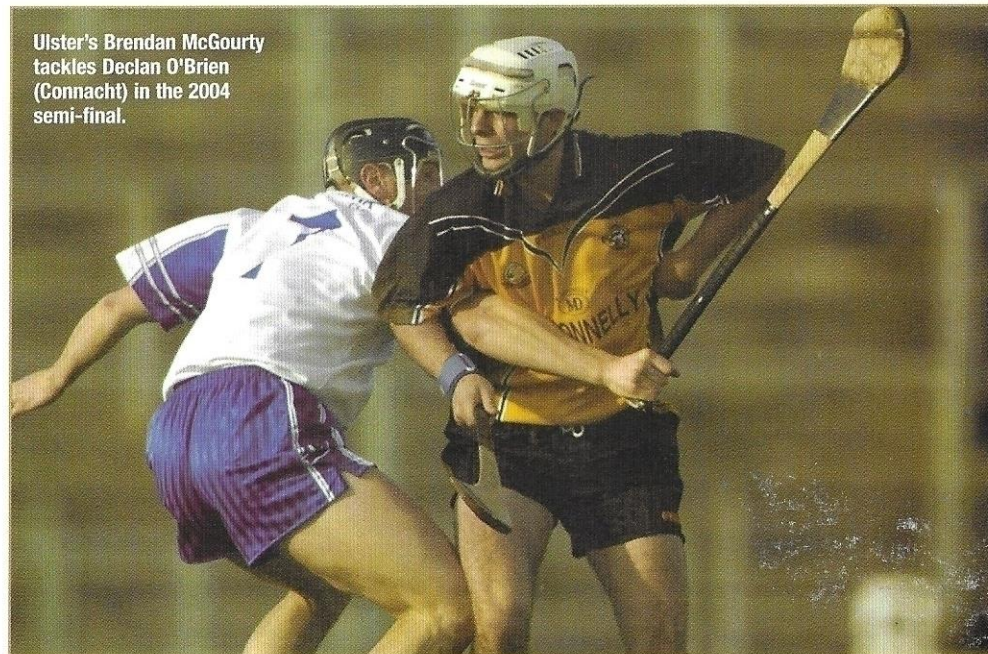
There have also been some glorious days as well in the series. Indeed, Ulster made a dramatic against-the-odds winning debut in the Railway Cup in a 1945 semi-final at Corrigan Park.

Few at the time gave them much chance against Leinster, but a team that included Kevin Armstrong (Antrim), Jimmy White (Down) in attack, and Brian Denver (Down), Joe Butler (Monaghan) and Bill Feeney (Antrim) in defence, forged out a memorable win on a somewhat unusual scoreline of 3-1 to 2-3. They lost the final to Munster.

## LONG WAIT

It was hardly a case of "a good beginning proving half the battle" for Ulster, as the province had to wait until 1992 for their next semi-final win.

That was at Kilkenny, where Noel Sands (Down), Ciarán Barr (Antrim), Terence McNaughton (Antrim), Seamus Downey (Derry) and Aidan McCarry (Antrim) were to the fore in forging out a memorable 2-6 to 0-7 win over Connacht.



Ulster's Brendan McGourty tackles Declan O'Brien (Connacht) in the 2004 semi-final.

Once again Munster ended Northern title hopes, and that was the case again in 1995 when another semi-final win was recorded at the expense of Connacht—at Ballinasloe—but the South proved a bridge too far,

## GREAT STYLE

As for Connacht, they had a long wait for a first title win but when it came it was achieved in great style against a powerful and seasoned Munster team.

Munster were bidding for a sixth successive title when they faced Connacht in the 1947 summit. They were captained by the legendary Christy Ring (Cork) and had such other notable hurlers at the time in their squad as Jackie Power (Limerick) and Tommy Doyle (Tipperary).

However, an all-Galway team, powered by Sean Duggan in goal, M. J. Flaherty at right half back, and Josie Gallagher in attack, not only won but confined Munster almost unbelievably to only two flags—a goal and a point! Connacht scored 2-5.

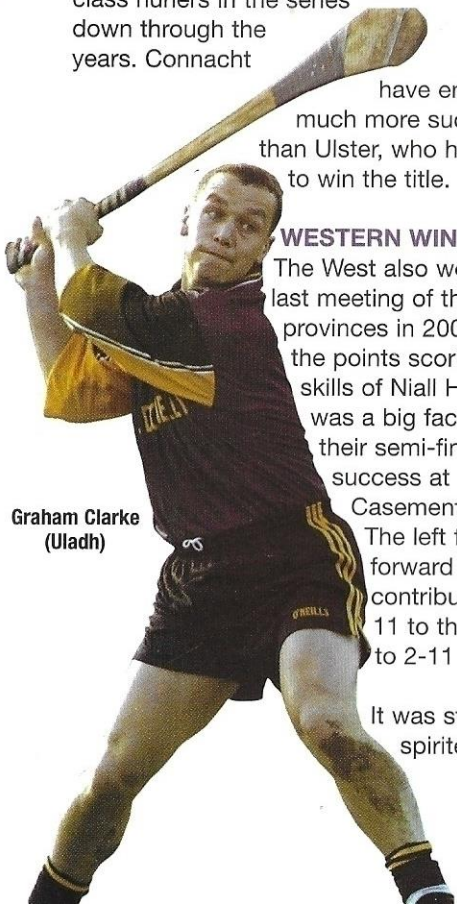
## GOLDEN PERIOD

Connacht had a golden period in the eighties, with six titles in that decade. Those were the days of such top class hurlers as Conor Hayes, John Connolly, Joe Connolly, P. J. Molloy, Peter Finnerty, Joe Cooney and Sean Treacy among others.

Galway went on to bring their record to eleven titles in 2004.

Now we await to see what today's semi-final will add to the story.

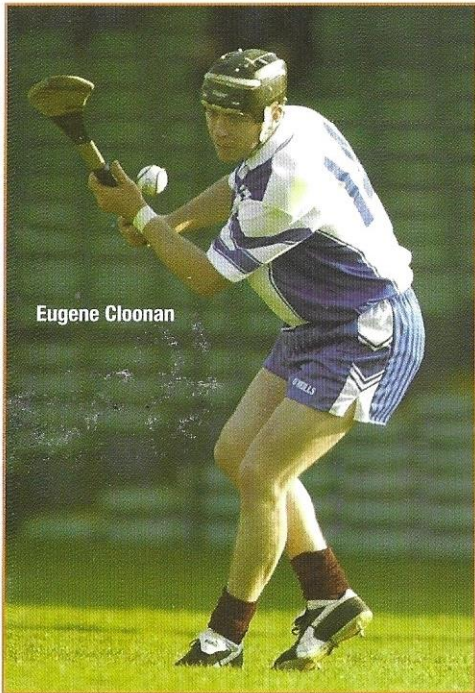
Graham Clarke (Uladh)







## CLOONAN AND McINTOSH IMPRESSIVELY ON THE TARGET

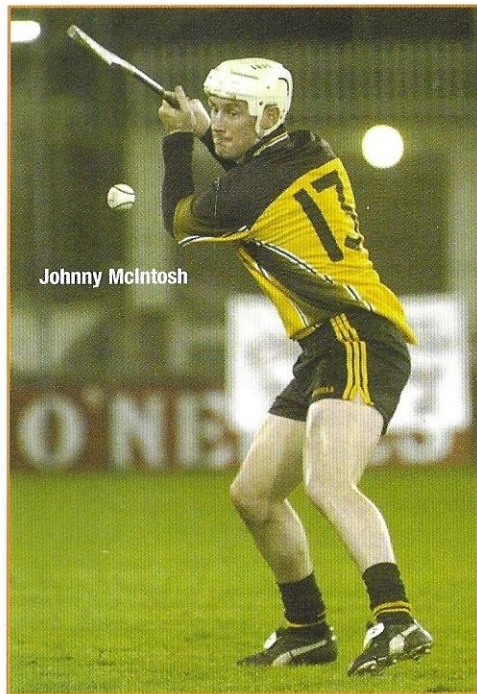


Eugene Cloonan

**E**ugene Cloonan and Johnny McIntosh were impressively on the target for Connacht and Ulster in last year's Martin Donnelly interprovincial hurling semi-finals.

- Cloonan played a major role in fashioning Connacht's 2-17 to 1-16 win over Munster at Ennis. The full forward contributed a handsome 2-6 to the all-Galway team's success. The Westerners lost the final to Leinster at Pearse Stadium.

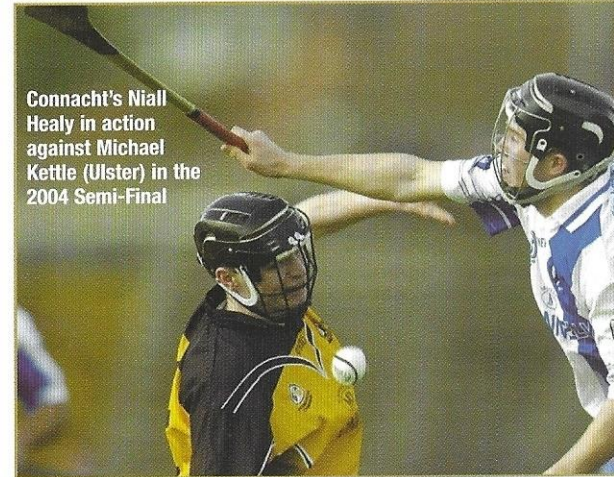
- McIntosh (Antrim) chipped in 0-10, five points from frees, for Ulster on their visit to Parnell Park, but that was still not enough to prevent them from bowing out by 2-19 to 0-12. The Ulster right full forward was very comfortably the ace marksman for both teams.
- The Ballybofey game brings Connacht and Ulster into opposition for the first time since their semi-final meeting at Casement Park in 2004 when the visitors chalked up a 2-24 to 2-11 win.



Johnny McIntosh

## ULSTER PUSH CONNACHT IN LAST MEETING

2004 – Connacht 2-24 Ulster 2-11



Connacht's Niall Healy in action against Michael Kettle (Ulster) in the 2004 Semi-Final

other end from Enda Tannaghan swiftly subdued hopes of a home victory and when Liam Hinphey was sent to the line they disappeared completely. A second goal by Tannaghan seven minutes before the end helped propel the final victory margin to a somewhat flattering 13 points.

**Connacht scorers:** N.Healy 0-11, E.Tannaghan 2-2, O.Fahy 0-3, F.Healy, A.Kerins, D.Tierney 0-2 each, D.Collins, D.O'Brien 0-1 each.

**Ulster scorers:** B.McFall 1-4, M.Herron 1-2, G.Johnson 0-3, B.McGourty 0-2.

**N**ot quite as easy as the final scoreline suggests, but Connacht were deserving winners of their most recent penultimate encounter with Ulster three years ago at Casement Park. Seeking their first win in the competition for nine years, the "home" province made an encouraging start and when Michael Herron goaled at the 19th minute they led by 1-6 to 0-3.

However, the visitors responded impressively and shot seven unanswered points in eight minutes with Niall Healy the Northerners' tormentor in chief. Undaunted, Ulster fought back to parity on two occasions before the change of ends, but points from Healy and Ollie Fahy left it 0-13 to 1-8 at half time.

On the restart Connacht pushed three points clear but four minutes in Brian McFall lashed home a 20 metre free for the equaliser. However, a like score at the

**Connacht (all Galway)** – L.Donoghue, D.Joyce, S.Kavanagh, F.Moore, D.Hardiman, L.Hodgins, D.O'Brien, D.Hayes, D.Collins, F.Healy, E.Tannaghan, D.Tierney, O.Fahy, A.Kerins, N.Healy. Subs – K.Brady (Galway) for Kearns, K.Higgins (Mayo) for O'Brien, P.Seever's (Sligo) for Tierney.

**Uladh** – G.Clarke (Down), M.Kettle (Antrim), C.Kelly (Antrim), S.Murray (Down), L.Hinphey (Derry), K.McKeegan (Antrim), C.Herron (Antrim), S.Wilson (Down), R.Convery (Derry), B.McFall (Antrim), G.Johnson (Down), B.McGourty (Down), M.Herron (Antrim), P.Richmond (Antrim), D.Quinn (Antrim). Subs – C.McGuckian (Antrim) for Richmond, P.Doherty (Derry) for Quinn, M.McCambridge (Antrim) for Convery, M.Conway (Derry) for McKeegan, A.Savage (Down) for Wilson.





# CONNACHT

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# ULADH

DATHANNA: BUÍ IS DUBH

<b>1</b> <b>JAMES SKEHILL</b> S. Ó Scathail (Gaillimh)		
<b>2</b> <b>GREG KENNEDY</b> G. Ó Cinnéide (Gaillimh)	<b>3</b> <b>TONY ÓG REGAN</b> A. Óg Ó Riagáin (Gaillimh)	<b>4</b> <b>FEARGAL MOORE</b> F. Ó Móra (Gaillimh)
<b>5</b> <b>DAVID COLLINS</b> D. Ó Coileáin (Gaillimh)	<b>6</b> <b>CONOR DERVAN</b> C. Ó Doirbheáin (Gaillimh)	<b>7</b> <b>ANDREW KEARY</b> A. Ó Ciara (Gaillimh)
<b>8</b> <b>FEARGAL HEALY</b> F. Ó hÉilí (Gaillimh)		<b>9</b> <b>IARLA TANNIAN</b> I. Ó Tanaidheáin (Gaillimh)
<b>10</b> <b>ALAN KERINS</b> A. Ó Céirín (Gaillimh)	<b>11</b> <b>NIALL HEALY</b> N. Ó hÉilí (Gaillimh)	<b>12</b> <b>SEAN GLYNN</b> S. Mac Fhloinn (Gaillimh)
<b>13</b> <b>KENNETH BURKE</b> C. de Búrca (Gaillimh)	<b>14</b> <b>ANGUS CALLANAN</b> A. Ó Callanáin (Gaillimh)	<b>15</b> <b>ADRIAN CULLINANE</b> A. Ó Cuilleanáin (Gaillimh)

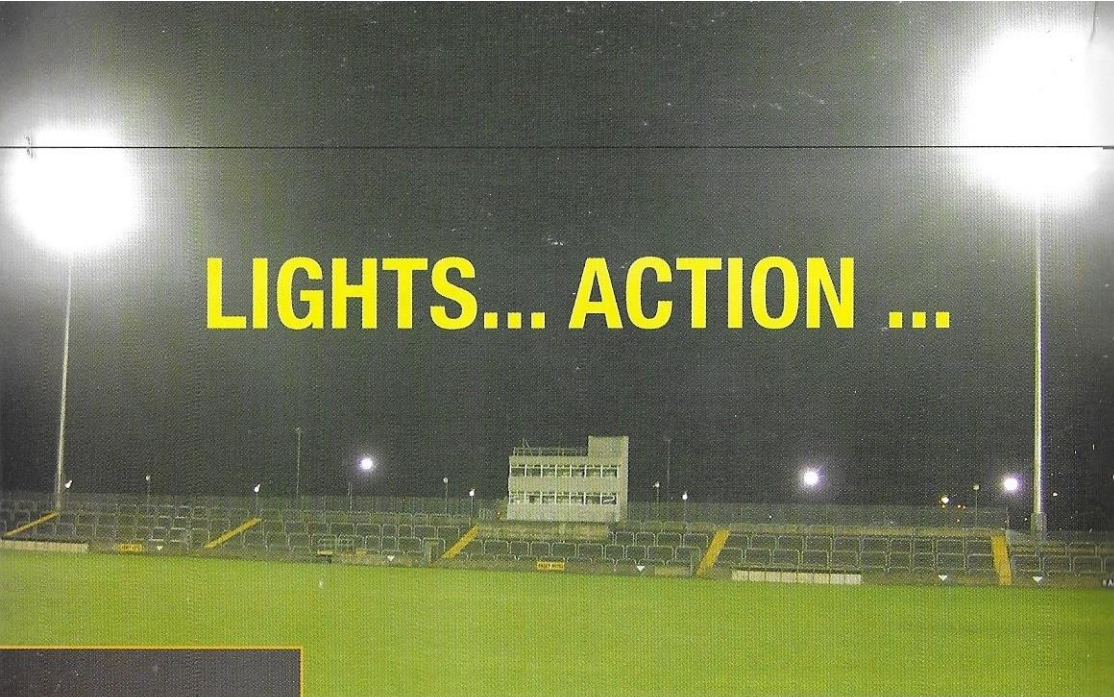
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<b>8</b> <b>KEVIN McGARRY</b> C. Mag Fhearaigh (An Dún)		<b>9</b> <b>NEIL McMANUS</b> N. Mac Mánaís (Aontroim)
<b>10</b> <b>MICHAEL HERRON</b> M. Ó hEaráin (Aontroim)	<b>11</b> <b>PAUL McCORMACK</b> P. Mac Cormaic (Ard Mhacha)	<b>12</b> <b>DECLAN COULTER</b> D. Ó Coltair (Ard Mhacha)
<b>13</b> <b>TERRY McINTOSH</b> T. Mac an Taoisigh (Tír Eoghan)	<b>14</b> <b>KIERAN KELLY</b> C. Ó Ceallaigh (Aontroim)	<b>15</b> <b>DANNY CULLEN</b> D. Ó Cuilín (Dún na nGall)

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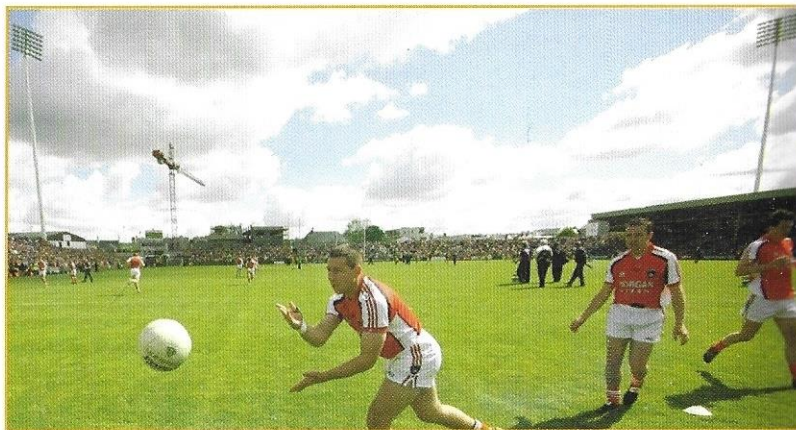
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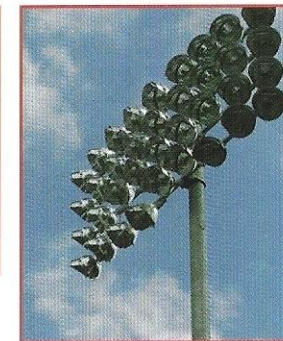
# LIGHTS... ACTION ...



2007 has certainly got off to a bright start for the Gaels of Ulster, with the completion of floodlighting to some of the main county venues within the Province, namely Breffni Park, Cavan, Casement Park, Belfast and Healy Park, Omagh. Today's venue at Mac Cumhaill Park, Ballybofey had the floodlighting installation completed in April 2007 and this fixture will mark the official 'switch on' the new lights.



**Tom Daly, President, Ulster Council.**



The lights are to television standard for hurling and football with a maintained lux level of 850 lux.

The Ulster Council G.A.A.'s President Tom Daly praised the work completed by the various people involved in the historic project by stating:

"To complete a project of this scale within the timescales set was a tremendous achievement by all of the people involved."

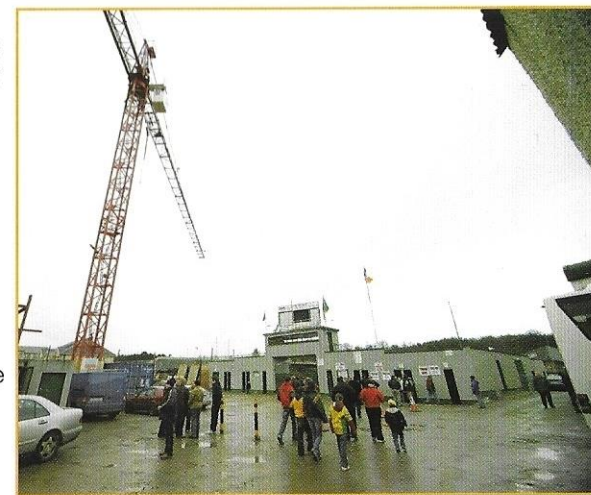
"Ulster and Connacht supporters attending today's game will see the modern GAA at it's best in terms of the physical improvements that have taken place in Mac Cumhaill Park in recent times and I wish to thank all those involved for their work in developing such facilities that are a credit to a voluntary sporting organisation."

### DEVELOPMENTS

The Floodlighting Project is just one of a number of capital developments throughout Ulster which will see the Ulster Council

GAA investing over €11m by 2008 in Floodlighting and Coaching and Games programmes as part of a modernisation strategy supported by the Sports Council. The next two venues to be fitted with state of the art floodlighting will be the Athletic Grounds, Armagh and Celtic Park, Derry later in 2007.

For further information please contact the Ulster Council GAA Operations Manager Stephen McGeehan on: 048 - 028 37 521900.







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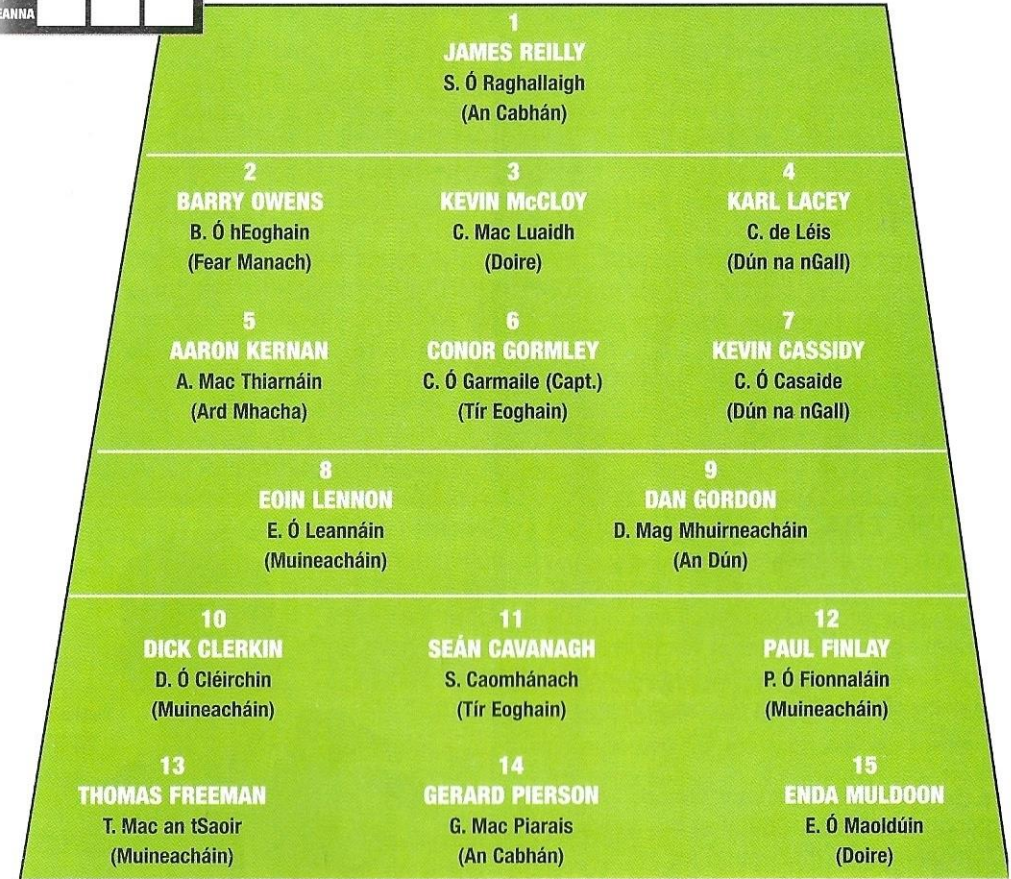
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**ROIGHNÓIRÍ** Brian McEniff & Art McRory (Managers).



## CONTRASTING FORTUNES FOR ULSTER AND CONNACHT

**U**lster and Connacht have starkly contrasting records in the Railway Cup in football, now the Martin Donnelly interprovincials, Roll of Honour.

Connacht won their first title in 1934, seven years after the competition was established. Ulster did not collect their first title until 1942, but now are second in the rankings with 27 championships, the last in 2004.

Connacht, on the other hand, have not captured the trophy since as far back as 1969, when they won their ninth championship.

### GOLDEN ERA

Ulster struck a golden era in the early nineties, with Tony Scullion, of Derry, a key figure in a record-making run. The Northerners beat Munster at Ennis in March 1994 to complete the first ever sequence of five titles in succession in football.

The run was over a six year period. Ulster regained the title in 1989 after five years. In their semi-final that year against Connacht at Mitchelstown, left full forward Jim McConville (Armagh) established a new scoring record for the interprovincial series by recording a magnificent 4-3.

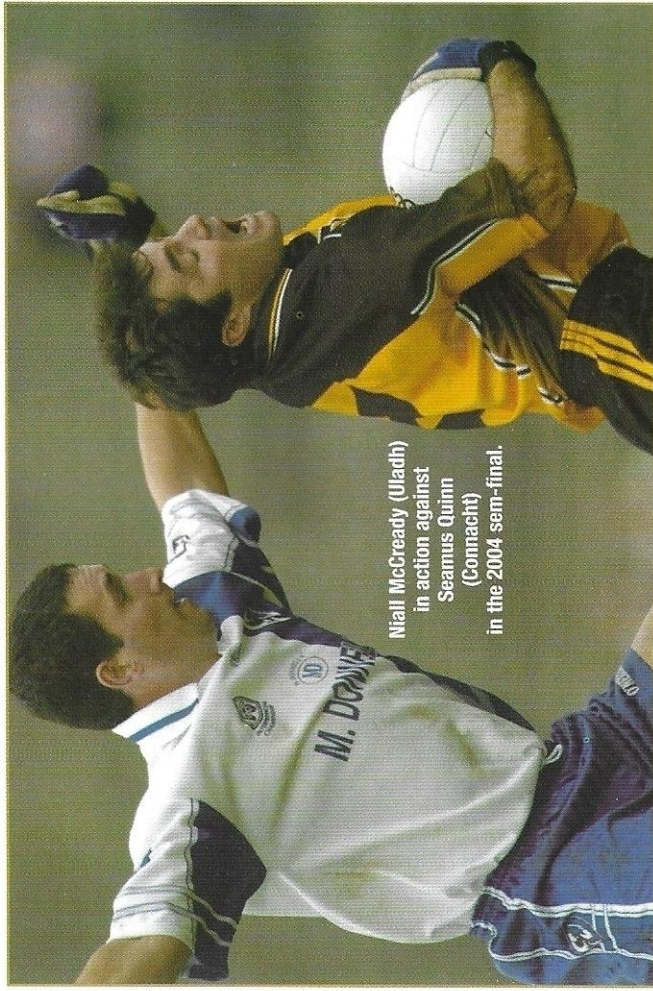
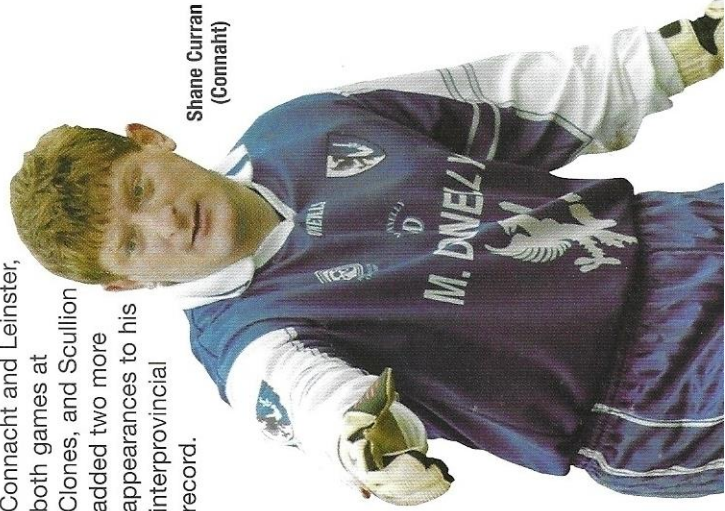
No competition was played in 1990, and the North opened their campaign the following year at Ballybofey, where they beat Connacht.

Ulster played ten games in the record-making run and Scullion was left full back in every match—the only player to earn that distinction. He did not retire once during the run and joined the winning captain's table in 1991.

That does not tell the full story of Tony Scullion's contribution to the Ulster team in that period, as he held the left full back position from 1987 without a break up to the 1994 decider—his 13th appearance for the province.

Ulster went on in 1995 to boost the record to six titles in a row with wins over Connacht and Leinster, both games at Clones, and Scullion added two more appearances to his interprovincial record.

Shane Curran (Connacht)



Niall McCreeady (Ulster) in action against Seamus Quinn (Connacht) in the 2004 semi-final.

### RECORD-MAKER

However, the record-maker as regards appearance is Sean O'Neill, who donned the Northern jersey in 26 games. The Down forward also ranks as the only man to win eight medals in football.

His glory years were 1960, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1968, 1970 and 1971.

In 1967 Ulster were in line for five titles in succession when they lined out against Connacht in the Croke Park summit. However, a goal just before the interval by Michael Kearins (Sligo) set the Westerners on the road to a 1-9 to 0-11 win.

Kearins was also in the side that beat Munster in the 1969 final and his colleagues included Willie McGee and Joe

Corcoran (Mayo) in attack, Jimmy Duggan (Galway) and Dermot Earley (Roscommon) at midfield, and Noel Tierney (Galway) and Ronan Craven (Roscommon) in defence.

### OUTSTANDING

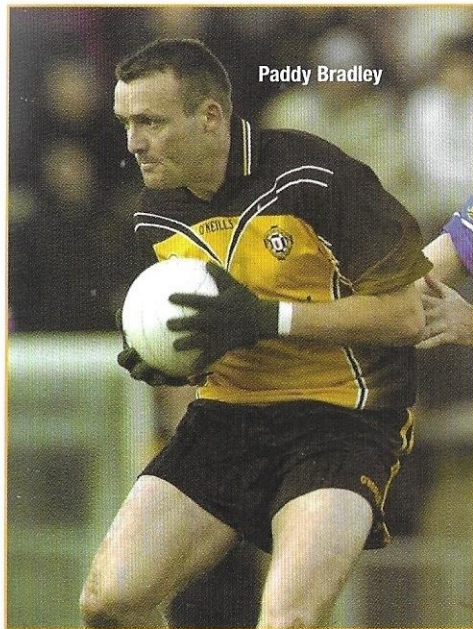
Sean Purcell (Galway), one of the outstanding figures from the late forties to the early sixties, had a thirteen year span in the Connacht team from 1949 to 1961. He also had the ability to slot in perfectly and do an excellent job in any role he was called on to fill.

That was illustrated by the fact that his 17 appearances in the provincial jersey ranged over such diverse placings as right half forward, centre half forward, full forward, midfield and full back.



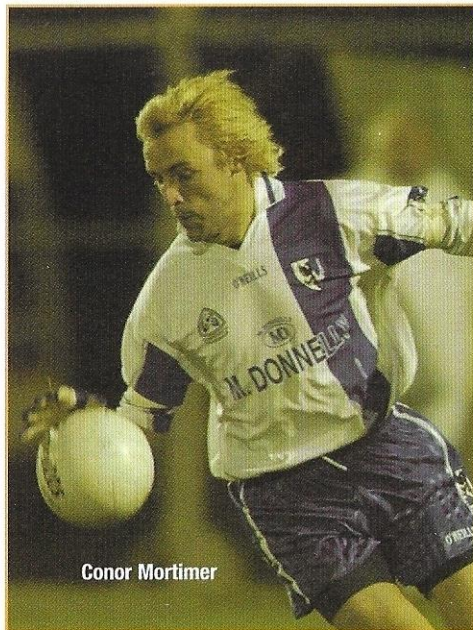


## RENEWING RIVALRY AFTER THREE YEARS



Paddy Bradley

- This is the first meeting of Ulster and Connacht in the interprovincial championship since a 2004 semi-final at Castlebar, where Enda Muldoon (Derry) did much to orchestrate a Northern win with his quality play and finishing powers. He contributed 0-8 to the 0-15 to 1-6 win.
- Connacht last beat Ulster in a semi-final in 2001, the year Galway won their last All-Ireland senior title. The Western side, dominated by Galway players, won by 0-15 to 1-10 at Killarney. They lost the decider to Leinster.



Conor Mortimer

- Ulster are bidding for their first interprovincial semi-final win since 2005 when they beat Munster at Crossmaglen by 2-13 to 0-9. Paddy Bradley (Derry) was top scorer with 1-4.
- The North last won the title in 2004.
- Connacht's last semi-final success was recorded at the expense of Munster under lights last year at Ballyforan, where they had a 1-15 to 2-10 win after extra time. Conor Mortimer (Mayo) was the star of the success, and finished with 0-8.

## GOOD ULSTER WIN AFTER SLOW START IN LAST MEETING

PEIL

2004 – Ulster 0-15 Connacht 1-6

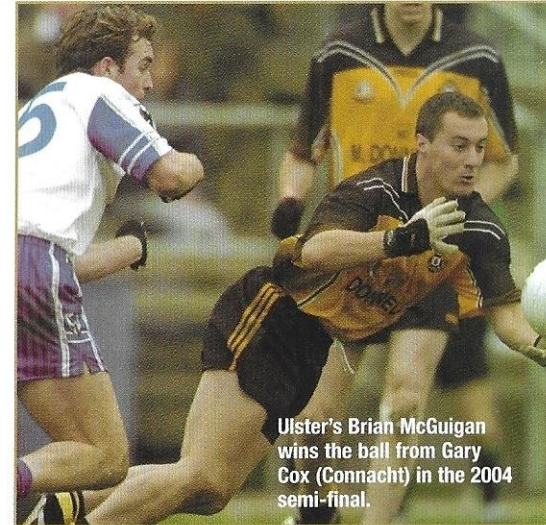
Less than 500 people turned up for the last semi-final clash of Connacht and Ulster at McHale Park Castlebar three years ago, and the faithful were poorly rewarded with a dour clash that the visitors won with something to spare. Initially, matters looked promising for the “home” province as a couple of Michael Meehan frees and points by Kieran Fitzgerald, Frankie Dolan and Mark Breheny gave them a healthy advantage.

However, after 20 minutes torpor, Ulster finally came to life before the interval and with Brian Dooher and Paddy Bradley to the fore they reduced the interval deficit to the minimum. The momentum stayed with the Northerners on the restart and Enda Muldoon quickly levelled matters up.

By this point Dan Gordon and Martin McGrath were dominating the midfield exchanges and they continued to do so as Ulster quickly swept into the lead. With ten minutes remaining they led by eight points, but Meehan briefly interrupted their march with a snap goal. However, that score failed to inspire the Galwayman's colleagues and a couple of frees from Bradley erased any lingering doubts as to the game's outcome.

**Ulster scorers:** P.Bradley 0-6, E.Muldoon 0-3, B.Dooher 0-2, P.McFlynn, S.Cavanagh, D.Gordon, M.McGrath 0-1 each.

**Connacht scorers:** M.Meehan 1-2, M.Brehony, K.Fitzgerald, F.Dolan, P.Joyce 0-1 each.



Ulster's Brian McGuigan wins the ball from Gary Cox (Connacht) in the 2004 semi-final.

**Uladh –** M.McVeigh (Down), E.McNulty (Armagh), R.Sweeney (Donegal), N.McCready (Donegal), P.McFlynn (Derry), B.Monaghan (Donegal), R.McMenamin (Tyrone), D.Gordon (Down), M.McGrath (Fermanagh), B.Dooher (Tyrone), B.McGuigan (Tyrone), S.Cavanagh (Tyrone), S.O'Neill (Tyrone), P.Bradley (Derry), E.Muldoon (Derry).

**Connacht –** S.Curran (Roscommon), G.Ruane (Mayo), S.Quinn (Leitrim), M.McGuinness (Leitrim), D.Meehan (Galway), D.Casey (Roscommon), K.Fitzgerald (Galway), J.Bergin (Galway), S.O'Neill (Roscommon), M.Clancy (Galway), C.McDonald (Mayo), M.Donnellan (Galway), M.Breheny (Sligo), M.Meehan (Galway), F.Dolan (Roscommon). Subs – P.Joyce (Galway) for Breheny, P.Gardiner (Mayo) for Fitzgerald, R.McGarrity (Mayo) for O'Neill.





# PREVIOUS SEMI-FINAL MEETINGS

(26) – Ulster 16 Connacht 10

1933 – Monaghan	Connacht	1-5	Ulster	0-5
1934 – Castlebar	Connacht	0-8	Ulster	0-6
1937 – Carrick-on-Shannon	Connacht	4-6	Ulster	1-4
1938 – Breffni Park	Connacht	2-8	Ulster	0-3
1942 – Pearse Park	Ulster	3-7	Connacht	2-6
1943 – Croke Park	Ulster	3-8	Connacht	0-8
1950 – Croke Park	Ulster	2-9	Connacht	2-6
1951 – Croke Park	Connacht	3-6	Ulster	2-8
1956 – Casement Park	Ulster	3-8	Connacht	1-4
1957 – Markievicz Park	Connacht	2-8	Ulster	0-8
1962 – Breffni Park	Ulster	5-6	Connacht	1-7
1963 – Markievicz Park	Ulster	2-8	Connacht	1-5
1968 – Breffni Park	Ulster	4-8	Connacht	1-10
1969 – Tuam	Connacht	1-11	Ulster	2-4
1974 – Ballybay	Connacht	2-11	Ulster	4-4
1975 – Carrick-on-Shannon	Ulster	5-13	Connacht	1-12
1980 – Breffni Park	Ulster	0-17	Connacht	1-3
1981 – Hyde Park	Connacht	2-19	Ulster	2-14
1988 – Ballina	Ulster	3-12	Connacht	1-10
1989 – Mitchelstown	Ulster	4-8	Connacht	0-7
1991 – Ballybofey	Ulster	1-15	Connacht	1-13
1992 – Carrick-on-Shannon	Ulster	0-11	Connacht	0-7
1995 – Clones	Ulster	0-16	Connacht	0-8
1998 – Hyde Park	Ulster	0-15	Connacht	0-15
replay – Clones	Ulster	0-20	Connacht	1-14
2001 – Killarney	Connacht	0-15	Ulster	1-10
2004 – Castlebar	Ulster	0-15	Connacht	1-6

## LAST TEN SEMI-FINALS

### Connacht – Won 6 Lost 4

1997 – Ennis	Beat Munster	2-15 to 1-17 (extra time)
1998 – Hyde Park	Drew with Ulster	0-15 to 0-15 (extra time)
replay – Clones	Lost to Ulster	1-14 to 0-20 (extra time)
1999 – Tuam	Beat Leinster	4-7 to 1-8
2000 – Castlebar	Beat Munster	2-10 to 1-3
2001 – Killarney	Beat Ulster	0-15 to 1-10
2002 – Ballindereen	Lost to Leinster	2-9 to 1-15
2003 – Enniskillen	Beat Munster	1-13 to 1-9
2004 – Castlebar	Lost to Ulster	1-6 to 0-15
2005 – Parnell Park	Lost to Leinster	2-7 to 1-14
2006 – Ballyforan	Beat Munster	1-15 to 2-10 (extra time)

### Ulster – Won 6 Lost 4

1997 – An Uaimh	Lost to Leinster	1-10 to 3-14
1998 – Hyde Park	Drew with Connacht	0-15 to 0-15 (extra time)
replay – Clones	Beat Connacht	0-20 to 1-14 (extra time)
1999 – Killarney	Drew with Munster	3-14 to 1-20 (extra time)
replay – Omagh	Lost to Munster	3-13 to 2-19 (extra time)
2000 – Casement Park	Beat Leinster	1-14 to 0-10
2001 – Killarney	Lost to Connacht	1-10 to 0-15
2002 – Ballindereen	Beat Munster	0-17 to 0-15
2003 – Enniskillen	Beat Leinster	2-13 to 0-16 (extra time)
2004 – Castlebar	Beat Connacht	0-15 to 1-6
2005 – Crossmaglen	Beat Munster	2-13 to 0-9
2006 – Breffni Park	Lost to Leinster	2-10 to 2-13



# COISTE NA NÓG DHUN NA nGALL County Underage Winners in Football & Hurling 2007

## FOOTBALL

### League

U14 Division 1  
U14 Division 3

U16 Division 1  
U16 Division 2  
U16 Division 3

U18 Division 1

### Championship

U12 Division 1  
U12 Division 2  
U12 Division 3

U13 Division 2

U14 Division 1  
U14 Division 3

U16 Division 1  
U16 Division 2  
U16 Division 3

U18 Division 1

### County Og Sport Winners

### County U14 Feile Winners:

Division 1

Division 2

Division 3

### Co. Winners

Ard An Ratha  
Fanad Gaels

St Eunans  
L/Gaels  
Fanad Gaels

Naomh Conaill

### Co. Winners

Aodh Ruadh  
Kilcar  
Naomh Mhuire

Carndonagh

Cloughaneely  
Fanad Gaels

St Eunans  
L/Kenny Gaels  
St Eunans

Four Masters

St Eunans

St Eunans

Kilcar

Naomh Mhuire

### Captain

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Peter Devine  
Michael O Shea  
Seamie Friel

Jamie Molloy

### Captain

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Aidan McGinley  
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Ryan McLaughlin

Shaun McGarvey  
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Peter Devine/Cormac Coughlin  
Jamie Doherty  
Matthew McColgan

Jamie McGroary

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Kevin Meehan

Kieran O Donnell

Daragh White

## HURLING

### Championship

U14 A  
U14 B  
U16 A

### Co. Winners

McCumhalls  
Setanta  
Burt

### Captain

Gavin Browne  
Arron Anderson  
Daragh Grant

### U12 Hurling Blitz Winners

Clubs: Aodh Ruadh, Four Masters, McCumhalls, St Eunans, L/Gaels, Bunrana, Burt, Carndonagh.





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 Labhóise Clynes, St. Patrick's NS, Carndonagh, Co. Donegal  
 Rachel Smollen, Virginia NS, Co. Cavan.  
 Victoria Lagan, St. John's PS, Swatragh, Co. Derry.  
 Nicole Johnston, St. Joseph's PS, Ederney, Co. Fermanagh.  
 Ellie Dolan, St. Caireall's NS Aghyaran, Co. Tyrone.  
 Melissa Gartlan, Bunscoil Luaidh, Carrickmacross,  
 Co. Monaghan.  
 Síle Ní Ghallachóir, Scoil Mhuire, Doire Beaga, Co. Donegal.  
 Hannah Cosgrove, St. Anne's PS, Dunmurry, Co. Antrim.  
 Aoife McConville, Tannaghmore PS, Lurgan, Co. Armagh.

## Girls Football

Aoife McCluskey, Glenview PS, Co. Derry.  
 Maeve Cassidy, Carrick PS, Burren, Co. Down.  
 Niamh Mc Leron, St. Patrick's PS, Rasharkin, Co. Antrim.  
 Julie-Ann Sweeney, Kilmacrennan NS, Co. Donegal.  
 Eimear Carty, St. Martin's PS, Garrison, Co. Fermanagh.  
 Emma Campbell, St. Patrick's PS, Castlederg, Co. Tyrone.  
 Emma Donoghue, Gowra NS, Co. Cavan.  
 Rose Boyle, Scoil Mhuire gan Smal, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.  
 Aoibhín O'Hare, Foley P.S. Co. Armagh.  
 Muireann Atkinson, St. Michael's Annyalla, Co. Monaghan.

## Boys Football

Cathair Mc Kinney, Abbey PS, Newry Co. Down  
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 Fintan Gormley, St. Cholmille's PS, Co. Derry.  
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## Boys Football

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 Michael Lynch, Holy Family PS, Co. Derry.  
 Matthew Holmes, Sc. Naomh Fionnan, Whitecastle, Co. Donegal.  
 Darragh McCallan, Holy Child PS, Belfast, Co. Antrim.  
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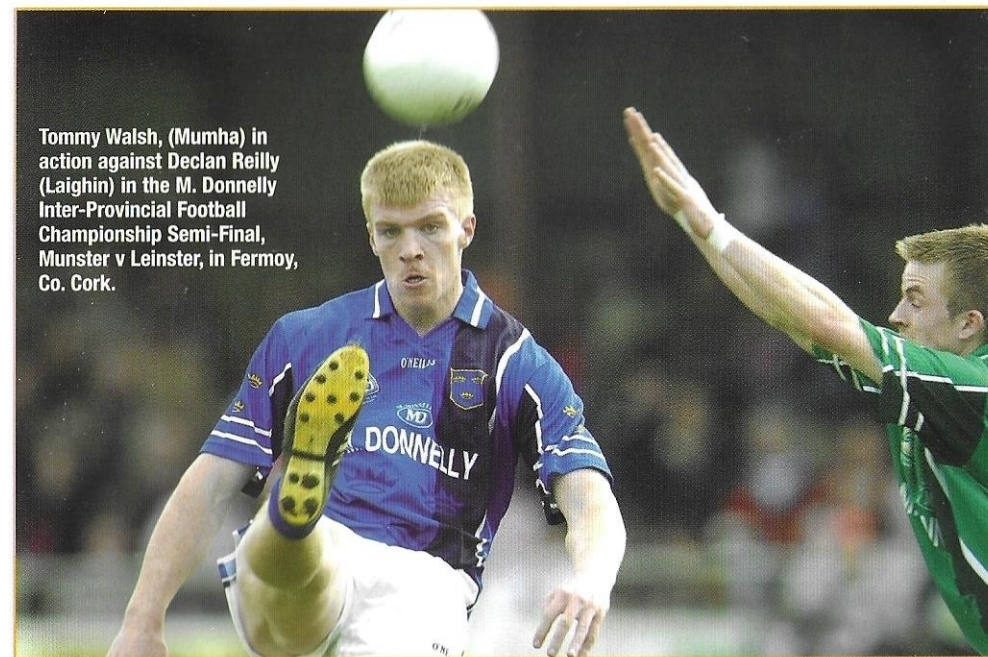
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## Action from last week's semi-finals ...



Seán Óg Ó hAilpín, (Mumha) in action against Rory McCarthy (Laghain) in the M. Donnelly Inter-Provincial Hurling Championship Semi-Final, Munster v Leinster, in Fermoy, Co. Cork.



Tommy Walsh, (Mumha) in action against Declan Reilly (Laighin) in the M. Donnelly Inter-Provincial Football Championship Semi-Final, Munster v Leinster, in Fermoy, Co. Cork.

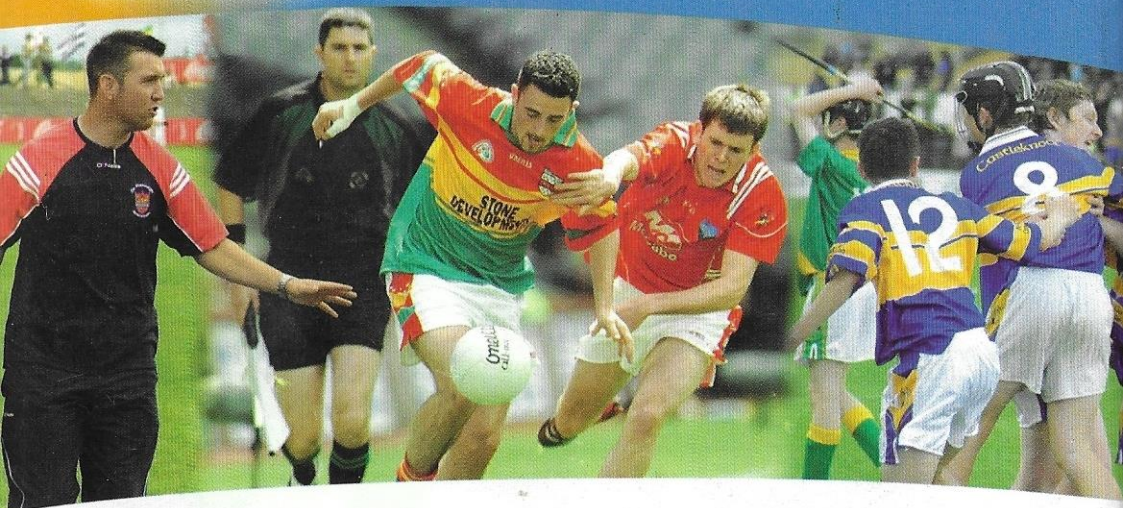


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