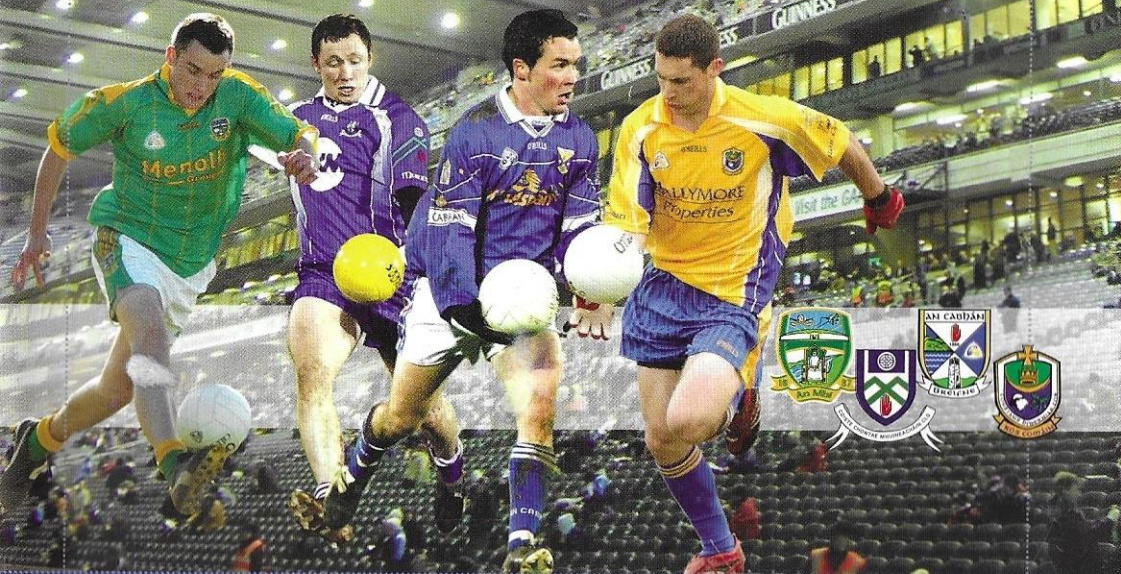


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On behalf of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, I welcome you all to Páirc an Chrócaigh this evening for what we hope will be two highly entertaining games. I welcome in particular the Players, Team Mentors and County Board Officials from the four participating 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.

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael is grateful for the generous support of our sponsors and I especially welcome the representatives of Allianz who sponsor the National Hurling and Football Leagues.

For reasons well known by now the Semi-Finals of the Allianz Division 2 National Football League could not be played last weekend. Indeed it appeared at one stage as if the concluding stages of the competition would be further delayed as play-off games looked very likely. However, results fell kindly for the fixture-makers and this evening's pairings look like delivering two exciting games.

Meath will not need reminding that they lost the Allianz Division 2 Final to Monaghan by a single point in rather dramatic circumstances in 2005. The Ulster side has been the most impressive team in this year's Allianz League, entering today's game unbeaten, but they can expect a stern test from Meath. The Leinster side sneaked into the semi-finals despite a loss to Wexford in the last round and then had to depend on scoring difference to secure a last four spot. Both sides are no doubt working hard in preparation for the upcoming championship, so reaching a league final would be an ideal test for the stiff challenges that undoubtedly lie ahead.

The last time Roscommon supporters came to Croke Park was to witness a famous draw with Kerry in the 2006 All-Ireland Minor Football Final. The title was duly captured some days later. While those young men have yet to make an impact at senior level, a rebuilding process is underway in Roscommon and reaching this evening's semi-final shows the good progress the side has made since the beginning of this year's league. It is the best part of ten years since Cavan last played in Croke Park and the county's return to Headquarters is most welcome, particularly as this is their first visit since the redevelopment of the stadium. The county's new management team and the players deserve great credit for their excellent progress in this year's league and I don't expect there will be much between the sides at the finish.

I gave the recent G.A.A. Congress an update on the planned renovation programme for the Croke Park pitch. The programme will commence next Monday and will be finalised in time for the Leinster S.F.C. games on the 20th May. An on-going maintenance programme will continue during the summer. The pitch has experienced a lot of activity since the beginning of the year and with little natural grass growth during that period until recently, it needs more attention than usual at this time.

I wish you all an enjoyable evening and I thank you for travelling to Croke Park. If you are driving home after the games or perhaps staying over in Dublin for the Allianz Division 1 Final tomorrow, I appeal to you all to take great care on the roads. We must all play our part to eliminate or at least lessen the level of tragedy on our roads.

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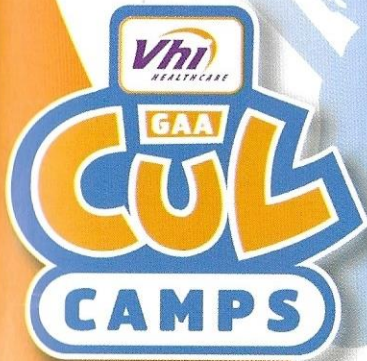
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## IT HAPPENED IN THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION II

- Meath and Cavan finished all square under lights on a Saturday evening in early February in the opening round of the Allianz National Football League Division II at An Uaimh. A late goal by Brian Farrell earned the Royal County a draw—2-7 to 0-13.

Cavan had a defender dismissed by the referee after only five minutes but made light of the set-back with a very spirited performance.

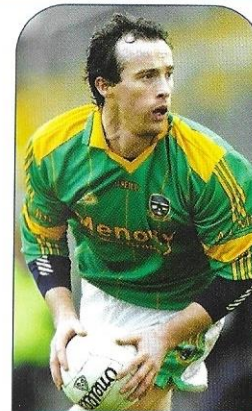
- Ciarán Duignan made a fine contribution to earning what many considered a surprising winning start by Leitrim at the expense of Offaly at Cloone. He scored five points.
- Wicklow, under new manager Mick O'Dwyer, made a winning start at the expense of Antrim at Aughrim. Tommy Gill scored 2-2 for the winners.
- The steady advancement of floodlighting at grounds nationwide was given a further

impetus in early February when Meath beat Antrim under new lights at Casement Park.

- The lethal finishing of Declan Browne (who else?) was a key factor in Tipperary recording their first win of the campaign by seeing off Waterford at Ardfinnan in round five. He scored 2-6 of his side's total of 3-10.
- It is not often that a county wins an important game by as many as seven points but still ends up as "losers". That was Wexford's contrasting fortunes in their meeting with Meath at Wexford Park in round seven of Division II earlier this month.

They needed to win by eight points to pip the Royal County for the runners-up position in Division II "B" and with that ranking, a place in the semi-finals. Wexford and Meath both finished with eleven points, one behind leaders Cavan, but the Royals went through with a higher scoring rate.

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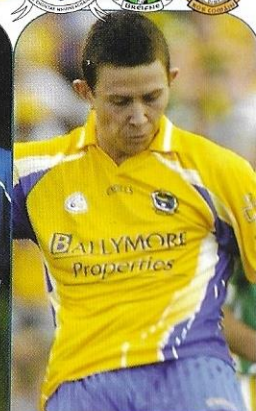
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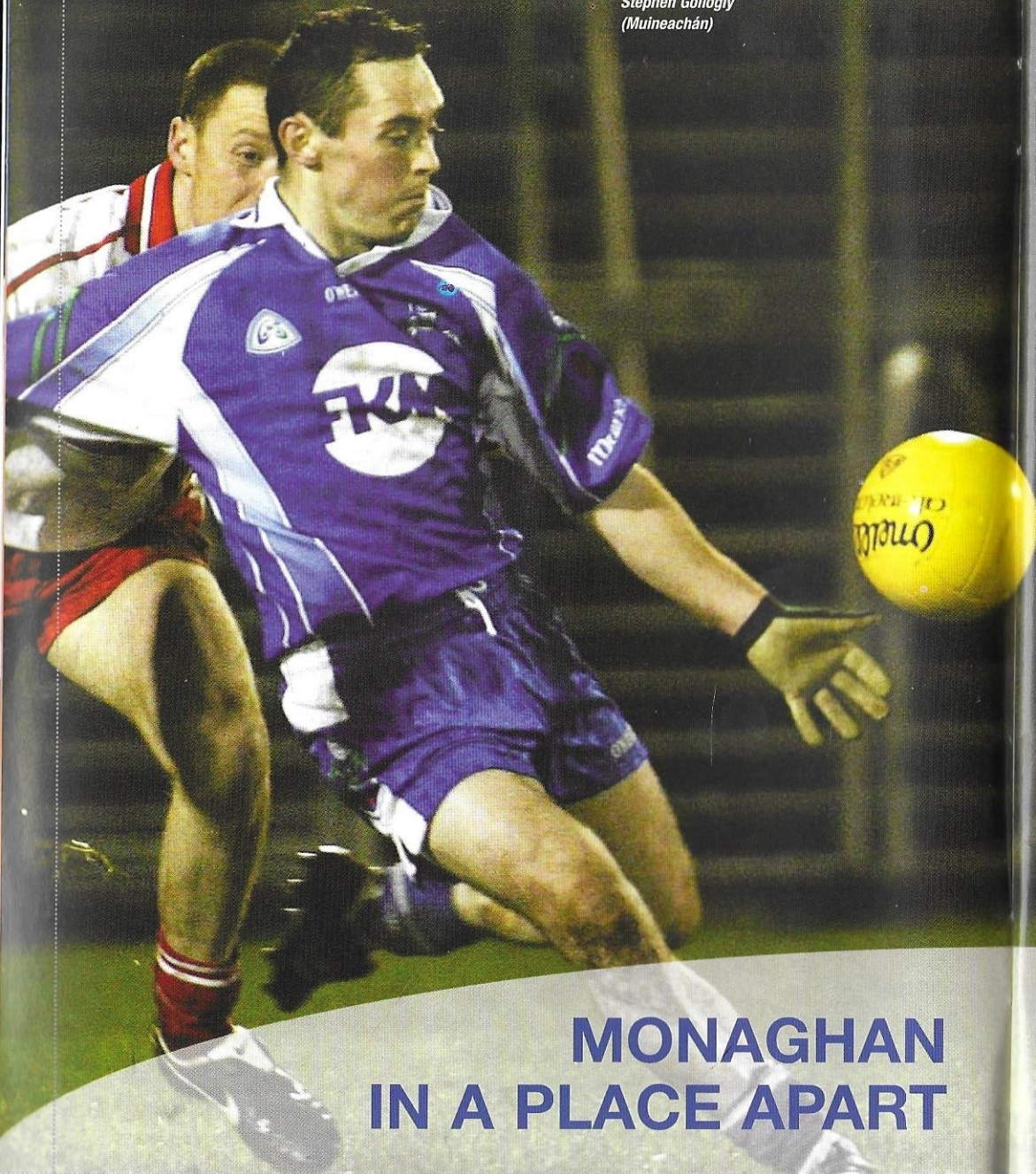
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## MONAGHAN IN A PLACE APART

**Monaghan were the real success story of Division II of the Allianz National Football League. They were the only county to finish with full points in Divisions I and II.**



Their winning start against Roscommon at Dr. Hyde Park back in early February was a game that went on to cast a long shadow. Few could have then anticipated that the two counties would go on from there to qualify for the last four. Monaghan did not look back after that.

They played good football and took their scoring opportunities well in an impressive march that brought a seventh successive win when they ended their Division II "A" programme with a hard-earned win over Leitrim at Cloone last Sunday.

The Ulster men lost little time in indicating that they were in no mood to allow their unbeaten record go by the board. The game was only two minutes old when right half forward Ciarán Hanratty had the ball in the Leitrim net. Monaghan went on to lead at the interval by 1-6 to 0-6.

### IMPROVING

Leitrim took the game to their opponents from the restart and reduced their arrears to a point. Then came a real test of character for Monaghan as the improving home team took a two points lead with a fine goal.

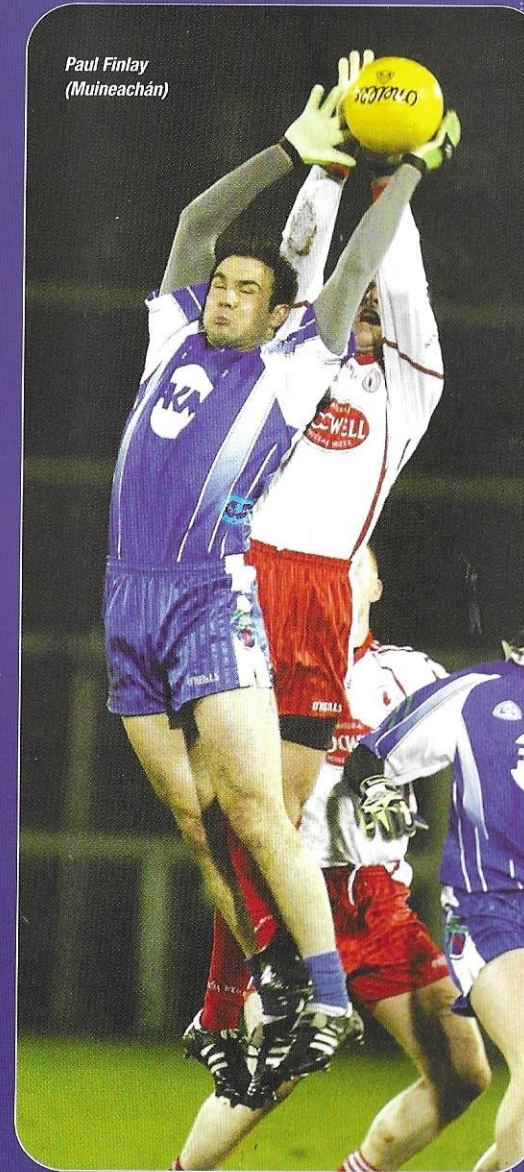
However, The Ulster men responded in positive fashion. Powered by midfielder Paul Finlay, who chalked up some fine points, they regained the initiative and six unanswered points sent them on the road to victory.

They had a late set-back in added time when Leitrim scored a goal, but Monaghan held out for a well-deserved 1-14 to 2-10 win.

Hanratty, with his morale boosting early goal and good all round play, and Finlay, who chipped in with four points from frees, made big contributions to the narrow win.

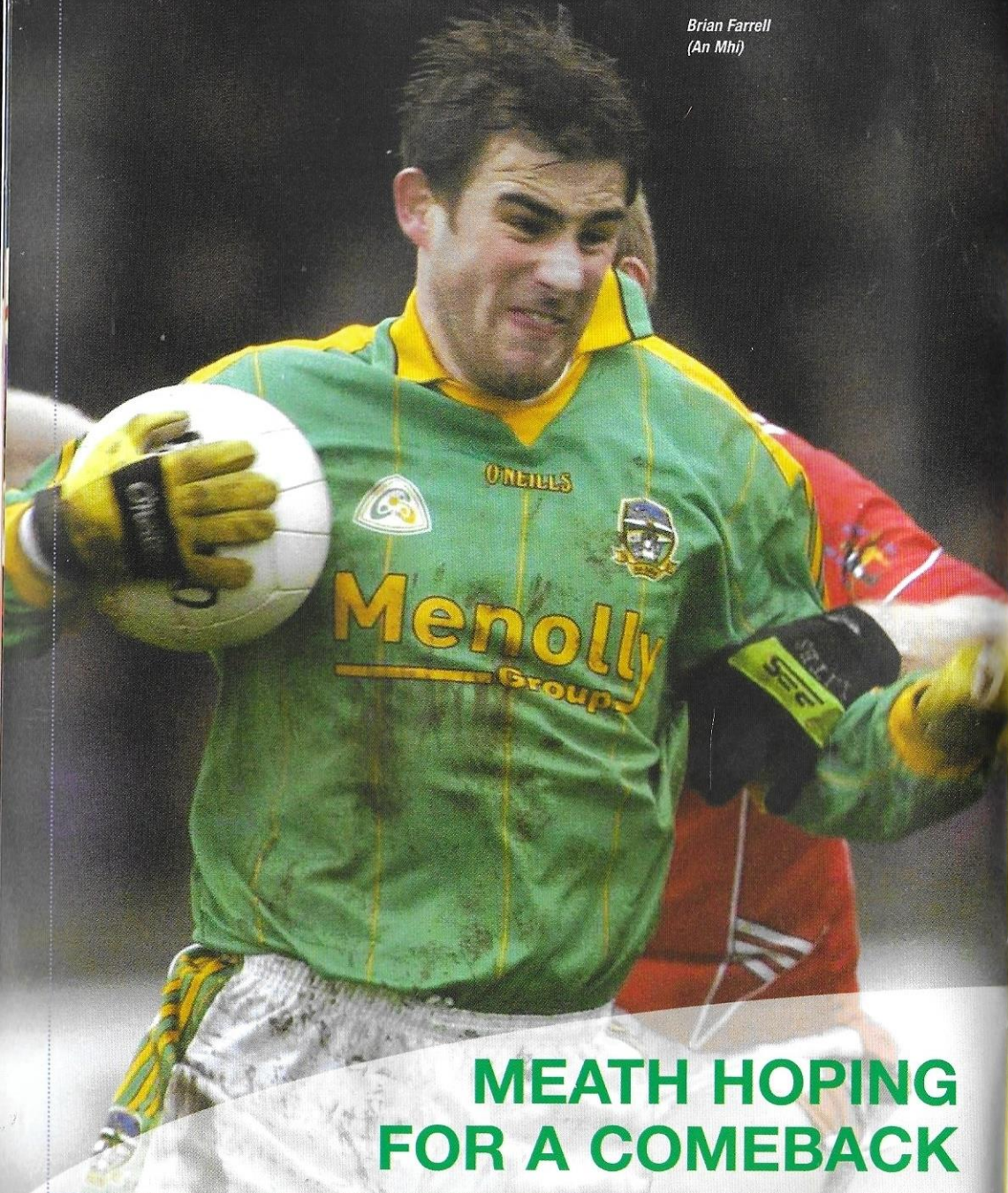
Tomás Freeman in attack and Conor McManus in defence also did much to fuel what was a very workmanlike performance and one that, following on their earlier successes, should help to boost Monaghan confidence for this latest challenge to their unbeaten record.

Paul Finlay  
(Muineachán)





Brian Farrell  
(An Mhi)



## MEATH HOPING FOR A COMEBACK

### Can Meath regain the winning flair after their crushing seven points defeat by Wexford earlier this month at Wexford Park in their concluding game in Division II "B" of the Allianz National Football League?

Despite that defeat Meath still qualified for this sage as runners-up to Divisional leaders Cavan. Wexford needed an eight points win to claim the second spot.

The defeat came after Meath had made a splendid recovery from a somewhat uncertain start to the competition in early February.

Uncertain start? It took a late, late goal by full forward Brian Farrell to earn them a draw against Cavan under lights at An Uaimh. That proved to be the only point Meath dropped in six games prior to their visit to Wexford Park. A good record and one that augured well for a winning end to the Divisional programme.

#### TATTERS

However, their unbeaten record was in tatters at the interval when they trailed by 2-9 to 0-2. Meath fared somewhat better in the second half, conceded just a single point, but still were well beaten at the end—2-10 to 0-9.

It would be foolish to lightly dismiss the Royal County's prospects in this game because of that heavy set-back. They showed earlier in the League that they are capable of better things and also have potential match-winners in all departments.

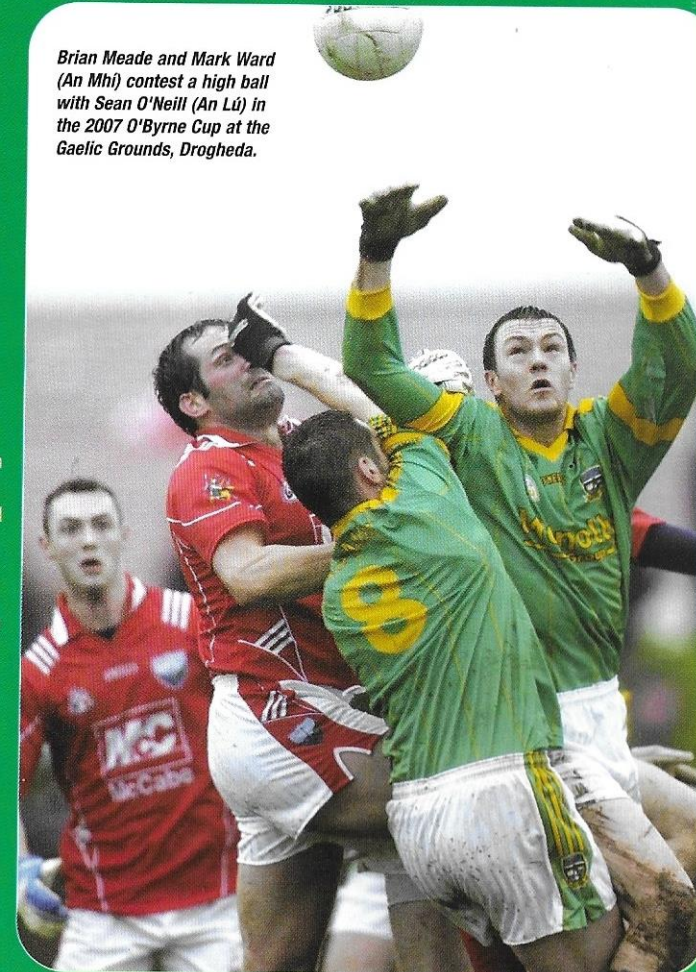
Brian Farrell is one of the sharpest finishers in the game and Stephen Bray is another forward who knows how to make the most of scoring opportunities. Darren Fay,

Caoimh King in defence, and midfielder Anthony Moyles are among others who have demonstrated that they are capable of pushing their side to winning heights.

The nature of the occasion is also tailor-made to evoke an extra special response from the Royal County men.



Brian Meade and Mark Ward  
(An Mhi) contest a high ball  
with Sean O'Neill (An Lú) in  
the 2007 O'Byrne Cup at the  
Gaelic Grounds, Drogheda.





# AN MHI & MUINEACHAN

## PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**W**hen Monaghan defeated Meath in the Division Two final a couple of years ago, it was just their fifth win in 21 encounters with the Royals who have 15 victories to their credit. There was one draw in the series at Scotstown in 2002.

<b>1930/31 – AN UAIMH:</b>	<b>1981/82 – AN UAIMH:</b>
Meath 1-6 Monaghan 0-0	Meath 1-7 Monaghan 1-3
<b>1936/37 – CARRICKMACROSS:</b>	<b>1983/84 – BREFFNI PARK (QUARTER/FINAL):</b>
Monaghan 0-6 Meath 1-2	Meath 1-12 Monaghan 1-7
<b>1937/38 – AN UAIMH:</b>	<b>1985/86 – CARRICKMACROSS:</b>
Meath 2-6 Monaghan 2-2	Monaghan 0-11 Meath 0-6
<b>1938/39 – AN UAIMH:</b>	<b>1986/87 – KELLS:</b>
Meath 5-11 Monaghan 2-2	Meath 0-11 Monaghan 0-5
<b>1939/40 – CASTLEBLANEY:</b>	<b>1987/88 – BALLYBAY:</b>
Meath 3-9 Monaghan 1-5	Monaghan 1-12 Meath 1-8
<b>1945/46 – AN UAIMH:</b>	<b>1988/89 – BALLYBAY:</b>
Meath 3-5 Monaghan 0-5	Monaghan 3-12 Meath 2-9
<b>1946/47 – BALLYBAY:</b>	<b>1989/90 – AN UAIMH:</b>
Meath 3-5 Monaghan 1-6	Meath 2-16 Monaghan 1-7
<b>1950/51 – CROKE PARK (PLAY/OFF):</b>	<b>1992/93 – AN UAIMH:</b>
Meath 2-8 Monaghan 1-4	Meath 1-11 Monaghan 0-11
<b>1973/74 – BALLYBAY:</b>	<b>1998/99 – AN UAIMH:</b>
Meath 4-6 Monaghan 0-4	Meath 1-13 Monaghan 0-2
<b>1980/81 – BALLYBAY:</b>	<b>2002 – SCOTSTOWN:</b>
Monaghan 0-7 Meath 0-5	Monaghan 3-7 Meath 2-10
	<b>2005 – CROKE PARK (DIV 2 FINAL):</b>
	Monaghan 3-13 Meath 3-12

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## THE ROYALS' LAST SUCCESS...1998

### Meath 1-13 Monaghan 0-2

Both sides had won their opening fixture in this campaign - Meath against Clare and Monaghan against Laois - so a completely one-sided encounter was not expected at Pairc Tailteann, but for three-quarters of an hour the visitors failed to trouble the scoreboard operator and at the end of the day were 14 points shy of the hosts.

The game as a contest was over by the interval as Monaghan failed to convert any of the chances they were presented with in the opening half. At the other end Ollie Murphy had a Meath goal after fine work by Nigel Crawford and Nigel Nestor and at the break it was 1-7 to 0-0.

Monaghan kicked yet another wide on the restart and it looked as if they would be the first county since Carlow to fail to score in a league

match. Three Ray Magee points pushed Meath 13 clear before Stephen McGinnity finally opened Monaghan's account at the 45th minute. The same player added a second ten minutes later, but this was an afternoon to forget for the Ulster side.

**MEATH SCORERS:** O.Murphy 1-3, R.Magee 0-5, J.Devine 0-2, G.Geraghty, N.Kearney, B.Callaghan 0-1 each.

**MONAGHAN SCORER:** S.McGinnity 0-2.

**AN MHI – C.Sullivan, M.Reilly, D.Fay, H.Traynor, P.Reynolds, G.Geraghty, D.Curtis, N.Crawford, N.Nestor, N.Kearney, J.Devine, P.Shanley, R.Magee, B.Callaghan, O.Murphy. Subs – R.Kealy (Murphy), F.McMahon (Devine), G.McGovern (Traynor).**

**MUINEACHÁN – G.Murphy, P.McKenna, D.McDermott, N.Marron, D.McArdle, E.Murphy, P.Hughes, J.Coyle, P.McCaul, D.Swift, P.O'Connor, C.Ronaghan, S.McGinnity, M.Daly, P.Traynor. Subs – D.Freeman (Daly), D.Smyth (Traynor), J.Conlon (Swift).**

## MONAGHAN'S MOST RECENT WIN...2005

### Monaghan 3-13 Meath 3-12

Although this Division Two final may have lacked a little in the quality department, it overflowed in excitement with Monaghan grabbing a last-minute goal to secure the honours. Defences on both sides were guilty of slack defending in the opening half as Thomas Freeman notched goals at the 13th and 29th minutes while Anthony Moyles and Trevor Giles found the net at the other end.

An interval lead of 2-6 to 2-5 for Monaghan looked less than secure and within six minutes of the resumption they trailed as Niall Kelly set up Ollie Murphy for the Royals' third goal and Giles converted a free to make it 3-8 to 2-7. However, Monaghan didn't panic and had five of the following six points to tie it up at 2-12 to 3-9.

Points by Regan and Ward put Meath two in front and a swap of scores between McElroy and

Farrell didn't alter that position. With time virtually up Monaghan were awarded a 35 metre free and Paul Finlay's kick eluded a packed goal-line to give the Ulster side an unlikely victory.

**MONAGHAN SCORERS:** T.Freeman 2-3, P.Finlay 1-3, D.Clerkin 0-3, S.McManus, D.McKernan, H.McElroy, N.Corrigan 0-1 each.

**MEATH SCORERS:** T.Giles, O.Murphy 1-2 each, D.Regan 0-3, A.Moyles 1-0, N.Kelly

0-2, J.Sheridan, B.Farrell, M.Ward 0-1 each.

**MUINEACHÁN – S.Duffy, J.Coyle, V.Corey, C.Flanagan, D.Freeman, G.McQuaid, J.Ward, F.Duffy, J.McElroy, S.McManus, P.Finlay, D.Clerkin, T.Freeman, R.Ronaghan, D.McArdle. Subs – M.Daly (McManus), D.McKernan (Ronaghan), N.Corrigan (Ward), H.McElroy (J.McElroy).**

**AN MHI – D.Gallagher, B.O'Reilly, K.Reilly, S.McGabhann, N.McLoughlin, D.Crimmins, C.King, D.Fay, A.Moyles, N.Kelly, G.Geraghty, P.Byrne, D.Regan, T.Giles, J.Sheridan. Subs – O.Murphy (Geraghty), M.Ward (O'Reilly), B.Farrell (Regan).**

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Seamus McEnaney (Manager), Adrian Trappe. Trainer: Martin McElkennon.





# PATHS TO THE SEMI-FINALS



## AN MHI

<b>3rd February, Navan:</b>	Meath	2-7	Cavan	0-13
<b>10th February, Casement Park:</b>	Meath	2-11	Antrim	1-11
<b>25th February, Markievicz Park:</b>	Meath	3-12	Sligo	1-10
<b>10th March, Navan:</b>	Meath	1-14	Tipperary	2-8
<b>24th March, Aughrim:</b>	Meath	1-12	Wicklow	0-12
<b>31st March, Navan:</b>	Meath	4-12	Waterford	1-6
<b>8th April, Wexford Park:</b>	Meath	0-9	Wexford	2-10
<b>Total Scored</b>	13-77 (116)			
<b>Total Conceded</b>	7-70 (91)			

## MUINEACHAN

<b>4th February, Dr Hyde Park:</b>	Monaghan	2-11	Roscommon	1-10
<b>10th February, Clones:</b>	Monaghan	1-14	Longford	3-6
<b>25th February, Clones:</b>	Monaghan	1-17	Carlow	0-9
<b>11th March, Ennis:</b>	Monaghan	0-19	Clare	0-6
<b>25th March, Ruislip:</b>	Monaghan	0-16	London	1-5
<b>1st April, Clones:</b>	Monaghan	0-13	Offaly	0-12
<b>15th April, Clones:</b>	Monaghan	1-14	Leitrim	2-10
<b>Total Scored</b>	5-104 (119)			
<b>Total Conceded</b>	7-58 (79)			

## AN CABHAN

<b>3rd February, Navan:</b>	Cavan	0-13	Meath	2-7
<b>10th February, Breffni Park:</b>	Cavan	0-17	Wicklow	0-10
<b>25th February, Ardfinnan:</b>	Cavan	1-14	Tipperary	0-12
<b>10th March, Breffni Park:</b>	Cavan	1-9	Sligo	0-10
<b>24th March, Casement Park:</b>	Cavan	3-10	Antrim	0-15
<b>1st April, Breffni Park:</b>	Cavan	0-11	Wexford	0-11
<b>8th April, Dungarvan:</b>	Cavan	3-12	Waterford	1-11
<b>Total Scored</b>	8-86 (110)			
<b>Total Conceded</b>	3-75 (84) Average			

## ROS COMÁIN

<b>4th February, Dr Hyde Park:</b>	Roscommon	1-10	Monaghan	2-11
<b>11th February, Ruislip:</b>	Roscommon	1-16	London	0-10
<b>25th February, Dr Hyde Park:</b>	Roscommon	2-10	Clare	1-7
<b>11th March, Dr Cullen Park:</b>	Roscommon	2-9	Carlow	1-10
<b>25th March, Dr Hyde Park:</b>	Roscommon	0-15	Longford	0-12
<b>1st April, Dr Hyde Park:</b>	Roscommon	0-11	Leitrim	2-8
<b>15th April, Tullamore:</b>	Roscommon	4-11	Offaly	1-16
<b>Total Scored</b>	10-82 (112)			
<b>Total Conceded</b>	7-74 (95)			

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
B. Farrell	1-3	2-4	0-7	—	0-3	3-3	0-4	6-24
S. Bray	—	—	—	0-4	1-2	0-3	0-4	1-13
C. Ward	—	0-3	1-0	0-3	0-2	1-0	—	2-8
G. Geraghty	—	0-1	1-0	1-1	0-1	—	—	2-3
A. Moyles	0-3	—	1-1	—	—	—	—	1-4
P. Curran	—	0-1	0-2	0-1	—	—	—	0-4
J. Sheridan	0-1	—	—	—	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-4
C. McCarthy	—	—	0-2	—	—	0-1	—	0-3
P. Byrne	—	—	—	0-1	0-1	0-1	—	0-3
C. King	—	—	—	—	0-1	0-2	—	0-3
B. Meade	1-0	—	—	—	—	—	—	1-0
K. Reilly	—	0-1	—	0-1	—	—	—	0-2
M. Burke	—	—	—	—	0-1	0-1	—	0-2
M. Ward	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	0-1
N. McLoughlin	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	0-1
S. McAnarney	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	0-1
S. McGabhann	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	0-1

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
T. Freeman	1-2	0-4	0-3	0-8	0-6	0-5	0-3	1-31
P. Finlay	0-3	0-4	0-3	0-2	0-2	—	0-4	0-18
C. Hanratty	1-1	0-1	0-2	—	0-1	0-2	1-1	2-8
D. Freeman	—	1-2	1-2	—	0-1	—	0-2	2-7
S. Smith	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-3	0-2	0-2	—	0-11
S. Gollogly	—	—	0-2	0-3	0-2	—	—	0-7
D. Mone	0-1	—	0-1	0-1	—	0-1	—	0-4
P. Meegan	—	—	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	—	0-4
C. McManus	0-1	—	0-1	—	—	—	0-2	0-4
R. Woods	0-1	—	—	—	0-1	0-1	—	0-3
J. P. Mone	—	0-1	—	0-1	—	—	0-1	0-3
V. Corey	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	0-1
E. Lennon	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	0-1
G. McQuaid	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	0-1
B. McKenna	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	0-1

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
G. Pierson	0-3	0-4	0-3	—	0-6	0-2	—	0-18
J. Reilly	0-1	—	0-4	0-3	1-1	0-3	0-3	1-15
R. Cullivan	0-3	0-4	—	—	0-1	0-2	1-2	1-12
M. McKeever	0-1	—	1-1	0-1	1-1	0-1	0-1	2-6
R. Gallagher	0-1	0-2	—	0-2	—	0-1	0-2	0-8
M. Cunningham	0-2	0-3	0-1	—	—	—	—	0-6
P. Brady	—	0-1	0-1	0-1	—	—	0-2	0-5
D. McCabe	—	—	—	—	1-0	0-2	—	1-2
L. Mulvey	0-1	—	—	1-0	—	—	—	1-1
M. Hannon	—	—	—	—	—	1-0	1-0	1-0
J. Crowe	—	—	—	—	—	1-0	1-0	1-0
R. Flanagan	—	—	0-2	—	—	—	—	0-2
K. Fannin	—	0-1	—	0-1	—	—	—	0-2
C. Mackey	—	0-1	—	0-1	—	—	—	0-2
E. Reilly	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-1
S. Johnston	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	0-1
M. Cahill	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	0-1
N. Walsh	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	0-1
L. O'Reilly	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	0-1
M. Lyng	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	0-1	0-1
P. Fannin	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	0-1	0-1

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
G. Heneghan	0-2	0-7	1-6	0-2	0-8	0-3	2-5	3-33
G. Cox	0-2	0-3	0-1	0-4	0-2	0-2	0-4	0-18
C. Cregg	0-2	1-2	0-1	0-1	—	0-1	1-0	2-7
S. O'Neill	1-2	0-1	1-0	—	0-1	—	—	2-4
E. Kenny	0-1	—	—	—	0-1	0-2	1-0	1-4
K. Mannion	0-1	—	—	1-0	0-2	—	—	1-3
D. Hoey	—	0-1	—	1-1	0-1	—	—	1-3
J. Tiernan	—	—	0-2	0-1	—	0-1	—	0-4
S. Daly	—	—	—	—	—	0-2	0-1	0-3
J. Callery	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	0-1
R. O'Connor	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	0-1
M. Finneran	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	0-1

## AN RÉITEOIR

### MARTIN DUFFY (SLIGEACH)

The Sligo man is no stranger to Allianz National Football League Division II semi-final duty. He refereed last year's Donegal-Westmeath semi-final at Kingspan Breffni Park, and two weeks later took charge of the Louth-Donegal final replay at the same venue.

His programme last year also included the Leinster senior final between Dublin and Offaly. Marty has been on the intercounty panel for some eight years and is having another busy season. He has already taken control of games in the League in Division I.

He is a member of Enniscrone/Kilglass club and has played with his club at all levels.



## AN RÉITEOIR

### TOMÁS QUIGLEY (BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH)

Tomás brings plenty of experience to his refereeing. He was the man-in-the middle at the 2004 All-Ireland minor final, and took charge of the Cork-Donegal All-Ireland senior quarter-final at Croke Park last August.

He has been on the intercounty panel since 1998. An early assignment this year was the AIB All-Ireland club senior football quarter-final between Dr. Crokes (Kerry) and St. Brendan's (London) in London, and he has already been on League duty.

Quigley is a native of Wexford, but now based in Dublin. He played hurling and football with Davidstown/Courtnacuddy club in the Model County.







# AN CABHÁN

DATHANNA: GORM IS BÁN

	1 ADH LEATH	2 ADH LEATH	IOMLÁN
CÚIL			
CÚILÍNÍ			
SEACHAÍ			
45M			
SAOR			
CICEANNA			

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**1**  
**JAMES REILLY**  
S. Ó Raghallaigh  
(An Droig)

**2**  
**MARTIN CAHILL**  
M. Ó Cathail  
(An Dinn)

**3**  
**ANTHONY FORD**  
A. Mac Giollarnáth  
(Gaeil an Chabháin)

**4**  
**MICHAEL HANNON**  
M. Ó hAnnáin  
(Droim Dhúin)

**5**  
**PAUL BRADY**  
P. Ó Brádaigh  
(Mullach Odhráin)

**6**  
**EAMON O'REILLY**  
E. Ó Raghallaigh  
(Gaeil an Chabháin)

**7**  
**KEITH FANNIN**  
C. Ó Fannín  
(Droim Dhúin)

**8**  
**DERMOT McCABE**  
D. Mac Cába  
(Loch Gamhna)

**9**  
**MICHAEL BRENNAN**  
M. Ó Braoináin  
(Droim an Laoigh)

**10**  
**RONAN FLANAGAN**  
R. Ó Flannagáin  
(Caisleán Reathain)

**11**  
**MARK McKEEVER**  
M. Mac Íomhair (Capt.)  
(Loch Gamhna)

**12**  
**RAY CULLIVAN**  
R. Mac Conluain  
(Béal Átha hÉis)

**13**  
**SEAN JOHNSTONE**  
S. Mac Seáin  
(Gaeil an Chabháin)

**14**  
**RORY GALLAGHER**  
R. Ó Gallchóir  
(Cros ar Loch)

**15**  
**JASON O'REILLY**  
S. Ó Raghallaigh  
(Béal Tairbeirt)

## FIR IONAD

(16) COLM ANDERSON C. Mac Aindriú (Cuchullain)	(19) LARRY REILLY L. Ó Raghallaigh (Cnoc Bhríde)	(22) DERMOT SHERIDAN D. Ó Sirideáin (Mullach Odhrain)	(25) ENDA McCORMACK E. Mac Cormaic (Droim an Laoigh)	(28) JONATHAN CROWE S. Mac Conchrú (Caisleán Reathain)
(17) MICHAEL LYNG M. Ó Loinn (Gaeil an Chabháin)	(20) GERALD PEARSON G. Mac Piarais (Loch Gamhna)	(23) DONAL THOMAS D. Mac Tómais (Coll na Gearraí)	(26) CIARÁN GALLIGAN C. Ó Gealagáin (An Droig)	(29) MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM M. Ó Cúinneagáin (Mulleann Iarainn)
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## ROIGHNÓIRÍ

Donal Keogan (Manager), Paul Grimley (Asst.Manager), Phelim Plunkett, Thomas Jackson.



# ROS COMÁIN

DATHANNA: GORM IS ÓR

**1**  
**GEOFFREY CLAFFEY**  
G. Laithimh  
(Castlereia St. Kevin's)

**2**  
**SEÁN McDERMOTT**  
S. Mac Diarmada  
(Western Gaels)

**3**  
**ANTHONY McDERMOTT**  
A. Mac Diarmada  
(Kilbride)

**4**  
**ROBBIE KELLY**  
R. Ó Ceallaigh  
(St. Brigid's)

**5**  
**STUART DALY**  
S. Ó Dálaigh  
(Michael Glaveys)

**6**  
**JOHN NOLAN**  
S. Ó Nualláin  
(Western Gaels)

**7**  
**RICHARD DOONER**  
R. Ó Dúnabhra  
(Kilglass Gaels)

**8**  
**SEAMUS O'NEILL**  
S. Ó Néill  
(Kilbride)

**9**  
**MICHAEL FINNERAN**  
M. Ó Finnthrin  
(St. Dominic's)

**10**  
**DAVID HOEY**  
D. Ó hUadaigh  
(St. Aidan's)

**11**  
**GARY COX**  
G. Ó Coilligh  
(St. Faithleach's)

**12**  
**CATHAL CREGG**  
C. de Creag  
(Western Gaels)

**13**  
**KAROL MANNION**  
C. Ó Mainín (Capt.)  
(St. Brigid's)

**14**  
**ENDA KENNY**  
E. Ó Cionnaith  
(Castlereia St. Kevin's)

**15**  
**GER HENECHAN**  
G. Ó hEaneacháin  
(Castlereia St. Kevin's)

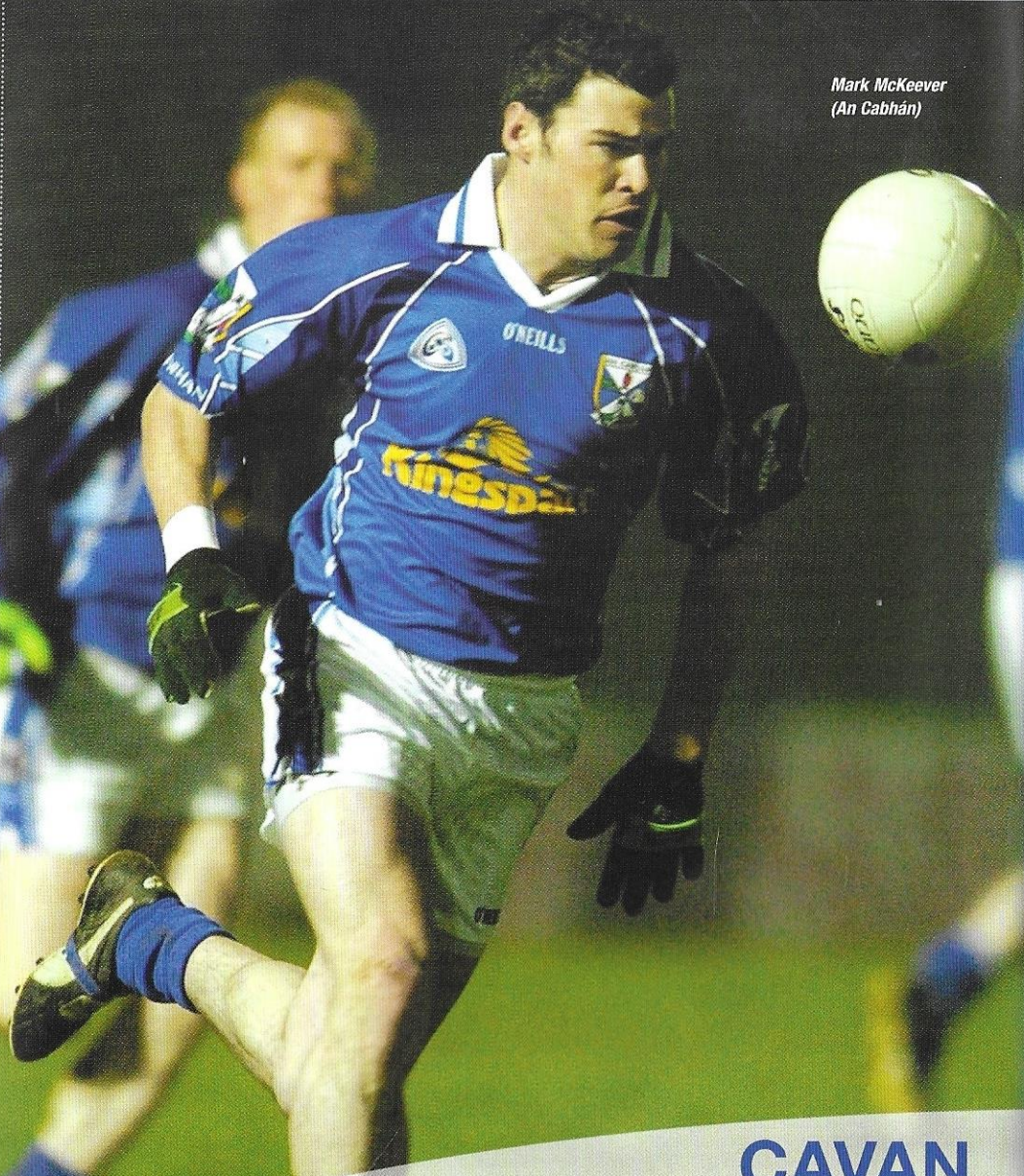
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## ROIGHNÓIRÍ

John Maughan (Manager), Gerry Fitzmaurice, Eamon McManus. Trainer: Tommie Craddock.

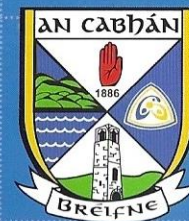




Mark McKeever  
(An Cabhán)

## CAVAN UNBEATEN ON THE WAY TO THIS SEMI-FINAL

***Cavan can feel well pleased with their achievement in booking their place in the Allianz National Football League Division II semi-final as leaders in Division "B". They dropped a point in their opening game against Meath at An Uaimh under lights in February.***



However, that was still a fine achievement as they played most of that game with fourteen men. A defender was sidelined by the referee after only five minutes.

Cavan have not really looked back in the meantime. Granted they dropped another point to Wexford along the way when it took a Jason Reilly point five minutes into added time to earn them a draw at Kingspan Breffni Park at the start of the month.

Nevertheless, they still did well to finish on top of their division with twelve points from a possible fourteen.

### REVENGE

The Breffni men finished their divisional campaign by taking a handsome revenge over Waterford, who shocked them in the concluding round last year—and at Kingspan Breffni Park.

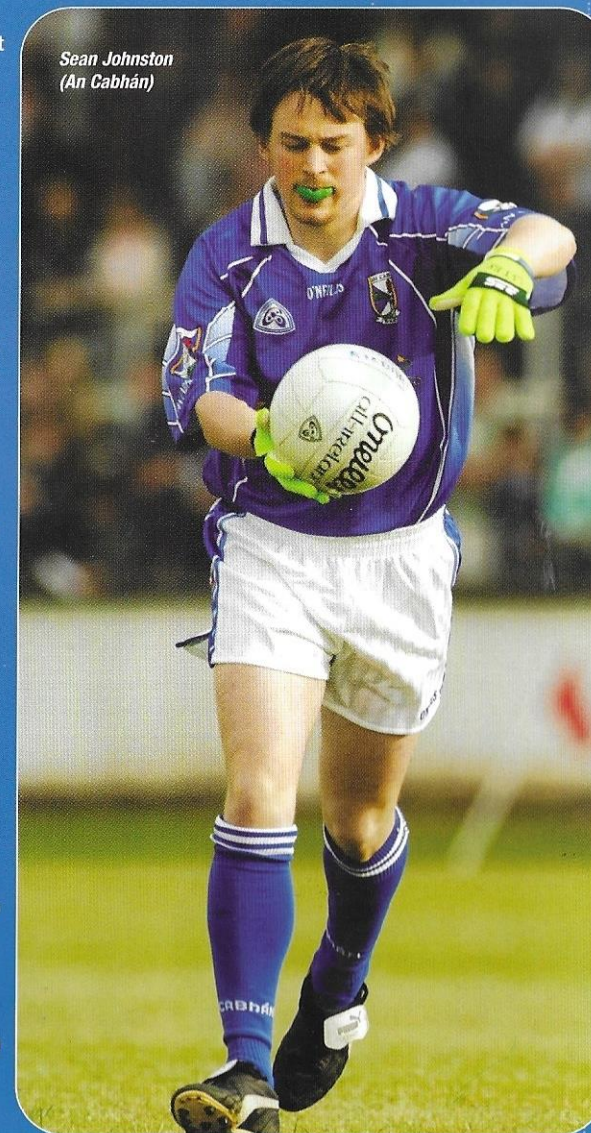
In this month's meeting at Dungarvan, defender Michael Hannon showed his forwards the way by finding the net to send Cavan on their way to an interval lead of 1-8 to 1-4.

The visitors got the perfect start to the second half with a quick goal from Jonathan Crowe. Waterford rallied well, but Cavan continued to play with coolness and purpose and finished good winners by 3-12 to 1-11.

This was a workmanlike performance by Cavan, with Ray Cullivan, who scored their third goal, Jason Reilly, midfielder Dermot McCabe and Hannon orchestrating matters in fine style.

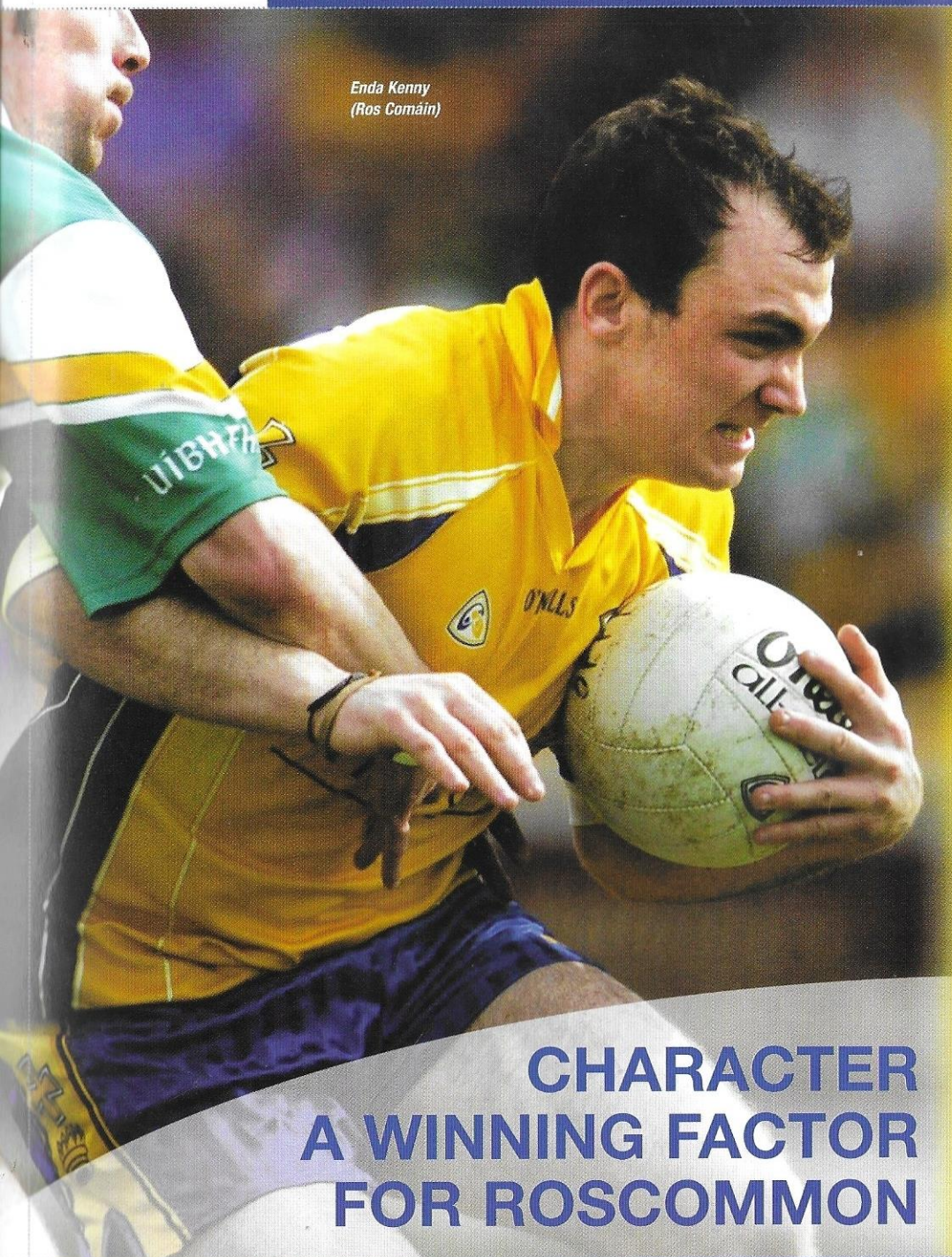
A good build-up over-all, then, by Cavan in the League so far and a strong platform from which to progress to a national final.

Sean Johnston  
(An Cabhán)





Enda Kenny  
(Ros Comáin)



## CHARACTER A WINNING FACTOR FOR ROSCOMMON

*Twice during their march in the Allianz National Football League Division II campaign Roscommon proved their ability to come out in positive style from disappointing set-backs.*



They lost their opening game to Monaghan at home, but got their title ambitions firmly back on the rails with four successive wins.

Then, at the beginning of the month came another set-back when Leitrim put a brake on their ambitions by scoring a three points win at Dr. Hyde Park.

So, they needed a win over Offaly in their final divisional game last Sunday to be absolutely sure of clinching their place in the last four.

It did not help Roscommon's cause that they had to travel to Tullamore, but they rose to the challenge in impressive manner, with Ger Heneghan a real ace with his impressive finishing technique.

### STRONG WIND

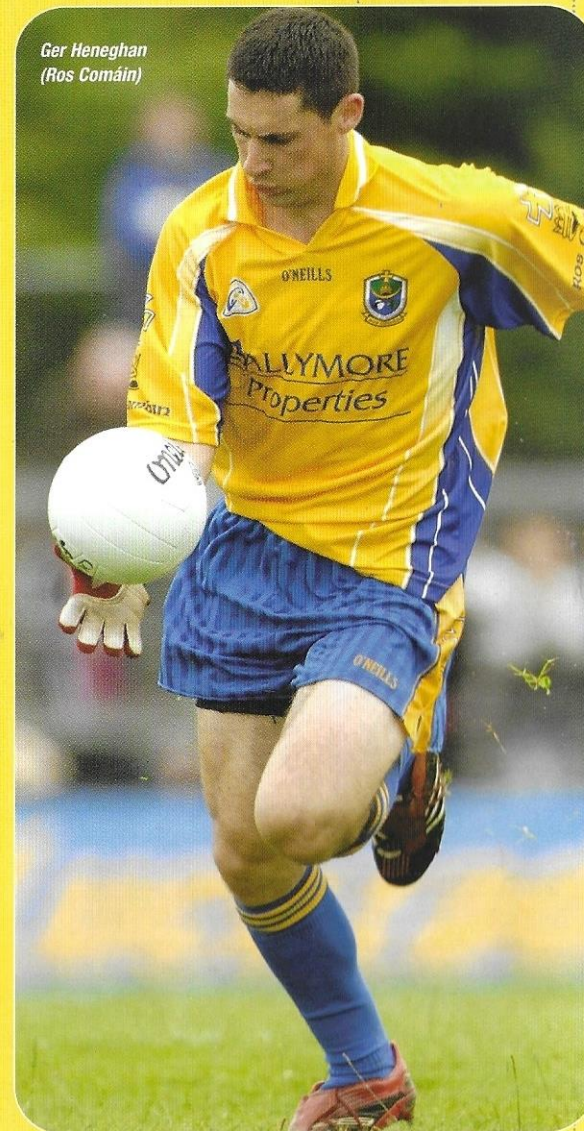
Offaly had the benefit of a strong wind in the first half but were still only two points ahead after twenty minutes. Shortly afterwards Ger Heneghan boosted Roscommon's cause with a goal, but Offaly hit back well to lead at the interval by 0-11 to 1-5.

Early into the second half, Heneghan was again on the goal standard when he scored from a penalty to give his side a one point lead.

Although Offaly responded well, Roscommon finished on a high note with well-taken goals by Cathal Gregg and Enda Kenny to finish good winners by 4-11 to 1-16. Heneghan finished with a handsome 2-5, Gregg and Kenny also did well in attack.

Michael Finneran at midfield and Seanie McDermott in defence were other commanding figures in a good all round performance from which, no doubt, Roscommon will have leaned valuable lessons for this latest engagement.

Ger Heneghan  
(Ros Comáin)





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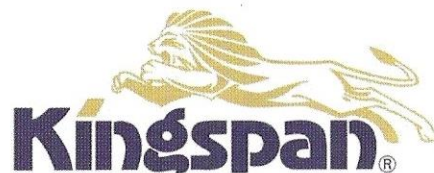
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## AN CABHAN & ROS COMAIN



### ROSCOMMON'S LAST WIN...1995

**Roscommon 1-12    Cavan 1-5**

Both sides came into this contest in confident mood with Cavan protecting a 100% record, while the hosts had lost just one of their five outings to date and a tight contest was expected. However, it never came to pass and after Roscommon turned over four points in arrears, they held the visitors scoreless in the second period and ran out comfortable winners.

The wind played a big factor in the nature of proceedings with the Breffni men enjoying first use of the elements but when the opening six scores were shared Cavan's position looked precarious. A goal by Stephen King did push the Ulster side into the lead, but a four-point interval advantage (1-5 to 0-4) looked less than insurmountable and so it proved as within six minutes of the

resumption Roscommon were back on terms and before the end of the third quarter James Heneghan's goal had them three points in front. The final quarter was devoid of excitement as the leaders added four points while Cavan toiled without reward.  
**ROSCOMMON SCORERS:** N.Dineen 0-4, J.Heneghan 1-1, D.O'Connor, L.Dowd 0-2 each, T.Grehan, D.Connellan, V.Glennon 0-1 each.  
**CAVAN SCORERS:** R.Carolan 0-3, S.King 1-0, J.Brady, P.Reilly 0-1 each.  
**ROSCOMMON —** C.Grogan, S.Staunton, P.Doorey, M.Reilly, E.Gavin, C.McDonnell, C.Cregg, T.Grehan, D.O'Connor, V.Glennon, F.O'Donnell, D.Connellan, N.Dineen, J.Heneghan, L.Dowd. Sub — B.Butler (Cregg).  
**CAVAN —** B.McCormack, S.Smith, R.Cole, G.Sheridan, F.Reilly, A.Connolly, P.Smith, S.King, P.Shiels, S.Donoghue, P.Reilly, R.Carolan, A.Lambe, S.Cahill, J.Brady. Subs — L.McCormack (Smith), D.McCabe (F.Reilly), D.McDonnell (Lambe).

### CAVAN'S LAST WIN...2002

**Cavan 5-13    Roscommon 3-12**

The 13,000 which attended this semi/final encounter at Cusack Park in Mullingar sat enthralled as Cavan and Roscommon served up a terrific encounter which yielded the first of eight goals just 30 seconds after the throw-in. Jason Reilly was the scorer of that major, but within 90 seconds the ball was in the net at the other end courtesy of Jonathan Dunning.

Roscommon led by 1-2 to 1-1 when Cavan regained the lead courtesy of a Peter Reilly penalty and the Breffni men quickly added a number of points to pull clear. Then Nigel Dineen and Mickey Graham swapped goals and a stunning opening half finished with Cavan leading by 3-8 to 2-5.

Goal number six arrived within two minutes of the resumption as Dineen halved Roscommon's

deficit, but just four minutes later Peter Reilly goaled at the other end. A eighth goal from Graham made it 5-11 to 3-7 and effectively ended the game as a contest, but Roscommon did edge the closing minutes to put some respectability on the scoreboard.  
**Cavan scorers:** M.Graham, P.Reilly 2-1 each, J.Reilly 1-2, L.Reilly 0-4, F.O'Reilly, P.Galligan 0-2 each, P.McKenna 0-1.  
**Roscommon scorers:** N.Dineen 2-4, S.Lohan 0-4, J.Dunning 1-1, R.Cox, J.Egan, D.Connellan 0-1 each.  
**Cavan —** A.Donohoe, P.Kermath, T.Prior, C.Hannon, M.Brides, A.Forde, J.Doonan, P.McKenna, C.Collins, P.Galligan, P.Reilly, F.O'Reilly, L.Reilly, J.Reilly, M.Graham. Subs — B.McCrudden (Galligan), G.Pierson (L.Reilly).  
**Roscommon —** D.Thompson, D.Gavin, J.Whyte, I.Daly, R.Cox, F.Grehan, P.Noone, S.O'Neill, D.Casey, J.Egan, S.Lohan, G.Cox, N.Dineen, J.Dunning, J.Hanly. Subs — F.Carroll (Whyte), F.O'Donnell (O'Neill), N.Garvan (Daly), D.Donnellan (Hanly), D.Casserley (Casey).



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Tá deis iontach ag na contaethe atá san iomaíocht inniu imirt i bPáirc an Chrócaigh roimh thús Chraobhchomórtais 2007. Seasfaidh an taithí dóibh amach anseo ach beidh siad ag déanamh a seacht ndícheall freisin an lámh in uachtar a fháil ar a gcéifí comhraic um thráthnóna agus dul tríd go dtí an cluiche ceannais.

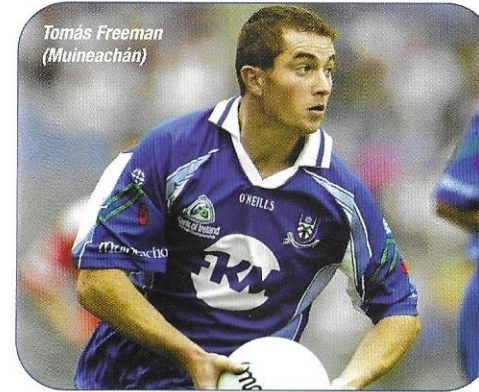
Tá suim faoi leith sa choimhlint idir Ríogaigh Na Mí agus fir Mhuineacháin. Athrith de chluiche ceannais na bliana 2005 a bheidh anseo agus níl dearmad déanta ag ceachtar den dá chontae ar an ócáid sin. Bhí ceiliúradh thar na beartaibh ag na Tuaisceartaigh nuair a tháinig siad aniar aduaidh ar na Laigheannaigh le cúl ámharach sa nóiméad deireanach. Beidh fonn díoltais ar laochra na Mí agus beidh suim faoi leith ag a mbainisteoir, Colm Coyle, sa choimhlint seo os rud é gur chaith sé tréimhse mar bhainisteoir le Muineacháin. Níor chaill Muineacháin cluiche ar bith sa sraith go dtí seo i mbliana agus beidh sé fíor dheacair iad a chloí inniu ach tá brú faoi leith ar laochra Na Mí bheith réidh chun catha do Chraobhchomórtais Laighean a

bheidh ag tosnú ar ball. Ná bíodh ionadh ar éinne má bhíonn an lá ag An Mhí um thráthnóna.

Beidh Ros Comáin agus an Cábhán i ngleic sa chluiche ceannais eile agus tá súil le fíor-choimhlint sa chluiche seo. Bhí bua iontach ag fir John Maughan sa Tulach Mhór an tseachtain seo chaite. Léirigh said go bhfuil said i ndan peil den scoth a imirt nuair a bhíonn an fonn orthu. Bhíodar go dona ar fad an lá a chloí Liatroim iad. Chríochnaigh An Cábhán ar bharr a roinne le leithéidí Loch Garman agus An Mhí taobh thiar dóibh. Tá fadhanna acu le gortuithe ach tá fíor-ocras sa chontae agus is cinnte go dtroidfidh said go dtí an deireadh chun an choimhlint seo a bhuachaint. Tá sé deacair buaiteoir a phiocadh ach beidh go leor ag súil go rachaidh An Cábhán tríd toisc nach mbíonn deis acu ró-mhíne imirt sa phríomhchathair. Is cinnte, áfach, nach mbeidh ach cíc nó dhó eatarthu ag deireadh an himeartha.

Má bhíonn an aimsir chomh maith agus a bhí i rith na seachtaine, beidh oíche den scoth again, iomaíocht ghéar ar pháirc na himeartha agus spraoi ag lucht leanta na bhfoirne. Bainigí taitneamh as.

# MEMORIES OF A GOAL IN DOUBLE-QUICK TIME



Tomás Freeman  
(Muineachán)

**T**he programme of Allianz National Football League Division II semi-finals this evening revives memories of a goal that was scored almost before spectators had time to blink.

That was in 2005 when Tomás Freeman scored one of the quickest goals of the entire year in **Monaghan's** last appearance in an Allianz National Football League Division II semi-final.

Their meeting with Derry at Clones was a mere ten seconds old when the left full forward had the ball in the Oak Leaf net. The home team went on to lead at the break by 1-9 to 0-4, despite having a forward dismissed midway through the half.

Derry rallied strongly in the second half, but Monaghan battled on bravely to eventually book their place in a League final for the first time in twenty years by 1-13 to 1-11. Tomás Freeman finished as their leading scorer with 1-2.

## RUN ENDED

It was a case of sixth time lucky for **Meath** when they ended a run of five defeats in competitive football by Fermanagh by outscoring the Erne men by 2-14 to 0-15 at Clones in the Royal's last Division II semi-final appearance in 2005.

The scores were tied at 0-7 each at the interval, but Meath firmly laid the foundations of their success with goals from full forward Trevor Giles and left half forward Peadar Byrne in the third quarter.

## CAVAN TITLE

**Cavan** won the Division II title in 1989. They beat Mayo in the semi-final by 0-13 to 2-5 at Ballina, with Ronan Carolan in sharpshooting form. He contributed 0-6. The Breffni men beat Kildare in the final, and, as a result, qualified for a crack at the Division I title proper that season.

They went into a quarter-final against Division I representatives Derry at Croke Park and under the bogey of not having won a game at headquarters in some twenty-two years.

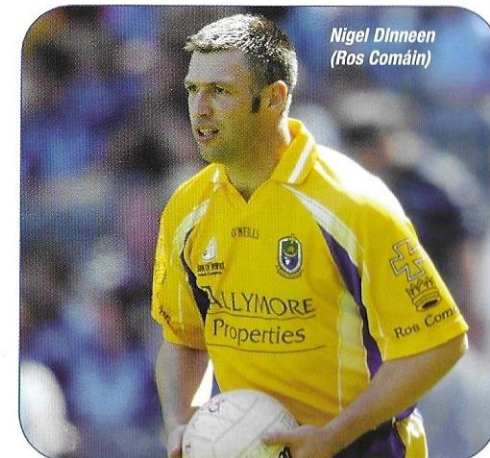
Inspired by centre half back and captain Jim Reilly they recorded a 2-9 to 1-5 win. The victory march was ended by Dublin in the semi-final.

## IMPRESSIVE

**Roscommon** last sampled National League semi-final action in 2002—but in the premier division.

Their meeting with Cavan at Mullingar proved a bitter sweet day for the county—and for right full forward Nigel Dineen. He finished top scorer for both teams with 2-4 and Roscommon also recorded an impressive 3-12.

But Roscommon still lost as top form Cavan chalked up an even more impressive 5-13.



Nigel Dineen  
(Ros Comáin)

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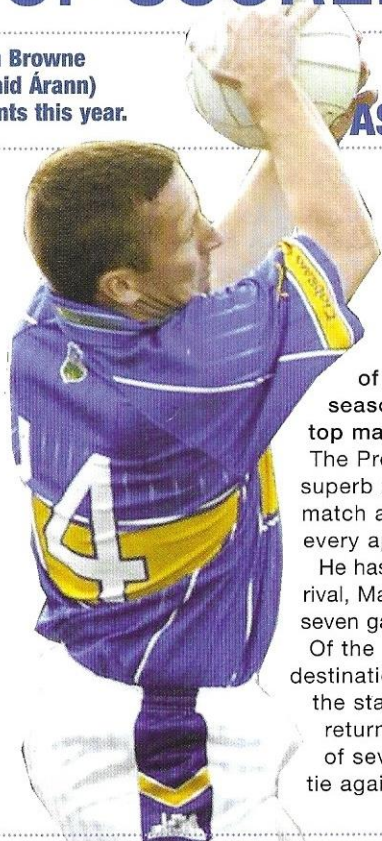




# TOP SCORERS

**Declan Browne**  
(Tiobraid Árann)  
56 points this year.

## DECLAN BROWNE ALREADY ASSURED OF PREMIER POSITION



**D**eclan Browne collected scores for Tipperary throughout the Allianz National Football League Division II campaign almost as though they were going out of fashion. Not surprising, then, that although his season is over, he is still well placed to finish as the top marksman nationally for this division. The Premier County sharpshooter bowed out with a superb 2-50 (56 points) from seven games at the top match average in the chart at eight points. He scored on every appearance. He has a commanding eleven points lead over his closest rival, Mark Brehony (Sligo), who scored 2-39 (45 points) in seven games at an average of 6.42 points a game. Of the forwards still with a direct interest in the destination of the League title, Brian Farrell (Meath) sets the standard. However, he is well behind Browne with his return of 6-24 (42 points) from six games for an average of seven points. He did not play in Meath's fourth round tie against Tipperary at An Uaimh.

### THE LEADING SCORERS NATIONALLY IN DIVISION II STARTING THE SEMI-FINALS ARE:

Points	Score	Games	Average	
56	Declan Browne (Tipperary)	2-50	7	8.0
45	Mark Brehony (Sligo)	2-39	7	6.42
44	Niall McNamee (Offaly)	1-41	6	7.33
42	Brian Farrell (Meath)	6-24	6	7.0
42	Ger Heneghan (Roscommon)	3-33	7	6.0
39	Ciaran Duignan (Leitrim)	0-39	7	5.57
35	Paddy Cunningham (Antrim)	0-35	6	5.83
34	Tomas Freeman (Monaghan)	1-31	7	4.85
31	Rory Donnelly (Clare)	2-25	7	4.42
28	Brian Kelly (Carlow)	0-28	6	4.33

**Ger Heneghan (Ros Comáin)**  
42 Points in this year's campaign

# INDIVIDUAL FEATS

## TIGHT AT THE TOP IN THE NATIONWIDE CHART

**T**he Allianz National Football League Division II campaign has been marked by some particularly noteworthy individual scoring achievements.

Declan Browne powered impressively to the top of the review at the end of March by scoring a splendid 2-6 for Tipperary in their win over Waterford at Ardfinnan.

The following Saturday Brian Farrell joined Browne on top of the review by scoring 3-3 in Meath's win over Waterford at An Uaimh. His goals tally is the best in the review.

A day later Mark Brehony (Sligo) joined the leaders with his return of 2-6 in the Yeats County's win over Antrim at Markievicz Park.

Brian Farrell was early on the standard with 2-4 against Antrim under lights at Casement Park in early February.

### THE LEADING INDIVIDUAL SCORES IN DIVISION II AFTER LAST SUNDAY'S GAMES ARE:

- 2-6: Declan Browne (Tipperary) v Waterford at Ardfinnan on 25th March.
- 3-3: Brian Farrell (Meath) v Waterford at An Uaimh on 31st March.
- 2-6: Mark Brehony (Sligo) v Antrim at Markievicz Park on 1st April.
- 2-5: Ger Heneghan (Roscommon) v Offaly at Tullamore on 15th April.
- 2-4: Brian Farrell (Meath) v Antrim at Casement Park on 10th February.
- 0-9: Declan Browne (Tipperary) v Cavan at Ardfinnan on 25th February.
- 1-6: Ger Heneghan (Roscommon) v Clare at Dr. Hyde Park in 25th February.
- 1-6: Niall McNamee (Offaly) v London at Tullamore on 11th March.
- 0-9: Niall McNamee (Offaly) v Monaghan at Clones on 1st April.
- 0-9: Brian Kelly (Carlow) v Longford at Carlow on 1st April.
- 0-9: Declan Browne (Tipperary) v Wicklow at Ardfinnan on 1st April.
- 2-3: Enda Coughlan (Carlow) v London at Ennis on 1st April.



**Brian Farrell**  
(An Mhi)  
3-3 v Waterford

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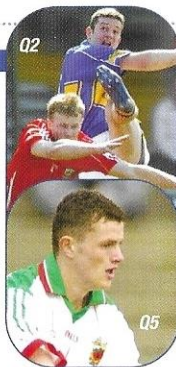


# CÚINNE NA NÓG

## UNDER-AGE FOOTBALL

The campaigns in this season's under-21 and minor football championships are already well under way. This exercise will show how well you have been keeping in touch with happenings in these championships.

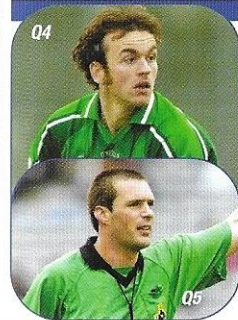
1. What county knocked Kerry out of the Munster under-21 football championship?
2. Who won the Munster under-21 title earlier this month?
3. Patrick Curran scored 2-2 for what county in their winning start to the Munster minor championship at the Limerick Gaelic Grounds recently?
4. Who won the Leinster Under-21 title last week-end?
5. Pierce Hanley scored nine points for what county in the Connacht under-21 final?
6. Laois beat Kildare in their opening game in the Leinster minor championship at Dundalk earlier this month. True or false?



## FIND THE COUNTY

If each of the questions is answered correctly, the first letter in each answer will add up to reveal the name of a county.

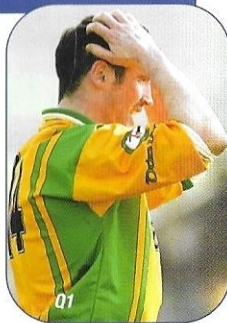
1. First name of a leading scorer in senior football with Mayo (5).
2. Casement Park is situated in this county. (6).
3. This county celebrated a rare All-Ireland minor football title win not so long ago. (9).
4. Surname of Stephen, who scored a dramatic late, late, goal that earned Limerick a draw with Donegal in the League early this month. (5).
5. Surname of James, a well-known intercounty referee from Wexford. (5).
6. This county was very much in the headlines earlier this year as a result of the arrival of a new senior football county team manager. (7).



## GENERAL REVIEW

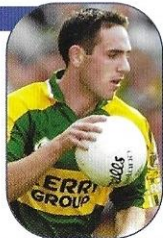
If each of the questions is answered correctly, the first letter in each answer will add up to reveal the name of a county.

1. Who was recently named as the Vodafone G.A.A. All Stars footballer of the month early this month?
2. Did Crossmaglen Rangers, Armagh, score a goal in their AIB All-Ireland club senior football final replay win earlier this month?
3. What was Crossmaglen's winning margin in that game—four, five or six points?
4. What county played Laois in the first game under floodlights at O'Moore Park, Portlaoise, last February in the Allianz National Football League?
5. Omagh CBS beat what side in the All-Ireland Colleges' senior football championship semi-final at Longford early this month?



## NAME THAT FOOTBALLER

A recent All-Ireland senior football final winning captain from Dromid Peareses. Cork's leading marksman of late in the senior grade. This Derry footballer is frequently on the scoring target in impressive style.



## FREAGRAÍ

UNDER-AGE FOOTBALL: 1. Clare, 2. Cork, who beat Tipperary in the final, 3. Kerry, 4. Laois, 5. Mayo, 6. False. FIND THE COUNTY: 1. Conor (Mortimer), 2. Antrim, 3. Roscommon, last year's champions, 4. Lavin, 5. Owens, 6. Wicklow, that leaves Carlow as the county in question. GENERAL REVIEW: 1. Brendan Devenney (Donegal), 2. No. 3, 3. Five points, 4. Galway, 5. St Jarlath's, Tullamore. NAME THAT FOOTBALLER: 1. Declan O'Sullivan, who led Kerry to last year's senior title, 2. James Masters, 3. Paddy Bradley.

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