

FINAL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE



ALL-IRELAND COLLEGES SENIOR 'A' FINALS

Páirc an Chrócaigh. 22 Aibreán, 2007.



AIB CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS BE PART OF IT



Supporting Clubs.
Supporting Communities.



NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE FINAL

ALL-IRELAND COLLEGES SENIOR 'A' IOMÁINT 12.45 I.N.
DE LA SALLE (PORT LÁIRGE)

SCOIL NA mBRATHAIR (CILL CHAINNIGH)

Réiteoir: Michael Haverty (Gaillimh)
Linesman: Johnny Ryan (Tiobraid Árann) (STANDBY REFEREE)
Tony Carroll (Uíbh Fhailí)

ALL-IRELAND COLLEGES SENIOR 'A' PEIL 2.15 I.N.
SCOIL NA mBRÁTHAIR (AN ÓMAIGH)

SCOIL NA mBRÁTHAIR (TRÁ LI)

Réiteoir: Maurice Deegan (Laois)
Linesman: Gary McCormack (Baile Átha Cliath) (STANDBY REFEREE)
Brian O'Shea (Baile Átha Cliath)

ALLIANZ N.F.L. FINAL 4.00 I.N.



DÚN NA nGALL



MAIGH EO

Réiteoir: John Bannon (An Longfort)
Linesman: Aidan Mangan (Ciarraí) (STANDBY REFEREE)
Gabriel McKenny (An Lú)
Sideline Official: Niall Cronin (Cill Dara)



AMHRÁN NA bhFIANN

Sinne Fianna Fáil,
Atá faoi gheall ag Éirinn,
Buíon dár slua
Thar toinn do ráinig chugainn
Faoi mhóid bheith saor,
Sean-tír ár sinsear feasta
Ní thágfar faoin tforán ná faoin tráill.
Anocht a théam sa bhearna baoil
Le géan ar Ghaeil chun báis nó saoil
Le gunna scréach faoi lámhach na bpiléar,
Seo libh canaig amhrán na bhFiann.



© Foilsithe ag DBA Publications Limited, 56 Carysfort Avenue, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.
Telephone: (01) 288 7247. Facsimile: (01) 288 3583. ar son Chumann Lúthchleas Gael.
Cló: Wood Printcraft. Photography: Sportsfile.



CAOL DÍREACH...

go ceann scríbe!

gaeilge.ie

THE IRISH
LANGUAGE
SUPERHIGHWAY

An Ghaeilge
The Irish Language

Foghlaim
Learning

Úsáid
Using

Eolaire
Directory

Foras na Gaeilge
Foras na Gaeilge

Ní gá dul amú a thuilleadh. Tá bealach glan romhat. Pé eolas atá uait faoin nGaeilge agus a mbaineann léi, éascóidh www.gaeilge.ie do thuras.

Féach go speisialta inneall fógraíochta NASC, áit gur féidir leat:
• cúrsa/ imeacht a fhógairt nó a iarraidh,
• do shainpéis a chlárú (chun nod a fháil nuair a bhíonn eolas nua faoi ar an suíomh), nó
• a bhfuil ar fáil i do cheantar féin a chuartú.

Tábhair cuairt agus glac páirt sa Chibear-ghaeltacht inniu!

No roundabouts here. Let the information superhighway take you where you want to go with the Irish language. Just log on to www.gaeilge.ie for the quickest route to the information you need.

Check out the NASC classified ads where you can:

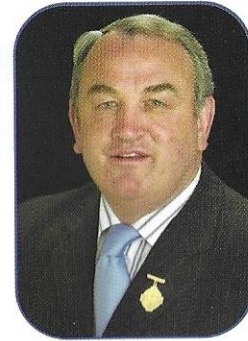
- post an ad to request or advertise a course/ event,
- register your area of interest to get alerts when new info is posted, or
- search for what's available in your neighbourhood. And much more.

It's never been easier to connect with the Cyber-gaeltacht!

gaeilge.ie
your link to the language

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE FINAL

TEACHTAIREACHT AN UACHTARÁIN



A chairde fearaim fáilte faoi leith roimh gach imreoir go Páirc an Chrócaigh inniu. Ós ár gcomhair inniu tá buachailli óga atá ag siúil go mbeidh seans acu aimir anseo arís agus iad a iarraidh clú agus cáil a bhaint amach dár scoil féin. Freisin, beidh fir atá "beagáinín" níos aosta ag iarraidh luach a saothair a chur i gcrích sa chluiche ceannais na sraithe Allianz. Tá an-chuid oibre déanta ag na fir ó Dhún na nGall is ó Mhuigheo. Léireoidh na himreoirí go léir scileanna agus crógacht dúinn. Cinnte tá an t-ádh linn.

On behalf of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, I welcome you all to Páirc an Chrócaigh today for what promises to be three highly entertaining games. I welcome in particular the Players, Team Mentors and County Board Officials from the two participating counties plus the Players, Team Mentors and Officials from the four participating Colleges and the Officers from the Second Level Schools Council. 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.

Reaching the All-Ireland Colleges Final in a major achievement for today's four finalists, but the opportunity to play the finals in Croke Park will significantly enhance the occasion. I am delighted to see the two games in Croke Park this afternoon and I have said on many occasions that such finals deserve to be played on the biggest stage in the land.

The hurling final is a unique pairing with the Waterford side looking for a first title. Their opponents from Kilkenny came through the "back-door" route and will be looking for their second title, having won their only title in 1981. The hurling final in recent years has thrown up some great contests and I expect today's encounter to reach a similarly high standard.

Both Omagh CBS and Tralee CBS will be chasing a first title at this level this afternoon and with the rivalry so intense between Kerry and Tyrone sides today's final will surely deliver the same high intensity encounter that we have become used to when the senior intercounty sides meet. Last year's final between St. Pat's from Navan and Abbey CBS from Newry was a classic and showed the exceptional standards that are now reached in this grade of football. Like the hurling final, I have no doubt we will witness many of the stars of the future in both of today's games.

It is fitting that the two most consistent teams in Division 1 of the Allianz National Football League should contest today's final. Both Mayo and Donegal have impressed right from the start of the year and, despite some tight encounters along the way, they both displayed admirable character to set up today's encounter. Mayo had to dig deep to get the better of their neighbours Galway last Sunday, while opponents Donegal also had a tough encounter with a gallant Kildare. Mayo are second to Kerry in the National League roll of honour with eleven titles, with the last in 2001, and they will no doubt be hoping to capture a twelfth title this afternoon and build a high level of confidence in the side as they start their Connacht Championship in a few weeks time against Galway. Donegal have yet to capture a National Football League title, but the county has experienced much frustration at this stage of the competition. Although the side has a vital championship outing against Armagh in a few weeks time, they too realise that winning a league title would give the side a big confidence boost as they set out on the Ulster championship trail.

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 afternoon and I thank you for travelling to Croke Park. I appeal to you all to take great care on the roads today as you drive home from Croke Park. We must all play our part to eliminate or at least lessen the level of tragedy on our roads.

Bainigí fíor-thaitneamh as imeachtaí an lae.



Níoclás Ó Braonáin

Níoclás Ó Braonáin
Uachtarán, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael

Foras na Gaeilge

T: 1850 325 325 / 0845 309 8142 (T.É.) R: eolas@forasnagaeilge.ie

AZZURRI®

ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE

 Licensed GAA Kit Suppliers 

**FOR ENQUIRIES
FREE PHONE
1800 380 980**

**SAME DAY QUOTE
NEXT DAY CONFIRMATION
QUICK DELIVERY
GUARANTEED QUALITY**

Proud to be Official Team Kit Supplier to the
Donegal County Board & Wishing Continued Success

Kilcohan, Waterford
sales@azzurri.ie

Tel. 00353 51 850066

www.azzurri.ie

Fax. 00353 51 850442

www.teamkit.com


AZZURRI®

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE FINAL

MESSAGE FROM ALLIANZ

A Chairde,

On behalf of Allianz Ireland I would like to welcome you all to Croke Park today for the much anticipated Allianz Football League Division 1 final. Donegal and Mayo are the last men standing in the 2007 Allianz Football League Division 1 and what an exciting prospect that pairing throws up - Donegal have been the form team all season and are baring down on their first League title while resurgent Mayo look to win the League for the 12th time!

Dublin and Tyrone got the competition under way here under the new floodlights of Croke Park three months ago and since then we've been treated to another enthralling campaign with all the thrills and spills of top flight GAA action.

2007 marks Allianz's 15th consecutive year as sponsor of the Allianz Hurling and Football Leagues and we are proud that it is one of the longest sponsorship deals in Irish sport. We look forward with great anticipation to today's Division 1 finale and we hope that all supporters enjoy the action.

*Brendan Murphy,
CEO Allianz Ireland*

Allianz 



AN RÉITEOIR


JOHN BANNON (AN LONGFORT)

John somewhat surprisingly referees his first Allianz National Football League Division I final today. His big refereeing ambition now is to take charge of an Ulster senior final for the first time.

Bannon is no stranger to big games at Croke Park. He refereed the All-Ireland senior finals of 1998 and 2002 and the AIB All-Ireland club summit six years ago. He has been refereeing at intercounty level since 1992.

A member of the Legan Sarsfields club, John is a former player and won county championship medals at Senior "B", Intermediate and Junior.



**SIDE
LINES** 

THE BIG GAP

Kerry currently top the list of National Football League winners with a massive 18 titles – seven ahead of their closest rivals Mayo, but remarkable to relate the Kingdom experienced a long period of frustration when the honours remained tantalisingly beyond their grasp. The 'wilderness year' began in the wake of their four-in-a-row success of 1928-1932, and though they were often the team to beat in the late thirties, forties and early fifties, they were still in pursuit of a fifth title when they faced Derry in the 1959 decider. The 27-year gap was bridged in style with a 2-8 to 1-8 win in a great final.

It is of interest to note that by the time Kerry secured their fifth triumph, Mayo, their closest rivals in the current roll of honour, had already amassed nine titles.

IN THE PROVINCE

The first-ever National League final (1926) involved two teams from the same province – Dublin and Laois, and Munster followed with the 1932 decider between Cork and Kerry. However, it was to be a long time before these provinces would be joined by an Ulster or Connacht pairing. Down and Cavan provided the first all-Ulster decider in 1960, but there was a wait of another 21 years before Connacht achieved such a feat with the meeting of Galway and Roscommon in 1981.

But, although Connacht and Ulster have been slow to provide the final two, they have been less reticent in providing all four semi-finalists. Ulster managed it for the first time in 1985 when the 'last four' were Armagh, Down, Monaghan and Tyrone, while in 2001 Galway, Sligo, Mayo and Roscommon constituted the penultimate round.

QUINN *direct*

For a Motor or Business Quote

N.I. 0800 587 8000

R.O.I. 1850 77 1850

www.quinn-direct.com

Buy on-line at

www. .ie



We are Europe's first bus operator to offer an integrated network on-line booking facility.

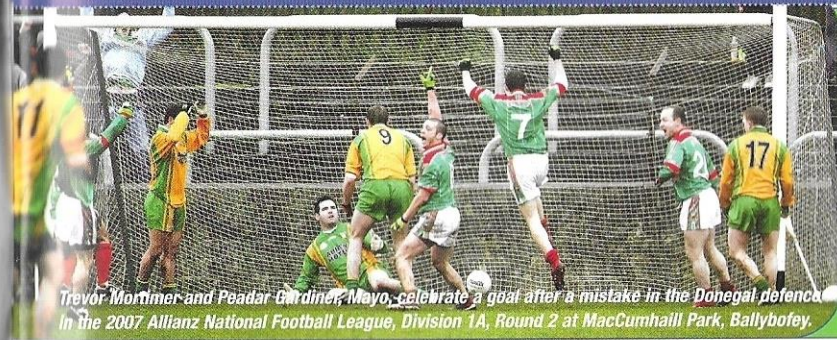
And the first to provide on-bus validation of e-ticketing.

So if you're making travel plans, your first stop is www.buseireann.ie



Buy on-line at www.buseireann.ie
info@buseireann.ie

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE FINAL



Trevor Mortimer and Peadar Gardiner, Mayo, celebrate a goal after a mistake in the Donegal defence in the 2007 Allianz National Football League, Division 1A, Round 2 at MacCumhaill Park, Ballybofey.

History could be made on the double in this appealing Allianz National Football League Division 1 final.

- This is the first final between **Donegal** and **Mayo** and the North-Westerners are bidding for a first title.

Donegal are appearing in the final for the fourth time, although this will actually be their fifth appearance in the showpiece game. They made their final debut in 1993 when, as All-Ireland champions, they played a draw at 0-9 each with Dublin. The Metropolitans won the replay by 0-12 to 0-8.

- **Donegal** lost to Derry in their next final appearance in 1995 and a year later contested their last final—again with the Oak Leaf County as the opposition.

A goal by centre half forward Noel Hegarty after twenty-eight minutes helped Donegal to turn over just two points in arrears at the break—1-7 to 1-5.

The issue was still finely balanced after fifty-two minutes with Derry ahead by 1-11 to 1-9. However, Derry had the better of the final-quarter and five unanswered points left them good winners by 1-16 to 1-9. Hegarty was Donegal's leading marksman with 1-1. Brian Roper lined out at right full forward.

- **Mayo**, in sharp contrast, are second in the winners list with 11 titles. Their last success was in 2001. They beat Galway in that final at

Croke Park by 0-13 to 0-12 at Croke Park before an attendance of 22,623.

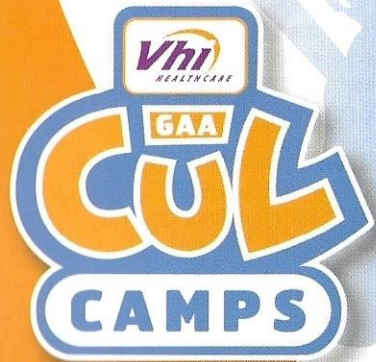
Midfielder David Brady had an outstanding game, while James Gill was Mayo's top scorer with three points.

James Nallen went into the team at the start of the second half. The Mayo team also included Trevor Mortimer and Marty McNicholas who, like Nallen, have appeared in the current campaign. Mayo's 2001 final win was the last recorded by a Connacht county.

- The last final that failed to produce a goal was the meeting of Tyrone and Cavan at Clones in 2002, when the O'Neill County triumphed by 0-16 to 0-7 to capture their first title.
- Tyrone retained the title the following year—the last county to make a successful defence of the crown. They did not score a goal in their final success over Laois—the last occasion a county won a final without raising a green flag.
- The last year a new name was inscribed on the Roll of Honour was 2005 when Armagh beat Wexford for what now also ranks as the last title win by an Ulster county.
- Clones was also the venue for the last final replay. Derry and Meath each scored 1-12 in the 2000 summit at Croke Park and the Oak Leaf County won the replay by 1-8 to 0-9.

HISTORY IN THE MAKING IN DIVISION 1 FINAL

BE WHERE THE FUN IS THIS SUMMER!

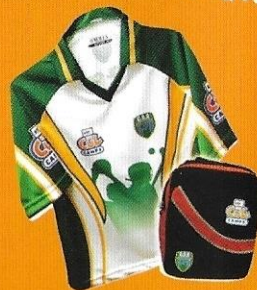


The Official GAA Summer Camps

www.gaa.ie

www.vhi.ie

FREE Vhi GAA
Camps Gear!



CONTACT YOUR LOCAL GAA CLUB FOR MORE DETAILS

RTE

THE IRISH NEWS

IRISH DAILY STAR



The schools around the corner are **not** the same

BY GERRY BUCKLEY

(author of Fifty Years of the Hogan Cup [1946-1948 & 1957-2003] (published 2003) and Fifty Five Years of the Croke Cup [1944-1948 & 1957-2006] (published 2007))

Those of us who remember the late Paddy Crosbie's groundbreaking television programme on RTÉ in the 1960s will instantly sing the catchy jingle which was associated with The School Around The Corner.

Ironically, that same decade coincided with the truly heady days of colleges' GAA when crowds in the region of 15,000 were commonplace at the Hogan Cup and Croke Cup deciders. Nowadays, while undoubtedly every young boy's ambition to be part of a team which wins the All-Ireland final in football or hurling remains undiminished, much of the glamour associated with the two great competitions has gone. The cheer leaders: 'two-four-six-eight, who do we appreciate?' etc. is confined to the past as boarding schools become fewer and fewer. The huge buzz which games brought to schoolboys, for whom an 'away' game in the Harty Cup or whatever was often their only escape' from school for weeks/months on end, is no longer the case.

The corollary to this (do students still learn theorems and corollaries?) is that day schools are now more and more prominent in the latter stages of the competitions, a great and welcome transformation. Today new champions will be crowned in football for the third year in-a-row. There is a 50/50 chance of new hurling kingpins and, should Kilkenny CBS triumph, it will be only their second title (1981 was their only success to date).

THE HOGAN CUP

The cup, dedicated to Brother Thomas Hogan, was first played for in 1946 when St. Patrick's, Armagh, under the captaincy of future Armagh and Tyrone star, Pat O'Neill (still hale and hearty and a retired doctor living in Omagh) triumphed in their only final success to date, against the team which was to dominate the competition over the ensuing years with 12 titles, St. Jarlath's, Tuam. The original cup was last received by Pat Sheridan (St. Jarlath's) in 1960 and the 'new' cup, which is still played for, was presented to Larry O'Brien (St. Jarlath's) in 1961. Ironically, this was the Tuam college's only two in-a-row and the 'old' cup remains in the school to this day.

THE CROKE CUP

The hurling competition, dedicated to Archbishop Croke of Cashel and Emly, started two years earlier than the football equivalent, in 1944. St. Flannan's, Ennis were captained to the first of a four-in-a-row by Jim Minogue (a retired priest now living, fit and well, in Castleconnell). The county Clare nursery have 14 Croke Cups to their name but still trail their age-old rivals, St. Kieran's, Kilkenny (16 crowns). The 'old' cup was last presented to the late John Sutton (North Monastery, Cork) in 1960 and Pierce Freaney (St. Kieran's) received the 'new' cup the following year. The original cup is still used for an annual challenge between St. Flannan's and St. Kieran's (although word has it that Flannan's rest their 'Jamesies' and Kieran's hide their 'D.J.s' in anticipation of a championship clash!)

Good luck to all four finalists today and may you continue the wonderful tradition of sportsmanship and fair play which have been indelibly linked to the Hogan Cup and Croke Cup since their inception in the 1940s.

"Ar scáth a chéile a mhairimid."

De La Salle Port Láirge reach the big stage



The uniqueness of to-day's All Ireland hurling Final should not be understated for a number of reasons, least of which is the fact that one of the teams has never, in it's illustrious history, ever been at the table as the groom on the big day. Mar sin cuirimid fáilte uí cheadlaigh roimh imreoirí, roghnóirí, agus locht tacaíochta chuig Páirc an Chrócaigh inniú. The proud College of De La Salle have earned their time in the sun. This is their defining moment on the big stage. This day will live long in the memory of many, who will speak with authority about the day the school played an All Ireland Final in Croke Park. Some might even think that the playing in Croke Park is nearly as important as playing in an All Ireland Final- nearly, but not quite.

When one writes about Colleges hurling – probably the purest sample of our beautiful game – one feels that it is somewhat discourteous to the players of the day to travel into the fadó fadó time.

On this great day, it matters not a pinch of snuff about who played, where, how, and when to the young lads racing out like Spring leverets, away from the despairing grasps of the hunting mobs. Nervous they are. "Bullin" to have a rattle they certainly are. Afraid of failure as a team or in an individual sense they are, but nevertheless, they have earned the right to be where they are, and they, quite rightly, feel that there is no apology to be made for it.

De La Salle have careered through Munster, winning the Harty Cup with style, discipline and verve. They have left the *crème de la crème* of Munster Colleges hurling in their wake. No St.Flannans, no St. Colmans. The ancients of Munster Colleges, North Mon, St.Finbars, Farnferris, Limerick CBS, Thurles CBS, and the rest have been left in the wash of the good ship De La Salle. Strange how fortunes change over a short period of time. North Mon hasn't won a Munster for thirteen years. Farnferris haven't collected for twenty-three years. Can you believe that?

Credit the Decies lads. They had no Munster pennant in their trophy room until Shane Power hammered through the St.Flannan's posts in Cashel on March 12th. On a day where you would not put ducks out, the Waterford college certainly deserved to capture their first ever Munster Championship. The post-match scenes of unbridled joy will long live in the memories of those present.

The Kilkenny boys have had a marvellous run thus far. With victories in Leinster over Dublin Colleges, and Good Council of Wexford, they lost the Leinster Final to the Community School, Castlecomer, before coming back to beat St. Flannans in the All Ireland quarter-final. Gort Community fell at the semi-final, just as the Community School in Castlecomer fell to the Waterford college.

Back in 1970, North Monastery from Cork beat Kilkenny CBS in the final. They were trained by Br.A.C.Minniter. The same good Brother came to Kilkenny CBS, and trained them to beat North Mon in the '81 Final. The great Ollie Walsh (RIP) was one of Br.Minniter's advisers on that historic day.

Both schools have produced some superb hurling men. John Barron, Fergal Hartley, Steven Frampton, the Brenners, Johnny Mullane, have all worn the Waterford blue with distinction. Latterly, people like Liam Griffin, the former Manager of the Wexford All Ireland winning team of 1996 was a student in De La Salle, as was Brendan O'Sullivan, one of Kilkenny's great servants.

This Final has all the hallmarks of a thrilling encounter. There is a litany of delightful stickmen in both camps. At the end of the day, there will not be the puck of a hayseed between them, but whichever team climbs those Hogan Stand steps as victors, they can be assured of two things. They will justifiably claim bragging rights as the best College hurling team in the land. They can be assured that their exploits will be spoken of when sparrows build nest in old men's beards. Unleash the lions, and let the game begin!

De La Salle Port Láirge

De La Salle College was first established as a Training College for Primary School Teachers in 1892. However, due to changes in national education policy, it was closed in 1939. It opened as a Boarding and Day school for boys in 1949, the Boarding section ceased in 1990, and it is now one of the largest secondary schools in the south east.

The Promotion of games, and in particular, the promotion of our national games has always been a hallmark of the College. Many county hurlers and footballers have learned their skills at the college down the years. Tribute must be paid to the many teachers and brothers who have



unselfishly give of their time to promote and coach hurling and football teams and other sports activities throughout the colleges' history. This saw the realisation of a dream for all associated with the College by reaching today's

All-Ireland Final having won the Dr. Harty Cup for the first time. De La Salle College, now looks forward to further successes in College Championships in the year ahead.

Scoil na mBráthair Cill Chainnigh

Kilkenny CBS was founded in 1859 and has always been proud in advancing the cause of Gaelic games and Irish cultural activities. Kilkenny CBS has been a front-runner in producing top class performers on Kilkenny teams of all age groups. James McGarry, past pupil, is the present Kilkenny goalkeeper as was Michael Walsh before him. Jim Langton, Sean Clohosey, John Marnell, Dick O'Hara, John Hoynes, Joe

Hennessy, Dan O'Neill and Brian Barry, are but a few of the celebrated names to have passed through CBS.

This is the school's fourth appearance in the All-Ireland final. In its first adventure in 1970 CBS were narrowly beaten by the North Mon, Cork. These two schools met again in the final in 1981 and on this occasion Kilkenny CBS landed their first win. CBS reached the final again in 1983 only to lose at the

hands of an excellent St. Flannans Ennis team managed by Bishop Willie Walsh. The present team selectors are Paul O'Donoghue, who played Harty Cup hurling with Cashel CBS, Ger Morrissey, who was a staunch opponent of CBS for many years while playing for near neighbours St. Kierans College, and Sean Breathnach who has a link with all four CBS teams to reach an All-Ireland having been a selector on each occasion.



De La Salle (Port Láirge)

DATHANNA: MARÚN IS ÓR

FIR IONAIÐ

- (16) **ADAM BROPHY**
A. Ó Bróithe
(St. Saviour's)
- (17) **EOIN MORRISSEY**
E. Ó Muireasa
(Erin's Own)
- (18) **KEVIN GAHAN**
C. Ó Gacháin
(De La Salle)
- (19) **ORAN KEEVERS**
O. Mac Iomhair
(De La Salle)
- (20) **ROBERT CUNNINGHAM**
R. Ó Cuinneagáin
(Ballygunner)
- (21) **CONOR O'TOOLE**
C. Ó Tuathail
(De La Salle)
- (22) **JACK DORAN**
S. Ó Deoráin
(Ballygunner)
- (23) **EOIN CASEY**
E. Ó Cathasaigh
(De La Salle)
- (24) **BRIAN O'SULLIVAN**
B. Ó Suilleabháin
(Ballygunner)

- 1**
STEPHEN O'KEEFE
S. Ó Caoimh
(Ballygunner)
- 2**
PATRICK KENNEDY
P. Ó Cinnéide
(De La Salle)
- 3**
ALAN O'NEILL
A. Ó Néill
(De La Salle)
- 4**
NOEL CONNORS
N. Ó Conchúir
(Passage)
- 5**
PHILIP MAHONY
P. Mac Mathúna
(Ballygunner)
- 6**
DAVID O'SULLIVAN
D. Ó Suilleabháin (Co-Capt.)
(Ballygunner)
- 7**
STEVEN DANIELS
S. Ó Dónaill
(De La Salle)
- 8**
MICHAEL GRACE
M. de Grás
(Mooncoin)
- 9**
FRANK McGRATH
P. Mac Craith
(Roanmore)
- 10**
THOMAS CONNORS
T. Ó Conchúir
(Passage)
- 11**
NEIL KELLY
N. Ó Ceallaigh
(Piltown)
- 12**
WILLIAM WALSH
L. Breathnach
(Ballygunner)
- 13**
STEPHEN POWER
S. de Paor
(Ballygunner)
- 14**
CRAIG MALONEY
C. Ó Maolomhnaigh (Co-Capt.)
(De La Salle)
- 15**
PETER MCCARTHY
P. Mac Cárthaigh
(Piltown)

ROGHNÓIRÍ

Dermot Dooley, Derek McGrath (Managers), Nicky Quinlan, Dr. Tommy Walsh, Mick Murphy, Donal Kavanagh.

	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaí	65m	Saor Pocanna
1adh Leath					
2adh Leath					
IOMLÁN					

ALL-IRELAND COLLEGES SENIOR 'A' IOMÁINT

Scoil na mBráthair (Cill Chainnigh)

DATHANNA: MARÚN, BUI IS LIATH

FIR IONAIÐ

- 1**
STEPHEN MURPHY
S. Ó Murchú
(O'Loughlin Gaels)
- 2**
JOHN TRAYNOR
S. Mac Thréinir
(Dicksboro)
- 3**
DANIEL KENNY
D. Ó Cionnaith
(Dicksboro)
- 4**
RICHARD DOYLE
R. Ó Dughail
(Barrow Rangers)
- 5**
PATRICK NOLAN
P. Ó Nualláin
(St. Martin's)
- 6**
DAVID LANGTON
D. de Langtúin
(Clara)
- 7**
ENDA MALONE
E. Ó Maoileoin
(Dicksboro)
- 8**
MARK KELLY
M. Ó Ceallaigh
(O'Loughlin Gaels)
- 9**
JOHN FITZPATRICK
S. Mac Giolla Phádraig
(St. Lactains)
- 10**
SHANE MAHER
S. Ó Meachair
(Dicksboro)
- 11**
LIAM RYAN
L. Ó Riain
(Dicksboro)
- 12**
ADRIAN STAPLETON
A. Mac an Ghail
(Dicksboro)
- 13**
PAUL GUINAN
P. Ó Coinneáin
(St. Lactains)
- 14**
MARK BERGIN
M. Ó hAimhirgín (Capt.)
(O'Loughlin Gaels)
- 15**
MARTIN GAFFNEY
M. Ó Gamhna
(Dicksboro)

- (16) **EDWARD BURKE**
E. de Búrca
(O'Loughlin Gaels)
- (17) **PATRICK GALVIN**
P. Ó Gealbháin
(Clara)
- (18) **MARTIN BAMBRICK**
M. Baimbric
(Barrow Rangers)
- (19) **PATRICK CANTWELL**
P. Ó Cantual
(O'Loughlin Gaels)
- (20) **MICHAEL NOLAN**
M. Ó Nualláin
(Rower Inistioge)
- (21) **OISÍN WALSH**
O. Breathnach
(Dicksboro)
- (22) **JOHN CLEERE**
S. de Cléir
(Graigue Ballycallan)
- (23) **TOM LANGTON**
T. de Langtúin
(Clara)
- (24) **PETER NOLAN**
P. Ó Nualláin
(Dicksboro)

ROGHNÓIRÍ

Seán Breathnach, Paul O'Donoghue, Ger Morrissey.

	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaí	65m	Saor Pocanna
1adh Leath					
2adh Leath					
IOMLÁN					

Scoil na mBráthair An Ómaigh



Omagh Christian Brothers School is an all boys grammar school of 950 students. It has a long tradition of promoting gaelic games within the school. At present the school competes in seven competitions in football, four in hurling and has the current All Ireland 40 x 20 handball champion at senior schools level. Over recent years the school has enjoyed much success throughout all age groups, winning Dalton, Corn Na

nOg, Brock, Rannafast and MacRory cups under the coaching expertise of Noel Donnelly and Ciaran McBride, the current senior team coaches, Foncey McConnell and Paul Donnelly who coached the senior team to MacRory finals in 2001 and 2002, and Kieran Donnelly the coach of the successful 2005 team. The school first won the MacRory Cup in 1974 and did not contest a final again until

2001. Omagh drew with Enniskillen on that occasion and the replay was not played due to Foot and Mouth disease. Therefore the cup was shared with Enniskillen. Omagh again reached the final in 2002 but had to wait until 2005 for the next success. This year is the first time that the school has reached the Hogan Cup Final after defeating St Jarlath's Tuam in a pulsating semi final.

Other members of the squads who are not included on the teamsheet are:

De La Salle (Port Láirge):

Dominic Smith, Gary Bambrick, Barry Coughlan, Tom Power, Mark Fitzgerald, Jason Flood, Mark Wyse, Brendan Norris, Shane Flood, David Kennedy, Killian Fitzgerald, Eoin Lyons, Fergus Aherne, Aidan Bolger, David Stone, Eddie Barrett.

Scoil na mBráthair (Cill Chainnigh):

Philip Byrne, Ollie Walsh, Ger O'Donoghue, David Gaule.

IOMÁINT

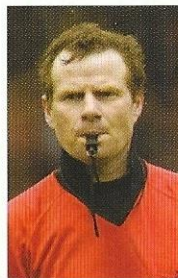
AN RÉITEOIR

MICHAEL HAVERTY (GAILLIMH)

The contrasting career of Michael comes into focus again on his return to Croke Park. On his last appearance here on St. Patrick's Day, he went in as a substitute for Loughrea in their AIB All-Ireland club senior final against Ballyhale Shamrocks (Kilkenny).

Back in November he won a Connacht medal with the Galway club. Haverty is a very experienced referee. He has taken charge of All-Ireland finals at intermediate and under-21 and also refereed the 2005 M. D. Donnelly interprovincial final.

He has been on refereeing duty this year in the Allianz League. A recent engagement was the Waterford-Tipperary quarter-final at Nowlan Park.



Scoil na mBráthair Trá Lí

OMAGH'S PATH TO THE FINAL

Bank of Ireland MacRory Cup quarter-final

Omagh 3-7; Enniskillen 0-5

Bank of Ireland MacRory Cup semi-final:

St Patrick's Armagh 0-9; Omagh CBS 1-6

MacRory Cup Semi Final Replay

Bank of Ireland MacRory Cup semi-final replay:

Omagh CBS 0-15;

St Patrick's, Armagh 0-10 (aet)

Bank of Ireland MacRory Cup final:

Omagh CBS 0-10;

St Macartan's, Monaghan 1-6

PATH TO THE FINAL

Round 1	Tralee C.B.S.	0-15	CSN Baile an Easpaig	2-3
Round 2	Tralee C.B.S.	3-17	Coláiste na Sceilge	0-7
Qtr- Final	Tralee C.B.S.	3-12	Coláiste Fhlannáin	1-6
Semi Final	Tralee C.B.S.	2-12	CSN Baile an Easpaig	0-6
Munster Final	Tralee C.B.S.	0-13	Coláiste Bhréanainn	2-6
All-Ireland				
Semi Final	Tralee C.B.S.	1-12	Coláiste Phádraig	1-6

Roll of Honour

Corn Uí Mhuiri (Munster Senior Colleges) 15 Titles:
1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1940, 1941, 1944, 1945, 1948, 1953, 1955, 1976, 1999, 2000, 2007.



PEIL

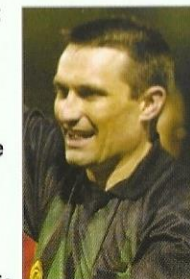
AN RÉITEOIR

MAURICE DEEGAN (LAOIS)

Maurice made history in 2005 when he was the first Laois man to referee an All-Ireland minor football final.

He has been on the intercounty panel for some six years and his All-Ireland finals C.V. also includes the Intermediate club decider of 2005 and the Under-21 summit in the same year.

He also has much experience in League play and earlier this month refereed the Armagh-Westmeath tie at Crossmaglen.



Other members of the squads who are not included on the teamsheet are:

Scoil na mBráthair (An Ómaigh):

Glen McKenna, Ryan O'Neill, Paul Sheridan.

Scoil na mBráthair (Trá Lí):

Michael Walsh, Ian Crowley, Fiachra Mangan.

Scoil na mBráthair (An Ómaigh)

DATHANNA: MARÚN IS BÁN

FIR IONAIÐ

- (16) **CHRISTOPHER MULLAN**
C. Ó Maoláin
(Omagh)
- (17) **NIALL KEYES**
N. Mac Aoidh
(Tattyreagh)
- (18) **STEPHEN CASSIDY**
S. Ó Casáide
(Eskra)
- (19) **AIDAN CONNOLLY**
A. Ó Conghaile
(Errigal Clarán)
- (20) **CONOR DOBBS**
C. Dob
(Aghyaran)
- (21) **EOIN FLOOD**
E. Ó Maoiltuille
(Loughmacrory)
- (22) **NIALL GALLEN**
N. Ó
Gaillín
(Killyclogher)
- (23) **CONOR HANNIGAN**
C. Ó hAnnagáin
(Castlederg)
- (24) **PETER HARTE**
P. Ó hAirt
(Omagh)

2
ADRIAN KELLY
A. Ó Ceallaigh
(Killyclogher)

5
KEVIN MOSSEY
C. Ó Maolmóna
(Gortin)

8
EDAN CLARKE
A. Ó Cléirigh
(Greencastle)

10
SIMON O'NEILL
S. Ó Néill
(Killyclogher)

13
SHANE O'NEILL
S. Ó Néill
(Omagh)

1
TIM HARNEY
T. Ó hAthairne
(Glenelly)

3
GARETH HAUGHEY
G. Ó hEachaidh
(Drumragh)

6
MICHAEL GALLAGHER
M. Ó Gallchóir
(Omagh)

11
PETER HUGHES
P. Ó hAodha
(Eskra)

14
DIARMAID McNULTY
D. Mac an Ultaigh
(Omagh)

4
RONAN McNABB
R. Mac an Aba
(Dromore)

7
CORMAC ARKINSON
C. Mac Orcáin
(Aughur)

9
COLIN HARKIN
C. Ó hEarcáin
(Tattyreagh)

12
CONOR McMAHON
C. Mac Mathúna
(Gortin)

15
SEAMUS HARKIN
S. Ó hEarcáin
(Glenelly)

ROGHNÓIRÍ

	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaí	45m	Saor Ciceanna
1adh Leath					
2adh Leath					
IOMLÁN					

ALL-IRELAND COLLEGES SENIOR 'A' PEIL

Scoil na mBráthair (Trá Lí)

DATHANNA: GORM IS ÓR

FIR IONAIÐ

- (16) **JAMES McINTYRE**
S. Mac an tSaoir
(Ballymacelligott)
- (17) **ROSS O'CALLAGHAN**
R. Ó Ceallacháin
(Kerins O'Rahillys)
- (18) **PAUDIE HURLEY**
P. Ó hUrthuille
(St. Patrick's, Blennerville)
- (19) **DENIS O'NEILL**
D. Ó Néill
(Austin Stacks)
- (20) **AIDAN BREEN**
A. Ó Braoin
(Ballymacelligott)
- (21) **NIALL O'SHEA**
N. Ó Sé
(Ballymacelligott)
- (22) **CIAN COUNIHAN**
C. Ó Cuanacháin
(Ballymacelligott)
- (23) **JOHN KEANE**
S. Ó Catháin
(Churchill)
- (24) **CYPRIEN JOUVE**
C. Iouve
(Kerins O'Rahillys)

1
KEVIN O'SHEA
C. Ó Sé
(Kerins O'Rahillys)

3
LIAM KISSANE
L. Ó Cíosáin
(Kerins O'Rahillys)

6
BRYAN COSTELLO
B. Mac Coisteala (Capt.)
(John Mitchels)

9
STEPHEN BROWNE
S. de Brún
(Castlegregory)

2
DANNY O'SULLIVAN
D. Ó Suilleabháin
(Kerins O'Rahillys)

5
DENIS McELLIGOTT
D. Mac Uileagóid
(Austin Stacks)

8
BARRY SHANAHAN
B. Ó Seancháin
(Austin Stacks)

10
BRENDAN DILLON
B. Ó Duilún
(Churchill)

13
ALAN O'DONOGHUE
A. Ó Donnchú
(John Mitchels)

3
LIAM KISSANE
L. Ó Cíosáin
(Kerins O'Rahillys)

6
BRYAN COSTELLO
B. Mac Coisteala (Capt.)
(John Mitchels)

9
STEPHEN BROWNE
S. de Brún
(Castlegregory)

11
SHANE CARROLL
S. Ó Cearúill
(Austin Stacks)

14
PAUL CULLOTY
P. Ó Collata
(Ballymacelligott)

4
GARY ROLLS
G. Rolls
(Churchill)

7
SEAN HIGGINS
S. Ó hUiginn
(Kerins O'Rahillys)

9
STEPHEN BROWNE
S. de Brún
(Castlegregory)

12
BARRY JOHN KEANE
B. S. Ó Catháin
(Kerins O'Rahillys)

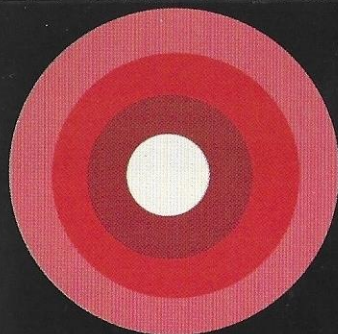
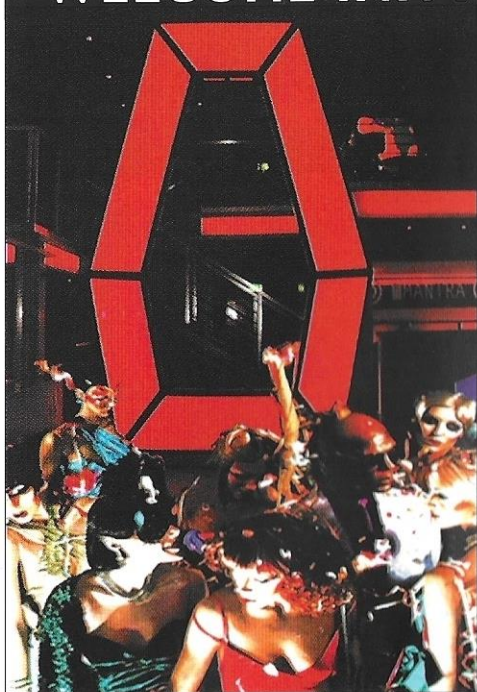
15
BARRY JOHN WALSH
B. S. Breathnach
(Kerins O'Rahillys)

ROGHNÓIRÍ

	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaí	45m	Saor Ciceanna
1adh Leath					
2adh Leath					
IOMLÁN					

Trainers:
Eamon Walsh,
John O'Keefe.

WELCOME INN HOTEL CASTLEBAR



WELCOME INN HOTEL CASTLEBAR

CLUB **MANTRA**

THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY

TEL: 094 90 22288 Partyline: 087 990 9860

E-MAIL: welcominn@eircom.net

WEBSITE: www.mantra.ie

BEST WISHES TO MAYO
FROM ANNE, TONY, JOE & STAFF



**Mountain View
Securities Ltd.**

NEW ANTRIM ST. CASTLEBAR PHONE: (094 90) 24566 FAX: (094 90) 25717

Best Wishes from
Anthony McHugh and James McTigue

**Mountain View Securities
The Development Team
Putting Castlebar and Mayo 1st**

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE FINAL

A tale of two counties — and two players!



Today's NFL final will surely be one of mixed emotions for two former players who managed to don the county colours with both Mayo and Donegal. Younger neutrals might know him as a Mayoman, but those old enough to remember the 1970s will recall that Martin Carney lit up the Donegal forward line throughout that decade, playing a vital role in securing Tír Chonaill's first Ulster title in 1972, and repeating the trick in 1974. He later went on to join the select club of six Mayo footballers to have represented their county over 100 times, but still managed to make the Donegal Democrat Millennium Team in 2000!

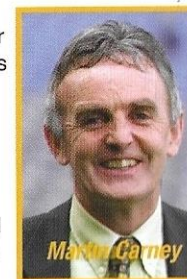
In the topsy-turvy history of Mayo's adventures in Croke Park, Pádraig Brogan's sensational goal in the 1985 All Ireland semi-final defeat to Dublin stands out as a peak amid the troughs. One of the greatest goals ever scored on the sacred sod, it seemed to indicate the rising greatness of a young man who played minor, under 21 and senior intercounty football in the same year when lining out for Mayo in 1983. That his intercounty career never reached those promised heights was a shame, but its path was fascinating as Brogan also spent a brief interlude playing for Donegal before returning to his native county.

Brian McEniff is Mr. Donegal himself, so it is no surprise that he has an intimate footballing knowledge of both men, but his formative influence on Carney astounded this writer. "I was player coach of the 1972 team, so I played with him and coached him at the same time, but I had also coached him at minor level, and we also won county titles together with the then St. Joseph's Bundoran club." Carney took a teaching job in Swinford, County Mayo, and began playing for the county of his father's birth. "He was a very talented footballer and an exceptional forward, so we were very sad to see him go, but he has a lot of roots in Mayo." His uncle Jackie Carney played on the All Ireland

winning team of 1936 and coached the victorious two in a row team in 1950 and 1951. Another uncle played on those teams — Pádraig Carney, the famous flying doctor who returned home from the US for championship matches. "Martin went to college in Galway (attending UCG) and I suppose he got the Mayo thing into his system." reflects McEniff wistfully. "If we had him in 1983 (when Donegal lost by a point to Galway in the All Ireland semi-final), I have no doubt we would have reached the final."

Pádraig Brogan's time in Ulster was fleeting, but memorable in its own way. "He played for Bundoran for about 18 months, made the Donegal panel and came on as a sub in the Ulster final against Down in 1991." recalls McEniff. "He also scored a great winning goal for Ulster in the Railway Cup final in Newry, but returned to play with Knockmore and Mayo after we lost the NFL quarter final to Dublin in 1992." When Mayo and Donegal crossed swords in the All Ireland semi-final that year, Brogan's introduction as a second half substitute for Mayo caused a bit of a stir. "We knew there was a possibility he would be playing against us, so we used that as a motivating factor. I think he got a good shoulder from four or five of our lads when he came on!" "They were lining up to say hello!" was how Brogan himself put it, "but they were a fine bunch of lads and I was delighted for them when they won the All Ireland."

Martin Carney is part of John O'Mahony's backroom team for today's decider, while Pádraig Brogan will surely be keeping an eye on his native county's fortunes from Castlebar. No doubt there will be a brief pang of sentimentality for both men when Donegal take the field but, as ever with the GAA, such sympathies will disappear the instant the ball is thrown in!



Martin Carney

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE ROLL OF HONOUR

18:	Kerry:	1928, 1929, 1931, 1932, 1959, 1961, 1963, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1977, 1982, 1984, 1997, 2004, 2006.
11:	Mayo:	1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1941, 1949, 1954, 1970, 2001.
8:	Dublin:	1953, 1955, 1958, 1976, 1978, 1987, 1991, 1993.
7:	Meath:	1933, 1946, 1951, 1975, 1988, 1990, 1994.
5:	Cork:	1952, 1956, 1980, 1989, 1999.
	Derry:	1947, 1992, 1995, 1996, 2000.
4:	Down:	1960, 1962, 1968, 1983.
	Galway:	1940, 1957, 1965, 1981.
3:	New York:	1950, 1964, 1967.
2:	Laois:	1926, 1986.
	Tyrone:	2002, 2003.
1:	Armagh:	2005. Cavan: 1948. Longford: 1966.
	Monaghan:	1985. Roscommon: 1979. Offaly: 1998.



NOTE: No League in 1926-27, or 1930. Competition suspended from 1941-42 to 1944-45 because of World War II.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE WINNING CAPTAINS

1925/26	Dick Millar (Laois)
1926/27	No Competition
1927/28	John Joe Sheehy (Kerry)
1928/29	Joe Barrett (Kerry)
1929/30	Johnny Riordan (Kerry)
1930/31	Mike Doyle (Kerry)
1931/32	No Competition
1932/33	Willie Shaw (Meath)
1933/34	Gerald Courell (Mayo)
1934/35	Gerald Courell (Mayo)
1935/36	Gerald Courell (Mayo)
1936/37	Paddy Moclair (Mayo)
1937/38	Paddy Moclair (Mayo)
1938/39	Paddy Moclair (Mayo)
1939/40	John Dunne (Galway)
1940/41	Henry Kenny (Mayo)
1942/45	No Competition
1945/46	Matt O'Toole (Meath)
1946/47	Pat Keenan (Derry)
1947/48	John Joe O'Reilly (Cavan)
1948/49	Tommy Byrne (Mayo)
1949/50	Mick O'Sullivan (New York)
1950/51	Paddy Meegan (Meath)
1951/52	Eamon Young (Cork)
1952/53	Maurice Whelan (Dublin)
1953/54	Padraig Carney (Mayo)

1954/55	Dan Mahony (Dublin)
1955/56	Donal O'Sullivan (Cork)
1956/57	Jack Mahon (Galway)
1957/58	Kevin Heffernan (Dublin)
1958/59	John Dowling (Kerry)
1959/60	Kevin Mussen (Down)
1960/61	Niall Sheehy (Kerry)
1961/62	Paddy Doherty (Down)
1962/63	Niall Sheehy (Kerry)
1963/64	Tom Hennessy (New York)
1964/65	John Donnellan (Galway)
1965/66	Brendan Barden (Longford)
1966/67	Peter Maguire (New York)
1967/68	Joe Lennon (Down)
1968/69	Johnny Culloty (Kerry)
1969/70	John Carney (Mayo)
1970/71	Donie O'Sullivan (Kerry)
1971/72	Mick Gleeson (Kerry)
1972/73	Brendan Lynch (Kerry)
1973/74	Paud O'Donoghue (Kerry)
1974/75	Ronan Giles (Meath)
1975/76	Tony Hanahoe (Dublin)
1976/77	John O'Keefe (Kerry)
1977/78	Tony Hanahoe (Dublin)
1978/79	Paddy Lindsay (Roscommon)
1979/80	Christy Ryan (Cork)

1980/81	Barry Brennan (Galway)
1981/82	Jimmy Deenihan (Kerry)
1982/83	Mark Turley (Down)
1983/84	Jack O'Shea (Kerry)
1984/85	Eugene Sherry (Monaghan)
1985/86	Colm Browne (Laois)
1986/87	Gerry Hargan (Dublin)
1987/88	Mick Lyons (Meath)
1988/89	Denis Allen (Cork)
1989/90	Colm O'Rourke (Meath)
1990/91	Tommy Carr (Dublin)
1991/92	Henry Downey (Derry)
1992/93	John O'Leary (Dublin)
1993/94	Robbie O'Malley (Meath)
1994/95	Tony Scullion (Derry)
1995/96	Henry Downey (Derry)
1996/97	Mike Hassett (Kerry)
1997/98	Finbar Cullen (Offaly)
1998/99	Philip Clifford (Cork)
1999/00	Anthony Tohill (Derry)
2000/01	Noel Connelly (Mayo)
2002	Peter Canavan (Tyrone)
2003	Peter Canavan (Tyrone)
2004	Tomás Ó Sé (Kerry)
2005	Kieran McGeeney (Armagh)
2006	Declan O'Sullivan (Kerry)



PATHS TO THE FINAL

DUN NA nGALL

3rd February, Páirc Uí Rinn:	Donegal	1-12	Cork	2-7
11th February, Ballybofey:	Donegal	1-13	Mayo	1-10
25th February, Ballybofey:	Donegal	0-9	Dublin	0-5
10th March, Omagh:	Donegal	2-11	Tyrone	1-8
25th March, Letterkenny:	Donegal	1-15	Kerry	0-13
1st April, the Gaelic Grounds:	Donegal	4-6	Limerick	2-12
8th April, Ballybofey:	Donegal	1-13	Fermanagh	2-9
15th April, Croke Park:	Donegal	1-13	Kildare	1-11

Total Scored	11-92 (125)
Total Conceded	9-75 (102)
Average	1.23

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Colm McFadden	0-1	0-1	0-3	1-4	0-3	—	—	0-6	1-18
Brendan Devenney	0-1	0-4	0-3	0-3	0-7	0-2	—	—	0-20
Kevin McMenamin	1-3	0-4	—	—	—	—	0-2	1-0	2-9
Kevin Cassidy	0-1	—	—	—	1-0	0-2	1-1	0-1	2-5
Christy Toye	0-2	0-1	—	1-0	—	1-0	—	—	2-3
Ciarán Bonner	0-1	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-3	—	—	—	0-8
Michael Hegarty	—	—	—	—	0-1	0-1	0-3	0-3	0-8
Adrian Sweeney	—	—	—	—	—	1-0	0-4	0-1	1-5
Rory Kavanagh	—	—	0-1	0-3	0-1	—	—	—	0-5
Ryan Bradley	—	1-0	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	1-1
Brian Roper	0-2	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	0-3
Leon Thompson	—	—	—	—	—	1-0	—	—	1-0
Michael Doherty	—	—	—	—	—	1-0	—	—	1-0
Johnny McLoone	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	0-1	—	0-2
Pascal McConigley	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	0-1	0-2
Barry Monaghan	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-1
Barry Dunion	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-1
Denis Boyle	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	0-1

MAIGH EO

4th February, Castlebar:	Mayo	1-11	Kerry	0-11
11th February, Ballybofey:	Mayo	1-10	Donegal	1-13
25th February, Castlebar:	Mayo	1-10	Limerick	0-7
11th March, Clones:	Mayo	0-12	Fermanagh	1-7
24th March, Páirc Uí Rinn:	Mayo	1-12	Cork	2-8
1st April, Castlebar:	Mayo	0-10	Dublin	0-9
8th April, Omagh:	Mayo	4-7	Tyrone	1-11
15th April, Croke Park:	Mayo	2-10	Galway	1-12

Total Scored	10-82 (112)
Total Conceded	6-78 (96)
Average	1.17

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Conor Mortimer	0-1	0-4	—	0-7	1-4	0-4	3-1	0-3	4-24
Alan Dillon	0-4	0-2	0-3	0-1	—	0-1	0-2	1-2	1-15
Ger Brady	—	—	0-1	0-1	—	—	0-3	1-1	1-6
Andy Moran	—	0-1	0-2	—	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-7
Pat Harte	1-0	0-1	—	0-1	—	—	—	0-1	1-3
Austin O'Malley	0-2	0-2	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	0-5
Trevor Mortimer	—	—	1-1	0-1	—	—	—	—	1-2
Peadar Gardiner	0-3	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	0-4
David Heaney	—	—	—	—	0-2	0-2	—	—	0-4
Aidan Kilcoyne	—	—	—	—	0-2	0-1	—	0-1	0-4
Trevor Howley	—	—	—	—	—	—	1-0	—	1-0
Kevin O'Neill	0-1	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	0-2
Aidan Campbell	—	—	0-1	0-1	—	—	—	—	0-2
Marty McNicholas	—	—	—	—	0-2	—	—	—	0-2
Enda Devenney	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	0-1	0-2
Neil Gallagher (Donegal)	—	1-0	—	—	—	—	—	—	1-0





DÚN NA nGALL

DATHANNA: UAITHNE, ÓR IS BÁN

	1ADH LEATH	2ADH LEATH	IOMLÁN
COIL			
COILÍMÍ			
SEACHAÍ			
45m			
SAOR CICEANNA			

	1ADH LEATH	2ADH LEATH	IOMLÁN
COIL			
COILÍMÍ			
SEACHAÍ			
45m			
SAOR CICEANNA			



MAIGH EO

DATHANNA: UAITHNE IS DEARG



FIR IONAD

- (16) MICHAEL BOYLE (M. Ó Baoill) (An Tearman)
- (17) PADDY McCONAGLEY (P. Mac Congaile) (Gael Fhanáda)
- (18) EAMON McGEE (E. Mac Aoidh) (Gaoth Dobhair)
- (19) FRANK McGLYNN (P. Mac Fhloinn) (Gleann Fhinne)
- (20) PETER WITHEROW (P. Witherow) (Naomh Mícheál)
- (21) JOE FRIEL (S. Ó Fríil) (Cloch Cheann Fhaoila)
- (22) ANTHONY THOMPSON (A. Mac Tomáis) (Naomh Conall)
- (23) RORY KAVANAGH (R. Ó Caomhánach) (Naomh Adhamhán)
- (24) ADRIAN SWEENEY (A. Mac Suibhne) (An Clochan Liath)
- (25) RYAN BRADLEY (R. Ó Broicháin) (Buncranaigh)
- (26) MICHAEL DOHERTY (M. Ó Dochartaigh) (Na Ceithre Maistrí)
- (27) BRENDAN DEVENNEY (B. Ó Duibheannaigh) (Naomh Adhamhán)
- (28) JOHNNY McLOONE (S. Mac Giolla Eoin) (Naomh Conall)
- (29) BENNY BYRNE (B. Ó Broin) (Na Ceithre Máistrí)
- (30) DENIS BOYLE (D. Ó Baoill) (Cloch Cheann Fhaoila)

ROIGHNÓIRÍ

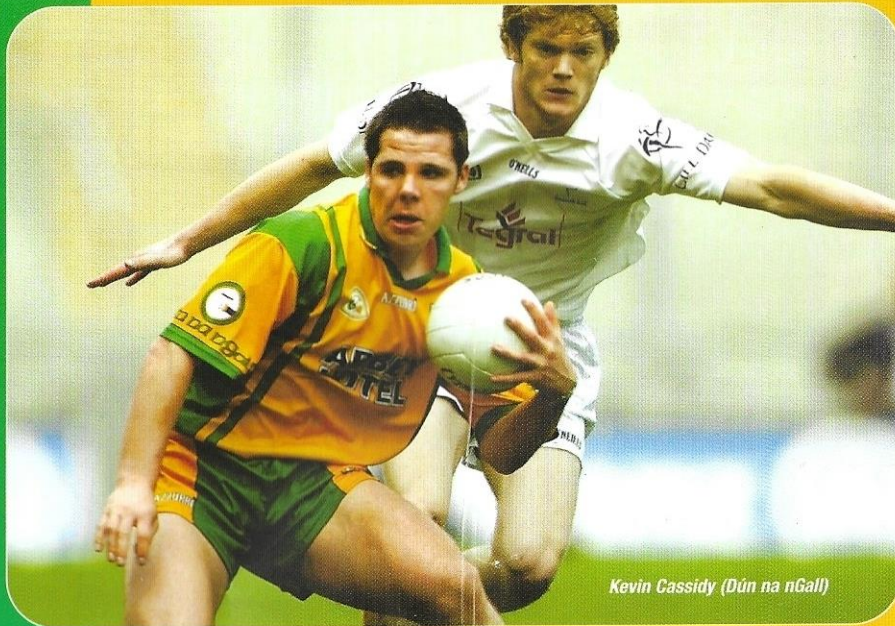
Brian Mac Iomaire (Manager), Prionsias Ó Máirtín, Piaras Ó Coill, Mícheál Ó Ceallaigh.

FIR IONAD

- (16) MORVIN CONNOLLY (M. Ó Conghaile) (Garraí Mór)
- (17) AIDAN HIGGINS (A. Ó hUiginn) (Baile an Chathail)
- (18) TREVOR HOWLEY (T. Ó hUallaigh) (Cnoc Mór)
- (19) PAT NEVIN (P. Mac Cnáimhin) (Clár Chlainne Mhuiris)
- (20) SEAN RYDER (S. Ó Marcaigh) (Caisléan an Bharraigh)
- (21) GARY MULLINS (G. Ó Maoláin) (Clár Chlainne Mhuiris)
- (22) JAMES NALLEN (S. Ó Nallín) (Crois Mhaoilíona)
- (23) AIDAN CAMPBELL (A. Mac Cathmhaoil) (Béal Átha na Muice)
- (24) MICHAEL CONROY (M. Ó Conraí) (Na Dalbheidígh)
- (25) AUSTIN O'MALLEY (A. Ó Máille) (Cluain Cearbhan)
- (26) BARRY REGAN (B. Ó Riagáin) (Bealach an Doirín)
- (27) MARC RONALDSON (M. Mac Ránaill) (Sruthair-Gleann Coirib)
- (28) BARRY MORAN (B. Ó Moráin) (Caisléan an Bharraigh)

ROIGHNÓIRÍ

John O'Mahony (Manager), Kieran Gallagher, Tommy Lyons.



Kevin Cassidy (Dún na nGall)

The Ulster county went into that game backed by a splendid record of having dropped just a single point in their seven game divisional programme.

They opened briskly with three points without reply and well deserved their 0-7 to 0-4 lead at the interval.

With Colm McFadden setting the pace up front, they kept up the momentum in the second half and received a great boost after forty-four minutes.

Kevin McMenamin, a second half substitute, was put in possession with a great pass from McFadden and took his chance in fine style with a splendid goal. When Michael Hegarty followed up with a point the Northerners were seven points clear and apparently on the road to a decisive win.

RALLIED

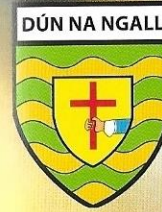
However, Kildare rallied well and were deprived of a goal only by a great save by Paul Durcan. The Lily Whites maintained the pressure and won a penalty, which was expertly drilled to the net by sharpshooter supreme

John Doyle. Soon afterwards, Kildare reduced their arrears to a single point, but Donegal did not panic. Midfielder Kevin Cassidy steadied matters with a fine point.

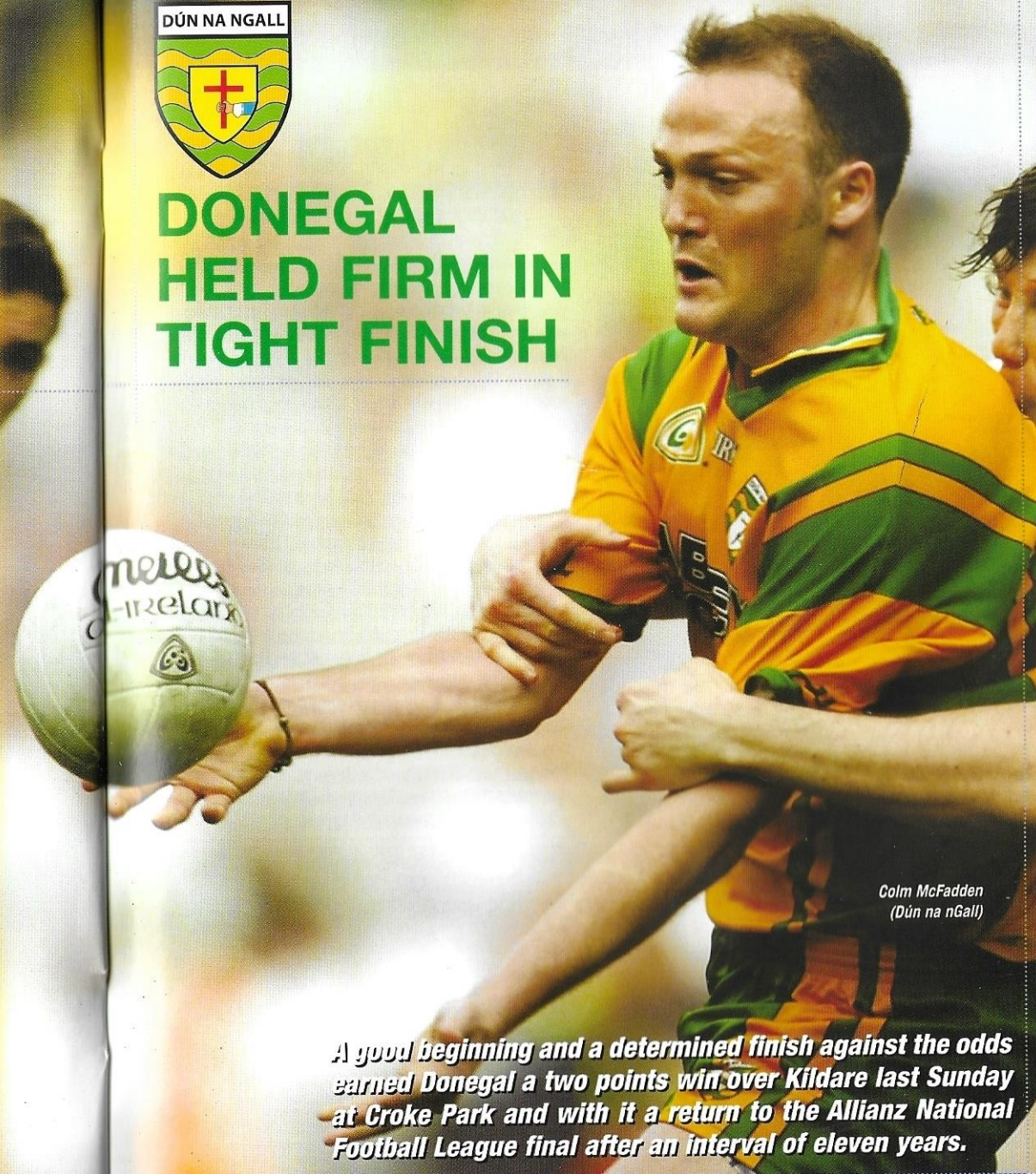
With about six minutes remaining, Donegal were reduced to fourteen players, but they continued to play with great heart and no little skill in the face of strong opposition, and held out for a well-deserved 1-13 to 1-11 win.

Right full forward McFadden had an outstanding game and finished as Donegal's leading scorer with six points. McMenamin took his goal opportunity in expert fashion, while Michael Hegarty, also in attack, midfielder Neil Gallagher and defenders Barry Dunnion and Karl Lacey were also tireless campaigners for the Tír Conaill men.

It has been an impressive march by Donegal to this stage and one that is bound to prove a real confidence booster as they strive to succeed where no Donegal side has prospered so far.



DONEGAL HELD FIRM IN TIGHT FINISH

Colm McFadden
(Dún na nGall)

A good beginning and a determined finish against the odds earned Donegal a two points win over Kildare last Sunday at Croke Park and with it a return to the Allianz National Football League final after an interval of eleven years.



LAST FINALS



DÚN NA nGALL

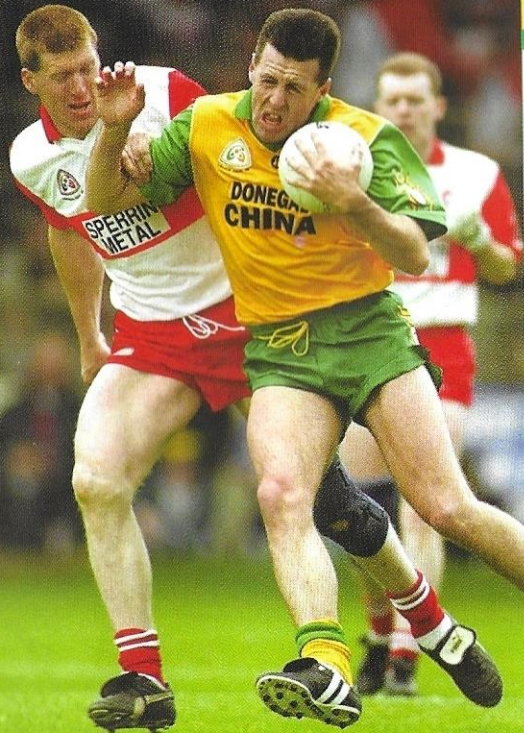
1996
DERRY 1-16 DONEGAL 1-9

The seven-point margin of defeat suggests that Donegal were a well-beaten side in this final, but it was only in the closing eight minutes when the winners hit five unanswered points that the contest was decided. However, it did not disguise the fact that the Oak Leaf were deserving winners and thus retained the title while their Ulster neighbours suffered a second successive final loss.

Donegal made a bright opening, but failed to do any damage on the scoreboard and Anthony Tohill's first-quarter goal had them on the defensive. They responded and just before the break Noel Hegarty poked the ball home to leave the challengers just two in arrears at the change of ends - 1-5 to 1-7. For most of the second period Derry failed to turn their supremacy to account, but the late flurry of points saw them retain the title.

DONEGAL SCORERS: M.Boyle 0-4, N.Hegarty 1-1, J.Ruane 0-2, J.McHugh, T.Boyle 0-1 each.

DÚN NA NGALL - Gary Walsh, Matt Gallagher, John Joe Doherty, Mark Crossan, Barry McGowan, John Cunningham, Martin Shovlin, James Ruane, Brian Murray, Paddy Hegarty, Noel Hegarty, John Ban Gallagher, Brian Roper, Tony Boyle, Manus Boyle. Subs - James McHugh, Dessie McNamara.



Donegal's Brian Murray is tackled by Derry's Brian McGilligan in the 1996 National Football League Final at Croke Park.



MAIGH EO

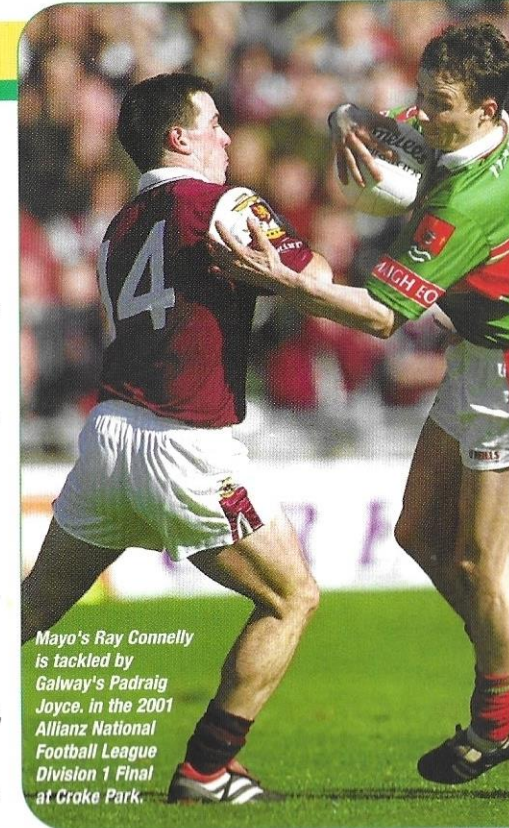
2007
MAYO 0-13 GALWAY 0-12

Mayo secured their 11th league title six years ago with a one-point victory over Galway, but had they been a little more clinical up front the victory margin could have been a little more comfortable. The green and red made a slow start and fell three points in arrears before regaining parity, and though they again fell three points behind later in the half, they trailed by just one at the change of ends - 0-7 to 0-8.

For the third time in the afternoon Galway moved three points clear twelve minutes after the resumption (0-12 to 0-9) and it seemed as if they might have finally broken Mayo's resistance. But no! Inspired by David Brady, Mayo virtually camped in Galway territory for the remainder of the match, although the match-winning score didn't come until three minutes from the end, courtesy of Marty McNicholas.

Mayo scorers: J.Gill 0-3, R.Loftus, M.Sheridan, N.Connelly 0-2 each, C.McManamon, D.McDonagh, S.Carolan, M.McNicholas 0-1 each.

Maigh Eo - Peter Burke, Ray Connelly, Tom Nallen, Kevin Cahill, Fergal Costello, Alan Roche, Noel Connelly, Colm McManamon, David Brady, James Gill, David McDonagh, Stephen Carolan, Marty McNicholas, Ronan Loftus, Trevor Mortimer. Subs - Michael Moyles, James Nallen, Maurice Sheridan, David Nestor.



Mayo's Ray Connelly is tackled by Galway's Pdraig Joyce in the 2007 Allianz National Football League Division 1 Final at Croke Park.

THE FUTURE HAS NEVER LOOKED SO GOOD

PLAYING IS ONLY PART OF IT.



INTERESTED? VISIT WWW.SQUAREBALL.COM

Best wishes to Mayo for 2007



T.H. CONTRACTORS LTD.

CASTLEBAR, CO. MAYO

Tel: (094) 9022833. Fax: (094) 9022413.

E-mail: thcon@eircom.net

Building:

Industrial, Commercial, Housing, Schools

Public Works

Roads and Sewers, Ducting, Specialists in Site Development Nationwide Service

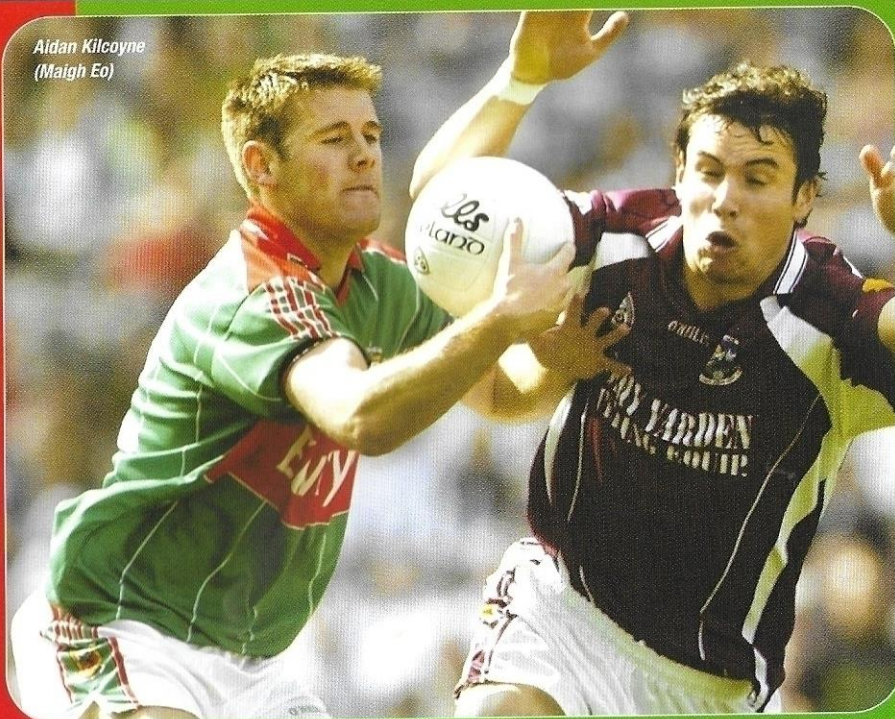
Members of CIF

Homebond Contractors to Government Bodies Local Authorities Phone 9 to 5pm only.

Our Motto: We will move the earth to please you!



New Housing Scheme at Tulsk, Co. Roscommon, Crossroads of Connacht. Two storey 3 bedroom houses Price: €174,000

Aidan Kilcoyne
(Maigh Eo)

The Connacht county have not looked back since losing by three points to Donegal at Ballybofey in round two back in February. They made it six wins in succession by seeing off keen Western rivals Galway in last Sunday's semi-final at Croke Park.

Mayo took some time to find their rhythm in what was a closely contested game, with the scores level on seven occasions. After only seven minutes Galway were 1-1 to no score ahead. Eight minutes later full forward Ger Brady had a Mayo goal and the scores were tied at the break at 1-5 each.

Mayo, as in the first half, had to come from behind soon after the restart. They conceded three points without reply but got right back in the game after forty-eight minutes when they were awarded a penalty.

The kick was saved by the Galway goalkeeper, but Alan Dillon was on hand to finish to the net.

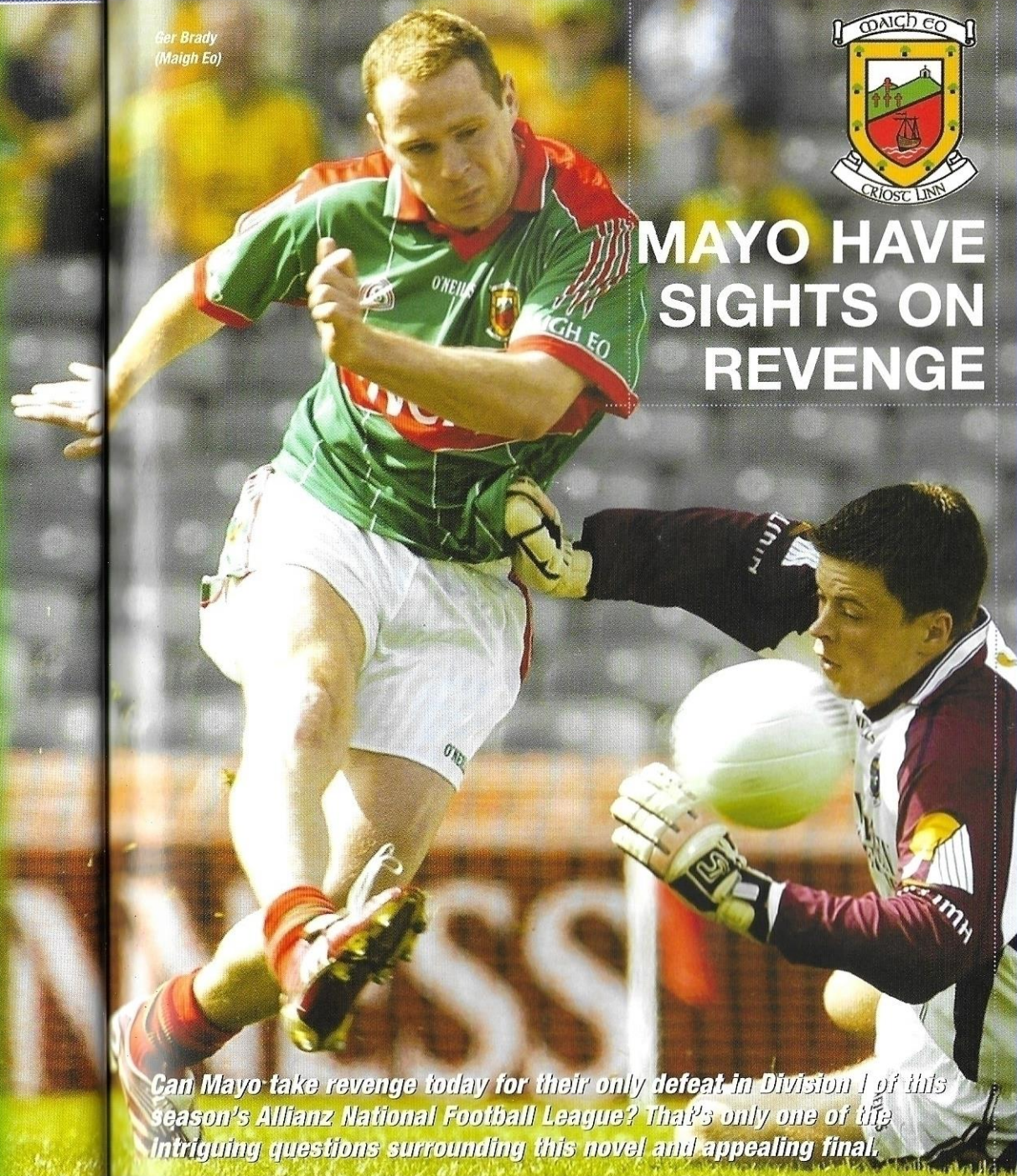
EDGED AHEAD

The exchanges remained close but Mayo edged ahead by a point coming up to the final whistle. They had to withstand strong Galway pressure in the closing minutes before finally booking their final outing by the minimum margin—2-10 to 1-12.

Defenders Enda Devenney, who found time to send over a point, and Peadar Gardiner, and David Heaney in midfield worked hard and to good effect.

Dillon displayed alertness and accuracy when taking his goal chance, while Brady and Conor Mortimer were other forwards who made good impressions.

So, Mayo can feel well pleased with their progress since that defeat by Donegal and look well equipped for their efforts not only to take a handsome revenge but regain the League title after six years.

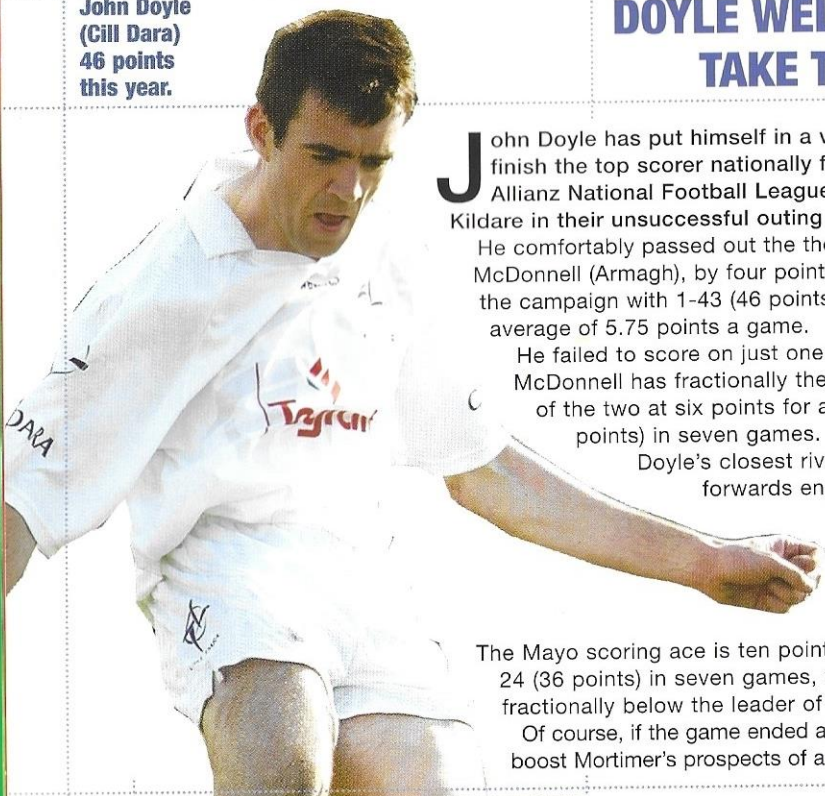
Ger Brady
(Maigh Eo)

MAYO HAVE SIGHTS ON REVENGE

Can Mayo take revenge today for their only defeat in Division 1 of this season's Allianz National Football League? That's only one of the intriguing questions surrounding this novel and appealing final.

TOP SCORERS

John Doyle
(Kildare)
46 points
this year.



DOYLE WELL PLACED TO TAKE THE TOP SPOT

John Doyle has put himself in a very strong position to finish the top scorer nationally for Division I of the Allianz National Football League following his 1-6 for Kildare in their unsuccessful outing last Sunday.

He comfortably passed out the then leader, Steven McDonnell (Armagh), by four points. Doyle bowed out of the campaign with 1-43 (46 points) in eight games at an average of 5.75 points a game.

He failed to score on just one outing. However, McDonnell has fractionally the better match averages of the two at six points for a total of 4-30 (42 points) in seven games.

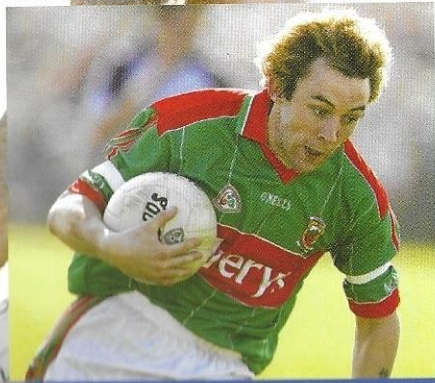
Doyle's closest rival as far as the forwards engaged in the final are concerned is Conor Mortimer, but he certainly has an uphill task to finish in the premier position.

The Mayo scoring ace is ten points behind Doyle with 4-24 (36 points) in seven games, with an average fractionally below the leader of 5.14 points.

Of course, if the game ended all square that would boost Mortimer's prospects of a take-over at the top.

THE TOP SCORERS IN THE ALLIANZ NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION I STARTING THE FINAL ARE:

Points	Score	Games	Average	
46	John Doyle (Kildare)	1-43	8	5.75
42	Steven McDonnell (Armagh)	4-30	7	6.0
36	Conor Mortimer (Mayo)	4-24	7	5.14
33	James Masters (Cork)	0-33	7	4.71
32	Michael Reidy (Limerick)	2-26	7	4.57
31	Paddy Bradley (Derry)	1-28	5	6.2
29	Dessie Dolan (Westmeath)	1-26	7	4.14
25	Declan Quill (Kerry)	0-25	7	3.57
23	Bryan Sheehan (Kerry)	0-23	6	3.83
23	Shane Lennon (Louth)	5-8	7	3.28



Conor Mortimer (Maigh Eo)
36 Points in this year's campaign

INDIVIDUAL FEATS

JOHN DOYLE ON TRAIL FOR SCORING DOUBLE

John Doyle, who is the leader in the nationwide chart for the League, is also the pace-setter in the individual match returns.

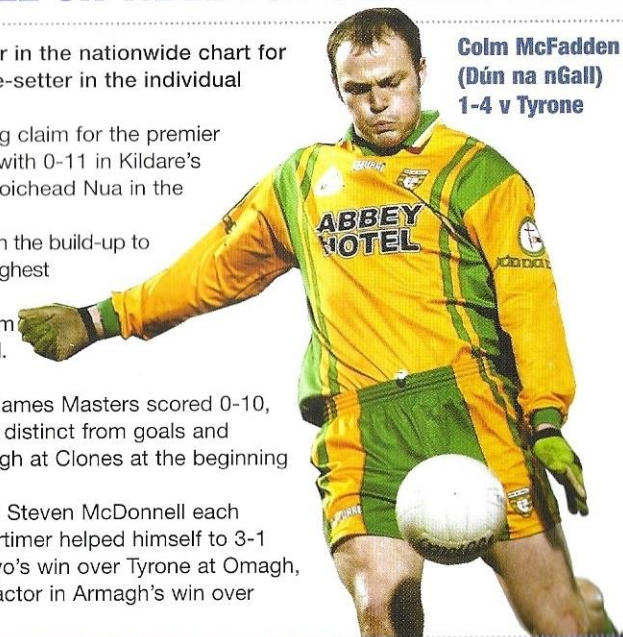
He lost no time in staking a strong claim for the premier position by opening his campaign with 0-11 in Kildare's winning start against Armagh at Droichead Nua in the first round in early February.

No player has bettered that return in the build-up to this novel final. Doyle recorded the highest individual match score in the semi-finals last Sunday at 1-6, the goal from a penalty, in Kildare's loss to Donegal.

Three footballers share second place in the review on ten points. James Masters scored 0-10, the second highest points total, as distinct from goals and points combined, against Fermanagh at Clones at the beginning of the month.

A week later Conor Mortimer and Steven McDonnell each reached the ten points marker. Mortimer helped himself to 3-1 (the top goal scoring return) in Mayo's win over Tyrone at Omagh, while McDonnell's 2-4 was a key factor in Armagh's win over Westmeath at Crossmaglen.

Colm McFadden
(Dún na nGall)
1-4 v Tyrone



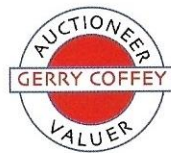
The leading individual match returns in Division I of the Allianz National Football League starting the final are:

- 0-11: John Doyle (Kildare) v Armagh at Droichead Nua on 4th February.
- 0-10: James Masters (Cork) v Fermanagh at Clones on 1st April.
- 3-1: Conor Mortimer (Mayo) v Tyrone at Omagh on 8th April.
- 2-4: Steven McDonnell (Armagh) v Westmeath at Crossmaglen on 8th April.
- 1-6: Steven McDonnell (Armagh) v Down at Crossmaglen on 25th March.
- 1-6: John Doyle (Kildare) v Donegal at Croke Park on 15th April.
- 1-5: Darren Clarke (Louth) v Down at Drogheda on 4th February.
- 0-8: John Doyle (Kildare) v Louth at Droichead Nua on 25th March.
- 0-8: Paddy Bradley (Derry) v Down at Newcastle on 1st April.
- 1-4: Steven McDonnell (Armagh) v Louth at Crossmaglen on 11th February.
- 0-7: Bryan Sheehan (Kerry) v Fermanagh at Clones on 25th February.
- 1-4: Conal Keaney (Dublin) v Cork at Parnell Park on 10th March.
- 1-4: Colm McFadden (Donegal) v Tyrone at Omagh on 10th March.
- 0-7: Conor Mortimer (Mayo) v Fermanagh at Clones on 11th March.
- 0-7: Brendan Deveney (Donegal) v Kerry at Letterkenny on 25th March.
- 1-4: Paddy Bradley (Derry) v Laois at Celtic Park on 25th March.
- 1-4: Conor Mortimer (Mayo) v Cork at Páirc Uí Rinn on 24th March.
- 0-7: James Masters (Cork) v Limerick at Páirc Uí Chaoimh on 8th April.
- 1-4: Pádraig Joyce (Galway) v Down at Tuam Stadium on 8th April.

The top individual returns in all four divisions in the NFL are as follows:

- Declan Browne (Tipperary) 2-6 v Waterford
- Mark Brehony (Sligo) 2-6 v Antrim
- Brian Farrell (Meath) 3-3 v Waterford
- John Doyle (Kildare) 0-11 v Armagh
- Ger Heneghan (Roscommon) 2-5 v Offaly
- James Masters (Cork) 0-10 v Fermanagh
- Steven McDonnell (Armagh) 2-4 v Westmeath
- Brian Farrell (Meath) 2-4 v Antrim
- Conor Mortimer (Mayo) 3-1 v Tyrone
- Paddy Bradley (Derry) 0-9 v Louth
- Niall McNamee (Offaly) 0-9 v Monaghan
- Brian Kelly (Carlow) 0-9 v Longford
- Declan Browne (Tipperary) 0-9 v Cavan
- Declan Browne (Tipperary) 0-9 v Wicklow
- John Doyle (Kildare) 1-6 v Donegal
- Steven McDonnell (Armagh) 1-6 v Down
- Niall McNamee (Offaly) 1-6 v London
- Ger Heneghan (Roscommon) 1-6 v Clare
- Enda Coughlan (Clare) 2-3 v London

BEST WISHES TO MAYO IN TODAY'S FINAL



GERRY COFFEY

AUCTIONEER & VALUER



For all your Property Requirements in Galway, Mayo and Roscommon

Main St., Williamstown, Co. Galway Tel: 094-9643600 Fax: 094-9643600

Granlahan, Ballinlough, Co. Roscommon Mobile: 086-3856050

Email: joan@gerrycoffeyauctioneer.com

**Check Out Our Full List of Properties on
www.gerrycoffeyauctioneer.com**

**Considering Buying or Selling Property?
Talk to Gerry Coffey, the Auctioneer that Gets Results**

DESIGN AT DBA

Corporate id

Promotional Literature

Newsletters

Annual Reports

...for all your design needs

56 Carysfort Avenue, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, Ireland

Telephone 01 288 7247 Facsimile 01 288 3583 ISDN 2055370/1

e-mail info@designatdba.ie Web designatdba.ie

FINAL SCORING FEATS

TONY McTAGUE STILL THE MAN TO BEAT

Although there have been some impressive individual match returns in the run-in to this unique Allianz National Football League Division I final, the game will rank as an extra special one if any forward sets a new peak for a decider since 1960.

After all, Tony McTague (Offaly), one of the outstanding score-getters of any era, set a superb target for forwards to aim at with 0-12 against Kerry in 1973. Eleven of his points were from frees.

Despite the excellent finishing of left half forward McTague, who was his county's captain, the Faithful County still went down by 2-12 to 0-14.

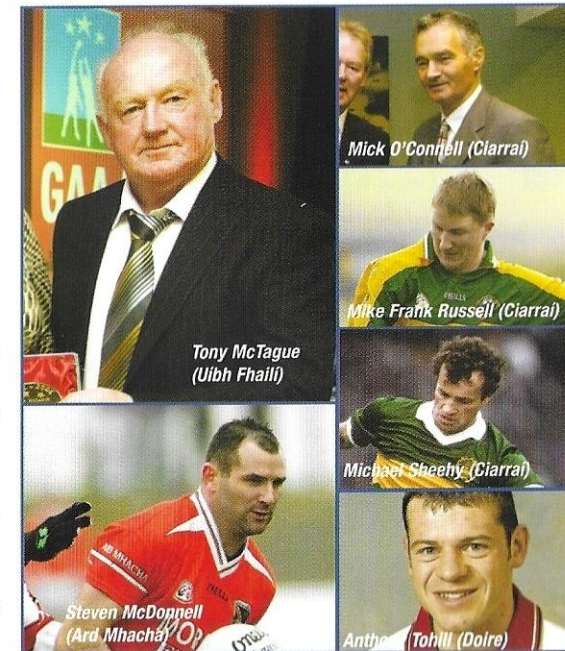
That particular final was something of a vintage one for individual match returns as Brendan Lynch played a major role in orchestrating the Kingdom win by scoring 2-3.

Back to the McTague scoring spectacular. He relieved Mick O'Connell of the top spot as the legendary Kerry man had led the way with 0-9 against New York in the second leg of the two-leg final of 1969 that went to extra time in boiling heat of the Big Apple.

O'Connell only took his place in the Kerry side after the interval in normal time. The Kingdom won by 2-33 to 2-24 on aggregate scores over the two games.

However, Steven McDonnell has since moved into second place as a result of his 0-10 for Armagh in their 2005 final win over Wexford for a first-ever title.

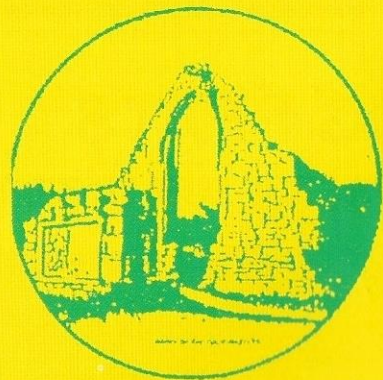
With Donegal engaged in this final, it is interesting that one of the top returns was recorded against the North-West County—1-5 by Anthony Tohill (Derry) in 1996.



TOP TEN

The leading individual returns in National Football League finals from 1960 up to and including last year's summit. (All games at Croke Park unless where stated.)

- 0-12: Tony McTague (Offaly) v Kerry in 1973.**
- 0-10: Steven McDonnell (Armagh) v Wexford in 2005.**
- 0-9: Mick O'Connell (Kerry) v New York in the second leg in 1969 in New York after extra time.**
- 2-3: Brendan Lynch (Kerry) v Offaly in 1973.**
- 1-6: Billy Fitzpatrick (Mayo) v Dublin in 1978.**
- 1-6: Michael F. Russell (Kerry) v Galway in 2004.**
- 0-8: Ollie O'Brien (Meath) v Dublin in 1975.**
- 1-5: Michael Sheehy (Kerry) v Galway in 1984.**
- 1-5: Anthony Tohill (Derry) v Tyrone in 1992.**
- 1-5: Anthony Tohill (Derry) v Donegal in 1996.**



ABBNEY HOTEL

Abbey Hotel Donegal Town

*The Place to meet
after all the big games*

Tel. (074) 9721014

**SPONSORS OF ALL THE DONEGAL
SENIOR FOOTBALL TEAM**



DONEGAL

THE LONG, LONG ROAD

The early decades of the National League were less than rewarding for Donegal and, in fact, through the late twenties, thirties and forties they toiled in the lower reaches of the competition.

The first mention of Donegal in the available records was in the 1930/31 season in what was described as a Northern section of Division Two where they beat Derry (2-6 to 1-4) and Fermanagh (1-5 to 0-2), but that appeared to be the sum total of their outings in that campaign.

For the next few years Donegal made little impression, though they did record an occasional victory over several Ulster counties. But the 1936/37 competition saw Donegal made a bid for the Division Two title, the final of which they qualified for by beating Antrim (4-8 to 2-6), Tyrone (2-5 to 2-4) and Derry (1-8 to 0-4). Prospects of making a winning entry in the record books were bright when they opposed Longford in the final at Ardara, but on the day the visitors emerged victorious by 1-7 to 1-4.

That was as close to gaining league honours at any level that Donegal came for a long time. When the leagues resumed after the Emergency break (1945/46) Donegal didn't appear until the following season when the campaign was blighted by the very severe winter. Donegal did have two outings in which they lost to eventual champions Derry and defeated Tyrone.

IMPROVED PROSPECTS

By the early fifties Donegal football had improved to a level where they could mount a challenge to the best and this was most certainly the case in 1951/52 as victories over Fermanagh, Tyrone, Armagh and Tyrone again in a play-off led to a further game against Sligo in what nowadays would be described as a quarter/final. The Yeats county were defeated by 2-6 to 0-4 at Glenties as Donegal qualified for their first ever semi/final.

In that penultimate clash against Cork, Donegal scored seven times to the Leesiders' six, but

goals win games and the Rebels triumphed by 3-3 to 0-7. Just to show how far Donegal had come can be gauged from the fact that Cork went on to take the title with wins over Dublin and New York.

As Armagh and Tyrone came to dominate the Ulster scene, Donegal experienced lean times in the league and it wasn't until the 1964/65 campaign that they were again in semi/final action. A great win over Derry had put them within sight of their goal, but Kerry proved too strong (3-10 to 1-8) as did Longford a year later when the knock-stages were again reached.

For the third season in succession (1967/68) Donegal reached the 'last four' only for a controversial refereeing decision to deny them against Galway and, when they qualified again a couple of seasons later, Offaly had too much firepower for them.

AN ULSTER TITLE

Although the seventies brought the long-awaited championship reward in Ulster, there was no joy in the league until 1989/90 when they reached the quarter/final stage only to come a cropper against Meath. The following two seasons saw Donegal lose to Kildare by a point in the semi/final and to Dublin by two points in the quarter/final.

The semi/final barrier was finally breached in 1993 with a five-point win over Clare, but the title went to Dublin on a replay. Two years later Donegal were back in the final, but again they came up short as Derry took the honours, and there was a repeat twelve months later as the same finalists provided the same result.

Since then the best Donegal have mustered is a semi/final loss to Offaly in 1998, a Division 2 semi/final loss to Down in 2004, and a Division 2 Final defeat on a replay to Louth twelve months ago. Few counties can have experienced the frustration to which Donegal have become accustomed, but today could see the turning on a long, long road.



Market Street, Swinford, Co Mayo
094 9253657
www.greatescapes.ie

*Best Wishes to David Heaney, Aiden Campbell
and All the Team
From
The Team at Great Escapes!*

*De-stress after the Allianz Football League
Fly direct from Ireland West Knock Airport with Great Escapes!*

*Direct Flights To:
Lanzarote ... From €349.00 per person – 2 Sharing
Crete ... From €399.00 per person – 2 Sharing
Salou ... From €349.00 per person – 5 Sharing*

*Tax and Insurance Not Included. Prices are subject to Availability
Book with your local Travel Agent, On-Line or call our office Direct*

*Ronane Travel Ltd. T/a Great Escapes, Market Street, Swinford, Co. Mayo.
Telephone 094 92 53657. Fax 094 92 53656. Locall 1850 372 273. T.O 198*

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE FINAL

MAYO'S

MAGNIFICENT SEVEN



Mayo's eleven National League titles may be somewhat short of Kerry's 18, but the green and red's early success embraced the remarkable achievement of seven titles in eight years.

Mayo may have been slow to make a mark in this competition, but even before the breakthrough came in 1934 the Connacht outfit provided stiff opposition for the best as they pushed the big guns of that time to the limit with teams like Kerry, Kildare and Meath struggling to subdue their challenge.

The 1933 semi/final in which Mayo lost to Meath at An Uaimh was a prelude to the most glorious period in the history of Mayo football. Reversing the An Uaimh result in the opening round of the 1933/34 campaign was the ideal opener – 2-4 to 1-5 at Castlebar. A draw with Cavan (1-6 all) at Breffni Park further boosted Mayo's stock and a 2-8 to 0-3 win over reigning Connacht champions Galway left them poised for a place in the final, which was duly gained with a 4-3 to 1-3 win over Louth.

With no semi/final to contest, Mayo took on Dublin in the final at Castlebar, but had to settle for a 2-3 to 1-6 draw with the visitors. After a long delay the replay was staged at Croke Park and though there was little difference between the sides, Mayo took their first league title on a 2-4 to 1-5 scoreline. The team that recorded that historic triumph was drawn from six clubs and lined out – Tom Burke, Paddy O'Loughlin, Paddy Quinn, Purty Kelly, Danno Ryan, Henry Kenny, Patrick Collins, Patsy Flannelly, George Ormsby, Jackie Carney, Peter Laffey, Gerald Courell, Paddy Moclair, Patsy Munnely.

THE TITLE RETAINED

It required six games to qualify for the following year's final. Five of those were victories with Dublin, Louth, Laois, Galway and Meath their victims, with only Kildare at Athy getting the better of the champions. Mayo then defeated Tipperary and Fermanagh in the final at

Castlebar with something to spare.

With the authorities searching for a new format, the 1935/36 league was run on a strictly league system and wins over Cavan, Galway, Louth, Laois, Kildare and Tipperary ensured the title was secured for the third time in succession.

The Mayo cavalcade swept on. A revised format saw Mayo win their group the following season with an unblemished record as Tipperary, Laois, Clare, Offaly, Galway and Kerry were banished to qualify for the final (there were no semi/finals) in which Meath were dispatched by 5-4 to 1-8. Kerry's four-in-a-row had been equalled.

But Mayo's hunger for success had not been sated and the 1937/38 campaign was embarked on with undiminished enthusiasm. The path to the final was almost perfect as Longford, Clare, Laois, Galway and Offaly were defeated, with only Kerry upsetting the champions. Mayo, however, defeated the Kingdom in a play/off (2-8 to 0-7) at Castlebar and the title was retained on the same ground with an easy victory over Wexford (3-9 to 1-3).

SIX-IN-A-ROW

A three-team group provided a short route to the 1938/39 semi/final in which a 3-7 to 0-6 win was recorded over Wexford at Wexford Park. The final was won even more comfortably as Meath were hammered at Ballina by 5-9 to 0-6. A seventh successive title looked a distinct possibility but Mayo withdrew from the league after a dispute arising from the All-Ireland semi/final loss to Kerry and thus ended the most remarkable run in the history of the competition.

Despite the break Mayo returned to action for the last league before the Emergency shutdown to record wins over Roscommon, Donegal, Sligo, Cavan, Down and Dublin in the final by 3-5 to 0-7. Seven titles in eight years and it could well have been a clean sweep; it is still a record for league or championship...truly a magnificent seven.

The Gallagher Global Gathering 2007



A Reunion of All the Gallagher Clan.

Venue: Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, Ireland.

Date: 8th – 15th September 2007

Is your surname Gallagher or have you family connections with Gallaghers? If so, join thousands of Gallaghers from all over the World in Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, for the first family get-together in 400 years.

It will be one great party.

For further information contact

The Gallagher Clan, Lisnanees, Woodlands, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

Tel: 074 9124689. E-mail: postmaster@gallagherclan.org

Website: www.gallagherclan.org

The Gallagher Clan organisation was formed in 2005 to collect, conserve and celebrate the Gallagher heritage throughout the World.

Supported by



Fáilte Ireland

National Tourism Development Authority

pat corcoran

087 052 4576 & 087 122 0829

knockmore, ballina, co.mayo

office tel/fax: 096 77420

patcorcoransos@eircom.net

shop supplies

office supplies

printing

**Best of Luck from all at
Pat Corcoran Shop & Offices Supplies**

- pricing guns & labels
- scanner & till rolls
- scale labels and rolls
- packaging & labels
- office stationery
- office furniture
- filing cabinets
- general printing
- full colour printing
- laser/inkjet supplies
- printers & scanners
- fax machines
- washroom supplies
- safety workwear

FREE DELIVERY

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Donegal and Mayo have met just six times in the National League with the Ulster side holding a three-two lead in the series, with one match drawn. The details are:

1940/41 – Ballina	Mayo	1-10	Donegal	0-5
1984/85 – Ballyshannon	Donegal	1-13	Mayo	1-5
1985/86 – Ballybofey	Donegal	0-14	Mayo	1-11
1993/94 – Ballybofey	Donegal	3-7	Mayo	0-12
2005 – Ballina	Mayo	2-10	Donegal	1-11
2007 – Ballybofey	Donegal	1-13	Mayo	1-10

HONOURS DIVIDED IN LAST ENCOUNTERS

2007: Donegal 1-13; Mayo 1-10

2005: Mayo 2-10; Donegal 1-11

Both sides had won their opening matches against Munster opposition with the Northerners defeating Cork and the Connacht side getting the better of defending champions Kerry, so a win for either at Ballybofey two months ago was a significant step towards knock-out action. In the end the hosts provided the stronger finish to run out three-point victors.

There was little between the sides in a less than enthralling opening half at the end of which the visitors led by a point – 0-7 to 0-6. Shortly after the restart Pat Brady extended Mayo's advantage, but then a lofted ball towards the goal was fumbled by 'keeper David Clarke and Ryan Bradley was on hand to net a Donegal goal.

That score gave a lift to the home side and they quickly extended their advantage, but then a high ball at the other end was deflected to the net by Neil Gallagher to tie up the scores. It looked as if a division of the spoils was the most likely outcome, but a late period of pressure yielded points to Kevin McMenamin (2) and Colm McFadden, and they proved the difference between the sides in the end.

Donegal scorers: B.Devenney, K.McMenamin 0-4 each, R.Bradley 1-0, C.Bonner 0-2, C.Toye, B.Dunnion, C.McFadden 0-1 each.

Mayo scorers: C.Mortimer 0-4, A.O'Malley, A.Dillon 0-2 each, P.Harte, A.Moran 0-1 each, N.Gallagher 1-0 og.

Dún na nGall – P.Durcan, T.Donoghue, P.Campbell, K.Lacey, E.McGee, B.Monaghan, B.Dunnion, K.Cassidy, N.Gallagher, C.Toye, C.Bonner, B.Roper, K.McMenamin, B.Devenney, R.Bradley. Subs – P.McConigley (McGee), F.McGlynn (Donoghue), A.Sweeney (Toye), C.McFadden (Roper).

Maigh Eo – D.Clarke, L.O'Malley, J.Kilcullen, K.Higgins, D.Heaney, B.J.Padden, P.Gardiner, P.Harte, D.Brady, A.Moran, T.Mortimer, A.Dillon, C.Mortimer, K.O'Neill, A.O'Malley. Subs – D.Nallen (Heaney), M.McNicholas (O'Neill), G.Brady (Moran), M.Ronaldson (L.O'Malley), A.Campbell (C.Mortimer).

At windy Ballina the home side made the brighter start and eased into a three-point advantage, but despite the orchestration of Ciarán McDonald, the visitors dug in and at the change of ends were just a point in arrears – 0-6 to 0-7. Indeed, within a minute of the restart Rory Kavanagh lofted over the equaliser and when Barry Monaghan edged Donegal in front shortly afterwards, it appeared as if the momentum was with the visitors.

However, Mayo, who had lost narrowly to Dublin first time out, were determined to secure the points and two goals in six minutes from Conor Mortimer and Alan Dillon set them on course. But Donegal, who also lost on their debut to Tyrone, didn't give up and points by Ryan Bradley and Brian Roper preceded Christy Toye's goal to leave just the minimum dividing the sides.

With six minutes remaining Kavanagh broke through for the equaliser and as earlier, it looked as if momentum alone might carry the visitors to victory. However, Mayo were awarded a couple of late frees and Dillon converted both of them to secure the points.

Mayo scorers: C.Mortimer 1-4, A.Dillon 1-2, J.Gill 0-2, J.Prenty, G.Mullins 0-1 each.

Donegal scorers: R.Kavanagh, R.Bradley 0-3 each, C.Toye 1-0, B.Roper, B.Monaghan 0-2 each, C.McFadden 0-1.

Maigh Eo – D.Clarke, K.Higgins, P.Kelly, L.O'Malley, G.Mullins, J.Nallen, P.Gardiner, B.J.Padden, J.Kilcullen, J.Gill, C.McDonald, A.Kilcoyne, C.Mortimer, A.Dillon, J.Prenty. Subs – T.Mortimer (Kilcoyne), A.Costello (Kilcullen), C.Moran (Mullins), A.Moran (Prenty).

Dún na nGall – M.Boyle, E.Reddin, R.Sweeney, K.Lacey, E.McGee, B.Monaghan, S.Carr, N.Gallagher, K.Cassidy, C.Toye, B.Roper, R.Bradley, R.Kavanagh, C.McFadden, S.Cassidy. Subs – M.Hegarty (Cassidy), C.Dunne (Bradley).



**PROVEN IN
LABORATORY CONDITIONS**

"At GMIT we develop life-long learning opportunities through our teaching and research and by supporting regional development"



Good luck Mayo from all in Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology (GMIT)

Best wishes to GMIT players and graduates on the Mayo team

GMIT is a multi-campus Institute: Dublin Rd, Galway. Tel. 091-753161; Cluain Mhuire, Galway. Tel. 091-770661; Castlebar, Co Mayo. Tel. 094 90 25700; Letterfrack. Tel. 095-41660; and Mountbellew. Tel. 090 96 79205.

email: acadaff@gmit.ie; website: www.gmit.ie



The colour scheme of the Crest incorporates the Mayo GAA colours of Green & Red

Comhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo
MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL

Best wishes to the Mayo Team in today's Final!

Ag Séideadh Ar Aghaidh

Ag leathama inniu bronnfaidh Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, Nioclás O Braonáin agus Príomhfheimeannach Allianz, Beandán O Murchú, feadóga ar réiteoirí óga Chumann na mBunscol atá réidh chun dul i mbun oibre le linn chluichí i bPáirc an Chrócaigh i gCraobhchomórtas 2007.

The Allianz-Cumann na mBunscol 'Junior Whistlers' scheme was devised by Cumann na mBunscol, Ath Cliath and the young referees have become synonymous with big-match exhibition games in Parnell Park during the Allianz leagues and in Croke Park during the summer months.

Spreag tionscnamh na príomhchathrach contaethe eile a leithéid a dhéanamh agus tá sé beartaithe ag Cumann Náisiúnta na Réiteoirí scéim bunaithe ar obair Chumann na mBunscol, Ath Cliath a chur ar bun. Coiste na Réiteoirí are set to launch guidelines for the GAA to initiate the setting up of 'Junior Whistlers' on a national basis based on the success of the Dublin initiative.

Meanwhile, Cumann na na mBunscol, Ath Cliath, in association with Allianz, has re-branded their scheme the 'Allianz Cumann na



Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Primary Whistlers Daniel Moynihan, Louise O'Meara, Tommy O'Keeffe and Daniel Guerin with John O'Mahony, Brian McIver, Neil Gallagher and Kevin O'Neill in Croke Park earlier this week.

mBunscol Primary Whistlers' and it was launched recently by Taoiseach Bertie Ahern at Allianz Headquarters. 12 youngsters are currently being trained by their teachers in Cumann na mBunscol schools throughout the city while they referee class and inter-school league games. Some of them have already tasted the big-time during Dublin's home league games in Parnell Park and they are all eagerly looking forward to Croke Park action in the months ahead. A new and distinctive Primary Whistlers logo has been designed for the 2007 season.

BEHIND EVERY GOOD TEAM IS A VERY GOOD LOCAL PAPER

THE Mayo News

Supporting Mayo Football



PENALTY PARADE

To date 31 penalties have been awarded in the National League, which is five more than at the same juncture twelve months ago. Those 31 penalties have yielded 19 goals and two points giving a return of 1.9 points per penalty, which is down on last season's 2.19 (18-3 from 26 kicks).

Gary Connaughton makes a third successive appearance as a shot-stopper, while Paul Barden (two out of two last season) achieved a similar success rate this year.

THE FULL LIST OF PENALTIES AND THEIR OUTCOME READS:

4TH FEBRUARY

Ger Heneghan (Roscommon)	WIDE	v Monaghan
Wayne Hennessy (Waterford)	SAVED*	by Alan Masterson (Wexford)
Aidan Carr (Down)	GOAL	v Louth
Shane Lennon (Louth)	GOAL	v Down

10TH FEBRUARY

Paul Barden (Longford)	GOAL	v Monaghan
------------------------	------	------------

11TH FEBRUARY

Paddy Bradley (Derry)	SAVED	by Gary Connaughton (Westmeath)
Simon Rea (Carlow)	GOAL	v Offaly
James Glancy (Leitrim)	GOAL	v Clare

25TH FEBRUARY

Mark Stanfield (Louth)	SAVED	by Michael Nolan (Laois)
Ger Heneghan (Roscommon)	GOAL	v Clare
Sean Davey (Sligo)	GOAL	v Meath

10TH MARCH

Colm McFadden (Donegal)	GOAL	v Tyrone
Donncha O'Connor (Cork)	WIDE	v Dublin

11TH MARCH

Padraig O'Neill (Kildare)	POINT	v Galway
---------------------------	-------	----------

24TH MARCH

Dermot McCabe (Cavan)	GOAL	v Antrim
-----------------------	------	----------

25TH MARCH

Shane Lennon (Louth)	GOAL	v Kildare
Rory Donnelly (Clare)	GOAL	v Offaly
Mark Brehony (Sligo)	WIDE	v Waterford

31ST MARCH

Graham Geraghty (Meath)	WIDE	v Waterford
-------------------------	------	-------------

1ST APRIL

Diarmuid Connolly (Dublin)	HIT POST	v Mayo
----------------------------	----------	--------

8TH APRIL

Conor Mortimer (Mayo)	GOAL	v Tyrone
Kevin O'Sullivan (Cork)	SAVED	by Sean Kiely (Limerick)
Michael Reidy (Limerick)	GOAL	v Cork
Benny Coulter (Down)	WIDE	v Galway
Michael Meehan (Galway)	GOAL	v Down
Kevin Niblock (Antrim)	GOAL	v Tipperary

15TH APRIL

John Doyle (Kildare)	GOAL	v Donegal
Conor Mortimer (Mayo)	SAVED**	by Paul Doherty (Galway)
Ger Heneghan (Roscommon)	GOAL	v Offaly
Paul Barden (Longford)	GOAL	v Clare
Chris Donnellan (London)	GOAL	v Carlow

* Masterson's save went over the bar for a point

** Alan Dillon netted the rebound



Mark Stanfield (Louth)
SAVED by Michael Nolan (Laois)



Diarmuid Connolly (Baile Atha Cliath)
HIT POST v Mayo



Michael Meehan (Gaillimh)
GOAL v Down



Ger Heneghan (Ros Comáin) GOAL v Offaly



John Doyle (Cill Dara)
GOAL v Donegal

ANDRÉ
SHIRTS

CÚINNE NA NÓG

ALLIANZ FOOTBALL LEAGUE 2007

This exercise is a test of knowledge of happenings in Division I of the National Football League drawing to a close with the final today

1. Name the two games played under floodlights that raised the curtain on the current campaign back in early February.
2. Conleith Gilligan was regularly on the scoring standard with what county?
3. What county failed to record a single score in the second half of a vital game for both counties in round six?
4. Who scored the last gasp goal that gave Armagh a four points win over Westmeath in their concluding divisional outing of the season at Crossmaglen?
5. Ciarán McKinney guarded the net for what county during the divisional programme?
6. How did Tyrone fare on their last away game in the series?
7. Who finished top scorer for Dublin—Conal Keane or Tomás Quinn?
8. At what venue did Cork end their divisional programme with a win over Limerick?
9. What county went into this season's campaign as defending League champions?
10. Name the only county that failed to collect a single point in Division I.



LETTERS JUMBLE

Each of the Letters Jumble below contains the initial and surname of a well-known footballer, who was in action earlier this month in Division I of the Football League. Each jumble is followed by a clue to help find the correct answer.

1 L D L U I Q

This clever forward was consistently on the scoring target for Kerry.

2 L S N O U T X C

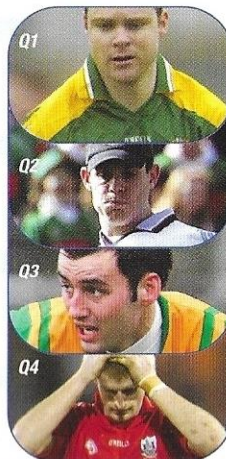
One of the outstanding goalkeepers in the game at present.

3 Y K E L C A

An outstanding defender from the North and a Vodafone All Star last year.

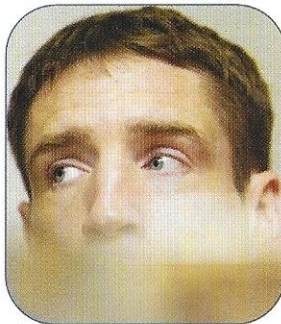
4 P H Y R N M U

A prominent midfielder from a Southern county.



PICTURE PARADE

1. Who is the footballer pictured here?
2. What is his club?
3. Has he won a National Football League medal?
4. How many All-Ireland senior medals has he won?



FREAGRAI

ALLIANZ FOOTBALL LEAGUE 2007: 1. Tyrone v. Dublin at Croke Park and Donegal v. Cork at Páirc Uí Rinn on a Saturday evening. 2. Derry. 3. Dublin against Mayo at Castlebar in early April. 4. Steven McDonnell. 5. Armagh. 6. They drew with Kerry at 0-9 each under lights at Austin Stack Park, Tralee. 7. Conal Keane. 8. Páirc Uí Chaoimh. 9. Kerry. 10. Fermanagh.

LETTERS JUMBLE: 1. D. Quill. 2. S. Cusack (Dublin). 3. K. Lacey (Donegal). 4. N. Murphy (Cork). 5. K. Lacey (Donegal). 6. K. Lacey (Donegal). 7. K. Lacey (Donegal). 8. K. Lacey (Donegal). 9. K. Lacey (Donegal). 10. K. Lacey (Donegal).

PICTURE PARADE: 1. Kieran McGeeney. 2. Na Flanna, Dublin. 3. Yes, in 2005. 4. Yes, he led Armagh to their only All-Ireland senior title in 2002.

SUPPORTERS ARE ASKED TO RESPECT THE FACT THAT THEY ARE ENTERING AND LEAVING THE STADIUM THROUGH RESIDENTIAL AREAS.



BULLETIN BOARD

Health and Safety Rules - Páirc an Chrócaigh

1. All persons entering this ground are admitted subject to the following Rules (which are designed to protect the health and safety of all entrants to the ground). Entry to the ground shall be deemed to constitute unqualified acceptance of all of these Rules.
2. The management reserves the right of admission.
3. The instructions of the stewards must be obeyed at all times.
4. All persons entering the ground agree to be searched by a member of the Garda Síochána.
5. Every person (including infants) entering the ground must have a ticket.
6. The following are not permitted:-
 - 6.1. Entry upon the pitch or engaging in conduct that causes or is likely to cause injury or harm to, or otherwise interferes with, disrupts, hinders or distracts a person playing in, refereeing or otherwise having a role in a match at this ground.
 - 6.2. Any unauthorised contact with the boundary wall surrounding the pitch or incursion on to the pitch. Any such unauthorised contact or incursion constitutes a trespass to property.
 - 6.3. The climbing of floodlight or other pylons, stands or other buildings. Such behaviour constitutes a trespass to property.
 - 6.4. Throwing any object onto the pitch.
 - 6.5. Remaining or loitering in any gangway or aisle.
 - 6.6. Behaving in an offensive or indecent manner.
 - 6.7. Bringing of alcohol into the ground.
 - 6.8. Bringing into the ground of fireworks, smoke canisters, bottles, glasses, cans, flags, banners, poles, distress signals, laser pointers and other similar articles or containers, including anything which could or might be used as a weapon.
 - 6.9. Excessive noise such as that from the use of radio sets or other appliances and behaviour likely to cause confusion or nuisance of any kind including foul or abusive language.
7. If a person commits a trespass, reasonable force may be used to prevent, restrain or terminate any trespass.
8. Where a person is in breach of any of these rules, or where the management believes that a person constitutes a source of danger to others, or to the ground, such person may be refused entry to or ejected from the ground, and reasonable force may be used for that purpose.

• C.C.T.V. IS IN OPERATION AT THIS STADIUM •

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE/ LOST CHILDREN

<p>Cusack Stand Lower: First Aid Centre rear of Section 312.</p> <p>Canal Stand Upper: First Aid Centre rear of Section 724.</p> <p>Hogan Stand Lower: First Aid Centre rear of Section 329.</p>	<p>Hill 16: First Aid Centre rear of Section A</p> <p>Lower Hogan: Medical Centre</p>
---	---

The Site Medical Officer will be situated on the pitch in front of the Cusack Stand.

All Treatment Centres are staffed by St. John Ambulance Brigade members.

+

Lost Children -
Lost Children can be collected at the above Medical Centres.

PUBLIC TELEPHONE LOCATIONS

- Cusack Stand**
 - At Lower Level (Level 3)
 - Pay Phone at Section 309.
- Cusack Premium Level 5**
 - Pay Phone at Section 508.
- Hogan Premium Level 5**
 - Pay Phone at Section 529.

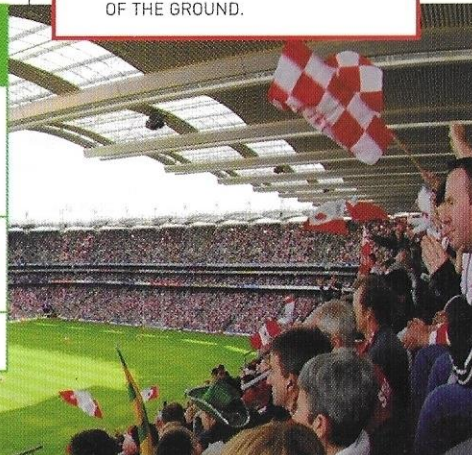
SAFETY NOTICE

IN THE INTERESTS OF SAFETY, PATRONS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE PLAYING AREA AFTER THE GAMES.

The policy to prohibit such encroachment in the future has been taken to avoid further injuries and possible fatality and has been taken on the advice and promptings of the safety authorities, namely the Gardaí, Dublin City Council, Fire Brigade and the ERHA.

Supporters are sincerely thanked for their co-operation to date and are asked to continue this co-operation in the future to ensure that games can be enjoyed without recourse to fencing or avoidable obstructions to seeing the action from all vantage points. Together we can ensure that a Croke Park experience is both enjoyable and safe, particularly for the young and vulnerable.

CROKE PARK
NOW OPERATES A
NO SMOKING
POLICY. EXCEPT IN
DESIGNATED AREAS
OF THE GROUND.





Heroes aren't born –
they are made.

Whether it's a brilliant save or a match winning point, it all begins with the dedicated and committed people who nurture the heroes of tomorrow. As the sponsor of both Cumann na mBunscol and the Allianz Leagues, Allianz is proud to be associated with these and all the people who make the games the success they are.

Allianz 

Allianz, Burlington House, Burlington Road, Dublin 4, Ireland.

Phone +353.1.613 30 00, Fax +353.1.613 44 44, Email info@allianz.ie, Website www.allianz.ie

Allianz Corporate Ireland p.l.c. trading as Allianz is regulated by the Financial Regulator.