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CHRISTY RING CUP
An Iarmhí v. Ciarraí

Réiteoir: Noel Cosgrave (Tiobraid Árann)
Linesmen: Tony Carroll (Uíbh Fhailí) (STANDBY REFEREE)
Ciarán Groome (Uíbh Fhailí)
Sideline Official: Haulie Beirne (Ros Comáin)

7.00i.n.




An Iarmhí v. Dún na nGall

Réiteoir: Aidan Mangan (Ciarraí)
Linesmen: Michael Daly (Maigh Eo) (STANDBY REFEREE), Michael Duffy (Sligeach)
Sideline Official: Haulie Beirne (Ros Comáin)

IN THE EVENT OF A DRAW, EXTRA TIME MUST BE PLAYED.

An Réiteoir:
Aidan Mangan (Ciarraí)

Aidan has been on the intercounty panel since 1995 and brings a wealth of experience to his refereeing. He has taken charge of two All-Ireland Under-21 finals and has been on senior championship duty in a number of provinces.

Mangan, of Austin Stacks, Tralee, has also refereed in New York and Boston His programme this year included the Leinster senior championship game between Meath and Kildare at Croke Park in May.



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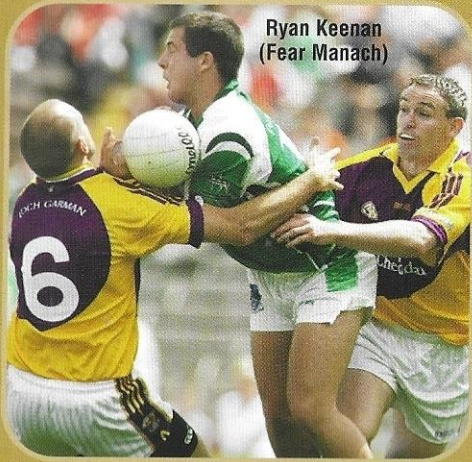
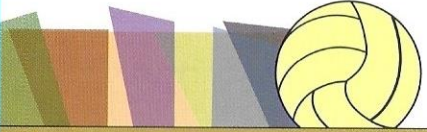


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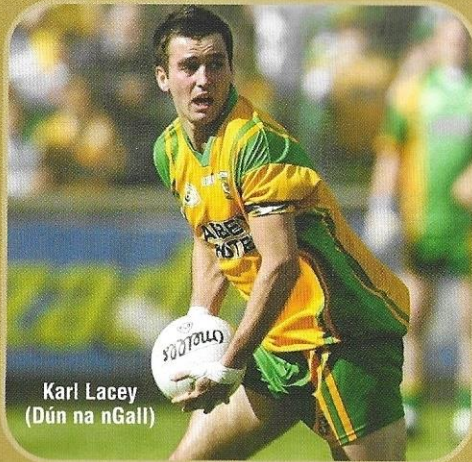
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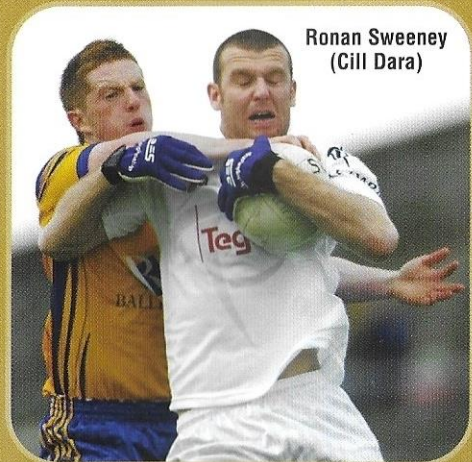
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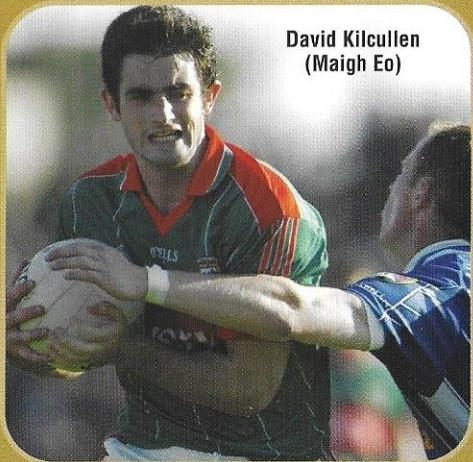
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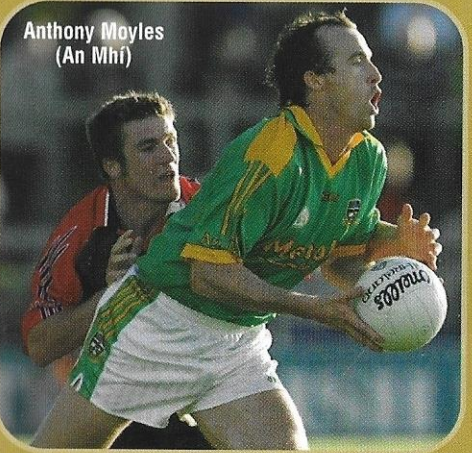


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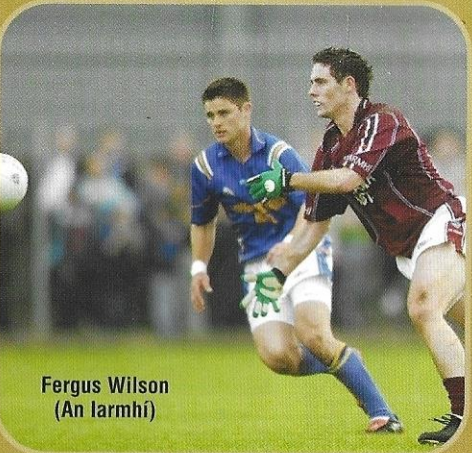
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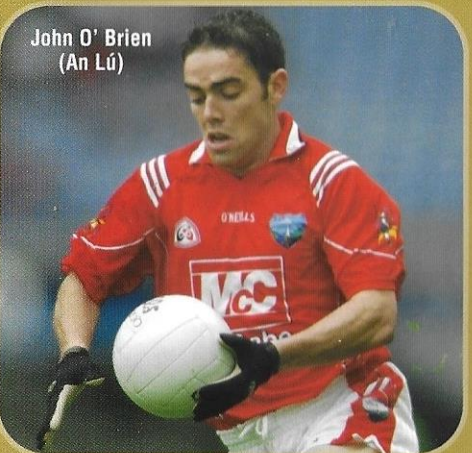
PLAYERS IN ACTION
IN ROUND 1



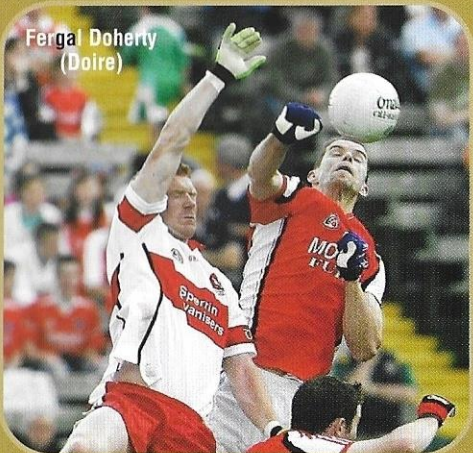
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John O' Brien
(An Lú)



Fergal Doherty
(Doire)

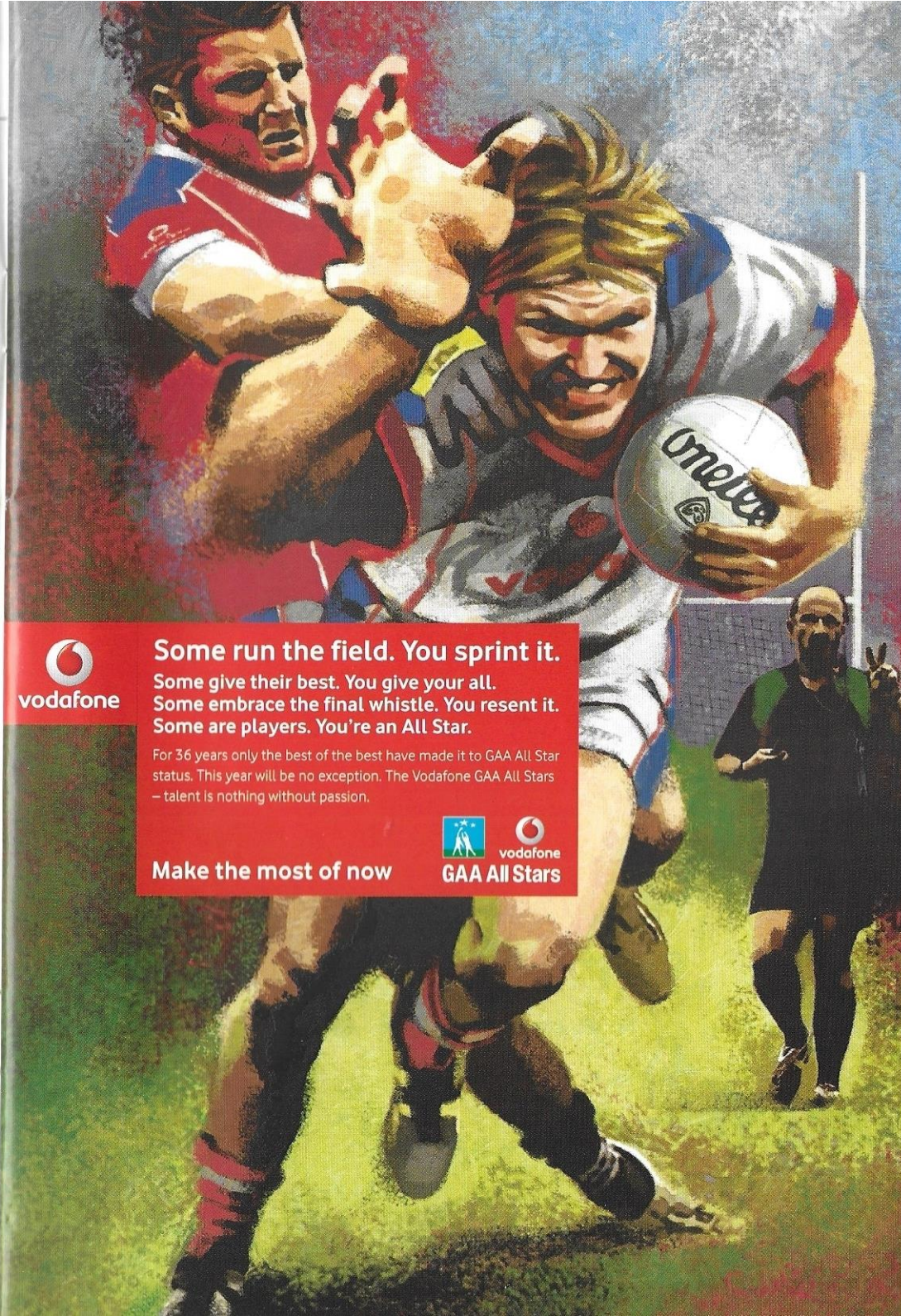
RESULTS



Bank of Ireland Football Championship				FIRST ROUND RESULTS 7TH & 8TH JULY, 2007			
Páirc na nGael @ 19:00	LUIMNEACH	0	13	AN LÚ	0	14	
Páirc na nGael @ 19:00	MAIGH EO	1	19	AN CABHÁN	3	7	
Carrick-on-Shannon @ 19:00	LIATROIM	1	14	DÚN NA NGALL	1	16	
Cusack Park @ 19:00	AN IARMHÍ	0	18	AN LONGFORT	0	9	
Newry @ 19:00	AN DÚN	0	8	AN MHÍ	1	10	
Hyde Park @ 15:00	ROS COMÁIN	1	13	CILL DARA	2	13	
Clones @ 14:00	FEAR MANACH	1	12	LOCH GARMAN	1	8	
Clones @ 16:00	ARD MHACHA	0	9	DOIRE	0	10	

FIXTURES

Bank of Ireland Football Championship				SECOND ROUND — 14th JULY, 2007			
Derry @ 3:30	DOIRE			MAIGH EO			
Droichead Nua @ 7.00	CILL DARA			AN LÚ			
Mullingar @ 7.00	AN IARMHÍ			DÚN NA NGALL			
An Uaimh @ 7.00	AN MHÍ			FEAR MANACH			



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LATE COMEBACK WINS IN ROUND 2

Ken Doyle
(Gill Dara)

The second round of the Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior football Qualifiers brings into focus that this stage of the championship produced some splendid come-backs and late, late wins.

DRAMATIC POINT

Take for example Round in the inaugural Qualifiers of 2001.

Those games featured a remarkable come-back by Kildare that ended with Ken Doyle, who lined out a left full back, scoring a dramatic late winning point against Donegal at Droichead Nua.

The Ulster county opened in a blaze of glory with fast fluent football that had them well placed for a winning charge as they scored 1-5 in the first fifteen minutes before Kildare registered a single score. However, in what proved to be a superb game, Kildare recovered well and were on level terms with time almost up.

The just when it looked that the game would end all square up popped Doyle in

attack to take a pass from Dermot Earley and give his side a 1-17 to 1-16 win.

LAST GASP GOAL

A year later we had another amazing second round finish as a Graham Geraghty last gasp goal snatched victory from the jaws of defeat for Meath against Louth at a packed Páirc Tailteann, An Uaimh, on a balmy June evening.

Three minutes from the end of normal time full forward Mark Stanfield looked to have ensured a Wee County win when he sent a sideline kick superbly over the bar to give his side a four points advantage.

But Meath, renowned comeback specialists, did not flinch. Substitute Ritchie

Kealy lifted sprints with a goal after seventy minutes. Too late to clear the way for a winning score? Not a bit of it!

With the game four minutes into injury time, centre half forward Trevor Giles and substitute Ollie Murphy combined to put Geraghty in possession and he found the net from a crowded Louth goal area to secure a sensational 3-8 to 2-9 win.

PIPPED IN EXTRA TIME

The Royal County experienced the other side

Colm Bradley
(Fear Manach)

of the coin in 2004 in a thrilling game at Enniskillen against Fermanagh that went to extra time.

Right full forward Daithí Regan's splendid return of 2-6 helped Meath to a one point lead with the game in injury time. Fermanagh won a sideline kick near the 21 yard line and full forward Colm Bradley, who had an outstanding game, displayed a cool nerve and accuracy as he expertly drilled the ball over the bar to tie the scores and send the game to extra time.

The keenness of the encounter continued into the extra time period, and as the tie drew to a close Trevor Giles scored a fine point to leave Meath just a point adrift and the issue again in the balance. However, Fermanagh held out for an 0-19 to 2-12 win.

LAKESMEN SNATCH IT

Last year Westmeath and Limerick added to the story of wins virtually on

the final whistle when they met at Mullingar.

This was also another game marked by a winning come-back from a disappointing start. Limerick played like

probable winners early on to power to an impressive 1-5 to 0-1 lead.

However, they scored only four more points after that as Westmeath rallied strongly. Nevertheless, the Shannonsiders were still four points clear as the game moved towards a close.

Westmeath continued to battle on gamely and points from full forward Dessie Dolan and left half forward Alan Mangan (two) left them just a point adrift as the game moved into injury time.

Then, not for the

first time in the history of the Qualifiers, two defenders, Donal O'Donoghue and Michael Ennis, showed the forwards the way with a point each to send Westmeath through by 0-13 to 1-9.

These are just a few random selections from Round 2 games won almost on the call of time. Now we eagerly await to see if this latest series will add one or more such encounters to the record.

Graham Geraghty
(An Mhi)

Donal O'Donoghue
(An Iarmhí)

2007 CHRISTY RING CUP

LAST CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING...2003

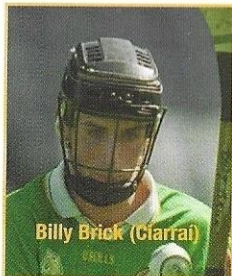
Westmeath fade after promising start

Kerry 3-15 Westmeath 0-13

It is four years since Kerry and Westmeath last met in the championship and on that occasion at Nenagh in the opening round of the qualifiers the Kingdom cruised to an eleven-point victory. Points by Pat O'Connell and Michael Slattery helped Kerry into an early three-point lead, but Westmeath replied through John Shaw and Paddy Dowdall. Although dominating matters territorially, Kerry couldn't shake off Westmeath and by the end of the opening quarter points by Andrew Mitchell and Barry Kennedy had brought the Lake county level - 0-4 each.

However, a point by Slattery was followed by a fortuitous Pat O'Connell goal, and those scores

signalled a parting of the ways. By the interval the Munster outfit led by six points - 1-8 to 0-5 - and within 60 seconds of the restart their advantage was into double figures as Shane Brick's point was followed immediately by a goal from Slattery. Westmeath battled on as



Billy Brick (Ciarraí)

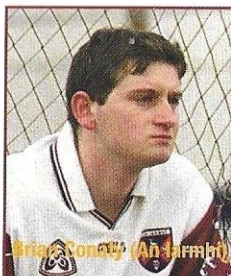
best they could but any lingering hopes of a comeback were ended early in the final quarter when Shane Brick fired home Kerry's third goal.

Kerry scorers: M. Slattery 1-5, P.O'Connell 1-3, S. Brick 1-1, M. Conway 0-2, D. Young, B. Brick, L. Boyle, I. McCarthy 0-1 each.

Westmeath scorers: A. Mitchell, J. Shaw 0-4 each, P. Dowdall 0-2, B. Kennedy, B. Murtagh, N. Gavin 0-1 each.

Ciarraí - J. Healy, T. Cronin, A. Healy, I. Brick, J. McCarthy, C. Flaherty, C. Harris, A. Cronin, D. Young, P.O'Connell, B. Brick, L. Boyle, S. Brick, G.O'Brien, M. Slattery. Subs - M. Conway (O'Brien), H. Twomey (McCarthy), M. Lucid (Cronin), I. McCarthy (O'Connell), E. Fitzgerald (S. Brick).

An Iarmhí - B. Conaty, M. Williams, B. Murtagh, B. Williams, V. Bateman, D. McCormack, N. Gavin, C. Fanning, P. Dowdall, J. Forbes, J. Shaw, B. Kennedy, D. Carty, A. Mitchell, F. Shaw. Subs - N. Williams (Forbes), P. Williams (F. Shaw), P. Fanning (Carty).



Brian Conaty (An Iarmhí)

GROUP A						
16th June, Tralee:						
Kerry	1-18;	Mayo		0-11		
16th June, Navan:						
Meath	2-16;	Westmeath		1-19		
23rd June, Mullingar:						
Westmeath	2-13;	Down		1-15		
23rd June, Castlebar:						
Meath	2-23;	Mayo		1-10		
30th June, Navan:						
Meath	2-17;	Kerry		0-13		
30th June, Ballycran:						
Down	2-19;	Mayo		2-11		
7th July, Tralee:						
Kerry	2-21;	Down		2-11		
7th July, Castlebar:						
Westmeath	2-14;	Mayo		0-11		

	P	W	D	L	Pts	Diff
Meath	3	2	1	0	5	+26
Westmeath	3	2	1	0	5	+10
Kerry	3	2	0	1	4	+10
Down	3	1	0	2	2	-3
Mayo	4	0	0	4	0	-43

GROUP B						
16th June, Dr Cullen Park:						
Carlow	3-13;	Kildare		0-15		
16th June, Arklow:						
Wicklow	1-22;	London		1-10		
23rd June, Ruislip:						
Derry	2-14;	London		2-9		
23rd June, Clane:						
Kildare	2-17;	Wicklow		1-17		
30th June, Celtic Park:						
Kildare	2-21;	Derry		0-13		
30th June, Arklow:						
Carlow	1-15;	Wicklow		1-8		
7th July, Clane:						
Kildare	0-24;	London		1-11		
7th July, Dr Cullen Park:						
Carlow	2-15;	Derry		3-9		

	P	W	D	L	Pts	Diff
Kildare	4	3	0	1	6	+20
Carlow	3	3	0	0	6	+17
Wicklow	3	1	0	2	2	+2
Derry	3	1	0	2	2	-12
London	3	0	0	3	0	-27

CHRISTY RING CUP

An Iarmhí

Dathanna: Marún is Bán

- 1 **MARK BRIDY**
M. Ó Bruaí
(Lough Lene Gaels)
- 2 **CONOR JORDAN**
C. Mac Shiúrtáin
(Raharney)
- 3 **PAUL GREVILLE**
P. Ó Greabháil
(Raharney)
- 4 **NOEL GAVIN**
N. Ó Gáibhín
(St. Oliver Plunkett's)
- 5 **BRIAN MURTAGH**
B. Ó Muireartaigh
(Clonkill)
- 6 **DARREN McCORMACK**
D. Mac Cormac (Capt.)
(Castlepollard)
- 7 **BRIAN CONNAUGHTON**
B. Ó Connachtáin
(Raharney)
- 8 **ENDA LOUGHLIN**
E. Mac Lochlainn
(Clonkill)
- 9 **PADDY DOWDALL**
P. Ó Dúadall
(Clonkill)
- 10 **RONAN WHELAN**
R. Ó Faoláin
(Castletown Geoghegan)
- 11 **JOHN SHAW**
S. Seách
(Raharney)
- 12 **ANDREW MITCHELL**
A. Mistéil
(Clonkill)
- 13 **DEREK McNICHOLAS**
D. Mac Nioclás
(Lough Lene Gaels)
- 14 **DANIEL CARTY**
D. Ó Cáirtaigh
(Lough Lene Gaels)
- 15 **BARRY KENNEDY**
B. Ó Cinnéide
(Castlepollard)

FIR IONAD

- (16) **EÓIN PRICE**
E. Prís
(Clonkill)
- (17) **PAT CLARKE**
P. Ó Cléirigh
(Castletown Geoghegan)
- (18) **BRIAN SMYTH**
B. Mac Gabhann
(Raharney)
- (19) **MARK McNICHOLAS**
M. Mac Nioclás
(Lough Lene Gaels)
- (20) **NIALL KILCOYNE**
N. Mac Giolla Chaoil
(Ringtown)
- (21) **ADAM PRICE**
A. Prís
(Clonkill)
- (22) **CHRISTO MURTAGH**
C. Ó Muireartaigh
(Lough Lene Gaels)
- (23) **JOSEPH CLARKE**
S. Ó Cléirigh
(Lough Lene Gaels)
- (24) **ROBERT JACKSON**
R. Mac Siacais
(Castletown Geoghegan)
- (25) **TOMÁS GILLEN**
T. Ó Gillín
(Culliton)

Roghnoír:
Seamus Qualter (Manager),
Johnny Dooley, John Donoghue

Ciarraí

Dathanna: Uairthne is Ór

- 1 **JOHN HEALY**
S. Ó hÉilí
(Ballyheigue)
- 2 **PÁDRAIG O'GRADY**
P. Ó Grádaigh
(Ballyduff)
- 3 **RÓNÁN O'CONNOR**
R. Ó Conchúir
(Ballyduff)
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(Kilmoyley)
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R. Ó Suilleabháin
(Ballyduff)
- 6 **AIDAN BOYLE**
A. Ó Baoill
(Ballyduff)
- 7 **JOHN GRIFFIN**
S. Ó Griffin
(Lixnaw)
- 8 **LIAM BOYLE**
L. Ó Baoill (Capt.)
(Ballyduff)
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(Abbeydorney)
- (20) **JOHN BERGIN**
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(Dr. Croke's)
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(Lixnaw)
- (22) **TOM CRONIN**
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- (23) **KEIRAN HANAFIN**
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- (27) **KIERAN DINEEN**
C. Ó Duinín
(Abbeydorney)
- (28) **ALAN KELLY**
A. Ó Ceallaigh
(St. Brendan's)

Roghnoír:
Maurice Leahy (Manager),
Mike Casey, Mike Hennessy.

FLANAGAN THE ACE IN WESTMEATH'S REVENGE WIN

Martin Flanagan was an influential figure in ensuring a remarkable change of fortune for Westmeath when they opened their Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior football Qualifiers campaign against Longford at Mullingar last week-end.

Flanagan's confrontation in the middle of the park was a big factor in enabling the Lake County to take a handsome revenge for their shock one goal defeat by Longford six weeks earlier in the opening round of the Leinster championship.

But this was by no means a one-man performance. Westmeath had other trump cards.

They displayed a nice line in points scoring and were well on the road to their revenge win at the interval when they held a commanding seven points lead. They continued to find the points range after the break to earn a handsome 0-18 to 0-9 win.

Denis Glennon was a live-wire in attack, while Dessie Dolan chipped in with six points from frees, and Fergal Wilson also displayed some nice touches. The defence also measured up well, with centre half Donal O'Donoghue, who got on the scoresheet, and John Keane leading by example.

All in all, an impressive return to winning form by Westmeath.

This win is bound to prove a real morale booster as they now bid to go one better than in a 2006 Allianz League Division II semi-final when they lost to Donegal at Kingspan Breffni Park.



Martin Flanagan

2007 LEINSTER CHAMPIONSHIP RECORD

13th May. Longford:

Westmeath 1-13; Longford 2-13.

Scorers: Dessie Dolan 0-5, Denis Glennon 0-4, Martin Flanagan 1-0, Fergal Wilson 0-2, David O'Shaughnessy 0-1, John Connellan 0-1.

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7th July. Mullingar:

Westmeath 0-18; Longford 0-9.

Scorers: Dessie Dolan 0-6, Fergal Wilson 0-4, Denis Glennon 0-4, Donal O' Donoghue 0-1, J. Smith 0-1, Gary Dolan 0-1, John Connellan 0-1.

ALL- IRELAND QUALIFIERS RECORD

2001. Round 1. Wexford Park. A.E.T.

Westmeath 1-19; Wexford 1-19.

Mullingar. Replay.

Westmeath 1-16; Wexford 1-8.

Round 2. Limerick:

Westmeath 0-17; Limerick 0-7.

Round 3. An Uaimh:

Westmeath 1-13; Louth 0-13.

Round 4. Roscommon:

Westmeath 1-14; Mayo 0-16.

2002. Round 1. Casement Park:

Westmeath 0-14; Antrim 1-10.

Round 2. Mullingar:

Westmeath 0-7; Fermanagh 0-14.

2003. Round 1. Clones:

Westmeath 1-9; Monaghan 0-14.

2004. Did not compete.

2005. Round 1. Thurles:

Westmeath 0-12; Tipperary 1-8.

Round 2. Ennis:

Westmeath 0-9; Clare 0-12.

2006. Round 1. Mullingar:

Westmeath 0-20; London 0-8.

Round 2. Mullingar:

Westmeath 0-13; Limerick 1-9.

Round 3. Markievicz Park. A.E.T.

Westmeath 1-12; Sligo 0-14.

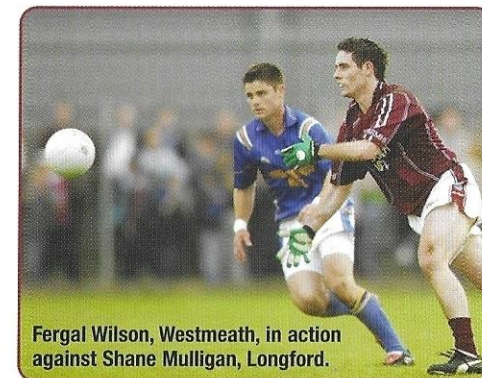
Round 4. Pearse Stadium:

Westmeath 1-8; Galway 0-10.

2007. Round 1. Mullingar:

Westmeath 0-18; Longford 0-9.

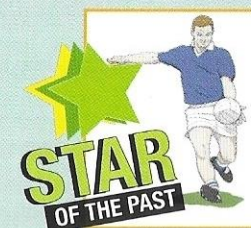
Played 15. Won 11. Drew 1. Lost 3.



Fergal Wilson, Westmeath, in action against Shane Mulligan, Longford.

AN IARMHÍ

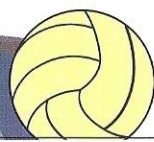
PAT BRADLEY



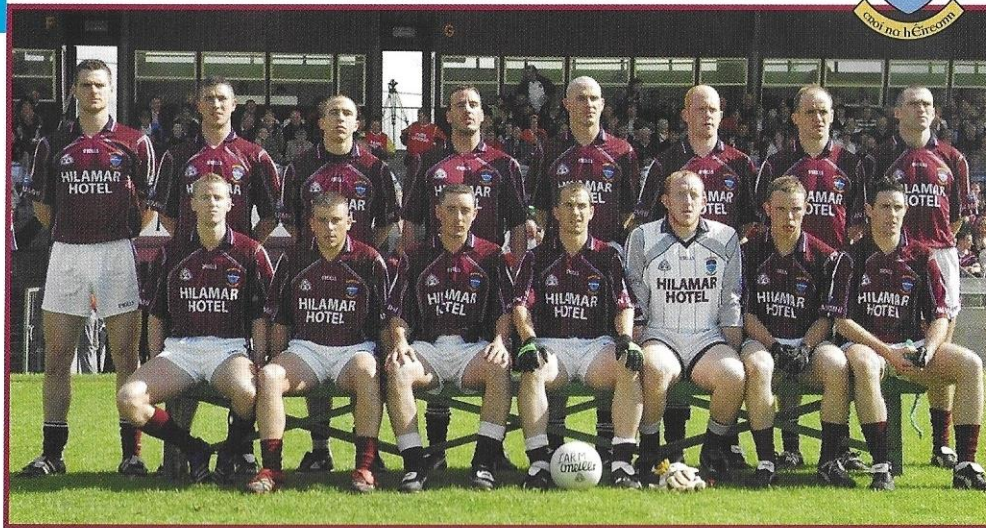
Pat Bradley was a commanding figure in defence in Westmeath's All-Ireland minor football final debut in 1963 when they lost to Kerry. That year he had the rare distinction of playing with the county in practically every grade in both codes.

An accomplished dual player, he achieved a major titles double in 1964 when he won a National Hurling League Division II medal at left half back, and a few months later scored the goal that clinched Westmeath's victory over Carlow in the O'Byrne Cup final at Tullamore.

Bradley lined out at centre half forward in the football summit.

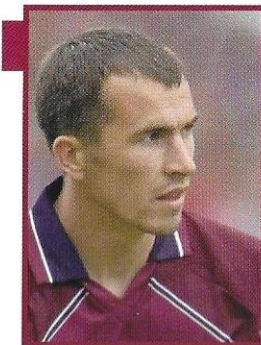


AN IARMHÍ



Front Row (l-r): Denis Glennon, Alan Mangan, Gary Glennon, Des Dolan, Gary Connaughton, Francis O'Boyle, Fergal Wilson.

Back Row (l-r): David Duffy, Gary Dolan, John Keane, Damien Healy, Martin Flanagan, Donal O'Donoghue, John Smyth, Michael Ennis.



An Captaen: Des Dolan

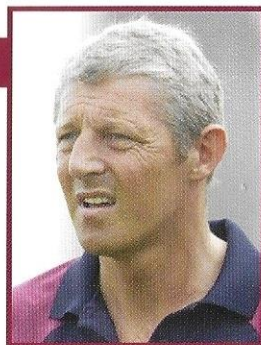
Des Dolan has been a commanding figure with Westmeath for some time. He was prominent in the march to the county's only Leinster senior football title so far in 2004 and scored three points in the final replay win over Laois.

One of the longer serving members of the side, Dolan is a consistent marksman and has been prominently on the scoring target again this season.

An Bainisteoir: Tomás Ó Flatharta

Tomás was assistant team manager when Westmeath won their only Leinster senior title in 2004.

A native of Kerry and a Munster minor medallist in 1978, he guided Westmeath last year to the Allianz National League Division II semi-final, in which they lost to Donegal, and promotion to the premier Division.



QUALIFIER RECORDS AFTER ROUND 1

ROUND 2

	% Success	Games	Win	Loss		% Success	Games	Win	Loss
1 Kerry	100	4	4	0	17 Monaghan	45	11	5	6
2 Dublin	86	7	6	1	18 Cork	40	5	2	3
3 Tyrone	80	10	8	2	19 Carlow	33	9	3	6
4 Westmeath	79	14	11	3	Clare	33	9	3	6
5 Derry	76	17	13	4	Kildare	33	9	3	6
6 Donegal	75	12	9	3	Offaly	33	9	3	6
Armagh	75	8	6	2	23 Cavan	30	10	3	7
8 Fermanagh	71	14	10	4	Limerick	30	10	3	7
Mayo	71	7	5	2	25 Wicklow	25	8	2	6
10 Laois	70	10	7	3	26 Down	22	9	2	7
11 Galway	67	6	4	2	Wexford	22	9	2	7
12 Sligo	62	13	8	5	28 Tipperary	17	6	1	5
Meath	62	13	8	5	29 Antrim	14	7	1	6
14 Louth	54	13	7	6	30 Leitrim	0	7	0	7
15 Roscommon	50	10	5	5	London	0	5	0	5
16 Longford	46	13	6	7	Waterford	0	6	0	6

LAST LEAGUE MEETING...2006

Donegal prevail in semi-final

Donegal 0-14; Westmeath 1-9

As the scoreline suggests this Division 2 semi-final meeting 15 months ago was a closely fought affair with either side more than capable of victory at Breffni Park. However, it was Donegal's frugality up front that eventually carried the day. In the opening quarter there was little between the sides and they were on terms on three occasions. The moving of Dessie Dolan and Denis Glennon out from the full-forward line to the '40' was a less than successful move and the Ulster side had the better of the second quarter to turn over leading by 0-8 to 0-5.

The leaders nursed their advantage through the third quarter

with Westmeath's inability to hit the target undermining their cause. However, a couple of minutes into the final quarter P.J.Ward grabbed the game's only goal following good work by Denis Glennon and Alan Mangan to edge the Lake county a point in front. Donegal's response to adversity was impressive and points by Michael Doherty, Kevin Cassidy and Christy Toye re-established their two-point lead with six minutes remaining. And that was still the difference between the sides at the final whistle.

Donegal scorers: M.Doherty 0-6, K.Cassidy, A.Sweeney 0-2 each, B.Boyle, M.Hegarty, S.McDermott, C.Toye 0-1 each.

Westmeath scorers: D.Dolan 0-8, P.J.Ward 1-0, J.Nugent 0-1.

Dún na nGall – M.Boyle, N.McGee, P.Campbell, K.Lacey, B.Dunnion, E.McGee, K.Cassidy, B.Boyle, N.Gallagher, C.Toye, A.Sweeney, B.Roper, M.Hegarty, J.Gallagher, M.Doherty. Subs – S.McDermott (Sweeney), D.Diver (Dunnion), P.McNulty (J.Gallagher), S.Friel (Roper).

An Iarmhí – G.Connaughton, C.Davey, D.O'Donoghue, J.Keane, M.Ennis, D.Healy, G.Glennon, D.Duffy, D.O'Shaughnessy, J.Nugent, G.Dolan, A.Mangan, P.J.Ward, D.Glennon, D.Dolan. Subs – J.Davitt (Davey), J.Fallon (Nugent).

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AN IARMHÍ

DATHANNA: MARÚN IS BÁN

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SAOR CICEANNA			

1 GARY CONNAUGHTON G. Ó Connachtáin (Tubberclair)		
2 FRANCIS BOYLE P. Ó Baoill (Killucan)	3 DONAL O'DONOGHUE D. Ó Donnchú (Mullingar Shamrocks)	4 JOHN KEANE S. Ó Catháin (Rosemount)
5 DAMIEN HEALY D. Ó hÉilí (Salthill/Knocknacarra)	6 MICHAEL ENNIS M. Ó hAonais (Ballinagore)	7 GARY GLENNON G. Mag Leannáin (St. Loman's, Mullingar)
8 DAVID DUFFY D. Ó Dufaigh (Shandonagh)	9 MARTIN FLANAGAN M. Ó Flannagáin (Tyrrellspass)	
10 FERGAL WILSON F. Mac Liam (Tubberclair)	11 JOHN SMYTH S. Mac Gabhann (The Downs)	12 DENIS GLENNON D. Mag Leannáin (Tyrrellspass)
13 ALAN MANGAN A. Ó Mongáin (St. Malachy's)	14 GARY DOLAN G. Ó Dúláin (Garrycastle)	15 DES DOLAN D. Ó Dúláin (Capt.) (Garrycastle)

FIR IONAD

(16) CATHAL MULLIN C. Ó Maoláin (Garrycastle)	(19) JOHN CONNELLAN S. Ó Connalláin (Athlone)	(22) PETER TORMEY P. Ó Tormaigh (Bunbrosna)	(25) FRANCIS SPOLLEN P. Mac Spealáin (Tubberclair)	(28) ANDREW WHITNEY A. de Fhuilnigh (Bunbrosna)
(17) DAVID O'SHAUGHNESSY D. Ó Seachnasaigh (Garrycastle)	(20) ALAN RIGNEY A. Ó Roigne (Tyrrellspass)	(23) JEFFREY FARRELL S. Ó Fearail (Tubberclair)	(26) JOHN GAFFEY S. Mac Gaibhidh (Garrycastle)	(29) MICHAEL GREENE M. Ó hUaine (Athlone)
(18) KIERAN GAVIN C. Ó Gaibhín (Mullingar Shamrocks)	(21) JAMES DAVITT S. Ó Daibhéad (St. Loman's, Mullingar)	(24) GREG CROWLEY G. Ó Grialaoich (The Downs)	(27) CIARÁN KILMURRAY C. Mac Giolla Mhuire (St. Loman's, Mullingar)	

ROIGNÓIRÍ

Tomás Ó Flatharta (Manager) Paul Conway, Eamon Gallagher.

DÚN na nGALL

DATHANNA: UAITHNE IS BÁN



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1 PAUL DURCAN P. Ó Dircáin (Na Ceithre Máistrí)		
2 NEIL McGEE N. Mac Aoidh (Gaoth Dobhair)	3 PADDY CAMPBELL P. Mac Cathmhaoil (Naomh Conall)	4 KARL LACEY C. de Léis (Na Ceithre Máistrí)
5 FRANK MCGLYNN P. Mag Fhlionn (Gleann Fhinne)	6 BARRY MONAGHAN B. Ó Mannacháin (Na Ceithre Máistrí)	7 NIALL MCCREADY N. Mac Riada (Aodh Ruadh B/S)
8 NEIL GALLAGHER N. Ó Gallchóir (Capt.) (Gleann tSúilí)	9 KEVIN CASSIDY C. Ó Cásaide (Gaoth Dobhair)	
10 RYAN BRADLEY R. Ó Brolcháin (Buncranaigh)	11 MICHAEL HEGARTY M. Ó hÉigheartaigh (Cill Chartha)	12 RORY KAVANAGH R. Ó Caomhánach (Naomh Adhamhnán)
13 KEVIN McMENAMIN C. Mac Meanman (An Tearmain)	14 MICHAEL MURPHY M. Ó Murchú (Gleann tSúilí)	15 BRENDAN DEVENNEY B. Ó Duibheannaigh (Naomh Adhamhnán)

FIR IONAD

(16) MICHAEL BOYLE M. Ó Baoill (An Tearmainn)	(19) PADDY MCCONIGLEY P. Mac Congaile (Gaeil Fhanáda)	(22) JOE FRIEL S. Ó Fril (Cloch Cheann Fhaola)	(25) CONAL DUNNE C. Ó Duinn (Naomh Adhamhnán)	(28) BENNY BYRNE B. Ó Broin (Na Ceithre Máistrí)
(17) THOMAS DONOGHUE T. Ó Donnchú (Naomh Conall)	(20) SHANE MOLLOY S. Ó Maolmhuaidh (Na Cealla Beaga)	(23) CHRISTY TOYE C. Ó Tuathaigh (Naomh Mícheál)	(26) JOHNNY McLOONE S. Mac Giolla Uain (Naomh Conall)	(29) BRIAN ROPER B. Ó Roipear (Aodh Ruadh B/S)
(18) EAMON MCGEE E. Mac Aoidh (Gaoth Dobhair)	(21) STEPHEN McDERMOTT S. Mac Diarmada (Gleann Fhinne)	(24) CIARÁN BONNER C. Ó Cnámhíní (Gleann tSúilí)	(27) MICHAEL DOHERTY M. Ó Dochartaigh (Na Ceithre Máistrí)	(30) ADRIAN SWEENEY A. Mac Suibhne (An Clochán Liath)

ROIGNÓIRÍ

Brian Mac Iomaire (Manager), Proinsias Ó Máirtín, Piarais Ó Choill, Mícheál Ó Ceallaigh.

LATE, LATE POINTS SENT DONEGAL THROUGH

Donegal added another chapter to the story of late, late wins in the Bank of Ireland All-Ireland football Qualifiers when points from substitutes Stephen McDermott and Eamonn McGee secured victory in extra time over Leitrim at Carrick-on-Shannon last week-end.

Coming up to the end of normal time the Ulster county looked on course for their place in the second round when they led by three points, but a Leitrim goal with virtually the last kick of the game sent the game into extra time.

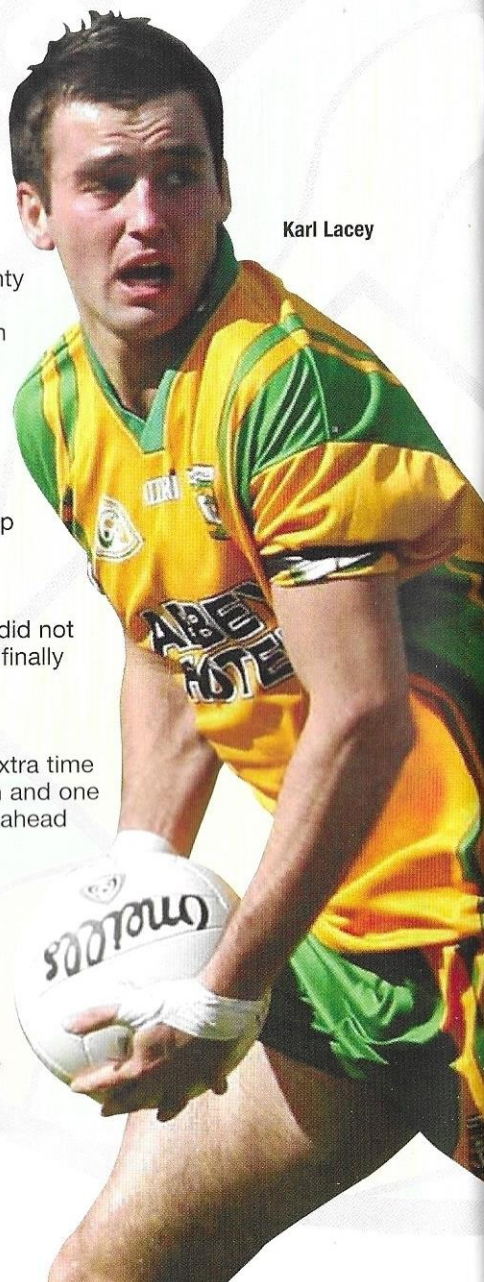
The visitors started slowly but a fine penalty save by goalkeeper Paul Durcan boosted morale and soon after right half forward Michael Murphy goaled to help Donegal to an interval lead of 1-5 to 0-6.

The Northerners fared better in the second half, but did not get more than three points clear at any stage before finally being caught by that late Leitrim goal.

Donegal regained the initiative in the first period of extra time with two points from left half forward Rory Kavanagh and one by substitute Christy Toye putting them three points ahead again.

Leitrim came back at them again but then came those late points from McDermott and McGee to seal a hard-earned 1-16 to 1-14 win.

While Durcan, with his penalty save, and goal scorer Murphy made vital contributions to the success, Karl Lacey was also a very influential figure with his quality play in the full back line.



Karl Lacey

2007 ULSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP RECORD 27th May. Ballybofey:

Donegal 1-9; Armagh 1-8.
Scorers: Colm McFadden 0-6, Brendan Devenney 1-0, Christy Toye 0-1, Adrian Sweeney 0-1, Patrick McConigley 0-1.

17th June. Clones:

Donegal 1-7; Tyrone 2-15.
Scorers: Kevin Cassidy 1-0, Brendan Devenney 0-2, Ciaran Bonner 0-2, Kevin McMenamin 0-1, Rory Kavanagh 0-1, Colm McFadden 0-1.

2007 ALL-IRELAND QUALIFIER

7th July. Carrick-on-Shannon:

Donegal 1-16; Leitrim 1-14.
Scorers: Michael Murphy 1-1, Brendan Devenney 0-3, Kevin McMenamin 0-3, Michael Hegarty 0-2, Rory Kavanagh 0-2, Ryan Bradley 0-2, Eamonn McGee 0-1, Stephen McDermott 0-1, Christy Toye 0-1.

ALL-IRELAND QUALIFIERS RECORD

2001. Round 1. Enniskillen:
Donegal 0-15; Fermanagh 1-6.

Round 2. Droichead Nua:
Donegal 1-16; Kildare 1-17.

2002. Round 4. Croke Park:
Donegal 1-13; Meath 0-14.

2003. Round 1. Ballybofey:

Donegal 1-17; Longford 1-11.

Round 2. Ballybofey:

Donegal 0-16; Sligo 0-11.

Round 3. Croke Park:

Donegal 2-19; Tipperary 0-15.

Round 4. Clones:

Donegal 3-15; Down 2-10.

2004. Round 4. Clones:

Donegal 0-12; Fermanagh 1-10.

2005. Round 1. Arklow:

Donegal 0-16; Wicklow 0-12.

Round 2. Cavan:

Donegal 1-10; Cavan 1-11.

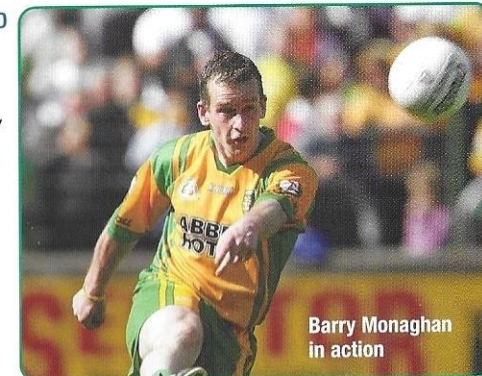
2006. Round 4. Enniskillen:

Donegal 0-11; Fermanagh 0-8.

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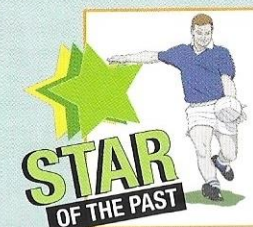
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Barry Monaghan in action

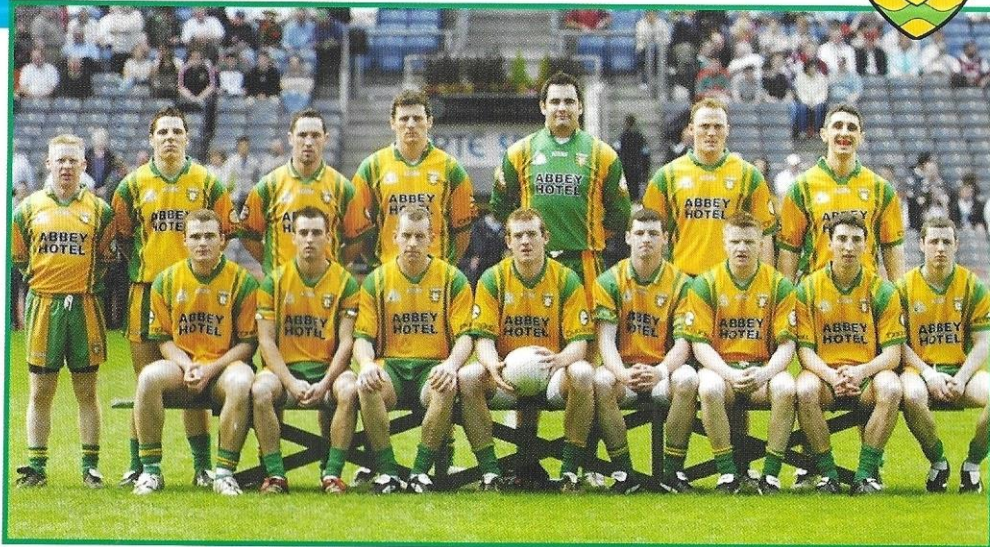
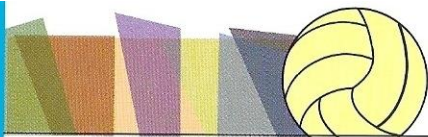
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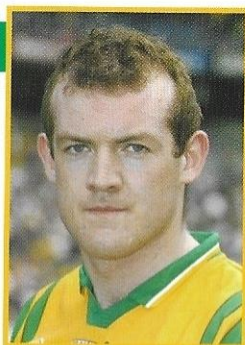
Donal Monaghan was a stalwart right full back in the Donegal team that won the Ulster senior title for the first time in 1972 and filled the same position two years later when the county regained the provincial crown.

A cool, dependable defender, he was honoured by the All Stars selectors in 1974.

Monaghan played minor, junior and under-21 football with Donegal. A member of the Donegal Town club, he made his senior intercounty debut in 1969.



Back Row (l-r): B. Roper, K. Cassidy, B. Devenney, C. Toye, P. Durcan, C. McFadden, P. Campbell.
Front Row (l-r): N. McGee, R. Leacy, B. Monaghan, N. Gallagher, C. Bonner, P. McGonigley, M. Hegarty, B. Dunnion.



An Captain: Neil Gallagher

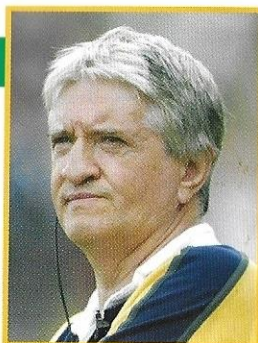
Neil played a big part with his good midfield play and leadership as team captain in Donegal's march earlier this year to their first Allianz National Football League title.

A regular in the side for the past few seasons, Gallagher, who is over 6ft tall, is a high fielder and hard worker. Last year he was to the fore in the county's march to the All-Ireland quarter-final, in which they lost to Cork.

An Bainisteoir: Brian McIver

Last year Brian marked his first season as Donegal team manager by guiding the county to promotion to Division I of the Allianz League on the way to becoming runners-up for the Division II title.

A native of Tyrone, he achieved AIB All-Ireland club success as a manager in 2002 with Ballinderry, Derry.



JOHN DOYLE SETS AN IMPRESSIVE SCORING HEADLINE

John Doyle
(Cill Dara)



John Doyle has set forwards an impressive target to aim at in the remaining games in the Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior football Qualifiers by scoring 1-8 in Kildare's winning start against Roscommon at Dr. Hyde Park last week-end.

This is still well down on the top score for the Qualifiers at 2-10 recorded by Mattie Forde (Wexford) against Offaly at Wexford Park in 2004, but is still a noteworthy return.

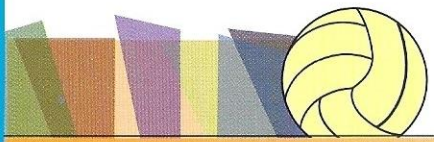
No forward came close to the Doyle scoreline in the other first round matches. Four players share second place on 0-7—Conor Mortimer (Mayo) against Cavan, Ciarán Duignan (Leitrim) against Donegal in a game that went to extra time, Aidan Carr (Down) against Meath and Michael Reidy for Limerick against Louth.

Dermot McCabe is also on the seven points overall total with 1-4 for Cavan against Mayo. Other leading returns were 0-6 each achieved by both Dessie Dolan (Westmeath) and Brian Kavanagh (Longford) in the meeting of the counties at Mullingar.

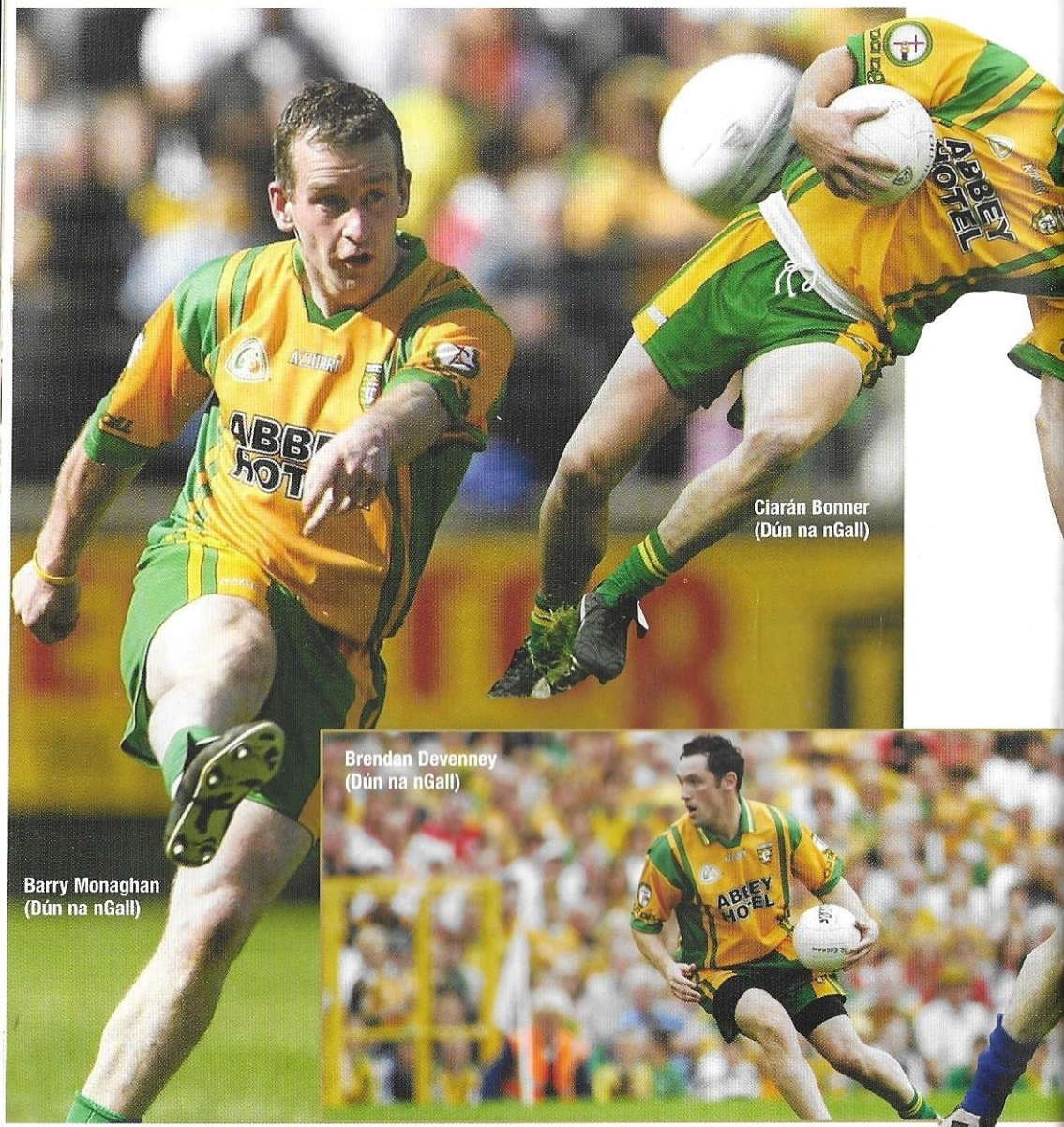
Alan Dillon (Mayo), Paddy Bradley (Derry) with 0-5 each, and Pádraig O'Neill (Kildare) with 1-2 complete the premier positions.



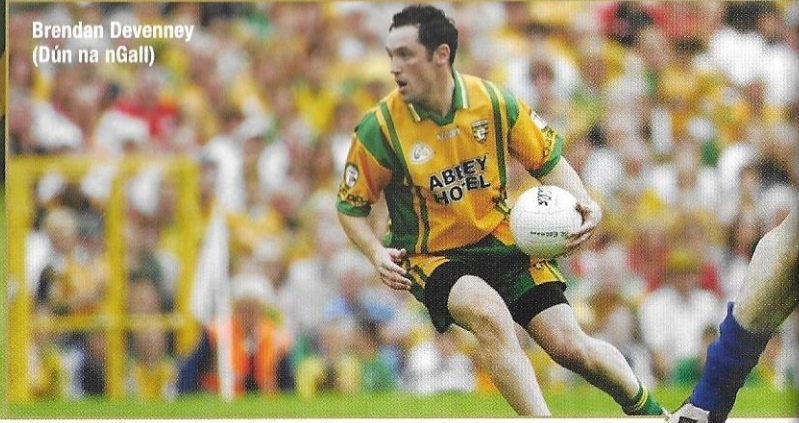
Mattie Forde
(Loch Garman)



ACTION FROM ROUND 1

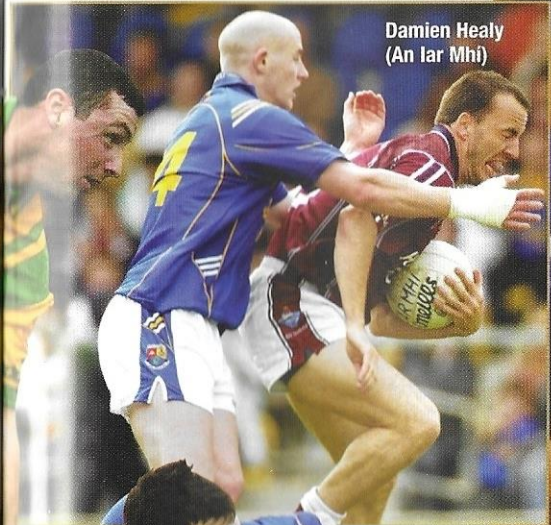


Ciarán Bonner
(Dún na nGall)

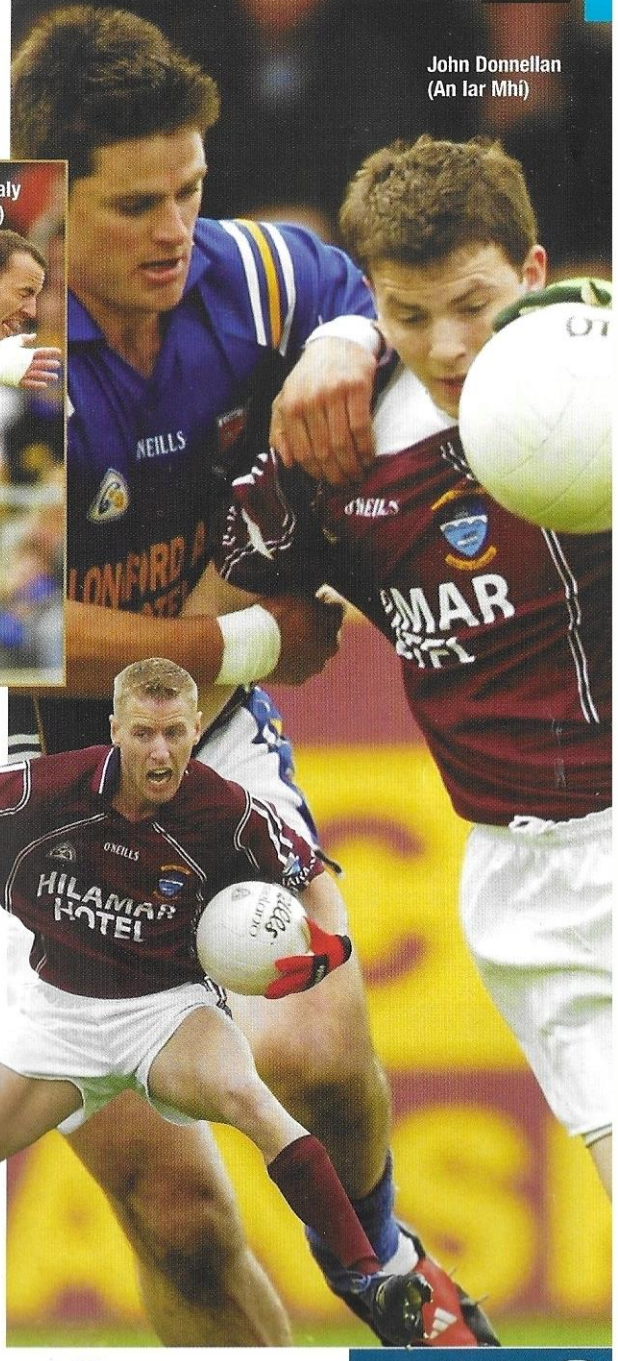


Brendan Devenney
(Dún na nGall)

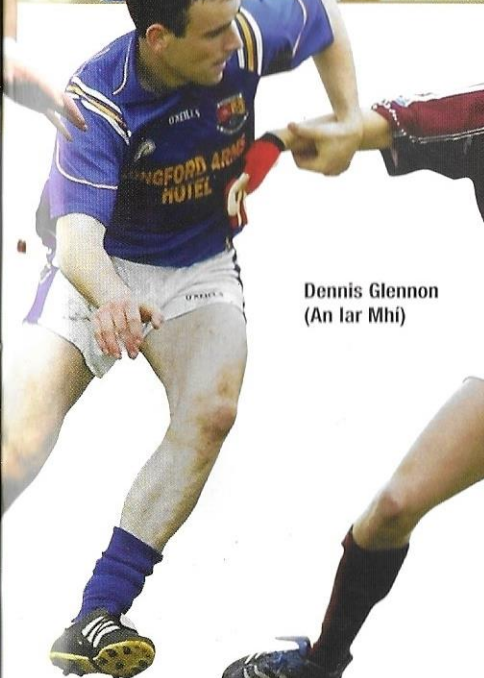
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(Dún na nGall)



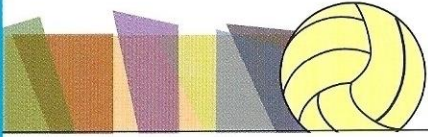
Damien Healy
(An Iar Mhí)



John Donnellan
(An Iar Mhí)



Dennis Glennon
(An Iar Mhí)



BACK IN TIME... 1987

Dún na nGall

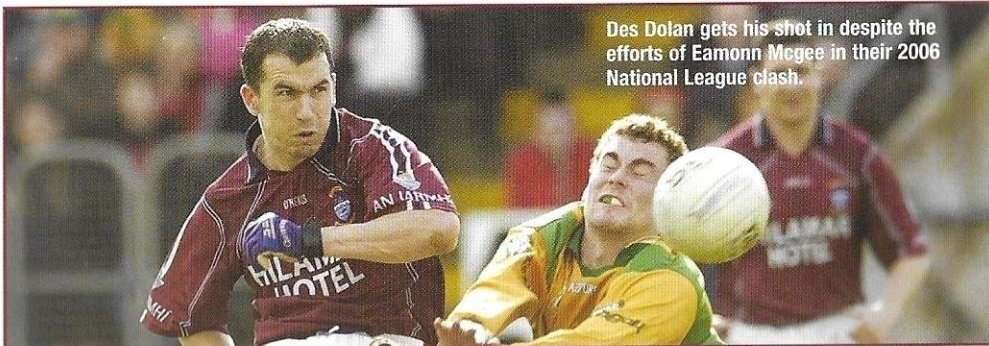
Even the advantage of a home venue failed to inspire an insipid home side at Ballybofey against Armagh. Donegal were early in trouble in an error-ridden contest and if the conditions contributed substantially to the many elementary errors that disfigured this game, it was only too obvious that with a few exceptions most of the contestants did not have the ability to lift an encounter that staggered along for most of the 70 minutes. From the off Armagh were in control and had the afternoon's first four scores. The scoring rate slowed down subsequently but at the break the visitors still had six points in hand – 1-5 to 0-2. The second period meandered along in much the same vein as the first and any realistic hopes of a comeback ended when the home side were reduced to 14 men in the third quarter. At the final whistle Donegal were five points shy of Armagh – 0-6 to 1-8.

An Iar Mhí

Taking on Dublin at any time over the previous decade was a king-sized operation for any team and being drawn against them in the opening round was the contest Westmeath least wanted. The Metropolitans came into the game with a good form line after their National League final win over Kerry and their ambition to regain the provincial title from Meath was an added incentive. It appeared as if the Lake county was in for a bleak afternoon, but in the opening half there was a suggestion, indeed more than a suggestion, that the underdogs were capable of matching Dublin. The first half saw Dublin struggle to get a grip on proceedings and at the break they led by just a couple of points – 0-6 to 0-4. However, Westmeath was unable to maintain their form in the second period and as they conceded free after free Dublin edged out of sight, eventually winning by 0-14 to 0-5.

A PODIUM POSITION

Should Westmeath defeat Donegal today, they will join Tyrone in third position in the list of the most successful counties in the qualifiers. Currently Kerry are way out in front with a 100% record, while Dublin's record at 86% is also out of reach. However, Tyrone currently lie third with an 80% success rate and the Lake county (currently fourth) would join the Ulster outfit on that mark should they win against Donegal. However, Donegal also have ambitions of their own and should they defeat Westmeath they will leapfrog the Leinster side into fourth position and close to within three percentage points of Tyrone.



Des Dolan gets his shot in despite the efforts of Eamonn Meege in their 2006 National League clash.

DONEGAL & WESTMEATH... A LEAGUE CONNECTION

It is hardly surprising that Donegal and Westmeath have no championship background as it took both counties many years to make an impression in the premier competition. Donegal, of course, have chalked up one All-Ireland final triumph while it is only as recently as 2004 that the Lake county emerged from Leinster for the first time.

When Donegal took Ulster honours for the first time in 1972 it was their third provincial final appearance; the previous two came in 1963 and '66 when they lost out to Down on both occasions. Westmeath's first provincial final appearance came in 1931 when they lost to Kildare and they also lost next time in the decider to Meath in 1949. The Lake county had to wait a long time for the provincial breakthrough.

With the advent of the qualifiers Westmeath's horizons have broadened to include meetings with Antrim, Fermanagh and Monaghan while they also faced Derry in the All-Ireland quarter/final. However, today's encounter with Donegal will be their first in the senior championship.

But if the premier competition is devoid of background, the same cannot be said of the National League in which the

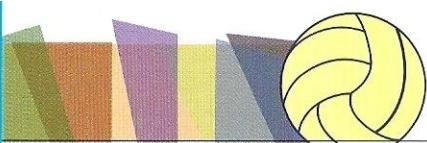
counties have come face-to-face on a number of occasions. Not that they could be described as great rivals in the league and for more than 40 years from its inception in 1926 their paths did not cross even once. It wasn't until the 1970/71 season, 12 months before Donegal took Ulster honours for the first time, that the sides met for the first time.

On the verge of provincial success it might be expected that Donegal would have too much in hand for Westmeath, but in the fourth round at Mullingar the home side recorded a comfortable 4-10 to 2-7 win. And just a year later Westmeath travelled to Ballyshannon and were even more emphatic winners by 3-13 to 1-3. In the 1974/75 season the Midlanders made it three out of three when they again won at Ballyshannon, albeit by just two points.

Three remarkable wins then for the Lake county at a time when Donegal were making considerable advances on the championship scene. But their run of success came to an end in the 1974/75 season when Donegal won at Ballyshannon by 3-11 to 1-7. Since then Donegal have been in command of the series and their win 15 months ago in the Division 2 semi/final was their sixth in ten meetings with Westmeath.



PROVEN IN LABORATORY CONDITIONS



Musical Solution to the Air Horns Menace

By Norman Freeman (The Squinting Eye)

"Air horns are not permitted inside the grounds." The notices are everywhere but that does not stop a certain type of GAA follower from sounding like Gabriel gone mad blowing his horn on Judgement Day.

And on and on goes the ear splitting sound from start to finish of the game. If you are unfortunate enough to be beside one of the horn-blowers you could end up in the Eye and Ear Hospital in Dublin, having your ears examined by a specialist. "Can you hear me?" shouts the consultant, enunciating his words with exaggerated lip movements. "Your ear-drums have taken a bad hammering."

Some people have become so incensed at the excruciating air-horn hazard that they have formed the Society for the Prevention of Air-Horns (SPA). They have set up a website. The society had its first meeting at the Montague Hotel outside Portlaoise.

First of all, they tried to establish a profile of the habitual horn-blower. It was quite clear from all the anecdotal experience that their ages were usually from early teens to early twenties, with males predominating on a three to one scale. However, there were also some grizzled veterans who used horns because their vocal chords had been eroded by alcohol and tobacco.

"It's the retailers who sell the horns to those selling hats and colours who should be targeted," roared one impassioned fellow whose horn-coarsened hearing can no longer enjoy the gentle whisper of the wind in the willows. He came up with an aggressive plan. The retailers would be identified. They would be sent letters asking them to cease selling the noisy klaxons. If they ignored this request then their homes would be located. At three o'clock in the morning a group from SPAH would stand outside the house and start blowing air-horns, only scampering away when all the lights in the house came on and the Garda squad car was likely to be speeding towards them.

Many in the gathering felt uneasy about such a plan. They could end up in court, their names all over the local newspapers and the radio. Then a young woman, whose mother's ears had only recently recovered from an aural

pummelling by a group of air-horn artistes at a club match, came up with an imaginative suggestion.

A former member of the National Youth Orchestra, she proposed that horn-blowers would get incentives to voluntarily surrender their horns to members of SPAH at stalls set up inside the grounds. Announcements to that effect would be made regularly over the public address system.

First of all, the horn-blowers would have a choice of free CDs. Some would be of brass bands, including the Army No 1, the Artane band and the Garda band. There would be CD's of the most famous horn-blowers of all time, including Louis Armstrong, Bix Biederbeck and Johnny Carroll from Tuam. There would also be CD's featuring great trombonists like Tommy Dorsey, Glen Miller and Paddy Ryan of the Aherlow Swing Band. In addition to these free CDs, they could, if they wished, have their names entered for a musical draw. The chosen twenty-five would be given free tuition in any of the brass instruments, including the trumpet, tuba, trombone and French horn.

Members of SPAH were so taken by these sensible and positive suggestions that they were willing to make financial contributions not alone to implement them but, in addition, to support converted horn-blowers in establishing their own brass band. What a marvellous thing it would be, they said, to see the newly-formed St Gabriel's brass band leading the teams round the field before the throw in or entertaining the spectators before the game and at half time

This band could play rousing pieces like *Slattery's Mounted Foot*, *The March from Suite No 1 in E Flat* by Gustav Holst and that great march by John Philip Souza, *National Emblem*, that was so popular with US infantry in World War II.

What applause from spectators! No one would shout or clap louder than the members of SPAH or indeed any match-goer who had suffered from the air-horn peril in the past. If only it could happen!

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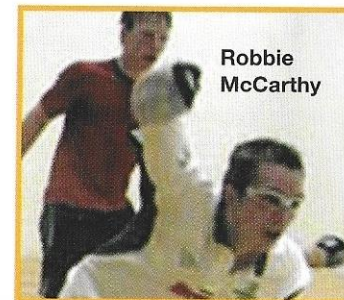


ROUND 2

McCarthy makes All-Ireland quarter-final

Westmeath's Robbie McCarthy booked his quarter-final place in the 60x30 All-Ireland championships when he defeated Limerick's Paul Hedderman last weekend. This is McCarthy's first year competing on the senior circuit, having taken the Intermediate Softball All-Ireland title last year to complete a 40x20, 60x30 double.

In his clash with Hedderman, the Mullingar native dominated both games with the Limerick man unable to contain the sheer power of McCarthy. The first game finished 21-7, with McCarthy going on to finish the second game 21-10. He now faces Wicklow's Michael Gregan in what is set to be close affair.



Robbie McCarthy

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Bóthar ag Giorrú

Le Babhta 2 dena cluichí cáilithe ar siúl an deireadh seachtaine seo tá an rás do Sam ar siúl i ndáiríre agus nuair a bheid deireadh le haicsean an lae inniu ní bheid ach dhá fhoireann déag fágtha san iomaíocht. Rachaidh buaiteoirí an lae inniu i ngleic le neasóirí na gcúigí an deireadh seachtaine seo chugainn agus tabharfaidh buaiteoirí na gcluichí sin aghaidh ar churaidh na gcúigí sna cluichí ceathrúceannais. Sea, tá an rás ag druidim chun deireadh agus brú ar gach éinne fanacht ann chomh fada agus is féidir.

If cinnte go mbeidh coimhlintí den scoth againn arís inniu ar fud na tíre. Bhí bua iontach ag Doire an tseachtaine seo chaite in aghaidh ceann dena foirne a bhí mar rogha na núdar don Chraobhchomórtas i mblana. Tháinig siad aniar aduaidh ar fhir an Ullóird agus bhí an bua tuille go maith acu gan amhras. Bhí Kevin McCloy agus Seán Marty Lockhart sna cúlaithe ar fheabhas. Inniu, áfach, tá dúshlán ollmhór eile rompu amach nuair a thiofáidh neasóirí na bliana seo chaite cuairt orthu. Beidh buntáiste bhaile acu ceart go leor, ach cuirfear scrúdú dian eile orthu. Ní, fheadar an mbeidh siad réidh do chluiche cruaidh eile taobh istigh de sheacht lá. Sin í an cheist agus, cé go bhfuil an-taithí ag fir John O Mahony, ceaptar go bhfuil na himreoirí ag Doire chun an ceann seo a bhaint.

Bhí lucht leanta Thír Chonaill rí-shásta nuair a d'éirigh lena laochra a goeád sraith náisiunta a bhuaichaint i mblana. Bhíodar an-dóchasach go ndéanfaidís éacht i gCraobhchomórtas Uladh chomh maith. Chloí Ard Mhacha iad

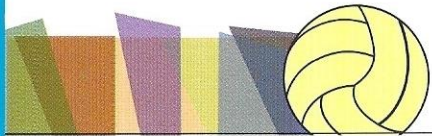
[1-9 do 1-8] ach thug Tír Eoghain leasadh ceart dóibh [2-15 do 1-7]. Chuir

Liatroim fíor-scrúdú orthu an tseachtain seo chaite agus anois beidh orthu aghaidh a thabhairt ar an larmhí mar a rinne siad anuraidh. Tá fadhbanna acu le gortuithe agus caithfidh go bhfuil siad an-tuirseach. Tá deis iontach ag lucht na hIarmhí um thráthnóna agus ceaptar go dtaipeoidh siad an deis sin.

Bíonn sé deacair i gcónaí fáil reidh le Ríogaigh na Mí. Beidh siad san iomaíocht le Fear Manach inniu agus dóchas ag a lucht leanta fós go mbeidh samhradh fada rompu. Chloí Na Tuaisceartaigh iad cheana sna babhtai cáilithe agus beidh ar fhir Colm Coyle bheith san airdeall um thráthnóna. Bhí an lámh in uachtar ag Fear Manach ar Loch Garman an tseachtain seo chaite agus bhí Barry Owens ar fheabhas dóibh mar is gnách. Chloí Na Ríogaigh An Dún an tseachtain seo chaite ach bhí na Tuaisceartaigh dona go leor. Tá feabhas ag teacht ar an Mhí le gach cluiche agus ceaptar go dtógfaidh siad céim eile ar aghaidh inniu.

Ní bheidh sé éasca do mhuintir Lú teastail do Droichead Nua chun bualadh le Cill Dara. Bhí bua maith ag na fir Iárláir ar Ros Comáin, a bhí leamh go leor, le John Doyle in ard a mhaitheasa arís agus tháisteal foireann Eamon McEaney ó dheas le tabhairt faoi Luimneach. Tá an dá fhoireann seo traochta faoin am seo agus ceaptar go bhfuil Cill Dara ag brath ró-mhór ar John Doyle. Le cúigear imithe ó fhoireann Lú le cúpla seachtain anuas, caithfidh go bhfuil pinéal láidir acu. Seans maith go mbeidh an lá leo inniu.

Cad iad na foirne, mar sin, a bheidh fós san iomaíocht nuair a dhéantar an tarraingt don bhabhta cháilithe deireanach? Moltar Doire, An Iarmhí, An Mhí agus An Lú. Níl deireadh le haicsean drámáitíl an tsamhraidh go fóill. Níl sé ach ag tosnú i ndáiríre.

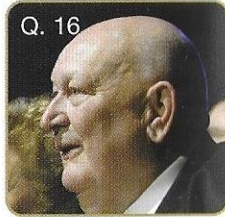


Fiche Ceist

- Galway won the All-Ireland senior football title in 2001, the year of the inaugural Qualifiers, after losing a Connacht semi-final that year. What county beat the Tribesmen in the West?
- How many Ulster counties appeared in last year's All-Ireland senior quarter-finals?
- Westmeath beat Galway in Round 4 in last year's Qualifiers. Where was that game played?
- Did Longford score a goal against Kerry in Round 4 in last year's series at Killarney?
- Only one of last year's quarter-finals featured two counties from the same province. Name the counties involved.
- Pictured here is the footballer who led Galway back from their 2001 Connacht defeat to the Sam Maguire Cup. Who is he?
- Brian Crowe (Cavan) refereed a Sam Maguire Cup tie last year for the first or second time?
- What county ended Derry's interest in last year's All-Ireland Qualifiers in Round 3?
- This referee was on duty last Sunday in the opening round of the All-Ireland Qualifiers. Who is he?



- Tyrone played eight, nine or ten games on the way to their Sam Maguire Cup win of 2005. Your choice!
- What was the first county eliminated from this year's provincial senior championships?
- Who was the first player presented with the winners' trophy after a provincial senior football final this year?
- In what year did a county last make a successful defence of the Sam Maguire Cup?
- Who was earlier this month named as the Vodafone G.A.A. Footballer of the Month for June?
- When did a Leinster county last win the Sam Maguire Cup?
- Who is the former President of the G.A.A. pictured here?
- Who refereed last year's All-Ireland minor football final—Tomás Quigley (Dublin), Syl Doyle (Wexford) or Marty Duffy (Sligo). Your choice!
- Name the venue for last year's All-Ireland minor football final replay.
- Monaghan qualified this year for their first Ulster senior football final in how many years?
- Did Meath reach the 2001 All-Ireland senior football final through the Qualifiers?



Freagraí

1. Roscommon. 2. Two—Donegal and Armagh. 3. Pearse Stadium. 4. Yes. They scored one goal. 5. Dublin and Westmeath. 6. Gary Fahy. 7. First time. 8. Longford at Longford. 9. Michael Hughes (Tyrone). 10. Ten. 11. Westmeath, who lost to Longford in the opening round in Leinster. 12. Declan O'Sullivan (Kerry). 13. 1990 when Cork completed the double? 14. Brian Dooher (Tyrone). 15. 1999 when Meath beat Cork. 16. Jack Boothman (Wicklow). 17. Syl Doyle. 18. Cusack Park, Ennis. 19. Nineteen years. 20. No. They won the Leinster title, beat Westmeath in a replay in an All-Ireland quarter-final and Kerry in the semi-final.

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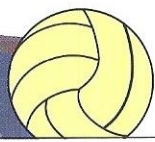


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Who Am I?

Can you identify each player from each clue provided below?

1. This footballer last month, in a provincial semi-final, produced what many regard as the best individual performance of the year so far.
2. Scored six fine points for Galway in their Connacht senior football semi-final win over Leitrim in June.
3. Scorer of one of the most dramatic levelling points in this year's provincial senior football championship.
4. This goalkeeper did not concede a goal in his first two games in this year's Leinster senior football championship.
5. The Sligo-New York Connacht game was only twenty seconds old when this footballer scored a goal.



Minor Scene

1. The Leinster minor football title was won last year by Dublin, Meath or Offaly. Your choice!
2. How many points had Cork to spare over Kerry in the Munster minor football final early in July—four, five or six?
3. Name the county that qualified for a provincial minor football final this year for the first time ever.
4. What county lost to Derry in an Ulster minor football semi-final this season?
5. A Munster county has not won the All-Ireland minor football title since 2000. Was that success recorded by Cork or Kerry?

Club Time

Listed below are six well-known intercounty senior footballers and six clubs. Can you match each player with the correct club?

Anthony Moyles Bryan Cullen Matty Forde Michael Meehan Darragh Ó Sé Conor Mortimer



Shrule-Glencorrib Kilanerin An Ghaeltacht Blackhall Gaels Skerries Harps Caltra

Find The Missing Word

1. Paddy.....from Tipperary is one of the most experienced referees in the country.
2. Sligo had a good win over..... in their Bank of Ireland Connacht senior football championship semi-final in June.
3. Donegal made a winning start to this year's Ulster senior football championship at.....
4. A man refereed this year's Munster senior football championship final.
5. James.....was second highest scorer nationwide in last year's senior football championship chart.

Freagraí

Who Am I? 1. Brian Doohan (Tyronne) against Donegal. 2. Nicky Joyce (Galway). 3. Cian Ward (Meath) against Dublin in the Leinster senior championship. 4. Fergal Byron (Laois). 5. Eamonn O'Hara (Sligo). Minor Scene 1. Meath. 2. Five. 3. Carlow. 4. Monaghan. 5. Cork. Club Time Anthony Moyles—Blackhall Gaels. Bryan Cullen—Skerries Harps. Matty Forde—Kilanerin. Michael Meehan—Caltra. Darragh Ó Sé—An Ghaeltacht. Conor Mortimer—Shrule-Glencorrib. Find The missing Word 1. Russell. 2. Roscommon. 3. Ballybofey. 4. Sligo. (Marty Duffy). 5. Masters (Cork).

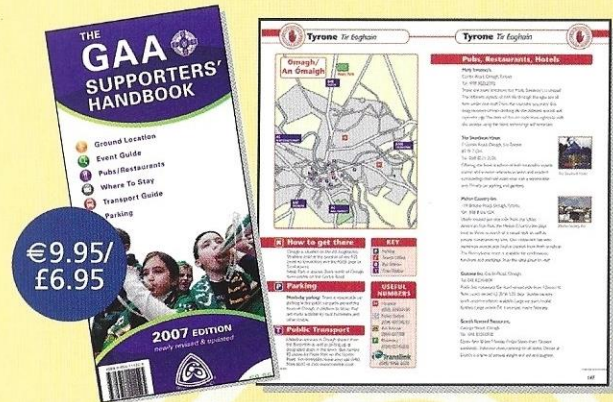


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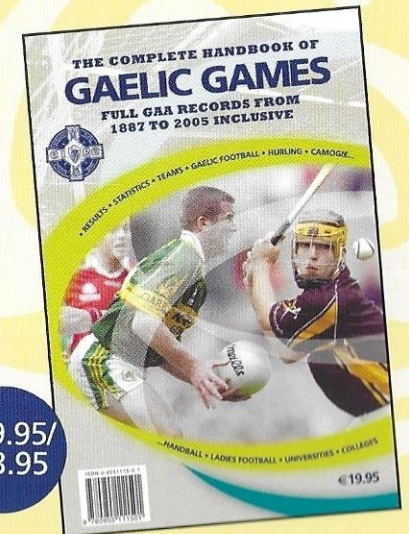


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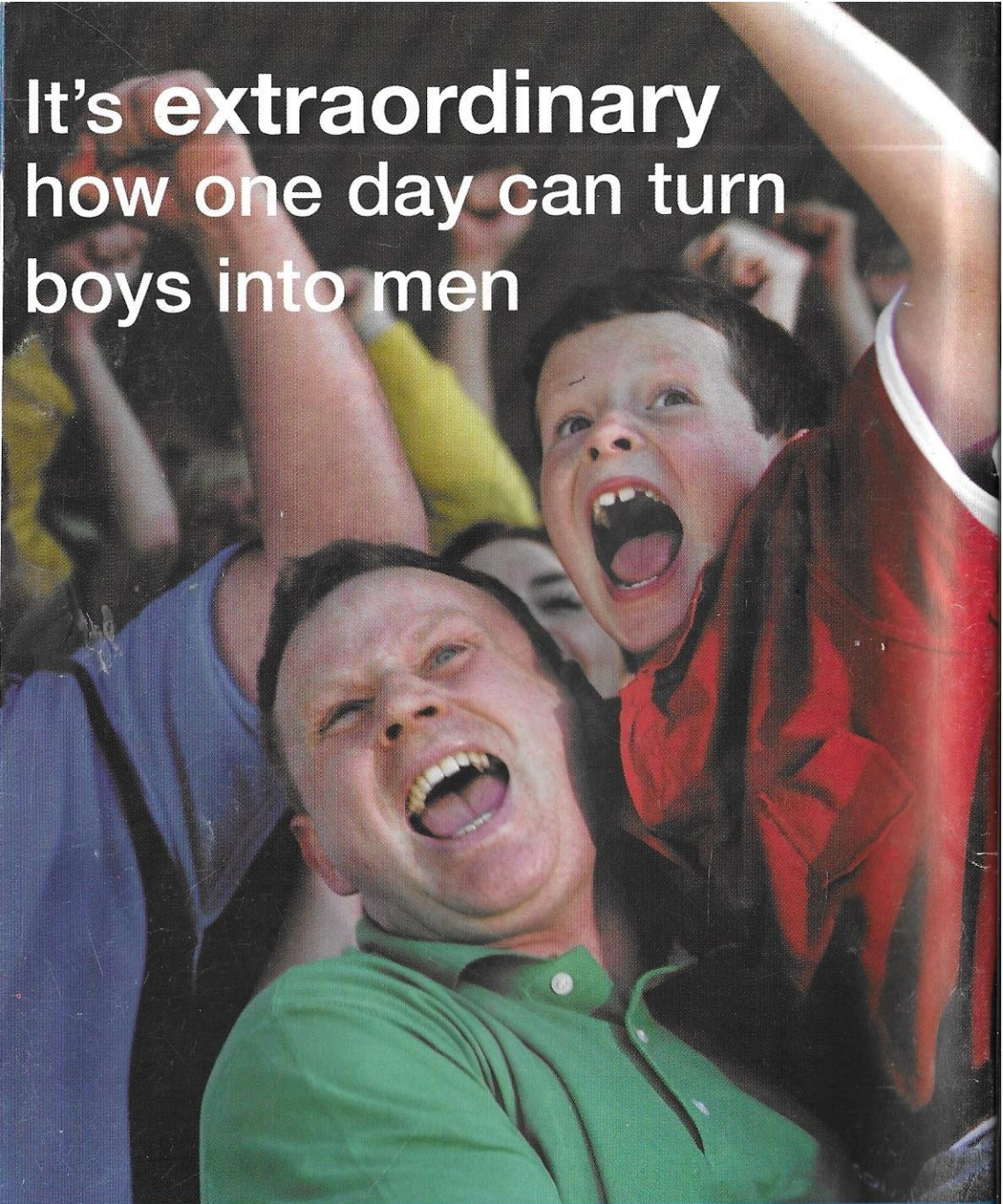
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