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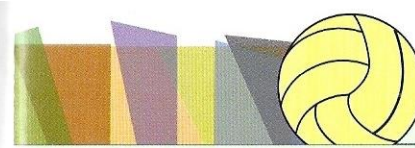
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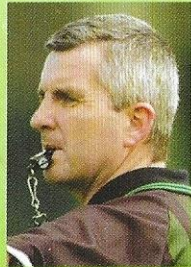
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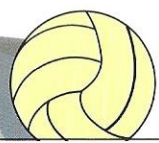
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FIRST ROUND RESULTS 7TH & 8TH JULY, 2007

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

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SECOND ROUND — 14th JULY, 2007

Derry @ 3:30 DOIRE	2	13	MAIGH EO	1	6
Droichead Nua @ 7.00 CILL DARA	1	10	AN LÚ	1	16
Mullingar @ 7.00 AN IARMHÍ	1	8	DÚN NA NGALL	1	13
An Uaimh @ 7.00 AN MHÍ	0	11	FEAR MANACH	0	9

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THIRD ROUND — 21st & 28th JULY, 2007

Portlaoise @ 2.00 AN LÚ	0	16	CORCAIGH	0	14
Portlaoise @ 4.00 GAILLIMH	1	14	AN MHÍ	2	14
Omagh @ 7.00 DÚN NA NGALL			MUINEACHÁN		
Kingspan Breffni Park @ 7.00 LAOIS			DOIRE		

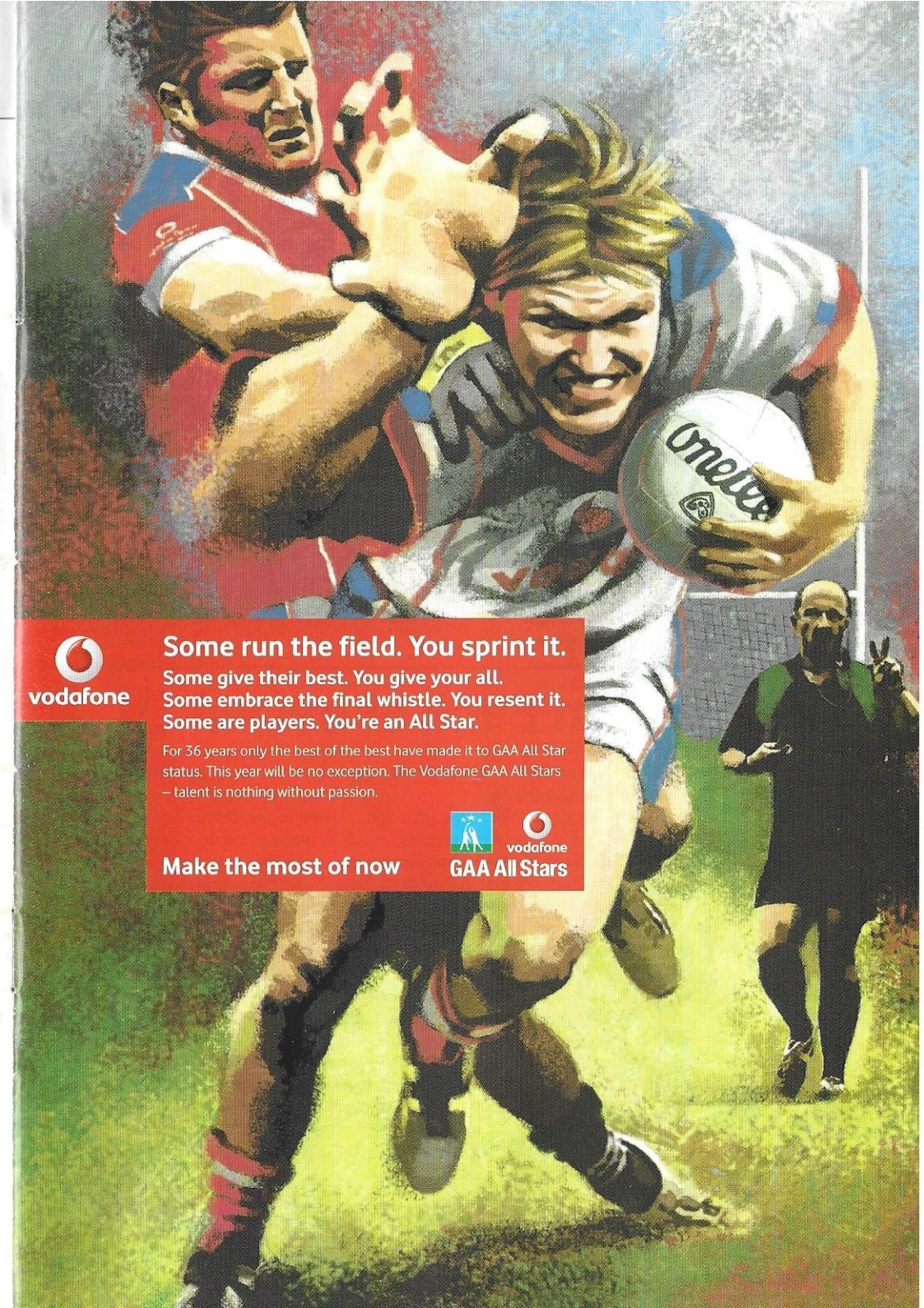


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Liam Kearns go fóill. Beidh an-choimhlint idir na foirne seo d'áit sna babhtaí deireanacha.

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Fíor-aicsean chugainn mar sin insan tuaisceart i mbabhta 3 na gcluichí cáiliúche. Beidh an rás do Sam ar siúl i ndáiríre agus ceaptar go mbeidh An Mhí agus Muineachán fós san iomaíocht. Go mbainfidh gach éinne an-taitneamh as na cluichí go léir.

Message from Bank of Ireland



Good afternoon and welcome to Omagh for one of the last two Football Championship Qualifiers.

Monaghan and Donegal take to the pitch today eager to join Dublin, Meath, Cork, Kerry, Tyrone and Sligo who have secured their place in the quarter-finals of the 2007 Bank of Ireland Football Championships. It is twelve years since Monaghan and Donegal last met in the championship and today marks their 11th championship clash with the score standing 7-3 in Monaghan's favour.

Both teams have faced challenging contests to achieve their place here today. Donegal emerged victorious in their first round match against 2006 Ulster champions Armagh, but then dropped form against Tyrone. However, they regrouped in the qualifiers showing their now trademark tenacity to defeat Leitrim and Westmeath. Meanwhile, after their thrilling meeting with Tyrone in the Ulster Final, Monaghan will be hoping for better luck in the third round qualifiers as they endeavour to make it into the last eight.

Now in its fourteenth year Bank of Ireland is delighted to be sponsors of the key sporting event in Ireland that is the Bank of Ireland Football Championship. Once again the marketing theme of the 2007 campaign is 'Extraordinary' in recognition of the 'Extraordinary' lengths that both players and fans go to for this great game.

Finally, I would like to wish both Monaghan and Donegal the best of luck today and look forward to what will undoubtedly be an afternoon of great football.

Colm McKenna Head of Marketing Services, Bank of Ireland NI

A SECOND SUCCESSIVE QUARTER-FINAL FOR DONEGAL OR A FIRST FOR MONAGHAN?

Donegal are bidding to qualify for their second successive Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior football quarter-final appearance. Monaghan, in contrast, have still to reach the last eight.

- Donegal and Cork were on level terms in their quarter-final clash last August with the game in added time and a draw appeared on the cards.

Cork moved into the attack and a delivery by full forward Donnacha O'Connor was collected by high fielding midfielder Nicholas Murphy in the North West goal area. He passed on to centre half back Ger Spillane, who drilled the ball over the bar to earn the Rebels a dramatic 1-11 to 1-10 win.

- Donegal's goal was scored just four minutes into the game by right full forward Christy Toye. Cork's goal was scored from a penalty after eleven minutes by left full forward John Hayes.

- Monaghan were last on the edge of a quarter-final place in 2005 when they lined out against Tyrone at Croke Park in Round 4. They got off to a dream start with a goal from Tomás Freeman that helped them to build up an early 1-5 to 0-2 lead.

However, Tyrone, runners-up in July for the Ulster title, rallied strongly and a Stephen O'Neill goal had them on level terms at the interval at 1-5 each. Monaghan scored only two points in the second half to go down by 2-14 to 1-7. Tomás Freeman was their top scorer with 1-1.

- Monaghan and Donegal last met in the Ulster senior championship back in 1995 in a quarter-final at Ballybofey.

With twelve minutes remaining Monaghan led by 1-9 to 0-8. The visitors did not concede a score after that and went on for a convincing nine points win—1-14 to 0-8. Centre half back Joe Coyle, midfielder Pádraic McShane and forward Declan Smyth, who scored six points, were prominent for Monaghan.

- Donegal's last win over Monaghan in the Ulster championship was in 1983 when they triumphed by 1-14 to 1-9 in a semi-final at Irvinestown. The North West County got off to a slow start and were two points down after ten minutes, but they struck a purple patch after that.

Spurred in by Paul McGettigan and Anthony Molloy at midfield, they powered to a 1-9 to 0-5 interval lead. The goal was scored by Joyce McMullan.

Donegal built on that lead in the second half to finish good winners by 1-14 to 1-9, and went on to beat Cavan in the final.



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QUALIFIER STATISTICS

Three Replays

Since their inauguration in 2001 there have been 159 games played in the qualifiers of which three have been replays. In the first round of 2001 Wexford and Westmeath could not be separated after extra time at Wexford Park with the Lake county easily winning the replay at Mullingar. The following year Limerick and Cavan were deadlocked at the Gaelic Grounds with the Shannonsiders winning the replay at Breffni Park a week later. And last year Louth and Tyrone played out an epic draw at An Uaimh before the Ulster side advanced on home turf at Omagh by five points.

Home & Away

Of the fourteen matches played in this year's qualifiers to date, all but four saw one of the protagonists enjoying home advantage. However, playing on home soil hasn't been of great assistance if the statistics are to be believed with away sides winning half of those contests – five out of ten. Indeed, in the first six years of the qualifiers (2001/06) of the 99 matches in which one of the sides was enjoying home advantage, the hosts came out on top 51 times with the visitors returning home with 48 victories.

Top Individual Return

Last weekend Stephen Bray of Meath and Galway's Michael Meehan shared the best individual returns with 2-2 and 1-5 respectively. However, they were still three points shy of the best return this year which was the 1-8 Kildare's John Doyle notched in the Lily Whites win over Roscommon in the opening round. However, that return is still five points shy of the best-ever in the qualifiers, which was recorded by Matty Forde. The Slaneysider amassed a personal haul of 2-10

when Wexford defeated Offaly at Wexford Park in the second round three years ago.

Goal-less Games

At Portlaoise last Saturday Cork defeated Louth by 0-16 to 0-14 and thus became the fifth goal-less game in this year's qualifiers. The others were Westmeath (0-18) v Longford (0-9), Louth (0-14) v Limerick (0-13), Derry (0-10) v Armagh (0-9) and Meath (0-11) v Fermanagh (0-9). Just over a third (36%) of this year's qualifier matches have failed to produce a goal. This is a very high rate compared to the provincial campaigns where 33 matches produced just three goal-less encounters giving a rate of just 9%.

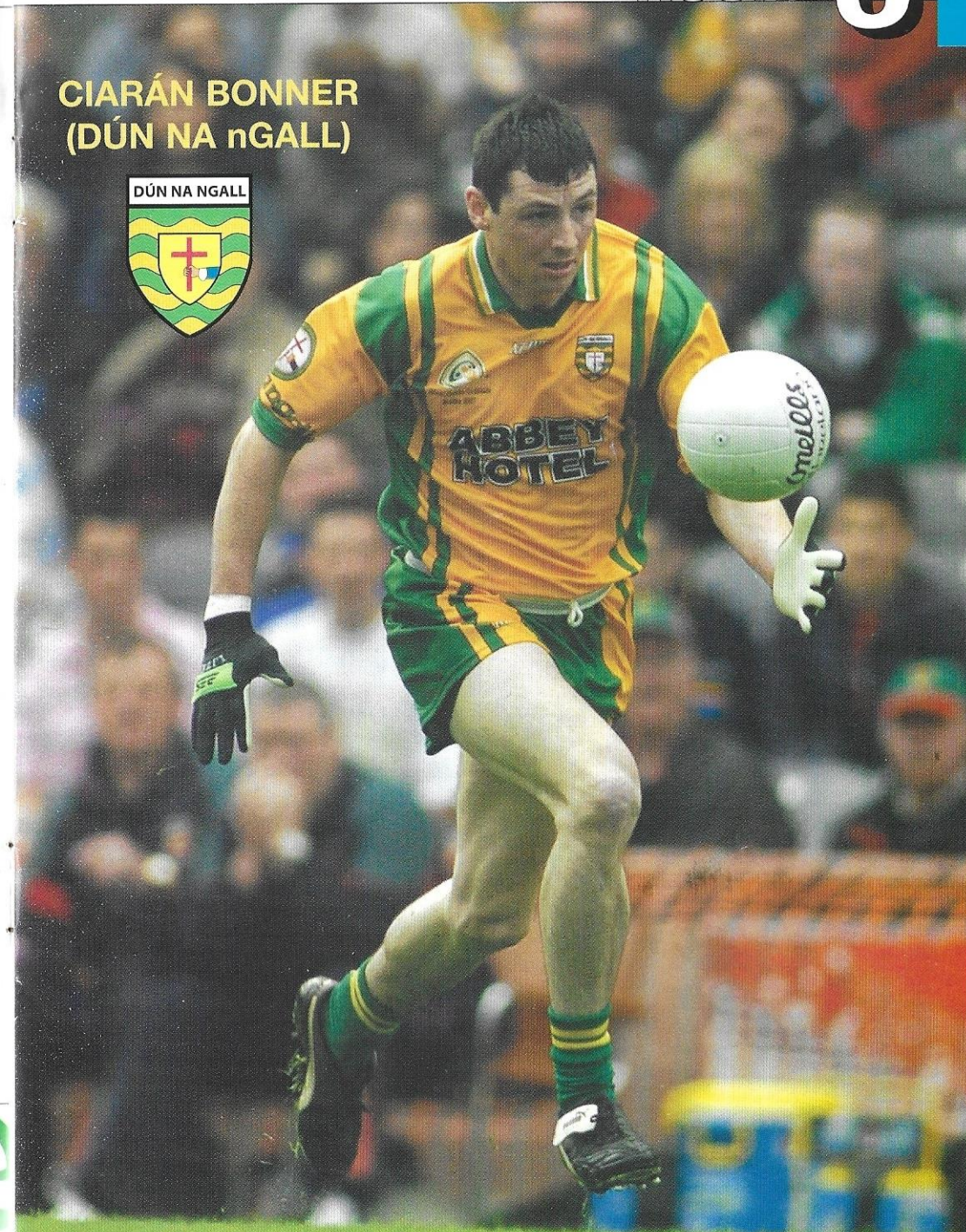
High Score/Low Score

The highest score recorded in the 2007 qualifiers was Mayo's 1-19 against Cavan at Castlebar in Round 1 while the lowest was Down's 0-8 against Meath at Newry in the same round. The Mourne men also share the record for the lowest-ever total in the qualifiers. Last season in Round 1 they notched 0-4 as they lost in the opening round to Sligo at Markievicz Park while in the fourth round Offaly had a quartet of points as they lost to Laois at Portlaoise. The highest score ever recorded in the qualifiers was by Dublin in the opening round in 2004 when they notched 3-24 (33 points) against London at Parnell Park.

At The Venue

With two matches already staged there in this year's qualifiers, Clones has now hosted 17 fixtures. This leaves St.Tiernach's Park three clear of Croke Park with 14 matches, while last weekend's double-header in O'Moore Park Portlaoise brought its total to 13. These three venues remain the only ones to have staged at least ten or more qualifier

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IMPRESSIVE COMEBACK BY DONEGAL FROM DEFEAT IN ULSTER

Donegal have made a very spirited come-back from their disappointing display when going down by eleven points to Tyrone in a Bank of Ireland Ulster semi-final at Clones last month.

The Allianz National League champions, who knocked out Armagh in the opening round in Ulster, stepped up on that form when overcoming a testing challenge from Leitrim at Carrick-on-Shannon in Round 1 of the All-Ireland Qualifiers.

That game went to extra time and late points from substitutes Stephen McDermott and Eamonn McGee clinched a 1-16 to 1-14 win

Donegal moved up a gear next time when collecting full points from their visit to Westmeath at Mullingar, where their win was more convincing than the scoreline of 1-13 to 1-8 suggests.

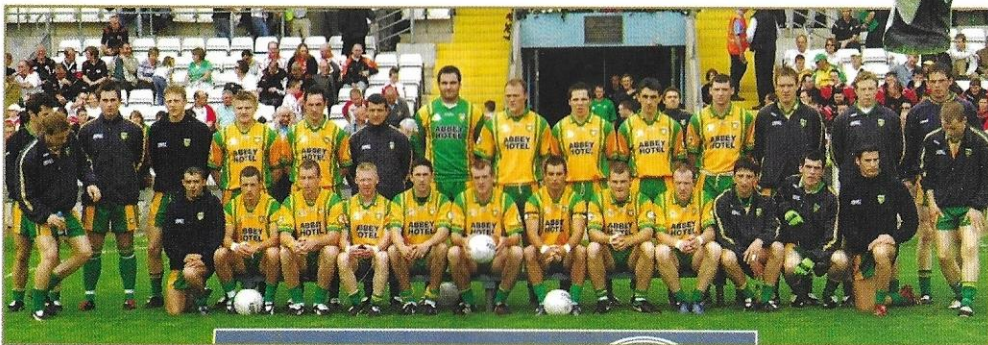
They were denied scores by a superb Westmeath goalkeeper Gary Connaughton, who brought off a number of great saves, including one from a penalty, and the

home team's goal was also scored almost on the final whistle.

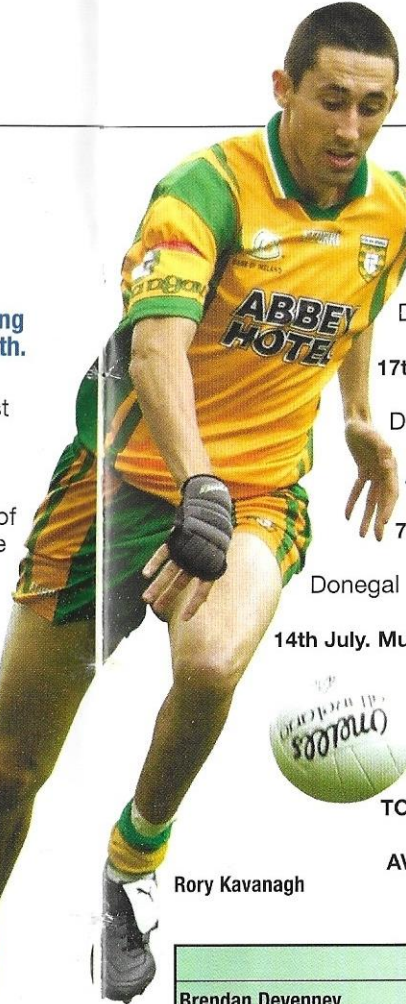
Kevin Cassidy made an outstanding contribution to the success. He had one of his best-ever games at midfield, where he stamped his authority on the match with his sure fielding, tireless work and good distribution.

Neil Gallagher also at midfield, Karl Lacey in defence and Michael Murphy and Rory Kavanagh up front were other influential figures in keeping Donegal, who led by 0-9 to 0-6 at half-time, firmly on the come-back trail.

This was a much improved Donegal display from their showing in the Ulster semi-final and one that is bound to prove a boost to morale for this tough assignment.



The Donegal panel which defeated Westmeath in Round 2 at Mullingar: Back Row (L to R): N McReady, P Witharow, M Boyle, T Donoghue, P McConigley, B Devenney, F McGlynn, P Durcan, C McFadden, K Cassidy, P Campbell, R Bradley, C Bonner, B Byrne, S McDermott, J Friel. Front Row (L to R): K McMenamin, B Monaghan, B Roper, R Kavanagh, N Gallagher, K Lacey, N McGee, A Sweeney, M Hegarty, M Doherty, J McCloone, A Thompson



Rory Kavanagh

2007 ULSTER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP RECORD

27th May, Ballybofey:

Donegal 1-9; Armagh 1-8

17th June, Clones:

Donegal 1-7; Tyrone 2-15.

ALL-IRELAND QUALIFIERS

7th July, Carrick-on-Shannon:

Donegal 1-16; Leitrim 1-14.

14th July, Mullingar:

Donegal 1-13; Westmeath 1-8.

TOTAL SCORED: 4-45 (57 points).

TOTAL CONCEDED: 5-45 (60 points).

AVERAGE: 0.95

	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
Brendan Devenney	1-0	0-2	0-3	1-3	2-8
Colm McFadden	0-6	0-1	—	—	0-7
Kevin McMenamin	—	0-1	0-3	0-2	0-6
Rory Kavanagh	—	0-1	0-2	0-3	0-6
Michael Murphy	—	—	1-1	0-1	1-2
Kevin Cassidy	—	1-0	—	—	1-0
Ciaran Bonner	—	0-2	—	0-1	0-3
Ryan Bradley	—	—	0-2	0-1	0-3
Christy Toye	0-1	—	0-1	—	0-2
Michael Hegarty	—	—	0-2	—	0-2
Adrian Sweeney	0-1	—	—	—	0-1
Patrick McConigley	0-1	—	—	—	0-1
Eamonn McGee	—	—	0-1	—	0-1
Stephen McDermott	—	—	0-1	—	0-1
Niall McCready	—	—	—	0-1	0-1
Neil Gallagher	—	—	—	0-1	0-1

BRIAN McIVER

AN BAINISTEOIR

It will be a big achievement for Brian if he guides Donegal to an Allianz National League quarter-final for the second successive year.

Last year was his first season in his present role and under his stewardship Donegal won promotion from Division II of the League, were runners-up for the Ulster title, and only had their All-Ireland title hopes ended by a late Cork point in a quarter-final.

The Tyrone native was manager of the Ballinderry, Derry, team that won the AIB All-Ireland title in 2002.

NEIL GALLAGHER

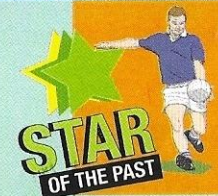
AN CAPTAEN

Neil was prominent in midfield last year when Donegal earned their place in the Allianz National League quarter-final, which they lost to Cork.

A high and sure fielder, he has followed up his achievement in leading Donegal to their first League title in April, with his quality play and leadership in the Ulster championship and again in the current All-Ireland Qualifier.

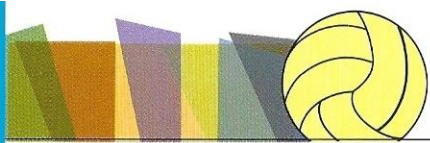
He is one of Donegal's biggest assets.

BERNARD BRADY



Bernard Brady's sure fielding and reliability in the full back role made him one of Donegal's outstanding players of the sixties. He was a tower of strength in an historic win over Cavan in 1963 that earned the county a first Ulster final appearance.

Brady also put his impressive talents on parade with Ulster and won Railway Cup medals at left full back in 1964 and full back in 1968.



MONAGHAN CAN TAKE HEART FROM BRAVE TITLE BID

Monaghan, who step into Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior football Qualifiers action today for the first time this season, have, like Donegal, made a fine comeback this year

They lost to Meath by seven points in an Allianz League Division II semi-final in April, but displayed plenty of character and skill in following on when booking their place in an Ulster final for the first time in nineteen years.

And, while hopes of a first title since 1988 were dashed by Tyrone at Clones earlier this month, Monaghan still advertised their qualities with a polished performance.

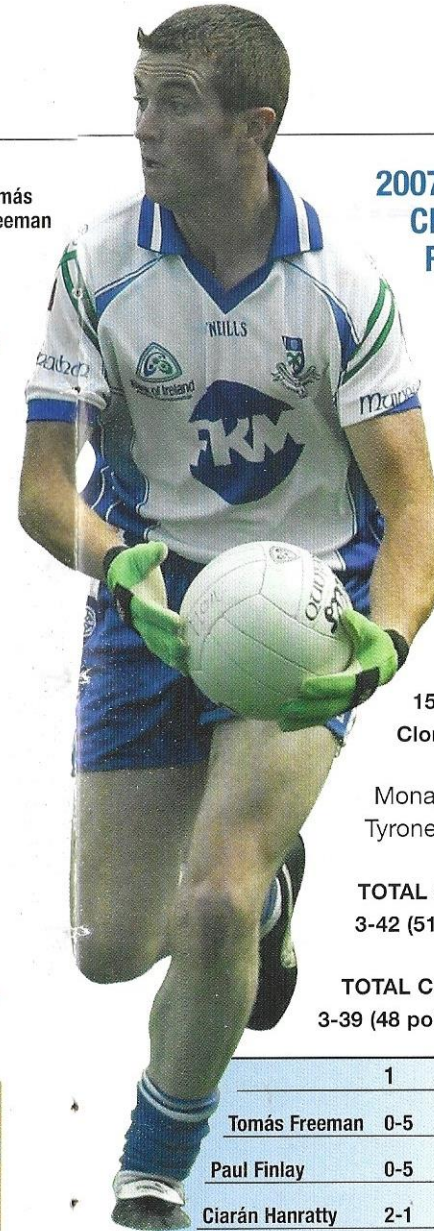
They conceded an early goal, and looked to be battling a lost cause when they trailed by eight points after forty-five minutes.

However, the transfer of Vincent Corey from right full back to full forward for the second half brought a steady improvement in Monaghan's play. He brought new drive and purpose to the attack, and a goal by Tomás Freeman after fifty-one minutes had them just four points adrift and back in contention.



The Monaghan panel which were defeated by Tyrone in the Ulster Final: Back Row (LtoR): John Paul Mone, Ciaran Hughes, Paul Finlay, Conor Mc Manus, Colm Flanagan, Gary Mc Quaid, Eoin Lennon, Vincent Corey, Pdraig Mc Bennett, Shane Diffy, Mark Duffy, Brendan Mc Kenna, Dick Clerkin, Hugh Mc Elroy, Shane Mulligan. Front Row (LtoR): Mark Daly, Paul Meegan, Shane Smyth, Stephen Fitzpatrick, Darren Hughes, Donal Morgan, Rory Woods, Stephen Gollgoly, Dessie Mone, Damian Freeman, Thomas Freeman, Ciaran Hanratty, Dermot Mc Ardle, James Coyle, Gary Mc Enaney.

Tomás Freeman



2007 ULSTER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP RECORD

10th June.

Newry:

Monaghan 2-15;
Down 1-15.

24th June.

Casement Park:

Monaghan 0-14;
Derry 1-9

15th July.

Clones:

Monaghan 1-13;
Tyrone 1-15.

TOTAL SCORED:

3-42 (51 points).

TOTAL CONCEDED:

3-39 (48 points).

	1	2	3	TOTAL
Tomás Freeman	0-5	0-7	1-3	1-15
Paul Finlay	0-5	—	0-5	0-10
Ciarán Hanratty	2-1	—	0-1	2-2
Stephen Gollgoly	0-2	0-4	0-1	0-7
Rory Woods	—	0-3	0-1	0-4
Shane Smith	0-1	—	—	0-1
Conor McManus	0-1	—	—	0-1
Eoin Lennon	—	—	0-1	0-1
Vincent Corey	—	—	0-1	0-1

SEAMUS McENANEY

AN BAINISTEOR

Seamus had not long to wait for major success as Monaghan team manager. In his first season in the post in 2005 the county won the Allianz National League Division II title.

He is a former Monaghan Under-21 player and as manager guided Corduff to a county intermediate title. Seamus is brother of prominent referee Pat.

DAMIEN FREEMAN

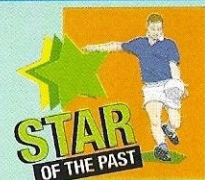
AN CAPTAIN

Damien's leadership and over-all play at right half back contributed greatly to Monaghan's march to the Allianz National League Division II title in 2005.

A graduate from the minor and under-21 ranks, he helped to make history in 2004 in the Magheraclone side that won the county senior football title for the first time.

A versatile footballer, Damien's teammates in the Ulster final included his younger brother, Tomás, who scored Monaghan's goal in that game.

PADDY KERR



Paddy Kerr, a player of genuine talent, filled a major dual role in Monaghan's win over Donegal in the 1979 Ulster senior final. He was an ace in their pack with his powerful play at right half back, and also trained the side. Five years earlier he captained U.C.D. to the All-Ireland club title and also became the first to be presented with the Andy Merrigan Cup.

Kerr also won his spurs with Ulster in the Railway Cup and got among the county senior medals with Ballybay.

TYRONE LADIES TEAM



QUALIFIERS FINAL ROUND...2001/2007

2001

Hyde Park:				
Westmeath	1-14	Mayo	0-16	
Croke Park:				
Galway	1-14	Cork	1-10	
Dublin	3-17	Sligo	0-12	
Clones:				
Derry	1-14	Cavan	2-7	

2002

Croke Park:				
Donegal	1-13	Meath	0-14	
Sligo	1-14	Tyrone	0-12	
Thurles:				
Kerry	2-10	Kildare	1-5	
Ennis:				
Mayo	0-21	Tipperary	1-14	

2003

Markievicz Park:				
Fermanagh	0-12	Mayo	1-8	
Hyde Park:				
Armagh	4-10	Limerick	0-11	
Portlaoise:				
Roscommon	1-18	Kildare	0-19	
Clones:				
Donegal	3-15	Down	2-10	

2004

Clones:				
Fermanagh	1-10	Donegal	0-12	
Hyde Park:				
Derry	0-10	Limerick	0-7	
Croke Park:				
Dublin	1-14	Roscommon	0-13	
Tyrone	3-15	Laois	2-4	

2005

Portlaoise:				
Cork	3-13	Sligo	0-11	
Hyde Park:				
Mayo	0-11	Cavan	0-8	
Croke Park:				
Laois	1-11	Derry	0-11	
Tyrone	2-14	Monaghan	1-7	

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Killarney:				
Kerry	4-11	Longford	1-11	
Salthill:				
Westmeath	1-8	Galway	0-10	
Enniskillen:				
Donegal	0-11	Fermanagh	0-8	
Portlaoise:				
Laois	1-9	Offaly	0-4	

2007

Portlaoise:				
Cork	0-16	Louth	0-14	
Meath	2-14	Galway	1-14	



Dún na nGall

Dathanna: Ór is Uaithne

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SIOBHÁN MOLLAHAN
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NICOLA LACEY
(Four Masters) | 4
LORRAINE O'SULLIVAN
(Na Fianna) |
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AOIFE BUGGY
(Aodh Rua) | 6
DIANE TONER
(Glenswilly) | 7
GRÁINNE HOUSTON
(Glenfinn) |
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MARIE DEVANNEY
(St. Eunan's) | 8
NORA STAPLETON
(Na Fianna) | 9
KELLY LACEY
(Four Masters) |
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JOANNE de WARD
(Mac Cumhail's) | 11
BRIDGET GALLAHER
(St. Michael's) | 12
YVONNE McMONAGLE
(Glenfinn) |
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CATHERINE McATEER
(St. Eunan's) | 14
KAREN GUTHRIE
(Glenfinn) | 15
NIAMH HEGARTY
(Moville) |

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- (17) OLIVE McCAFFERTY (Termon)
- (18) URSULA LEONARD (Pettigo)
- (19) ANITA DOHERTY (Moville)
- (20) TRESA DOHERTY (Moville)
- (21) EMMA MCKINLEY (St. Michael's)
- (22) KAREN FEENEY (St. Michael's)
- (23) MICHAELA MULDOWNEY (St. Eunan's)
- (24) TRACEY FLOYD (Four Masters)
- (25) AOIFE WATTERS (Ardara)
- (26) LISA BYRNE (Killcar)

Manager:
Eamonn McAuley

Mentors:
Kenny Griffin, Harry McGlynn,
Maura McGlynn, Eddie Crawford



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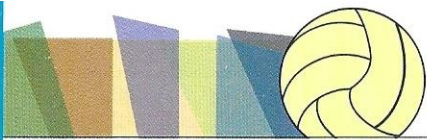
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(St. Macartan's) | 4
MARIE GALLAGHER
(Loughmacrory) |
| 2
EIMEAR TEAGUE
(Sperrin Óg) | 6
LINDA DONNELLY
(St. Macartan's) | 7
NEAMH WOODS
(Drumragh) |
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SIOBHÁN MCGARVEY
(Errigal Ciarán) | 8
KATRINA MUPPHY
(Aodh Ruadh) | 9
SARAH DONNELLY
(Trillick) |
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ANN DOOHER
(Glenely CPT) | 11
EILISH GORMLEY
(An Charraig Mhór) | 12
CLAIRE McALISKEY
(Aodh Ruadh) |
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JOLINE DONNELLY
(St. Macartan's) | 14
GEMMA BEGLEY
(An Charraig Mhór) | 15
CATHY DONNELLY
(St. Macartan's) |

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- (16) SIOBHÁN MCGARNEY (St. Macartan's)
- (17) KATRIONA DALY (Badoney)
- (18) CHRISTIANE HUNTER (St. Enda's)
- (19) ORLA O'NEILL (St. Dymrna's)
- (20) CAROL McCLINCHEY (Aodh Ruadh)
- (21) SINÉAD McLAUGHLIN (St. Dymrna's)
- (22) CLAIRE DONNELLY (Beragh)
- (23) SINÉAD McALEER (An Charraig Mhór)
- (24) CATRÍONA MCGAHAN (Gabally OC)
- (25) CLOADAGH POYNTZ (Cappagh)
- (26) SELENA OGUZ (Errigal Ciarán)
- (27) MEAVE MCGURK (Kildress)
- (28) KELLIE MEEHAN (Aghyaran)
- (29) LUCY MEEHAN (Aghyaran)
- (30) SARAH CONNOLLY (Errigal Ciarán)

Manager:
Jimmy McCloughan.



DÚN na nGALL

DATHANNA: ÓR IS UAITHNE

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ROUND 3

MUINEACHÁN

DATHANNA: BÁN IS GORM



1 PAUL DURCAN P. Ó Dúrcáin (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 NIALL McCREADY N. Mac Riada (Aodh Ruadh B/S)	6 BARRY MONAGHAN B. Ó Mannacháin (Na Ceithre Máistrí)	7 FRANK McGLYNN P. Mag Fhlíonn (Gleann Fhinne)
8 KEVIN CASSIDY C. Ó Cásaide (Gaoth Dobhair)	9 NEIL GALLAGHER N. Ó Gallchoír (Capt.) (Gleann tSúilí)	
10 RORY KAVANAGH R. Ó Caomhánach (Naomh Adhamhnán)	11 CIARÁN BONNER C. Ó Cnáimhsí (Gleann tSúilí)	12 RYAN BRADLEY R. Ó Broilcháin (Buncrannaigh)
13 COLM McFADDEN C. Mac Phaidín (Naomh Mícheál)	14 MICHAEL MURPHY M. Ó Murchú (Gleann tSúilí)	15 BRENDAN DEVENNEY B. Ó Duibheannaigh (Naomh Adhamhnán)

1 SHANE DUFFY S. Ó Dufaigh (Machaire Cluain)		
2 DESSIE MONE D. Ó Mocháin (Cluain Tiobraid)	3 VINCENT COREY U. Ó Comhraí (Cluain Tiobraid)	4 DERMOT McARDLE D. Mac Ardghail (Baile na Lorgan)
5 DONAL MORGAN D. Ó Muireagáin (An Bhoth)	6 GARY McQUAID G. Mac Uaid (Tigh Thalainn)	7 JOHN PAUL MONE S. P. Ó Mocháin (Cluain Tiobraid)
8 EOIN LENNON E. Ó Lionnáin (Leachtain)		9 DICK CLERKIN D. Ó Cléirchín (Curraichain)
10 STEPHEN GOLLOGLY S. Mac Ghallógligh (Carraig Mhachaire Rois)	11 RORY WOODS R. Mac Conchoille (Domhnach Maighne)	12 DAMIEN FREEMAN D. Mac an tSaoir (Capt.) (Machaire Cluain)
13 CIARÁN HAMRATTY C. Ó hAnnrachtaigh (Baile na Lorgan)	14 PAUL FINLAY P. Ó Fionnalaigh (Béal Átha Beithe)	15 THOMAS FREEMAN T. Mac an tSaoir (Machaire Cluain)

FIR IONAD

(16) MICHAEL BOYLE M. Ó Baoill (An Tearmainn)	(19) MICHAEL MAGUIRE M. Mag Uidhir (Naomh Columba)	(22) MICHAEL HEGARTY M. Ó hÉigheartaigh (Cill Chartha)	(25) ADRIAN SWEENEY A. Mac Suibhne (An Clochán Liath)	(28) BRIAN ROPER B. Ó Roipear (Aodh Ruadh B/S)
(17) THOMAS DONOGHUE T. Ó Donnchú (Naomh Conall)	(20) JOE FRIEL S. Ó Friel (Cloch Cheann Fhaola)	(23) KEVIN McMENAMIN C. Mac Meanmáin (An Tearmainn)	(26) JOHNNY McLOONE S. Mac Giolla Uain (Naomh Conall)	
(18) EAMON McGEE E. Mac Aoidh (Gaoth Dobhair)	(21) STEPHEN McDERMOTT S. Mac Diarmada (Gleann Fhinne)	(24) CHRISTY TOYE C. Ó Tuathaigh (Naomh Mícheál)	(27) MICHAEL DOHERTY M. Ó Dochartaigh (Na Ceithre Máistrí)	

ROIGNÓIRÍ

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

FIR IONAD

(16) PADRAIG McBENNETT P. Mac Benéid (Baile na Lorgan)	(19) JAMES COYLE S. Mac Giolla Chomhail (Naomh Bríd, BÁC)	(22) STEPHEN FITZPATRICK S. Mac Giolla Phódraig (Leachtain)	(25) BRENDAN McKENNA B. Mac Cionna (Scairbh na gCaorach)	(28) PAUL MEEGAN P. Ó Míogáin (Inis Caoln)
(17) SHANE SMITH S. Mac Gabhann (Cláirsigh Mhuineacháin)	(20) COLM FLANAGAN C. Ó Flannagáin (Acadh na Muileann)	(23) SHANE MULLIGAN S. Ó Maolagáin (Acadh Bog)	(26) DARREN HUGHES D. Ó hAodha (An Bhoth)	(29) MARK DALY M. Ó Dálaigh (Buióchar)
(18) HUGH McELROY A. Mac Giolla Rua (Leachtain)	(21) MARK DUFFY M. Ó Dufaigh (An Bhoth)	(24) GARY McENANEY G. Mac an Eanaigh (Carraig Mhachaire Rois)	(27) CIARÁN HUGHES C. Ó hAodha (Baile na Lorgan)	(30) CONOR McMANUS C. Mac Manais (Cluain Tiobraid)

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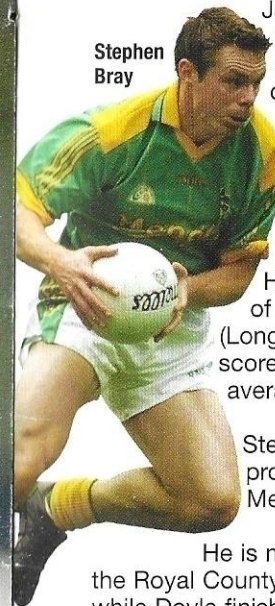
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RORY WOODS (MUINEACHÁN)



MASTERS MOVES FURTHER AHEAD IN TOP SCORING CHART

Stephen
Bray



James Masters maintained his position on top of the nationwide chart of leading scores for the provincial senior football championships and All-Ireland Qualifiers combined by scoring five points in last week-end's win over Louth.

That return brought his record to 3-23 (32 points) from four games at the top match average in the chart of eight points.

He is now a commanding nine points ahead of his closest rival, Brian Kavanagh (Longford), who cannot, of course, add to his scoreline of 2-17 in three games for an average well up to Masters at 7.66 points.

Stephen Bray has made spectacular promotion up the table following his 2-2 for Meath in their win over Galway at Portlaoise last week-end.

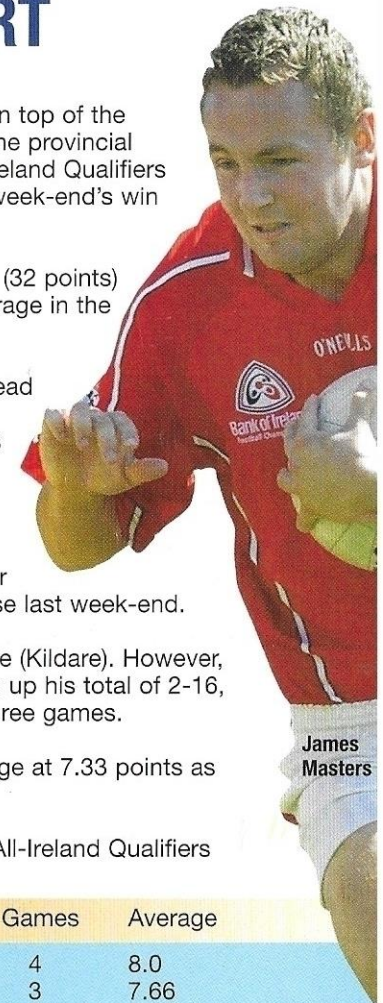
He is now in joint third position with John Doyle (Kildare). However, the Royal County footballer played six games in chalking up his total of 2-16, while Doyle finished with the same scoreline from only three games.

The Kildare man, then, has much the better match average at 7.33 points as against Bray's 3.66 points.

The leading scorers in the provincial championship and All-Ireland Qualifiers starting this week-end's games are:

Points	Score	Games	Average	
32	James Masters (Cork)	3-23	4	8.0
23	Brian Kavanagh (Longford)	2-17	3	7.66
22	John Doyle (Kildare)	2-16	3	7.33
22	Stephen Bray (Meath)	2-16	6	3.66
20	Mark Vaughan (Dublin)	1-17	3	6.66
19	Aaron Hoey (Louth)	0-19	7	2.71
18	Tomás Freeman (Monaghan)	1-15	3	6.0
18	Michael Tierney (Laois)	0-18	3	6.0
18	Brian Farrell (Meath)	0-18	5	3.6
17	Ciaran Duignan (Leitrim)	0-17	3	5.66

James
Masters



LAST MEETING...1995

Storming finish sees Farney men home

Monaghan 1-14; Donegal 0-8

It is twelve years since Monaghan and Donegal last met in the championship and on that occasion the visitors were surprisingly comfortable winners at Ballybofey. The home side launched the first attack of the game and it yielded a penalty when James McHugh was tripped by Monaghan full-back David King with less than a minute played. Declan Bonner's kick was well-placed but 'keeper John O'Connor turned the ball out for a '45' which Manus Boyle wided.

Boyle did eventually open the scoring, but Declan Smyth levelled for Monaghan before Martin Gavigan edged the home side in front for

the second, and last, time. Monaghan's next attack looked to be heading for nought when Declan Loughman's kick was supposedly sailing wide, but it dipped at the last moment and came back off the post and hit Donegal 'keeper Gary Walsh before nestling in the net. It was a lead that Monaghan would not relinquish.

Monaghan had the better of the remaining minutes of the opening half, but a fine point by Noel Hegarty just before the break reduced Donegal's deficit to a less than insurmountable four points – 0-6 to 1-7. On the restart Smyth extended Monaghan's lead to five points, before a brace from Manus Boyle reduced it to three.

Just one more score was registered in the third quarter – a point for Monaghan – and with twelve minutes remaining Donegal still had a chance of saving the day. However, the visitors put in a storming finish and points by Peter Duffy (2), Stephen McGinnity, Pádraic McShane and Smyth left Monaghan nine-point victors.

Monaghan scorers: D.Smyth 0-6, P.Duffy 0-3, D.Loughman 1-0, S.McGinnity, P.McShane 0-2 each, J.Conlon 0-1.

Donegal scorers: M.Boyle 0-4, N.Hegarty, M.Gavigan, B.Murray, D.Bonner 0-1 each.

Muineachán – J.O'Connor, E.Murphy, D.King, N.Marron, M.Slowey, J.Coyle, J.Conlon, P.McShane, F.McEaney, G.Flanagan, M.Slowey, D.Loughman, D.Smyth, P.Duffy, S.McGinnity. Sub – R.McCarron (Flanagan).

Dún na nGall – G.Walsh, J.J.O'Doherty, M.Gallagher, B.McGowan, M.Crossan, N.Hegarty, M.Shovlin, M.Gavigan, B.Murray, M.McShane, J.McHugh, P.Hegarty, D.Bonner, T.Boyle, M.Boyle. Subs – J.Duffy (McShane), J.Giidea (Bonner).

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

10 – Monaghan 7 Donegal 3

1929	Monaghan	2-8	Donegal	0-1
1936	Monaghan	2-8	Donegal	0-11
1938	Monaghan	0-7	Donegal	0-6
1946	Donegal	4-5	Monaghan	1-9
1955	Donegal	3-6	Monaghan	2-8
1956	Monaghan	1-14	Donegal	1-5
1979	Monaghan	1-15	Donegal	0-11
1983	Donegal	1-14	Monaghan	1-9
1985	Monaghan	1-14	Donegal	0-7
1995	Monaghan	1-14	Donegal	0-8



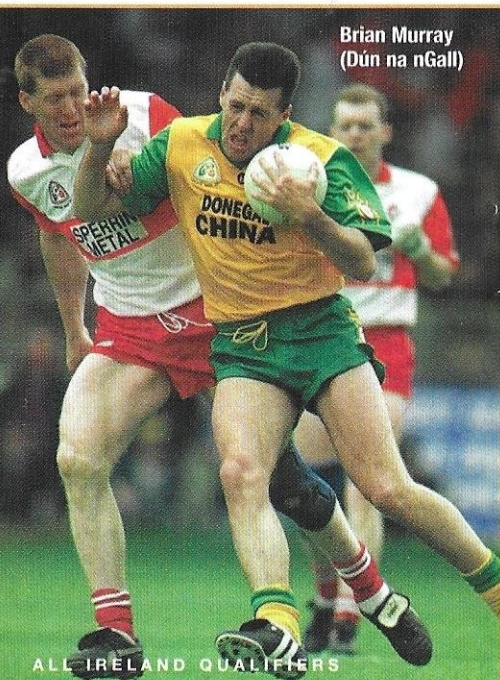
1997 BACK IN TIME ...

Dún na nGall

Antrim came to Ballybofey with a sad record from recent championship matches, but Donegal found themselves facing an immense challenge as the visitors, recovering from an uncertain start, made it a wonderful battle all the way. Donegal's 18th-minute goal helped them into an interval lead of 1-6 to 0-6 and the expected easy passage never materialised as the home side sneaked it by 2-12 to 1-13. Donegal scored almost as much against Cavan in the semi/final, but it wasn't sufficient to deny the Breffni, who played great football, especially in the second half. Through the opening period Donegal had a slight edge and a couple of points before the break enabled them to turn over leading by 1-5 to 0-6. However, a Cavan goal four minutes after the restart swung the game in their favour and a second sent them on the way to victory. Donegal bowed out on a 2-10 to 2-16 scoreline.

Muineachán

Failure to convert a penalty in the second minute ultimately led to Monaghan having to share the spoils with Derry at Clones. However, even allowing for that miss the Oriel county had enough chances to end the visitors' interest in the championship. First-half goals allowed Monaghan to lead by 2-4 to 0-7 at the change of ends, but by the three-quarter mark Derry were in front and it took a late score to garner the home side a replay – 2-8 to 1-11. A week later at Celtic Park it became clear very early on that Monaghan's chances of victory had disappeared at Clones. Monaghan struggled throughout the field and by the interval the writing was on the wall as they trailed by 0-4 to 2-7. The visitors did snipe a couple of points off their arrears on the restart but the Oak Leaf took it up again and by the close of play had eleven points in hand as Monaghan exited on a 0-10 to 2-15 scoreline.



Brian Murray
(Dún na nGall)



The Scenic Route to Glory

By Fergus Hurley

When drinking in the last-chance saloon, you take every break you can get. The football qualifiers may be the back door, but from now on there's only the front door or the trap door. Demoralised teams defeated in the provincial championships need solace to sustain them on the scenic route to Sam, for being beaten by old rivals leaves us traditionalists all *trína chéile*. Who would have thought that salvation could be found in raiding the cupboard of statistics? Not this Cork football fanatic, but when in uncharted waters and in need of a life-line, they are a hell of a lot safer than reaching for lies and damned lies.

Looking back over the records since the qualifiers were introduced in 2001, there are enough chinks of light to lift the gloom for all of us in the days and weeks following losses to old enemies beyond the county bounds. Every All Ireland final bar 2004 (Mayo v Kerry) has featured one team that was forced to tour the country for the summer. The direct route of provincial success may be the preferred option, but statistically it is only a marginally more successful path to the final. Even more encouraging still, the six finals played have produced three winners from the qualifiers' enclosure: Kerry 2006, Tyrone 2005 and Galway 2001. All finals are 50/50, you might say, but the challenger from the qualifiers has to deal with the mental handicap of having lost already in the championship. The qualifying rounds are littered with genuine contenders whose defeats in the provincial championship were followed by

an early exit through the trap door, with Armagh 2007 being a topical example. So there must be other factors that transform a beaten docket into a golden ticket, and this humble Corkonian (is there any other kind?) thinks he has stumbled across them.

Nursing sore wounds and feeling down on their luck, our three back-door champions began the road less travelled with what might be described in the vernacular as a "handy fixture." Kerry were given home advantage against Longford, Tyrone played a young Monaghan team happy to have a day out in Croke Park, while Galway's trip to play Wicklow in picturesque Aughrim was like a weekend in a spa resort for the Tribesmen. "I remember going down to Wicklow feeling very vulnerable", recalls then manager John O'Mahony, "but we won easily enough in the end. We could have objected going to Aughrim because of the limited capacity, but it was a wonderful occasion for them and us." At this point I would like to issue an immediate disclaimer stating that Louth were no soft touch. Even though I was born years and years later, like every Corkman I remember 1957 like it was only yesterday!

LEARNING FROM DEFEAT

Teams often learn more from defeat than from victory, so a change of direction is most definitely needed when entering the back door. This can be a change of personnel, tactics or

both. After their Connacht semi-final defeat to Roscommon in 2001, Galway moved Tomás Mannion from corner back to fill the troublesome centre back spot, and an unsteady defence was transformed for the rest of the championship. And we all know about Jack O'Connor's masterstroke to unleash Kieran Donaghy at full forward following defeat to Cork last summer. Endless short passing was replaced with a more direct style of play, and a misfiring Kerry team became an unstoppable goal machine.

Winning games and building up momentum is all important for a team defeated in the provinces, but the necessary self-belief to win the championship only becomes possible when defeating a heavyweight against the odds. For Tyrone in 2005, the confidence boost arrived when trailing Dublin by seven points in the second half of their quarter final clash. An Owen Mulligan screamer kick-started a fightback and they reined in the Dubs to draw the match, winning handsomely in the replay. For Galway in 2001, a late block down by Michael Donnellan and a last minute point by Paul Clancy delivered a nailbiting win over Armagh, while Kerry exorcised all sorts of demons when defeating the same opposition in 2006. "We had a great and giddy week of training after Armagh", wrote Jack O'Connor. "When you are winning games, your studs leave no marks in the ground. You just glide over everything." From being in the depths of despair in July, Kerry were high as kites in August.

It also seems that to win the All Ireland through the back door, the right formula requires an unhealthy dose of old-style vengeance. "Love thy neighbour" is a principle from the Gospels, but as we all know parish and county rivalry in the GAA is very much Old Testament, and "an eye for an eye" is about as old school as it can get. This is not about condoning violence, but about seeking redemption through the righting of past mistakes. Defeating Cork, Armagh and Roscommon was vital to the psyche of the back-door champions, for it left them top dog in their own backyard too. As O'Mahony recalled after Galway's victory over the Connacht champions, "We'd beaten the team that had beaten us, so there were no debts left unpaid. I knew we would have no problem motivating the players for it." The qualifiers may have diluted the provincial championships, but provincial rivalries always run deepest. If you're a Rebel rueing a penalty that was never given in Killarney, a Royal screaming for a square goal that was given in Croke Park, or a Tír Chonaill fan angry at being hounded out of it by Tyrone, then an All Ireland will not be complete without an ambush of the old enemy from the long grass.

A gentle start in the qualifiers, a reassessment of tactics and personnel, a few morale-boosting victories and sweet revenge over near neighbours is all that's needed to climb the steps of the Hogan Stand in September. That's not too much to ask of our lads now is it?

**Fergus Hurley is from Cork.*



IT HAPPENED IN FOOTBALL

A Bogey Team

Derry's entry and subsequent involvement in the early years of the Ulster championship was uncertain, to say the least. In 1904 they entered a team for the first time but conceded a walk over to Monaghan. They were again involved the following year but after defeating Donegal they disappeared from the championship. In 1906 they recorded victories over Tyrone and Donegal before conceding another walk over to Monaghan. For the following eight years Derry didn't make an appearance and when they did return in 1914 they lost to Monaghan first time out. After a break in 1915 they returned again twelve months later and again lost to Monaghan. The Oak Leaf spent a number of seasons in junior ranks and the Monaghan bogey wasn't allayed until 1951 when they won by 1-3 to 0-5.

At The Venue

With two matches already staged there in this year's qualifiers, Clones has now hosted 17 fixtures. This leaves St.Tiernach's Park three clear of Croke Park with 14 matches, while last weekend's double-header in O'Moore Park Portlaoise brought its total to 13. These three venues remain the only ones to have staged at least ten or more qualifier fixtures.

Regular Competitors

A century of unbroken participation is something to be proud of but few counties can claim to have played in every championship of the 20th century (1900-1999). In Munster no county competed in all 100 campaigns nor did any of Ulster's nine counties. However, in Connacht Galway entered the championship in every year while of the Leinster representatives Kildare came very close as they entered every championship except the very first - 1900, when they conceded a walk over to Wicklow. The only year Dublin missed out on participating

was 1916...not surprising really considering the chaos in the city after the Rising and the fact that several Metropolitan players were interned for their participation in that event. But Meath and Louth did play every year and join the Corribiders as the only counties to have played in every championship of the 20th century.

Finalists Scoreless

It is not unusual for the provincial finalists to be very much to the fore in the following season's campaign, but that wasn't the case in 1894 when Kilkenny and Wexford departed the race in the opening round. The Slaneysiders and Noresiders had contested the 1893 provincial final but they made their exit very early the following season. Nothing unique in that you might say, but what was unique was that both made their exit without scoring. Kilkenny took on Meath at the Phoenix Park and lost by 0-0 to 1-5 while Wexford lost to Dublin at Clonturk Park by 0-0 to 1-11. This bizarre double has never been repeated in any province.

Reverse Order

Walkovers, objections and poor communications were responsible for the small number of counties competing in the football championship in the early years. One strange effect of the turmoil was that Dublin won two All-Ireland finals before they won a provincial decider. Dublin's strange progress began in 1890 when they lost to Wexford in the provincial final. A year later Dublin defeated Wicklow in the semi/final before receiving a walkover from Kildare in the final. Wins over Cavan and Cork secured All-Ireland honours. The following season the Metropolitans defeated the Lily Whites in the semi/final but then Louth granted the winners a walkover in the final. Wins over Roscommon and Kerry saw the All-Ireland title retained. Dublin had now won two All-Ireland finals but had yet to win a provincial final!

QUALIFIER RECORDS...AT 28/7/07

	% SUCCESS	GAMES	WIN-LOSS		% SUCCESS	GAMES	WIN-LOSS
1 Kerry	100	4	4-0	17 Longford	46	13	6-7
2 Dublin	86	7	6-1	18 Monaghan	45	11	5-6
3 Tyrone	80	10	8-2	19 Carlow	33	9	3-6
4 Derry	78	18	14-4	Clare	33	9	3-6
5 Donegal	77	13	10-3	Offaly	33	9	3-6
6 Armagh	75	8	6-2	22 Cavan	30	10	3-7
7 Westmeath	73	15	11-4	Kildare	30	10	3-7
8 Laois	70	10	7-3	Limerick	30	10	3-7
9 Fermanagh	67	15	10-5	25 Wicklow	25	8	2-6
Meath	67	15	10-5	26 Down	22	9	2-7
11 Galway	57	7	4-3	Wexford	22	9	2-7
12 Sligo	62	13	8-5	28 Tipperary	17	6	1-5
Mayo	62	8	5-3	29 Antrim	14	7	1-6
14 Louth	53	15	8-7	30 Leitrim	0	7	0-7
15 Roscommon	50	10	5-5	London	0	5	0-5
Cork	50	6	3-3	Waterford	0	6	0-6

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23pts	Kerry	5-15	Wicklow	0-7	Round 2, 2002
19pts	Armagh	2-21	Waterford	0-8	Round 1, 2003
18pts	Tyrone	1-22	Leitrim	0-7	Round 2, 2002
17pts	Kerry	2-15	Fermanagh	0-4	Round 3, 2002
	Offaly	4-15	London	0-10	Round 1, 2003
16pts	Wicklow	2-22	London	2-6	Round 1, 2002
14pts	Dublin	3-17	Sligo	0-12	Round 4, 2001
	Tyrone	3-15	Laois	2-4	Round 4, 2004
	Meath	5-12	Antrim	0-13	Round 1, 2005
	Limerick	2-15	Carlow	0-7	Round 2, 2005
13pts	Laois	1-19	Clare	1-6	Round 2, 2002
	Meath	1-19	Roscommon	0-9	Round 2, 2006
	Longford	1-23	Tipperary	1-10	Round 2, 2006
12pts	Dublin	1-13	Leitrim	0-4	Round 2, 2004
	Monaghan	2-18	London	1-9	Round 1, 2005
	Westmeath	0-20	London	0-8	Round 1, 2006
11pts	Meath	1-15	Laois	0-7	Round 3, 2002
	Armagh	4-10	Limerick	0-11	Round 4, 2003
	Derry	2-16	Wexford	2-5	Round 3, 2004
	Cork	3-13	Sligo	0-11	Round 4, 2005
10pts	Westmeath	0-17	Limerick	0-7	Round 2, 2001
	Derry	3-10	Wexford	0-9	Round 1, 2003
	Donegal	2-19	Tipperary	0-15	Round 3, 2003
	Derry	0-25	Cavan	2-9	Round 2, 2004
	Tyrone	2-14	Monaghan	1-7	Round 4, 2005
	Monaghan	2-19	Wicklow	3-6	Round 1, 2006
	Derry	2-13	Mayo	1-6	Round 2, 2007

BIGGEST WINNING MARGINS

QUALIFIERS FINAL ROUND...2001/2006

2001

Hyde Park	Westmeath	1-14;	Mayo	0-16
Croke Park	Galway	1-14;	Cork	1-10
	Dublin	3-17;	Sligo	0-12
Clones	Derry	1-14;	Cavan	2-7

2002

Croke Park	Donegal	1-13;	Meath	0-14
	Sligo	1-14;	Tyrone	0-12
Thurles	Kerry	2-10;	Kildare	1-5
Ennis	Mayo	0-21;	Tipperary	1-14

2003

Markievicz Park	Fermanagh	0-12;	Mayo	1-8
Hyde Park	Armagh	4-10;	Limerick	0-11
Portlaoise	Roscommon	1-18;	Kildare	0-19
Clones	Donegal	3-15;	Down	2-10

2004

Clones	Fermanagh	1-10;	Donegal	0-12
Hyde Park	Derry	0-10;	Limerick	0-7
Croke Park	Dublin	1-14;	Roscommon	0-13
	Tyrone	3-15;	Laois	2-4

2005

Portlaoise	Cork	3-13;	Sligo	0-11
Hyde Park	Mayo	0-11;	Cavan	0-8
Croke Park	Laois	1-11;	Derry	0-11
	Tyrone	2-14;	Monaghan	1-7

2006

Killarney	Kerry	4-11;	Longford	1-11
Salthill	Westmeath	1-8;	Galway	0-10
Enniskillen	Donegal	0-11;	Fermanagh	0-8
Portlaoise	Laois	1-9;	Offaly	0-4

Getting to the heart of the matter

GAA and Vhi Healthcare launch defibrillator initiative to target clubs nationwide

The GAA and Vhi Healthcare have launched details of a nationwide initiative to help clubs tackle the phenomenon of Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndrome. The GAA has purchased high-quality Automated External Defibrillators (AED), one of which will be provided at every county ground for on-site use by trained county personnel. GAA clubs nationwide will also be able to purchase an AED at cost price.

The GAA have also partnered with Vhi Healthcare to provide training sessions on how to use the Automated External Defibrillators to 125 clubs nationwide, free of charge. The introductory training sessions will be available for up to four representatives per club and will be hosted throughout Ireland over the coming two years.

Dr. Tadhg Crowley, the Kilkenny team doctor and a key member of the GAA's Medical Welfare Committee, says "Cardio Vascular Disease is Ireland's biggest killer with in the region of 10,000 deaths each year. 6,000 are from sudden cardiac arrest and 70% of these occur outside of hospital. It is imperative that sports clubs and organisations are equipped and prepared to respond in the context of these statistics. The current survival rate of an out of Hospital cardiac arrest in Ireland is 1%. There is significant evidence to suggest that early intervention can have a major impact on survival rates from sudden cardiac arrest".

Speaking at the launch of the initiative, Nickey Brennan, President, GAA, commented "In recent times the phenomenon of Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndrome, together with an increased number of young people suffering cardiac arrest, has highlighted the need for clubs to invest in life-saving defibrillators and

appropriate training in the use of this equipment. Immediate, appropriate treatment plays a vital role in improving survival rates for people experiencing cardiac arrest. This is an area which has been of key concern to the GAA. We are hopeful that this initiative will better enable clubs nationwide to be prepared should a player suffer a sudden cardiac arrest."

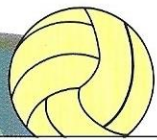
Declan Moran, Director, Marketing & Business Development, Vhi Healthcare, commented, "We are delighted to partner with the GAA on this initiative and to provide the introductory training sessions in using the AEDs. Correct training in this area is crucial as an AED operator must know how to recognise the signs of a sudden cardiac arrest, when to activate the emergency service and how to perform CPR. They must also be familiar with the device so that they are able to successfully operate it in an emergency."

He continued, "The 'Chain of Survival' for someone suffering a cardiac arrest is based on four links: early access, early CPR, early defibrillation and early advanced care. Establishing an AED programme in each GAA club strengthens the first three elements in this chain."

Over the coming weeks, the GAA will write to each club outlining how to purchase an AED. In addition, information regarding the training session on the use of the AED, as well as nomination forms for the four club representatives who will participate in the training, will be included.

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1. When did Derry last win the Allianz National Football League title?
2. Laois have still to win the National League title. True or false?
3. Derry beat Donegal in successive National League finals in the nineties. Name the years in question.
4. Eamonn McEaney, now the Louth county team manager, helped Monaghan to their only National League title in 1985. True or false?
5. When did Monaghan last win the Ulster senior football title?
6. Who refereed the recent Ulster senior football final?
7. What is the official name of the ground where Louth beat Kildare recently in the current All-Ireland senior Qualifiers?
8. Name the All-Ireland senior football semi-finalists of 2006.
9. What county ranks as the first winners of the Sam Maguire Cup?
10. Who led Kerry to last year's Sam Maguire Cup win?
11. Who scored Mayo's only goal on their recent unsuccessful All-Ireland Qualifiers visit to Derry at Celtic Park?
12. Who refereed the recent Leinster senior football final?
13. Maurice Sheridan captained what team to an All-Ireland football title in 2006?
14. What two counties contested the All-Ireland junior final yesterday evening?
15. Who is the manager of the Antrim senior football team?
16. Who ranks as the last footballer from Leinster to captain an All-Ireland senior football title winning team?
17. How many Ulster senior titles have Donegal won since their All-Ireland senior championship winning year of 1992?
18. Who captained Laois to their last Leinster senior title win in 2003?
19. Monaghan played a draw with Kerry in an All-Ireland senior football semi-final in the eighties. Name the exact year.
20. Derry made their All-Ireland senior football final debut in 1958. Who captained the Oak Leaf County in that historic game?

FREAGRAÍ

1. 2000. 2. False. They won the first League final in 1926 and were champions again in 1986. 3. 1995 and 1996. 4. True. 5. 1988. 6. Derek Fahy (Longford). 7. St. Conleth's Park in Droichead Nua. 8. Kerry, Mayo, Cork and Dublin. 9. Kildare in 1928, the year the Cup was first presented to the winners. 10. Declan O'Sullivan. 11. Barry Moran. 12. Michael Hughes (Tyronne). 13. Sathill-Knocknacarra (Galway). 14. Cork and Wexford. 15. Jody Gormley. 16. Graham Geraghty (Meath). 17. None. 18. Ian Fitzgerald. 19. 1985. Kerry won the replay. 20. Jim McKeever.

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IT HAPPENED IN FOOTBALL

Winning Attire

One rarely hears or reads of teams being improperly attired for intercounty – or even club – games nowadays. But in the early years there were many occasions when teams paid little attention to the obvious needs of the day and turned out in whatever colours took their fancy. For instance, back in the 1890s Cork wore four different jerseys, the colours of the four clubs represented on the team. And then there was the case of the referee asking one team to change their jerseys in a Connacht championship game; but neither would agree to do so and the game went ahead with a slightly confused official trying to distinguish between the contestants.

But perhaps the most remarkable happening in relation to county jerseys was in an Ulster championship game in 1912 when one team wore no jerseys at all in the Cavan-Armagh semi/final. It appeared that the official who was to bring the Cavan jerseys failed to collect them, so the Breffni team lined out in their work clothes. The “garb” apparently did not hinder their performance as they won by 1-2 to 1-1.

Top Goals

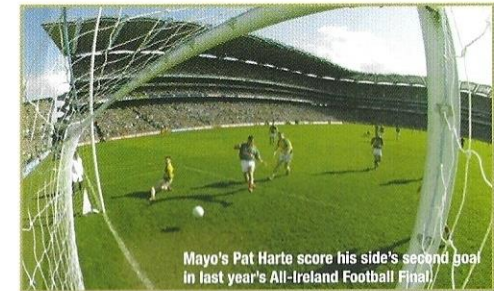
When Mayo scored three first-half goals against Kerry in last year's All-Ireland final it led to some speculation as to whether or not the Kingdom had ever previously conceded a hat-trick of goals in the opening half of a game at Croke Park. They had; in fact Kerry, on one occasion, conceded five goals in the first-half of a game at headquarters. However, this was not in a championship game but in the final of the Harry Conlon Cup in 1949 when wind-assisted Cavan knocked in 5-2 to Kerry's 1-1 in the first half.

Kerry fought back in the second period but the Breffni men held on to win by 6-5 to 3-8. But the five (and six overall) goals set a record that has never been equalled against Kerry at Croke Park.

All In

In the first football championship of 1887 eight counties took part – Limerick, Louth, Meath, Waterford, Kilkenny, Cork, Tipperary and Wexford – all represented by their county champions. The early years struggled to attract sides into the competition and even well into the 1900s many counties did not compete; especially so after the introduction of the junior championship in Leinster in 1905.

But the suspension of the junior championship in 1917 meant that counties had no alternative but to compete at senior level. Still, it wasn't until 1919 that all 32 counties lined out in the senior championship for the first time. However, the senior only arrangement lasted for that year only and with the disruption of the War of Independence many counties did not compete and it wasn't until 1945 that all 32 were again involved in senior competition, before another gap opened that lasted until 1961.



Mayo's Pat Harte score his side's second goal in last year's All-Ireland Football Final.



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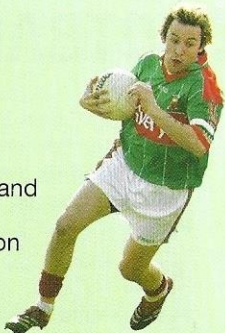
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CUINNE NA NÓG

Picture Parade

1. Who is the footballer pictured here?
2. Did he win a National League medal earlier this year?
3. Has he won an All-Ireland senior medal?
4. What scoring distinction did he earn last year?
5. What is his club?



Club Time

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



Nemo Rangers	Raheny
Trim	Kilnerin
Newtown Blues	Crossmaglen Rangers

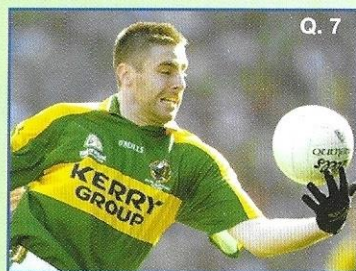
Tráth na gCeist

1. What is the official name of the ground where the Bank of Ireland Connacht senior football final was played earlier this month?
2. How many goals were scored in the two All-Ireland Qualifier games played at Portlaoise last weekend?
3. Name this season's Tommy Murphy Cup finalists.
4. Who won the Tommy Murphy Cup final last year?
5. Mayo beat Waterford in the All-Ireland Ladies senior football championship last Sunday. True or false?

Find The County

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

1. Surname of a well-known county team manager who announced his retirement from this post recently.
2. The All-Ireland Qualifiers is an county championship.
3. This county retained the Leinster Under-21 football title earlier this year.
4. Recent winners of a first-ever Allianz National Football League title.
5. This county's All-Ireland senior football title hopes this year were ended by the Oak Leaf County.
6. All-Ireland minor football champions of 2006.
7. Jersey number of Darragh Ó Sé in last year's All-Ireland senior football final.



FREAGRAÍ

Tráth na gCeist 1. Dr. Hyde Park in Roscommon. 2. Two 3. Antrim and Wicklow. 4. Louisa. 5. True. Picture Parade 1. Conor Mortimer. 2. No. 3. No. 4. He was top scorer nationally for the 2006 senior championship season. 5. Shrule-Glenconrt. Find The County 1. Kerry. 2. Joe, who stepped down as Armagh county team manager. 3. Laois. 4. Donegal. 5. Armagh. 6. Roscommon. 7. Eight. And those letters reveal the county—Kildare. Club Time Darren Fay—Trim. Ciarán Whelan—Raheny. Matty Forde—Kilnerin. Jamie Carr—Newtown Blues. Oisín McConville—Crossmaglen Rangers. Derek Kavanagh—Nemo Rangers.

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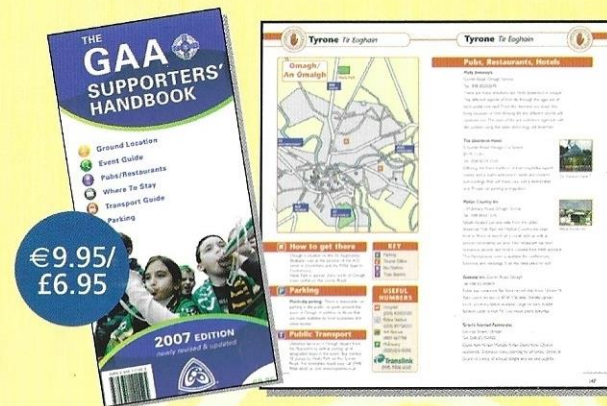


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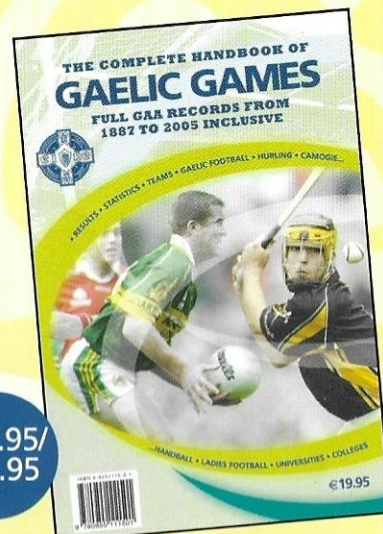


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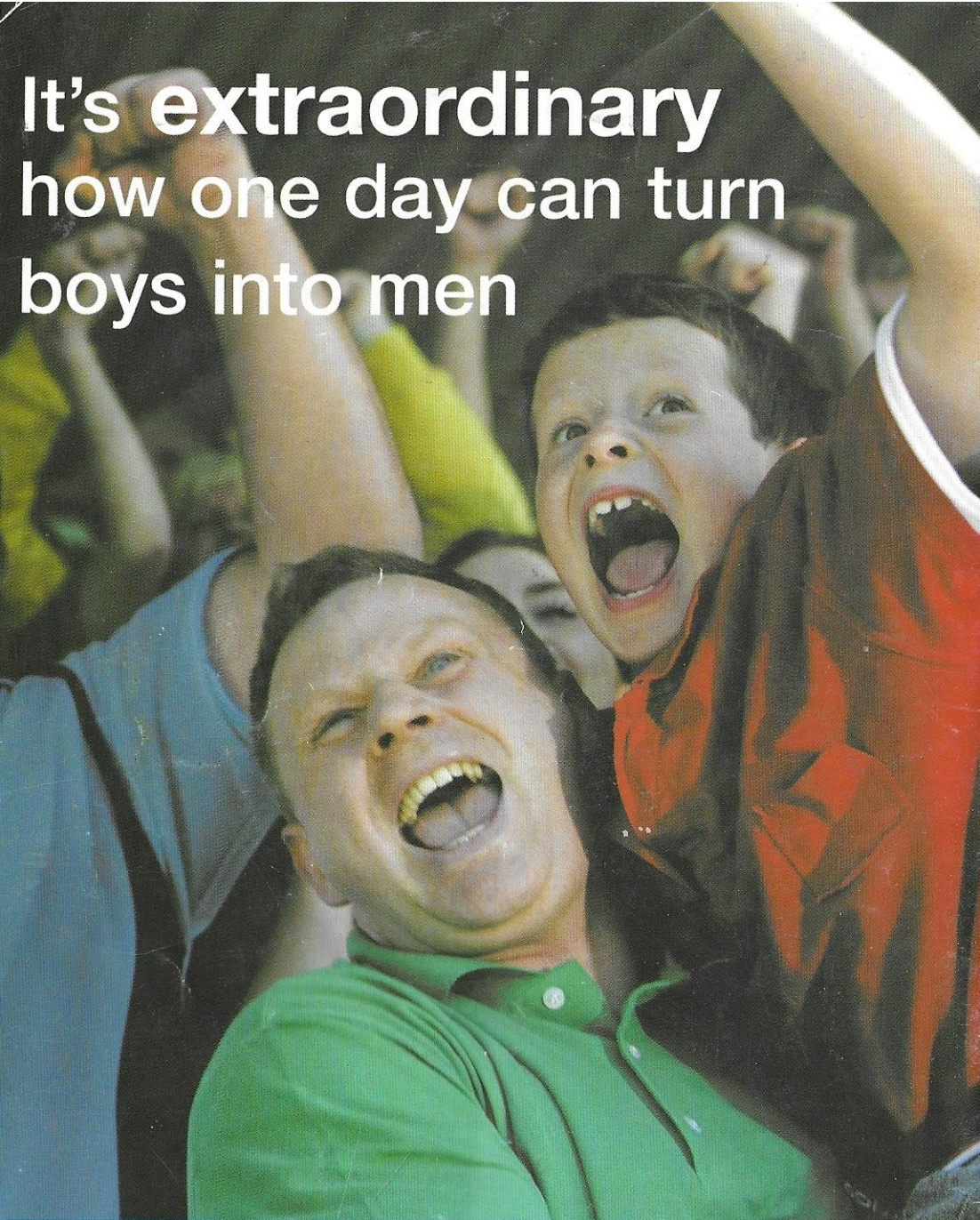
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