

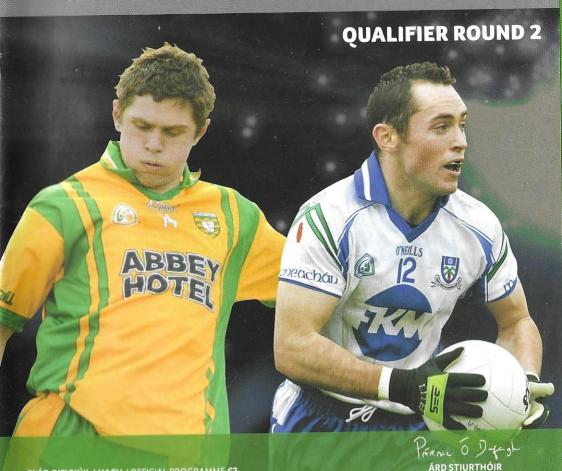
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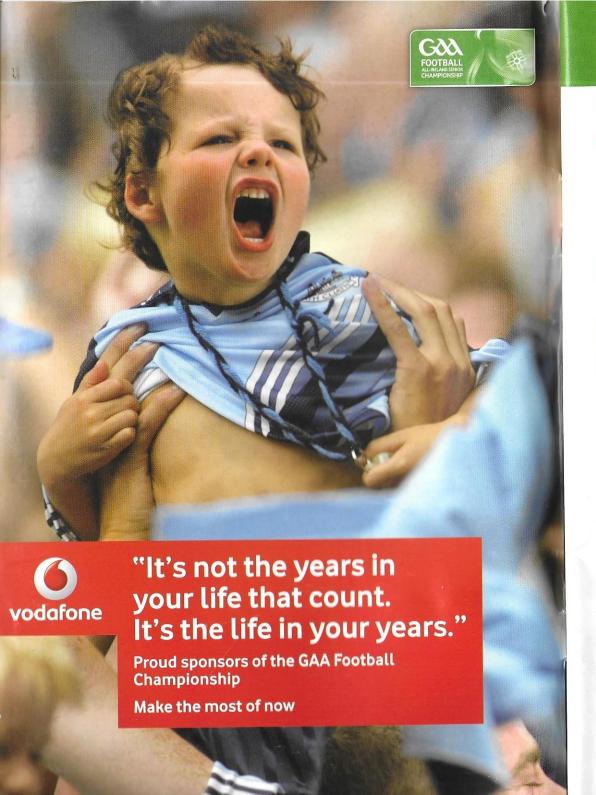


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Páirc Mac Giolla Chomhaill, Bealach Féich. 26 Iúil, 2008

5.00pm

Dún na nGall v Muineachán

Réiteoir:

Rory Hickey (An Clár)

Linesmen:

Jimmy McKee (Ard Mhacha) (STANDBY REFEREE)

Michael Duffy (Sligeach)

Sideline Official: Eamon O'Grady (Liatroim)

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AN RÉITEOIR: Rory Hickey (An Clár)



ory is having a busy season. He was on duty earlier in the year in the Allianz National League, and this summer took charge of the Munster quarter final between Limerick and Tipperary, and the Croke Park Leinster semi-final featuring Wexford and Laois.

He made his refereeing debut at Croke Park at the 2006 All-Ireland minor semi-final between Rosommon and Meath.

A member of the Éire ÓOg Club in Ennis, he has won county medals at minor and junior in both hurling and football.

Hickey has refereed locally in both codes and his intercounty duties have taken him to London on League duty.

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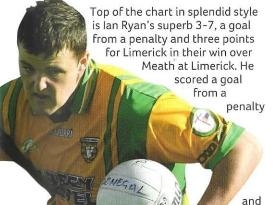




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HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORING A FEATURE OF OPENING ROUND

he first round of the All-Ireland senior football championship last week-end was marked by a number of very impressive individual match returns.



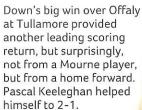
Sharing second place are Donegal teenager Michael Murphy and Kildare's well established marksman supreme, John Doyle. Murphy hit 2-2, a goal from a penalty, to prove an ace in the North West victory march over Roscommon at Ballybofey, while Doyle

points

from frees.

helped himself to 0-8, four points from frees, to stamp his personality on Kildare's last gasp win over Cavan at Droichead Nua.

The Limerick-Meath match provided a second good scoring return at 2-1 for Brian Farrell, of the Royal County.



Down proved so score conscious in that game that they finished with, at 5-19, the best team return of the opening series of games.

John Doyle (Cill Dara)



Michael Murphy

(Dún Na nGall)



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Páirc na nGael, Luimneach ② 7.00 i.n.	Cuit Cuilíní		Cáil Cáilíní
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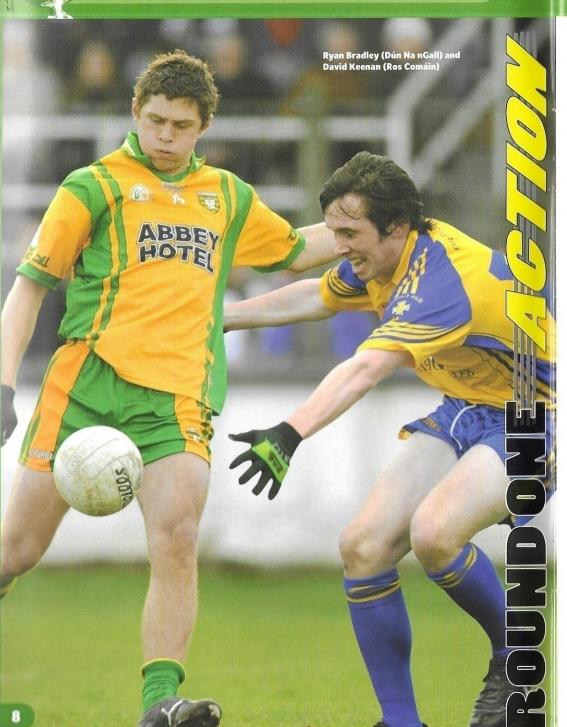
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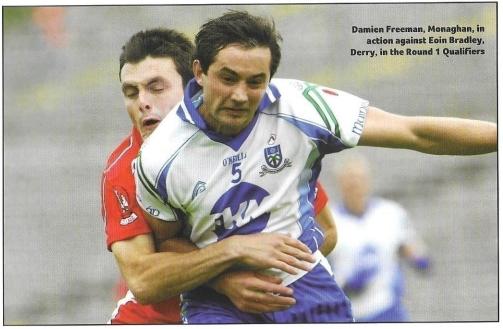
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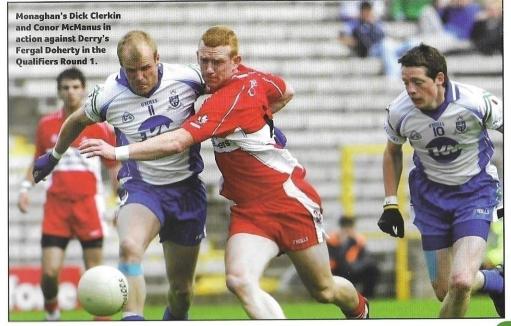
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DONEGAL BACK TO WINNING WAYS

onegal are bidding to record a second round win in the All-Ireland senior football championship Qualifier for the second successive year. Last year they followed up their first round win over Leitrim at Carrick-on-Shannon by beating Westmeath by 1-13 to 1-8 at Mullingar.

In 2006 as runners-up for the Ulster title they did not make their debut until the third round when they beat Fermanagh at Enniskillen.

Although Donegal go into this second round tie under the shadow of a somewhat disappointing performance when losing heavily to Monaghan in the 2007 Qualifiers. they are unlikely to be in the least over-awed by the task ahead.

Last week-end they put the disappointment of their Ulster championship first round loss to Derry at the start of last month firmly in the shade when seeing off Roscommon at Ballybofey.

Neil McGee, Donegal, in action against Joe Diver and Enda Muldoon, Derry

Teenager Michael Murphy, who displayed a flair for goal scoring, and Colm McFadden, on the points scoring standard, did much to fashion a display that set the scene for success with a blistering start.

Donegal were two goals to the good in the early stages, the first from Murphy and were moving well. back into the hunt with a goal from a penalty to reduce their arrears to a brace of points.

However, Roscommon got

Donegal, however, raised their game and another goal in the second half from Murphy—that one from a penalty—sent them Colm McFadden (Dún Na nGall)

on their way to a comfortable 3-11 to

Murphy finished with 2-2, while McFadden contributed five points. Midfielder Rory Kavanagh got through much valuable work, while Frank McGlynn and Karl Lacey did well at the back.

HOW DONEGAL **FARED SO FAR**

1st June. Ballybofey: Donegal 1-12; Derry 1-14.

Scorers: Colm McFadden 0-7, Michael Murphy 1-1, Rory Kavanagh 0-1, David Walsh 0-1, Kevin Cassidy 0-1, Barry Monaghan 0-1.

19h July. Ballybofey:

Donegal 3-11; Roscommon 1-9. Scorers: Michael Murphy 2-2, Colm McFadden 0-5, Stephen Griffin 1-0. Rory Kavanagh 0-1, Kevin Rafferty 0-1, David Walsh 0-1, Christy Toye 0-1.

LAST FIVE SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

2008: Donegal 3-11; Roscommon 1-9.

2008: Donegal 1-12;

Derry 1-14. 2007: Donegal 1-7;

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Westmeath 1-8.

2007: Donegal 1-16:

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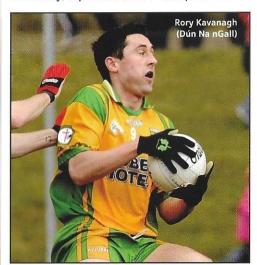
A GOLDEN MEMORY FROM THE OUALIFIERS

The progressive play of midfielders Kevin Cassidy and Neil Gallagher powered Donegal to an impressive All-Ireland senior football Oualifiers second round win over Westmeath at Mullingar last July.

Goalkeeper Gary Connaughton gave the home side a real morale boost by saving a penalty in the first half, but Donegal, with their midfielders to the fore, responded well to lead at the interval by 0-9 to 0-6.

The North-West county took a firm grip on the exchanges with a goal from left full forward Brendan Devenney after 55 minutes to go 1-11 to 0-7 clear. They finished good winners by 1-13 to 1-8.

In addition to the midfielders, Karl Lacey at the back, and forwards Rory Kavanagh and Devenney, top scorer with 1-3, impressed.

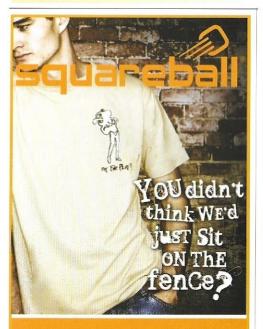




THE LONG WAIT

when a county has to wait for almost half a century to record its second provincial title it would appear that it had spent decades in the doldrums with little to show for a lot of effort, and that was certainly the case with Armagh when, in the wake of their Ulster final success in 1902, they sustained a succession of defeats in provincial finals that sounds almost incredible. In the period between 1903 and 1950 Armagh lost the finals of '03 (Cavan), '12 (Antrim), '17 (Monaghan), '20 (Cavan), '27 (Monaghan), '28 (Cavan), '31 (Cavan), '32 (Cavan), '34 (Cavan), '37 (Cavan), '38 (Monaghan), '39 (Cavan) and '49 (Cavan).

The defeat by Cavan in 1949 was the 13th successive final loss suffered by the Orchard county. Finally, the win over Cavan the following year ushered in a new era for Armagh.



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THE FIRST SIX

Many of the most celebrated teams through the years have won six successive provincial titles with the likes of Dublin, Kerry, Cavan, Kildare and Wexford coming to mind. However, the honour of recording the first-ever six-in-a-row belongs to none of the above, but to a county that has failed to win a provincial title for more than half a century...Antrim. The Glensmen laid the foundations for hurling in Ulster in the early years of the last century, but they did not neglect the big ball game. In 1908 the footballers came through to beat Cavan in the provincial final by 1-8 to 0-4. A year later they retained the title with another victory over the Breffni men as was the case in 1910 and 1911 before Armagh were final victims in 1912. In 1913 Antrim made in six-in-a-row with a 3-1 to 1-2 victory over Monaghan. Other counties would in time emulate Antrim's achievement. but the honour of bringing off the first six-ina-row rests with the Glensmen.

GOLD! GOLD! GOLD!

When a team gathers to celebrate the presenting of All-Ireland medals it is a great occasion for everyone concerned. But it might be said that such a presentation had an extra dimension to affairs when the Dublin players received their awards in 1908. For it wasn't just one set of medals that was presented at the Banba Hall, Rutland Square, Dublin, but two All-Ireland awards and several sets won in various tournaments.

The All-Ireland medals were for the winning of the titles of 1906 and 1907; in fact, the Metropolitans were well on their way to a third successive title when this gala evening took place. However, All-Ireland medals were not the only awards presented that evening. The Dublin players had, over the previous two years, won no fewer than seven gold medals at various tournaments.

Inevitably, some Dublin wag made a comment to the effect that there was more gold in the Banba Hall that night than had been excavated in the Klondike in the 1890s.

LAST MEETING...2007

MONAGHAN TOPS IN LAST YEAR'S QUALIFIER

Monaghan 2-12 Donegal 1-7

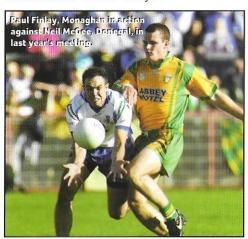
t is exactly twelve months since
Monaghan and Donegal last met in the
All-Ireland qualifiers, although on that
occasion at Omagh a place in the All-Ireland
quarter/final awaited the winners, unlike
today's contest when a place in round three
will be the victor's reward. Monaghan had
lost to Tyrone narrowly in the provincial
final a fortnight before this encounter while
Donegal lost to the same opposition a round
earlier by eleven, so the Farney men were
slight favourites in front of an attendance
of 15,639. Availing of the wind Monaghan
made the ideal start when Vincent Corey
punched home a goal after three minutes.

However, despite dominating possessionwise, that goal was all that divided the sides at the change of ends (1-5 to 0-5) as the leaders shot nine first-half wides to one for Donegal. When Rory Kavanagh rifled home a goal three minutes after the restart it appeared Donegal would make Monaghan pay for such profligacy, but then Corey turned provider as he set up Tomás Freeman for a like score at the other end. That major was a huge tonic to Monaghan and a body blow for Donegal and from that point on it was only a matter of what the provincial runners-up would win by. Eight points separated the sides at the final whistle.

Monaghan scorers: T.Freeman 1-5, P.Finlay 0-4, V.Corey 1-1, C.Hanratty 0-1, S.Smith 0-1.

Donegal scorers: R.Kavanagh 1-2, K.Cassidy 0-1, C.McFadden 0-1, B.Devenney 0-1, K.McMenamin 0-1, E.McGee 0-1.

Muineachán – S.Duffy, D.Mone, C.Flanagan, D.McArdle, D.Freeman, G.McQuaid, J.P.Mone, E.Lennon, D.Clerkin, P.Finlay, R.Woods, C.McManus, S.Gollogly, V.Corey, T.Freeman. Subs – C.Hanratty for Gollogly, D.Hughes for J.P.Mone, P.Meegan for McManus, H.McElroy for D.Freeman, S.Smith for Woods. Dún na nGall – P.Durcan, N.McGee, P.Campbell, K.Lacey, N.McCready, B.Monaghan, F.McGlynn, K.Cassidy, N.Gallagher, R.Kavanagh, C.Bonner, R.Bradley, C.McFadden, M.Murphy, B.Devenney. Subs – B.Dunnion for Campbell, C.Toye for Bradley, M.Hegarty for Murphy, E.McGee for McGlynn, K.McMenamin for Devenney.





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PATHS TO ROUND 2

Muineachán

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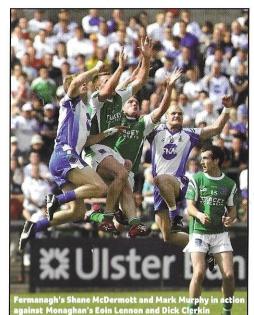
Monaghan 0-10 Fermanagh Scorers - P.Finlay 0-3, T.Freeman 0-3, E.Lennon 0-1, V.Corey 0-1, C.Hanratty 0-1, C.McManus 0-1.

19th July a Clones:

Monaghan 1-13 Derry 1-12 Scorers - T.Freeman 0-5, C.Hanratty 0-3, D.Clerkin 1-0, S.Gollogly 0-2, C.McManus 0-1, R.Woods 0-1, S.Smyth 0-1.

Total Scored 1-23 (26) Total Conceded 3-20 (29) Average: 0.9

Scorers - T.Freeman 0-8, C.Hanratty 0-4, P.Finlay 0-3, D.Clerkin 1-0, C.McManus 0-2, S.Gollogly 0-2, E.Lennon 0-1, V.Corey 0-1, R.Woods 0-1, S.Smyth 0-1.



Dún na nGall

1st June a Ballybofey:

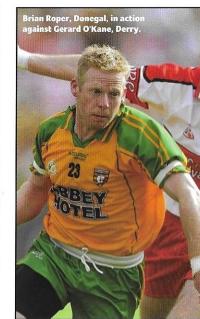
Donegal 1-12 Derry 1-14 Scorers - C.McFadden 0-7, M.Murphy 1-1, R.Kavanagh 0-1, D.Walsh 0-1, K.Cassidy 0-1, B.Monaghan 0-1.

19th July a Ballybofey:

Donegal 3-11 Roscommon Scorers - M.Murphy 2-2, C.McFadden 0-5, S.Griffin 1-0, R.Kavanagh 0-1, K.Rafferty 0-1, D.Walsh 0-1, C.Tove 0-1.

Total Scored 4-23 (35) Total Conceded 2-23 (29) Average: 1.2

Scorers - C.McFadden 0-12, M.Murphy 3-3, S.Griffin 1-0, R.Kavanagh 0-2, D.Walsh 0-2, K.Cassidy 0-1, B.Monaghan 0-1, K.Rafferty 0-1, C.Toye 0-1.





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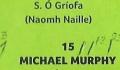


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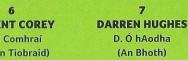
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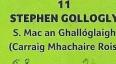
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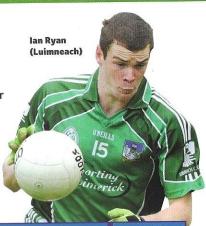
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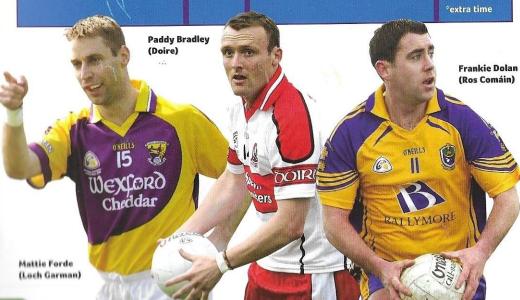


INDIVIDUAL FEATS

■hen Mattie Forde recorded a magnificent 2-10 for Wexford against Offaly four years ago, it was generally reckoned that it would take a very experienced campaigner to match that mark. However, seven days ago, 18-year old lan Ryan of Limerick equalled the Slaneysiders' return with a superb 3-7 against Meath at the Gaelic Grounds. Those two returns are three points clear of the field in the individual feats chart for the qualifiers. The top ten (12) currently reads:



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Mattie Forde (Wexford) lan Ryan (Limerick) Frankie Dolan (Roscommon) Paddy Bradley (Derry) Stephen O'Neill (Tyrone) Steven McDonnell (Armagh) Frankie Dolan (Roscommon) Declan Browne (Tipperary) Hugh McElroy (Monaghan) Michael Reidy (Limerick) Daithí Regan (Meath) Eoin Mulligan (Tyrone)	2-10 3-7 0-13* 2-7 2-7 3-4 0-12* 1-9 1-9 1-9 2-6* 2-6*	v Offaly @ Wexford Park v Meath @ the Gaelic Grounds v Kildare @ Portlaoise v Longford @ Pearse Park v Monaghan @ Croke Park v Limerick @ Hyde Park v Offaly @ Mullingar v Carlow @ Thurles v London @ Clones v Cavan @ the Gaelic Grounds v Fermanagh @ Enniskillen v Louth @ An Uaimh	(2004) (2008) (2003) (2006) (2005) (2003) (2003) (2005) (2002) (2004) (2006)
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QUALIFIER RECORDS

Dún na nGall

2001	Beat Fermanagh @ Enniskillen	0-15 to 1-6	
	Lost to Kildare a Droichead Nua	1-16 to 1-17	
2002	Beat Meath @ Croke Park	1-13 to 0-14	
2003	Beat Longford @ Ballybofey	1-17 to 1-11	
	Beat Sligo @ Ballybofey	0-16 to 0-11	
	Beat Tipperary @ Croke Park	2-19 to 0-15	
	Beat Down @ Clones	3-15 to 2-10	
2004	Lost to Fermanagh a Clones	0-12 to 1-10	
2005	Beat Wicklow a Aughrim	0-16 to 0-12	
	Lost to Cavan a Breffni Park	1-10 to 1-11	
2006	Beat Fermanagh @ Enniskillen	0-11 to 0-8	
2007	Beat Leitrim @ Carrick-on-Shannon	1-16 to 1-14	a
	Beat Westmeath a Mullingar	1-13 to 1-8	
	Lost to Monaghan @ Omagh	1-7 to 2-12	
2008	Beat Roscommon a Ballybofey	3-11 to 1-9	

Played 15 - Won 11 Lost 4

Muineachán

2001	Lost to Armagh a Clones	0-10 to 2-12	
2002	Lost to Louth @ Clones	1-8 to 2-11	
2003	Beat Westmeath a Clones	0-14 to 1-9	
	Lost to Meath a Clones	0-12 to 2-10	
2004	Lost to Longford @ Clones	1-17 to 4-15	а
2005	Beat London @ Clones	2-18 to 1-9	
	Beat Wexford a Clones	0-17 to 0-12	
	Beat Louth @ Breffni Park	1-12 to 0-14	
	Lost to Tyrone @ Croke Park	1-7 to 2-14	
2006	Beat Wicklow @ Clones	2-19 to 3-6	
	Lost to Wexford a Clones	0-6 to 0-8	
2007	Beat Donegal @ Omagh	2-12 to 1-7	
2008	Beat Derry @ Clones	1-13 to 1-12	

Played 13 - Won 7 Lost 6





PREVIOUS MEETING 11

Monaghan **Donegal**

	1929: Monaghan	2-8	Donegal	0-1
	1936: Monaghan	2-8	Donegal	0-11
et	1938: Monaghan	0-7	Donegal	0-6

1340:		
Donegal	4-5	Monaghan 1-9

1955:	1/	
Donegal	3-6	Monaghan 2-8

	1956: Monaghan1-14 Donegal				
	1979: Monaghan 1-15 Donega	0-11			

1983:	:	
Donegal	1-14	Monaghan 1-9

1985: Monaghan1-14	Donegal	0-7	
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Monaghan 1-14	Donegal	8-0

2007:		
Monaghan2-12	Donegal	1-7

MONAGHAN PUT FIRST ROUND DEFEAT IN THE SHADE

onaghan are hoping for better fortune today than in their last appearance in an All-Ireland senior football championship Qualifier second round tie in 2006 when they lost to Wexford at Clones by 0-8 to 0-6

Last year as runners-up for the Ulster title they stepped into Qualifier action for the first time in round three when they outscored Donegal at Omagh by 2-12 to 1-7.

Can they repeat that success today? Only time will tell, but they put their shock first round defeat by Fermanagh in May firmly into the shade with their hard-earned win over National League champions Derry at Clones last week-end.

Left full forward Tomás Freeman played a major role in fashioning a win in a game in which Monaghan led by two points at the break, were behind after 55 minutes by a point, but hit back well for a late, late win.

Monaghan had the edge in the first half and looked to be heading for a good lead at the break when midfielder Dick Clerkin goaled. However, a goal by Derry just before the interval reduced their advantage to 1-7 to 1-5.





Tomás Freeman (Muineachán)



Tomás Freeman highlighted his purposeful all round display with five points. Hanratty was another star up front, while Clerkin with his goal, and John Paul Mone and Dermot McArdle in defence were also influential figures.

HOW MONAGHAN **FARED SO FAR**

25th May. Enniskillen: Monaghan 0-10; Fermanagh 2-8. Scorers: Paul Finlay 0-3, Tomas Freeman 0-3, Eoin Lennon 0-1. Vincent Corey 0-1, Ciaran Hanratty 0-1, Kieran McManus 0-1. 19th July. Clones: Monaghan 1-13; Derry 1-12.

Scorers: Tomas Freeman 0-5, Dick Clerkin 1-0, Ciaran Hanratty 0-3.

StephenGollogly 0-2, Conor McManus 0-1. Rory Woods 0-1, Shane Smyth 0-1.

LAST FIVE SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

2008: Monaghan 1-13; Derry 1-12. 2008: Monaghan 0-10; Fermanagh 2-8. 2007: Monaghan 1-11; Kerry 1-12. 2007: Monaghan 2-12; Donegal 1-7.

2007: Monaghan 1-13; Tyrone 1-15.

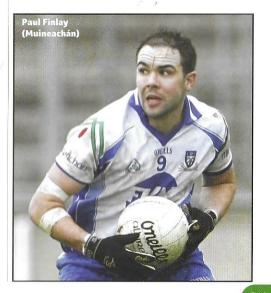
A GOLDEN MEMORY FROM THE OUALIFIERS

Paul Finlay gave a man-of-the-match display to power Monaghan to an All-Ireland senior football championship second round win over Wexford at Clones in 2005.

He was in fine form with his high-fielding and good general play at midfield. Monaghan had the edge in the first half and led at the break by 0-9 to 0-6.

The home team had a defender dismissed in the second half and Monaghan, with Finlay and left full back Colm Flanagan showing the way, finished good winners by 0-17 to 0-12.

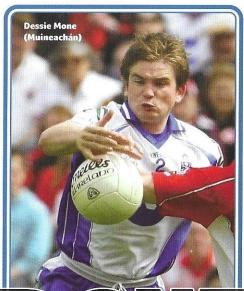
Finlay and Tomás Freeman led the way in the scoring returns with four points each. Damien Freeman and Vincent Corev in defence were other stars for the winners.



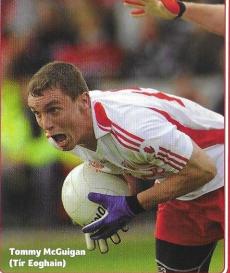


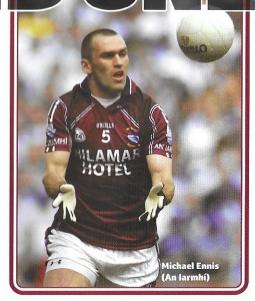


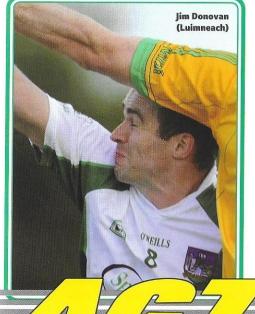


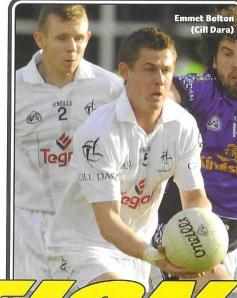


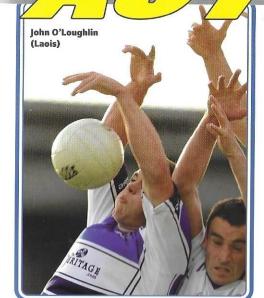


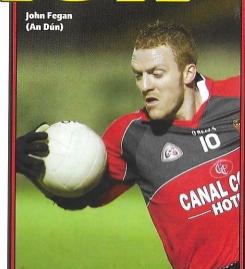














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DOUBLE FIVE

When a team scores just five points in a game and still manages to survive it says much about the quality of their defence; but when a team does so twice in a campaign and wins the title, then their defenders deserve special praise. And that is what Kildare did in 1927. Low scores marked the Lily White's progress to the Leinster final in which they were opposed by Dublin. In a hectic encounter, in which defenders excelled. Kildare held on to win by 0-5 to 0-2. But against the odds Kildare repeated that feat in the All-Ireland final against Kerry, who scored two points in the opening 20 minutes and then stalled. Kildare did all the second period scoring to run out winners by 0-5 to 0-2. A remarkable feature of that campaign was that Kildare were almost entirely dependent on their defence as in the five games they played only once did their own score reach double figures, which was when they notched 1-7 against Monaghan ((0-2) in the All-Ireland semi/final.

BIGGEST WINNING MARGINS 2001-2008

The biggest winning margin in last weekend's opening round of the qualifiers was Down's 18point demolition of Offaly at O'Connor Park. It was the joint fourth highest in the series to date.

27pts	Parnell Park	Dublin	3-24	London	0-6	(2004)
23pts	Portlaoise	Kerry	5-15	Wicklow	0-7	(2002)
19pts	Walsh Park	Armagh	2-21	Waterford	0-8	(2003)
18pts	Carrick-on-Shannon		1-22	Leitrim	0-7	(2002)
	Tullamore	Down	5-19	Offaly	2-10	(2008)
17pts	Portlaoise	Kerry	2-15	Fermanagh	0-4	(2002)
	Tullamore	Offaly	4-15	London	0-10	(2003)
16pts	Aughrim	Wicklow	2-22	London	2-6	(2002)
14pts	Croke Park	Dublin	3-17	Sligo	0-12	(2001)
	Croke Park	Tyrone	3-15	Laois	2-4	(2004)
	Casement Park	Meath	5-12	Antrim	0-13	(2005)
	Dr Cullen Park	Limerick	2-15	Carlow	0-7	(2005)
13pts	Portlaoise	Laois	1-19	Clare	1-6	(2002)
•	Navan	Meath	1-19	Roscommon	0-9	(2006)
	Pearse Park	Longford	1-23	Tipperary	1-10	(2006)
12pts	Carrick-on-Shannon	Dublin	1-13	Leitrim	0-4	(2004)
	Clones	Monaghan	2-18	London	1-9	(2005)
	Mullingar	Westmeath		London	0-8	(2006)
11pts	Portlaoise	Meath	1-15	Laois	0-7	(2002)
	Hyde Park	Armagh	4-10	Limerick	0-11	(2003)
	Parnell Park	Derry	2-16	Wexford	2-5	(2004)
	Portlaoise	Cork	3-13	Sligo	0-11	(2005)
10pts	The Gaelic Grounds	Westmeath		Limerick	0-7	(2001)
	Wexford Park	Derry	3-10	Wexford	0-9	(2003)
	Croke Park	Donegal	2-19	Tipperary	0-15	(2003)
	Celtic Park	Derry	0-25	Cavan	2-9	(2004)
	Croke Park	Tyrone	2-14	Monaghan	1-7	(2005)
	Clones	Monaghan	2-19	Wicklow	3-6	(2006)
	Celtic Park	Derry	2-13	Mayo	1-6	(2007)

GOAL-LESS GAMES

ast weekend's opening round of the			GOAL-LESS	
qualifiers yielded just one goal-less	YEAR	MATCHES	MATCHES	%
encounter: Westmeath's easy win over	2001	24	4	16
Tipperary. Twelve months ago three of the eight	2002	25	2	8
first-round matches (Westmeath v Longford,	2003	24	4	16
Louth v Limerick and Derry v Armagh) failed to	2004	23	3	13
raise the green flag. Indeed, last weekend was	2005	24	7	29
something of a goal fest as 26 goals were	2006	25	5	20
scored in the eight fixtures, which was 14 more	2007	16	5	31
than at the same stage last season.	2008	8	1	13



An Bóthar ag Giorriú

a craobhchomórtas peile 2008 ag sleamhnú thart go tapaidh agus tá an bóthar don duais ollmhór ag giorriú an tam ar fad. Tá na boic móra fágtha sa rás go fóill - leithéidí Ciarraí, Ath Cliath, Ard Mhacha agus Tír Eoghain. Ina measc, áfach, tá contaethe eile atá dochasach go mbeidh said fós ann an mhí seo chugainn nuair a bheidh an teocht ardaithe agus lucht leanta ar bís. Beidh deis ag cuid acu inniu a mianach a thaispeáint don saol mór ar pháirc na himeartha.

Tá an tadh dearg le Luimneach agus Tír Chonaill bheith sa bhaile arís don dara ocáid as a chéile. Tá sé tuillte acu araon, áfach, mar tá éacht oibre déanta ag na himeoirí seo. Beidh muintir Thir Chonaill - a sháraigh Ros Comáin an tseachtain seo chaite - i ngleic le Muineachán a chloí Doire - curaidh reatha na sraithe Allianz. Tháinig Luimneach aniar aduaidh ar Na Ríogaigh nuair a d'imir said peil den scoth i bPáirc na nGael agus beidh siad ag tabhairt aghaidh ar Chill Dara. Tá fir na hIarmhí sa rás freisin agus beidh siad as baile arís in aghaidh Thír Eoghain. Beidh fathaigh An Dúin agus laochra Laoise san iomaíocht i bPort Laoise um thráthnona freisin.

Tá an dul-chun-cinn déanta ag fir Luimní faoi stiúr Mickey Ned O Sullivan. Bhí mí-adh orthu in aghaidh Chorcaí. Bhí an cluiche úd buaite acu nuair a d'aimsigh Na Reibiliúnaigh dhá chúl ag druidim le deireadh na himeartha. Bhíodar reidh don Mhí an tseachtain seo chaite, áfach, agus is cinnte go bhfuil borradh fúthú faoi láthair tar éis an bhua iontach 4-12 do 4-03. Beidh aird faoi leith inniu ar Ian Ryan a d'aimsigh 3-7 in aghaidh na Mí. Is peileadóir den scoth é an tógánach seo. Tá sé i ndann scóranna a aimsiú ón imirt agus ón dtalamh agus tá neart, luas agus féin-mhuinín ann freisin. Tá iar-imreoir Ard Mhaca, Kieran McGeeney, ag múnlú foirne faoi láthair i gCill Dara. Bhíodar dona go leor i gcraobhchomórtas Laighean agus, cé go rabhadar maith go leor in aghaidh An Chabháin an tseachtain seo chaite, ní raibh ach cúilín amháin mar fharasbharr acu ag

an deireadh. Beidh siad ag brath go mór arís inniu ar John Doyle, Alan Smith agus an bheirt laoch i lár 'a ghoirt Dermot Earley agus Killian Brennan.

Beidh fíor-choimhlint idir Thír Chonaill agus Muineachán, Ní raibh Tomás O Flatharta sasta ar chor ar bith le foireann na hIarmhí an tseachtain seo chaite cé go raibh naoi gcúiíní le sparáil, acu ar Thiobraid Arann. Níos luaithe sa chomórtas bhain siad geit as fir na príomhchathrach i bPáirc an Chrócaigh. Beidh feabhas mór ag teastáil ón bhFlathartach um thráthnona mar tá fhios aige go bhfuil mianach sa bhfoireann seo agus go bhfuil siad go maith i ndann dul níos faide sa rás seo. Tá sé fíordheacair, áfach, an lámh in uachtar a fháil ar fhir Na Láimhe Deirge sa bhaile. Beidh na fir lártíre ag brath go mór arís ar Denis Glennon, a d'aimsigh 0-5 on imirt an tseachtain seo chaite ach le leithéidí Colm McCullagh, Seán Cavanagh agus Brian McGuigan ag Tír Eoghain ceaptar go mbeidh deireadh inniu le feachtas craoibhe na hIarmhí.

D'aimsigh An Dún 5-15 ón imirt an tseachtain seo chaite in aghaidh Uibh Fhailí. Braitheann said go mór ar Benny Coulter os comhair an chúil ach ní haon dóithiní iad John Clark, Danny Hughes ná Ronan Murtagh ach an oiread. Tá laoch dá gcuid féin ag Laois. D'aimsigh Donie Kingston 1-3 in aghaidh An Longfoirt i bPáirc an Phiarais. Beidh cabhair ag teastáil uaidh inniu, áfach, óna chomhaleacaithe más mian leo dul tríd go dtí na cluichí ceathrúcheannais. Beidh Na Tuaisceartaigh reidh do chath an lae inniu agus ni ghéillfidh said ró-éasca.

Beidh deireadh lena bhfeachtas craoibhe do neasoirí an lae inniu. Tabharfaidh na buaiteoirí aghaidh ar neasóirí na gcúigí.

Tá na hiomathóirí ag druidim le ceann scríbe ach beidh coimhlintí eile le ríomh againn roimh deireadh an tsamhraidh, Bainigí taitneamh astu.



QUALIFIER RECORDS after Round 1

	TIES	WIN-Loss	%		TIES	WIN-Loss	%
Kerry	4	4-0	100	Roscommon	11	5-6	45
Dublin	7	6-1	86	Longford	14	6-8	43
Tyrone	11	9-2	82	Kildare	11	4-7	36
Derry	20	15-5	75	Limerick	11	4-7	36
Westmeath	16	12-4	75	Carlow	9	3-6	33
Armagh	8	6-2	75	Clare	9	3-6	33
Donegal	15	11-4	73	Offaly	10	3-7	30
Fermanagh	15	10-5	67	Down	10	3-7	30
Laois	12	8-4	67	Cavan	11	3-8	27
Meath	16	10-6	63	Wicklow	8	2-6	25
Sligo	13	8-5	62	Wexford	9	2-7	22
Mayo	8	5-3	62	Tipperary	7	1-6	14
Galway	7	4-3	57	Antrim	7	1-6	14
Monaghan	13	7-6	54	Leitrim	7	0-7	0
Louth	16	8-8	50	Waterford	6	0-6	O
Cork	6	3-3	50	London	5	0-5	0

THE FIRST 60

hen 68,950 spectators flocked to Croke W Park to see the Kerry-Galway All-Ireland final of 1938, it was generally believed that this attendance was the first time more than sixty thousand people attended an All-Ireland decider or any other competition. However, that belief was incorrect. The 60,000 mark had been passed seven years earlier, but not in an All-Ireland final or even a championship game...or even in this country. In 1931 Kerry were in the United States playing a number of games in the New York and Boston areas and a match against a New York selection was fixed for Giants Stadium. It was a huge success with just over 60,000 spectators turning up, most of them Irish emigrants. Admittedly, no other touring side ever got close to that figure again, although for the remainder of the decade attendances at games with teams from the "home" country were very satisfactory.

IN THREE DECADES

Mick O'Dwyer has achieved so much as a team manager in recent decades that it tends to be forgotten that he was also a high achiever on the playing field in his time. Apart from the All-Ireland, National League and Railway Cup achievements, he is also among a very exclusive band of players that have won National League medals in three different decades. Not surprisingly, three of the four are from the Kingdom with O'Dwyer joined by his team-mates Mick O'Connell and Johnny Culloty who were all present when the 1959, 1961, 1963, 1969, 1971, 1972 and 1973 titles were annexed. The gate-crasher to the Kerry trio is Meath's Joe Cassells who was part of the Royals' successes in 1975, 1988 and 1990.

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EXTRA TIME & THE QUALIFIERS

ince their inception in 2001 every year has seen at least one match require extra time before being resolved, and in three cases even the added 20 minutes failed to separate the protagonists. Indeed, in the opening round of 2001, extra time failed to separate Wexford and Westmeath at Wexford Park as, when finishing at 1-13 apiece after 70 minutes, a further 20 minutes saw each side add six points to force a replay at Mullingar. The Lake county were also required to play extra time in the fourth round of that seasons' campaign when, having tied with Mayo (1-9 to 0-12) at Hyde Park, they advanced to the All-Ireland guarter/final after extra time by 1-14 to 0-16.

The following year the only game that went to extra time was the meeting of Limerick and Cavan at the Gaelic Grounds. After 70 exciting minutes the home side had 2-10 to their credit with the visitors registering 1-13 and 20 minutes later each side had added a brace of points to send the game to Breffni Park for resolution.

Like Westmeath two years previously, Roscommon were the extra time "kings" in 2003 when they won both their third and fourth round ties after playing additional time. Against Offaly at Cusack Park Mullingar it was 1-13 each at the end of normal time, but the Connacht side pulled away in extra time to win by 1-20 to 1-15. It was tighter against Kildare at Portlaoise where Roscommon won by 1-18 to 0-19 after finishing level 1-12 to 0-15.

The 2004 campaign saw the most games go to extra time as four matches required additional minutes before the outcome was decided. At Drogheda Louth and Antrim finished level (1-9 to 0-12) before the Wee county won out by 2-13 to 0-14. Longford and Monaghan played out an exciting 70 minutes at Pearse Park (2-12 to 1-15) before the hosts advanced by 4-15 to 1-17. Fermanagh (0-16) and Meath (2-10) were tied at Enniskillen before the Ernesiders edged it by 0-19 to 2-12, and in what was to date the most amazing period of extra time, Derry and Cavan tied at 0-15 to 2-9 before the Oak Leaf shot ten points without reply in 20 minutes to win comfortably.

Just one contest required extra time in 2005 with Meath defeating Leitrim at Carrick-on-Shannon by 1-12 to 1-8 after drawing 0-9 to 1-6 after 70 minutes. The following season Louth and Tyrone couldn't be separated after 70 minutes (2-13 each) nor did an additional 20 minutes make any difference (2-16 apiece). Westmeath's fine extra time record was maintained at Markievicz Park as having held the hosts 0-11 each, they qualified for the fourth round on a 1-12 to 0-14 scoreline.

Last season only one qualifier required extra time to yield a verdict as Donegal overcame Leitrim by 1-16 to 1-14 at Carrick-on-Shannon after it finished 1-11 each at the end of normal time.

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- 1. What county lost to Kerry in the Cadbury All-Ireland Junior Football final earlier this year?
- 2. Where was last year's Tommy Murphy Cup football final played?
- 3. What is the name of the venue where Sligo made a winning start to their Connacht senior football title last May?
- 4. Who refereed last Sunday's Leinster senior football final?
- 5. Tyrone, Derry and what other Ulster county appeared in last year's All-Ireland senior football quarter-finals?





Who Am I?

I won Vodafone All Stars awards in 2004 and 2006 at full back. However, I scored one of the most talked about goals of this year's provincial senior championship almost immediately after going in as a second half substitute.

Unscramble The Letters

The initials and surnames of four players who have already been in action in the senior football championship this year are concealed in our letters jumble. Below each letters jumble is a clue to help find the name of each player.



One of the top scoring forwards in the game who helped his county to a rare provincial final appearance.

EOMRFD



A county senior captain and talented forward with a Leinster county.

OANGRBA



A young forward from the West, who recorded some impressive individual scoring returns this season.



A sharpshooting forward with an Ulster county that bowed out of the Ulster senior championship in the opening round.

Ceart nó Mícheart

There is only one answer to each of the five statements below—true or false.

1. Galway were the first county to march through the Qualifiers to an All-Ireland senior football title.

> title. Z. True. He led Meath to the 1999 title. 3. False. Derry's last win was in 1993. 4. False. Dublin won the title. 6. False. London did (Monaghan). Ceart sa Miceart True. They lost their 2001 Connacht semi-final to Roscommon and went on to win the All-Ireland

Owens (Fermanagh). Unscremble The Letters 1. M. Forde (Wexford). 2. E. Mulligan (Leitrim). 3. A. Brogan (Dublin). 5. T. Freeman THE RESERVE TO MINDELE ST. CLOVE FRIEND ST. ST. MINDELLE AND DESCRIPTION OF CONTROL OF THE PROPERTY ST. AND ADDRESS OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PRO

- Graham Geaghty is a former All-Ireland senior football title-winning captain with Meath.
- 3. Derry last won the Sam Maguire Cup in 1992.
- Meath won this year's Leinster junior football title.
- 5. London footballers competed in this year's Ulster senior football championship.



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