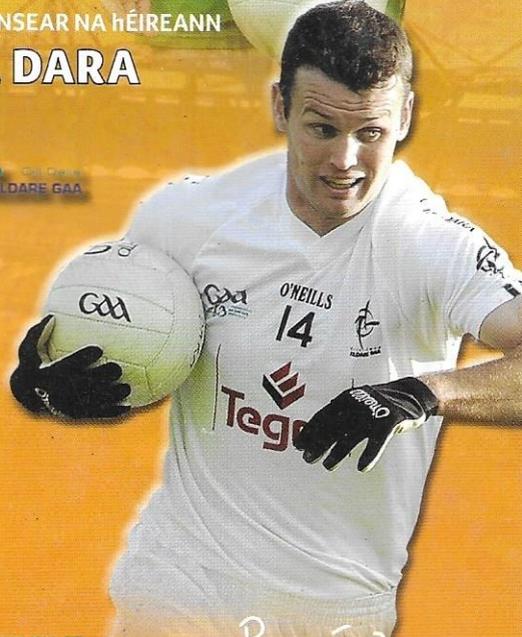
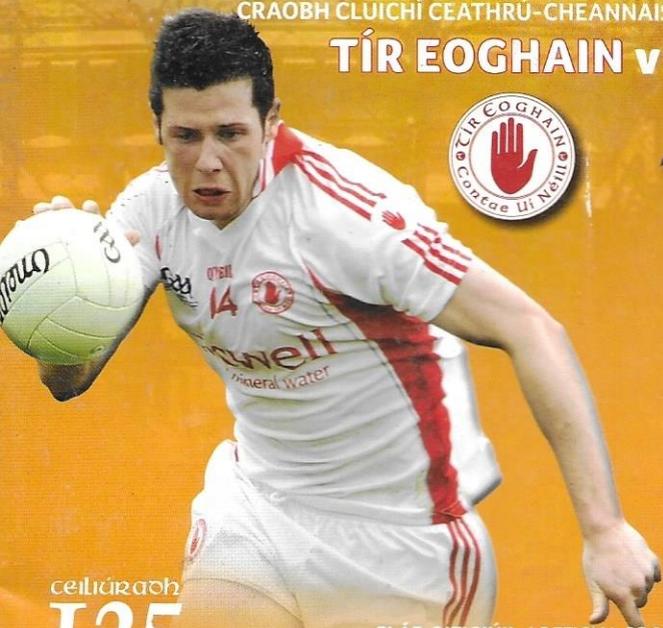


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Corcaigh v Dún na nGall

Réiteoir:	Maurice Deegan	(Laois)
Linesmen:	Jimmy McKee	(Ard Mhacha) (Standby Referee)
	Martin Sludden	(Tír Eoghain)
Sideline Official:	Stephen McNamee	(Tír Eoghain)

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Cill Dara v Tír Eoghain

Réiteoir:	Gearóid Ó Conamha	(Gaillimh)
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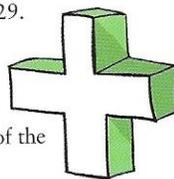
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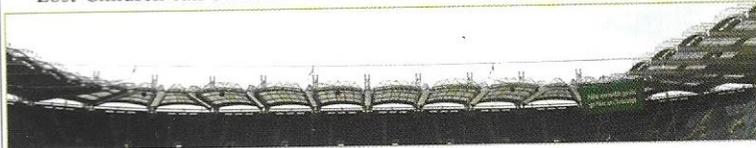
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Former Tyrone forward **Ciarán McBride** expects Kildare to seriously test his countymen. "We haven't really been tested yet. Armagh didn't sustain the challenge, Derry were below par and Antrim, while producing a huge effort, didn't threaten our Ulster title. However, Kildare will be a different prospect and any team with McGeeney and Grimley at the helm will be very well prepared. While Mickey Harte will probably prefer to avoid a derby with Donegal or a joust with Kerry, at this stage, Kildare are still a serious proposition. They are a physical side and when they ran at Dublin, they caused them problems. Maybe they won't have enough forward firepower to overcome Tyrone but I expect Dermot Earley, who I regard as a 'rolls royce' midfielder, to be a big influence in the centre of the park. He has it all, the ability to win clean ball, take scores, deliver quality inside ball and raise both his teammates and the crowd. I think Kevin Hughes, a man who enjoys a physical battle, will take up the challenge of tracking Earley.

"Cavanagh is expected to attack and Enda McGinley will probably make an appearance at some stage. However, the way Tyrone set up, it's possible to not win midfield and still come out on top. The real masterstroke from the management is

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picking Joe McMahon on wing forward. It allows Tyrone to divert kick-outs away from the centre, when a target like Joe is available. I think Kildare will ask serious questions, but the 'Red Hand' to march on. They have such an ultra professional set-up. It'll take some performance from the remaining counties to topple them."

Cork and Skibbreen man, **Don Davis** is hoping his native county can withstand the momentum building behind Donegal. "Psychologically, John Joe Doherty's men will have grown as a team after great results against Derry and Galway. On the flipside, we haven't worn the favourites tag easily in recent years. Ideally, we need to attack this game, all guns blazing and impose ourselves physically. This is a big year for Conor Counihan's men and reaching an All-Ireland is a realistic target. It will be fascinating to see how Donegal set-up. They tend to drop their half-forwards back, but conceding that amount of space to our pacy half-backs of Canty, Miskella and Spillane, mightn't be such a good ploy. They can carry ball and deliver it long into Goulding and Masters.

"However, Donegal are very organised defensively and in Karl Lacey, probably the outstanding defender in this year's championship. We can do it but we need to have our heads right. I wouldn't fancy a neck and neck game entering the closing stages. Donegal might just shade a nervy finish, hopefully it won't come to that!"

Former Donegal selector **Declan Bonner** expects Tír Chonaill to test rebel resolve in Croke Park. "Recently, Cork haven't enjoyed the best of times in Dublin. We need to believe in our ability and play a smart game. Karl Lacey will most likely pick up Daniel Goulding and if he can be contained it's a huge plus. We've shot ourselves in the foot with the very public airing of disciplinary problems but in fairness to John Joe, he drew the line and has got the most from a very committed squad of players. This team doesn't shirk challenges and plays with great intensity but Cork are a different proposition physically to either Galway or Derry. We need to use our pace, utilise the big playing surface and stretch Cork a bit.

"Likewise, we'll need to mark the likes of Pierce O'Neill tightly. We saw against Kerry what that man

Ciarán McBride



Don Davis



Declan Bonner



can do with a yard of space. Canty, O'Neill, Nicholas Murphy are all such powerful players and can't be allowed to run amok. Cork were like a runaway train against Kerry. Once they built momentum, they weren't going to be stopped.

"The other game has to be Tyrone's. They really are a phenomenal side, expertly coached and, on their day, comfortably better than the chasing pack. Mickey Harte knows that Kildare won't shirk the challenge. They'll match Tyrone's physical intensity but because they are so reliant on John Doyle upfront, it's highly unlikely that they'll hurt them on the scoreboard. It mightn't be more than a two or three point game but Cavanagh, Dooher and Co to march on to the semi-finals."

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Tá pobal na peile i ngach contae ag súil le hardchoimhlint idir pheileadóirí Chiarraí agus imreoirí iomráiteacha na príomhchathrach. Seo cluiche na bliana go dtí seo gan amhras agus beidh Páirc an Chrócaigh lán go doras don chluiche. Ní raibh feachtas sraithe Allianz thar mholadh beirte ag na Gormaigh agus thosaigh siad lag go leor sa chraobhchomórtas. In aghaidh Chill Dara i gcluiche ceannais Laighean, áfach, bhíodar ar bharr a maitheasa gan amhras. D'imríodar sa-pheil agus d'aimsigh siad 2-15 i gcluiche den scoth. Tá fios ag gach mac máthar go bhfuil fadhanna sa champa i gCiarraí. Chloíodar An Longfort, Sligeach agus Aontroim ach ní raibh siad thar mholadh beirte in aon chluiche. Is cinnte, áfach, go mbeidh borradh fúthu ag dul chun páirce leis Na Dubs. Níor éirigh leis na Gormaigh an lámh in uachtar a fháil ar fhir na Ríochta le triocha dó bliain. Cé nach bhfuil said ag imirt go maith mar fhoireann, tá leithéidí Paul Galvin agus Mike McCarthy, atá díreach tagtha ar ais agus Tadhg Kennelly, abhaile on Astráil, ar fheabhas. Má bhíonn spreagadh ag teastáil ó Chiarraí inniu ní bheidh eagla roimh an triúr seo sampla a thabhairt ar an bpáirc. Beidh troid go deireadh idir na sean-naimhde agus pioctar Na Dubs don chéiliúradh.

Beidh curaidh Uile-Éireann ar an bpáirc freisin an deireadh seachtaine seo. Tabharfaidh fir Mickey Harte aghaidh ar Chill Dara atá fé stiúir ag Kieran McGeeney – iar-laoch Ard Mhacha. Tá an-dul chun cinn déanta ag na fir larthíre le dhá bhliain anuas. Tá siad níos láidre, níos sciliúla agus tá teacht aniar iontu nach raibh ann cheana. D'aimsigh siad 0-18 in aghaidh Atha Cliath i gcluiche ceannais Laighean agus 1-16 in aghaidh Chill Mhantáin an deireadh seachtaine seo chaite.

Bhí Dermot Earley ar fheabhas in aghaidh fhir Micko freisin agus beidh sár-chluiche ag teastáil uaidh arís inniu chun Thír Eoghain a sháru.

Beidh fhios ag Mickey Harte gur aimsigh Áth Cliath agus Cill Mhantáin dhá chúl ina naghaidh agus bhí

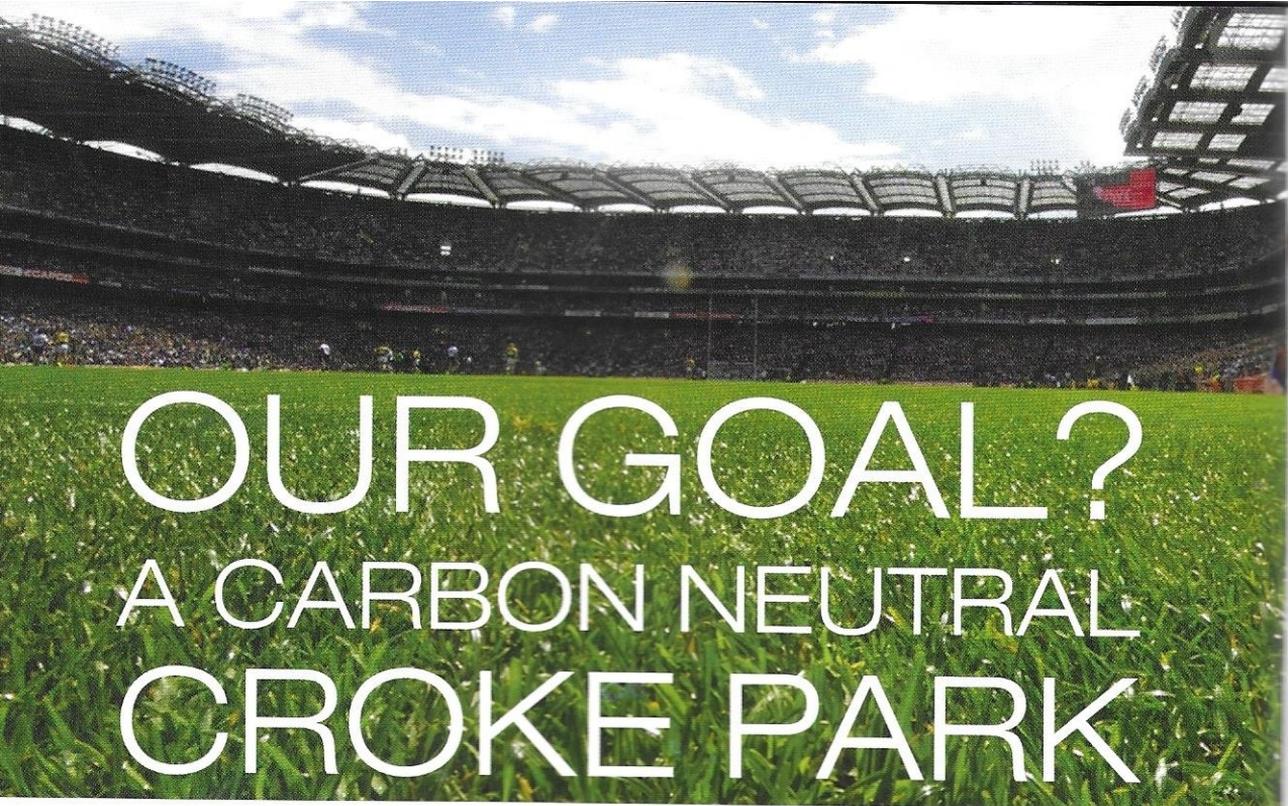
deiseanna eile ag Cill Mhantáin freisin nár thóg siad. Is fíor, freisin, nach bhfuil taithí go fóill i mblaina ag Cill Dara ar chúlaíthe chomh maith agus chomh díoghbháilte le cúlaíthe Thír Eoghain. Ar an dtaobh eile den bpáirc tá leithéidí O'Neill, Cavanagh agus Dooher chun na scóranna a aimsiú. Ceaptar go mbeidh na curaidh ag seasamh fós ag deireadh an lae.

Tá ionadh an domhain ar lucht leanta na gConallach bheith sa chluiche ceathrúcheannais. Bhí cúrsaí in ísle brí nuair a thogadh John Joe Doherty mar bhainisteoir. Bhí feachtas sraithe an-dona acu agus, anuas ar sin, tugadh bata agus bóthar dóibh sa chéad bhabhta I gcaobhchomórtas Uladh. Is cinnte go bhfuil éacht déanta acu teacht chomh fada – chloíodar Doire agus Gaillimh sna babhtai cáilithe – ach ceaptar go mbeidh deireadh lena rás inniu. Is cinnte go raibh an tadh dearg le Corcaigh teacht slán in aghaidh Luimnín ach bhí imreoirí mór le rá in easnamh an lá úd. Tá peileadóirí den scoth ag Na Reibilíunaigh. Le Anthony Lynch agus John Miskella ar ais beidh said níos láidre fós. Níor éirigh leis na Conallaigh ach cúig chúilín a aimsiú ón imirt in aghaidh na Gaillimhe an tseachtain seo chaite.

Bhí a mbua in aghaidh fhir Liam Sammon tuillte go maith ach bhí na hIartharaigh go dona agus, de reir dealraimh, tuirseach ó thromluí Chonnachta. Moltar Corcaigh agus Tír Eoghain don chluiche leathcheannais

Tá sé cruthaithe ag Mickey Ned O'Sullivan gur bhainisteoir den scoth é freisin. Beidh sé ag iarraidh Luimneach a stiúriú go dtí cluiche ceathrúcheannais Uile-Éireann don chéad uair. Beidh Ríogaigh na Mí ag iarraidh iad a stopadh. tar éis deireadh a chur le feachtas Ros Comáin le déanaí. Bhí Peadar Byrne, David Bray agus Anthony Moyles ar na himreoirí is fearr don Mhí ach, i ndáiríre, bhí Ros Comáin lag. Tá scrúdú i bhfad níos déine roimh na Ríogaigh inniu. Tá Luimneach láidir, tapaidh agus sciliúil agus tá croí beirte ag gach aon duine acu. Ceaptar go mbeidh na Muimhnigh ag dul chun páirce le Maigheo sa chluiche ceathrúcheannais.

Tá na fathaigh sa rás go fóill ach beidh cuid acu ar lár um thráthnóna. Gabhaimid buíochas leis na himreoirí go léir a d'imir os ar gcomhair i rith an tséasúir. Táimid ag tnúth le sár-chluichí eile amach anseo mar níl deireadh leis an rás go fóill.



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LATE WINNER FOR CORK AGAINST DONEGAL

Cork and Donegal renew All-Ireland senior football championship quarter-final rivalry after three years. Their last meeting in 2006 at Croke Park was almost three minutes into added time when centre half back Ger Spillane sent over the bar to earn Cork a one point win.

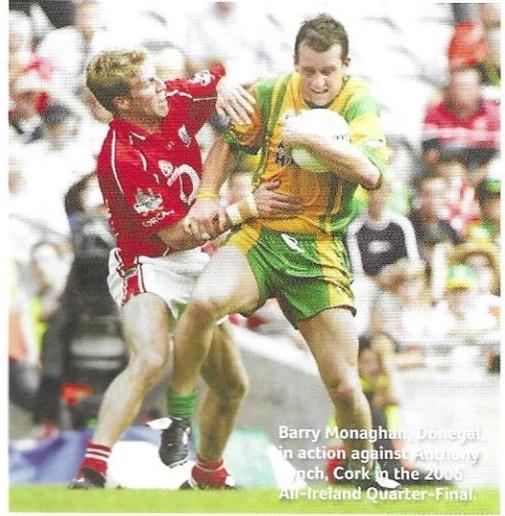
Donegal got off to the best possible start with a goal from right full forward Christy Toye after only four minutes, but Cork were back for a goal from a penalty from left full forward John Hayes after eleven minutes.

Had Donegal subsequently made better use of their scoring chances they would have been further ahead at the break than 1-5 to 1-3.

The North West County still had the edge after fifty-seven minutes with a lead of 1-10 to 1-8, but they failed to score after that. As a draw looked likely Nicholas Murphy, who lined out at midfield, but was operating then at full forward, won possession and sent to Spillane, who secured a 1-11 to 1-10 win for Cork.

Murphy had an outstanding game, while Spillane, who scored two points, and Anthony Lynch at left half back also did well.

Full forward Michael Doherty, who scored three points, Toye, left half back Barry Dunnion and full back Karl Lacey powered the way for Donegal.



Barry Monaghan, Donegal, in action against Anthony Lynch, Cork in the 2006 All-Ireland Quarter-Final.

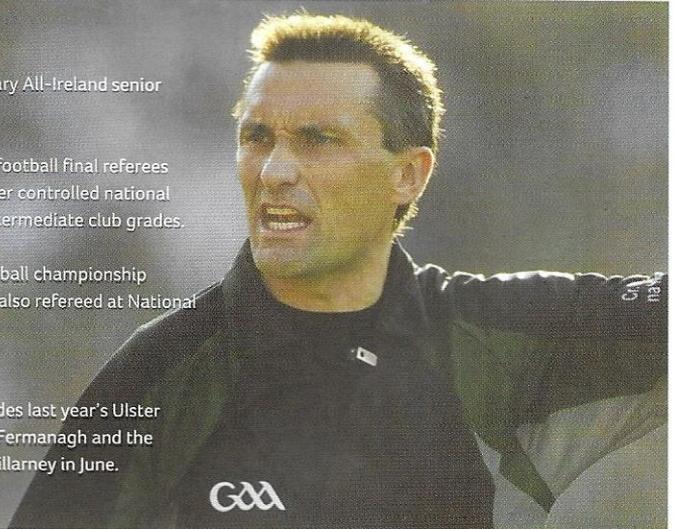
Maurice Deegan (Laois)

Maurice took charge of the Sligo-Tipperary All-Ireland senior football Qualifier last month.

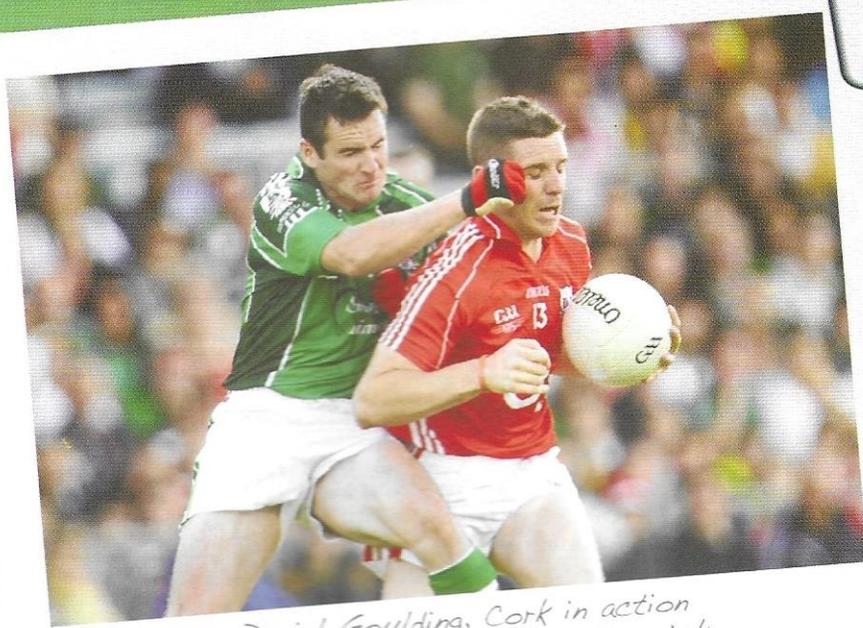
He joined the ranks of All-Ireland senior football final referees last September, having earlier in his career controlled national deciders at Under-21 intercounty and Intermediate club grades.

Deegan, who won two county senior football championship medals as a forward with Stradbally, has also refereed at National League Division I final level.

His busy programme of games also includes last year's Ulster senior final replay between Armagh and Fermanagh and the Cork-Kerry Munster semi-final draw at Killarney in June.



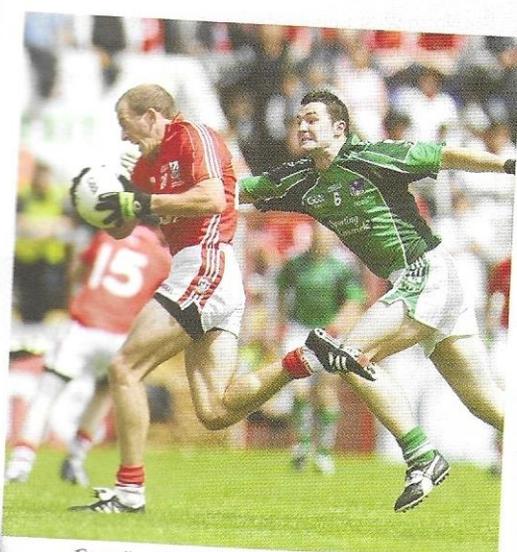
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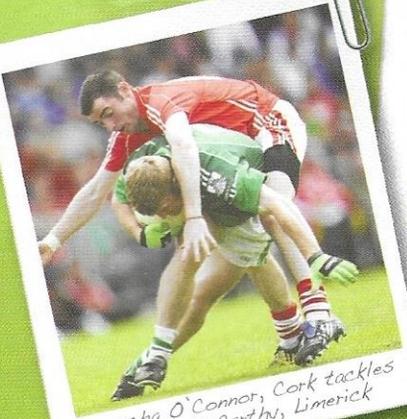
Daniel Goulding, Cork in action against Mark O'Riordain, Limerick

Munster GAA Football Senior Championship Final

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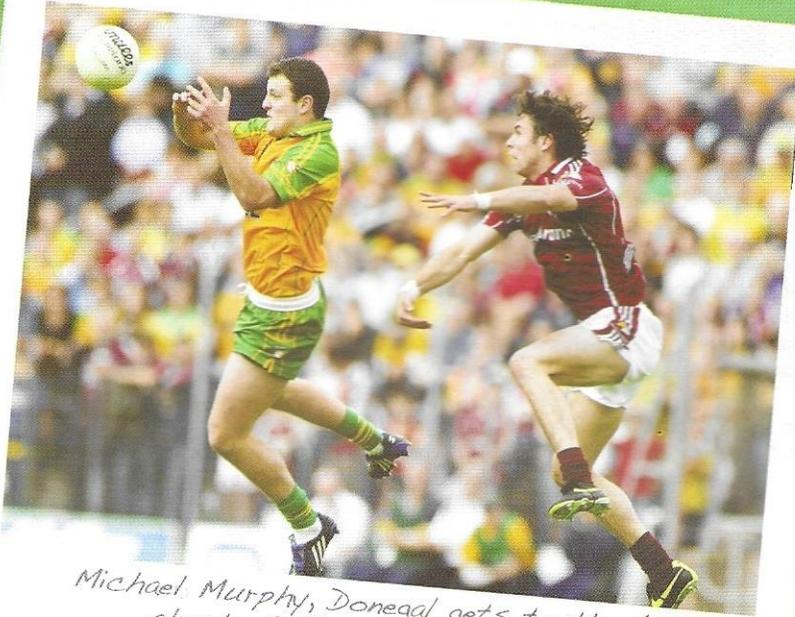


Paudie Kissane, Cork races away from Stephen Lucey, Limerick

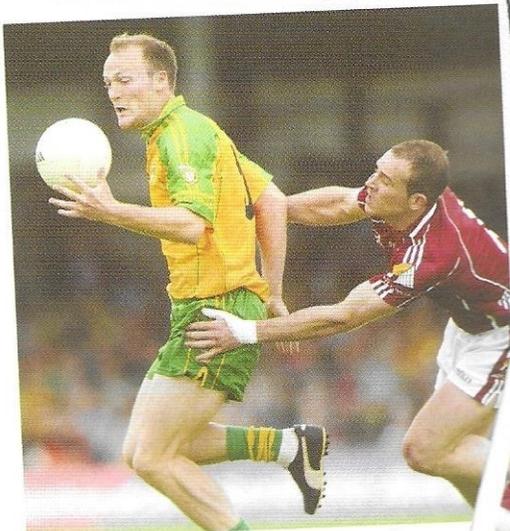


Donncha O'Connor, Cork tackles Johnny McCarthy, Limerick

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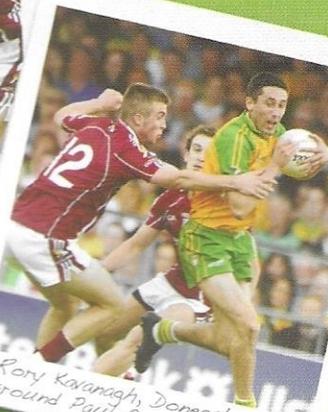
Michael Murphy, Donegal gets to the ball ahead of Finian Hanley, Galway



Donegal's Colm McFadden in action against Galway's Damien Burke

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Donegal 0-14
Galway 0-13



Rory Kavanagh, Donegal goes around Paul Conroy, Galway

Dinny Allen

CORCAIGH



IF you're looking for a living, breathing definition of a terrace hero, you need look no further than

Cork's Dinny Allen, who is still regarded as one of the greatest Gaelic footballers of all-time.

This is Dinny's first year since 1964 not serving the GAA as a player or mentor and he's delighted to avail of the free time. But he'll never be too far away from the Association. Indeed he was on his way to Croke Park to see U2 in concert when we caught up with him.

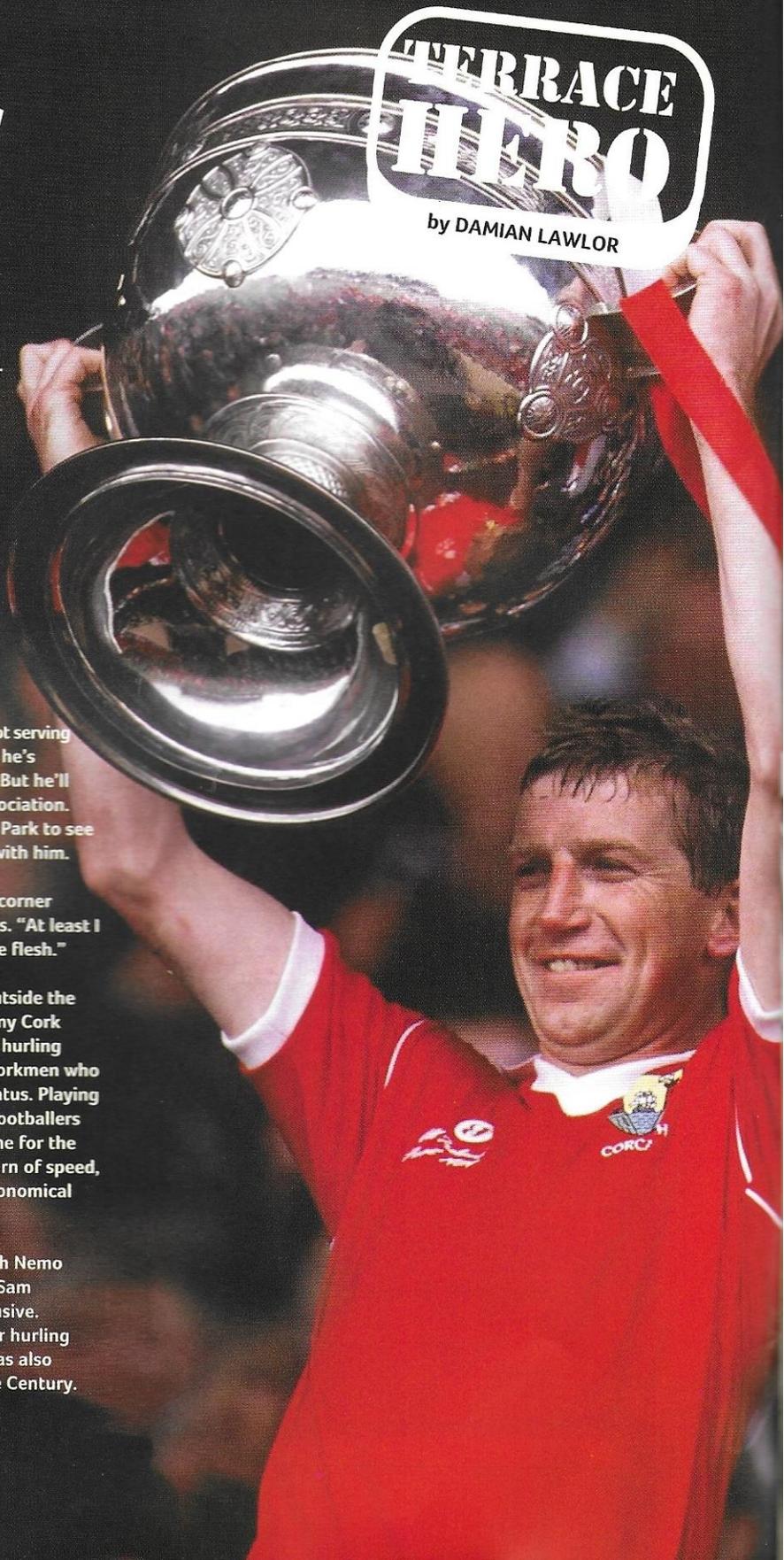
"I always wondered what sort of a corner forward Bono would make," he says. "At least I got the chance to size him up in the flesh."

Even though this is his first year outside the white line, Dinny hasn't missed many Cork matches this year. He followed the hurling team too and is one of the many Corkmen who will be remembered for his dual status. Playing on the inside forward line for the footballers and working on the half forward line for the hurlers he made his name with a turn of speed, a knack for a score and his tidy, economical shooting.

He won four All-Ireland medals with Nemo Rangers, but for a while capturing Sam Maguire with Cork proved to be elusive. He did, however, manage a Munster hurling title with the Rebels and in 1984 was also named on the Football Team of the Century.

TERRACE
HERO

by DAMIAN LAWLOR



Five years later he finally won the All-Ireland senior football title he deserved and craved. It came a whopping 17 years after he made his debut for the team and it was the highlight of his career.

"Ah, you never forget those days," he says. "Even now I go to all the games and keep posted on trends and tactics and it's hugely enjoyable.

"We're going well this year but I was glad we got a little kick in the backside against Limerick, to be honest. We needed that. People were making us out to be world beaters after we beat Kerry but Kerry haven't been motoring well this year. We are not world beaters and I was glad that Limerick pushed us all the way. It will have got the team thinking again and will have brought people's expectations down. Donegal are capable of anything on the day, although I would hope we'll get through it.

"We are a god team. But so too are Dublin and Tyrone. They are the ones I would be watching out for. We are not far off but at the same time there's a lot of football to be played yet. The next few weeks will be interesting."

Allen wrote a weekly column for the Evening Echo for years but sharpened his pencil for the last time two years ago.

"I did it for years and loved it but it was becoming a little bit of a chore for me, a bit like homework, so I decided to let it go. There was no harm in having an opinion either. Cork is a sports-mad county and a GAA county and I enjoyed having the column. But it went on for a good while and everything meets its end eventually."

These days, he says he enjoys nothing more than popping up to the new Nemo Rangers facility and looking at the future generations coming through.

"The clubhouse itself is going very well, there are lots of christenings and functions held there and it's good to see. It was a big project and a huge challenge for everyone but we showed courage in going for it.

"There are lots of kids playing football at underage which is a good sign. We are hanging in there at senior level at the moment but what a spell we had. And we'll never be too far away, please God."

Just like the man himself.

CORK...20 YEARS AGO

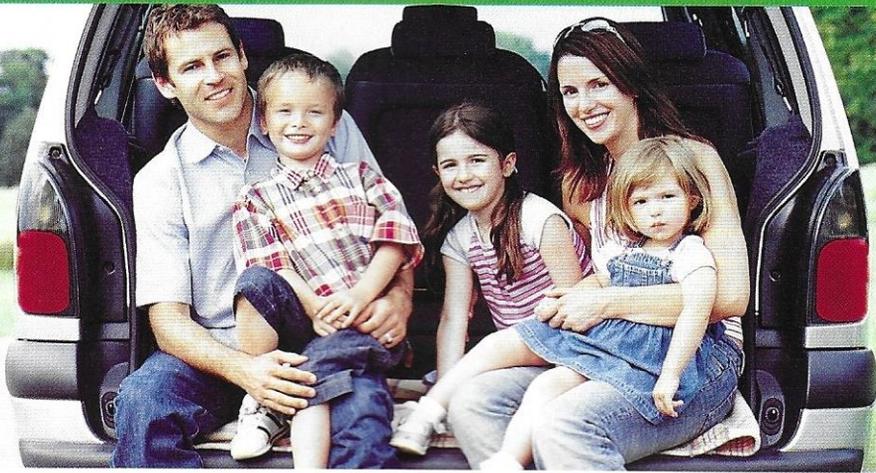
In search of a third successive provincial title Cork had an easy first outing against Tipperary at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. Indeed, by the break the game as a contest was over with the locals 0-14 to 0-2 ahead and they had 16 points in hand by the end - 0-22 to 0-6. The final against Kerry was a much tougher assignment but at Killarney the visitors turned over leading by 1-7 to 0-6 thanks to John O'Driscoll's goal. Cork moved further ahead on the restart and it wasn't until midway through the final quarter that the hosts responded, but it came too late and the Rebels retained the title on a 1-12 to 1-9 scoreline.

DREADFUL START

Cork made a dreadful start to the All-Ireland semi-final against Dublin trailing by 0-0 to 1-4 after 15 minutes but two second-quarter goals turned the tide in the Leesiders' favour. After that Dublin were always playing catch up with Cork eventually winning by 2-10 to 1-9. Seeking to avoid a third successive final loss Cork started brightly and led by two points at the break. A goal for Mayo on the restart gave them the lead for the first time, but Dave Barry soon had Cork on terms. A brace from John Cleary saw Cork restore their interval advantage but Mayo were back level by the end of the third quarter. Cork had the better of the closing period to win it by 0-17 to 1-11.

Corcaigh - J Kerins, N Cahalane, S O'Brien, J Kerrigan, M Slocum, C Counihan, T Davis, T McCarthy, S Fahy, D Barry, L Tompkins, B Coffey, P McGrath, D Allen, S Cleary.
Subs - J O'Driscoll, M McCarthy, D Culloty.

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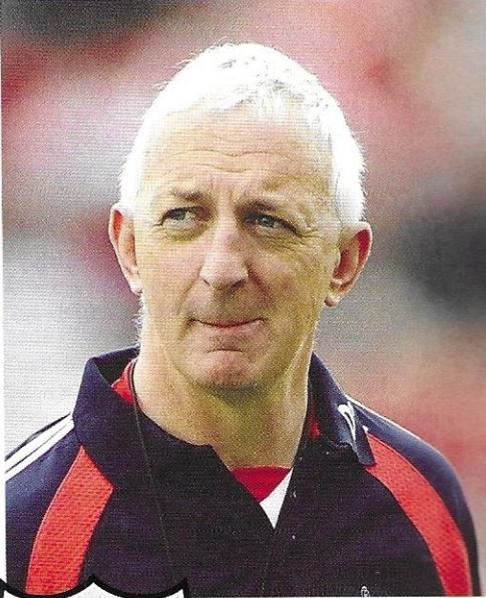
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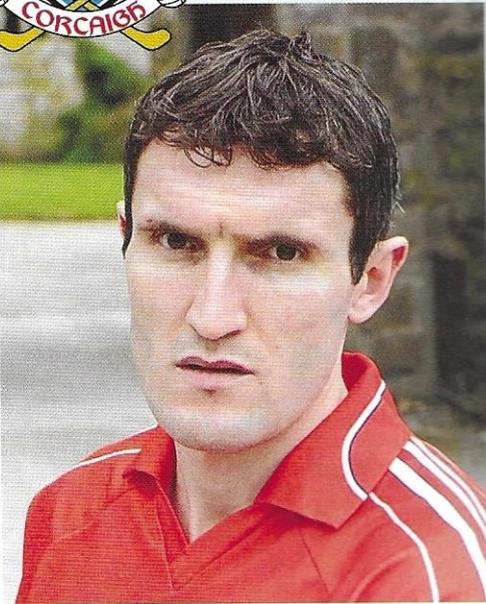
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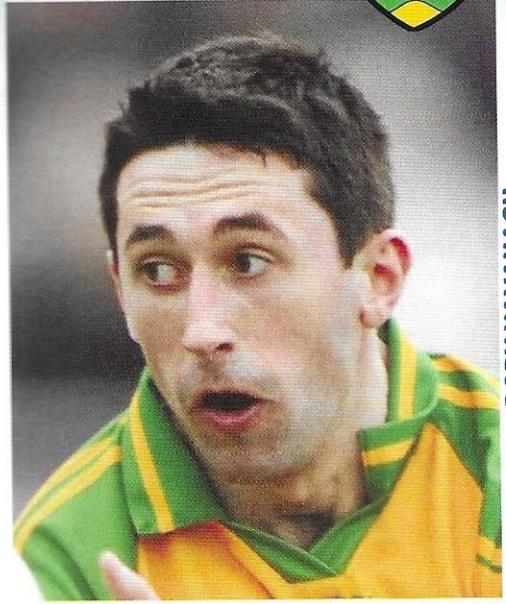
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DONEGAL—COMEBACK OF THE QUALIFIERS

Donegal have pushed their somewhat surprising losing start to the Ulster senior championship against Antrim at Ballybofey in June firmly into the background with what must rank as the comeback story of the All-Ireland senior football championship Qualifiers.

After somewhat lack lustre wins over Carlow and Clare in the opening rounds they have left little doubt in recent weeks that they are very worthy quarter-finalists

They gave a fine display when seeing off much fancied Derry after extra time in the third round, and kept up the momentum with a display of purposeful football when edging through against Connacht finalists Galway at Markievicz Park last week-end.

The game looked to be slipping away from them early in the second half when Galway went 0-11 to 0-9 ahead, but they responded in fine style and deservedly earned this return to Croke Park.

Donegal, who lost to Galway earlier in the year in the Allianz National League, opened brightly in the first seven minutes with three points. Teenage full forward Michael Murphy, right full forward Colm

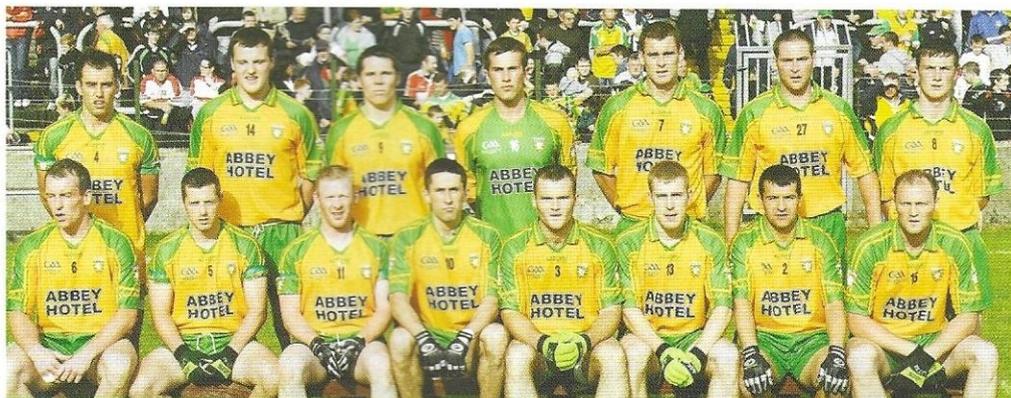
McFadden, and left full back Karl Lacey set the standard.

However, Galway got back well into the game and were on level terms at seven points each at the interval. The visitors started the second promisingly with two points, but Donegal got back on level terms before falling behind again by two points as Galway looked to be taking charge.

However, solid work in defence from left full Karl Lacey, who gave a man-of-the-match performance, and centre half Barry Monaghan, steadied Donegal and splendid points from team captain and right half forward Rory Kavanagh and substitute David Walsh swung the game back Donegal's way.

A late point left Galway just one behind, but the North-West county men held out for a well-merited 0-14 to 0-13 win.

This first away championship outing of the season was marked by probably Donegal's best performance so far. The success also underlined that they have improved greatly since the loss of the season and will not be easily dislodged from the victory trail in this game.



Back (L-R): Karl Lacey, Michael Murphy, Kevin Cassidy, Michael Boyle, Eamonn McGee, Brendan Boyle, Leo McLoone
Front (L-R): Barry Monaghan, Barry Dunnion, Brian Roper, Rory Kavanagh, Neill McGee, Conal Dunne, Frank McGlynn, Colm McFadden.

DONEGAL'S RECORD SO FAR

14th June. Ballybofey:

Donegal 0-12; Antrim 1-10.

4th July. Ballybofey:

Donegal 2-13; Carlow 1-6.

11th July. Ballybofey:

Donegal 0-13; Clare 1-7.

18th July. Ballybofey:

Donegal 2-13; Derry 0-18. A.E.T.

25th July, Markievicz Park:

Donegal 0-14; Galway 0-13.

TOTAL SCORED: 4-65 (77 points).

TOTAL CONCEDED: 3-54 (63 points).

AVERAGE: 1.22

Last Five Quarter-Finals

2006

Croke Park:

Donegal 1-10; Cork 1-11.

2003

Castlebar:

Donegal 0-14; Galway 0-11. **REPLAY**

Croke Park:

Donegal 0-14; Galway 1-11. **DRAW**

2002

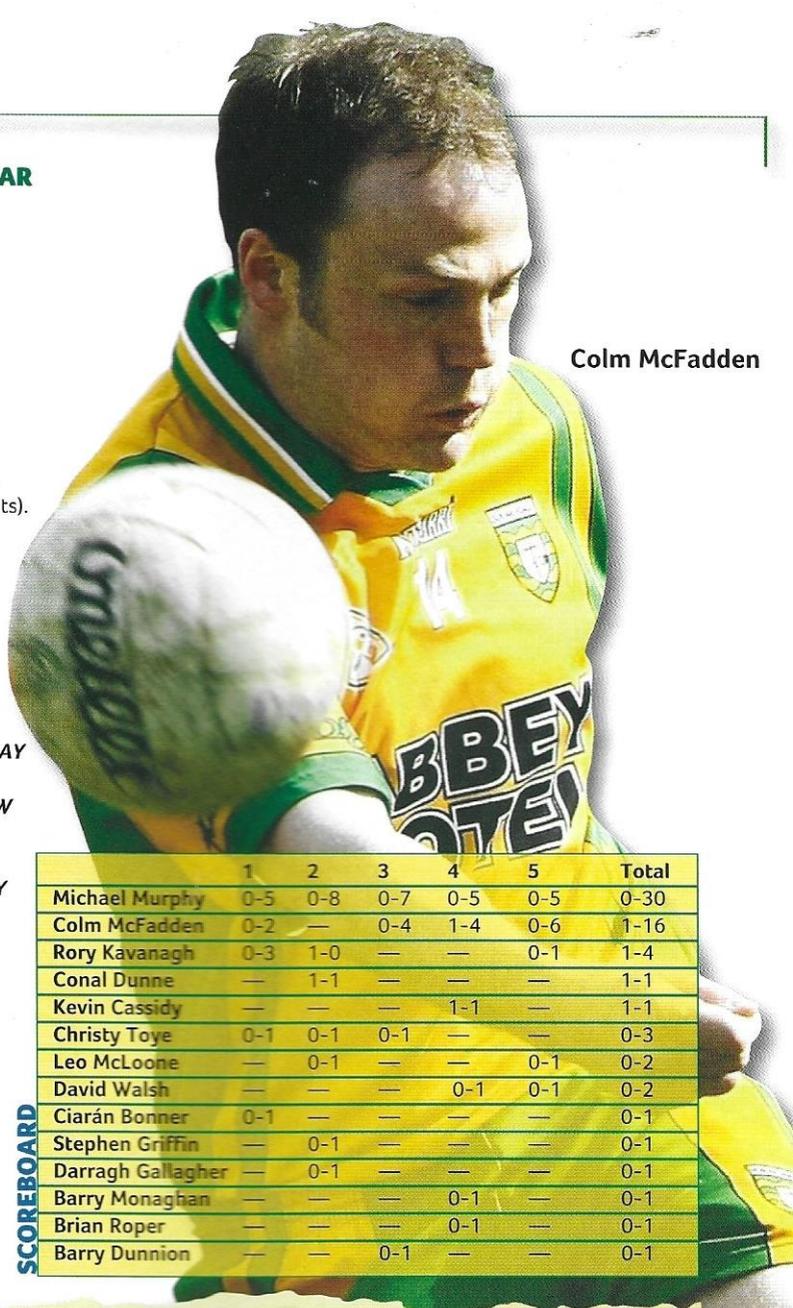
Croke Park:

Donegal 0-7; Dublin 1-14. **REPLAY**

Croke Park

Donegal 0-14; Dublin 2-8. **DRAW**

Colm McFadden



	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Michael Murphy	0-5	0-8	0-7	0-5	0-5	0-30
Colm McFadden	0-2	—	0-4	1-4	0-6	1-16
Rory Kavanagh	0-3	1-0	—	—	0-1	1-4
Conal Dunne	—	1-1	—	—	—	1-1
Kevin Cassidy	—	—	—	1-1	—	1-1
Christy Toye	0-1	0-1	0-1	—	—	0-3
Leo McLoone	—	0-1	—	—	0-1	0-2
David Walsh	—	—	—	0-1	0-1	0-2
Ciarán Bonner	0-1	—	—	—	—	0-1
Stephen Griffin	—	0-1	—	—	—	0-1
Darragh Gallagher	—	0-1	—	—	—	0-1
Barry Monaghan	—	—	—	0-1	—	0-1
Brian Roper	—	—	—	0-1	—	0-1
Barry Dunnion	—	—	0-1	—	—	0-1

SCOREBOARD

Quarter-Finals Record

A Donegal win would make history as they have yet to triumph in an All-Ireland quarter-final at Croke Park. They have had five outings at this stage of the championship, including two replays.

They recorded their only win in a replay at McHale Park, Castlebar, in 2003.

Donegal scored just one goal in the five games—against Cork in 2006 when Christy Toye had the ball in the Leaside net after only four minutes.

DONEGAL PLAYER OF THE PAST

Seamus Bonner's late second half goal set Donegal on their way to their 1972 Ulster senior football final win over Tyrone—their first senior crown. An outstanding midfielder in that game, he also made a big impact as a full forward. Bonner starred at full forward and later at midfield in the 1974 Ulster senior final replay win over Down. At the end of that year he was Donegal's top marksman with 12-14 (50 points) in thirteen games.

He won a Dr. McKenna Cup medal in 1975 and was also honoured by Ulster in the Railway Cup.

Martin McHugh

DONEGAL



MARTIN McHUGH is wondering what Donegal team will turn up at Croke Park today; he hopes it's the recent model.

"After we lost to Antrim I thought that was it for us," he said. "And our games against Carlow and

Clare were very poor too. I thought we were near rock bottom to be honest.

"But the last couple of weeks have lifted us again. There's a train of thought out there that we might have gone as far as we'll go but you never know either.

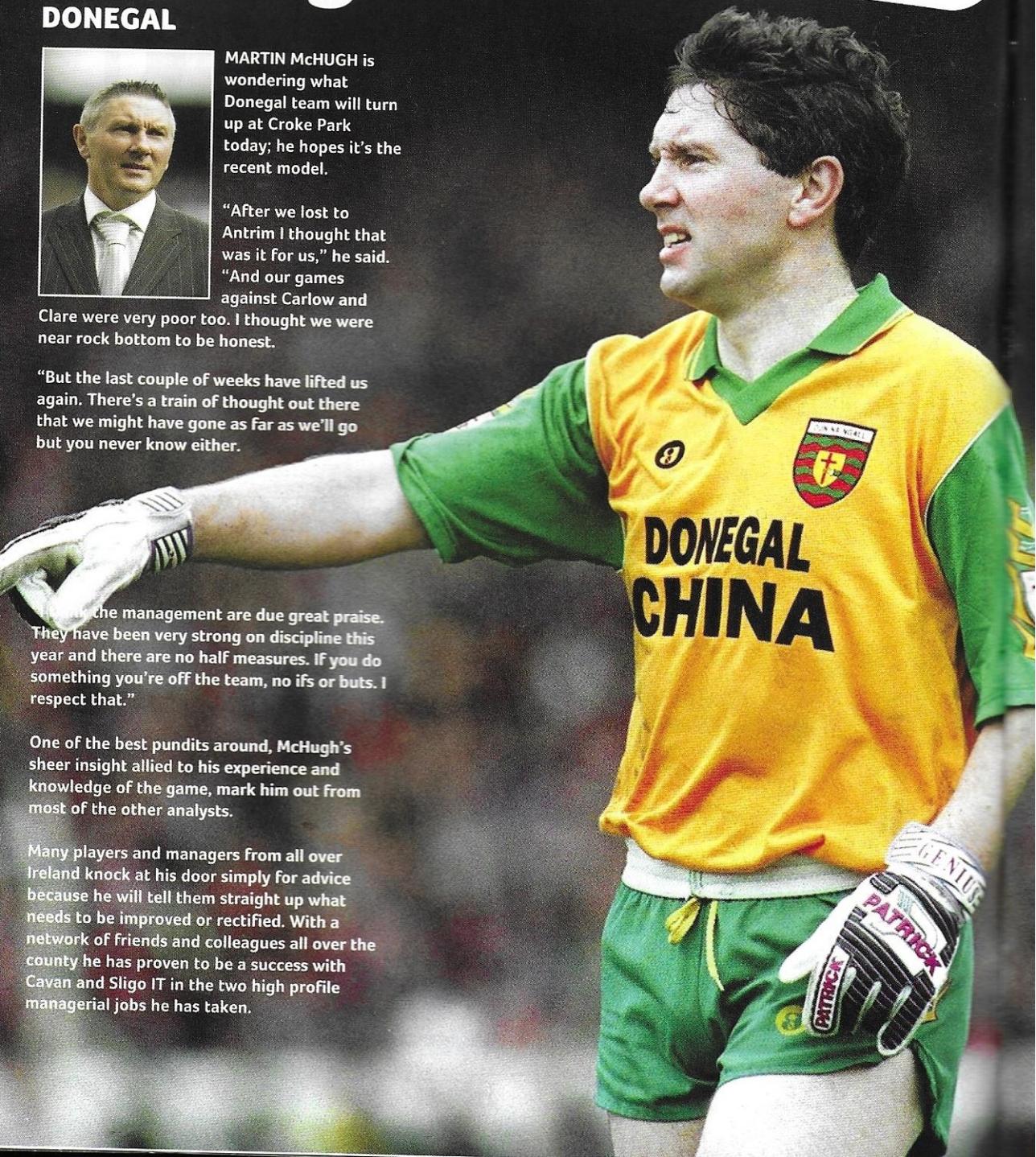
...the management are due great praise. They have been very strong on discipline this year and there are no half measures. If you do something you're off the team, no ifs or buts. I respect that."

One of the best pundits around, McHugh's sheer insight allied to his experience and knowledge of the game, mark him out from most of the other analysts.

Many players and managers from all over Ireland knock at his door simply for advice because he will tell them straight up what needs to be improved or rectified. With a network of friends and colleagues all over the county he has proven to be a success with Cavan and Sligo IT in the two high profile managerial jobs he has taken.

TERRACE HERO

by DAMIAN LAWLOR



The Kilcar man first became a household name in his native Donegal when he left scorch marks behind him at Breffni Park in the 1979 Ulster minor Championship tie with Cavan.

He was the schemer in chief on the Donegal under 21 team which clinched the All Ireland title in 1982. The ace striker teamed up with the likes of Seán Bonner, Matt Gallagher, Anthony Molloy and Charlie Mulgrew to provide a hint of even greater things to come for the northerners. Within 12 months, the 5'7" attacking lynchpin had clinched an Ulster senior Championship medal for himself when the Brian McEniff managed side beat Cavan to win the 1983 Ulster crown.

They landed Sam Maguire in 1992 and by that time McHugh had established himself as one of the top footballers the country had ever seen. The fact that he won an All Star in 1983 and again nine years later in 1992 shows how well he looked after himself.

Ever since he hung up his boots he has been placed under considerable pressure to take the Donegal job but has resisted on a number of occasions. He is comfortable in the role of media analyst for the Star Newspaper and the BBC.

He is unsure about how today's game will go for his native county. Cork started the championship in sensational form but were knocked back slightly by Limerick in the Munster final. After Donegal's collapse to Antrim in the opening round of the Ulster championship they have bounced back to redeem themselves.

No-one ever knows how Donegal will do. They're a real Jekyll and Hyde team. "That may be so and it's true – you don't often know what you're going to get but at the same time I have great faith in this bunch of players. I really feel they have been punching above their weight for the past few seasons. On some days they have hit heights that we wouldn't expect. There are other times when it goes wrong.

"The key thing for them today will be their defence. In the last couple of games they were able to focus on the opposition's two chief attackers and keep them quiet – the likes of Micheal Meehan and Pádraic Joyce of Galway. But Cork have three lethal inside forwards and their half forwards are pretty dynamic and incisive too. So we'll struggle to do it. A win would be unprecedented but it would be great.

"It will be very hard; I hear Cork are flying it again – they beat Limerick well in a recent challenge. The one thing that could stand to us is they haven't played championship in five weeks whereas we have three recent games under our belts.

"You never know."

DONEGAL...20 YEARS AGO

Donegal travelled to Breffni Park for their first outing in the provincial campaign and it appeared a hard battle was in the offing when the sides finished level at the break – 1-8 to 0-11. However, once Tommy Ryan edged Donegal in front on the restart the locals fell away and managed just three scores in the second period as the visitors advanced on a 3-12 to 0-14 scoreline. However, Derry provided a much sterner test in the semi-final at Clones. A goal from Martin McHugh helped Donegal into an interval lead of 1-5 to 1-3 and when the same player added a second to make it 2-7 to 1-3 the game looked over. However, the Oak Leaf responded and in the end Donegal held on to win by 2-8 to 1-9.

SECOND CHANCE

In the final against Tyrone at Clones Donegal started brightly but trailed by 0-2 to 0-4 at the end of the first quarter. Neither side flourished although Donegal appeared to have nicked it with a point by Ryan, but a late free from Conway gave Tyrone a second chance – 0-11 all. Often replays bear little resemblance to the games that made them necessary and this was definitely the case here as Donegal slumped to a twelve-point loss. At the change of ends the writing was on the wall as Donegal trailed by six points – 0-4 to 2-4, but after a couple of quick points on the restart their challenge faded (0-7 to 2-13).

Dún na nGall – G Walsh, B Dunleavy, J Connors, B Tuohy, D Reid, M Gavigan, M Shovlin, A Molloy, M Gallagher, C Mulgrew, M McHugh, J McMullen, T Ryan, B Murray, M Cartin.

Subs – L McGettigan, P Gavigan.

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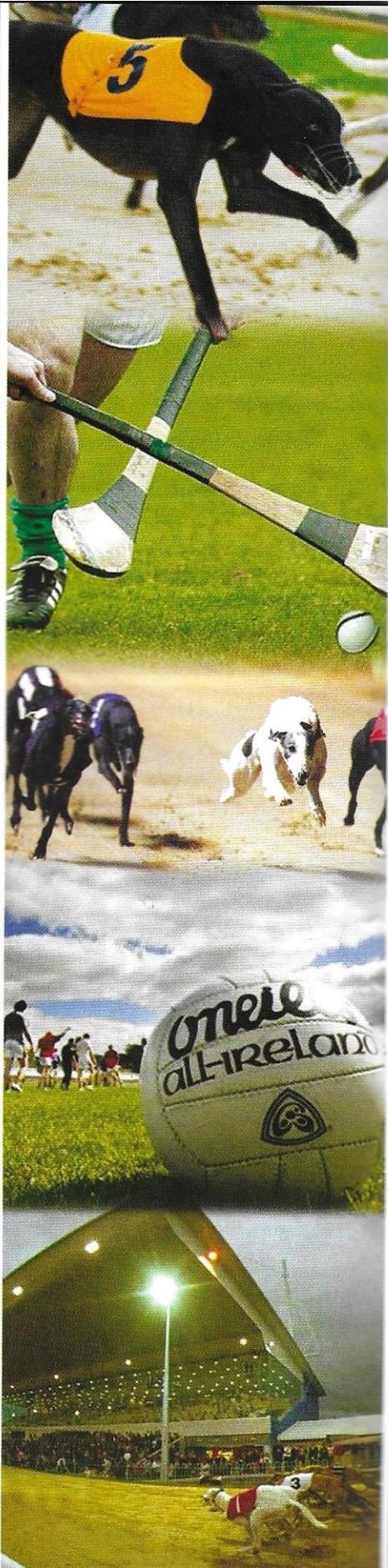
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Cork's Quarter-final Record

Played 5 – Won 5

2002

Cork 0-16 Mayo 1-10

Half time – Cork 0-9 Mayo 0-5

Cork scorers: C Corkery 0-6, B J O'Sullivan 0-4, C Crowley 0-2, J Kavanagh 0-1, P O'Clumhain 0-1, G Canty 0-1, D O'Sullivan 0-1.

Corcaigh – K O'Dwyer, C O'Sullivan, S Levis, A Lynch, O Sexton, R McCarthy, M Cronin, N Murphy, G Canty, B J O'Sullivan, J Kavanagh, M McCarthy, P O'Clumhain, C Corkery, F Murray. Subs – C Crowley, C Murphy, J O'Donoghue, D O'Sullivan, M Cronin.

2005

Cork 2-14 Galway 2-11

Half time – Galway 2-7 Cork 1-6

Cork scorers: B J O'Sullivan 1-3, J Hayes 1-3, J Masters 0-3, A Lynch 0-2, O Sexton 0-1, K McMahon 0-1, P Clifford 0-1.

Corcaigh – K O'Dwyer, N Geary, G Canty, G Murphy, O Sexton, A Lynch, N O'Leary, D Kavanagh, M Murphy, J Masters, C McCarthy, K McMahon, P Clifford, B J O'Sullivan, J Hayes. Subs – K O'Connor, A Cronin.

2006

Cork 1-11 Donegal 1-10

Half time – Donegal 1-5

Cork 1-3

Cork scorers: J Hayes 1-1, J Masters 0-3, G Spillane 0-2, D O'Connor 0-1, P O'Neill 0-1, S O'Brien 0-1, F Gould 0-1, K McMahon 0-1.

Corcaigh – A Quirke, M Prout, D Kavanagh, K O'Connor, M Shields, G Spillane, A Lynch, P O'Neill, N Murphy, S O'Brien, F Gould, K McMahon, J Masters, D O'Connor, J Hayes. Subs – G Murphy, C McCarthy, D Goulding, K O'Sullivan.

2007

Cork 1-11 Sligo 0-8

Half time – Cork 1-3 Sligo 0-2

Cork scorers: J Masters 0-4, D O'Connor 0-3, J Miskella 1-0, K McMahon 0-1, C McCarthy 0-1, P O'Neill 0-1, K O'Sullivan 0-1.

Corcaigh – A Quirke, M Shields, G Canty, K O'Connor, N O'Leary, G Spillane, A Lynch, D Kavanagh, N Murphy, J Miskella, P O'Neill, K McMahon, J Masters, M Cussen, D O'Connor. Subs – C McCarthy, F Gould, K O'Sullivan, B Collins.

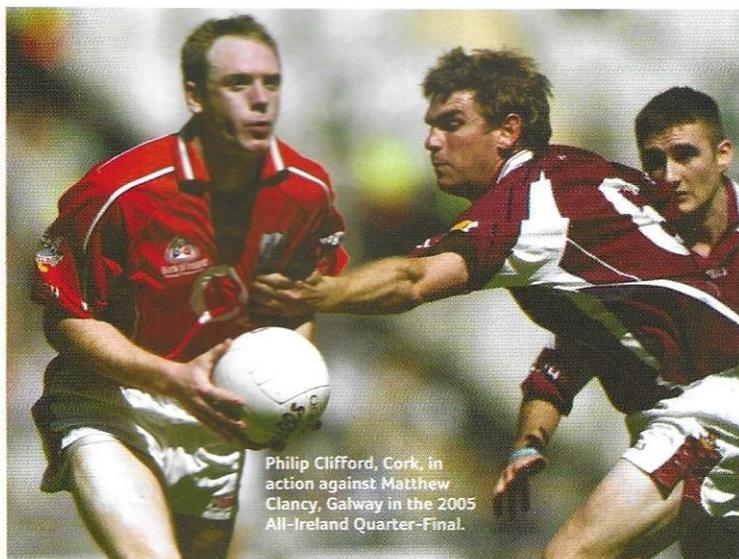
2008

Cork 2-11 Kildare 1-11

Half time – Cork 2-5 Kildare 0-5

Cork scorers: J Hayes 1-3, M Cussen 1-2, D Goulding 0-3, P O'Neill 0-2, J Masters 0-1.

Corcaigh – A Quirke, D Duggan, D Kavanagh, A Lynch, B O'Regan, G Spillane, K O'Connor, P O'Neill, A O'Connor, D O'Connor, J Masters, S O'Brien, D Goulding, M Cussen, J Hayes. Subs – M Shields, J Miskella, F Gould, P Kelly, N O'Leary.



Philip Clifford, Cork, in action against Matthew Clancy, Galway in the 2005 All-Ireland Quarter-Final.

Last Meeting...2006

Donegal fall just short

Cork 1-11 Donegal 1-10

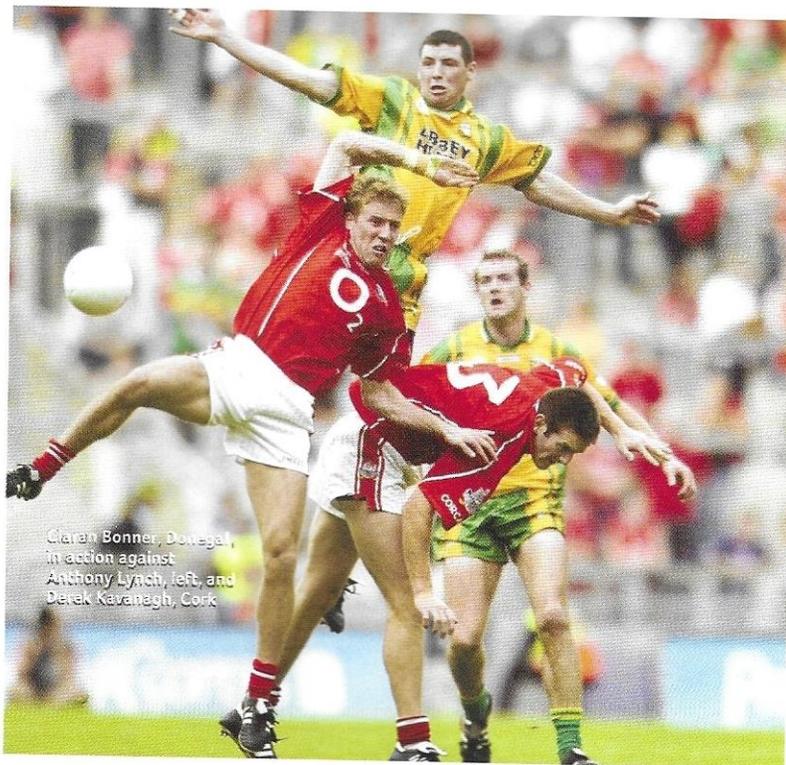
Those in attendance at today's quarter-final will be hoping that it isn't a repeat of their 'last eight' meeting three years ago when the Leesiders won a drab contest by the narrowest of margins. Initially, the game promised a lot more with early goals for either side indicating that a fine contest was in the offing, but the 51,169 in attendance were to be sorely disappointed. The losers' goal came at the fourth minute when Christy Toye fisted home the ball from close range while seven minutes later Cork were awarded a dubious penalty and John Hayes coolly slotted home.

At the break Donegal led by 1-5 to 1-3, but with Nicholas Murphy upping his game on the restart at

midfield, more and more of the third quarter play flowed towards the Northern posts. By the 42nd minute the Rebels had inched in front and from there on there was little to choose between the protagonists. A draw looked the most likely outcome and as the 70th minute ticked over the sides were tied, but three minutes into lost time Nicholas Murphy set up Ger Spillane for the winner. Still, Donegal had time to find an equaliser, but Ciaran Bonner's high shot dropped just short and that was that.

Cork scorers: J Hayes 1-2, J Masters 0-3, G Spillane 0-2, P O'Neill 0-1, F Goold 0-1, S O'Brien 0-1, K McMahon 0-1.

Donegal scorers: M Doherty 0-3, C Toye 1-0, L Thompson 0-2, B Monaghan 0-1, R Kavanagh 0-1, C Bonner 0-1, B Dunning 0-1, C Kelly 0-1.



Ciaran Bonner, Donegal, in action against Anthony Lynch, left, and Derek Kavanagh, Cork

Corcaigh – A Quirke, M Prout, D Kavanagh, K O'Connor, M Shields, G Spillane, A Lynch, P O'Neill, N Murphy, S O'Brien, F Goold, K McMahon, J Masters, D O'Connor, J Hayes.
Subs – G Murphy for Prout, C McCarthy for Goold, K O'Sullivan for Hayes, D Goulding for McMahon.

Dún na nGall – P Durcan, T Donoghue, K Lacey, N McGee, E McGee, B Monaghan, B Dunning, N Gallagher, B Boyle, C Toye, M Hegarty, C Bonner, R Kavanagh, M Doherty, L Thompson.
Subs – C Kelly for Hegarty, S McHugh for Kavanagh, S McDermott for Boyle, A Sweeney for Doherty.

Donegal's Quarter-final Record

Played 3 – Won 1 Lost 2

2002

Donegal 0-14 Dublin 2-8

Half time – Dublin 1-4 Donegal 0-6

Donegal scorers: A Sweeney 0-5, B Devenney 0-4, D Diver 0-2, P McGonigle 0-1, J Gildea 0-1, J McGuinness 0-1.

Dún na nGall – T Blake, S Carr, E Doherty, N McGinley, R Sweeney, B Monaghan, K Cassidy, J Gildea, J McGuinness, C Toye, M Hegarty, B Roper, A Sweeney, B Devenney, P McGonigle. Subs – D Diver, B McLaughlin, K Rafferty, B Boyle.

Replay

Dublin 1-14 Donegal 0-7

Half time – Dublin 1-6 Donegal 0-3

Donegal scorers: A Sweeney 0-2, B Devenney 0-2, B Roper 0-1, K Rafferty 0-1, M Hegarty 0-1.

Dún na nGall – T Blake, S Carr, E Doherty, N McGinley, D Diver, R Sweeney, K Cassidy, J Gildea, J McGuinness, C Toye, M Hegarty, B Roper, A Sweeney, B Devenney, P McGonigle. Subs – K Rafferty, B Boyle, C McFadden, R Kavanagh, C Dunne.

2003

Donegal 0-14 Galway 1-11

Half time – Galway 1-5 Donegal 0-7

Donegal scorers: B Devenney 0-5, A Sweeney 0-3, P McGonigle 0-2, M Hegarty 0-1, B Roper 0-1, K Cassidy 0-1, J Haran 0-1.

Dún na nGall – T Blake, N McCready, R Sweeney, M Crossan, S Carr, B Monaghan, K Cassidy, J Gildea, S McDermott, C Toye, M Hegarty, P McGonigle, B Roper, A Sweeney, B Devenney. Subs – J McGuinness, D Diver, B Boyle, J Haran, C McFadden.

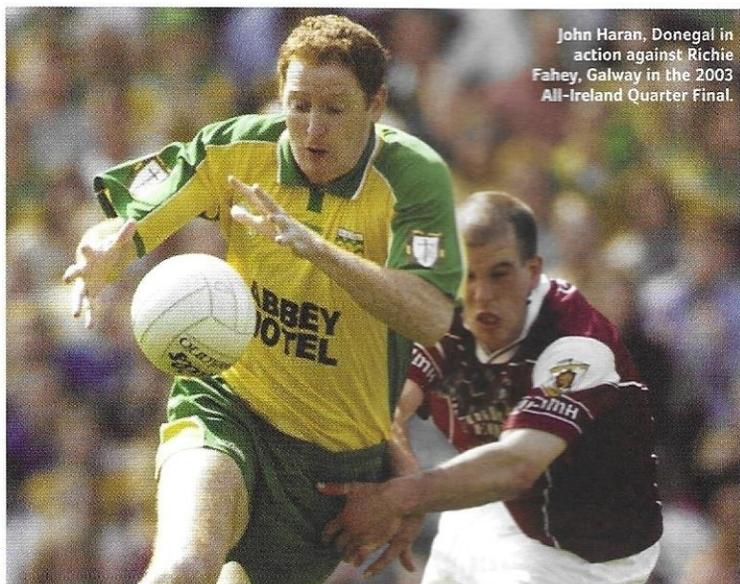
Replay

Donegal 0-14 Galway 0-11

Half time – Donegal 0-9 Galway 0-6

Donegal scorers: B Devenney 0-5, A Sweeney 0-4, C Toye 0-2, M Hegarty 0-2, B Boyle 0-1.

Dún na nGall – T Blake, N McCready, R Sweeney, D Diver, S Carr, B Monaghan, K Cassidy, J Gildea, B Boyle, C Toye, M Hegarty, P McGonigle, B Roper, A Sweeney, B Devenney. Subs – J Haran, C McFadden, K Rafferty, J McGuinness.



John Haran, Donegal in action against Richie Fahey, Galway in the 2003 All-Ireland Quarter Final.

2006

Cork 1-11 Donegal 1-10

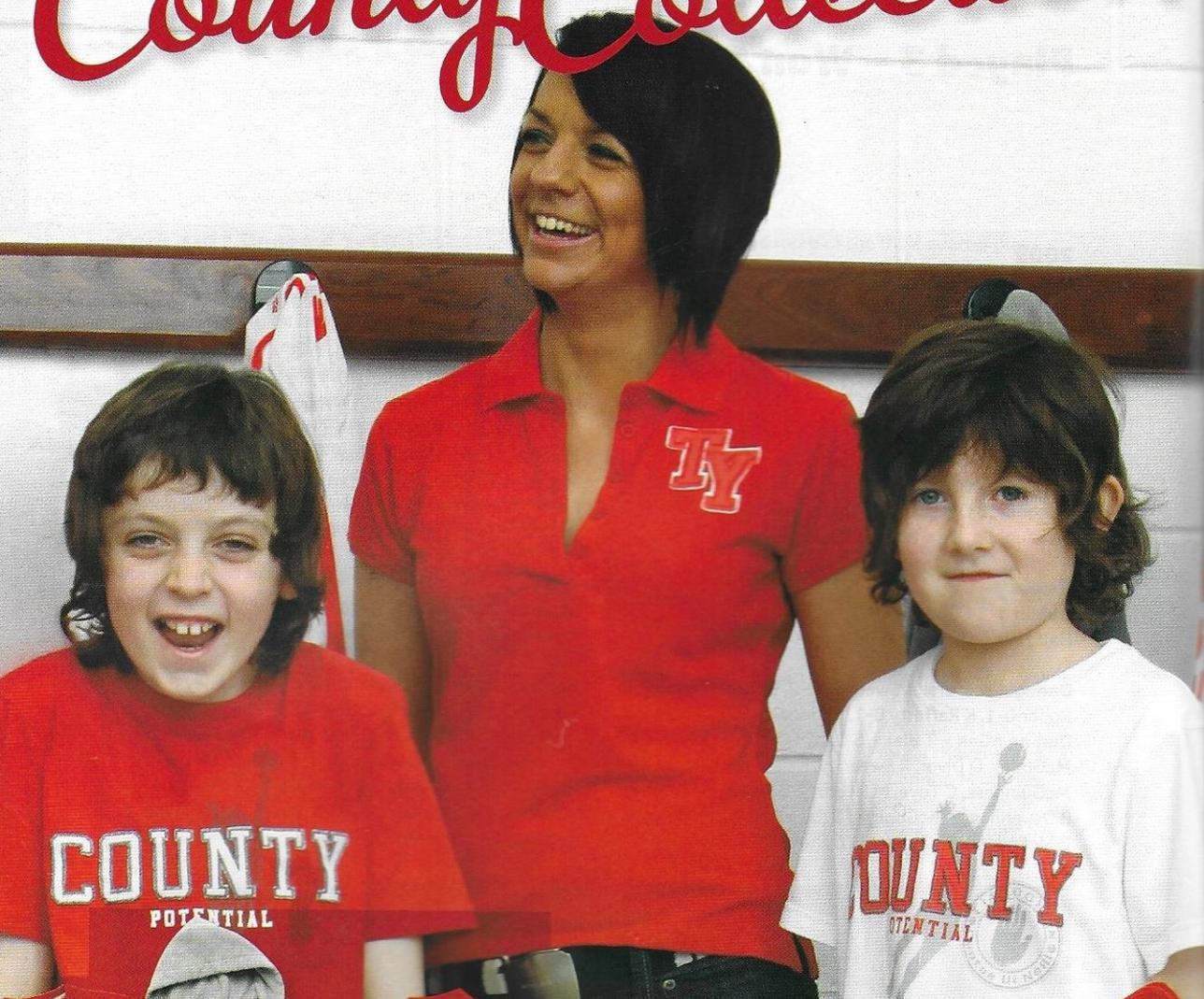
Half time – Donegal 1-5
Cork 1-3

Donegal scorers: M

Doherty 0-3, C Toye 1-0, L Thompson 0-2, B Monaghan 0-1, R Kavanagh 0-1, C Bonner 0-1, B Dunnion 0-1, C Kelly 0-1.

Dún na nGall – P Durcan, T Donoghue, K Lacey, N McGee, E McGee, B Monaghan, B Dunnion, N Gallagher, B Boyle, C Toye, M Hegarty, C Bonner, R Kavanagh, M Doherty, L Thompson. Subs – C Kelly, S McHugh, S McDermott, A Sweeney.

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MURPHY STRENGTHENS POSITION ON TOP

Top Scorers

Michael Murphy
(Dún na nGall)

Michael Murphy strengthened his position on top of the nationwide top scoring chart for the provincial championships and All-Ireland Qualifiers by chalking up five points for Donegal in last week-end's win over Galway at Markievicz Park.

He is now five points clear of Tony Hannon, who has made progress up the table following his goal for Wicklow in their loss to Kildare at Portlaoise last week-end.

Hannon is a point clear of Donie Shine, who scored six points for Roscommon against Meath last time out, and county colleague Seanie Furlong.

Bernard Brogan tops the averages review with 7.66 points a game for a return of 2-17 (23 points) from his three appearances with Dublin.

The goal expert is Alan Smith, who scored four in five appearances with Kildare.

The leading scorers starting this week-end's programme of games, the Meath-Limerick fourth round tie and the All-Ireland quarter-finals, are.

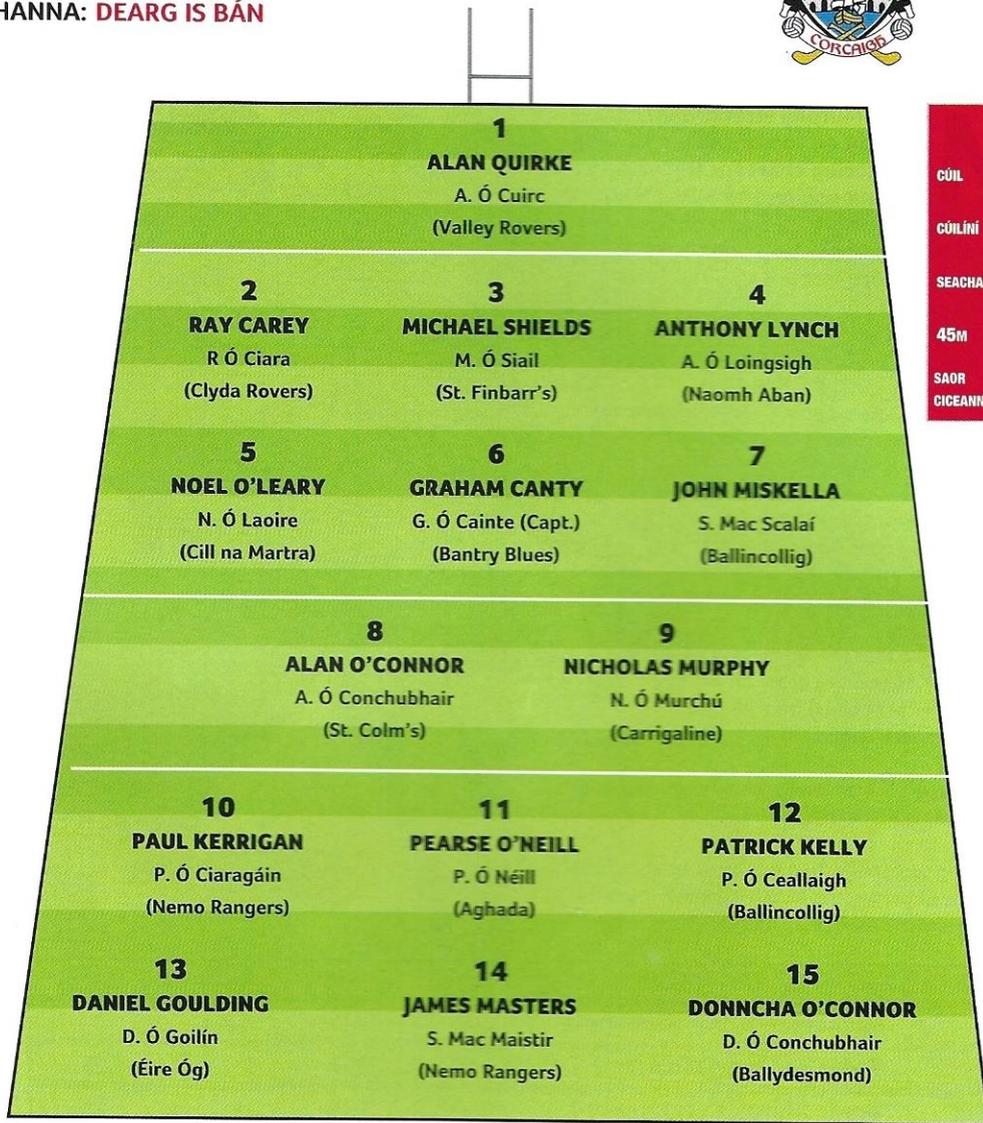
Bernard Brogan
(Áth Cliath)

Points		Score	Frees*	Games	Average
30	Michael Murphy (Donegal)	0-30	0-17	5	6.0
25	Tony Hannon (Wicklow)	1-22	0-18	6	4.16
24	Donie Shine (Roscommon)	0-24	0-16	5	4.8
24	Seanie Furlong (Wicklow)	1-21	0-13	6	4.0
23	Bernard Brogan (Dublin)	2-17	0-8	3	7.66
23	Donncha O'Connor (Cork)	3-14	2-6	4	5.75
23	Michael Meehan (Galway)	2-17	1-7	4	5.75
22	Paddy Cunningham (Antrim)	0-22	0-15	4	5.55
20	Alan Smith (Kildare)	4-8	—	5	4.0
20	John Doyle (Kildare)	0-20	0-13	5	4.0

*Includes penalties and frees.

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(16) Kevin Murphy C. Ó Murchú (Boherbue)	(19) Ger Spillane G. Ó Spealáin (Ballygarvan)	(22) Fintan Goold F. de Gúil (Macroom)	(25) Paul O'Flynn P. Ó Floinn (Ballyclough)	(28) Conor McCarthy C. Mac Cárthaigh (O'Donovan Rossa)
(17) Kieran O'Connor C. Ó Conchubhair (Aghada)	(20) Eoin Cadogan E. Ó Ceadagáin (Douglas)	(23) John Hayes S. Ó hAodha (Carbery Rangers)	(26) Colm O'Neill C. Ó Néill (Ballyclough)	(29) Brian O'Regan B. Ó Riagáin (Nemo Rangers)
(18) Paudie Kissane P. Ó Ciosáin (Clyda Rovers)	(21) Fiachra Lynch F. Ó Loingsigh (Valley Rovers)	(24) Derek Kavanagh D. Ó Caomhánaigh (Nemo Rangers)	(27) Michael Cussen M. Ó Cuisin (Glanmire)	(30) Aidan Walsh A. Breathnach (Kanturk)

ROIGNÓIRÍ

Conchúr Ó Cuanacháin (Coach), Peadar Ó hEaluighte, Traolach Ó Néill, Gearóid Ó Suilleabháin, Seamus Ó Nualláin.



DÚN NA nGALL

DATHANNA: UAITHNE, ÓR IS BÁN

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CICEANNA			

1 MICHAEL BOYLE M. Ó Baoill (An Tearmann)		
2 FRANK McGLYNN P. Mag Fhloinn (Gleann Fhinne)	3 NEIL McGEE N. Mac Aoidh (Gaoth Dobhair)	4 KARL LACEY C. de Léis (Na Ceithre Máistrí)
5 BARRY DUNNION B. Ó Dúinín (Na Ceithre Máistrí)	6 BARRY MONAGHAN B. Ó Manacháin (Na Ceithre Máistrí)	7 EAMON McGEE E. Mac Aoidh (Gaoth Dobhair)
8 BRENDAN BOYLE B. Ó Baoill (Ard a' Ratha)		9 KEVIN CASSIDY C. Ó Caiside (Gaoth Dobhair)
10 RORY KAVANAGH R. Caomhánach (Capt.) (Naomh Adhamhnáin)	11 BRIAN ROPER B. Ó Roipéar (Aodh Ruadh, B/S)	12 LEO McLOONE L. Mac Giolla Eoin (Naomh Conaill)
13 CONAL DUNNE C. Ó Dúinn (Naomh Adhamhnáin)	14 MICHAEL MURPHY M. Ó Murchú (Gleann tSúilí)	15 COLM McFADDEN C. Mac Phaidín (Naomh Micheál)

FIR IONAD

(16) Paul Durcan P. Ó Dúrcáin (Na Ceithre Máistrí)	(19) Charles Byrne C. Ó Broin (Malainn)	(22) Michael Hegarty M. Ó hÉigeartaigh (Cill Charta)	(25) Adrian Hanlon A. Ó hAnluain (An Clochán Liath)	(28) Odhran Doherty O. Ó Dochartaigh (Buncranaigh)
(17) Johnny Gallagher S. Ó Gallchóir (Aodh Ruadh (B/S))	(20) Eoin Wade E. Mac Uaid (Naomh Conaill)	(23) Barragh Gallagher C. Ó Gallchóir (Naomh Conaill)	(26) Raymond Sweeney R. Mac Suibhne (An Clochán Liath)	
(18) Paddy McDaid P. Mac Daibhéid (An Tearmann)	(21) Stephen Griffin S. Ó Gríofa (Naomh Naile)	(24) Michael Doherty M. Ó Dochartaigh (Na Ceithre Máistrí)	(27) David Walsh D. Breathnach (Naomh Bríd)	

ROIGHNÓIRÍ

Seán Seosamh Ó Dochartaigh (Manager), Antóin Ó Baoill, Tomás Ó Riain, Micheál Mac Gaotháin.

PATHS TO THE



Corcaigh

24th May @ Dungarvan:

Cork 2-18 Waterford 1-7

7th June @ Killarney:

Cork 1-10 Kerry 0-13

13th June @ Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

Cork 1-17 Kerry 0-12

5th July @ Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

Cork 2-6 Limerick 0-11

Total Scored 6-51 (69)

Total Conceded 1-43 (46)

Average 1.5

	1	2	3	4	Total
Donncha O'Connor	1-5	0-3	1-5	1-1	3-14
Daniel Goulding	0-2	0-2	0-5	1-3	1-12
Paul Kerrigan	1-2	—	0-1	—	1-3
John Miskella	0-3	—	0-2	—	0-5
Pearse O'Neill	—	1-2	—	—	1-2
C O'Neill	0-2	0-1	—	0-1	0-4
James Masters	0-2	—	0-1	0-1	0-4
Paul O'Flynn	0-1	—	0-1	—	0-2
Michael Shields	0-1	—	—	—	0-1
Graham Canty	—	0-1	—	—	0-1
Noel O'Leary	—	0-1	—	—	0-1
Paddy Kelly	—	—	0-1	—	0-1
Fintan Goold	—	—	0-1	—	0-1



Dún na nGall

14th June @ Ballybofey:

Antrim 1-10 Donegal 0-12

4th July @ Ballybofey:

Donegal 2-13 Carlow 1-6

11th July @ Ballybofey:

Donegal 0-13 Clare 1-7

18th July @ Ballybofey:

Donegal 2-13 Derry 0-18 aet

25th July @ Markievicz Park:

Donegal 0-14 Galway 0-13

Total Scored 4-65 (77)

Total Conceded 3-54 (63)

Average 1.22

	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Michael Murphy	0-5	0-8	0-5	0-5	0-5	0-28
Colm McFadden	0-2	—	0-4	1-4	0-6	1-16
Rory Kavanagh	0-3	1-0	—	—	0-1	1-4
Christy Toyne	0-1	0-1	0-2	—	—	0-4
Conal Dunne	—	1-1	—	—	—	1-1
Kevin Cassidy	—	—	—	1-1	—	1-1
Leo McLoone	—	0-1	0-1	—	0-1	0-3
David Walsh	—	—	—	0-1	0-1	0-2
Ciaran Bonner	0-1	—	—	—	—	0-1
Stephen Griffin	—	0-1	—	—	—	0-1
Darragh Gallagher	—	0-1	—	—	—	0-1
Barry Dunnion	—	—	0-1	—	—	0-1
Barry Monaghan	—	—	—	0-1	—	0-1
Brian Roper	—	—	—	0-1	—	0-1

QUARTER-FINALS



Cill Dara

24th May @ Portlaoise:

Kildare 1-16 Offaly 1-10

13th June @ Dr Cullen Park:

Kildare 2-12 Wexford 0-11

27th June @ Tullamore:

Kildare 2-18 Laois 0-9

12th July @ Croke Park:

Dublin 2-15 Kildare 0-18

25th July @ Portlaoise:

Kildare 1-16 Wicklow 2-9

Total Scored 6-80 (98)

Total Conceded 5-54 (69)

Average 1.42

	1	2	3	4	5	Total
John Doyle	0-6	0-1	0-7	0-2	0-4	0-20
Alan Smyth	1-1	1-3	1-0	0-2	1-2	4-8
James Kavanagh	0-3	1-3	1-2	0-2	0-1	2-11
Dermot Earley	0-2	0-2	0-1	0-2	0-3	0-10
Ronan Sweeney	0-2	—	0-3	0-2	—	0-7
Pádraig O'Neill	—	0-1	0-2	0-2	0-1	0-6
E O'Callaghan	—	—	0-2	—	0-2	0-4
Michael Conway	—	—	0-1	0-2	—	0-3
Ken Donnelly	—	—	—	0-3	—	0-3
Robert Kelly	0-1	—	—	0-1	0-1	0-3
Hugh McGrillen	0-1	—	—	—	—	0-1
Emmet Bolton	—	0-1	—	—	—	0-1
Daryll Flynn	—	0-1	—	—	—	0-1
M O'Flaherty	—	—	—	—	0-1	0-1
Brian Flanagan	—	—	—	—	0-1	0-1

Tír Eoghain

31st May @ Clones:

Tyrone 2-10 Armagh 1-10

21st June @ Casement Park:

Tyrone 0-15 Derry 0-7

19th July @ Clones:

Tyrone 1-18 Antrim 0-15

Total Scored 3-43 (52)

Total Conceded 1-32 (35)

Average 1.49

	1	2	3	Total
Seán Cavanagh	0-2	0-1	1-4	1-7
Tommy McGuigan	0-2	0-4	0-3	0-9
Stephen O'Neill	1-3	0-1	—	1-4
Kevin Hughes	—	0-2	0-2	0-4
Owen Mulligan	0-1	—	0-3	0-4
Joe McMahon	0-1	—	0-2	0-3
Martin Penrose	—	0-3	—	0-3
Conor Gormley	1-0	—	—	1-0
Brian Doohar	0-1	0-1	—	0-2
Brian McGuigan	—	0-1	0-1	0-2
Davy Harte	—	0-1	0-1	0-2
Sean O'Neill	—	0-1	—	0-1
Ryan McMenamin	—	—	0-1	0-1
Philip Jordan	—	—	0-1	0-1

CILL DARA

DATHANNA: BÁN



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SAGR CICEANNA			

FIR IONAD

(16) Shane McCormack S. Mac Cormaic (Allenwood)	(19) Robert Kelly R. Ó Ceallaigh (Straffan)	(22) Declan Brennan D. Ó Braonáin (Rathangan)	(25) Anthony Rainbow A. Rainbow (Suncroft)	(28) Michael Harnett M. Ó hAirméada (Suncroft)
(17) Andrew McLoughlin A. Mac Lochlainn (Ellistown)	(20) Eamonn Callaghan E. Ó Ceallacháin (Naas)	(23) Eoghan O'Flaherty E. Ó Flathartaigh (Carbury)	(26) Mark Scanlon M. Ó Scanláin (Round Towers)	(29) David Whyte D. de Faoite (Moorefield)
(18) Keith Cribbin C. Ó Róibín (Johnstownbridge)	(21) Karl Ennis C. Mac Aonghusa (Maynooth)	(24) Kevin O'Neill C. Ó Néill (Moorefield)	(27) Damien Hendy D. Ó hIndí (Castledermot)	(30) Willie Heffernan L. Ó hEifeárnáin (Nurney)

ROIGHNÓIRÍ

Kieran McGeeney (Manager), Paul Grimley, Niall Carew.



TÍR EOGHAIN

DATHANNA: DEARG IS BAÍ

	1ADH LEATH	2ADH LEATH	IOMLÁN
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CÚILÍNÍ			
SEACHAÍ			
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SAOR CICEANNA			

1 PASCAL McCONNELL P. Mac Dhónaill (An Baile Nua)		
2 P. J. QUINN P. S. Ó Coinn (Baile na Móna)	3 JUSTIN McMAHON S. Mac Mathúna (An Omaigh)	4 RYAN McMENAMIN R. Mac Meanmán (An Droim Mhór)
5 DAVY HARTE D. Ó hAirt (Aireagal Chiaráin)	6 CONOR GORMLEY C. Ó Garmaile (An Charraig Mhór)	7 PHILIP JORDAN P. Mac Siurtáin (An Mhaigh)
8 KEVIN HUGHES C. Ó hAodha (Cill Íseal)		9 SEÁN CAVANAGH S. Caomhánach (An Mhaigh)
10 BRIAN DOOHER B. Ó Dúchair (Capt.) (Clann na nGael)	11 TOMMY McGUIGAN T. Mag Uiginn (Ard Bó)	12 JOE McMAHON S. Mac Mathúna (An Omaigh)
13 MARTIN PENROSE M. Penrose (Achadh Uí Arain)	14 STEPHEN O'NEILL S. Ó Néill (Clann na nGael)	15 OWEN MULLIGAN E. Ó Maolagáin (An Chorra Chríochach)

FIR IONAD

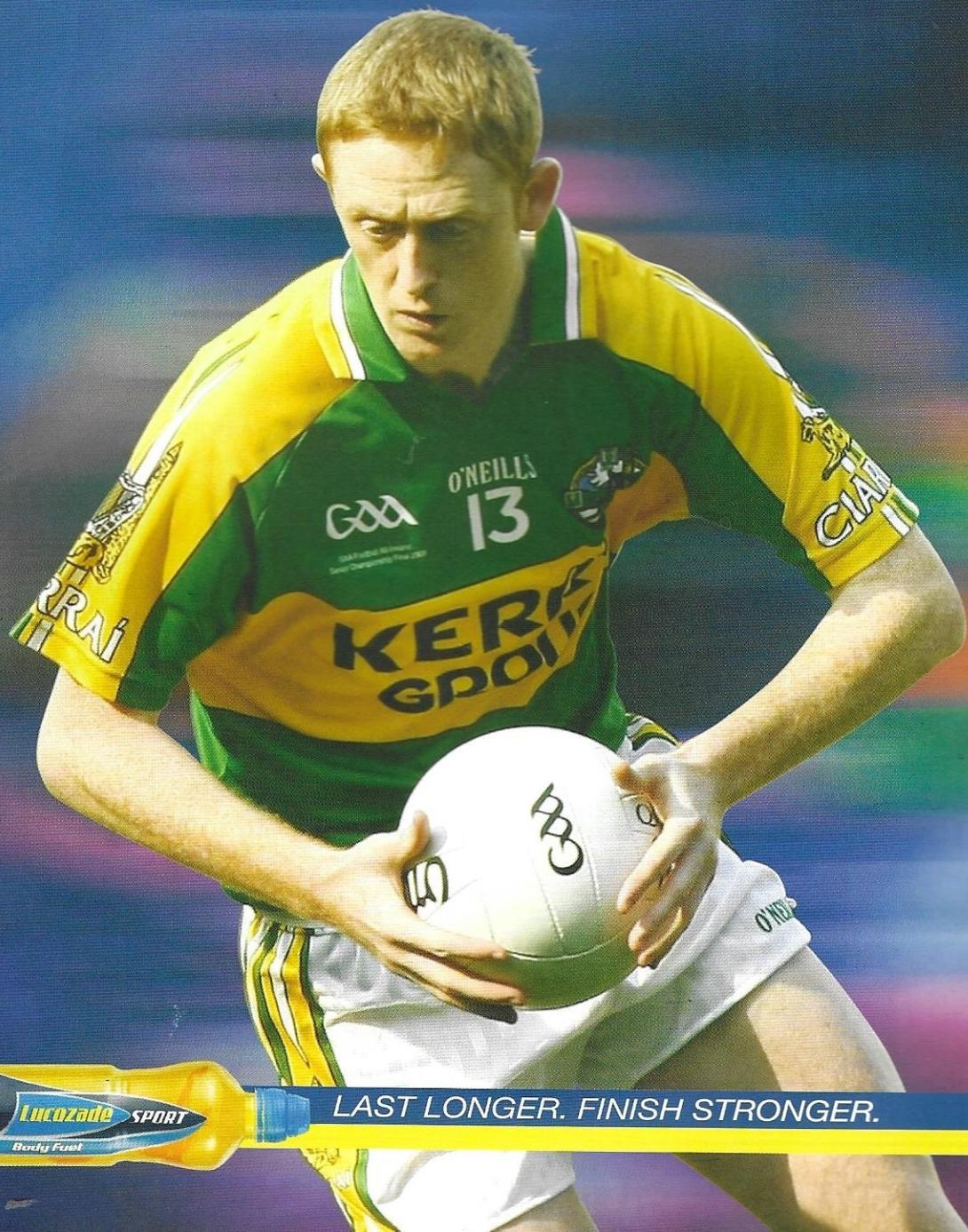
(16) Jonathan Curran S. Ó Corráin <i>(Oileán a'Ghuail)</i>	(19) Colm Kavanagh C. Ó Caomhánach <i>(An Mhaigh)</i>	(22) Ciarán Gourley C. Mag Thoirsealaigh <i>(An Charraig)</i>	(25) Michael McGee M. Mag Aodh <i>(Loch Mhic Ruairi)</i>	(28) Raymond Mulgrew R. Ó Maolchraoibhe <i>(An Chorra Chríochach)</i>
(17) Dermot Carlin D. Ó Cearúlláin <i>(Coill an Chlochair)</i>	(20) Gareth Devlin G. Ó Doibhlinn <i>(An Chraobh)</i>	(23) Collin Holmes C. Mac Thomáis <i>(Ais Clairsigh)</i>	(26) Enda McGinley É. Mag Fhionnaile <i>(Aireagal Chiaráin)</i>	(29) Seán O'Neill S. Ó Néill <i>(An Droim Mhór)</i>
(18) Aidan Cassidy A. Ó Casaide <i>(Eochar)</i>	(21) Niall Gormley N. Ó Garmaile <i>(Trí Leac)</i>	(24) Colm McCullagh C. Mac Cú Uladh <i>(An Droim Mhór)</i>	(27) Brian McGuigan B. Mag Uiginn <i>(Ard Bó)</i>	(30) Martin Swift M. Ó Fuada <i>(Coill an Chlochair)</i>

ROIGHNÓIRÍ

Micheál Ó hAirt (Manager).

**"WITH 15 MINUTES
TO GO,
YOU'RE LOOKING FOR
WEAKNESSES,
TO BE READY TO POUNCE
WHEN AN OPPORTUNITY
PRESENTS ITSELF"**

COLM COOPER - KERRY



LAST LONGER. FINISH STRONGER.

THE McGEENEY CONNECTION IN A FIRST TIMER

Kildare and Tyrone introduce a new era in the senior football championship with this first-ever meeting in an All-Ireland quarter-final.

An interesting connection with the meeting, however, is provided by Kildare manager Kieran McGeeney. He led his native Armagh to their only All-Ireland senior football title in 2002.

- A year later he was again captain when the Orchard County were challenged in the Sam Maguire Cup tie by Tyrone, who won the trophy for the first time.

- Tyrone won their third All-Ireland senior title last year.

This season they are hoping to announce two All-Ireland crowns in succession for the first time.

- Kildare last reached an All-Ireland semi-final in 2000 when, as Leinster champions, they lost to Galway.



Gearóid Ó Conámha (Gaillimh)

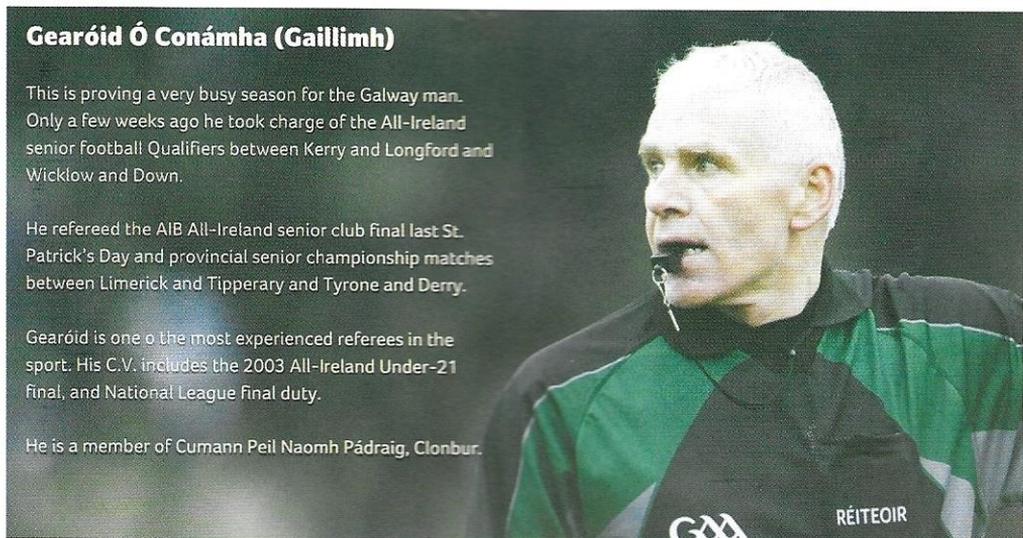
This is proving a very busy season for the Galway man. Only a few weeks ago he took charge of the All-Ireland senior football Qualifiers between Kerry and Longford and Wicklow and Down.

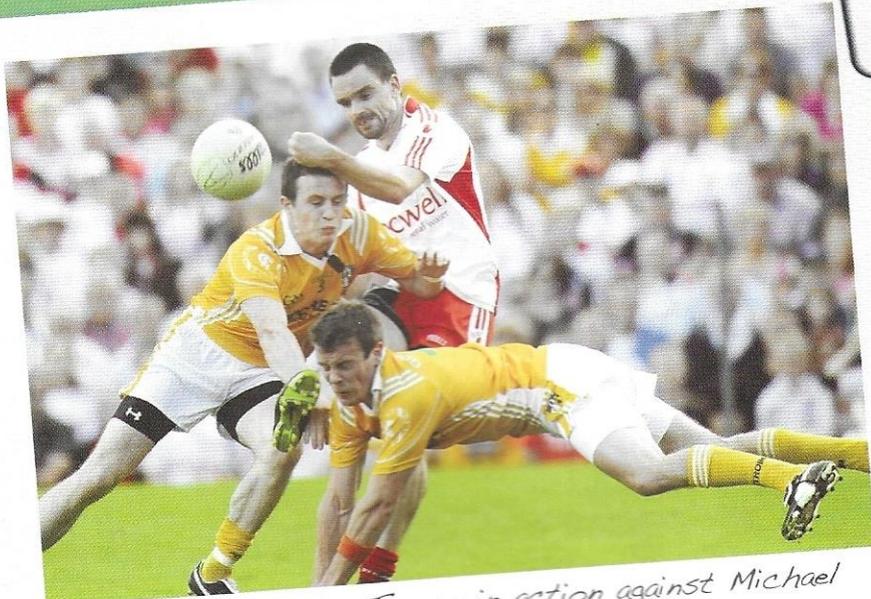
He refereed the AIB All-Ireland senior club final last St. Patrick's Day and provincial senior championship matches between Limerick and Tipperary and Tyrone and Derry.

Gearóid is one of the most experienced referees in the sport. His C.V. includes the 2003 All-Ireland Under-21 final, and National League final duty.

He is a member of Cumann Peil Naomh Pádraig, Clonbur.

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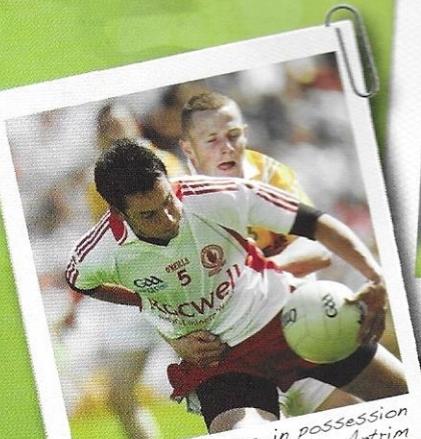




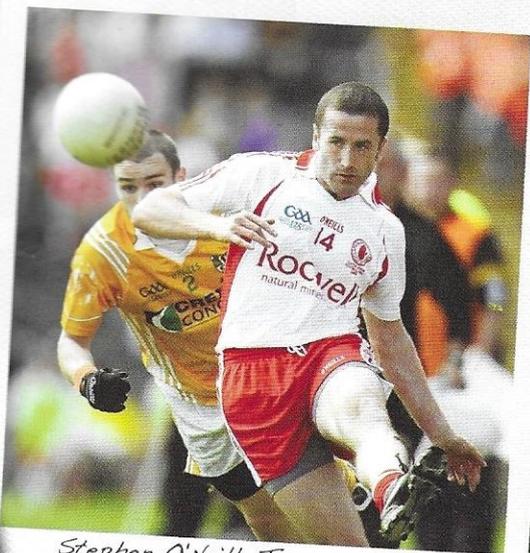
Ryan McMenamin, Tyrone in action against Michael McCann and James Loughrey, Antrim

Ulster GAA Football
Senior Championship Final

Tyrone 1-18
Antrim 0-15



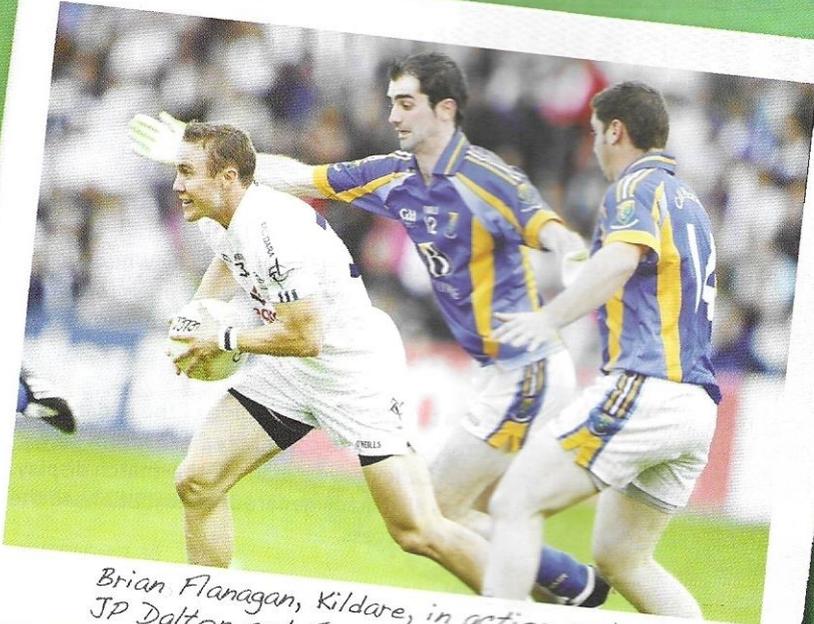
Day Harte, Tyrone, in possession against Paddy Cunningham, Antrim



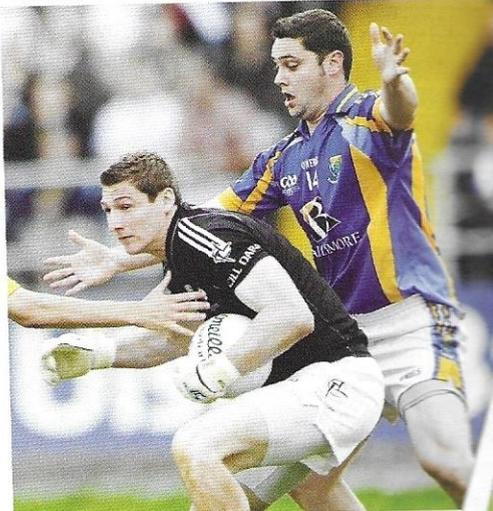
Stephen O'Neill, Tyrone, gets away from Colin Brady, Antrim

LAST TIME OUT

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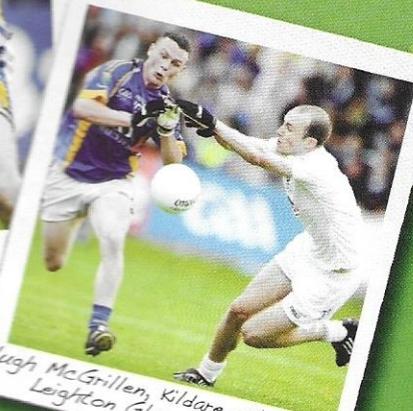
Brian Flanagan, Kildare, in action against JP Dalton and Seanie Furlong, Wicklow



Goalkeeper Tom Corley, Kildare in possession ahead of Seanie Furlong, Wicklow

GAA Football All Ireland Senior
Championship Qualifier Round 4

Kildare 1-16
Wicklow 2-09



Hugh McGrillen, Kildare, challenges Leighton Glynn, Wicklow

EARLEY TO THE FORE AS KILDARE REGAIN WINNING FORM

Good midfield play from Dermot Earley and the goal scoring technique of Alan Smith did much to set the scene for a winning return by Kildare against resurgent Wicklow last week-end following their spirited bid when losing to Dublin in the Leinster senior football championship final.

Earley set a strong pace and also chipped in with three points, while Smith's goal after sixty-eight minutes really clinched victory for the Lily Whites. In a keenly contested game, which held interest right until the final whistle, the scores were level six times.

Kildare finished the first half the stronger with five unanswered points in a bright four minute spell to turn over ahead at the interval by 0-11 to 1-4.

Just after the restart Kildare goalkeeper Tom Corley brought of a brilliant save as Wicklow

rallied strongly. However, the Lily Whites, with Earley to the fore, continued to press forward and Smith's late goal sealed a hard-earned 1-16 to 2-9 win.

It is a tribute to the finishing of the Kildare players that nine contributed 1-13 from play. While Earley gave a man-of-the-match display, others also made generous contributions to the Kildare success.

Smith, with his important late goal, and good general play, and Ronan Sweeney did well up front. Hugh McGrillen had a fine game at right full back, while centre-half Brian Flanagan and goalkeeper Tom Corley also played prominent roles.

A solid return to winning form, then, by Kildare, and an encouraging one as well for this return to Croke Park.



The Kildare panel that lost the Leinster Football Final against Dublin at Croke Park

HOW KILDARE REACHED THE QUARTER-FINAL

24th May. Portlaoise:
Kildare 1-16; Offaly 1-10.

13th June. Carlow:
Kildare 2-12; Wexford 1-11.

27th June. Tullamore:
Kildare 2-18; Laois 0-9.

12th July. Croke Park:
Kildare 0-18; Dublin 2-15.

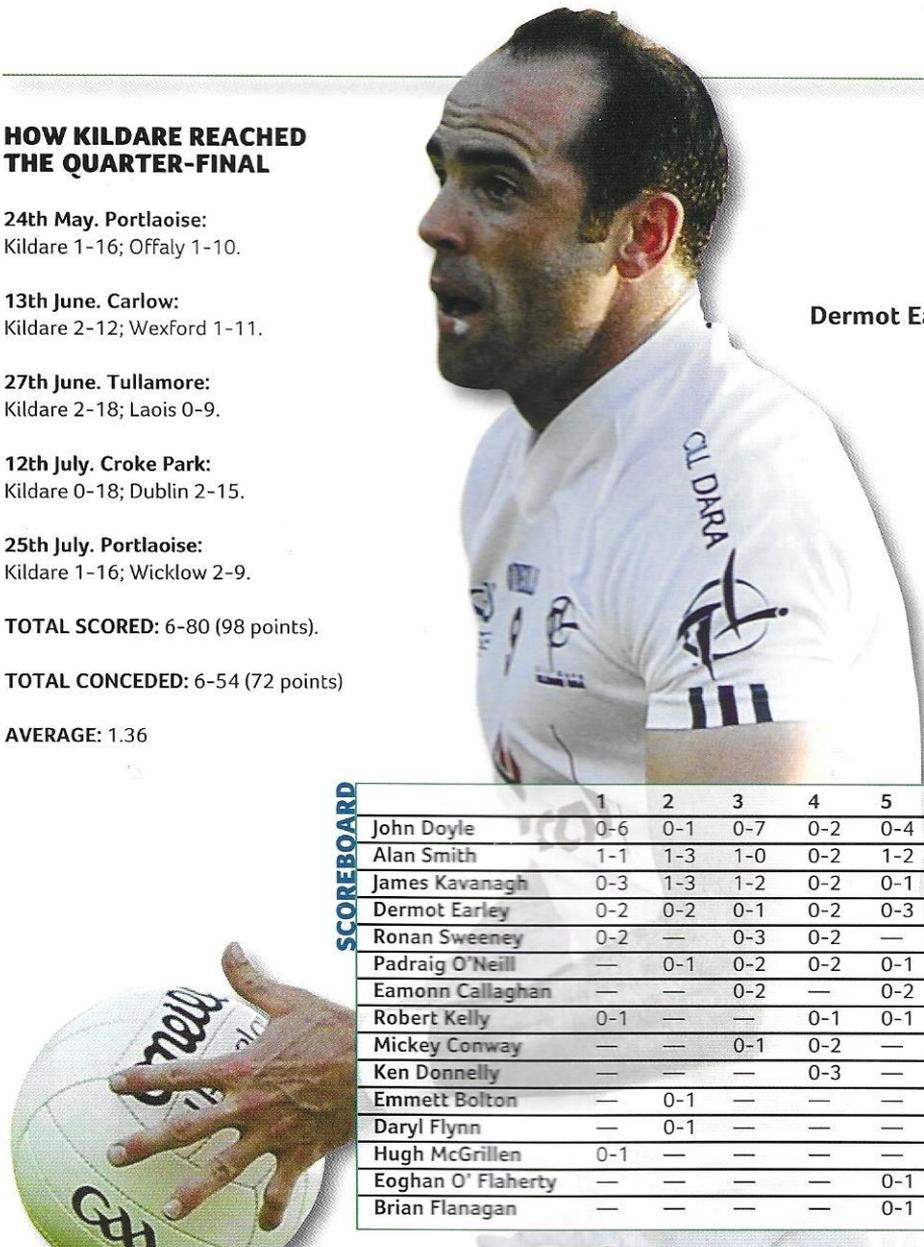
25th July. Portlaoise:
Kildare 1-16; Wicklow 2-9.

TOTAL SCORED: 6-80 (98 points).

TOTAL CONCEDED: 6-54 (72 points)

AVERAGE: 1.36

Dermot Earley



SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	5	Total
John Doyle	0-6	0-1	0-7	0-2	0-4	0-20
Alan Smith	1-1	1-3	1-0	0-2	1-2	4-8
James Kavanagh	0-3	1-3	1-2	0-2	0-1	2-11
Dermot Earley	0-2	0-2	0-1	0-2	0-3	0-10
Ronan Sweeney	0-2	—	0-3	0-2	—	0-7
Padraig O'Neill	—	0-1	0-2	0-2	0-1	0-6
Eamonn Callaghan	—	—	0-2	—	0-2	0-4
Robert Kelly	0-1	—	—	0-1	0-1	0-3
Mickey Conway	—	—	0-1	0-2	—	0-3
Ken Donnelly	—	—	—	0-3	—	0-3
Emmett Bolton	—	0-1	—	—	—	0-1
Daryl Flynn	—	0-1	—	—	—	0-1
Hugh McGrillen	0-1	—	—	—	—	0-1
Eoghan O'Flaherty	—	—	—	—	0-1	0-1
Brian Flanagan	—	—	—	—	0-1	0-1

Quarter-Finals Record

Kildare today make only their second appearance in an All-Ireland senior football championship quarter-final since the series was inaugurated in 2001. They will be hoping for better fortune than last August when they lost out at this stage to Cork at Croke Park. They conceded 2-3 in the opening twenty minutes before their opening score—a point—and were two goals in arrears at the break. Kildare were nine points in arrears after forty-eight minutes when they failed to score from a penalty, but they won another penalty to reduce arrears to six points. They applied strong pressure on Cork after that, but the Munster county held out for a 2-11 to 1-11 win.

KILDARE PLAYER OF THE PAST

Glen Ryan led Kildare in 1998 to their first All-Ireland senior football final in 42 years when they lost to Kerry. During a long senior intercounty career he established himself as one of the most consistent defenders of his era. He was to the fore when the All Whites last won the Leinster title in 2000. Ryan captained Round Towers to their first county senior title in 25 years in 1995 and is a former All Star. This season he has been Longford's team manager.

Tadhg Fennin

TERRACE HERO

by DAMIAN LAWLOR

CILL DARA



TADHG Fennin has the job of his dreams and he makes no bones about it.

Working as a Games Promotion Officer for the Kildare county board, Fennin is in his element, coaching the next generation, streamlining

development squads and targeting schools and clubs as part of his daily duties.

It has to be said that the county couldn't have a better role model working for them. A lethal corner forward in his day, Fennin played in three Leinster senior finals and won one. He is one of the most approachable men you could meet, intelligent and enthusiastic about his job and the new challenges it presents.

"The biggest challenge we face is getting parents involved in teams, clubs and schools," he says. "Numbers are the biggest problem, trying to boost that volunteer element."

As part of his remit, he has 10 clubs under his watch and reckons that in many areas it's the same people keeping the show on the road all the time. "We constantly need to get new people involved; it freshens the thing up and gives it a new lease of life."



Another sustained run in the championship will help the county's cause. Although today's game against Tyrone could see their 2009 journey come to an end.

"We're only at the same stage we were last year and this is a very tough draw," Fennin said. "Look at the bench they have, it's so strong. I think we have developed an awful lot this season but at the end of the day I don't know if it will be enough. Tyrone are men on a mission again. It can be hard to keep winning all the time but they have looked focused right from the start."

Fennin says a lot will come down to how the Kildare full back line copes with the lethal Tyrone attack. And of course, the role of Dermot Earley will be crucial if the Lillies are to have any real hope of victory.

"I would say Dermot is the best midfielder in the country but he can't do it all on his own either. If he can maintain his form we have a chance but it will be tough. Tyrone will be all out to quieten him as well."

Still only 30 and playing with Castlemitchell this is Fennin's first year away from the senior intercounty limelight in almost a decade. But he's busy. He got married to Lisa in January last year and the couple have a six month old baby to look after now. As well as his family and work commitments, he coaches his club who have dropped to junior level and also writes an insightful and personable weekly column with the Kildare Nationalist. It's only a matter of time before he proves his worth as a top level coach or manager.

"Coaching is something I have been interested in for a long time," he says. "I'm only starting off and have a lot to learn but I'm involved with the club at home in a coaching capacity with the first team so I will see how that goes. I'm learning every day and would definitely be looking to get into management. I've known nothing but football all my life."

A really natural finisher, he made his debut against Louth in 2000 and was the spearhead of the Kildare attack for many years. In recent seasons he struggled to make the starting 15 and made the call to step down at the start of this year.

But in many ways it's only the start for Tadhg Fennin. With his experience, personality and knowledge of the game he is going to be a vital asset for Kildare GAA in years to come.

KILDARE...20 YEARS AGO

Two decades ago Kildare's championship season was short and not so sweet. Facing Dublin in front of 15,000 spectators at Droichead Nua, much was expected from the home side, but the Lily Whites performed poorly and were much inferior than the four-point margin of defeat suggests. Eight players were booked in the 70 minutes with Kildare the greater culprits (five to three) in a less than free-flowing game of football.

OMINOUS

The hosts made the ideal start when Liam Miley grabbed a goal at the sixth minute but it took a further 13 for their first point to arrive...and this with the backing of the wind. At the break it looked ominous for the hosts with a scoreline of 1-3 to 0-6, and despite some fine play from Martin Lynch at midfield in the early minutes of the second period, Kildare failed to make it pay on the scoreboard. Then Dublin took over and six unanswered points preceded Kieran Duff's soft goal and then it was only a case of what the winning margin would be.

Credit must go to the Lily Whites for not rolling over and prompted by Mick Moynihan and Seamus Dowling they ended the contest with a flourish. Alas, the gap at that stage was too large to bridge and in truth the final scoreline of 1-9 to 1-13 flattered them. Cill Dara— S Sargeant, D Dalton, P O'Donoghue, S Ryan, M Moynihan, D Malone, S Dowling, S McGovern, M Lynch, D Kerrigan, L Miley, B Donovan, P McLoughlin, J Gilroy, C Moran. Subs – L McLoughlin, D Fenrin, T Harris.

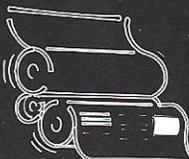


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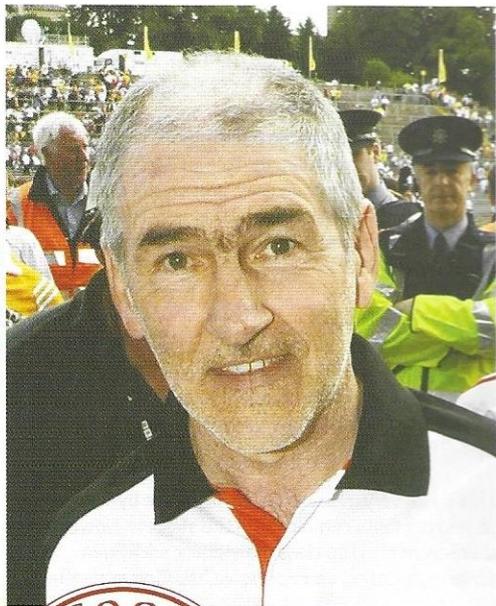
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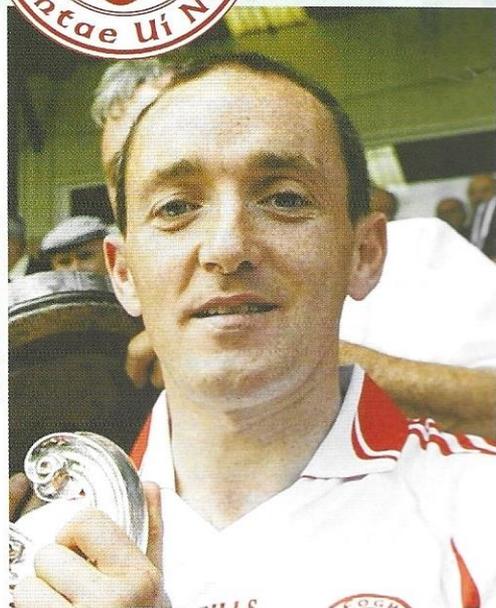


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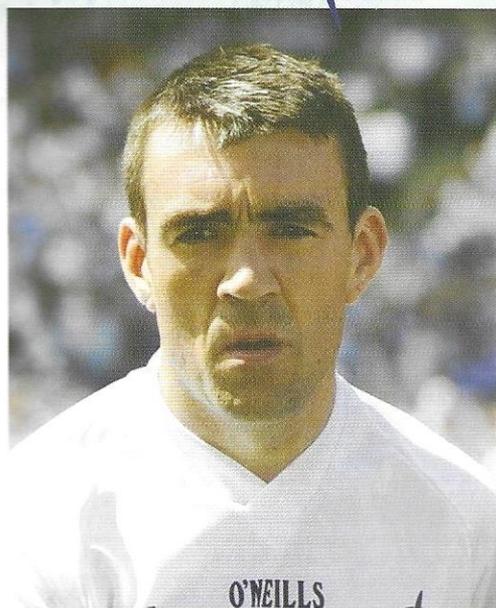


Cill Dara
KILDARE GAA

BRIAN DOOHER



JOHN DOYLE



TYRONE'S ASSETS ON DISPLAY IN ULSTER FINAL

Experience, clever football, good individual performances and a fine goal were vital assets for All-Ireland champions Tyrone as they set the seal on their Ulster senior football championship campaign by ending the brave march by Antrim at Clones last month.

The Glensmen went into the county's first appearance in the concluding round in 39 long years after wins over Donegal and Cavan.

They quickly underlined that they were in no way overawed by the opposition by taking the game to their much fancied opponents and recorded the first score of the game—a point from a free.

The game was six minutes old when left half back Ryan Menamin popped up in the Antrim goal area to record Tyrone's first score with a fine point.

That was the start of a scoring run by the O'Neill County, highlighted by a cracking goal by midfielder Seán Cavanagh after eleven minutes to put his side ahead by 1-3 to 0-1.

Tyrone were moving in champion style at this stage and continued in that vein to turn over at the interval 1-8 to 0-5 in front.

They continued to set the pace impressively with points from Owen Mulligan, Tommy McGuigan and Cavanagh to strengthen their grip on the game before Antrim had their first score of the half. The Glensmen, to their credit, continued to play with spirit and determination.

STRONG FINISH

Tyrone, however, did not lose their flair and a strong finish that yielded points from Davy Harte, substitute Brian McGuigan and defender Philip Jordan copperfastened their grip on the game to finish good winners by 1-18 to 0-15.

This was a very impressive performance by Tyrone with all departments combining in the success. However, there were also top class individuals, with Seán Cavanagh setting an impressive headline at midfield.

The Moy clubman had one of his best games in the county colours, with his sparkling goal a bright feature.

Jordan and McMenamin at the back, and left half forward Joey McMahon, a tireless worker all though and scorer of two points, along with Mulligan also did much to spark a display that must prove a real morale booster for this quarter-final.



The Tyrone panel that won the Ulster Final:

Back (L-R): Jonathan Curran, Brian Doohar, Brian McGuigan, Colm Cavanagh, Ryan Mellon, Owen Mulligan, Justin McMahon, Sean Cavanagh, Kevin Hughes, Joe McMahon, Stephen O'Neill, Colin Holmes, Pascal McConnell.
Front (L-R): Ciaran Gourley, Dermot Carlin, Niall Gormley, Davy Harte, PJ Quinn, Enda McGinley, Philip Jordan, Ryan McMenamin, Martin Penrose, John Devine, Tommy McGuigan, Michael McGee, Gareth Devlin, Sean O'Neill.

TYRONE REGAIN ULSTER CROWN

Tyrone had a three game programme on the way to their first Ulster senior football title since 2007.

31st May. Clones:

Tyrone 2-10; Armagh 1-10.

21st June. Casement Park:

Tyrone 0-15; Derry 0-7.

19th July. Clones:

Tyrone 1-18; Antrim 0-15.

TOTAL SCORED: 3-43 (52 points).

TOTAL CONCEDED: 1-32 (35 points).

AVERAGE: 1.48

Last Five Quarter-Finals

2008

Croke Park:

Tyrone 3-14; Dublin 1-8.

2007

Croke Park:

Tyrone 2-8; Meath 1-13.

2005

Croke Park:

Tyrone 2-18; Dublin 1-14. REPLAY

Tyrone 1-14; Dublin 1-14. DRAW

2004

Croke Park:

Tyrone 1-9; Mayo 0-16.

Tommy McGuigan



SCOREBOARD

	1	2	3	Total
Seán Cavanagh	0-2	0-1	1-4	1-7
Tommy McGuigan	0-2	0-4	0-3	0-9
Stephen O'Neill	1-3	0-1	—	1-4
Owen Mulligan	0-1	—	0-3	0-4
Kevin Hughes	—	0-2	0-2	0-4
Conor Gormley	1-0	—	—	1-0
Joe McMahon	0-1	—	0-2	0-3
Martin Penrose	—	0-3	—	0-3
Brian Doohar	0-1	0-1	—	0-2
Brian McGuigan	—	0-1	0-1	0-2
Davy Harte	—	0-1	0-1	0-2
Philip Jordan	—	—	0-1	0-1
Ryan McMenamin	—	—	0-1	0-1
Seán O'Neill	—	0-1	—	0-1

Quarter-Finals Record

Tyrone got off to a losing start against Derry at Clones in the inaugural All-Ireland quarter-finals in 2001. This is their seventh outing at this sage and their record stands at three wins and three defeats.

Player Of The Past

Thady Turbett guarded the Tyrone net in majestic fashion for a lengthy period and also carved out a big reputation nationally in the last line of defence.

He was in goal when the O'Neill County beat Cavan in 1956 for their first Ulster senior title, and won a second provincial medal a year later.

Turbett won his first Railway Cup medal in 1960 and three years later did much to set Ulster off on a record-equalling run of four titles in succession. The 1963 final was his last in a successful final with Ulster.

Kevin McCabe

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KEVIN McCabe has been looking forward to this game since his county's Ulster final triumph but he's not getting ahead of himself.

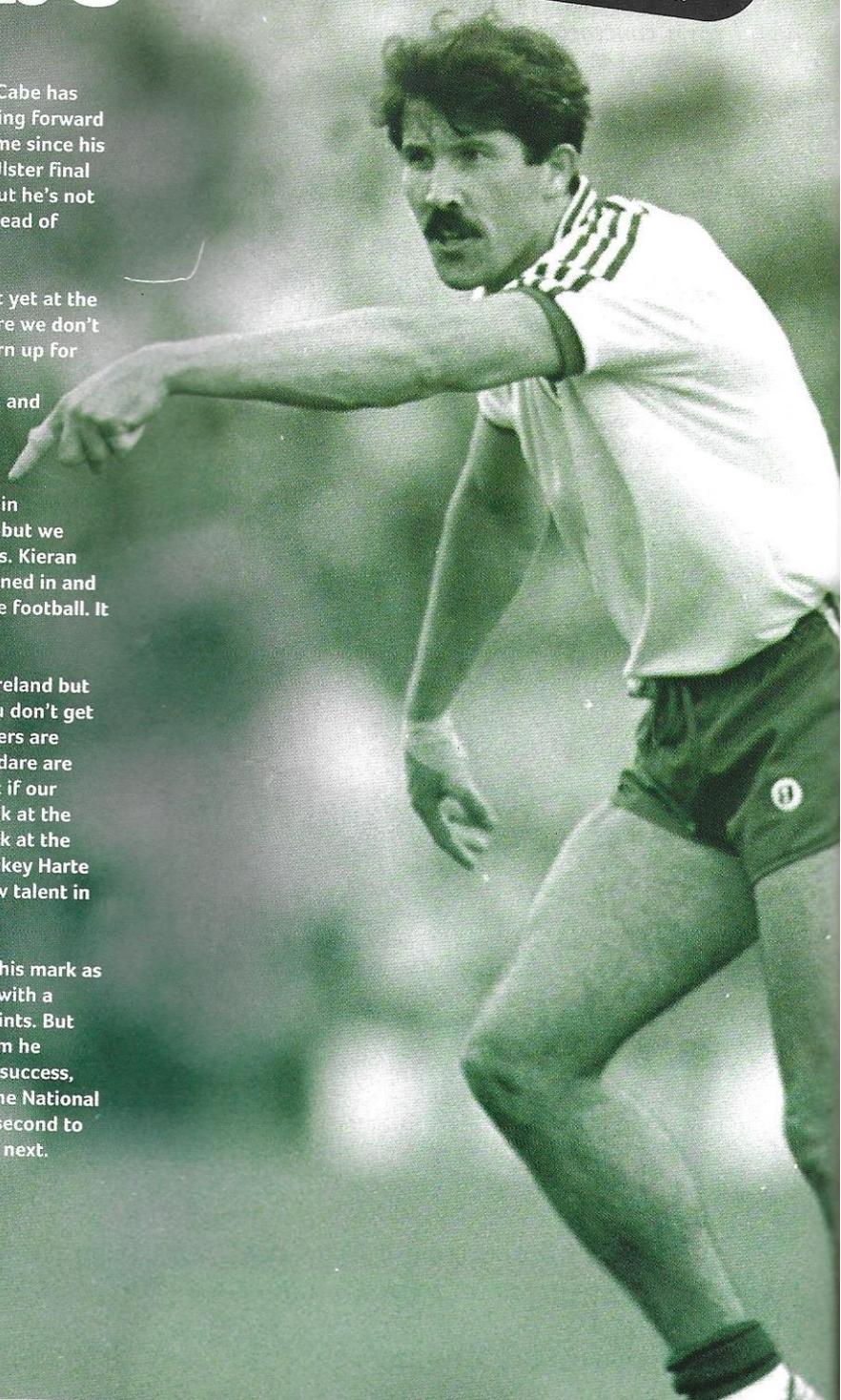
"We're not yet at the stage where we don't have to turn up for All-Ireland

quarter-finals to support our team and instead wait for the semis to turn out," he laughs. "For years, we watched Donegal and Down win All-Irelands and we had to look on in envy. Thank God it's our turn now, but we won't be losing the run of ourselves. Kieran McGeeney will have his side well tuned in and he has a great knowledge of Tyrone football. It won't be easy.

"I do think we're the best team in Ireland but still you have to make sure that you don't get caught believing all that stuff. Players are human, they can have bad days. Kildare are quite capable of winning today. But if our team is right we should prevail. Look at the battle for midfield places alone, look at the quality of players on the bench. Mickey Harte has done a great job in bringing new talent in and it's showing now."

In a glittering career McCabe made his mark as a fleet-footed, attacking half-back with a penchant for knocking over vital points. But late on in his stint on the senior team he switched to attack with remarkable success, topping his side's scoring chart in one National League season, and coming a close second to place-kicker Stephen Conway in the next.

**TERRACE
HERO**
by DAMIAN LAWLOR



He ended his intercounty span with provincial titles, Railway Cups and an All Star but the emotional wounds of 1986, when they lost the All-Ireland final to Kerry after taking a clear lead in a gripping contest, was a heavy cross to bear. Eventually, though, time heals all wounds.

Ask people about his career and they prefer to remember a fresh-faced teenager who made his debut in the mid 1970s when he was thrown into the cauldron of an Ulster semi-final against Derry. Tyrone lost that afternoon, but McCabe's career surged from there. He went on to win three Ulster Championship medals, two Railway Cup medals, and Tyrone's first All-Star award in 1980, when he was selected at right half back. It was in the same year that he captained Tyrone in the Ulster final against Annagh.

"It was a great experience to captain a team in an Ulster final at the age of 22," he says.

"Young players always have something to offer and they are full of energy - that's why I'm so glad to see them coming along under Mickey Harte. I think the lads have had a real focus all year. I'm not so sure that it's a thing of doing it for Brian Dooher before he retires, people were saying Brian was retiring last year too. Instead I feel they want to win a two in a row. It's proved beyond them so far and it's a difficult thing to achieve but I can see that they want it now. They are hungry and have been, right from the start of the Ulster championship. I'm glad they're taking the direct route to Croke Park, the qualifiers could be a minefield this year."

These days he lives on the outskirts of Cookstown and has no hands-on involvement with Gaelic football because of work commitments but it's seldom he misses a match.

Incidentally, one not-so-well known feature of McCabe's sporting career was his time as a soccer player with Portadown, the current Irish League champions, where he spent a year and a half operating as a striker.

He played at centre forward at Shamrock Park for almost two seasons and ended up as the club's top scorer with 20 goals in the 1982 - 83 season. He took a break from Gaelic football but returned to the Tyrone squad in 1984 to win his first Ulster Championship medal.

It proved to be a wise move. His legacy is a strong one.

TYRONE...20 YEARS AGO

Tyrone's season looked likely to be a short one in their opening joust against Armagh at Omagh when they trailed by 0-4 to 2-4 at the break. Indeed, a heavy loss was in the offing when the deficit grew to eight points on the restart, but a Ciarán Corr goal inspired a tremendous fightback which ended with Paudge Quinn firing over the winner three minutes from time - 1-11 to 2-7. At Castleblaney three weeks later four players were sent to the line as Tyrone turned an interval lead of 0-7 to 1-3 against Down, into a final scoreline of 1-12 to 1-7 in their favour with Damien O'Hagan grabbing the goal.

TWO MEETINGS

The provincial final against Donegal took two meetings to decide. In the drawn encounter at Clones it took a point from Stephen Conway in lost time to earn Tyrone a second chance. However, at the same venue a week later first-half goals from Conway and O'Hagan gave Tyrone a 2-4 to 0-4 lead and the Red Hand pulled away for a comprehensive 2-13 to 0-7 victory. The opening half of the All-Ireland semi-final against Mayo was forgettable with the Ulster champions leading by the odd point in seven. Eugene McKenna goaled 13 minutes after the restart to push Tyrone three clear and on course, but the leaders failed to trouble the scoreboard operator again and Mayo advanced by 0-12 to 1-6.

Tír Eoghain - F McConnell, S Donnelly, C McGarvey, R Munroe, J McGoldrick, E Kilpatrick, J Mallon, P Donaghy, H McClure, C Corr, D O'Hagan, S Meyler, K McCabe, E McKenna, S Conway.

Subs - S McNally, P Quinn, N McGinn.

Kildare's Quarter-final Record

Played 1 – Lost 1

2008

Cork 2-11 Kildare 1-11

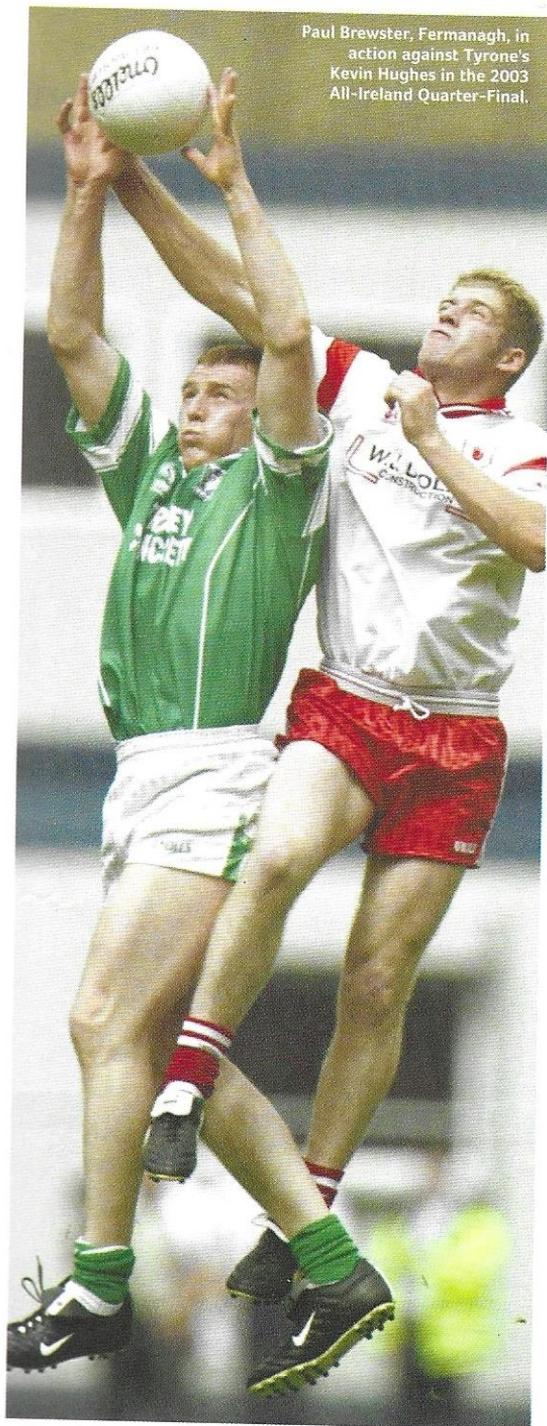
Half time – Cork 2-5 Kildare 0-5

Kildare scorers: J Doyle 1-5, A Smyth 0-3, E Callaghan 0-1, D Earley 0-1, M Conway 0-1.
Cill Dara– E Murphy, M O'Flaherty, K O'Neill, A McLoughlin, E Bolton, M Foley, M Scanlon, K Brennan, D Earley, J Kavanagh, P O'Neill, E Callaghan, A Smyth, K Donnelly, J Doyle. Subs – D Flynn, G White, M Conway, R Sweeney, A Rainbow.

Alan Smith, Kildare in action against Diarmuid Duggan in last year's All-Ireland Quarter-Final.



Paul Brewster, Fermanagh, in action against Tyrone's Kevin Hughes in the 2003 All-Ireland Quarter-Final.



Tyrone's Quarter-final Record

Played 6 – Won 3 Lost 3

2001

Derry 1-9 Tyrone 0-7

Half time – Derry 0-5 Tyrone 0-3

Tyrone scorers: S O'Neill 0-4, C McAnallen 0-1, G Cavlan 0-1, E Gormley 0-1.

Tír Eoghain – F McConnell, C Lawn, C Gourley, C Holmes, R McMenamin, S Teague, D McCrossan, C McAnallen, K Hughes, B Dooher, S O'Neill, Pascal Canavan, E Gormley, Peter Canavan, G Cavlan. Subs – B McGuigan, O Mulligan, R Thornton, C McBride.

2003

Tyrone 1-21 Fermanagh 0-5

Half time – Tyrone 1-11 Fermanagh 0-2

Tyrone scorers: S Cavanagh 1-2, P Canavan 0-4, O Mulligan 0-4, G Cavlan 0-3, K Hughes 0-2, E McGinley 0-2, C Gormley 0-1, C Gourley 0-1, B Dooher 0-1, B McGuigan 0-1.

Tír Eoghain – J Devine, D Carlin, C McAnallen, R McMenamin, C Gormley, C Gourley, P Jordan, K Hughes, S Cavanagh, B Dooher, B McGuigan, G Cavlan, E McGinley, P Canavan, O Mulligan. Subs – B Robinson, M McGee, P Loughran, S O'Neill, D McCrossan.

2004

Mayo 0-16 Tyrone 1-9

Half time – Mayo 0-9 Tyrone 0-7

Tyrone scorers: S O'Neill 1-3, O Mulligan 0-3, G Cavlan 0-1, M Harte 0-1, P Canavan 0-1.

Tír Eoghain – P McConnell, R McMenamin, C Gormley, M McGee, J McMahon, S Sweeney, P Jordan, K Hughes, S Cavanagh, B Dooher, G Cavlan, C Gourley, M Harte, O Mulligan, S O'Neill. Subs – D Carlin, P Canavan, B McGuigan, C McCullagh.

2005

Tyrone 1-14 Dublin 1-14

Half time – Dublin 1-10 Tyrone 0-8

Tyrone scorers: S O'Neill 0-6, O Mulligan 1-1, S Cavanagh 0-3, B Dooher 0-1, R Mellon 0-1, B McGuigan 0-1, E McGinley 0-1.

Tír Eoghain – P McConnell, R McMenamin, C Lawn, S Sweeney, D Harte, G Devlin, P Jordan, C Gormley, S Cavanagh, B Dooher, B McGuigan, O Mulligan, R Mellon, S O'Neill, E McGinley. Subs – J McMahon, P Canavan, M McGee.

Replay

Tyrone 2-18 Dublin 1-14

Half time – Tyrone 1-9 Dublin 0-5

Tyrone scorers: O Mulligan 1-7, S O'Neill 1-3, B Dooher 0-3, R Mellon 0-2, S Cavanagh 0-2, B McGuigan 0-1.

Tír Eoghain – P McConnell, R McMenamin, C Lawn, M McGee, D Harte, C Gormley, P Jordan, E McGinley, J McMahon, B Dooher, B McGuigan, S Cavanagh, R Mellon, S O'Neill, O Mulligan. Subs – S Sweeney, B Meenan, E Bradley, P Donnelly.

2007

Meath 1-13 Tyrone 2-8

Half time – Meath 0-10 Tyrone 1-5

Tyrone scorers: O Mulligan 1-1, S Cavanagh 1-0, C McCullagh 0-2, R Mulgrew 0-2, D McCaul 0-1, R Mellon 0-1, G Cavlan 0-1.

Tír Eoghain – J Devine, D McCaul, J McMahon, R McMenamin, D Harte, C Gormley, P Jordan, K Hughes, S Cavanagh, B Dooher, R Mulgrew, R Mellon, C McCullagh, G Cavlan, O Mulligan. Subs – E McGinley, T McGuigan, D Carlin, S O'Neill.

2008

Tyrone 3-14 Dublin 1-8

Half time – Tyrone 2-5 Dublin 1-3

Tyrone scorers: S Cavanagh 1-2, J McMahon 1-1, D Harte 1-1, B Dooher 0-3, C McCullagh 0-3, T McGuigan 0-2, E McGinley 0-1, C Gormley 0-1.

Tír Eoghain – J Devine, R McMenamin, Justin McMahon, C Gourley, D Harte, C Gormley, P Jordan, C Holmes, E McGinley, B Dooher, B McGuigan, Joe McMahon, T McGuigan, S Cavanagh, C McCullagh. Subs – M Penrose, D McCaul, R Mellon, K Hughes, O Mulligan.

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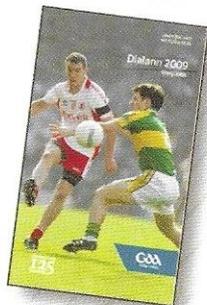
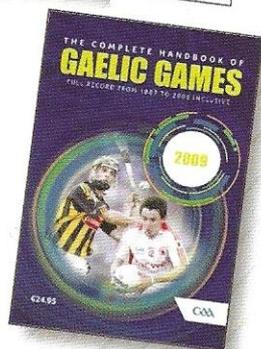
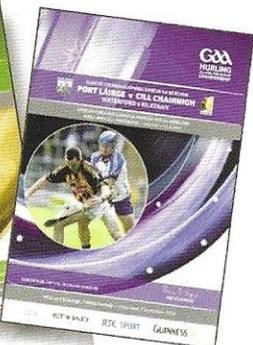
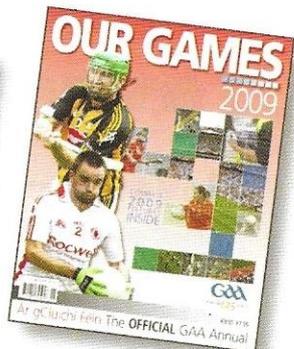
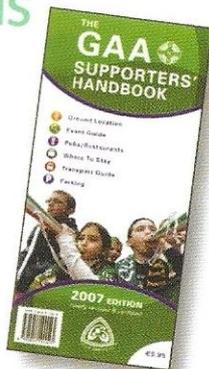
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Last League Meeting...February 2008

Kildare snatch draw in dour contest

Tyrone 0-7 Kildare 1-4

Today Kildare and Tyrone meet for the first time in the Senior Football Championship, but it is just 18 months since their paths crossed in the National League. However, it was a dour contest at Omagh with more bookings (13) than scores (12) with the Lily Whites salvaging a point with a goal in the final minute.

Playing into the breeze the hosts had the better of the opening half hour and points from Kevin Hughes, Colm McCullagh (3) and Enda McGinley had them in a commanding 0-5 to 0-1 lead. However, the visitors finished the half strongly with points from John Doyle and Pádraig Mullarkey, but trailing by two points and facing into the breeze in the second period looked a less than promising position for the Lily Whites.

The less than prolific scoring rate decreased further on the restart and 34 minutes of play brought just three scores – two for Tyrone and one for Kildare. Raymond Mulgrew and Tommy McGuigan found the target for the Ulster side with Doyle replying for the Leinster outfit. At 0-7 to 0-4 it looked as if Tyrone would secure both points, although it had taken a couple of blocks from Conor Gormley on Ronan Sweeney and Doyle to maintain that position. But with a minute to go Mullarkey punched a cross from Alan Smith to the net to steal a point.

Tyrone scorers: C McCullagh 0-3, R Mulgrew 0-1, T

McGuigan 0-1, K Hughes 0-1, E McGinley 0-1.

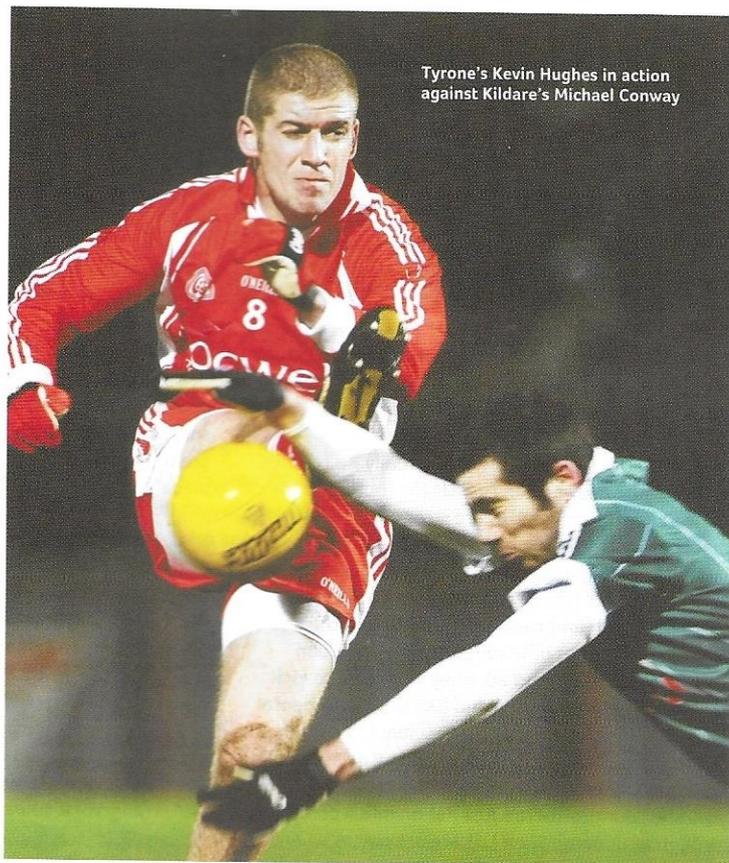
Kildare scorers: P Mullarkey 1-1, J Doyle 0-3.

Tír Eoghain – J Devine, P J Quinn, C Gormley, M Swift, D Harte, D Carlin, P Jordan, K Hughes, E McGinley, C Cavanagh, R Mulgrew, R Mellon, C McCullagh, T McGuigan, S O'Neill.

Subs – O Mulligan for Mellon, D McCaul for Quinn, N Gormley for Cavanagh.

Cill Dara – T Corley, E Bolton, A McLoughlin, M O'Flaherty, A Rainbow, K O'Neill, G White, P Mullarkey, K Brennan, J Doyle, M Conway, J Kavanagh, R Sweeney, D Earley, K Donnelly.

Subs – A Smith for Sweeney, D Flynn for Donnelly.



Tyrone's Kevin Hughes in action against Kildare's Michael Conway

LIAM McHALE'S VIEW ... on Champi



With his playing days nearing a close at all levels, former Mayo star and current Ballina Stephenites manager Liam McHale gives an honest assessment of the championship, coaching and the outstanding players this year.

What's been your assessment of the championship so far?

"I've enjoyed it. There have been games which have been poor but I think a lot of people who have been following the qualifiers knew that it would improve. And it has improved.

"Teams like Wicklow and Antrim have taken great scalps and that will give them great confidence. They have been competitive and will be hoping to maximise their potential from now on".

But aren't there teams there every year and others who might not have the strength in depth to compete when it comes to championships?

"There is a tier system in any sport really - a top tier, a middle and a lower tier. And Gaelic football is the same. A lot of the counties are strong but really it's that their youth structures are not good enough. They are putting huge emphasis on gym work and getting people's bodies and diets right and not putting enough emphasis on football from the age of ten. When the likes of Stephen O'Neill and Colm Cooper were 18, 19 and 20, they were able to kick with both feet by that age and had the fundamental skills and this didn't happen by accident. It comes from a desire within themselves and by getting the right coaching.

"In some counties there's just not an influx coming through at underage level. There are places where

people are doing weights at U-12, U-13 and U-14 level. I feel that instead of them doing an hour and a half conditioning (weights, running, etc.), that they would be better to get the best coaches in to coach football and then they would have thirty or so players for a county panel.

"We spend a lot of our time lifting weights and are spending less time on the fundamental skills. How many coaches out there actually take a player aside after a season and say 'Okay Johnny, you haven't been doing this or that and I'd like you to do that and I'll see you in a few weeks time. Otherwise you might be going off the panel'?.... A lot of teams are now spending a lot of time studying videos and diets and then when they end up playing against other teams, they can't compete.

"Successful teams are the teams with five or six good coaches in the county and that filters through to club level. I look at some teams training and it is really mind-boggling what they are doing. When I was 18 or 19, I was playing maybe three games a week - we just played football all the time."

And I suppose it turns young players off from playing football?

"Well, I don't think football at underage level should all be about winning. It should be about teaching players and encouraging them to play the game and that they will then become all-round footballers.

"It has to start with ten year olds - we in Mayo might not be like Kerry but if we (or teams like us) win something every fifteen years or so, it would be great. But you must put the correct structures in place".

Going back to the championship, which players have stood out for you so far?

"Bernard Brogan was superb in the Leinster championship. It will be interesting to see how he does when Dublin play Kerry. Donegal's Michael Murphy is also some player and Tommy Walsh has proven a handful. Aidan O'Shea (Mayo) has great natural power and strength - you can't coach size and strength - if you are 6ft 3 and 15 stone, it makes it easier".

ship fare, coaching - and Mayo



On Mayo, how far do you think they have come now?

"I think if they can get things together a bit, they can win it (the All-Ireland)..... in the past maybe we over-achieved a little in getting, say, to the 2004 final. That year people were wondering whether we were good enough to beat New York in the Connacht Championship and maybe some of the players were too young that year. It's possible that there were not enough older players of 28 or 29 - I know we had the likes of James Nallen but maybe there weren't enough leaders in the team.

"The team needs to win it in the next year or two. I said if we won Connacht we were good enough to win the All-Ireland title...We have to maybe be a bit more aggressive when we are playing. Going back to 1996 in the All-Ireland final we were six points up

and let Meath come back at us. At the moment we have the ability and the players but the substitutions we made against Galway weren't great. We lost our shape and we adopted a negative style of football. When we are five or six points up, we need to keep our shape".

How much do you miss it?

"I did play a bit of junior football last year and the year before with the club and I enjoyed it. But at 34 years of age, I wouldn't like to be playing in all the games and have a player of 18 sitting on the bench. I've had some back trouble and so will be having a scan soon and hope to go back playing basketball next year".

(In an interview with Cian Ó Raghallaigh)

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2001-2008

2001	4th August @ Thurles	Kerry	1-14	Dublin	2-11
	4th August @ Castlebar	Galway	0-14	Roscommon	1-5
	5th August @ Croke Park	Meath	2-12	Westmeath	3-9
	5th August @ Clones	Derry	1-9	Tyrone	0-7
	11th August @ Thurles	Kerry	2-12	Dublin	1-12 [®]
	11th August @ Croke Park	Meath	2-10	Westmeath	0-11 [®]
2002	4th August @ Croke Park	Kerry	2-17	Galway	1-12
	4th August @ Croke Park	Armagh	2-9	Sligo	0-15
	5th August @ Croke Park	Cork	0-16	Mayo	1-10
	5th August @ Croke Park	Dublin	2-8	Donegal	0-14
	17th August @ Croke Park	Dublin	1-14	Donegal	0-7 [®]
	18th August @ An Uaimh	Armagh	1-16	Sligo	0-17 [®]
2003	3rd August @ Croke Park	Armagh	0-15	Laois	0-13
	3rd August @ Croke Park	Tyrone	1-21	Fermanagh	0-5
	4th August @ Croke Park	Kerry	1-21	Roscommon	3-10
	4th August @ Croke Park	Donegal	0-14	Galway	1-11
	10th August @ Castlebar	Donegal	0-14	Galway	0-11 [®]
	2004	7th August @ Croke Park	Fermanagh	0-12	Armagh
7th August @ Croke Park		Mayo	0-16	Tyrone	1-9
14th August @ Croke Park		Derry	2-9	Westmeath	0-13
14th August @ Croke Park		Kerry	1-15	Dublin	1-8
2005		7th August @ Croke Park	Cork	2-14	Galway
	7th August @ Croke Park	Kerry	2-15	Mayo	0-18
	13th August @ Croke Park	Tyrone	1-14	Dublin	1-14
	20th August @ Croke Park	Armagh	2-17	Laois	1-11
	27th August @ Croke Park	Tyrone	2-18	Dublin	1-14 [®]
	2006	5th August @ Croke Park	Cork	1-11	Donegal
5th August @ Croke Park		Kerry	3-15	Armagh	1-13
12th August @ Croke Park		Dublin	1-12	Westmeath	0-5
13th August @ Croke Park		Mayo	0-15	Laois	0-15
20th August @ Croke Park		Mayo	0-14	Laois	0-11 [®]
2007		4th August @ Croke Park	Cork	1-11	Sligo
	4th August @ Croke Park	Meath	1-13	Tyrone	2-8
	11th August @ Croke Park	Dublin	0-18	Derry	0-15
	12th August @ Croke Park	Kerry	1-12	Monaghan	1-11
	2008	9th August @ Croke Park	Wexford	1-14	Armagh
9th August @ Croke Park		Kerry	1-21	Galway	1-16
10th August @ Croke Park		Cork	2-11	Kildare	1-11
16th August @ Croke Park		Tyrone	3-14	Dublin	1-8

Quarter-final Top Scorers



John Hayes
(Corcaigh)



Brendan Devenney
(Dún na nGall)

2001

- 8pts** John Crowley (Kerry) 2-2 v Dublin ®
- 7pts** Pádraig Joyce (Galway) 0-7 v Roscommon
- Ollie Murphy (Meath) 2-1 v Westmeath
- 6pts** Dara Ó Cinnéide (Kerry) 0-6 v Dublin
- Declan Darcy (Dublin) 0-6 v Kerry
- Ray Magee (Meath) 1-3 v Westmeath ®
- 5pts** Paddy Bradley (Derry) 1-2 v Tyrone

2005

- 10pts** Tomás Quinn (Dublin) 1-7 v Tyrone
- Owen Mulligan (Tyrone) 1-7 v Dublin ®
- 8pts** Steven McDonnell (Armagh) 1-5 v Laois
- Michael Meehan (Galway) 2-2 v Cork
- 6pts** Ciarán McDonald (Mayo) 0-6 v Kerry

2002

- 8pts** Dessie Sloyan (Sligo) 0-8 v Armagh ®
- Ray Cosgrove (Dublin) 2-2 v Donegal
- 6pts** Pádraig Joyce (Galway) 0-6 v Kerry
- Dessie Sloyan (Sligo) 0-6 v Armagh
- Oisín McConville (Armagh) 0-6 v Sligo
- Colin Corkery (Cork) 0-6 v Mayo
- Ciarán McDonald (Mayo) 1-3 v Cork
- Ray Cosgrove (Dublin) 1-3 v Donegal ®

2006

- 8pts** Steven McDonnell (Armagh) 1-5 v Kerry
- 7pts** Conor Mortimer (Mayo) 0-7 v Laois
- Conor Mortimer (Mayo) 0-7 v Laois ®
- Ross Munnally (Laois) 0-7 v Mayo ®
- 5pts** John Hayes (Cork) 1-2 v Donegal
- Tomás Quinn (Dublin) 1-2 v Westmeath

2003

- 8pts** Dara Ó Cinnéide (Kerry) 0-8 v Roscommon
- 7pts** Oisín McConville (Armagh) 0-7 v Laois
- 5pts** Brendan Devenney (Donegal) 0-5 v Galway
- Brendan Devenney (Donegal) 0-5 v Galway ®
- Seán Cavanagh (Tyrone) 1-2 v Fermanagh

2007

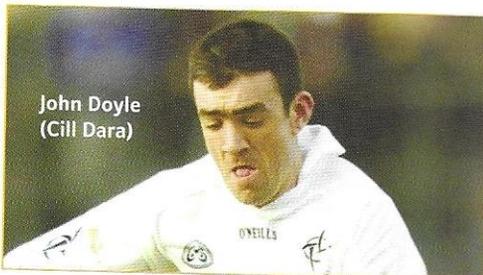
- 6pts** Mark Vaughan (Dublin) 0-6 v Derry
- Paddy Bradley (Derry) 0-6 v Dublin
- Tomás Freeman (Monaghan) 1-3 v Kerry
- 5pts** Graham Geraghty (Meath) 1-2 v Tyrone
- 4pts** James Masters (Cork) 0-4 v Sligo

2004

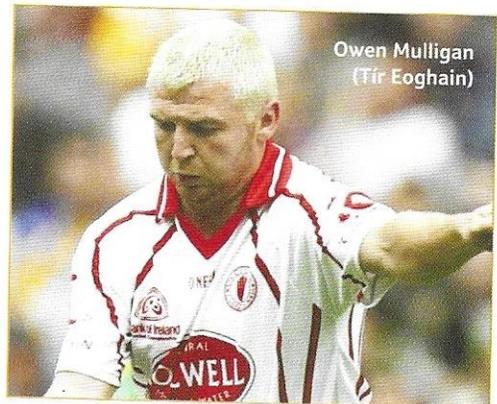
- 9pts** Enda Muldoon (Derry) 1-6 v Westmeath
- 8pts** Steven McDonnell (Armagh) 0-8 v Fermanagh
- Dara Ó Cinnéide (Kerry) 1-5 v Dublin
- 6pts** Alan Dillon (Mayo) 0-6 v Tyrone
- Stephen O'Neill (Tyrone) 1-3 v Mayo

2008

- 10pts** Michael Meehan (Galway) 0-10 v Kerry
- 8pts** Matty Forde (Wexford) 1-5 v Armagh
- John Doyle (Kildare) 1-5 v Cork
- 5pts** Sean Cavanagh (Tyrone) 1-2 v Dublin



John Doyle
(Cill Dara)



Owen Mulligan
(Tír Eoghain)

Quarter-final Statistics

	Games	Win	Loss
Kerry	(8)	8	0
Cork	(5)	5	0
Meath	(2)	2	0
Wexford	(1)	1	0
Derry	(3)	2	1
Armagh	(6)	3	3
Tyrone	(6)	3	3
Mayo	(4)	2	2
Fermanagh	(2)	1	1
Dublin	(7)	3	4
Donegal	(3)	1	2
Galway	(5)	1	4
Laois	(3)	0	3
Westmeath	(3)	0	3
Roscommon	(2)	0	2
Sligo	(2)	0	2
Kildare	(1)	0	1
Monaghan	(1)	0	1

Winning Margin

To date there has been 32 All-Ireland quarter/finals (excluding draws) with the average winning margin in excess of five points (5.19). The biggest winning margin at the stage was recorded by Tyrone in 2003 when they hammered Fermanagh by 19 points (1-21 to 0-5) while just three other 'last eight' clashes had double-digit winning margins. Dublin featured in all of these winning against Donegal in 2002 (1-14 to 0-7) and Westmeath in 2007 (1-12 to 0-5), but losing to Tyrone twelve months ago (1-8 to 3-14). Just three of the 32 matches have been decided by the minimum margin: Fermanagh v Armagh in 2004 (0-12 to 0-11), Cork v Donegal in 2006 (1-11 to 1-10) and Kerry v Monaghan (1-12 to 1-11) two years ago.

Highest Scores

The highest aggregate score recorded by any team at the All-Ireland quarter/final stage is 24 points and it has been done on five occasions...three times by Kerry and twice by Tyrone. The Ulster side hit 1-21 against Fermanagh in the 2003 quarter/final only to have Kerry equal that score 24 hours later when they overcame Roscommon. In their replay win over Dublin two years later Tyrone again reached the 24-point mark as they registered 2-18 against the Metropolitans and the following season Kerry notched 3-15 in their defeat of Armagh. Last year the Kingdom hit 1-21 against Galway in a rain-soaked Croke Park.

It will be interesting to see if that total is threatened by any side in this weekend's quarter/finals.

Goal-Less

Including replayed encounters there have been 39 All-Ireland quarter/finals played to date of which six have failed to yield a goal: Armagh v Laois and Donegal v Galway replay (2003), Fermanagh v Armagh (2004), both Mayo v Laois games in 2006 and most recently in 2007 when Dublin defeated Derry. The most goals in a quarter/final to date is five and that was when Meath (2-12) and Westmeath (3-9) drew eight years ago.



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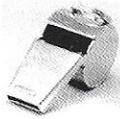
REFEREEING MATTERS

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Criticism of Referees

It has often puzzled me how the GAA continues to recruit people as referees in our modern games



when we consider the type of comment and sometimes abuse that is often aimed at them, in most cases totally unjustified. We all accept the concept of people being passionate about their team and their county,

that is an absolute ingredient of what makes our games what they are and long may it continue.

However we cannot, and indeed must not, allow this aspect of support for team or county to be an excuse to justify inaccurate, unjustified or at times downright insulting commentary.

Physical Attributes

How often have you heard people comment on referee's eyesight, fitness and yes, believe it or not even their physical size to justify comment on what are often correct (if unpalatable) decisions that a referee must take in the course of a game? Even if a decision is wrong, does this justify such comment? Try and imagine yourself at the receiving end of such comments regardless of whether your decision is right or wrong – how acceptable would they be to you? Have you ever witnessed such comments actually changing anything a referee does? It is very doubtful that you have or indeed ever will.

Expertise

Reflecting on the above has it ever occurred to any GAA followers how so many people are experts in the job of refereeing without ever having done the job themselves? I have to confess that I know of no other profession where people consider themselves experts in the art, even though they have never done it. Would you feel competent to instruct another to do a job having never done it yourself, or to comment on their performance in such circumstances? Of course you would not. Well refereeing is no different and it takes years of training, courses and experience to

achieve the level of competence reached by those who referee our national games today. This is not to say that reasonable, considered comment, whether complimentary or critical, is not welcome. It most certainly is and will be used in the most positive and constructive way in improving performances. We have many really good commentators/writers and members of the general public who quite obviously know their games and more importantly know the rules of those games and are therefore in a good position to comment. Long may this continue.

Referees and those of us who represent them will always welcome genuine constructive comments, whether positive or negative and the latter are of equal importance as the former in efforts to improve performance. Any criticism to be valid should be specific – how precisely was the referee wrong? General comments such as the referee was 'a disgrace' or 'very poor' without being specific are of absolutely no value. Referee assessments are very specific on this issue, pointing out actual mistakes and specifying areas where the referee could improve. Referees are not above criticism but it should be based on fact. Criticism for the sake of being or sounding popular is about as useful as a vehicle without an engine – it gets us nowhere.

Some Rules

- (1) For a player to go outside any of the boundary lines around the pitch, side line or end line, in order to gain an advantage is a cautionable offence (yellow card) and if a player commits this offence a second time, he should receive a second caution (yellow card) followed by a red card. **(Rule 4.35 Playing Rules of Hurling and Football).**

In other words if a player stands outside say the end line when a free kick in towards that goal is being taken, in order to gain some advantage, (a run up to field / punch / strike the ball for example) he should be cautioned for the first offence and he should receive a second yellow card followed by a red should he do so a second time.



There are exceptions; for a free kick, side line kick or kick out a player may go outside a boundary line. Otherwise players shall remain within the field of play.

Playing Rules - Rule 1.9 Rules of Fair Play (Football) and Rule 1.10 Rule of Fair Play (Hurling).

- (2) There is some confusion concerning a player in possession of the ball who bounces or hops the ball. First of all it is useful to examine the definition of the 'bounce' – 'for a player to play the ball against the ground with his hand(s) and back to his hand(s) again'. Once the ball returns to the player's hand(s) the bounce or hop is complete – it is not necessary that he actually catches it.

The Rule

When a player is in possession of the ball it may be bounced once, and once after each toe tap –

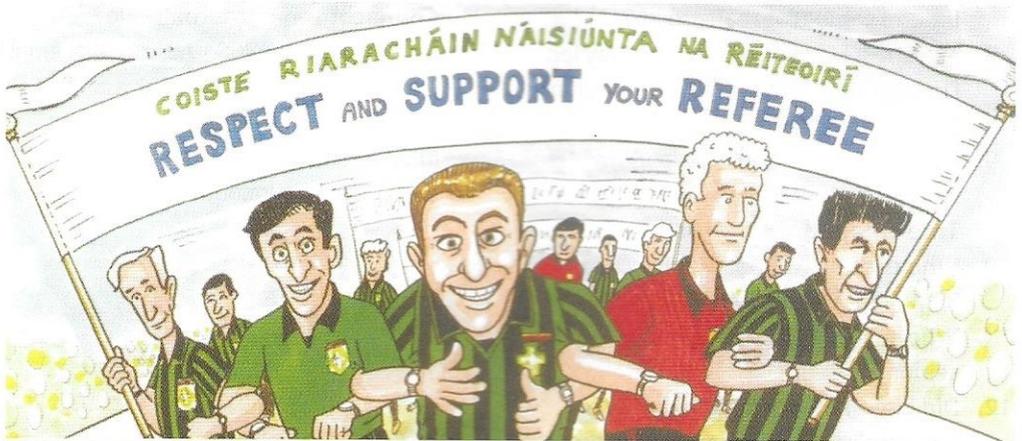
Rule 1.4 (c). Rules of Fair Play, (Football).

When the ball has not been caught it may be bounced more than once in succession – **Rule 1.5, Rules of Fair Play Football.**

Under Rule 4.6, Technical Fouls, Football, it is a foul to bounce the ball more than once consecutively. **Rule 4.6, Technical Fouls, Playing Rules, Football.**

The important aspect of this is the catch, once the player initially catches (or holds) the ball in his hand(s) he may bounce it only once between each toe-tap. On occasion players having caught or held the ball initially, bounces it and bounces it a second time to bring it back under their control - this is deemed a foul under the rules.

Enjoy the game.



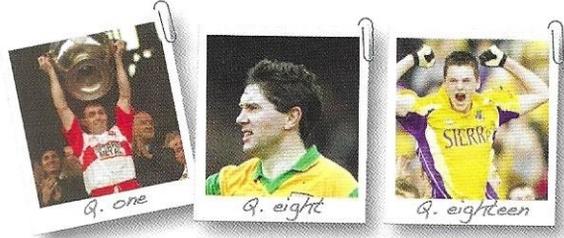
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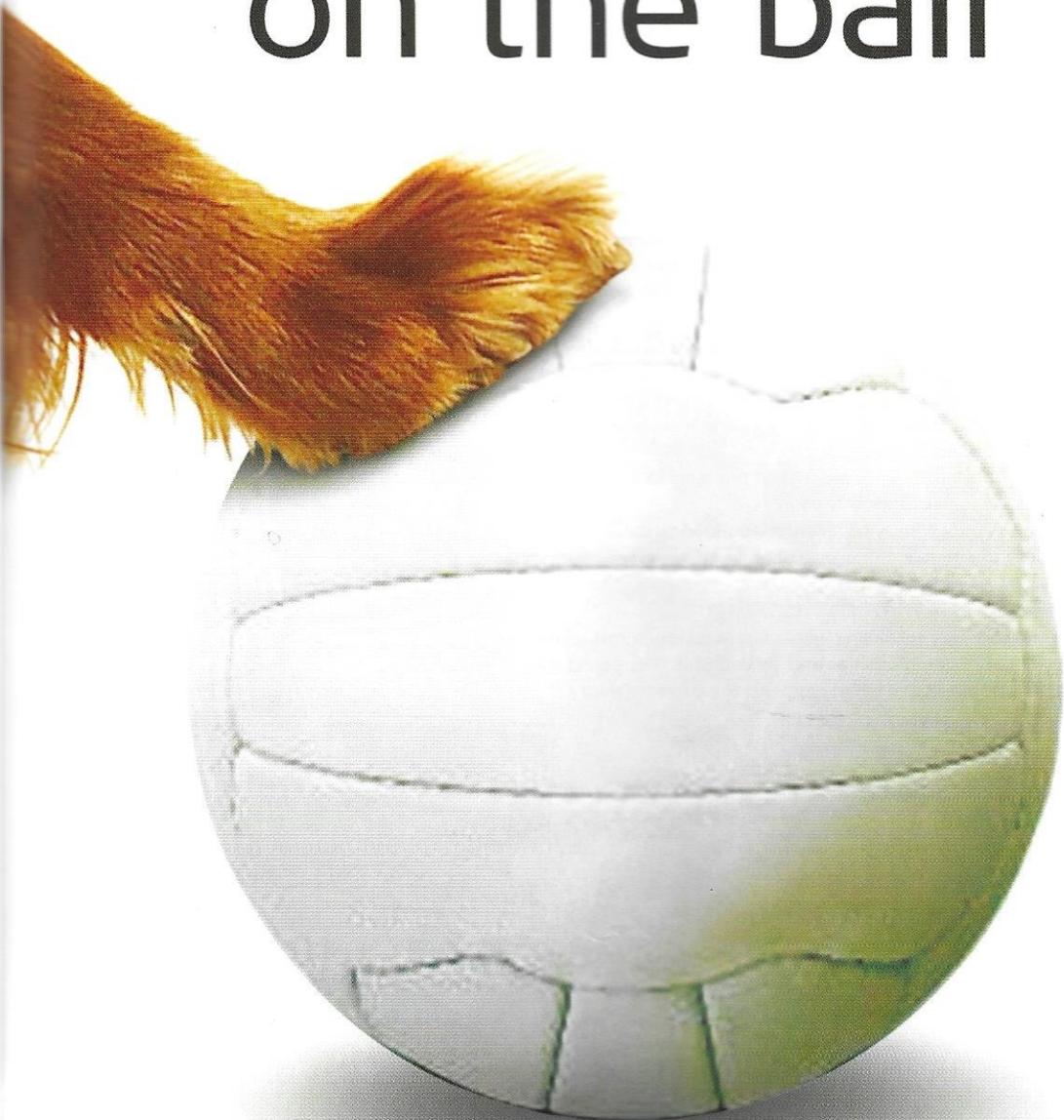
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- Who captained Derry to their only Ulster senior football championship in 1993?
- Name the Ulster man, who as President of the G.A.A., presented the Sam Maguire Cup to the Derry captain in after that game.
- What county ranks as the first to have won the old Sam Maguire Cup?
- What county has the distinction of being the first winners of the new Sam Maguire Cup?
- Who was the first Munster man presented with the new Sam Maguire Cup?
- What county lost to Cork in the 1990 All-Ireland senior football final?
- When did Mayo last win the All-Ireland senior football crown?
- Martin McHugh or Anthony Molloy led Donegal to their only All-Ireland senior football title in 1992. Your choice.
- Limerick have not won the Munster senior football title in over 100 years. True or false?
- Who captained Dublin to their last Sam Maguire Cup win?
- Who scored 0-11 in the recent Ulster senior football final?
- Did Limerick score a goal in the Munster senior football final against Cork early last month?
- Name Leitrim's top scorer in recent times, who missed their opening game against Roscommon in the Connacht championship in June because of injury.
- Who was top scorer for Kildare in the Leinster senior football final against Dublin last month?
- Name the last county to join the ranks of Leinster senior football title winners.
- What is the official name of the venue where the opening game in this year's Ulster senior football championship was played?
- In what year did Cavan last win the Ulster senior football title?
- What did Donal Shine score for Roscommon in their unsuccessful All-Ireland senior football Qualifier against Meath last week-end?
- When did Roscommon last win the Connacht senior football title?
- Galway won the 2001 All-Ireland senior football title after losing to what county in a Connacht semi-final? Incidentally, that was the inaugural year of the All-Ireland Qualifiers.

Freagraí 1. Henry Downey from centre half back. 2. Peter Quinn (Fermanagh). 3. Kildare, winners of the 1928 final. 3. Meath, who won the 1988 title after a replay with Cork. 5. Dinny Allen (Cork) in 1989. 6. Meath. 7. 1951 when they retained the title. 8. Anthony Molloy. 9. True. Their last title win was in 1896. 10. John O'Leary from goal in 1995. 11. Paddy Cunningham (Antrim). 12. No. 13. Emyln Mulligan. 14. Ken Donnelly with 0-3. 15. Westmeath in 2004. 16. Brewster Park in Enniskillen, where Fermanagh beat Down. 17. 1997. 18. 0-6. 19. 2001. 20. Roscommon.

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If each of the seven clues below is answered correctly, the first letter in each answer will spell out the name of a well-known intercounty football team manager.

1. This county lost their opening Leinster senior football championship game earlier this year to Wicklow.
2. First name of Furlong, who scored one of Wicklow's goals against Kildare last week-end in the All-Ireland senior football Qualifiers.
3. Surname of the Galway forward who scored a late, late goal against Sligo in a Connacht senior football championship semi-final in June.
4. Surname of Barry, Donegal's centre half back against Galway last week-end at Markievicz Park.
5. This county lost their opening game in the Ulster senior football championship at Celtic Park in May.
6. Winners of the Allianz National Hurling League Division II title in early May.
7. The number of All-Ireland senior football titles won by Galway.

Provincial Football Senior Finals 2009

1. How many goals did Dublin score in the Leinster senior final at Croke Park?
2. Who refereed the Ulster senior decider?
3. What is the official name of the venue in Clones where that game was played?
4. Did any footballer score more than one goal in any of the provincial senior finals this year?
5. Name the only county other than Dublin to make a successful defence of a provincial title this season.

Minor Football Championship

Listed below are six footballers who were in action in this year's provincial minor championships and six counties. The object of the exercise is to match each player with the correct county.

Rory Grugan	Dublin
Danny Kirby	Offaly
Anton Sullivan	Tyrone
Seán Hurley	Mayo
John McCullagh	Armagh
Colm Carr	Kildare

Who Am I?

I refereed the Munster semi-final replay between Cork and Kerry in June and a provincial senior final later in the season. I have also refereed provincial senior finals in all provinces and at All-Ireland senior final level.

I am from a Northern County and I have also officiated as a Referee/Umpire at the International Rules Test series.

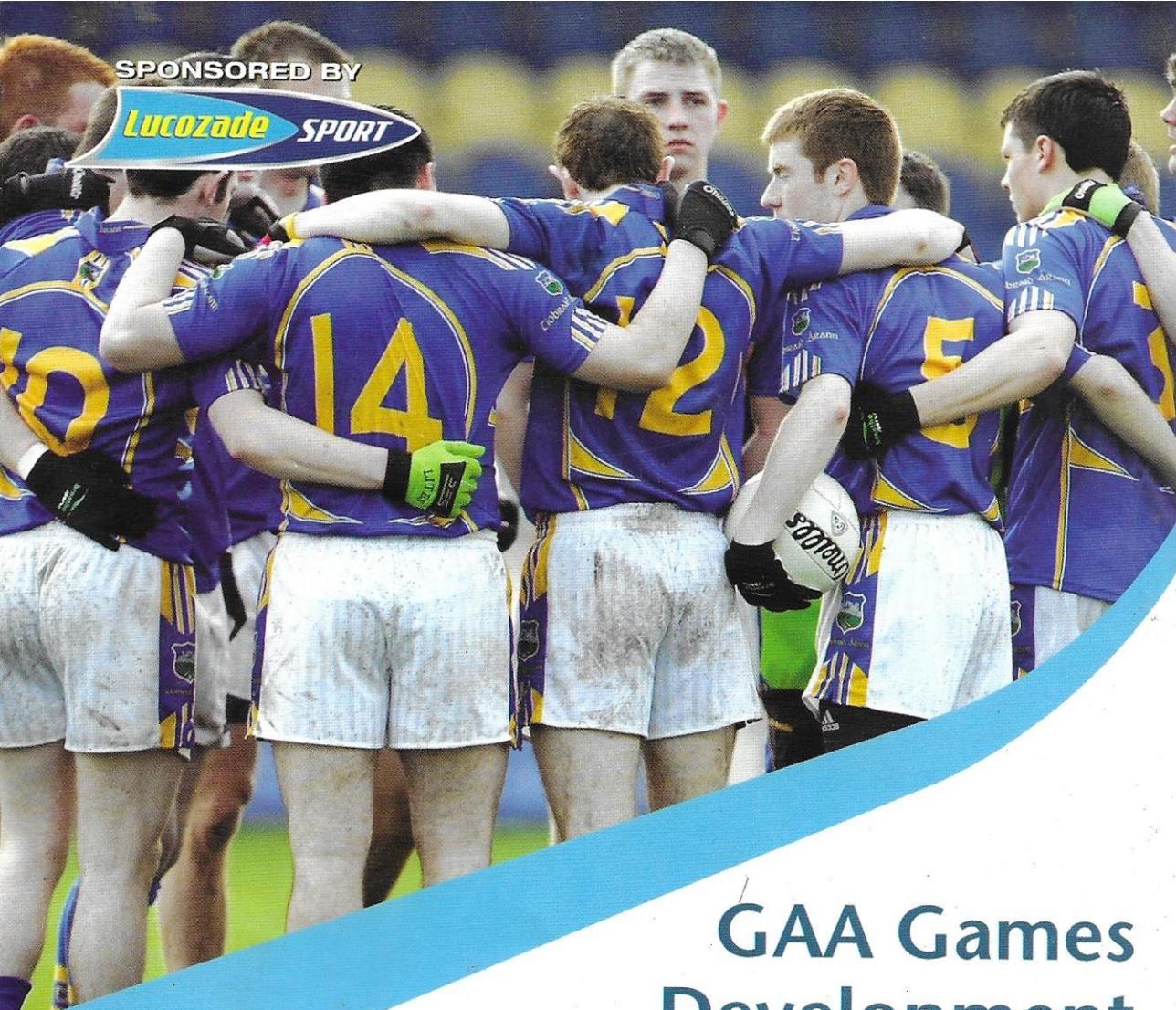


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Find The Manager
 1. Longford, 2. Seanie, 3. Armstrong, 4. Monaghan, 5. Monaghan,
 6. Offaly, 7. Nine, The manager is L. Sammon, of Galway.
 Provincial Football Senior Finals 09
 1. Two, 2. Pádraig Hughes (Armagh), 3. St. Tiernach's Park, 4. No. 5, Cork,
 Minor Football Championship
 Rory Grugan—Armagh, Danny Kirby—Mayo, Anton Sullivan—Offaly, Seán Hurley—Kildare,
 John McCullagh—Tyrone, Colm Carr—Dublin.
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 Pat McEnaney (Monaghan)

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