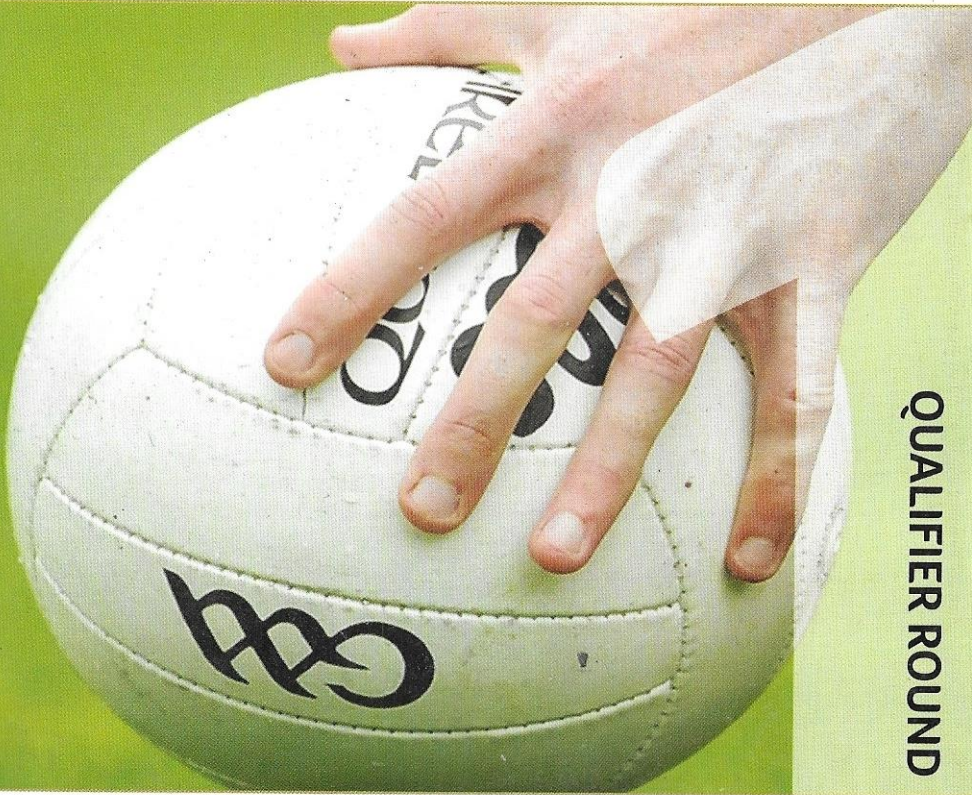


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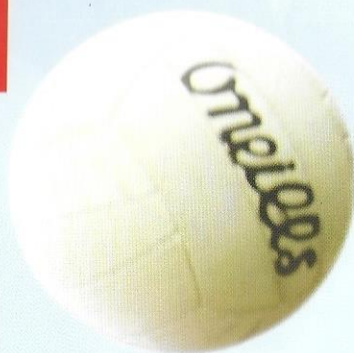
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REFEREE: Michael Duffy (Sligeach)

LINESMEN: Pat Fox (An Iarmhí) (STANDBY REFEREE), Con Reynolds (An Dún)

SIDELINE OFFICIAL: Gregory Walsh (Aontroim)

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AN RÉITEOIR: Michael Duffy (Sligeach)

Michael is no stranger to All-Ireland duty. He refereed the 2008 Cadbury GAA Football U21 final between Kerry and Kildare and the Armagh-Kerry ESB GAA Minor All-Ireland semi-final last August. A member of Enniscrone/Kilglass, he played in a variety of positions with the Club and won a county Intermediate medal in 1991. Duffy, who is brother of Marty, the prominent inter-county referee, has been on the Senior inter-county panel since 2005, and his C.V. also includes games in the Allianz GAA Football National League, provincial Senior Championships and the GAA All-Ireland Qualifiers. A recent assignment by Michael was the Leinster GAA Senior Championship quarter-final between Louth and Kildare at Páirc Tailteann in early June.

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An Unqualified Success

By Christy O'Connor - Sunday Times

Almost ten years after the introduction of the GAA All-Ireland Qualifiers, there is no question of the magnitude and impact they have made on Gaelic Football

On June 9 2001, the first GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship Qualifier game took place in Clonmel between Tipperary and Louth. It was the first game because it was played at 3pm and the remaining matches were scheduled to throw in later that evening. In a modest affair before a crowd of 1,118, Louth won by two points.

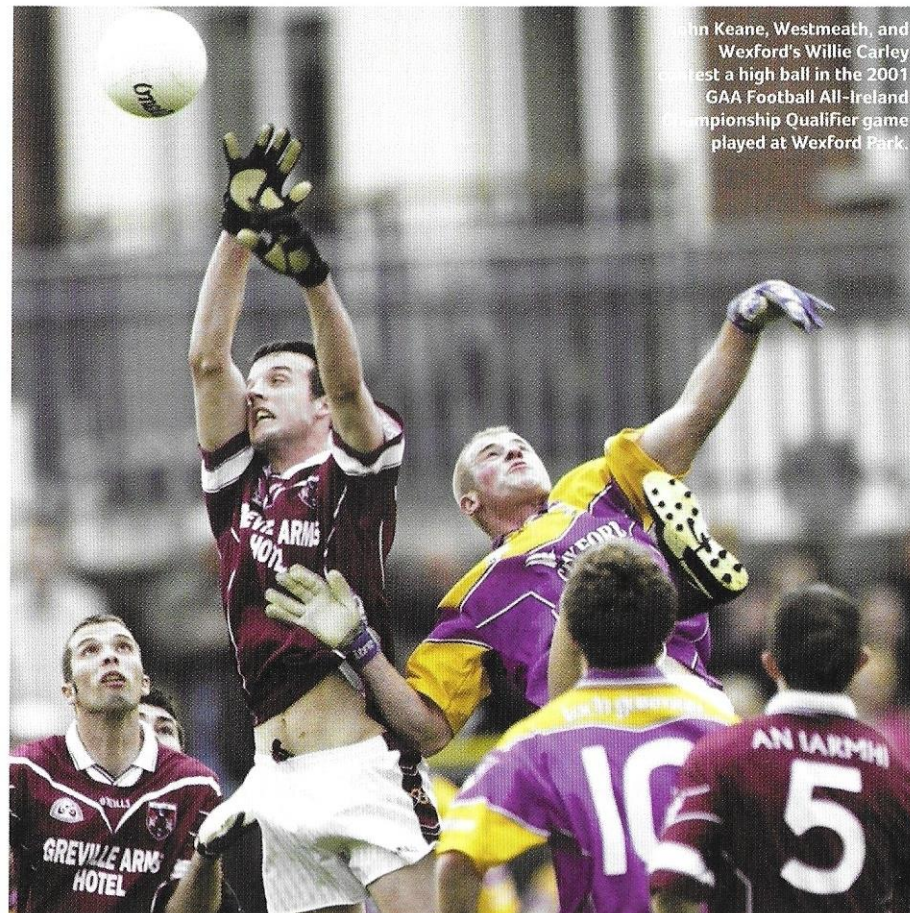
It was an extremely low key beginning to a competition that was about to radically alter the culture and complexion of the GAA Football All-Ireland Championship. The heat didn't really rise during the remaining games later that evening and the only real drama of the opening day came in Wexford Park when the home side drew with Westmeath after extra-time.

It was a great match. Six days after losing to Meath in Leinster in heart-breaking fashion, Westmeath trailed by 1-7 to 0-1 after 20 minutes and looked to be heading out of the Championship. They were reduced to 14 men just before the break but Westmeath rallied and Ger Heavin kicked a dramatic equaliser six minutes into injury-time. Extra-time couldn't separate them but Westmeath finished the job in

Mullingar seven days later.

Nobody really paid too much notice to that game in Wexford Park but that was where the drama of the GAA All-Ireland Qualifiers was ignited because Westmeath were the signatory story of the new Championship. After beating Limerick and Louth they met Mayo in Round 4 in Dr Hyde Park, Roscommon and the place was like a carnival. Westmeath manager Luke Dempsey was waving to faces he knew in the crowd as he made his way to the line before the game and his team represented the abandon of the new journey. Once more, the game went to extra-time. In the 98th minute, Dessie Dolan landed the equaliser from a brilliant sideline kick before Damien Gavin landed the winner.

When Dolan was interviewed on radio afterwards and asked about the difficulty in executing the kick, he said that he had been in Hyde Park practising those kicks the week of the Connacht final with his first cousin – Roscommon player Frankie Dolan. Indeed, if the All-Ireland quarter-final draw had worked out differently, Roscommon and Westmeath could have met in the Championship for the first time.



John Keane, Westmeath, and Wexford's Willie Carley contest a high ball in the 2001 GAA Football All-Ireland Championship Qualifier game played at Wexford Park.

That parallel symbolised the real beauty and potential of the new system. Although Dessie and Frankie Dolan lived just a couple of miles apart, they were never likely to meet in the Championship because they were in different provinces, separated by the river Shannon. Westmeath had never even won a provincial title but the journey to the Holy Grail in 2004 certainly began in 2001.

When former GAA President Seán McCague was asked after his presidency what he felt was his greatest achievement, he said it was the

introduction of the new system. Almost ten years on, there is no question of the magnitude of the GAA All-Ireland Qualifiers and the impact it has made on the whole culture of Gaelic football.

For more than a century the provincial system perpetuated the misery of so many counties by becoming a strait-jacket for their perennially down-trodden ambitions. That lack of confidence in the face of unvarying opponents eventually became paralysis. With the Qualifiers came deliverance. The Championship format

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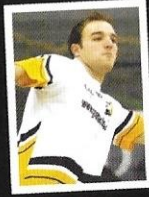
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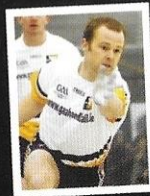
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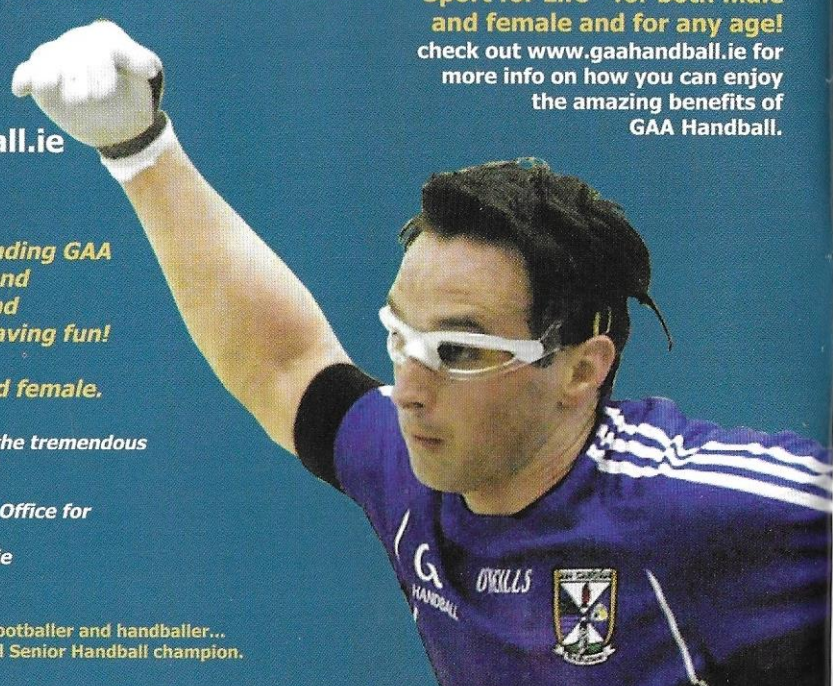
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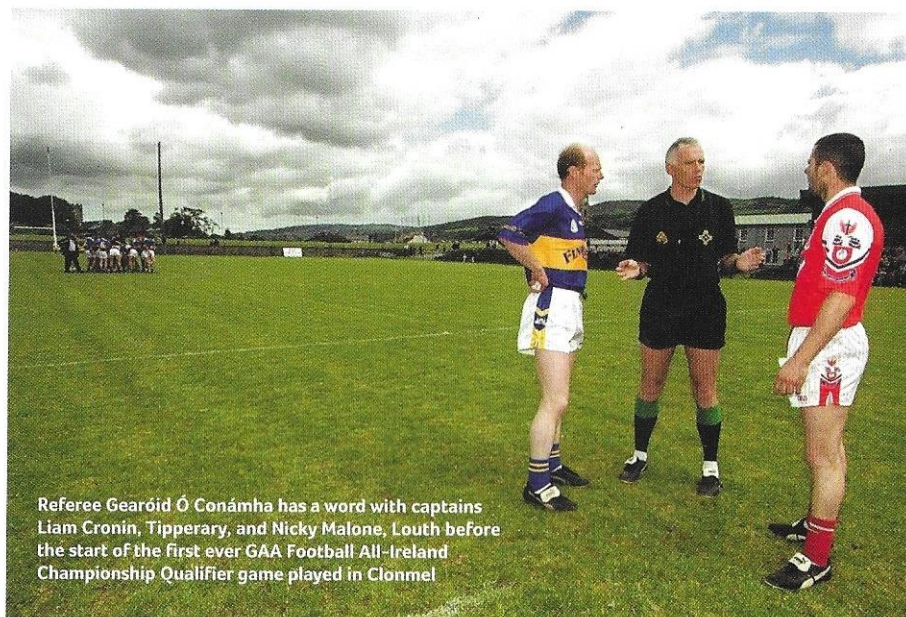
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ROUND 1



Referee Gearóid Ó Conámha has a word with captains Liam Cronin, Tipperary, and Nicky Malone, Louth before the start of the first ever GAA Football All-Ireland Championship Qualifier game played in Clonmel

has framed significant achievements by so many counties - an astonishing 18 teams have reached All-Ireland quarter-finals since the Qualifiers began.

The number of elite teams may not have changed but so many counties are more competitive now. The opportunity to play more matches and against different opponents has radically brought on teams. The sense of adventure and the expansion of possibilities mean the chase for the All-Ireland has become more competitive than ever before. Fermanagh were within a whisker of reaching the All-Ireland final in 2004 after blazing a trail through the Qualifiers. Could you imagine that amazing story happening without the Qualifiers? Looking back now, it's just a pity that the new system wasn't introduced sooner. Under the old format, at least 50 per cent of Senior inter-county teams had only one Championship game all year and it is hard to think of another sport in which its primary competition

guarantees only one game. Some of those old do-or-die days provided fierce tension and excitement but many of those games were sub-standard too because both sets of players were so stressed by the fear of having only one game to show for all their training.

Because four of the last five All-Irelands were won by teams through the back door, some critics continue to say that the Qualifiers only suit the best teams. But competitions shouldn't just be about who wins it; it should be a method and measure of teams' progress. So many teams who have made breakthroughs in the last decade would not have done so without having had runs in the Qualifiers in the preceding seasons. And never before in football history were mid-tier counties as competitive as they were in the first decade of the back door. Here's hoping that this decade will be just as liberating and democratic.

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Ulster rivals plot course through GAA All-Ireland Qualifiers

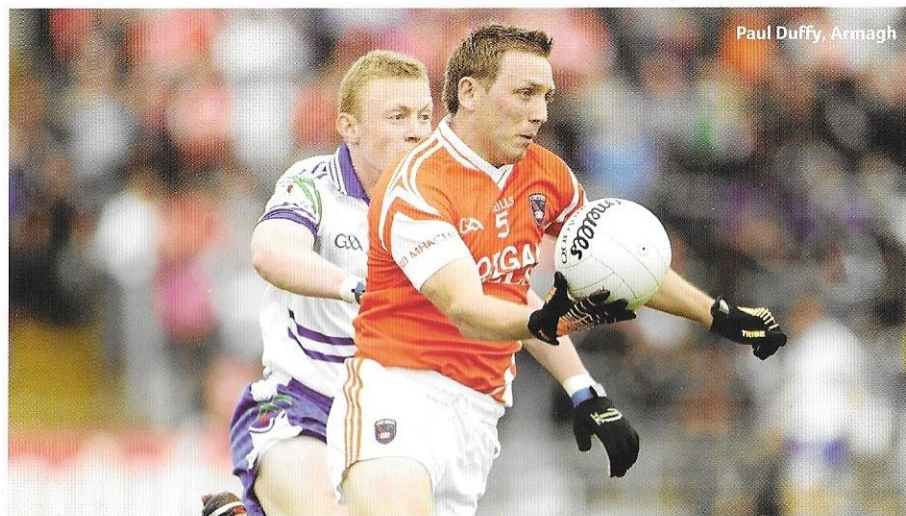
Armagh and Donegal will be hoping to use today's game to relaunch their Championship campaigns after disappointing Ulster exits

Rumours of the demise of the GAA Football All-Ireland Qualifiers have been greatly exaggerated, especially if the prominence afforded the draw for Round 1 this year is considered. In recent seasons the draw has generally been made on *The Sunday Game*, but 13 days ago the sports news section of the *Six-One News* hosted the draw live.

After the eight match-ups had been completed it was obvious which of the ties was going to attract the most attention, and more likely the television cameras, if one or more was to be shown live. The meeting of Armagh and Donegal

at Crossmaglen was immediately chosen by RTÉ, although neutrals may be a little reticent, with all-Ulster ties having a reputation (generally undeserved) for tighter football.

A case in point would probably be the meetings of Derry and Monaghan in last year's Championship. In late May at Celtic Park, in the Ulster GAA Football Championship quarter-final, the counties played out a turgid affair with little to recommend it, which the locals won by 1-10 to 0-10. Seven weeks later the sides were drawn to face each other again at Clones in Round 2 of the Qualifiers. Anticipation for the



Paul Duffy, Armagh

second instalment was not high, but the sides confounded the critics and produced a classic with the Oak Leafers advancing on a 3-16 to 0-20 scoreline.

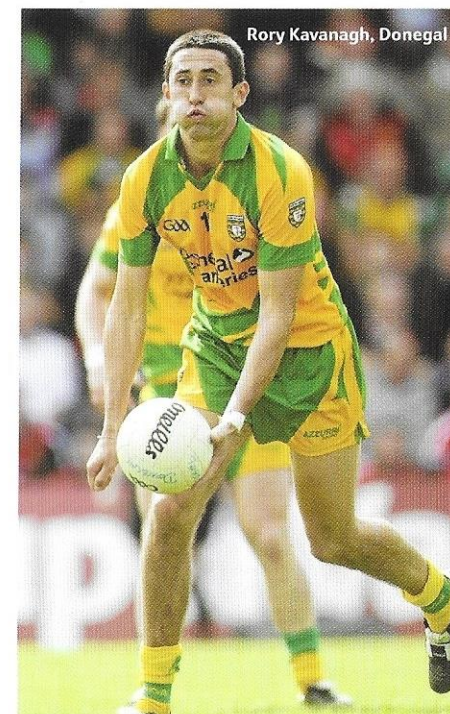
Today's clash of Armagh and Donegal is most certainly capable of emulating that match at Clones with the Qualifiers holding few fears for the visitors today, as last year they enjoyed a great run in the competition having been surprised by Antrim at Ballybofey. Many locals viewed that loss with dismay 12 months ago, but in the end Donegal enjoyed a more extended campaign than the Glensmen.

Wins over Carlow, Clare, Derry (after extra-time) and Galway saw Donegal qualify for the GAA Football All-Ireland quarter-finals, and although they were handed a football lesson by Cork at that stage, the defeat to Antrim was quickly consigned to history.

Like Donegal, Armagh also fell first time out last season, to eventual provincial champions Tyrone, but unlike today's opponents they were unable to work their way back into the campaign and they suffered the narrowest of losses to Monaghan at Clones after extra-time.

Both counties enjoy positive records in the GAA Football All-Ireland Qualifiers, with Donegal today featuring in their 21st match since their introduction in 2001...second only to Derry in terms of experience. Only Kerry, Dublin and

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Rory Kavanagh, Donegal

Tyrone can better a record of 15 wins and five losses, but the Orchard County are also near the top of the 'success table' with six victories and three defeats from their nine outings in the 'last chance saloon'.

Much of the pre-match attention will probably be focussed on the sides' meeting in the final round of this year's Allianz GAA National League at Letterkenny. With both sides boasting a record of four wins and two losses, it was a 'winner-takes-all' meeting in terms of promotion to Division 1. It proved to be a disastrous afternoon for the hosts as the visitors ran riot and eventually won by 16 points.

However, for a more realistic appraisal of today's clash their last Championship meeting at Ballybofey three years ago, which Donegal won by 1-9 to 1-8, would be a fairer reflection.



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ROUND 1

Armagh look to rekindle Allianz GAA National League Form

Paddy O'Rourke's side will attempt to reproduce the form they showed in the League after a dispiriting Ulster exit to Monaghan

Following a robust first round Ulster GAA Football Senior Championship victory over Derry, Armagh were looking forward to a long stint in their provincial campaign.

But the sending off of Brian Mallon in the first half of the semi-final and a spirited performance by Monaghan meant that a passage through the 'back door' was now the route for All-Ireland glory.

It is the second time in two years that Monaghan have been the demise of the Orchard County. The two met each other in the GAA All-Ireland Qualifiers last year with the Farney side coming out on top by a single point against Peter McDonnell's men. Armagh have only played a total of nine games in the 'back door' system, winning more games than they have lost.

You have to go back to 2003, though, for Armagh's best run in the Qualifiers which in the end saw them defeated by 0-12 to 0-9 by provincial neighbours Tyrone in the All-Ireland final.

Waterford and Antrim were the first to fall but victory over Dublin gave Joe Kernan's men belief that they could win back-to-back All-Ireland titles.

The previous year saw Kernan steer his side to the first All-Ireland victory in the county's history.

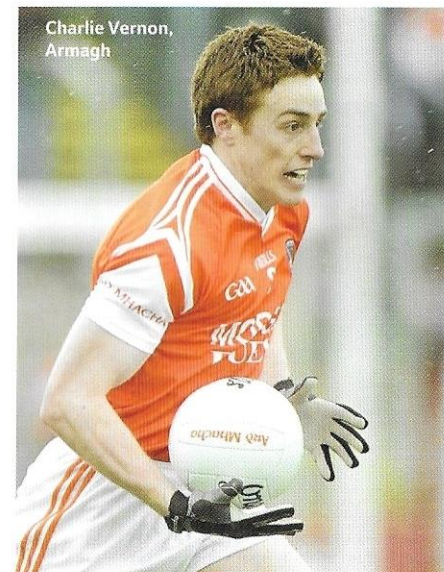
Armagh have gone the conventional route on more than one occasion in the last decade since the Qualifiers have been introduced. Three of the years, Armagh were crowned Ulster champions

only to stumble at the quarter-final stage in two of those years.

Today's meeting with Donegal is the seventh contest between the two sides in the last decade, but only one previous encounter was through the 'back door' which Armagh won, back in 2003.

History is firmly on the side of Paddy O'Rourke's men coming into the fixture with five victories in their favour, with the biggest margin coming back in 2004, winning by a massive 13 points.

But a tough game could be in store for O'Rourke's side as Down needed extra-time to overcome the Tír Conaill men.



Charlie Vernon,
Armagh

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Armagh's 2010 Allianz GAA National League Record

Round 1, Navan

Meath 2-8
Armagh 0-13

Round 5, Newry

Down 1-13
Armagh 1-6

Round 2, Crossmaglen

Armagh 2-19
Westmeath 0-8

Round 6, Crossmaglen

Armagh 1-15
Tipperary 2-8

Round 3, Portlaoise

Armagh 0-13
Laois 0-12

Round 7, Letterkenny

Armagh 2-16
Donegal 0-6

Round 4, Crossmaglen

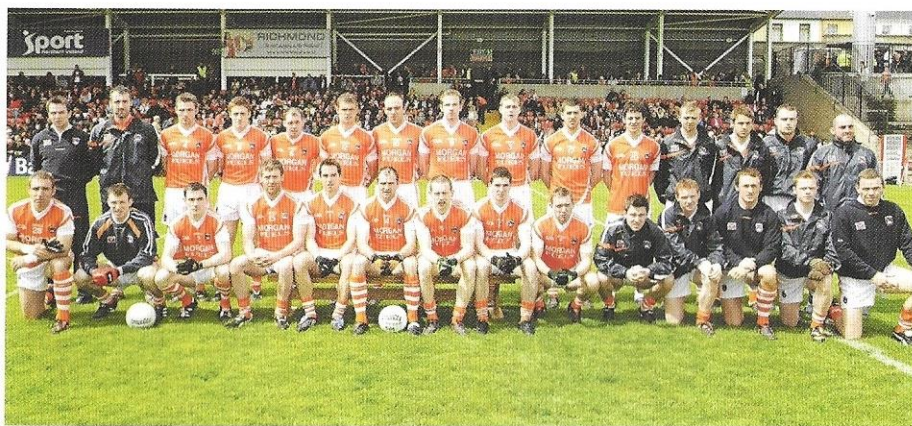
Armagh 0-12
Kildare 0-5

Final, Croke Park

Armagh 0-17
Down 1-12

Scorers

S McDonnell 3-45, A Kernan 0-14, F Moriarty 2-3, G Swift 1-5, R Henderson 0-7, S Forker 0-6, C Vernon 0-5, J Feeney 0-5, M Mackin 0-4, T Kernan 0-2, J Lavery 0-2, A Mallon 0-2, B Mallon 0-2, P Duffy 0-2, C Watters 0-1, P Kernan 0-1, M McNamee 0-1, R Austin 0-1, K Dyas 0-1, C McKeever 0-1, R Clarke 0-1.



Back (L-R): Tony Kernan, Paul Hearty, Brendan Donaghy, Charlie Vernon, Ciaran McKeever, Gareth Swift, Malachy Mackin, James Lavery, Kieran Toner, Vincent Martin, Francis Hannratty, Kevin Dyas, Philip McEvoy, Martin O'Rourke, Back (L-R): Enda McNulty, Joe Feeney, Andy Mallon, Ryan Henderson, Aaron Kernan, Steven McDonnell, Finnian Moriarty, Brian Mallon, Paul Duffy, Stefan Forker, Michael McNamee, Martin Ferris, Paul McKeown, Barry Shannon

Armagh's Qualifier Record

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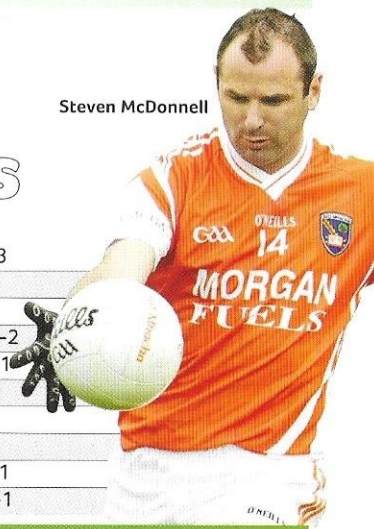
2001 Casement Park	Armagh 1-13	Down 2-4
Clones	Armagh 2-12	Monaghan 0-10
Croke Park	Galway 0-13	Armagh 0-12
2003 Walsh Park	Armagh 2-21	Waterford 0-8
Casement Park	Armagh 0-15	Antrim 0-12
Croke Park	Armagh 0-15	Dublin 0-11
Dr Hyde Park	Armagh 4-10	Limerick 0-11
2007 Clones	Derry 0-10	Armagh 0-9
2009 Clones	Monaghan 0-13	Armagh 0-12 (aet)

Armagh's Qualifier Scorers

S McDonnell 6-32
O McConville 1-30
J McEntee 0-8
D Marsden 0-8
R Clarke 1-5
B O'Hagan 0-7
A Kernan 0-5
P McKeever 0-4
C O'Rourke 0-4
J Toal 1-1

P McGrane 0-3
S Forker 0-2
S Kernan 0-2
K McGeeney 0-2
P Loughran 0-1
T McEntee 0-1
B Mallon 0-1
G O'Neill 0-1
A O'Rourke 0-1
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Steven McDonnell



GAA FOOTBALL ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Ard Mhacha

(Armagh)

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3. BRENDAN DONAGHY
B. Mac Donnchaidh
(An Chluain Mhór)

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U. Ó Mairtín
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(Na Piarasigh Óga, Ard Mhacha)

6. CIARAN McKEEVER
C. Mac Iomháir
(Naomh Pádraig, Coilleach Eannach)

7. KEVIN DYAS
C. Mac Diais
(Naomh Pádraig, Droim an Tí)

8. CHARLIE VERNON
C. de Bhearnúin
(Cláirsigh Ard Mhacha)

9. KIERAN TONER
C. Ó Tomhnair
(Naomh Mhuire, An Gráinne Mór)

10. ANTO DUFFY
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(Na Piarasigh Óga, Ard Mhacha)

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E. Mac an Ultaigh
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A. Mac Thiamáin
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(Naomh Columba)

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(Donegal)

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(Na Ceithre Máistrí)

7. FRANK McGLYNN
P. Mac Fhloinn
(Gleann Fhinne)

12. DAVID WALSH
D. Breathnach
(Naomh Bríd)

15. CONAL DUNNE
C. Ó Duinn
(Naomh Adhamhnáin)

Fir Ionaid

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| 16. Lee McFadden
L. Mac Pháidín
(Cloich Cheann Fhaoila) | 19. Anthony Thompson
A. Mac Thomáis
(Naomh Conaill) | 22. James Keeney
S. Ó Cianaigh
(Bun Dobhráin) | 25. Edward Kelly
É. Ó Ceallaigh
(Lorras) | 28. Stephen Griffin
S. Ó Griofa
(Naomh Náille) |
| 17. Adrian Hanlon
A. Ó hAnluain
(An Clochán Liath) | 20. Christy Toye
C. Ó Tuathaigh
(Naomh Mícheál) | 23. Eamonn McGee
É. Mac Aoidh
(Gaoth Dobhair) | 26. Ciarán Greene
C. Mac Grianna
(Naomh Adhamhnáin) | 29. Kevin Mulhern
C. Ó Maolchiaráin
(Cloich Cheann Fhaoila) |
| 18. Eoin Wade
E. Mac Uaid
(Naomh Conaill) | 21. Shane Boyle
S. Ó Baoill
(Na Cealla Beaga) | 24. Barry Monaghan
B. Ó Monacháin
(Na Ceithre Máistrí) | 27. Martin McElhinney
M. Mac Giolla Chainnigh
(Naomh Mícheál) | 30. Dara Gallagher
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(Naomh Conaill) |

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John Joe O'Doherty (Bainisteoir), Tony Boyle, Mícheál Mac Gaoithín

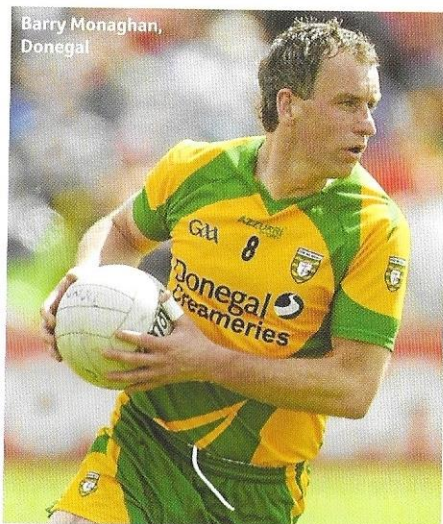
Donegal hoping for further GAA All-Ireland Qualifier Success

Donegal have one of the most successful records of any county in the Qualifiers and will be hoping to add Armagh to their list of scalps today

Despite not having won an Ulster GAA title since claiming one en route to the county's first and only All-Ireland in 1992, Donegal have reached four GAA Football Senior Championship All-Ireland quarter-finals and one semi-final since 2001.

In that regard, the GAA All-Ireland Qualifiers have been kind to the Tír Conaill men as they have benefited from the second chance accorded to provincial losers and have shown that they can build up a head of steam off Broadway in mid-summer.

They also hold the unique distinction of being the first county to beat a team in the Championship that had previously beaten them in the same year, as a result of the vagaries of the 2001 draw.



Barry Monaghan, Donegal

Donegal were drawn with Fermanagh in the Ulster Preliminary Round but the Ernesiders, having lost to Monaghan in the quarter-final, also went into the inaugural Round 1 Qualifier draw.

With no provision for avoiding rematches, the only repeat pairing that could come out did, and Donegal atoned for the earlier loss by triumphing by 0-15 to 1-6.

While Kildare beat them in the next round, it was the first step on a journey of progression as, from 2001-'03, Donegal advanced one step further than the previous year, holding Dublin to a GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship quarter-final draw in 2002 before losing, and then getting to the semi-final in '03 only to fall to Armagh.

That 2-10 to 1-9 loss has been the high point of Donegal's Qualifiers odyssey but 2006 also resulted in another trip to the last four, as they were unable to cope with a Cork comeback in the quarter-final.

The Rebel County were also the side to beat Donegal last year, winning by a far more emphatic 1-27 to 2-10 in the last eight, but the path to that stage should not be forgotten. Having lost to Antrim in the Ulster quarter-final, John Joe Doherty's side regrouped and beat Carlow, Clare, Derry and Galway to arrive at Croke Park for the last eight, and were in fact tipped in some quarters to surprise Cork. With one of the most successful records of any county in the Qualifiers, Donegal will be hoping that another long summer can reap a rich harvest.

Donegal's 2010 Allianz GAA National League Record

Round 1, Mullingar

Donegal 1-13
Westmeath 0-9

Round 5, Thurles

Donegal 1-9
Tipperary 2-5

Round 2, Ballyshannon

Donegal 3-11
Laois 0-5

Round 6, Ballybofey

Donegal 1-12
Meath 0-10

Round 3, Newbridge

Kildare 1-17
Donegal 1-9

Round 7, Letterkenny

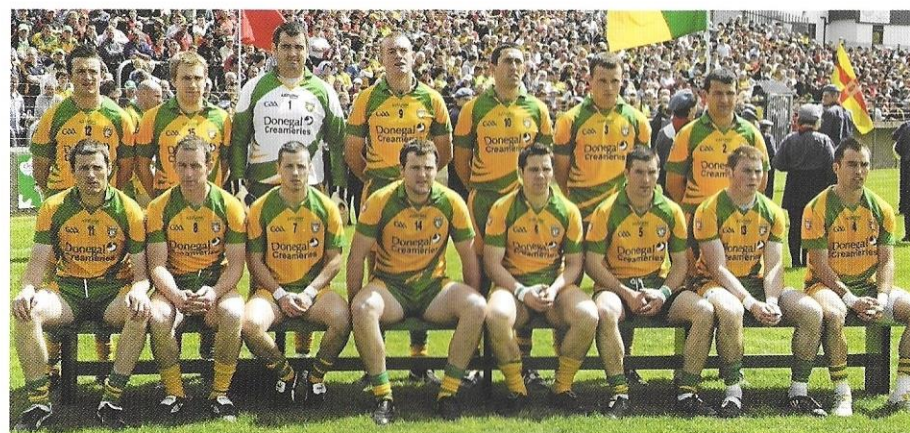
Armagh 2-16
Donegal 0-6

Round 4, Ballybofey

Down 0-13
Donegal 0-11

Scorers

M Murphy 2-28, C McFadden 0-20, S Griffin 2-3, A Hanlon 0-5, C Dunne 1-2, D Walsh 0-4, K Cassidy 1-1, J Keaney 1-0, N Gallagher 0-2, M Maguire 0-2, B Monaghan 0-1, L McLoone 0-1, A Thompson 0-1, K Kavanagh 0-1.

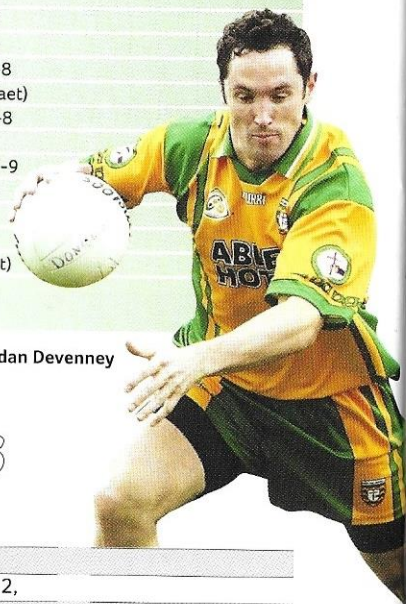


Back (L-R): David Walsh, Conal Dunne, Paul Durkan, Neil Gallagher, Rory Kavanagh, Neil McGee, Frank McGlynn.
Front (L-R): Christy Toye, Barry Monaghan, Barry Dunning, Michael Murphy, Kevin Cassidy, Michael Maguire, Dermot Molloy, Karl Lacey

Donegal's Qualifier Record

QUALIFIER RECORDS

2001 Enniskillen Newbridge	Donegal 0-15 Kildare 1-17	Fermanagh 1-6 Donegal 1-16
2002 Croke Park	Donegal 1-13	Meath 0-14
2003 Ballybofey Ballybofey Croke Park Clones	Donegal 1-17 Donegal 0-16 Donegal 2-19 Donegal 3-15	Longford 0-11 Sligo 0-11 Tipperary 0-15 Down 2-10
2004 Clones	Fermanagh 1-10	Donegal 0-12
2005 Aughrim Breffni Park	Donegal 0-16 Cavan 1-11	Wicklow 0-12 Donegal 1-10
2006 Enniskillen	Donegal 0-11	Fermanagh 0-8
2007 Carrick-on-Shannon Mullingar Omagh	Donegal 1-16 Donegal 1-13 Monaghan 2-12	Leitrim 1-14 (aet) Westmeath 1-8 Donegal 1-7
2008 Ballybofey Ballybofey	Donegal 3-11 Monaghan 0-16	Roscommon 1-9 Donegal 0-15
2009 Ballybofey Ballybofey Ballybofey Markievicz Park	Donegal 2-13 Donegal 0-13 Donegal 2-13 Donegal 0-14	Carlow 1-6 Clare 1-7 Derry 0-18 (aet) Galway 0-13



Brendan Devenney

Donegal's Qualifier Scorers

B Devenney 4-43,	K Cassidy 1-2,	J Haran 0-2,	
A Sweeney 0-42,	T Boyle 0-4,	E McGee 0-2,	
M Murphy 3-33,	D Walsh 0-4,	J McGuinness 0-2,	
C McFadden 1-36,	C Dunne 1-1,	B McLoughlin 0-2,	
B Roper 1-17,	S Griffin 1-1,	L Thompson 0-2,	
C Toye 2-14,	R Bradley 0-3,	C Bonner 0-1,	J McCafferty 0-1,
M Hegarty 1-16,	J Gildea 0-3,	D Diver 0-1,	N McCready 0-1,
R Kavanagh 2-12,	L McLoone 0-3,	B Dunnion 0-1,	S McHugh 0-1,
S McDermott 2-11,	A Gallagher 0-2,	D Gallagher 0-1,	B Monaghan 0-1,
K McMenamin 0-6,	J Gallagher 0-2,	C Kelly 0-1,	K Rafferty 0-1.

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Pitch Invasions: Tradition versus Potential Tragedy



The Armagh Minor team celebrate during the presentation on the Croke Park pitch following their ESB GAA Football All-Ireland Minor Championship final defeat of Mayo in 2009.

Séamus Ó Mídheach knew it had to stop. Ó Mídheach, Croke Park's Match Day Event Controller, watched with his heart in his mouth as the most joyous day in his native county's recent history threatened to turn into a tragedy.

It was July 1998 and Kildare had just won their first Leinster football title in 22 years. Jubilant Lilywhite supporters spilled onto the Croke Park pitch. Ostensibly, it was an outpouring of great joy, but few realised how close GAA Headquarters had come to witnessing a disaster.

"People on the pitch that day were so out of their heads with excitement that someone could have died and they never would have realised

it," says Ó Mídheach.

"They just mobbed that pitch and I'm sure there were people hurt. What people don't realise is that someone could be killed - i.e. a child."

Ó Mídheach had seen enough and the following year he was instrumental in putting a proposal to Croke Park management to ensure such a scenario would never arise again. It worked and finals from 1999 on were free of pitch invasions and presentations were made on the field.

Kildare were back in Croke Park to win another Leinster title in 2000. Glenn Ryan, the winning captain, accepted the Delaney Cup on the pitch and led his players down to the Lilywhite faithful in the Canal End. It was an iconic moment that is branded indelibly on the collective

consciousness of the Kildare people.

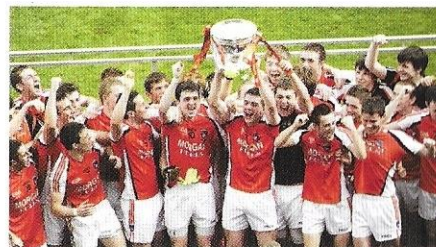
The unbridled joy of the supporters was matched only by that of the players, who savoured the opportunity to greet friends and family from the safety of the verdant Croke Park sward. The defeated Dublin players slinked off the field anonymously - left to deal privately with their own grief. All-Ireland final post match presentations on the field of play also followed up to and including the 2001 deciders. It didn't last. Armagh's victory in the GAA Football All-Ireland final in 2002 opened the floodgates and ever since fans have been emboldened to invade the pitch. However, the near death of a patron after last year's All-Ireland football final has brought about a renewed determination to bring about a complete end to the practise.

"Medics and Health and Safety personnel revived that person and brought the person around. Had that person been any further out in the field, it is a funeral we would have been going to," Ó Mídheach says.

"That would have stopped pitch invasions and it would have been the wrong way to stop pitch invasions. That person nearly died."

The GAA is focussed on ensuring the safety of supporters, players, Gardaí and voluntary stewards on match days. A heightened awareness of incidents at Croke Park has prompted a communications campaign designed to educate all of the Association's stakeholders on the dangers of pitch invasions. The various County Boards, the Gardaí and the GPA have all come on board to lend their support.

Key to the campaign has been the production of



a DVD - which will be available on the GAA's website, www.gaa.ie - showing footage of the chaos caused during recent invasions at Headquarters. The DVD was shown at Congress and to the Provincial Councils and County Boards, and even the most hardened traditionalists have been swayed by the harrowing footage.

Tradition is a corner stone of the Association, but the tradition of thousands of fans endangering their own lives and those of players and Croke Park staff by pouring onto a pitch at the end of a final is one that has to end, according to Lisa Clancy, the Communications Director of the GAA.

"It is a tradition, but it is an accident waiting to happen. We don't want the tradition of the GAA in Croke Park to be associated with people being seriously injured," Clancy explains.

"All-Ireland day is a tradition, but pitch invasions are a tradition that we are going to have to change because it is not safe for that number of people to come onto the pitch in a very short space of time.

"It is important to know that this is not just coming from the GAA. The players, the County Boards and the Health Service all know this is not the right thing.

"I think people need to educate themselves of the full facts before they start arguing against tradition and appreciate that there is an onus on us as an Association to promote best practice as part of our efforts to ensure the health and well being of everyone who attends, supports and participates in our games."

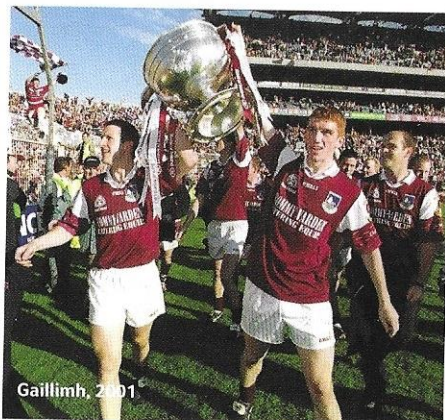
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Le Mártaín Ó Ciardha

Nuair a labhairteann Martin Carney, Eugene McGee agus Colm O'Rourke faoi chúrsaí peile, is iondúil gur caint staidéarach, tuiscineach a chloistear uathu. Fós nuair a shúigh siadsan agus a gcuid comráidithe ar an gCoiste Fortbartha Peile timpeall an bhoird os cionn deich mbliana ó shin le theacht ar phlean a chuirfeadh ath-bheocht i gCraobh Shinsir na hÉireann, thuig siad go maith go mbeadh a bheag nó a mhór de chonspóid ag baint le pé moltaí a chuirfeadh siad chun cinn.

Sí an chraobh peile 2010 an deichiú séasúr peile a bhfuil toradh a gcuid machnaimh linn – córas na gcluichí cáilithe nó an 'chúldoras', a thugann an dara seans do na foirne a buailtear i gcéad bhabhtaí na craoibhe. Deich mbliana síos an bóthar, tá an díospóireacht i measc an phobail, i measc bainisteoirí, imreoirí agus riarthóirí beo, bríomhar i gconaí.

An rud is minicí a luann siad siúd atá i gcoinne na mbabhtaí cáilithe nach bhfuil aon fhianaise ann gur fhág an t-athrú-córais deis níos fearr ar Chorn Sam Maguire ag na contaethe 'laga', más ceadmhach sin a thabhairt orthu. Neartaíonn siad a gcuid aragóna nuair ainmíonn siad na



Gaillimh, 2001

contaethe a bhfuil buntáiste bainte acu as an 'gcúldoras' - Ciarraí (2006, 2009), Tír Eoghain (2005, 2008) agus Gaillimh (2001). Cé a déarfadh gur contaethe laga iad siúd?

Cé go deimhin? Ach an ionann sin agus a rá gur cur amú ama agus iarrachta a bhí i ngach rud a rinne na 31 contae eile a bhí san iomaíocht sna craobhacha sin ón mbliain 2001 anall, mar gur chinn orthu an duais mhór a bhreith leo? Measann tú cén freagra a bheadh ar sin ag na

Beidh an athimirt ann...

The replay will be on...

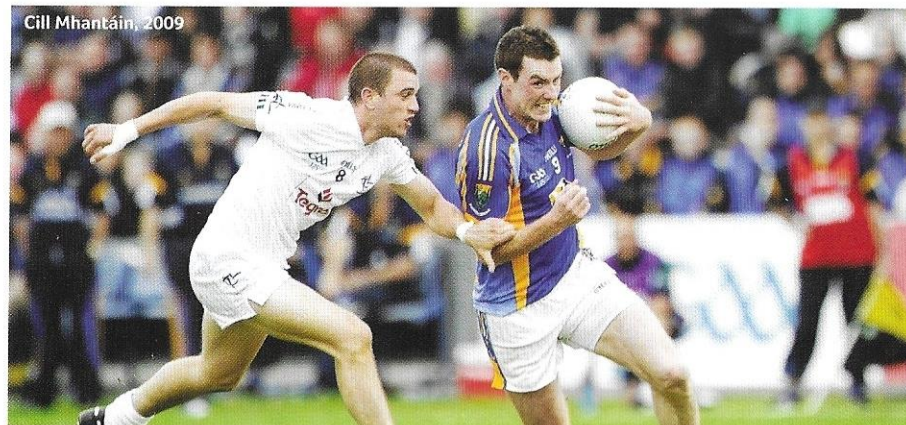
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They were unfortunate

Ní raibh ach cúilín eatarthu

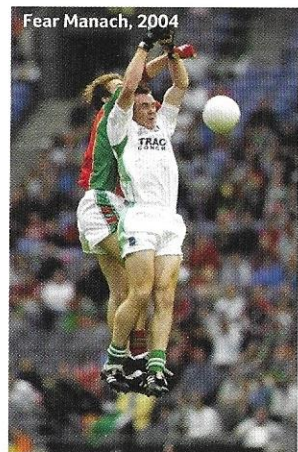
There was only a point separating them

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Cill Mhantáin, 2009

peileadóirí sa Fear Manach a chuaigh i bhfoisceacht cluiche amháin do áit a bhaint amach i gCraobh na hÉireann sa mbliain 2004? Cé an bharúil a bheadh ag na mílte de lucht leanúna Chill Mhantáin a bhí i láthair ar Pháirc



Fear Manach, 2004

Eachroma trí huairé i ndiaidh a chéile anuraidh nuair a fuair eadar an ceann ab fhearr ar fhoirne Ultacha. B'fhéidir nach i gContae Chill Mhantáin a chaith Corn Sam Maguire an geimhridh seo caite, ach

is cinnte go mba fhiú rud éigin é go raibh peileadóirí an chontae fós san iomaíocht ar go dtáinig mí Lúnasa.

Go dtí seo i mbliana tá ceann de choirn na Sraithchomórtaí tugtha leo ag peileadóirí Shligigh agus ba iadsan freisin a chuir ar fail ceann de na torthaí-craoibhe ba lú a raibh súil leis - a mbua ar Mhaigh Eo i gChonnachta. Ocht mbliana ó shin thug an 'cúldoras' Sligeach go Páirc an Chrócaigh, áit ar bhuigh siad ar Thír Eoghain i gcluiche ina raibh siad 7 gcúilín chun deireadh ag tráth amháin. Coicís dar gcionn rinneadar iarracht thréan an cleas céanna a dhéanamh le Ard Mhacha - buaiteoirí na Craoibhe sin faoi dheireadh. Tá Éamon O'Hara linn i gconaí, bail ó Dhia air, ach cé go bhfuil formhór na bpeileadóirí eile a bhí ag Sligeach an lá sin éirithe as ó shin, is deacair a chreidiúint nach maireann rian éigin dá spiorad agus dá ngaisce in iarrachtaí an lae inniu. Is cinnte go maireann sé i gcuimhne lucht a leanta.

Tá an cluiche thart

The game is over

Tá cóir na gaoithe leo

They're playing with the wind

Tá sé ag imirt as a chraiceann

He's playing a blinder

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Football Qualifiers

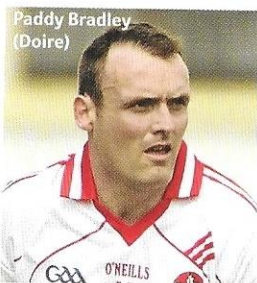
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Qualifier Win/Loss Records

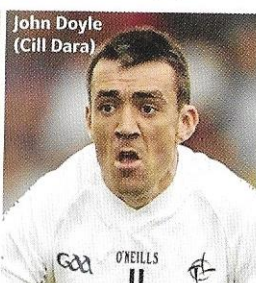
Kerry	8/0	(100%)	Mayo	5/4	(56%)	Limerick	4/9	(31%)
Dublin	6/1	(86%)	Monaghan	9/8	(53%)	Clare	3/7	(30%)
Tyrone	11/2	(85%)	Kildare	7/7	(50%)	Carlow	3/7	(30%)
Donegal	15/5	(75%)	Galway	4/4	(50%)	Offaly	3/8	(27%)
Derry	16/6	(73%)	Cork	3/3	(50%)	Cavan	3/9	(25%)
Meath	14/6	(70%)	Louth	8/9	(47%)	Tipperary	2/7	(22%)
Westmeath	12/6	(67%)	Roscommon	6/7	(46%)	Antrim	1/7	(13%)
Armagh	6/3	(67%)	Longford	7/9	(44%)	Leitrim	0/8	(0%)
Sligo	9/6	(60%)	Wicklow	5/7	(42%)	Waterford	0/7	(0%)
Fermanagh	10/7	(59%)	Down	6/9	(40%)	London	0/6	(0%)
Laois	8/6	(57%)	Wexford	4/8	(33%)			

Top Ten Marksmen in Qualifiers

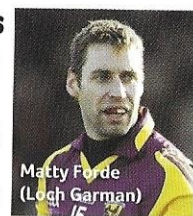
Paddy Bradley (Derry)	8-96 (120)
John Doyle (Kildare)	5-66 (81)
Matty Forde (Wexford)	4-50 (62)
Dessie Dolan (Westmeath)	0-61
Tommy Freeman (Monaghan)	4-49 (61)
Brendan Devenney (Donegal)	4-43 (55)
Paul Finlay (Monaghan)	0-53
Steven McDonnell (Armagh)	6-32 (50)
Paul Barden (Longford)	2-43 (49)
Michael Reidy (Limerick)	5-32 (47)



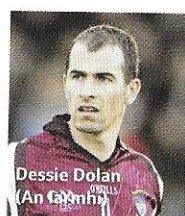
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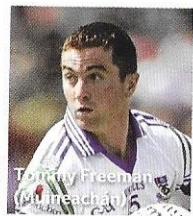
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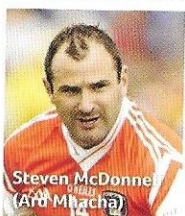
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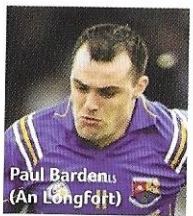
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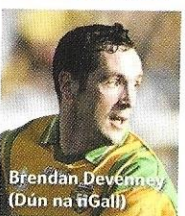
Tommy Freeman (M. Ineacán)



Steven McDonnell (An Maoinín)



Paul Barden (An Longfóit)



Brendan Devenney (Dún na nGall)

Biggest Winning Margins

27pts	Parnell Park:	Dublin	3 - 24	London	0 - 6	(2004)
23pts	Portlaoise	Kerry	5 - 15	Wicklow	0 - 7	(2002)
19pts	Walsh Park	Armagh	2 - 21	Waterford	0 - 8	(2003)
18pts	Carrick-on-Shannon	Tyrone	1 - 22	Leitrim	0 - 7	(2002)
	Tullamore	Down	5 - 19	Offaly	2 - 10	(2008)
17pts	Portlaoise	Kerry	2 - 15	Fermanagh	0 - 4	(2002)
	Tullamore	Offaly	4 - 15	London	0 - 10	(2003)
16pts	Aughrim	Wicklow	2 - 22	London	2 - 6	(2002)
14pts	Croke Park	Dublin	3 - 17	Sligo	0 - 12	(2001)
	Croke Park	Tyrone	3 - 15	Laois	2 - 4	(2004)
	Casement Park	Meath	5 - 12	Antrim	0 - 13	(2005)
	Dr Cullen Park	Limerick	2 - 15	Carlow	0 - 7	(2005)



Alan Brogan, Dublin, in action against Charles Harrison, London



Kerry's Colm Cooper is tackled by Wicklow's Brendan Daly

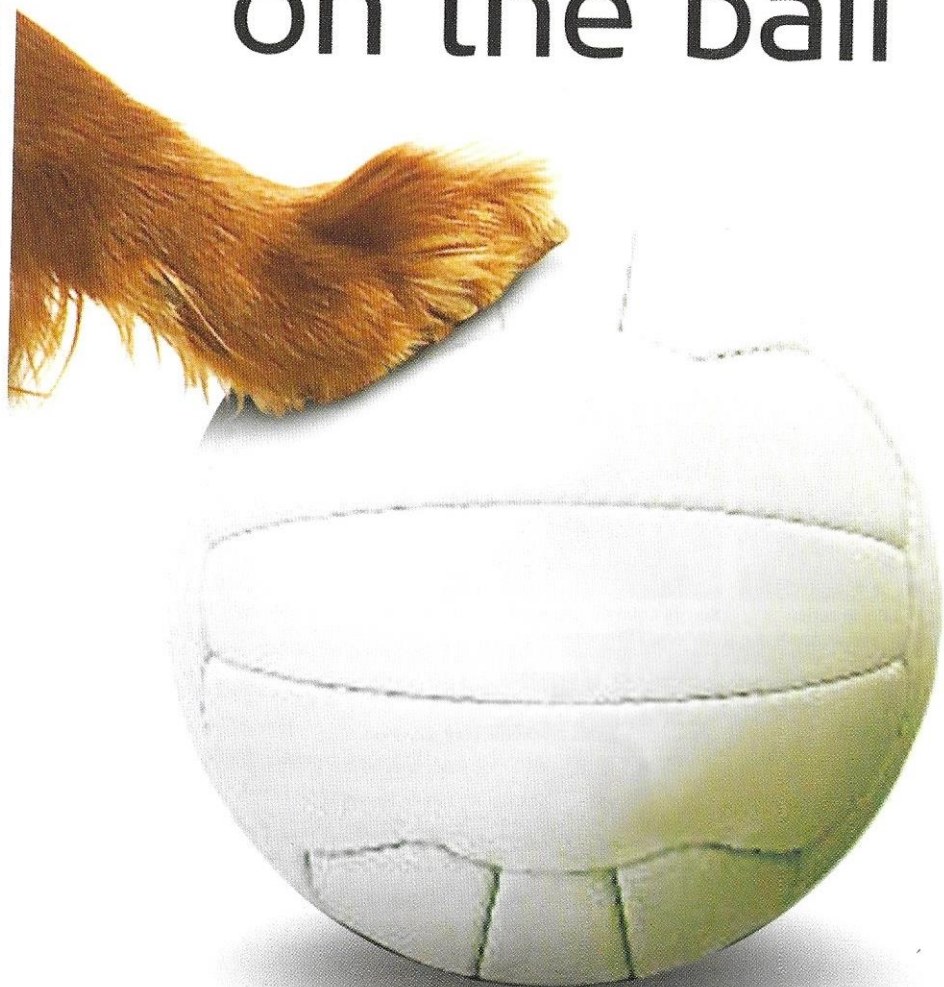


Ronan Clarke, Armagh, gets away from Waterford's Kevin Coffey

Qualifier Matches at Each Venue

St Tiernach's Park, Clones	20	Markievicz Park, Sligo	6
Croke Park, Dublin	18	Brewster Park, Enniskillen	5
O'Moore Park, Portlaoise	16	St Conleth's Park, Newbridge	5
Páirc Tailteann, Navan	10	O'Raghallaigh's Grounds, Drogheda	5
Casement Park, Belfast	8	McHale Park, Castlebar	4
Cusack Park, Mullingar	8	Semple Stadium, Thurles	4
Dr Hyde Park, Roscommon	8	Parnell Park, Dublin	3
County Grounds, Aughrim	8	Celtic Park, Derry	3
Dr Cullen Park, Carlow	7	O'Connor Park, Tullamore	3
Páirc Mac Diarmada, Carrick-on-Shannon	7	Fraher Field, Dungarvan	2
MacCumhail Park, Ballybofey	7	Walsh Park, Waterford	2
Cusack Park, Ennis	6	Healy Park, Omagh	2
Kingspan Breffni Park, Cavan	6	The Sports Field, Clonmel	1
The Gaelic Grounds, Limerick	6	Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney	1
Pearse Park, Longford	6	Pearse Stadium, Galway	1
Páirc an Iúir, Newry	6	Ardfinnan, Tipperary	1
Wexford Park, Wexford	6	Austin Stack Park, Tralee	1

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ARD MHACHA

Week 1 - no camps

Week 2

MULLAGHBAWN	5th-9th July
KEADY	5th-9th July
MAGHERY	5th-9th July

Week 3

DROMINTEE	12th-16th July
DERRYNOOSE	12th-16th July
LISSUMMON	12th-16th July

Week 4

SILVERBRIDGE	19th-23rd July
GRANEMORE	19th-23rd July

Week 5

SAINT PATRICK'S, CULLYHANNA	26th-30th July
PEARSE ÓG	26th-30th July
ARMAGH HARPS	26th-30th July

Week 6 - no camps

DÚN NA NGALL

Week 1

DUNGLOE	28th June - 2nd July
RED HUGHES	28th June - 2nd July
GAOTH DOBHAIR	28th June - 2nd July

Week 2

CONVOY	5th-9th July
BEART	5th-9th July
ST. EUNAN'S	5th-9th July
NAOMH ULTAN	5th-9th July
NAOMH PÁDRAIG, MUFF	5th-9th July
URRIS	5th-9th July

Week 3

CARNDONAGH	12th-16th July
AN TEARMAINN	12th-16th July
GLENSWILLY	12th-16th July
McCUMHAILLS	12th-16th July
NA DUNAIBH	12th-16th July
NAOMH PÁDRAIG, LIFFORD	12th-16th July

Week 4

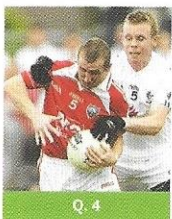
ARDARA	19th-23rd July
KILCAR	19th-23rd July
MALIN	19th-23rd July
MOVILLE	19th-23rd July
NAOMH COLMCILLE	19th-23rd July
FANAD GAELS	19th-23rd July

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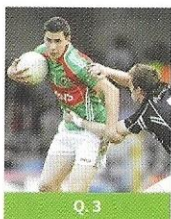
Cúinne na nÓg

THE FOOTBALL YEAR SO FAR

1. Name the winners of the opening game in the provincial Senior Football Championship this season.
2. Limerick beat Waterford in a Munster GAA Senior Championship semi-final at Walsh Park, Fraher Field or Páirc Uí Chaoimh in early June.
3. Who scored 0-9 on a Senior Football Championship outing a few weeks ago for his county - but not in Ireland?
4. What was Louth's winning margin over Kildare in their Leinster GAA Football Senior Championship quarter-final at Páirc Tailteann - five, six or seven points?
5. Who was the top marksman in the Sligo-Mayo Connacht GAA Football Senior Championship semi-final earlier this month?



Q. 4



Q. 3

THE MINOR FOOTBALL SCENE

1. Donegal or Down won the ESB Ulster GAA Minor Championship first round tie at Ballybofey in late May?
2. Billy Hewitt scored 1-4 for what county in an unsuccessful Munster semi-final outing in May against Cork?
3. What is the name of the trophy presented to the winners of the ESB GAA Football Minor All-Ireland Championship?
4. Who won that particular trophy last year?
5. Gavin O'Grady scored 1-6 for Kerry or Limerick in a recent ESB Munster GAA Minor Football Championship semi-final?



Who am I?

WHO AM I?

I played in the Sam Maguire Cup tie last September. I did not win an All-Ireland medal in that game, but was later chosen at right full-forward in the Vodafone All-Stars team.

I scored 1-3 on my last outing in the 2010 provincial championships season, but still finished on the losing side.

CEART NÓ MÍCHEART

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

1. Galway were the first county to march through the GAA All-Ireland Qualifiers to an All-Ireland Senior Football title.
2. Paddy Bradley is a former GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship title winning captain with Derry.
3. The present Dublin Senior Football Championship team contains no survivors from the county's last All-Ireland Senior title winning team of 1995.
4. Fermanagh recorded their first Ulster GAA Football Senior Championship win over Cavan at Kingspan Breffni Park earlier this month.
5. Armagh recorded their second Sam Maguire Cup win in 2002.

FREAGRAÍ

All-Ireland title. 2. False. 3. True. 4. True. 5. False. Armagh have won just one All-Ireland Senior Football title. GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship. Ceart nó mícheart. 1. True. They lost a Connacht semi-final to Roscommon in 2001 and went on to win the inaugural qualifiers to win the Alan Freeman (Mayo) with 1-4. THE MINOR FOOTBALL SCENE 1. Down. 2. Tipperary. 3. Tom Markham Cup. 4. Armagh. 5. Kerry. WHO AM I? Daniel

THE FOOTBALL YEAR SO FAR 1. Galway. 2. Fraher Field, Dungarvan. 3. Donal Shine (Roscommon) against London at Ruislip. 4. Six points - 1-22 to 1-16. 5.

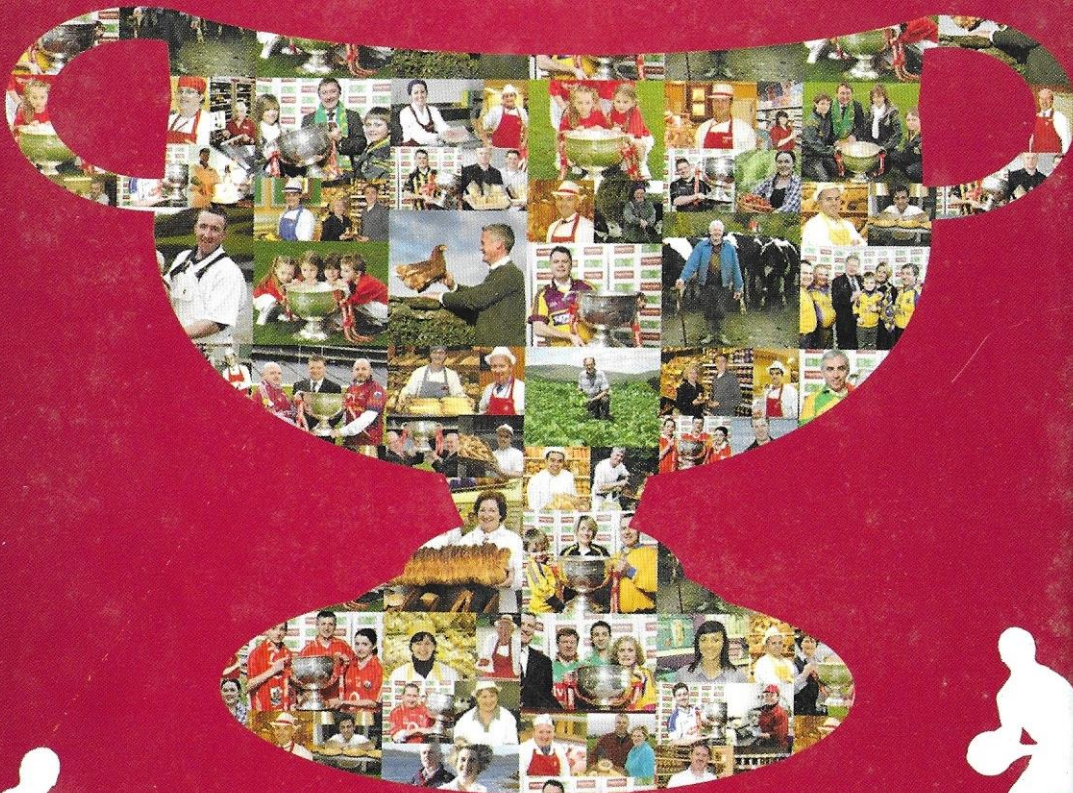
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