

CADBURY GAA FOOTBALL U21 ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL

DÚN NA nGALL v TIOBRAID ÁRANN
(Donegal) (Tipperary)



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Dún na nGall v Tiobraid Árann



(Donegal) v (Tipperary)

7.30pm

REFEREE: Damien Brazil (Uíbh Fhailí)

LINESMEN: Pat Fox (An Iarmhí) (STANDBY REFEREE) Joe Curley (An Mhí)

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On behalf of Cadbury I would like to welcome both Tipperary and Donegal to Parnell Park today to contest the Cadbury GAA Football U21 All-Ireland Championship Semi-final.

It has been a thrilling championship so far with some fantastic matches and results to go with them. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate both Tipperary and Donegal in winning their respective provincial titles, taking some notable scalps along the way. Both teams have kept us entertained throughout the championship and we look forward to another thrilling contest this afternoon.

This is Cadbury Ireland's sixth year as sponsor of the Cadbury GAA Football U21 Championship and I am delighted to say that it continues to go from strength to strength. We have had an excellent response from GAA supporters all over the country to some of the new initiatives we have launched this year including our Cadbury bus campaign which has seen us work with supporters and media partners to offer transport solutions and our Shout for Your County promotion which saw fans come out in force to demonstrate their support for their county teams.

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Shane Guest
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Tale of the Unexpected

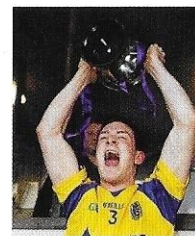
When reviewing this year's campaign, words such as routine, boring or predictable are unlikely to feature.

If a person had placed a small wager on Donegal, Dublin, Roscommon and Tipperary to win their respective provincial titles in the 2010 Cadbury GAA Football U21 Championship, they would now have accumulated a considerable sum, such were the odds on that quartet coming through to today's semi-finals. True, Dublin retained the Leinster crown, but the results from the other provinces consistently confounded the pundits.

Munster was the prime example where reigning All-Ireland champions Cork (with seven of last year's side on duty) fell to Kerry by eight points at Tralee. The Kingdom were then considered a shoo-in for their 26th provincial title, but Tipperary travelled to Tralee and stunned the home side to win their first title in the grade.

Connacht and Ulster were not immune from unexpected results either. Out west, Mayo, seeking a fifth successive provincial title, and 2007 All-Ireland Minor champions Galway, looked the likely candidates, but Roscommon defeated the champions at Hyde Park while at Tuam Sligo surprised the hosts by a point. Up north, reigning champions Down, and 2008 and 2009 All-Ireland Minor champions, Tyrone and Armagh respectively, were favoured to do well, but all failed to register a win as Donegal regained the title after a 15-year lapse.

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An Réiteoir



Damien Brazil
Uíbh Fhailí

Damien makes a quick return to Parnell Park, having refereed the Cadbury Leinster GAA U21 final between Dublin and Westmeath earlier this month. In January he was the man-in-the-middle at the AIB GAA All-Ireland Club Junior semi-final between Kiltimagh (Mayo) and Emyvale (Monaghan). That game marked his refereeing debut at All-Ireland level. Brazil is a Shannonbridge Club member and a former Offaly Minor. He has been on refereeing duty in the Allianz GAA National League, the O'Byrne Cup and ESB GAA Minor championship.



Donegal Success Built on Minor Foundations

Five of the players who won an Ulster Minor title in 2006 form the nucleus of the Donegal team facing into a first All-Ireland semi-final since 1995.

In years to come when the 2010 Cadbury GAA Football U21 Championship is recalled, the one charge that will not be levelled against it was that it was predictable.

Ulster was no exception to this unpredictability with Donegal (in their first provincial final for ten years) taking the crown for the first time since 1995, when, incidentally, they also defeated Cavan. Such a relatively novel pairing did no harm to the attendance, as more than 6,000 spectators made their way to Brewster Park, Enniskillen for last Wednesday week's encounter.

Initially, little separated the sides, but a goal by Michael Murphy just before the break gave Donegal a reasonable cushion. However, the Breffni men had the better of the third quarter and closed to within a point, but potential parity was snatched away by a quick goal and a point from Dermot Molloy, with Donegal eventually easing to a slightly flattering seven points victory.

Naturally, many of the after-match plaudits were directed towards the two leading marksmen, but the Donegal defence has been key in their regaining the title after a 15-year lapse. They have yet to concede a goal in the campaign, and with the opposition averaging less than nine points per match, they are proving an incredibly difficult proposition.

Down had been in pursuit of a third successive provincial title but were thumped by Cavan in the quarter-final, while the All-Ireland Minor champions for the last two years, Tyrone and Armagh, didn't muster a win between them. Derry assumed favouritism after wins over Tyrone and Fermanagh but fell to the eventual champions in the penultimate round.

Five of the starting XV ten days ago (Walsh, McLoone, Molloy, Carroll and Murphy) played in Donegal's provincial Minor title win four years ago, and they provide the nucleus as the county faces into its first All-Ireland semi-final since they went down to Kerry in 1995 (1-5 to 2-6). In all Donegal have played in five semi-finals with a record of two wins and three losses.

Scorers

PLAYER	1	2	3	TOTAL
M Murphy	0-1	1-3	1-5	2-9
D Molloy	0-6	0-2	1-2	1-10
L McLoone	0-2	0-2	----	0-4
J Carroll	1-0	0-1	----	1-1
D McLaughlin	----	0-2	----	0-2
D Walsh	----	0-1	----	0-1
A McFadden	----	----	0-1	0-1



PATHS TO THE SEMI-FINAL

March 24th, Brewster Park
Donegal 1-9 Armagh 0-9

April 3rd, Brewster Park
Donegal 1-11 Down 0-10

April 7th, Brewster Park
Donegal 2-8 Cavan 0-7

MICHAEL MURPHY

A regular on the Senior team, Michael was just edged out by Colm Cooper for the top scorers position in the 2009 Championship. His magnificent 1-5 against Cavan in the Ulster final was instrumental in Donegal winning their first title for 15 years.

ULSTER FINAL RECORD

1963	Donegal 3-6	Cavan 1-3
1964	Donegal 2-14	Monaghan 0-4
1966	Donegal 2-12	Down 1-6
1981	Monaghan 0-8	Donegal 0-6
1982	Donegal 0-10	Derry 1-5
1983	Derry 3-13	Donegal 1-3
1986	Derry 4-7	Donegal 0-6
1987	Donegal 0-7	Monaghan 1-4
Replay	Donegal 1-11	Monaghan 0-8
1995	Donegal 1-9	Cavan 1-9
Replay	Donegal 3-11	Cavan 1-11
1999	Monaghan 0-12	Donegal 1-8
2000	Tyrone 1-18	Donegal 1-4
2010	Donegal 2-8	Cavan 0-7





Dún na nGall

(Donegal)

DATHANNA: GLAS IS ÓR

	1ADH LEATH	2ADH LEATH	IOMLÁN
CÚIL			
CÚILÍNÍ			
SEACHAÍ			
45m			
SAOR CICEANNA			

1. Peter Boyle

P. Ó Baoill
(Aodh Rua)

2. Eamonn Doherty

É. Ó Dochartaigh
(Naomh Adhamhnáin)

3. Ciarán Boyle

C. Ó Baoill
(Naomh Conaill)

4. Paddy McGrath

P. Mac Craith
(Ard an Ratha)

5. Declan Walsh

D. Breathnach
(Málainn)

6. Thomas McKinley

T. MacFhionnghaile
(Naomh Colmcille)

7. Conor Classon

C. Ó Classáin
(Ard an Ratha)

8. Kevin Mulhern

C. Ó Maolchiaráin
(Cloich Cheann Fhaola)

9. Danny Curran

D. Ó Curráin
(Gaoth Dobhair)

10. Mark McHugh

M. Mac Aodha
(Cill Chartha)

11. Michael Murphy

M. Ó Murchú (Capt.)
(Gleann Súil)

12. Dermot Molloy

D. Ó Ludhóg
(Naomh Conaill)

13. James Carroll

S. Ó Cearrbhail
(Gaoth Dobhair)

14. Leo McLoone

L. Mac Giolla Uain
(Naomh Conaill)

15. Daniel McLaughlin

D. Mac Lochlainn
(Naomh Mícheál)

Fir Ionaid

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|---|---|---|--|---|
| 16. Ashley Mulhern
A. Ó Maolchiaráin
(Bun Dobhráin) | 18. Seán O'Kennedy
S. Ó Cinnéide
(Na Ceithre Máistir) | 20. Stephen O'Reilly
S. Ó Raghallaigh
(Mac Cumhail) | 22. Antoin McFadden
A. Mac Pháidín
(Naomh Mícheál) | 24. Danny Murphy
D. Ó Murchú
(Bun an Phobail) |
| 17. Peter McGonigle
P. Mac Gonagail
(Bun Dobhráin) | 19. Cillian Morrisson
C. Ó Muirseáin
(Naomh Adhamhnáin) | 21. Peter McNelis
P. Mac Niallais
(Ard an Ratha) | 23. Ciarán McGinley
C. Mac Fhionnghaile
(Cill Chartha) | |

ROIGHNÓIRÍ: Jim McGuinness (Bainisteoir), Peter McGinley, Pat Shovelin, Maxi Curran

	1ADH LEATH	2ADH LEATH	IOMLÁN
CÚIL			
CÚILÍNÍ			
SEACHAÍ			
45m			
SAOR CICEANNA			

Tiobraid Árann

(Tipperary)

DATHANNA: GORM IS ÓR



1. Kieran Kenrick

C. Mac Eanraic
(Moyle Rovers)

2. Robbie Kiely

R. Ó Cadhla
(Arravale Rovers)

3. Ciaran McDonald

C. Mac Domhnaill (Capt.)
(Aherlow)

4. Donal Lynch

D. Ó Loinsigh
(Commercials)

5. Padraig O'Dwyer

P. Ó Duibhir
(Éire Óg-Annacarty)

6. John Coghlan

S. Ó Cochlain
(Moyné-Templetuohy)

7. Dara Dwyer

D. Ó Duibhir
(Moyle Rovers)

8. Alan Moloney

A. Ó Maoldomnaigh
(Rockwell Rovers)

9. Peter Acheson

P. Acheson
(Moyle Rovers)

10. Sean Carey

S. Ó Ciardha
(Moyle Rovers)

11. Bernard O'Brien

B. Ó Briain
(Aherlow)

12. Aldo Matassa

A. Matassa
(Commercials)

13. Conor Sweeney

C. Mac Suibhne
(Ballyporeen)

14. Shane Egan

S. Mac Aogáin
(Galtee Rovers)

15. Michael O'Dwyer

M. Ó Duibhir
(Arravale Rovers)

Fir Ionaid

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|--|--|---|--|--|
| 16. Jack English
S. Inglis
(Ballyporeen) | 18. Ger Hally
G. Ó hAllai
(Cahir) | 20. Donncha Heffernan
D. Ó hEifearnáin
(Cappawhite) | 22. Gavin Ryan
G. Ó Ráin
(Rockwell Rovers) | 24. Brian O'Meara
B. Ó Meadhra
(Kilruane MacDonaghs) |
| 17. Diarmuid O'Sullivan
D. Ó Suilleabháin
(Ardannan) | 19. Kevin Fox
C. Mac an tSionnaigh
(Éire Óg-Annacarty) | 21. Thomas Hanly
T. Ó hAnlí
(Aherlow) | 23. Paul McEvoy
P. Mac Fhiorbui
(Cahir) | |

ROIGHNÓIRÍ: John Evans (Bainisteoir), Michael O'Loughlin (Trainer), John Cummins,
Tommy Toomey, Jonathan Cullen.

Evans Stokes the Embers of Tipperary Football

Kerry native John Evans has re-awakened the Premier County's passion for the big ball, guiding Tipp to a first ever Munster U21 title this year.

These are heady days for Tipperary football, with the historic victory over Kerry last month the latest in a series of impressive performances. At Senior level the Premier County achieved promotion in successive years in the Allianz GAA Football National League (although they were relegated this season), while at Minor level they contested the last two provincial finals.

It looked as if it could be another hard luck story for the U21s before that stunning success at Tralee. The irony of the win is that Tipperary are managed by John Evans, a native of Kerry.

Just 200 spectators attended the semi-final joust with Limerick at Thurles where the foundations for victory were laid in the opening half against the wind (0-9 to 1-3). The hosts increased the lead to five points on the restart and that was also the margin at the final whistle as a fourth successive final berth was secured.

Not surprisingly, Tipperary were massive underdogs for the final against Kerry. The

Kingdom had 25 provincial titles to their credit, Tipperary none. Kerry also enjoyed the home advantage of Tralee and had sauntered past the reigning Cadbury All-Ireland U21 champions Cork in the quarter-final before trouncing Waterford. It all pointed to a comfortable Kerry victory, but Tipperary hadn't read the script.

Initially it looked as if things would go as expected with the hosts leading by 1-2 to 0-1 after 15 minutes despite playing against the wind. The visitors dominated the second quarter thanks to Peter Acheson's efforts, and Bernard O'Brien's goal helped them into a 1-4 to 1-2 interval lead. Kerry hit three unanswered points in the third quarter before Séan Carey levelled for the underdogs. A couple of Shane Egan points edged the visitors clear and a lone Kerry reply was not enough to deny them a historic victory. Other surprise successes in recent times by Limerick and Waterford brought mixed fortune at the All-Ireland semi-final stage... the former beat Westmeath in 2000, the latter lost to Dublin three years later. Tipperary will be hoping to emulate the Shannonsiders today.

Scorers

PLAYER	1	2	TOTAL
S Carey	0-7	0-2	0-9
B O'Brien	0-3	1-0	1-3
C Sweeney	0-3	0-1	0-4
P Acheson	0-2	----	0-2
A Moloney	----	0-2	0-2
S Egan	----	0-2	0-2
G Ryan	0-1	----	0-1



PATHS TO THE SEMI-FINAL

March 18th, Thurles

Tipperary 0-16 Limerick 2-5

March 31st, Tralee

Tipperary 1-7 Kerry 1-6

CIARÁN MCDONALD

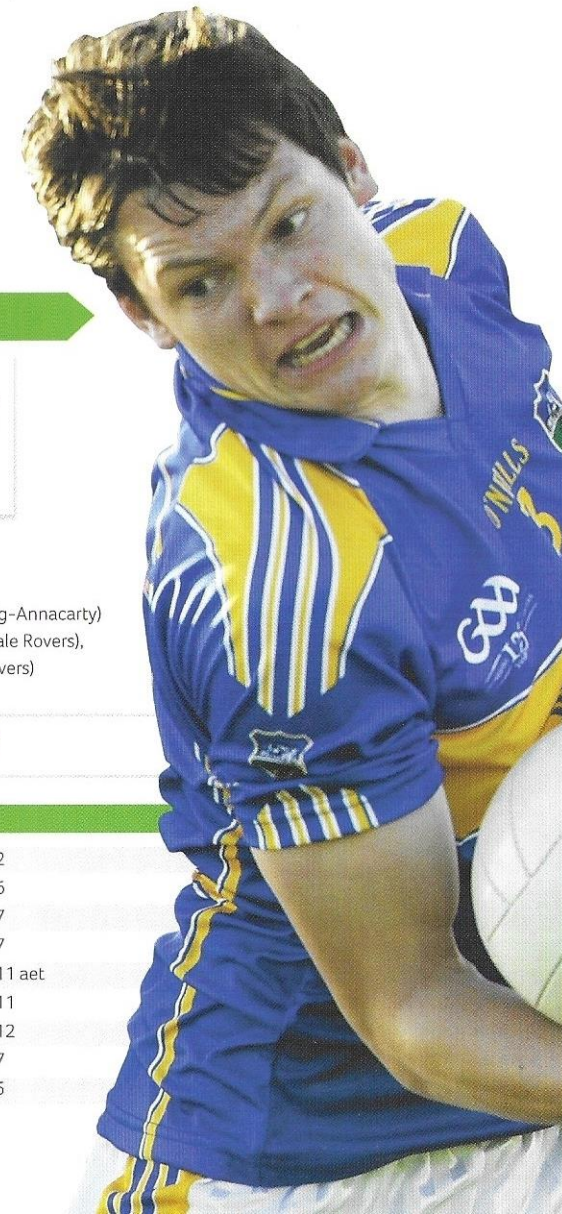
Ciarán has played at Minor, U21 and Senior level for Tipperary and was a member of the team that won the 2009 Allianz GAA Football National League Division 3 title. A student at NUIG he was also named GAA Player of the Month sponsored by Vodafone in March of last year.

Additional players on Tipperary panel

Declan Lynagh (JK Brackens), Eoin Kennedy (Eire Óg-Annacarty), Kevin O'Riordan (JK Brackens), Darren Lowry (Arravale Rovers), Ross McGrath (Newport), Edmund Burke (Moyle Rovers)

MUNSTER FINAL RECORD

1964	Kerry 0-15	Tipperary 1-2
1965	Cork 2-14	Tipperary 1-6
1986	Cork 0-8	Tipperary 0-7
1987	Kerry 0-7	Tipperary 0-7
Replay	Kerry 0-15	Tipperary 1-11 aet
1998	Kerry 3-10	Tipperary 1-11
2007	Cork 3-19	Tipperary 3-12
2008	Kerry 0-15	Tipperary 2-7
2009	Cork 1-9	Tipperary 2-5
2010	Tipperary 1-7	Kerry 1-6



ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINALS

RESULTS 2000-2009

YEAR	TEAMS	
2000	Limerick 1-8	Westmeath 1-6
	Tyrone 1-10	Galway 0-6
2001	Mayo 0-11	Meath 0-7
	Tyrone 0-14	Cork 1-2
2002	Dublin 1-13	Tyrone 1-9
	Galway 0-17	Kerry 2-6
2003	Dublin 3-10	Waterford 1-7
	Tyrone 1-9	Mayo 0-9
2004	Armagh 1-19	Cork 2-10
	Mayo 1-13	Kildare 1-7
2005	Down 2-7	Dublin 0-9
	Galway 0-17	Cork 1-11
2006	Mayo 1-12	Tyrone 0-14
	Cork 2-13	Laois 2-13
Replay	Cork 1-7	Laois 0-8
2007	Laois 0-11	Mayo 0-6
	Cork 0-13	Armagh 0-12
2008	Kerry 1-9	Mayo 1-7
	Kildare 1-10	Down 0-10
2009	Cork 1-10	Dublin 1-9
	Down 1-15	Mayo 2-9

Bainisteoir



Jim McGuinness (Donegal)

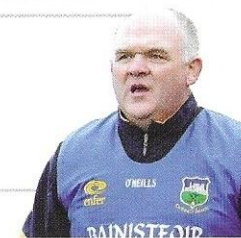
Jim was a regular for Donegal throughout the 1990s and was the youngest member of the All-Ireland winning panel in 1992, at 19. In 2009 he led Naomh Conaill to the County final as player-manager and has also been dispensing advice to Clubs such as St John's (Sligo) and Roslea (Fermanagh). This widespread experience was instrumental in his appointment as U21 manager for 2010 last November. He has represented Donegal at all levels and also achieved Sigerson Cup success with both Tralee and Jordanstown.

ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINALS

TOP SCORERS 2000-2009

YEAR	SCORERS
2000	Dessie Dolan (Westmeath) 1-5, Mark Harte (Tyrone) 0-4, Kenneth Naughton (Galway) 0-4, Kevin Hughes (Tyrone) 1-1.
	Owen Mulligan (Tyrone) 0-8, Barry Lynch (Meath) 0-5.
2001	Tomás Quinn (Dublin) 0-6, Michael Meehan (Galway) 0-5.
2002	Conor Mortimer (Mayo) 0-7, Alan Brogan (Dublin) 1-3.
2003	Kevin O'Sullivan (Cork) 1-4, James Kavanagh (Kildare) 1-4.
2004	Michael Meehan (Galway) 0-8, James McGovern (Down) 1-2.
2005	Fintan Goold (Cork) 0-5, Paul Kerrigan (Cork) 1-2, Donal Brennan (Laois) 1-2, Michael Conroy (Mayo) 0-4, Aidan Campbell (Mayo) 0-4, Justin McMahon (Tyrone) 0-4.
	Colm Kelly (Laois) 0-4.
2006	Michael Tierney (Laois) 0-5, Stefan Forker (Armagh) 0-5.
2007	Paul McComiskey (Down) 0-6, Paul O'Connor (Kerry) 0-4, Mike Sweeney (Mayo) 1-1.
2008	Colm O'Neill (Cork) 1-4, Paul Devlin (Down) 1-3.
2009	

Bainisteoir



John Evans (Tipperary)

A native of Kerry, John has certainly made his mark on Tipperary football. He led Laune Rangers to All-Ireland Club glory in 1996 and also managed the Kerry U21s, but it is his achievements with the Premier County footballers that his profile has soared. Since his appointment in 2008 the Senior footballers gained promotion in successive seasons in the Allianz GAA Football National League while the U21s only lost out to the eventual All-Ireland champions in both years before winning their first provincial title at the end of last month.

Scoreboard 2010

Laighin



ROUND 1

Louth 4-16; Wexford 0-8
 Westmeath 1-6; Kildare 0-6
 Wicklow 3-13; Longford 0-10
 Carlow 2-14; Offaly 1-15 aet

QUARTER-FINALS

Westmeath 2-14; Meath 1-11
 Laois 0-13; Wicklow 0-10
 Dublin 1-14; Louth 1-8 aet
 Carlow 1-16; Kilkenny 0-3

SEMI-FINALS

Westmeath 0-14; Laois 0-11
 Dublin 0-14; Carlow 0-13 aet

FINAL

Dublin 1-12; Westmeath 0-9

Uladh



ROUND 1

Derry 1-14; Tyrone 1-7

QUARTER-FINALS

Cavan 3-14; Down 1-8
 Derry 5-9; Fermanagh 2-12
 Monaghan 2-12; Antrim 2-6
 Donegal 1-9; Armagh 0-9

SEMI-FINALS

Cavan 1-10; Monaghan 1-9
 Donegal 1-11; Derry 0-10

FINAL

Donegal 2-8; Cavan 0-7

Mumha



QUARTER-FINALS

Limerick 1-10; Clare 0-10
 Kerry 0-19; Cork 1-8

SEMI-FINALS

Tipperary 0-16; Limerick 2-5
 Kerry 1-18; Waterford 0-3

FINAL

Tipperary 1-7; Kerry 1-6

Connacht



QUARTER-FINAL

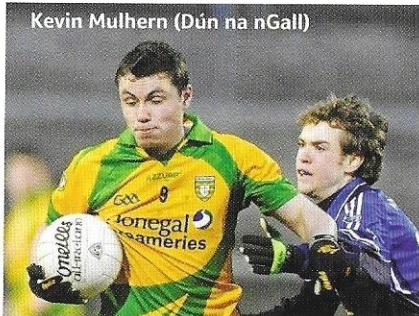
Mayo 0-13; Leitrim 0-9

SEMI-FINALS

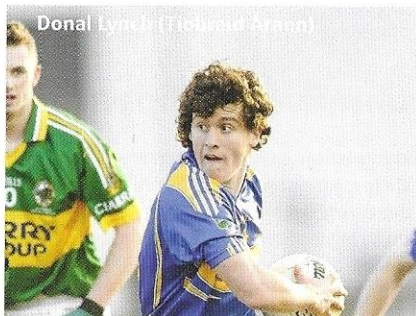
Sligo 0-13; Galway 0-12 aet
 Roscommon 2-9; Mayo 1-11

FINAL

Roscommon 1-6; Sligo 0-4



Kevin Mulhern (Dún na nGall)



Donal Lynch (Fíonaíad Árann)



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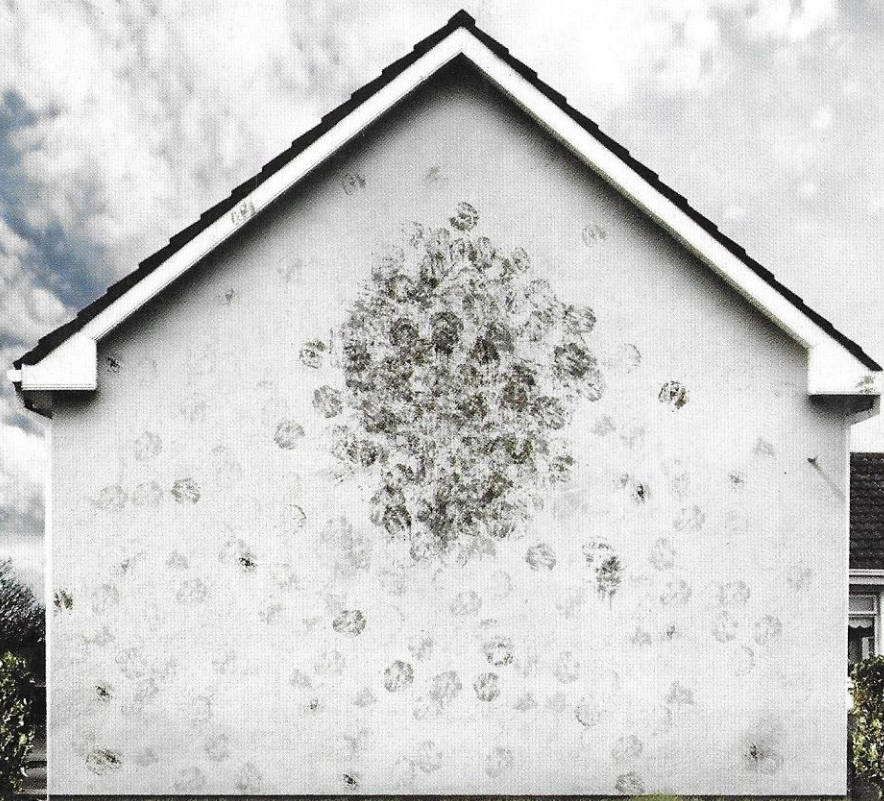
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