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2.12 ^a	Tús an dara leath
2.45 ^a	Críoch an chluiche
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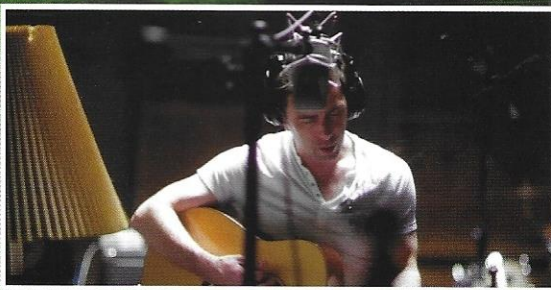
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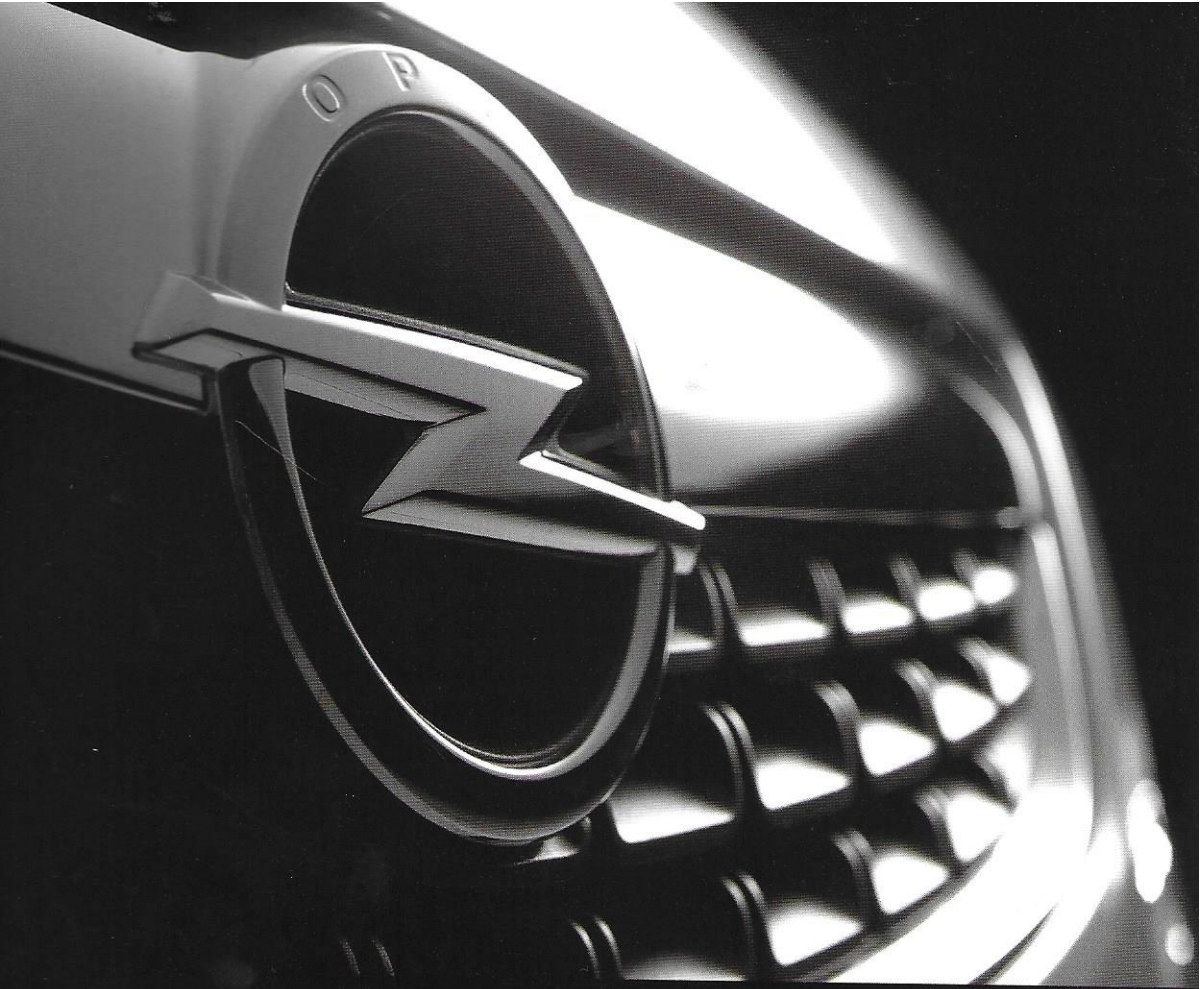
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It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to Croke Park today for a game that has captured the imagination of supporters far beyond the confines of both Cork and Donegal.

Both teams come to the capital with provincial honours secured and realistic aspirations of adding to those successes.

From what we have seen of both teams to date in all of their outings they are justified expectations.

Of course Cork are ahead of their opponents today in terms of development having won an All-Ireland crown under the guidance of current manager Conor Cunnihan.

However, having exited last year's championship at the hands of Mayo they know that past success counts for little in the pursuit of further titles.

Cork's path to this juncture has been impressive, not least their quarter-final win over a Kildare team that itself had high hopes of a lengthy summer campaign.

The attacking ability of this team and their physical and athletic prowess make them a force to be reckoned with and today those very same attributes will be needed if progress is to be guaranteed.

Donegal have helped illuminate our last two championships, annexing back-to-back Ulster titles and only falling short by a narrow margin against eventual All-Ireland winners Dublin last year.

The explosive nature of their play, selfless dedication to the team's cause and superb fitness levels have seen manager Jim McGuinness make his stamp on the modern game.

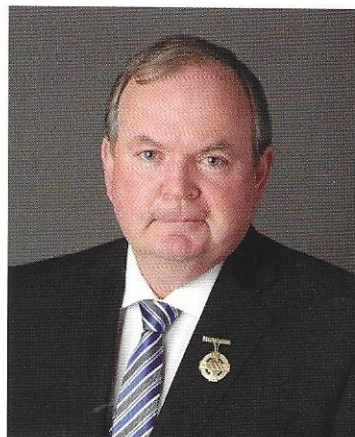
How it will unfold from here is anyone's call and therein lies the attraction.

I wish all of those involved with both set-ups every success and hope they derive great satisfaction from their visit here today.

I also wish the minor footballers of Mayo and Meath an enjoyable day out in their pursuit of an All-Ireland final berth.

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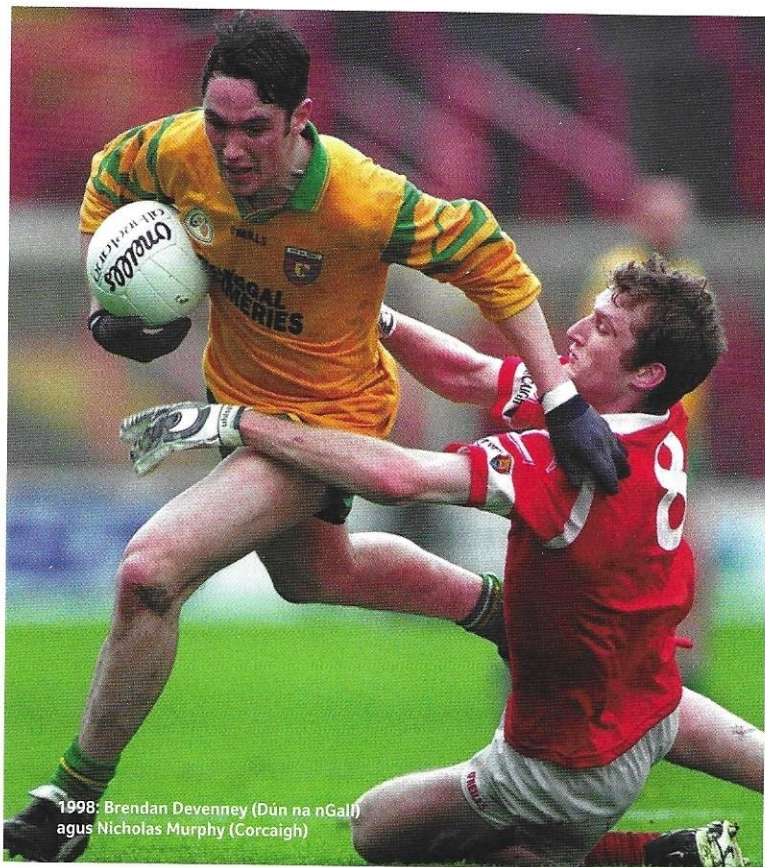
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Le Márta Ó Ciardha

Seo an dara huair le blianta beaga ag Corcaigh agus ag Dún na nGall a chéile a imirt i gcluichí móra craoibhe i bPáirc an Chrócaigh. Ach níorbh é an babhta ceathrú ceannais i 2009 an chéad uair ag na con-taethe a chéile a imirt anseo – cé nach mór dul siar chomh fada le 1952 chun teach tar an gcéad cheann de na cluichí leathcheannais a himríodh eatarthu sa tSraithchomórtas Náisiúnta.

Corcaigh a bhuaigh an cluiche sin 3-3, 0-7, ach ba iad Dún na nGall a thug an bua leo sa dá chluiche sraithe eile: 0-10, 0-9 i mbabhta leathcheannais a himríodh anseo ar an 21ú Aibreán 1996 agus 2-14, 1-9 i mbabhta ceathrú ceannais a himríodh ar an 5ú lá den mhí sin 1998.

Bua drámatúil ab ea an ceann i 1996 – na foirne ar chomhscór nuair a thug dreas pasála idir Noel Hegarty agus James Ruane deis scórála do John Bán Gallagher



1998: Brendan Devenney (Dún na nGall) agus Nicholas Murphy (Corcaigh)

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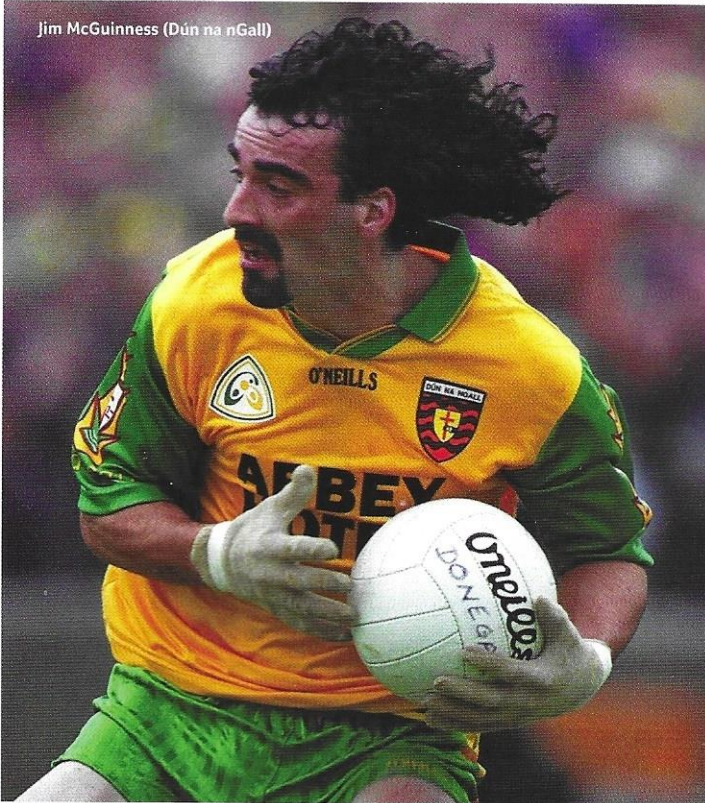
agus sheol fear na gCealla Beaga scór an bhua thar an trasnán.

Dhá bhliain dar gcionn bhí bainisteoir an lae inniu, Jim McGuinness, i lár na páirce ag Dún na nGall agus Nicholas Murphy ansiúd ag Corcaigh nuair a shaothraigh na Tuaisceartaigh bua níos éasca, 2-14,0-9. Sin an lá ar

chuir ógánach 20 bliain darbh ainm Brendan Devenney é fhéin in aithne do phobal na peile, nuair a scóráil sé 2-2.

Ba iad Corcaigh a scóráil na cúil nuair a d'imir Dún na nGall agus iad féin a chéile don chéad uair i bPáirc an Chrócaigh – cluiche leathcheannais na Sraithe

Náisiúnta Peile 1952 agus áit sa mbabhta ceannais in aghaidh Átha Cliath i ndán do na buaiteoirí. Faraor do Dhún na nGall scóráileadh na cúil sin go luath san imirt – lántosaithe Chorcaigh Mick Cahill agus John Joe Henchion agus an peileadóir lárpáirce Tom Moriarty a fuair na scóranna agus faoi leathama bhí Corcaigh chun cinn 3-2,0-4.



Jim McGuinness (Dún na nGall)

Tháinig feabhas mór ar Dhún na nGall sa dara leath, tar éis dóibh an leathchúláí láir, Jim Gallagher agus an peileadóir lárpáirce, Frank O' Donnell, a mhalartú lena chéile, ach faoin am sin bhí an dochar déanta. Dála an scéil ba é 'Weeshie' Murphy lánchúláí na gCorcaíoch an lá sin – tá seirbhís fhada tugtha ag a mhac, an Dr. Con Ó Murchú, do fhoirne peile agus iomána an chontae agus is air atá cúram leighis na foirne arís inniu.

Corcaigh 1952: Dan O'Keeffe; Cormac Dinneen, P.A. 'Weeshie' Murphy, Jim O' Brien, Denis Bernard, Jim Cronin, Mick Gould, Tom Moriarty, Nealie Duggan; Donie O'Donovan, Éamon Young, Con McGrath, Mick Cahill, John Joe Henchion, Jim Galvin.

Dún na nGall 1952: Colm Halpin, Patsy Brogan, Pearse Dawson, Bernard Coyle, Hughie Tim Ó Baoill, Jim Gallagher, Peadar McGeehan, Micheal James Gallagher, Frank O' Donnell, Frankie Brennan, Conal McCauley, Charlie Collins, Paddy Coyle, Tom Wickham, Seán McGettrick.

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SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

By Michael Clifford, Irish Daily Mail

From way back, you could see this head on crash coming between the game's two juggernauts.

And let's face it, while there are many intriguing aspects to today's semi-final, the core fascination is simple and primal; who will survive in the battle of the fittest and strongest?

Because that is how we see them; Cork have been the most athletically blessed team in the country for arguably the best part of a decade now as much by accident as design given their healthy surplus of big men, while Donegal inside two years find themselves in the same physical place,

although there has been nothing accidental about it.

Two teams whose superior conditioning have given them a decided edge on everyone thrown into their path finally end up having to bounce off each other, while the rest of us prepare to get giddy on the testosterone fumes.

So, yeah, we are looking forward to this, but it would do this contest and these two teams a great disservice to strip this down to a brute battle of wills, when it has so much more going for it.

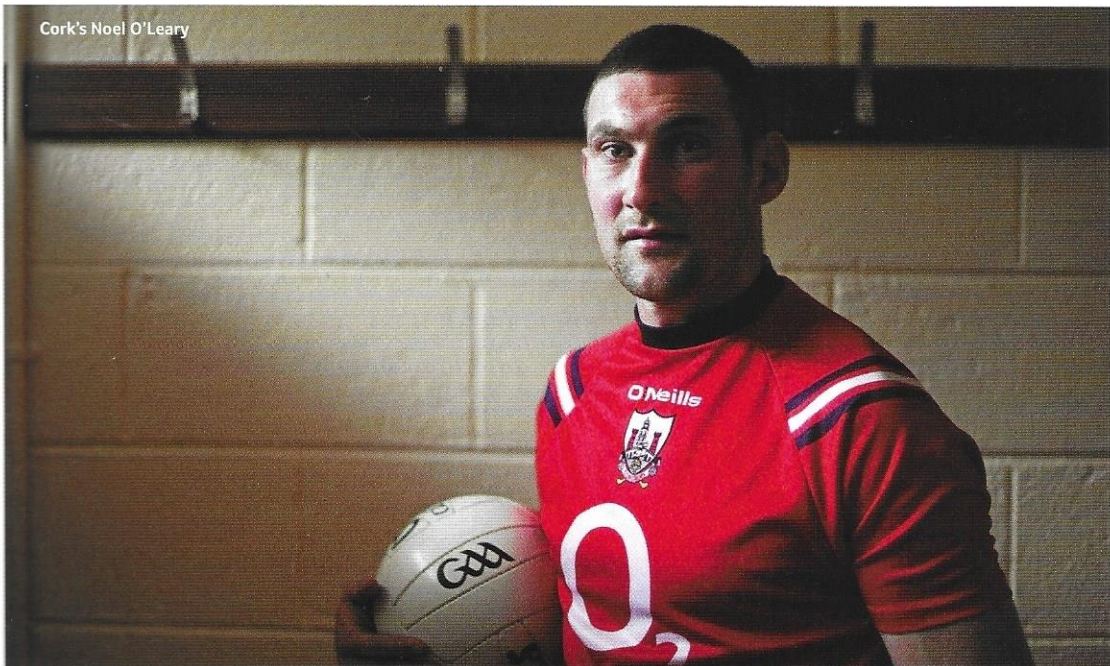
After all, you could just as easily sell

this as the clash between football's ultimate panel and its ultimate team.

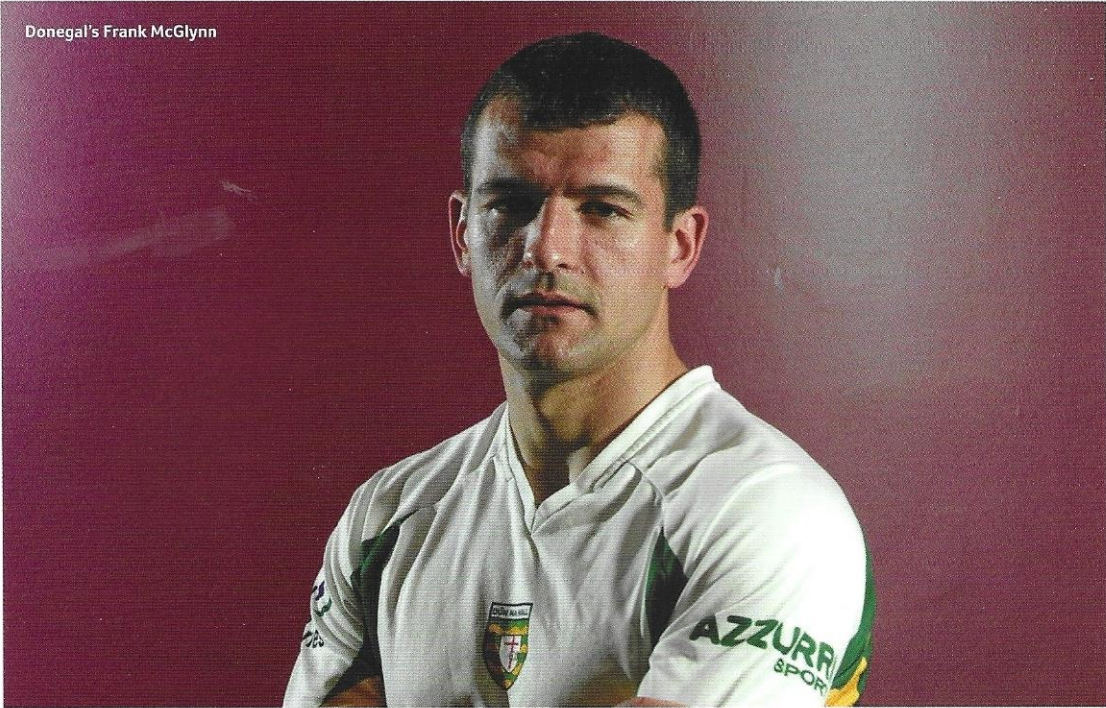
Anyone at the quarter-final at the start of the month were left rubbing their eyes at the quality of the fit and healthy bench that Conor Counihan unleashed on Kildare, first Paddy Kelly, then Pearse O'Neill and after that Daniel Goulding. O'Neill and Goulding have All Stars, an honour that is unlikely to duck the cerebral Kelly for much longer.

The depth of Cork's bench has been a constant through the entire Counihan era – when they finally delivered that All-Ireland they were pushed the extra mile by Graham Canty and Nicholas

Cork's Noel O'Leary



Donegal's Frank McGlynn



Murphy coming into the second half in the 2010 final – but the danger, like the child let loose in a sweet shop, with unlimited choice is that you can sicken yourself.

Like their hurlers two weeks ago, the Cork footballers arrive at the penultimate stage of the championship still uncertain as to what their best team is, but the wisdom of keeping their play-maker, Kelly, and top strike forward, Goulding, on the bench reeks of folly, which is unlikely to be sustained.

And Donegal.... the ultimate team? We know that the very notion of that will leave some with sensitive stomachs heaving, but if you were to measure team ethos in terms of unity of purpose, absence of ego and absolute faith in the game-plan and in the man who devised it, then show us better.

We don't need reminding that 13 of those that featured in this month's

quarter-final win over Kerry were there when they were dumped out of the first round of the Qualifiers by Armagh two years ago, and now the same players, for the second time inside 12 months, are one game away from football's biggest stage.

Rarely has a team travelled so far so quickly, and Jim McGuinness has moved them on this year, allowing them to develop offensively, but not without compromising a game-plan founded in a well-manned defensive game-plan.

The changes have been subtle, yet obvious. Karl Lacey's match-sealing point against Kerry, where he gambled on breaking forward to take Rory Kavanagh's lay-off, was one that would have been beyond them 12 months ago when they sat deep protecting a tally which yielded just half a dozen points against Dublin.

This year they are averaging close to

18 points a game, but when they set themselves up against the big teams they managed just 0-12 against Tyrone and 1-12 against Kerry, and you suspect that they would take their chances on banking something in between today.

Last year the twin heart-beat of the team was to be found in Karl Lacey and Michael Murphy, but their changed emphasis has meant that Mark McHugh and Colm McFadden have now become the pivotal players, although such a concept is foreign in a dressing room of equals

McFadden has made an impressive job of shouldering the burden of being their only orthodox scoring forward but it is McHugh who has become the personification of what they are about. He has long blurred the lines of defence and attack, sweeping, tackling, running, linking and, on occasions, scoring and if there is a vulnerability to Donegal's master-plan,

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it may be exposed the day someone ties the Kilcar man down.

As to how it will play out, we are devoid of a form book here, not least because Cork's torching of Donegal three years ago has no relevance given the transformation of the latter.

Kerry provides a yard-stick of sorts, but hardly much clarity. Cork won pulling up by five points against them, yet might have lost it had Kerry taken two of the three goal chances that came their way.

The discomfort of the Cork defence then, and again in periods against Clare in the Munster final, when faced with a running game might nourish a thought in McGuinness' head about how this should be approached.

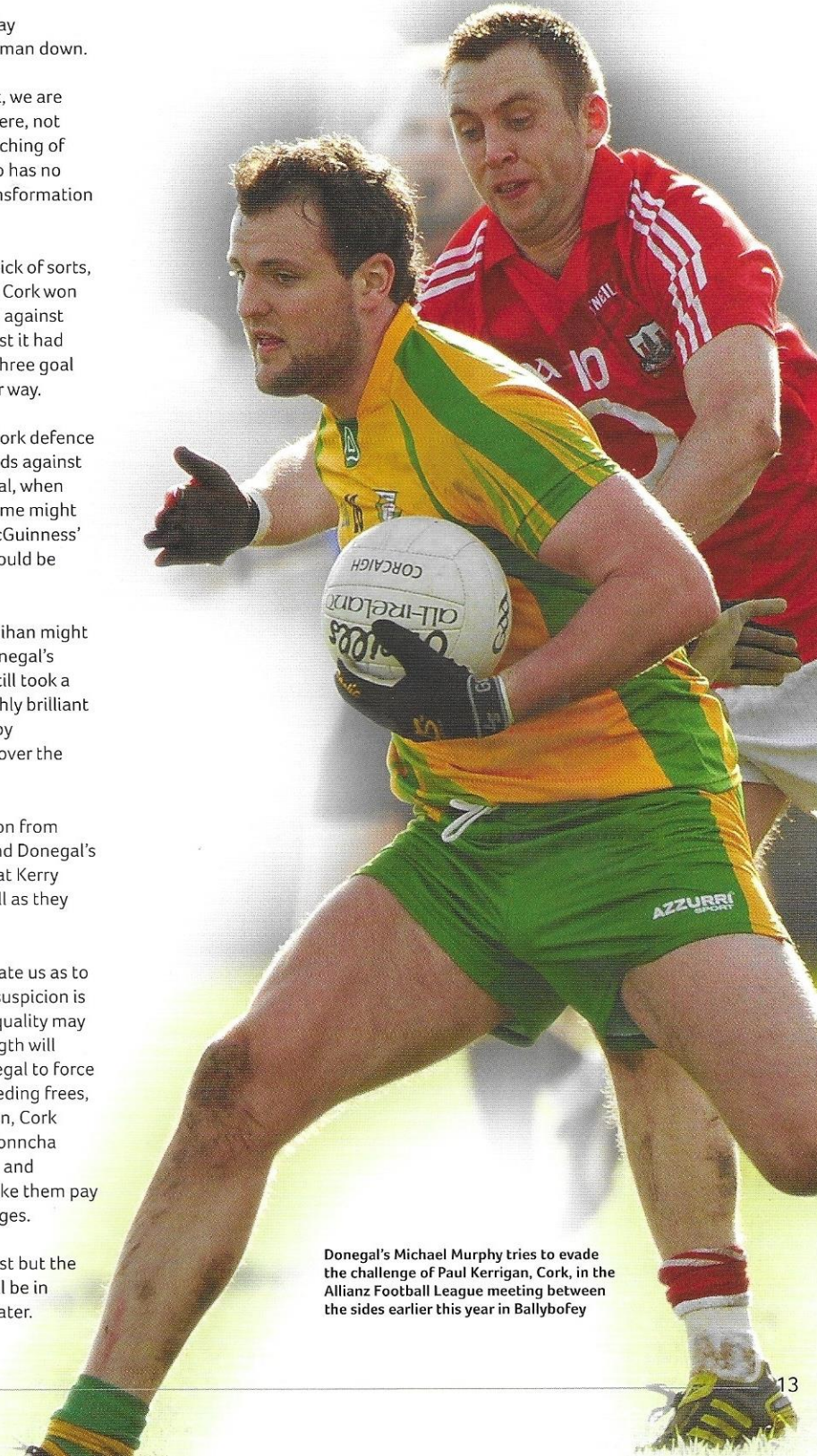
On the other side, Counihan might reflect that for all of Donegal's dominance of Kerry it still took a freak goal and a freakishly brilliant finishing performance by McFadden to see them over the line.

Cork have long moved on from beating Kerry in June and Donegal's comfort is that they beat Kerry while not playing as well as they can.

There is little to illuminate us as to how it will roll, but the suspicion is that Cork's power and quality may be decisive. Their strength will make it harder for Donegal to force turn-overs without bleeding frees, and were that to happen, Cork have in Colm O'Neill, Donncha O'Connor, Aidan Walsh and Goulding players to make them pay from all angles and ranges.

That's the theory at least but the intrigue and the fun will be in finding out if it holds water.

Donegal's Michael Murphy tries to evade the challenge of Paul Kerrigan, Cork, in the Allianz Football League meeting between the sides earlier this year in Ballybofey



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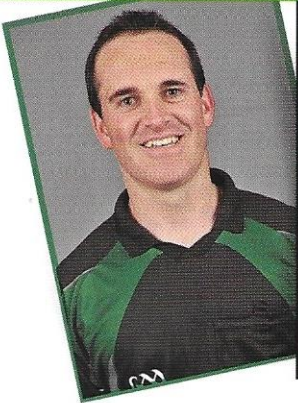
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CATHAL O'HAGAN, TYRONE

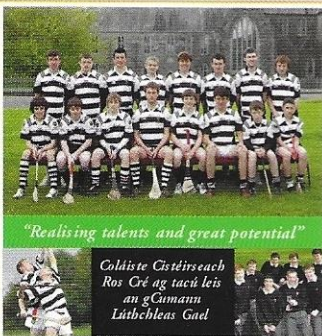
Today's meeting of Meath and Mayo in the Electric Ireland Minor Championship is Cathal's first outing at U18 level this season. But the Tyrone referee has already handled one All-Ireland semi-final this year when he was the man-in-the-middle for the Junior penultimate clash of Mayo and Lancashire in Manchester at the start of this month. Earlier in the season, Cathal had outings in the Cadbury U21 Championship and the Dr. McKenna Cup while just over 12 months ago he refereed the Ulster Minor final between Cavan and Armagh.

Corcaigh v Dún na nGall



DAVID COLDRICK, MEATH

There will be little that is unfamiliar to the Royal referee this afternoon as David has plenty of experience of both the venue and today's protagonists. Last season he took charge of the Kerry-Mayo semi-final at GAA Headquarters and also had an outing this season at Croke Park for the Allianz League Division II final between Kildare and Tyrone. At the semi-final stage of the provincial campaigns David was on duty for Cork's clash with Kerry and Donegal's meeting with Tyrone at Páirc Uí Chaoimh and Clones respectively. Today's fixture will be the Meath man's sixth outing of the 2012 Championship.



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CONTRASTING RECORDS, SIMILAR FORM

Rarely has an All-Ireland semi-final thrown up a contest between counties with such contrasting histories. Today the Leesiders face into their 35th penultimate contest and their seventh in eight seasons, while opponents Donegal are appearing at the semi-final stage for just the eighth time in their history.

And in terms of reaching the All-Ireland final again, history suggests the advantage lies with the Leesiders who have won 19 of their 34 penultimate contests while the Ulster champions have been successful just once from seven attempts.

In terms of head-to-head encounters,

the teams appear to have developed a three-year cycle of confrontation, with Cork victorious in both quarter-final encounters in 2006 and '09. And they were contrasting affairs also, with the Rebels winning the former by the minimum margin and the latter by 14 points.

So all indicators point to a Cork success this afternoon. Or maybe not.

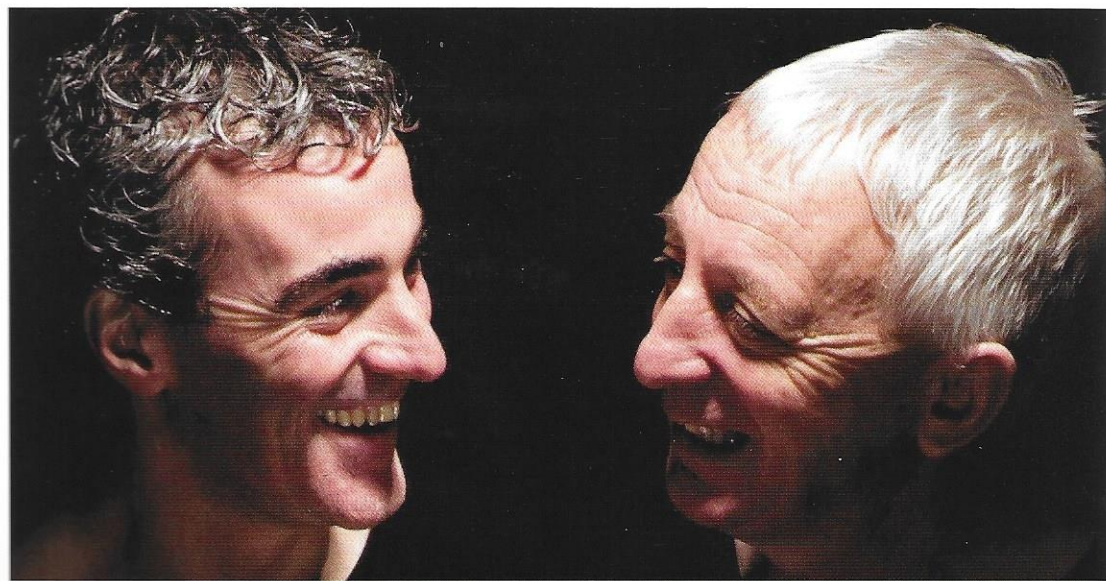
If there is an award for most improved team of 2012 few would argue against it going to Jim McGuinness' charges. Last season the Donegal manager received a fair amount of criticism for the defensive tactics employed by his team, but this season, although still defensively sound, they have added an

attacking flair that has put the likes of Derry, Tyrone, Down and of course Kerry to the sword.

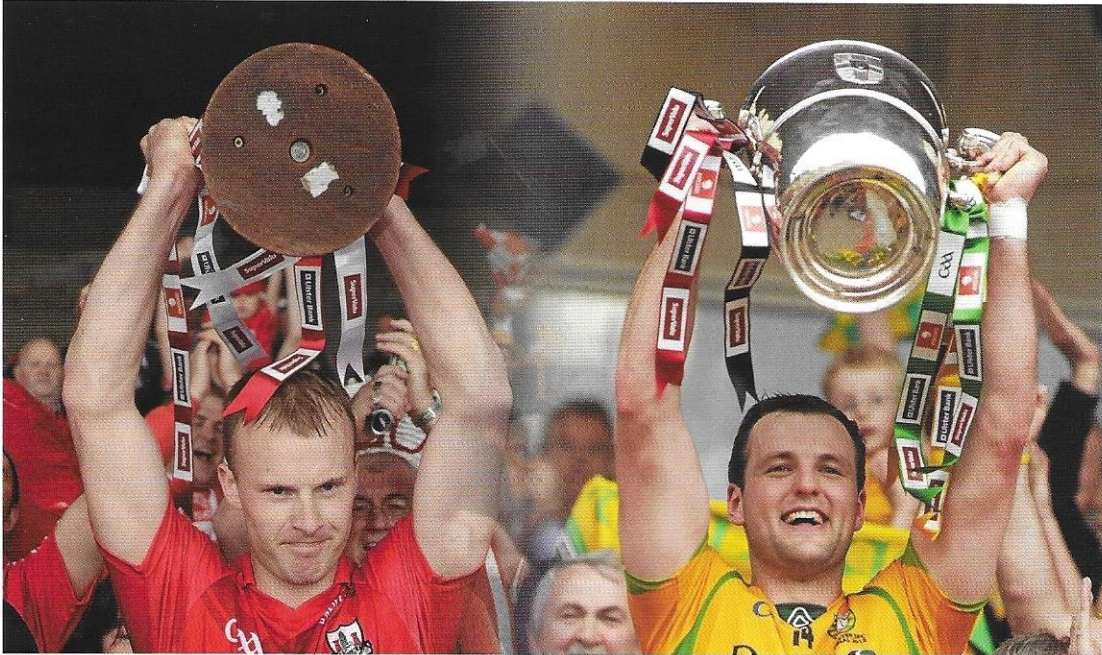
Donegal are averaging close to 18 points per game and a similar return today will probably be enough to see the Ulster champions into their first All-Ireland final since 1992.

However, achieving a return of that caliber or something similar will be a big ask against a Cork team that has yet to cough up a goal and are conceding, on average, just over 12 points per match.

The sides met in the Allianz League earlier this year at Ballybofey where Michael Murphy blasted to the net



Donegal manager, Jim McGuinness and Cork manager, Conor Counihan



Cork's Michael Shields, left, lifts the Munster Senior Championship trophy, and Donegal's Michael Murphy holds the Anglo-Celt Cup aloft after their respective provincial championship wins earlier this summer

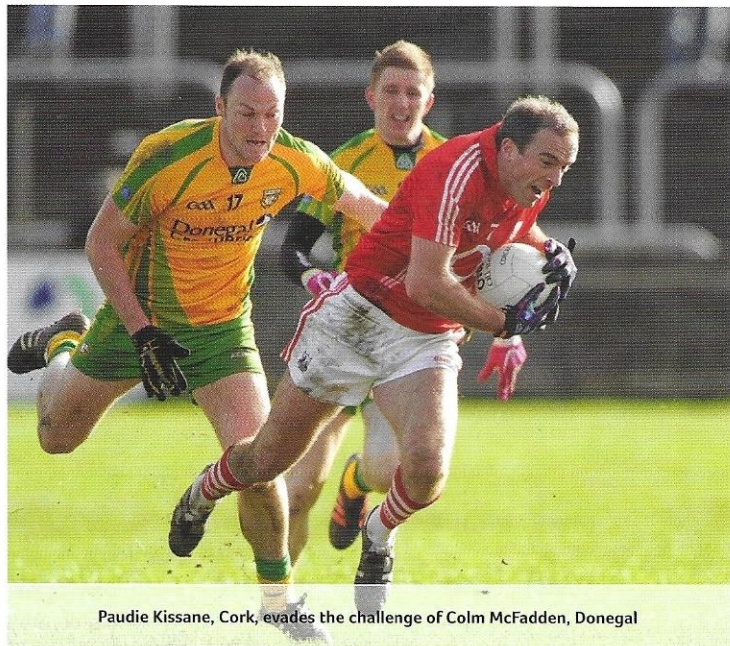
within 20 seconds of the throw-in. However, despite edging matters territorially for the remainder of the half, the hosts added just a couple of points to lead by 1-2 to 0-4 at the change of ends. The first two scores after the resumption fell to Paddy Kelly and Colm O'Neill but the visitors failed to trouble the scoreboard operator thereafter.

Donegal didn't exactly give him a strenuous workout either but the five second-half points they accumulated (two for Murphy, and one each for Colm McFadden, Karl Lacey and Martin O'Reilly) were enough to secure a 1-7 to 0-6 verdict. Not a high-scoring contest and the suspicion is today's confrontation may also sees defences on top. Cork have yet to concede a goal while just two have been registered against the Ulster champions in five outings.

The umpires tending the green

flags could be in for a quiet afternoon and with goals being at a premium the chances are

that a low-scoring contest will ensue with probably only a point or two in it either way.



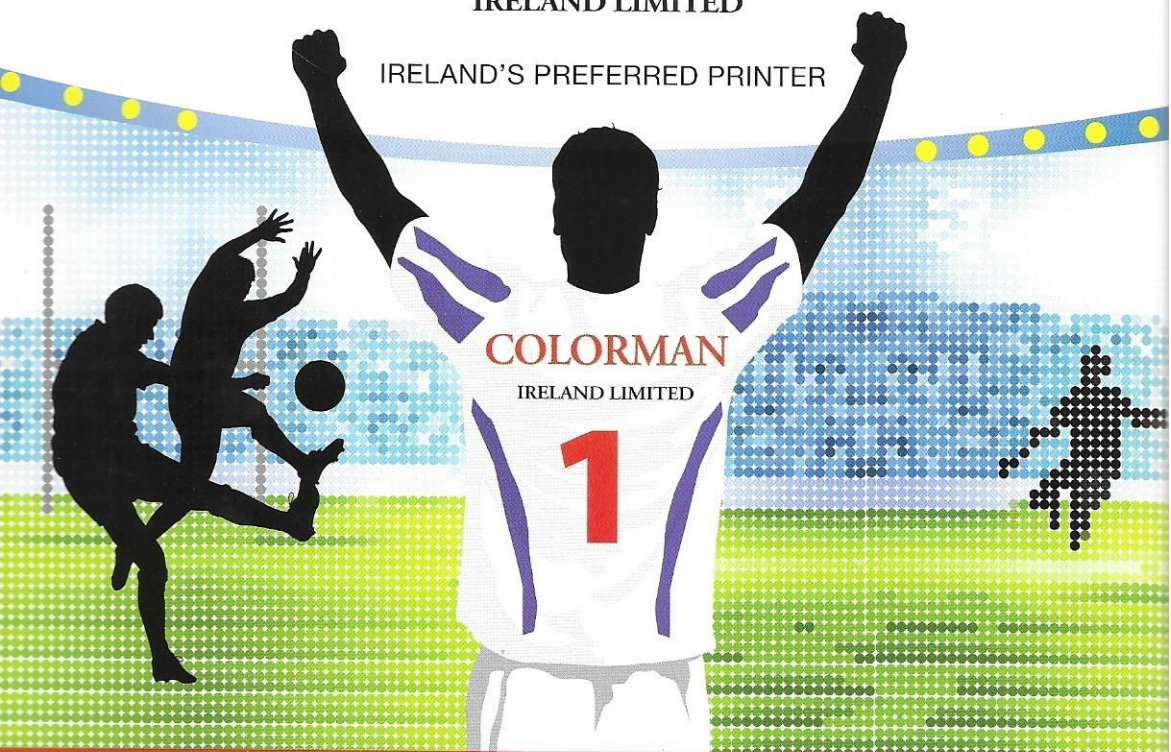
Paudie Kissane, Cork, evades the challenge of Colm McFadden, Donegal



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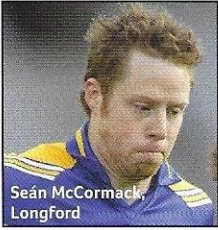
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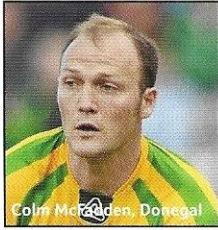


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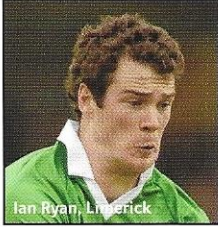
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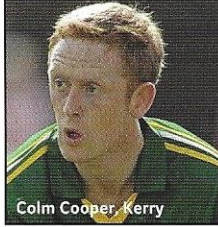
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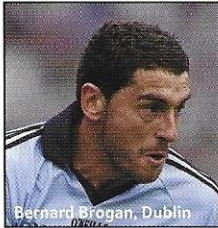
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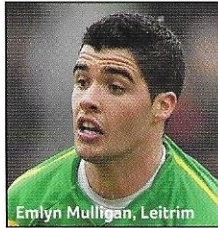
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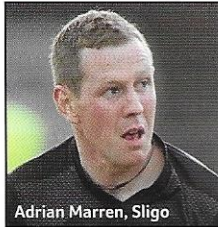
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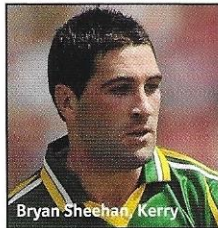
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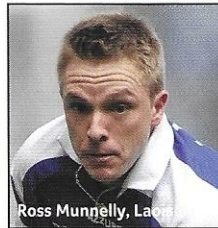
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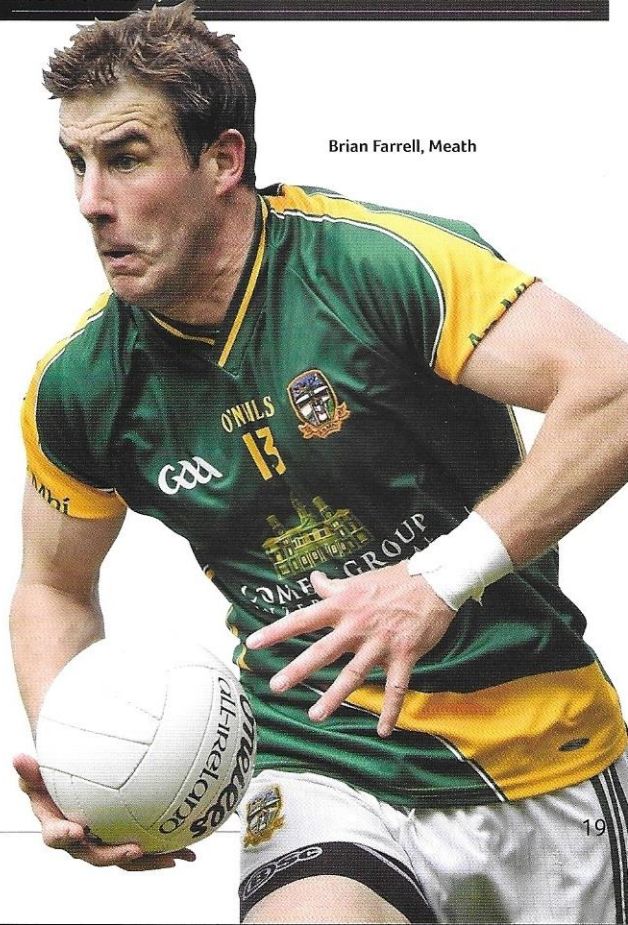


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Ross Munnelly, Laois

	SCORE	PLAY	TOTAL
BRIAN FARRELL, MEATH	0-37	0-14	37
SEÁN McCORMACK, LONGFORD	0-33	0-11	33
COLM McFADDEN, DONEGAL	3-23	1-9	32
IAN RYAN, LIMERICK	1-28	1-9	31
COLM COOPER, KERRY	1-25	1-15	28
BERNARD BROGAN, DUBLIN	3-17	3-8	26
EMLYN MULLIGAN, LEITRIM	0-24	0-4	24
ADRIAN MARREN, SLIGO	2-17	1-9	23
EOGHAN O'FLAHERTY, KILDARE	0-20	0-4	20
BRYAN SHEEHAN, KERRY	1-17	0-1	20
ROSS MUNNELLY, LAOIS	1-17	0-8	20



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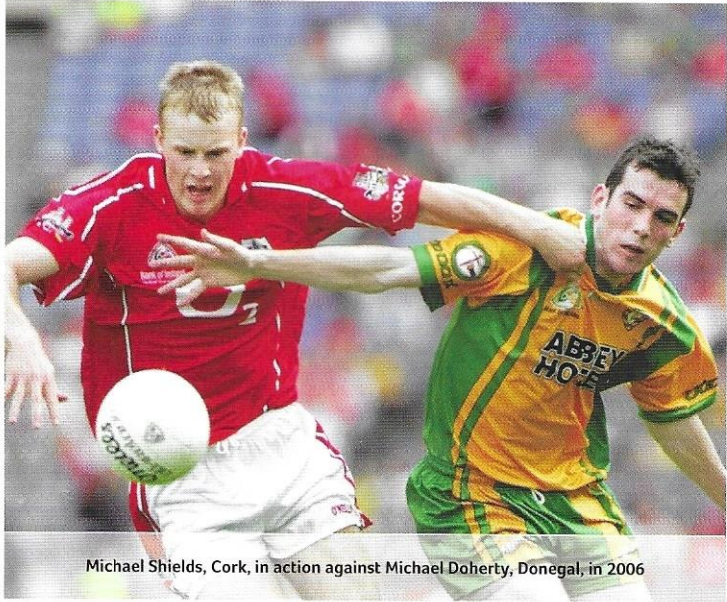
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PREVIOUS MEETINGS

CORCAIGH v DÚN NA nGALL

2006
CORK 1-11 DONEGAL 1-10

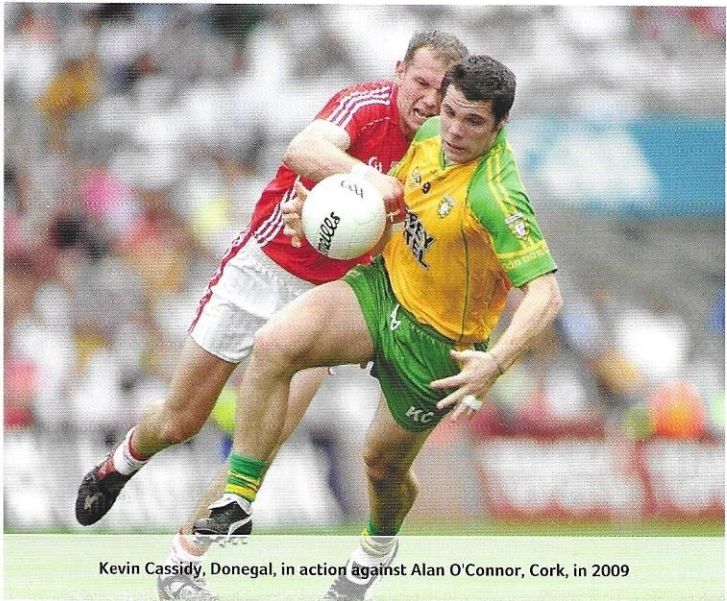
Only the closeness of the scoring maintained interest in this drab affair before an attendance of just over 51,000. Initially, the game promised much more with an exchange of goals inside the opening quarter. Christy Teye fisted home for the Northerners after four minutes while John Hayes converted a penalty for the Leesiders seven minutes later. At the break Donegal lead by 1-5 to 1-3, but the Rebels restarted with authority and were in front within seven minutes. It was tit-for-tat thereafter with a draw looking the most likely outcome until Ger Spillane grabbed a winner at the 73rd minute.



Michael Shields, Cork, in action against Michael Doherty, Donegal, in 2006

2009
CORK 1-27 DONEGAL 2-10

As with their previous encounter the initial exchanges looked promising as Michael Murphy's opener brought a like reply from Donncha O'Connor, but there was a quick parting of the ways and by the change of ends Cork led by ten (0-13 to 0-3). When Paul Kerrigan goalied nine minutes after the restart any lingering doubts about the outcome disappeared and even when Rory Kavanagh goalied for the losers at the three-quarter mark, Cork, by now emptying their bench, responded with a handful of unanswered points. Donegal hit 1-3 in the closing 10 minutes but it barely made the scoreboard respectable.



Kevin Cassidy, Donegal, in action against Alan O'Connor, Cork, in 2009



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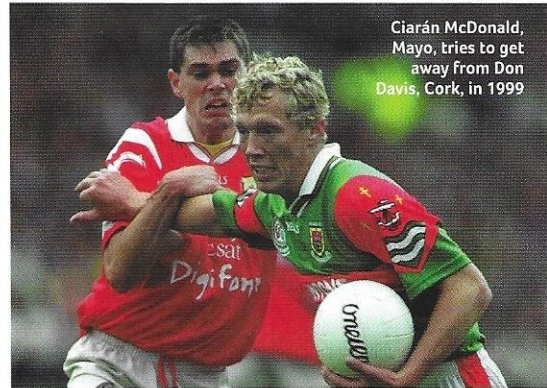
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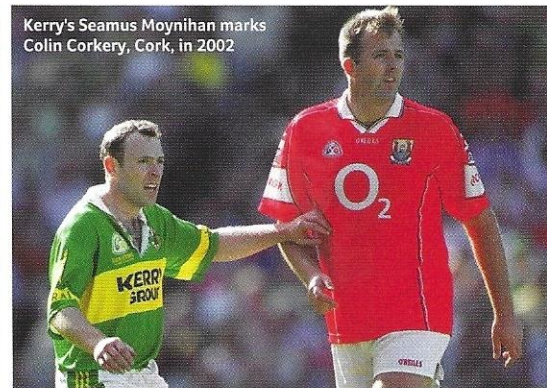
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CORK'S SEMI-FINAL RECORD

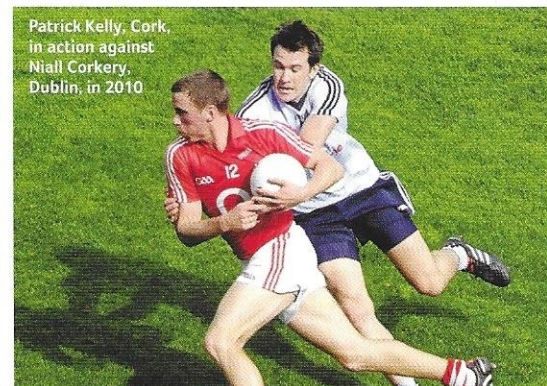
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1901	Cork	4-16	0-1	Mayo
1906	Cork	0-10	0-6	Mayo
1907	Cork	1-14	1-5	London
1911	Cork	3-4	0-2	Galway
1916	Mayo	1-2	0-2	Cork (objection)
	Mayo	1-2	1-1	Cork
1928	Kildare	3-7	0-2	Cork
1943	Cavan	1-8	1-7	Cork
1945	Cork	2-12	2-8	Galway
1949	Cavan	1-9	2-3	Cork
1952	Cavan	0-10	2-3	Cork
1956	Cork	0-9	0-5	Kildare
1957	Cork	2-4	0-9	Galway
1966	Galway	1-11	1-9	Cork
1967	Cork	2-7	0-12	Cavan
1971	Offaly	1-16	1-11	Cork
1973	Cork	5-10	2-4	Tyrone
1974	Dublin	2-11	1-8	Cork
1983	Dublin	2-11	2-11	Cork
Replay	Dublin	4-15	2-10	Cork
1987	Cork	1-11	1-11	Galway
Replay	Cork	0-18	1-4	Galway
1988	Cork	1-14	0-6	Monaghan
1989	Cork	2-10	1-9	Dublin
1990	Cork	0-17	0-10	Roscommon
1993	Cork	5-15	0-10	Mayo
1994	Down	1-13	0-11	Cork
1995	Dublin	1-12	0-12	Cork
1999	Cork	2-12	0-12	Mayo
2002	Kerry	3-19	2-7	Cork
2005	Kerry	1-19	0-9	Cork
2006	Kerry	0-16	0-10	Cork
2007	Cork	1-16	0-9	Meath
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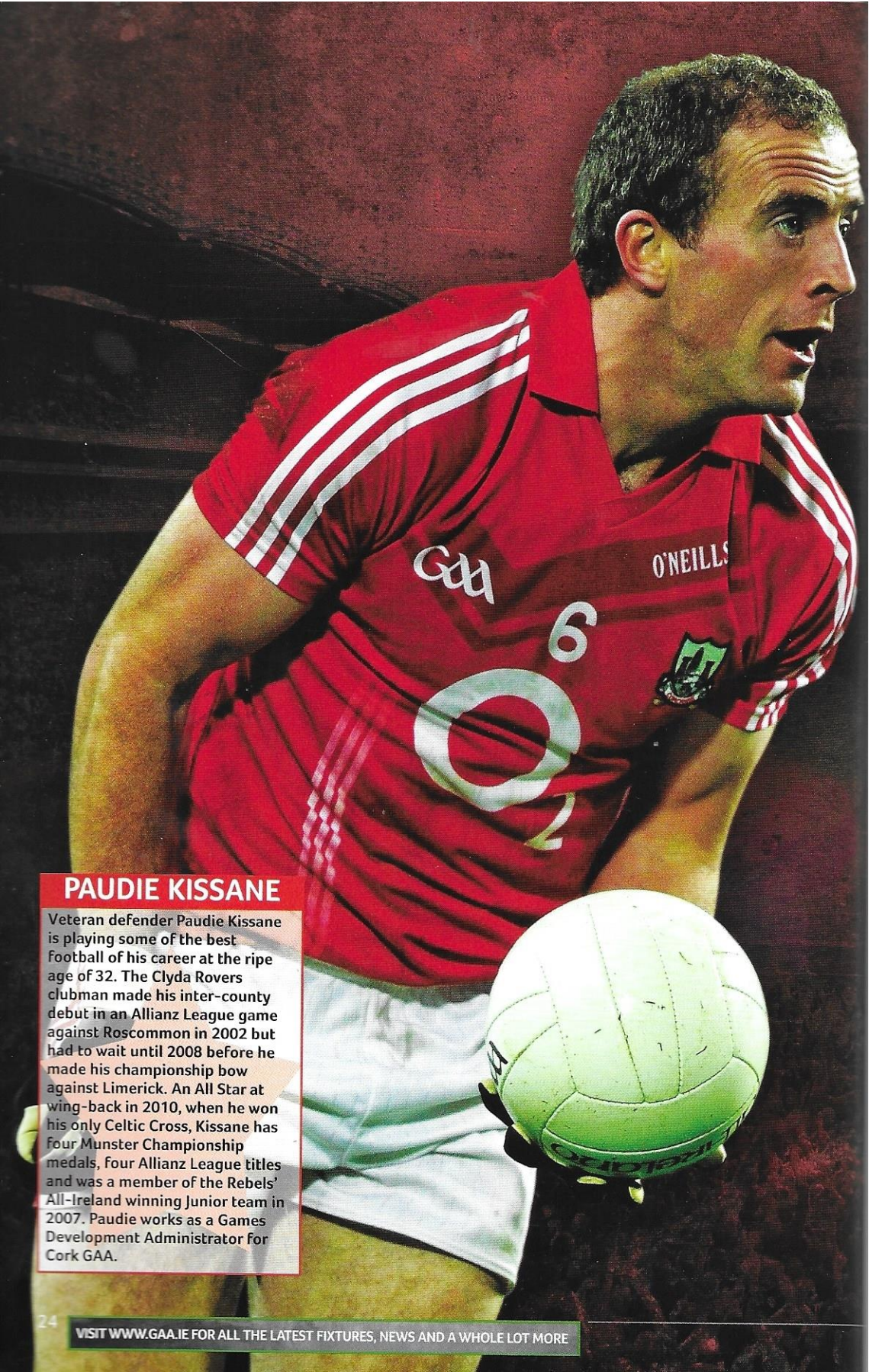
Ciarán McDonald, Mayo, tries to get away from Don Davis, Cork, in 1999



Kerry's Seamus Moynihan marks Colin Corkery, Cork, in 2002

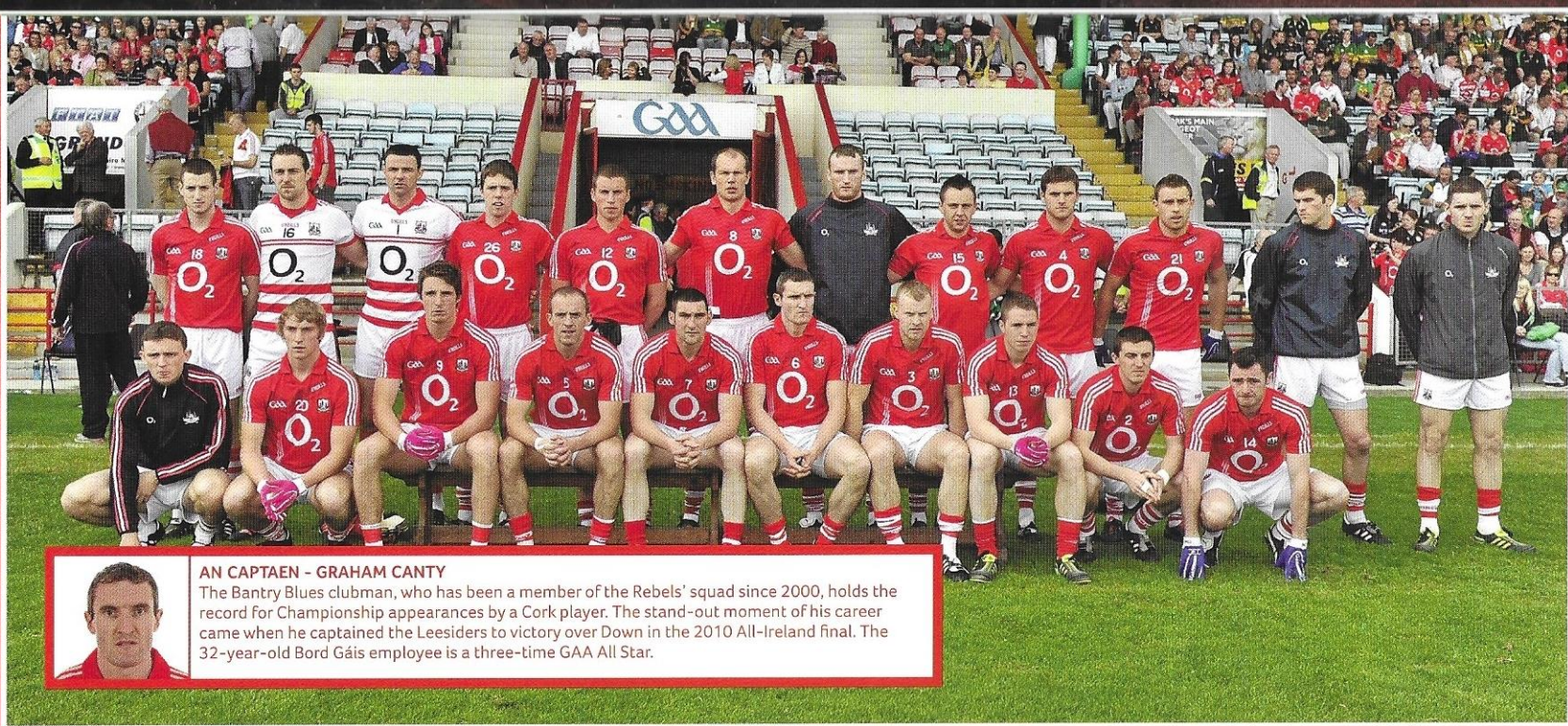


Patrick Kelly, Cork, in action against Niall Corkery, Dublin, in 2010



PAUDIE KISSANE

Veteran defender Paudie Kissane is playing some of the best football of his career at the ripe age of 32. The Clyda Rovers clubman made his inter-county debut in an Allianz League game against Roscommon in 2002 but had to wait until 2008 before he made his championship bow against Limerick. An All Star at wing-back in 2010, when he won his only Celtic Cross, Kissane has four Munster Championship medals, four Allianz League titles and was a member of the Rebels' All-Ireland winning Junior team in 2007. Paudie works as a Games Development Administrator for Cork GAA.



AN CAPTAEN - GRAHAM CANTY

The Bantry Blues clubman, who has been a member of the Rebels' squad since 2000, holds the record for Championship appearances by a Cork player. The stand-out moment of his career came when he captained the Leesiders to victory over Down in the 2010 All-Ireland final. The 32-year-old Bord Gáis employee is a three-time GAA All Star.

CORCAIGH

Back (L-R): Eoin Cotter, Ken O'Halloran, Alan Quirke, Seán Kiely, Patrick Kelly, Alan O'Connor, Nicholas Murphy, Paul Kerrigan, Eoin Cadogan, Ciarán Sheehan, Conor O'Driscoll, Daniel Goulding.

Front (L-R): Mark Collins, Denis O'Sullivan, Aidan Walsh, Paudie Kissane, Noel O'Leary, Graham Canty, Michael Shields, Colm O'Neill, Ray Carey, Donncha O'Connor.



NO COMFORT BLANKET FOR REBELS

By Éamonn Murphy, Evening Echo

On Leeside it's rare that any great value is placed on events in the spring. While the Rebel footballers have evolved into one of the best teams in the country on the back of three successive Allianz League Division I titles, and the Division II crown in 2009, the phrase 'it's only the league' could well have been coined in Cork.

All-Ireland and Munster medals are cherished. On the other hand an Allianz League medal is worth as much down south as an Olympic bronze is to American swimming legend Michael Phelps.

The supporters know this too, yet one game from the early stages of this season stands out: Donegal 1-7 Cork 0-6. A trip up to Ballybofey at the start of March was never going to be an easy couple of league points for Conor Coughlin's side, but there are trends from that match which are of huge concern ahead of today's rematch in the All-Ireland semi-final.

That day, Cork posted their lowest scoring tally since 2008, when Coughlin took over, they failed to raise a flag after the 41st minute and could have lost by more had back-up keeper Ken O'Halloran not made a super save and Donegal been more accurate.

Even allowing for the absence of key powerhouses like Michael Shields, Eoin Cadogan, Alan O'Connor and Pearse O'Neill - and more importantly in the context of Donegal's physicality - the blanket defence once again shut down Cork.

While they aren't exponents of the style generally, Kerry beat Cork in the 2009 All-Ireland final by flooding bodies back in the second half to protect their lead while also dragging Rebel defenders out of position. It was a tactic that almost paid off for Limerick in that year's Munster final.

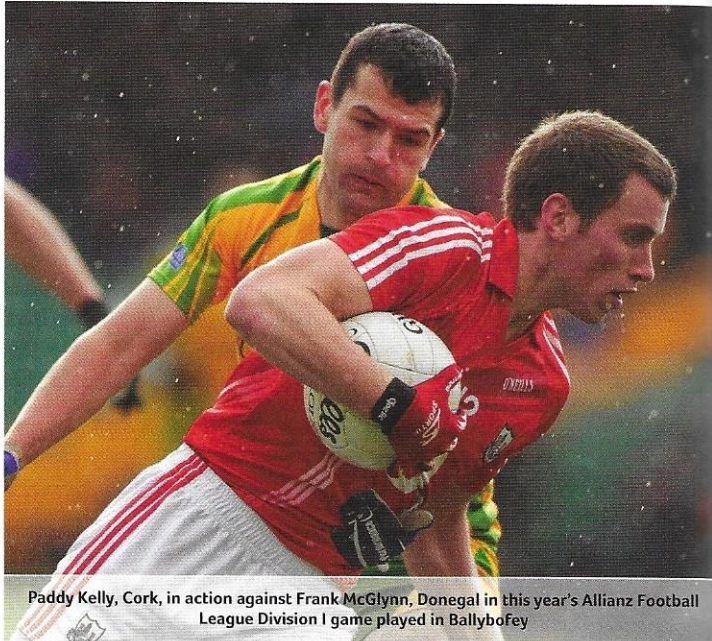
A year ago, Mayo squeezed the life out of Cork's front six in their shock quarter-final win and then counter-attacked at pace. In that regard, the Donegal league game is certainly relevant.

Unusually there weren't too many Corkonians dancing on Kerry's grave after they were outmuscled and outfought by Donegal, despite Cork's

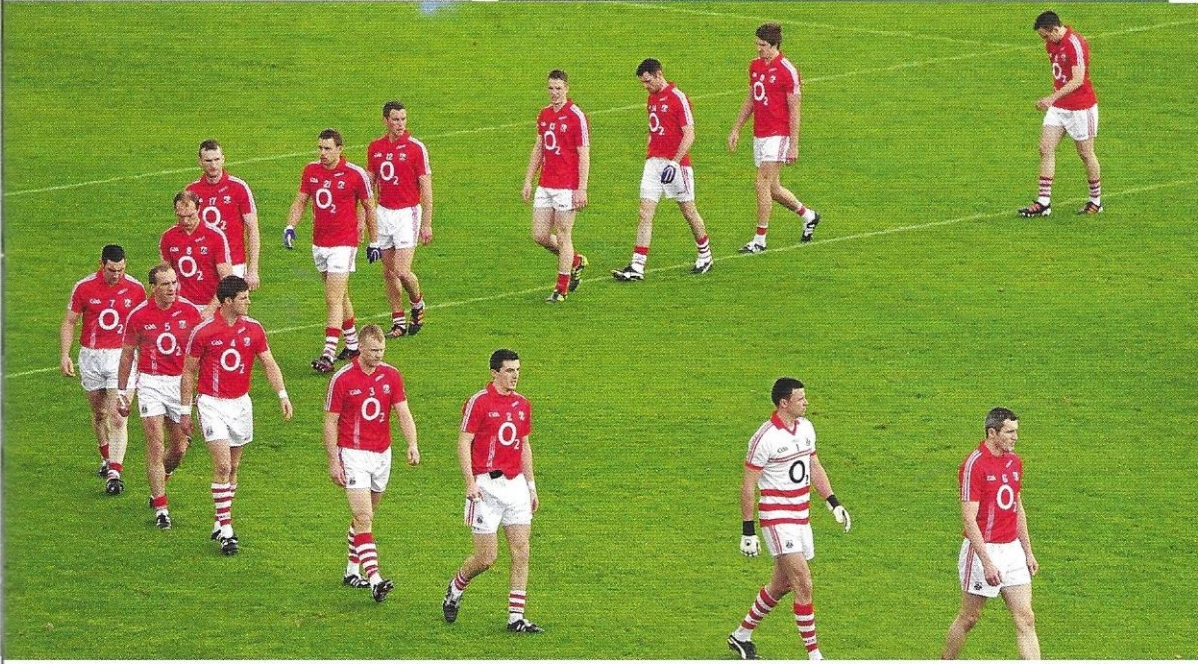
commanding defeat of Kildare. Back in 2010, huge relief greeted Kerry's exit but Donegal were a much more straightforward proposition than Donegal, who might yet prove trickier to overcome than Cork's great rivals.

The greatest tribute you could play to Jim McGuinness' side is they force teams to engage them on their terms. Of course at their best Cork dictate the terms of engagement too. They'll need to bring their 'A' game today.

After the wildly inconsistent summer of 2011 was followed by a patchy start to the league, the hardcore Cork football faithful - and it is very much a hardcore in a county where hurling is



Paddy Kelly, Cork, in action against Frank McGlynn, Donegal in this year's Allianz Football League Division I game played in Ballybofey



firmly number one – were slightly concerned. The nadir was the league defeat to Kerry in Páirc Uí Chaoimh, but since then Counihan's charges have been hugely impressive.

They rallied from behind to slip past Mayo in Castlebar, reversing a loss from 12 months earlier, were in control in the final regular league match against Dublin and then beat Down and Mayo to retain their crown.

One of the major positives was Colm O'Neill's resurgence after his second cruciate knee injury. He ended the spring as the team's joint top-scorer with a haul of 4-16, with Donncha O'Connor striking 1-25. For his goal threat alone, O'Neill is precious in a county where hitting the net has always proved a problem. While his green flag against Kildare was his first in championship since the '09 All-Ireland final, he's only now getting regular games.

The other big plus in the league was Aidan Walsh's development, and a stint as a target man full-forward helped restore the Kanturk man to 2010 levels of performance. Even in winning Young

Footballer of the Year, one of the criticisms levelled at Walsh that year was his inconsistent shooting; this season he's plundered 3-13 in league and championship.

Adding a scoring threat to his athleticism has added to the belief that this All-Ireland is Cork's to lose. Though traditionally the tag of favourites hasn't sat well with Cork football teams!

The return of Daniel Goulding and Ciarán Sheehan was a boost coming into the summer, and even if they were fortunate not to concede a couple of goals against Kerry, Cork were at their forceful best for spells of the games against the Kingdom, Clare and Kildare. The squad is as strong as any Cork panel before it, and by placing Walsh, and lately Nicholas Murphy, inside there is a balance between the running game and long kick-passing.

Considering there were doubts about Graham Canty's appetite following two injury-ruined years, the defence and 'keeper Alan Quirke have been integral to the season so far.

Having Cadogan available regularly has been a boost, while Shields, Paudie Kissane and Noel O'Leary are in All Star form.

As a consequence Cork have let in just two goals in 12 matches this year, and only one from play – to Donegal's Michael Murphy incidentally! They haven't conceded more than 13 scores in any tie, Down running up the highest tally of 1-12 and still falling short by eight points.

However, because it's Donegal and the ultimate blanket defence they're facing, Cork supporters are only quietly confident of All-Ireland glory, compared to two years ago.

Returning to the league meeting, Cork collected just four of Donegal's kick-outs, and lost 11, while they leaked the goal after just 12 seconds. If they can keep another clean sheet and gather more primary possession on kick-outs, Donegal's especially, they might have the right combination of direct running, aggression and quality subs to prevail today.

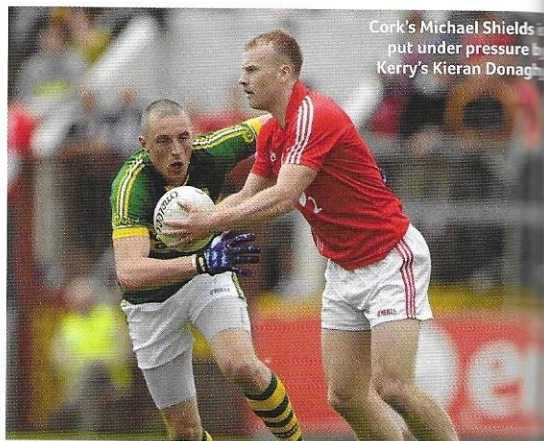


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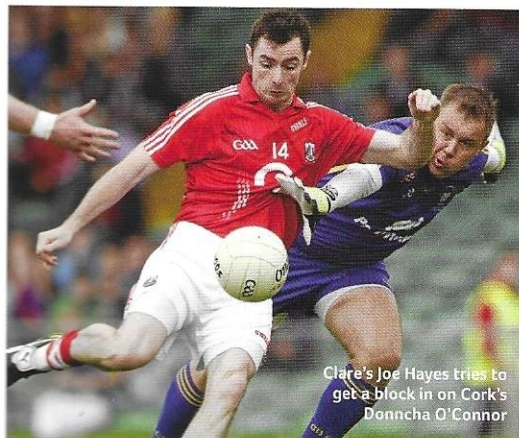
June 10, Páirc Uí Chaoimh
Cork 0-17 Kerry 0-12

On the face of it a five-point winning margin suggests a relatively comfortable afternoon for the hosts, but with goalkeeper Alan Quirke vying with Donncha O'Connor for the man-of-the-match award, it was anything but straightforward for the victors. Initially, the hosts had the better of the argument notching the first three scores of the contest. The visitors then responded with four unanswered flags, before the Rebels replied in kind to turn over leading by 0-7 to 0-4. However, it had taken two fine saves from Quirke to help Cork keep their noses in front and he was called upon again in the third quarter. Meanwhile O'Connor was tormenting the Kingdom rearguard at the other end and four of his six points came from play. Still, Kerry hung in and trailed by just two at the hour mark before Cork's final surge took them clear.



Cork's Michael Shields put under pressure by Kerry's Kieran Donaghy

July 8, the Gaelic Grounds
Cork 3-16 Clare 0-13

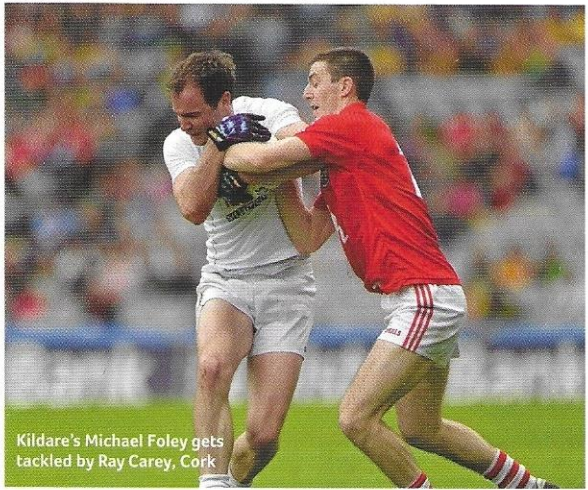


Clare's Joe Hayes tries to get a block in on Cork's Donncha O'Connor

Again a slightly misleading scoreline. Yes, the result was never in doubt as three first-half goals gave Cork a nine-point interval advantage that never looked remotely under threat. However, once again the Rebels' rearguard was tested at times and on three occasions balls were cleared which may have yielded goals on other occasions. Aidan Walsh and Fintan Goold raised green flags in the opening 20 minutes as Cork swept into a 2-5 to 0-4 advantage and four minutes before the break Nicholas Murphy added a third. Having turned over nine points to the good Cork eased off the throttle in the second period although credit must go to Clare who battled away despite the deficit. Manager Conor Counihan described Cork's second-half performance as "disappointing" although the winners still edged that period by nine points to six. Mission accomplished but there would be tougher tests ahead.

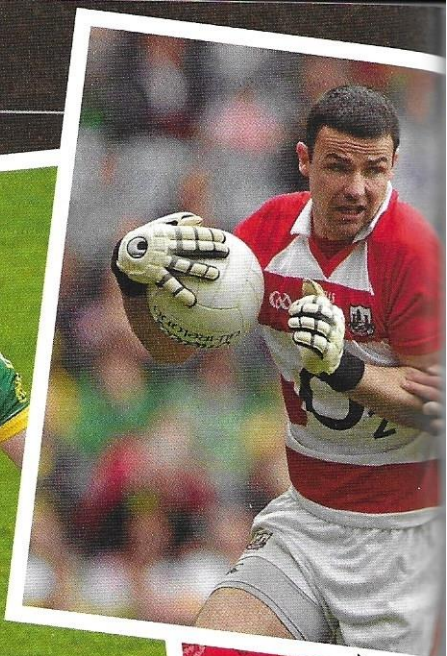
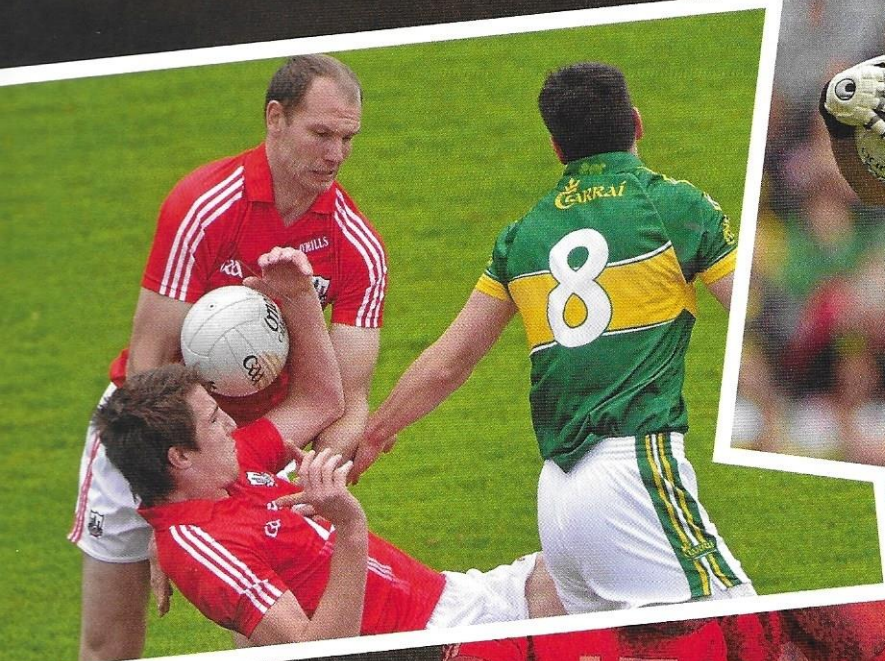
August 5, Croke Park
Cork 2-19 Kildare 0-12

A much more complete performance than the Munster final win over Clare as Kildare were swept aside. The winners enjoyed some good fortune for their first goal at the 15th minute when Shane Connolly's fine save from Paul Kerrigan rebounded off Eoin Doyle into his own net. There was no element of fortune about the second major four minutes later though when Donncha O'Connor and Colm O'Neill combined for the Ballyclough ace to provide the finish. At 2-5 to 0-3 Kildare were always chasing the game thereafter, but five unanswered points before the interval suggested they were capable of reeling the Leesiders in. Cork's barren spell didn't end until Daniel Goulding found the target at the 43rd minute, but that score inspired the Rebels and in the following 10 minutes they kept the umpires busy to race clear. With the result decided the match petered out in the final quarter.

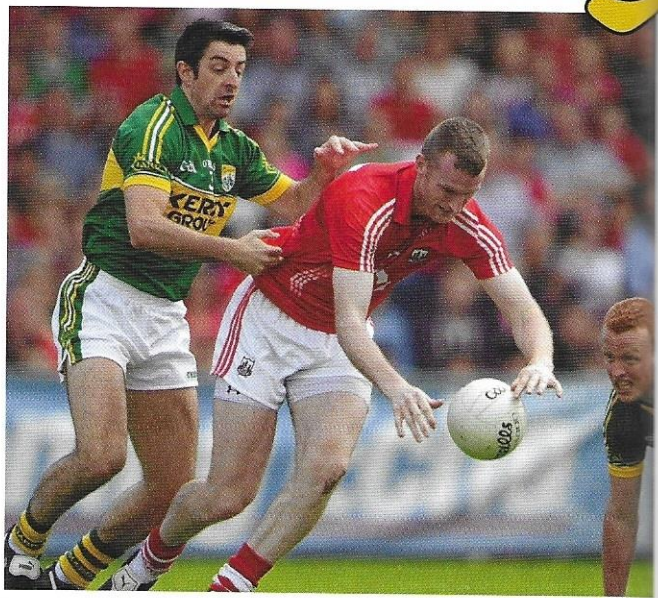
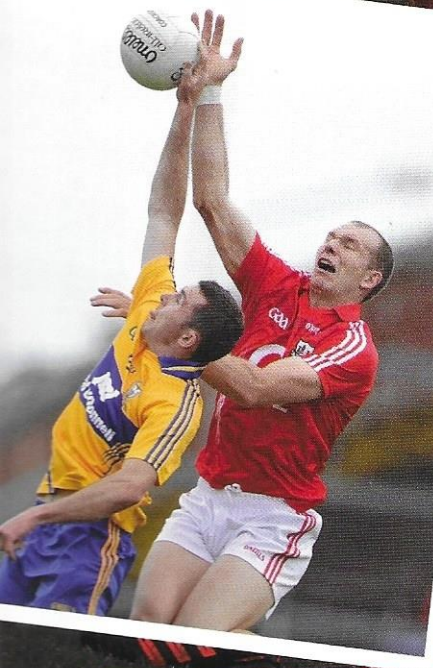


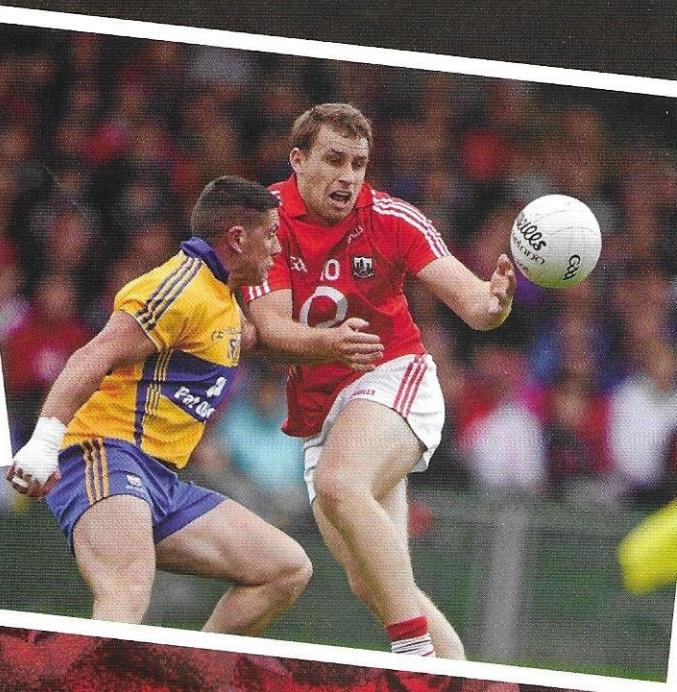
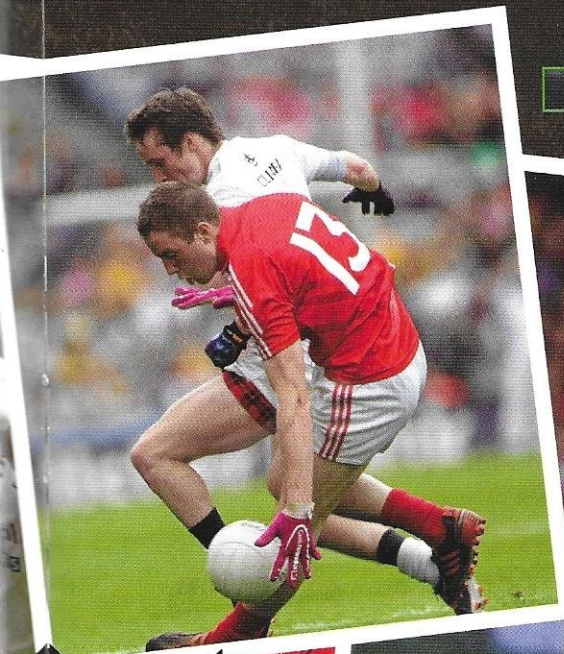
Kildare's Michael Foley gets tackled by Ray Carey, Cork

	10/6	8/7	5/9	TOTAL
COLM O'NEILL	0-5	0-4	1-3	1-12
DONNCHA O'CONNOR	0-6	0-2	0-4	0-12
AIDAN WALSH	----	1-1	0-3	1-4
PAUL KERRIGAN	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-6
DANIEL GOULDING	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-6
CIARÁN SHEEHAN	0-1	0-4	----	0-5
FINTAN GOOLD	----	1-0	0-1	1-1
PAUDIE KISSANE	0-1	----	0-2	0-3
NICHOLAS MURPHY	----	1-0	----	1-0
PEARSE O'NEILL	----	----	0-2	0-2
BARRY O'DRISCOLL	----	0-1	----	0-1
EOIN DOYLE (KILDARE)			1-0 og	1-0

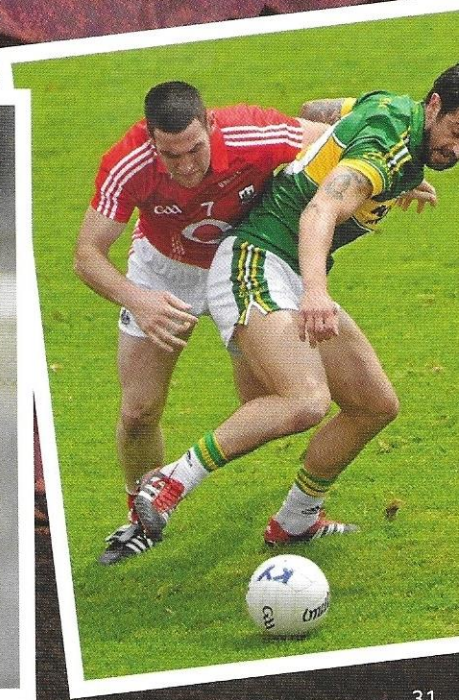
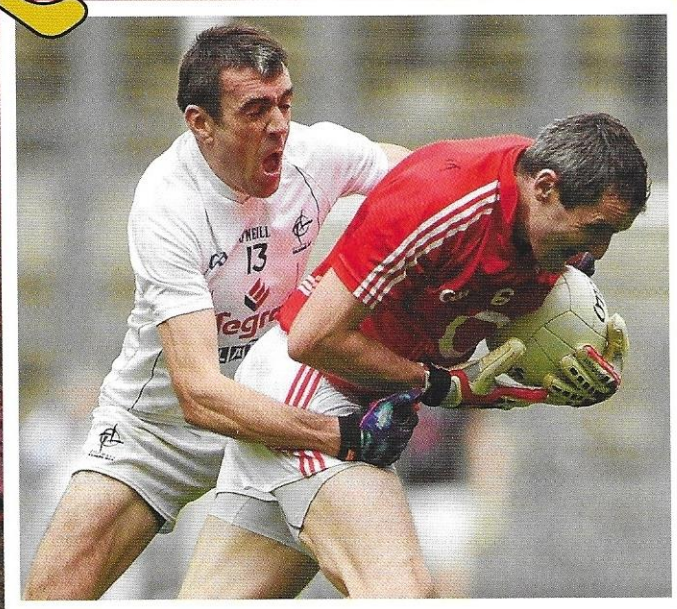


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					1st Half
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Roghnóirí
Peadar Healy,
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Ger O'Sullivan,
Jim Nolan

1
ALAN QUIRKE
A. Ó Cuirc
Valley Rovers

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R. Ó Ciara
Clyda Rovers

3
MICHAEL SHIELDS
M. Ó Siall
St Finbarrs

4
EOIN CADOGAN
E. Ó Ceadagáin
Douglas

5
PAUDIE KISSANE
P. Ó Cíosáin
Clyda Rovers

6
GRAHAM CANTY
G. Ó Cáinte (Capt.)
Bantry Blues

7
NOEL O'LEARY
N. Ó Laoire
Cill na Martra

8
ALAN O'CONNOR
A. Ó Conchubhair
St Colum's

9
AIDAN WALSH
A. Breathnach
Kanturk

10
FINTAN GOOLD
F. de Gúl
Macroom

11
PATRICK KELLY
P. Ó Ceallaigh
Ballincollig

12
PAUL KERRIGAN
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13
COLM O'NEILL
C. Ó Néill
Ballyclough

14
DONNCHA O'CONNOR
D. Ó Conchubhair
Ballydesmond

15
NICHOLAS MURPHY
N. Ó Murchú
Carrigaline

Fir Ionaid

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C. Ó hAllmhúrain
Bishopstown
- 17. **Eoin Cotter**
E. Mac Coitir
Douglas
- 18. **Jamie O'Sullivan**
S. Ó Suillebháin
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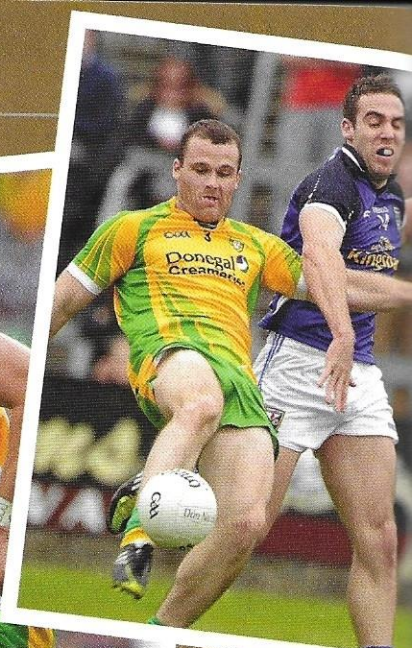
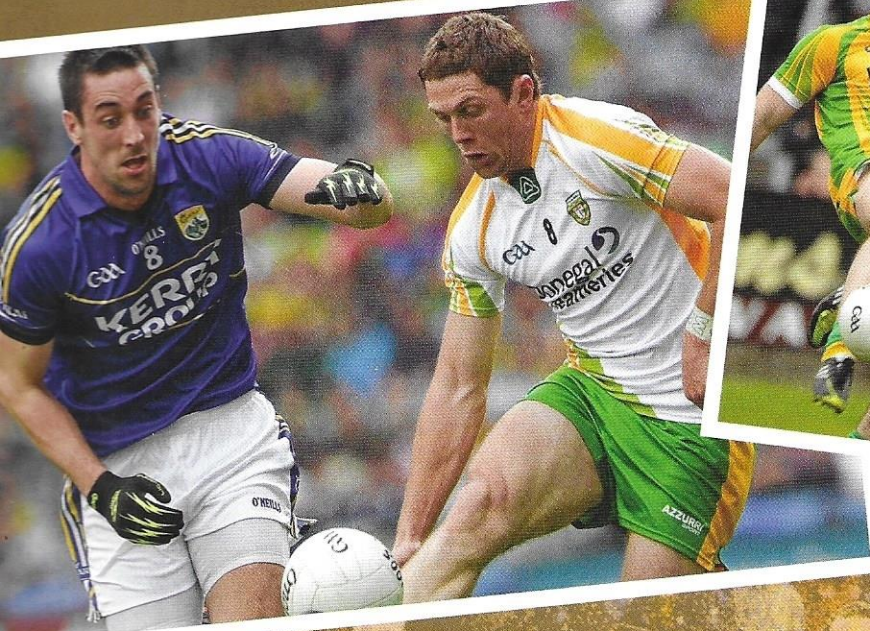
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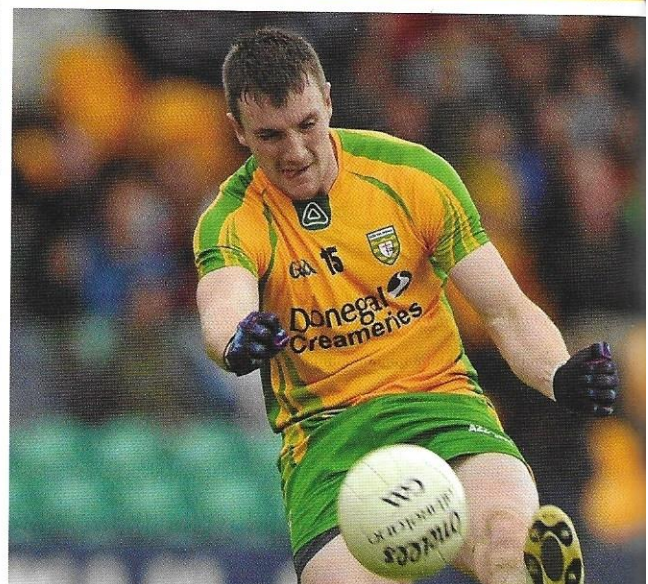
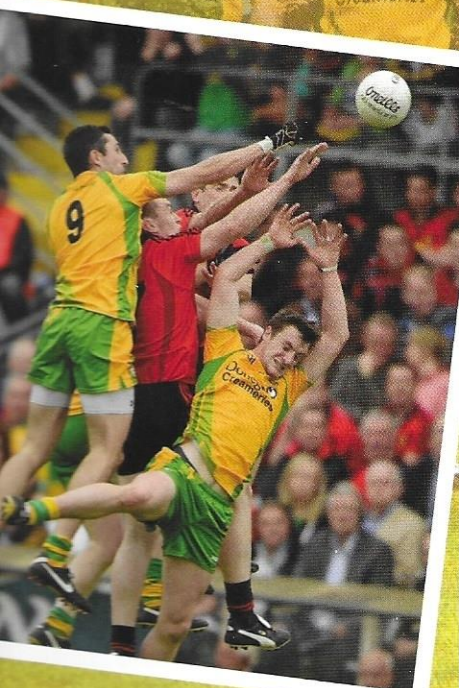


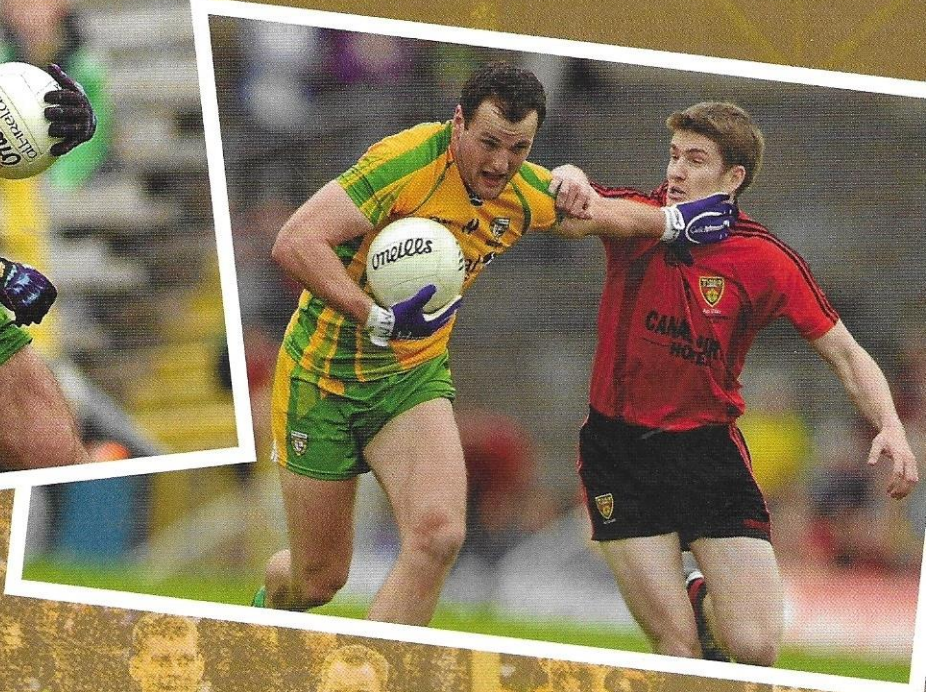
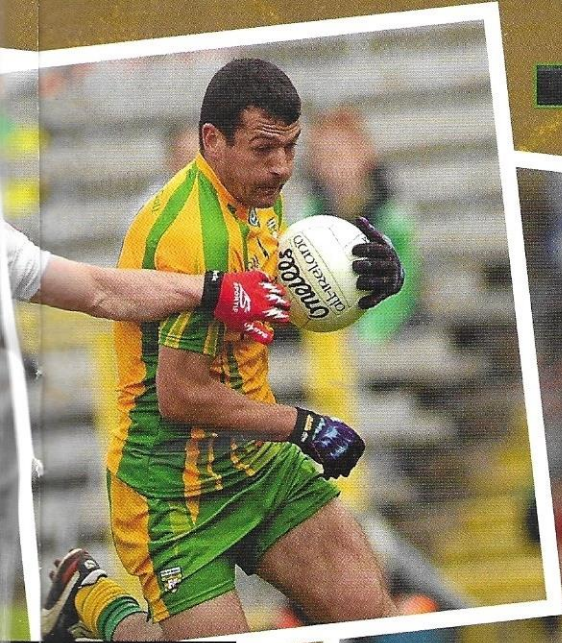
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- 19. **David Walsh**
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- 20. **Christy Toye**
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- 21. **Stephen Griffin**
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- 22. **Daniel McLaughlin**
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- 23. **Martin O'Reilly**
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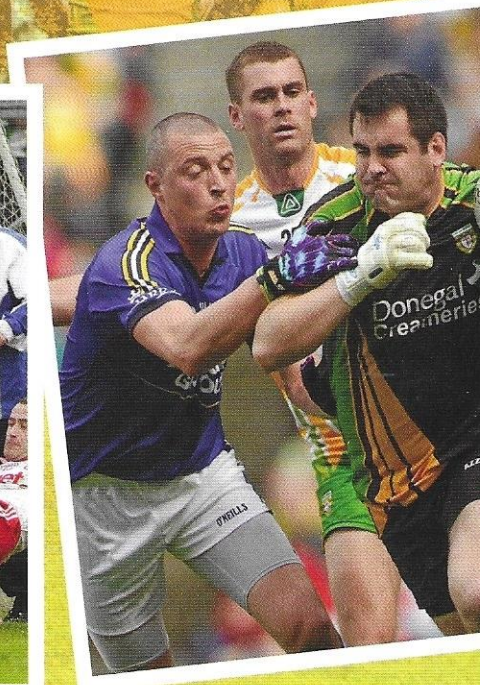
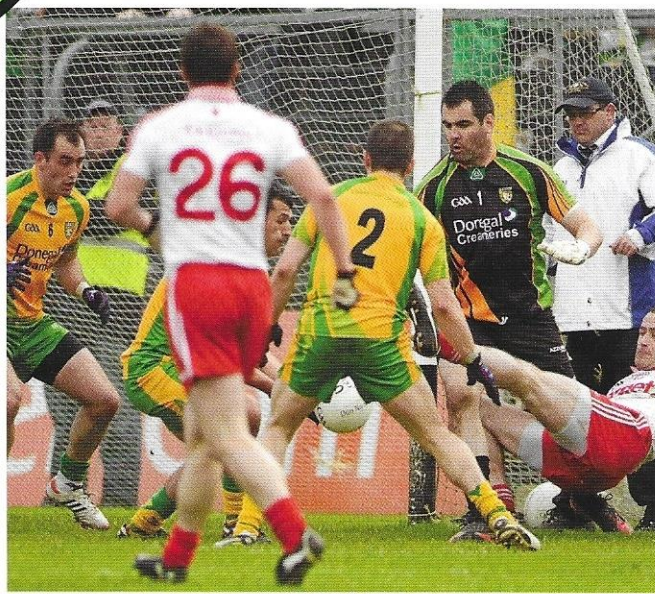


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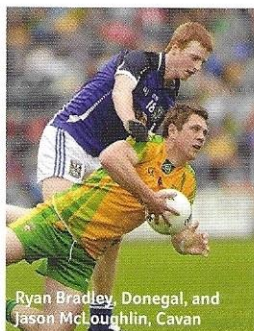


DONEGAL'S CAMPAIGN TO DATE 2012



May 20, Breffni Park
Donegal 1-16 Cavan 1-10

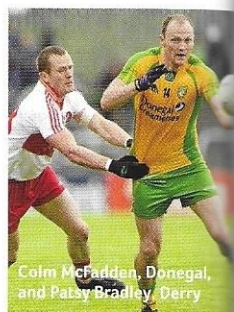
Having shipped a fair bit of criticism for their defensive prowess in the latter stages of the previous season, the reigning Ulster champions showed they had a flair for attacking too with this measured opening performance against Cavan at Kingspan Breffni Park. All but five points of their total came from play although their goal did come from the penalty spot at the 31st minute when following a foul on Paddy McBrearty, Colm McFadden converted coolly. That helped the visitors into a 1-7 to 0-4 interval advantage and six points was still the margin at the full-time whistle.



Ryan Bradley, Donegal, and Jason McLoughlin, Cavan

June 16, Ballybofey
Donegal 2-13 Derry 0-9

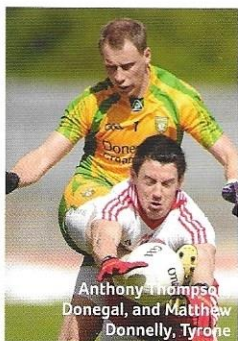
The bid to retain provincial honours gathered momentum at Ballybofey as the hosts strolled past a disappointing Oak Leaf outfit. A little under 12 months previously Donegal had defeated Derry in the Ulster final by six points but on home turf that margin was extended into double figures. As with the Cavan encounter Donegal's first goal came at the 31st minute with Leo McLoone finishing Colm McFadden's pass. At the break it was 1-6 to 0-4 and when McFadden found the net nine minutes after the resumption it became a matter of only what Donegal's winning margin would be.



Colm McFadden, Donegal, and Paddy Bradley, Derry

June 30, Clones
Donegal 0-12 Tyrone 0-10

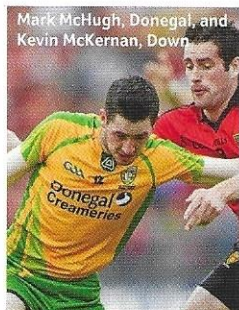
Fears of a dour 70 minutes at Clones were not realised although it would be true to say that defences on both sides had the better of the argument in a contest that Tyrone manager Mickey Harte described as "intriguing". Hard to argue with him as a cagey opening 35 minutes ended with Tyrone a point to the good, but having had first use of the breeze. Although Tyrone edged two clear on the restart (0-7 to 0-5) the momentum was with Donegal and Ryan Bradley's point at the 48th minute gave them a lead they never relinquished.



Anthony Thompson, Donegal, and Matthew Donnelly, Tyrone

July 22, Clones
Donegal 2-18 Down 0-13

Mission accomplished as Donegal retained the Anglo Celtic Cup for the first time. And they did it in style notching all but three points from play as they swept Down aside. However the 11-point margin didn't reflect the problems posed by Mourne men in the opening half and Leo McLoone's goal gave Donegal an interval lead (1-5 to 0-7) they scarcely deserved on the run of play. Down levelled on the restart, but thereafter was all Donegal. Points by Michael Murphy and Mark McHugh preceded Frankie McGlynn's goal and the champions pulled further clear in the closing quarter.

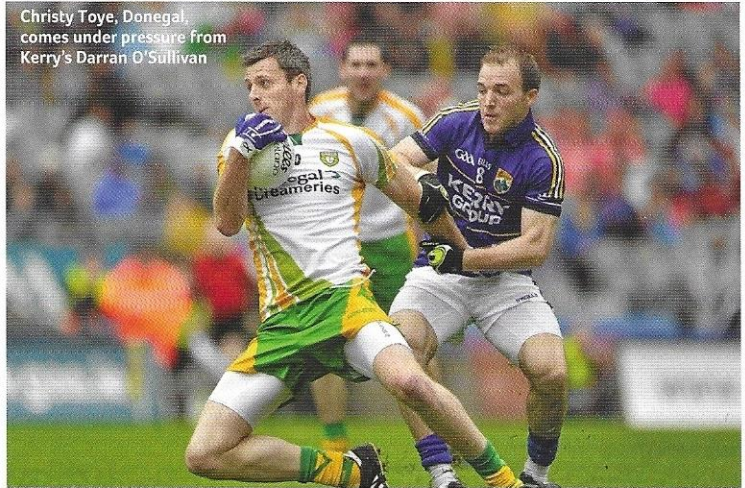


Mark McHugh, Donegal, and Kevin McKernan, Down

August 5, Croke Park
Donegal 1-12 Kerry 1-10

A first-ever meeting with Kerry and the victory margin didn't reflect the dominance enjoyed by the Ulster champions. Donegal led by six points with as many minutes remaining and although the Kingdom roared back to get within one, a late point by Karl Lacey ensured the laurels rested where they belonged. Colm McFadden's fortuitous goal in the sixth minute from the sideline helped Donegal into a 1-4 to 0-5 interval lead and they still enjoyed a two-point advantage at the three-quarter hour mark before a winning burst took them six clear; a cushion sufficient to withstand Kerry's late rally.

Christy Toye, Donegal, comes under pressure from Kerry's Darran O'Sullivan



	20/5	16/6	30/6	22/7	5/8	TOTAL
COLM McFADDEN	1-6	1-2	0-3	0-6	1-6	3-23
MICHAEL MURPHY	----	0-3	0-3	0-1	0-3	0-10
LEO McLOONE	0-2	1-0	----	1-0	0-1	2-3
RORY KAVANAGH	0-3	----	0-2	----	----	0-5
MARK McHUGH	0-2	----	0-1	0-2	----	0-5
FRANK McGLYNN	0-1	0-1	----	1-0	----	1-2
PADDY McBREARTY	----	0-2	0-1	0-1	----	0-4
RYAN BRADLEY	----	0-1	0-1	0-2	----	0-4
DAVID WALSH	----	0-2	----	0-1	----	0-3
DECLAN WALSH	----	----	----	0-2	----	0-2
NEIL GALLAGHER	0-1	0-1	----	----	----	0-2
MARTIN McELHINNEY	----	----	----	0-2	----	0-2
KARL LACEY	----	----	0-1	----	0-1	0-2
NEIL MCGEE	0-1	----	----	----	----	0-1
ANTHONY THOMPSON	----	0-1	----	----	----	0-1
DANIEL McLAUGHLIN	----	----	----	0-1	----	0-1
CHRISTY TOYE	----	----	----	----	0-1	0-1



NEW PLAN IS HEAVEN SENT FOR DONEGAL

By Chris McNulty, Donegal News

A student of the game and now a teacher of the game, Jim McGuinness didn't need anyone to point out where last year's All-Ireland semi-final went wrong.

Donegal had the 'Hill' silenced and had Dublin staggering on the ropes, but the knock-out blow never came. Tír Chonaill tried, but a series of uppercuts didn't land.

They danced away from danger, but were made pay for a lack of adventure.

McGuinness held court in the Hogan Stand's press interview room shortly after the 2011 adventure ended.

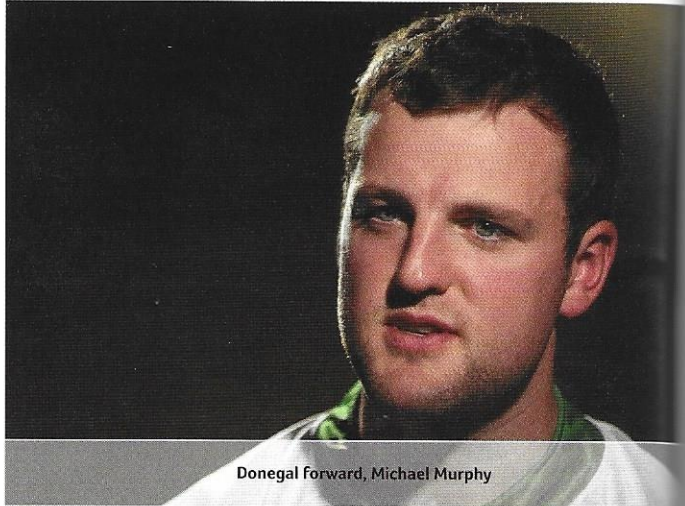
It was the story of 2011, but in the immediacy of All-Ireland semi-final defeat McGuinness already knew what the country would spend the winter telling him.

"We need to see if we can sort out the offensive side of things and make ourselves better, sharper and slicker. That is the challenge for us. We have never said that we're the finished article," he told the media present that afternoon.

As James Joyce once said, "a man's errors are his portals of discovery."

Donegal have taken the lessons, dissected them and come back armed with a new blueprint.

"Ultimately the scoreboard let us down and we've worked hard in the winter months to rectify that," says McGuinness.



Donegal forward, Michael Murphy

"I think that our score average is around 18 points now after five games. It is a fairly decent average for this far into the Championship."

From revolution to evolution, Donegal's juggernaut is gathering steam again.

Their plan again has a unique feel to it. They're Gaelic football's version of the Mighty Ducks – Tír Chonaill attack in waves, they fly together.

Where once they were seen as the defensive rocks upon which their system rested, the likes of Frank McGlynn, Anthony Thompson and Karl Lacey are now focal points among the attacks. Even full-back Neil McGee has contributed to their Championship scoring chart this summer.

"The whole package has moved on," says assistant manager Rory Gallagher.

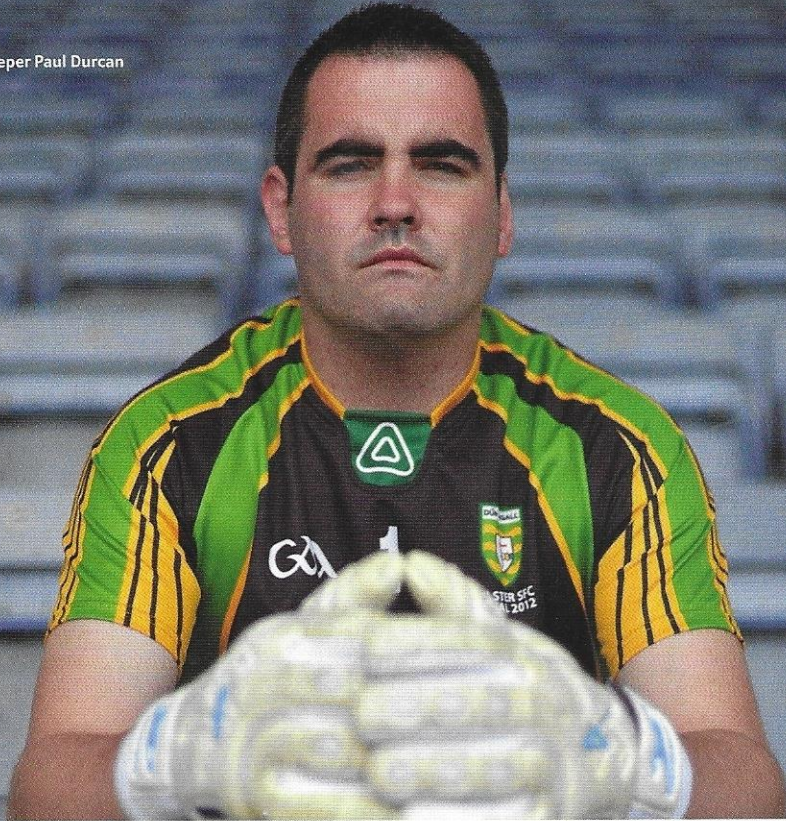
"You'll find that the way we're playing isn't a whole lot different to last year. We are getting scores a bit easier and that was something we want to continue to do.

"There was a perception that we had a handbrake on players at times last year, but that certainly wasn't the case. We may have been a little cautious, but we realised that we had to be getting scores."

Three years ago, Donegal limped through the All-Ireland Qualifiers after suffering the ignominy of an Ulster Championship Preliminary Round defeat to Antrim in Ballybofey. Then they came to Croke Park for an All-Ireland quarter-final.

Cork 1-27 Donegal 2-10. Only for the brilliance of Michael Murphy,

Donegal goalkeeper Paul Durcan



Donegal's day would have been even more sour.

Murphy was named Young Player of the Year that year. He was second only to Colm Cooper, scoring 0-36.

Looking back now, Murphy's comments at the All Star banquet ring true.

"You don't want to get down on the personal awards. I would gladly swap them for a Sam Maguire or an Anglo-Celt, or even a good shot at Sam," he said.

Murphy is no longer the one-man band he once was. Now he helps call a collective tune.

Teams of old had factions and cliques; not so this one.

Patrick McBrearty trained just 25 times

in two years with the senior team. He has two Ulster Championship medals and is set to feature in his second All-Ireland senior semi-final today. He turned 19 a couple of weeks ago and has just completed his Leaving Cert.

His maturity has been one of the overriding factors in Donegal's story of 2012.

"Jim took me this year and settled me down," says McBrearty, who evolved as a player in Kilcar where he was the go-to man on all teams.

"He told me to do my bit for the team, to work hard. The rest takes care of itself. That is what I have been doing and I'm far happier this year with my own performances."

Today Donegal stand at a drawbridge that has previously been crossed by just one Donegal team in history.

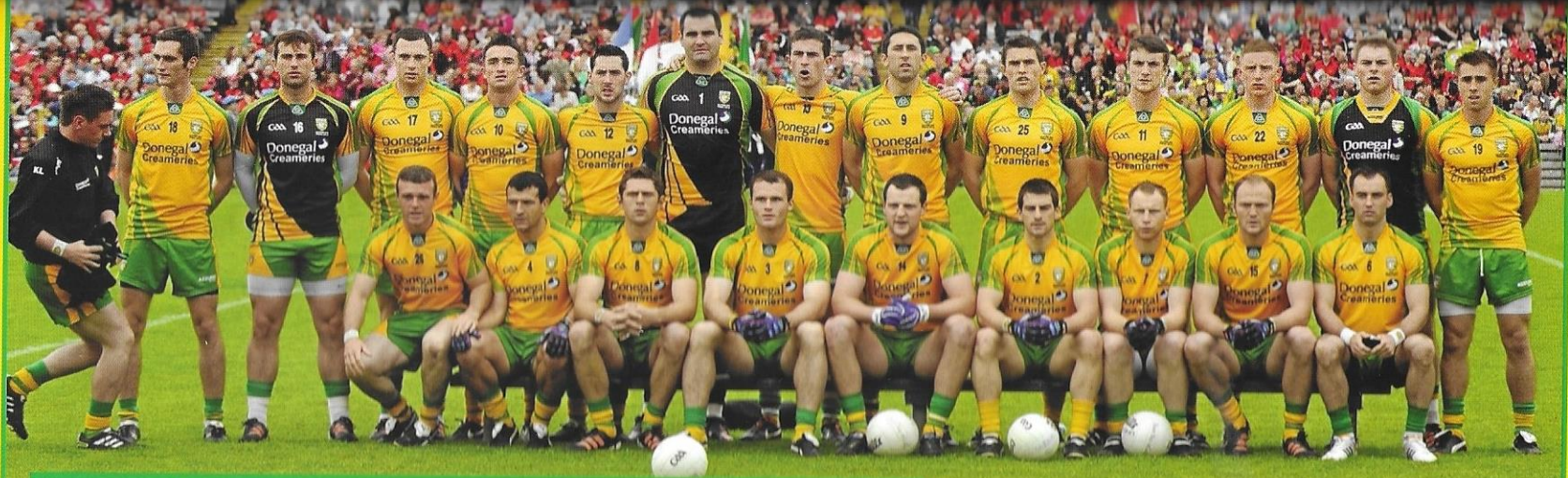
When the storied boys of 1992 met Mayo in their semi-final, Barry McGowan felt as much pressure as ever before.

"People talk about the pressure a final brings, but there was as much pressure, if not more, for the semi-final," says McGowan.

"It was a different kind of pressure though. We knew we couldn't afford to come back from another All-Ireland semi-final after being beaten."

That Donegal team spent long enough in Purgatory before they ascended to Heaven that afternoon.

Some of the current team have spent long enough with the green and gold burning in the flames of Hell. Now, they too knock on Heaven's door.



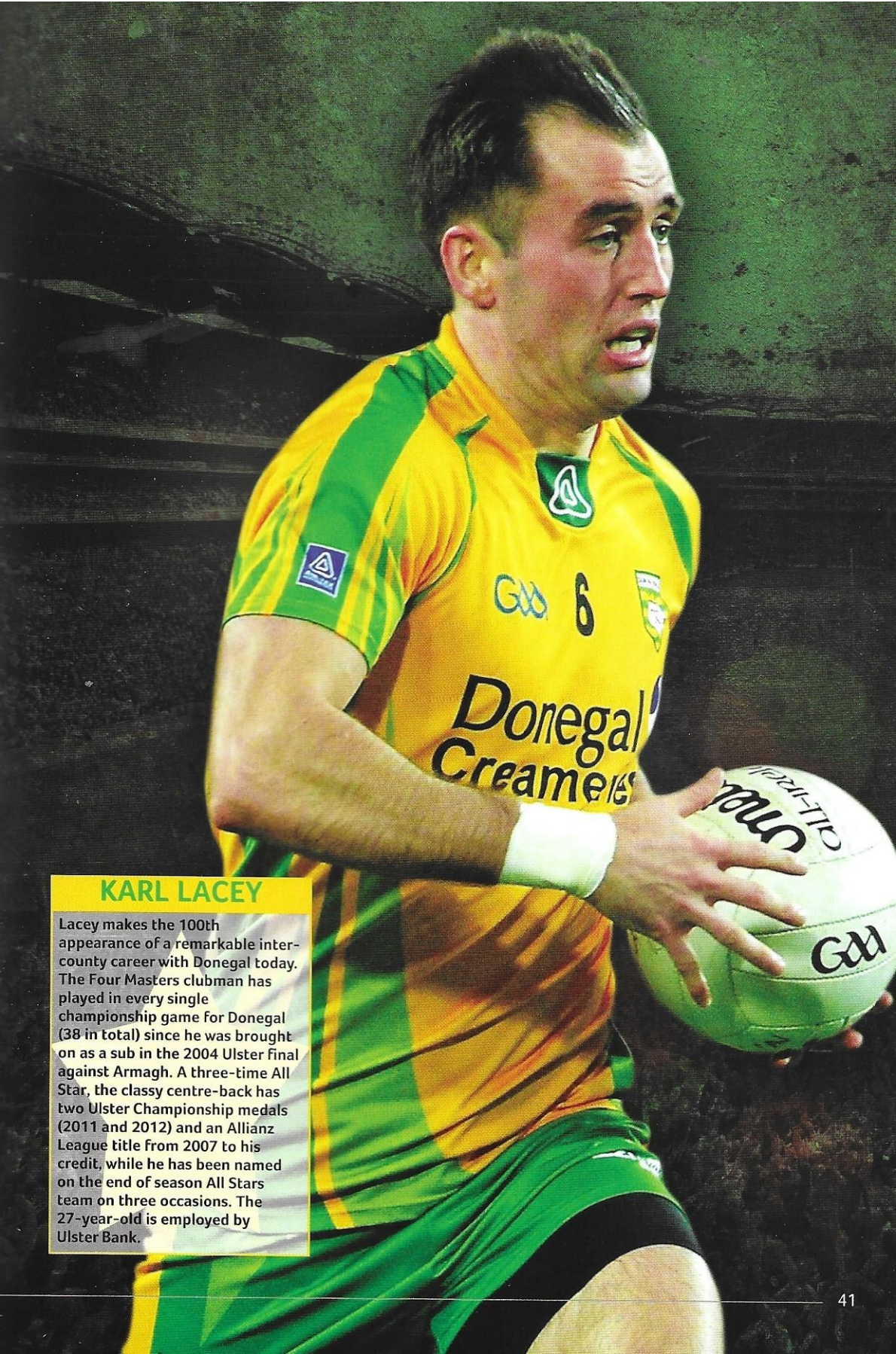
AN CAPTAIN - MICHAEL MURPHY

Glenswilly man Murphy was appointed as Donegal Senior captain by manager Jim McGuinness at the start of last season when he was just 21. An underage star with Donegal, he made his inter-county debut in the McKenna Cup in 2007. The former Young Footballer of the Year (2009) captained Donegal to the first back-to-back Ulster titles in their history last month against Down.

DÚN NA nGALL

Back (l-r): Martin O'Reilly, Marty Boyle, Michael Boyle, Martin McElhinney, David Walsh, Mark McHugh, Paul Durcan, Patrick McBrearty, Rory Kavanagh, Declan Walsh, Leo McLoone, Daniel McLaughlin, Dermot Molloy, Thomas McKinley.

Front (l-r): Adrian Hanlon, Frank McGlynn, Ryan Bradley, Neil McGee, Michael Murphy, Paddy McGrath, Anthony Thompson, Colm McFadden, Karl Lacey.



KARL LACEY

Lacey makes the 100th appearance of a remarkable inter-county career with Donegal today. The Four Masters clubman has played in every single championship game for Donegal (38 in total) since he was brought on as a sub in the 2004 Ulster final against Armagh. A three-time All Star, the classy centre-back has two Ulster Championship medals (2011 and 2012) and an Allianz League title from 2007 to his credit, while he has been named on the end of season All Stars team on three occasions. The 27-year-old is employed by Ulster Bank.

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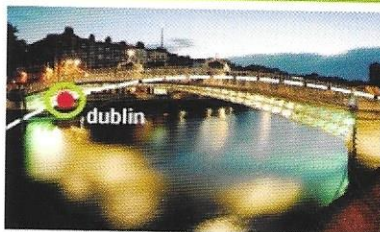
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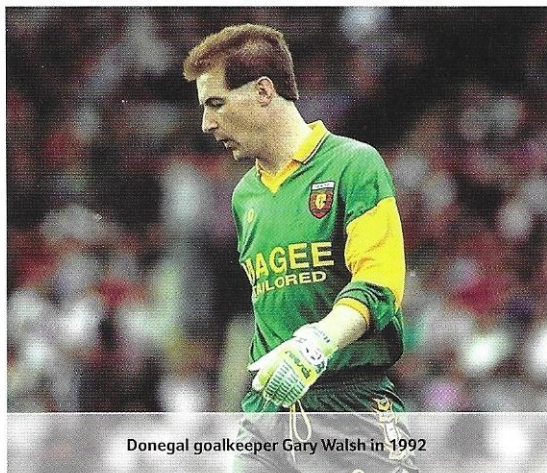


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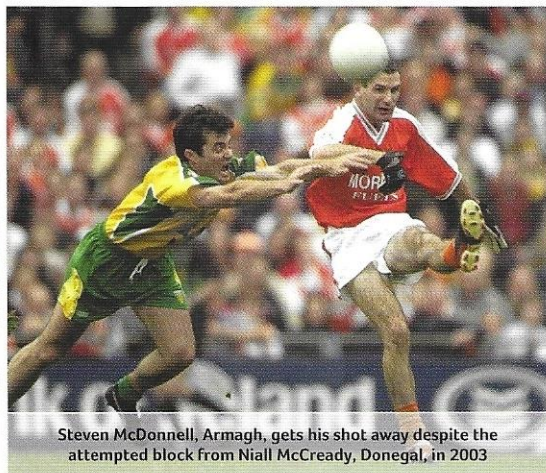
DONEGAL'S SEMI-FINAL RECORD

1972	Offaly	1-17	2-10	Donegal
1974	Galway	3-13	1-14	Donegal
1983	Galway	1-12	1-11	Donegal
1990	Meath	3-9	1-7	Donegal

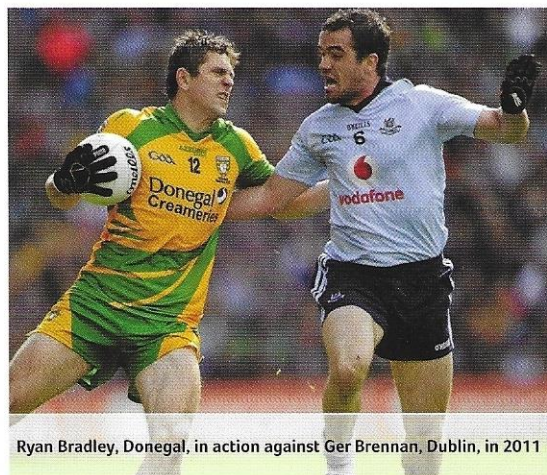
1992	Donegal	0-13	0-9	Mayo
2003	Armagh	2-10	1-9	Donegal
2011	Dublin	0-8	0-6	Donegal



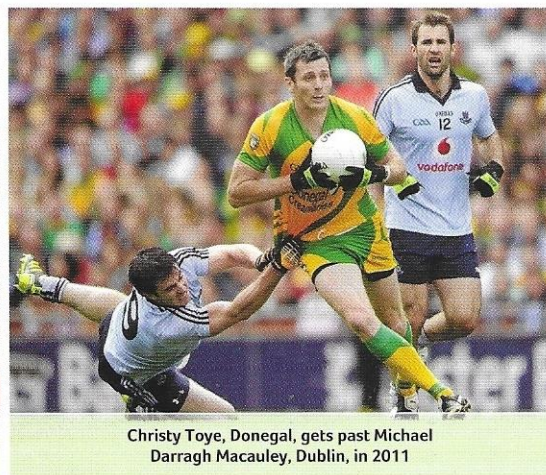
Donegal goalkeeper Gary Walsh in 1992



Steven McDonnell, Armagh, gets his shot away despite the attempted block from Niall McCreehy, Donegal, in 2003



Ryan Bradley, Donegal, in action against Ger Brennan, Dublin, in 2011



Christy Toye, Donegal, gets past Michael Darragh Macauley, Dublin, in 2011



SEMI-FINALS 2000-2011

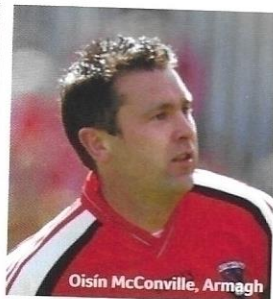
2000	Kerry	2-11	2-11	Armagh
Replay	Kerry	2-15	1-15	Armagh (aet)
	Galway	0-15	2-6	Kildare
2001	Galway	1-14	1-11	Derry
	Meath	2-14	0-5	Kerry
2002	Kerry	3-19	2-7	Cork
	Armagh	1-14	1-13	Dublin
2003	Tyrone	0-13	0-6	Kerry
	Armagh	2-10	1-9	Donegal
2004	Mayo	0-9	0-9	Fermanagh
Replay	Mayo	0-13	1-8	Fermanagh
	Kerry	1-17	1-11	Derry
2005	Kerry	1-19	0-9	Cork
	Tyrone	1-13	1-12	Armagh

2006	Kerry	0-16	0-10	Cork
	Mayo	1-16	2-12	Dublin
2007	Cork	1-16	0-9	Meath
	Kerry	1-15	0-16	Dublin
2008	Kerry	1-13	3-7	Cork
Replay	Kerry	3-14	2-13	Cork
	Tyrone	0-23	1-14	Wexford
2009	Cork	1-13	0-11	Tyrone
	Kerry	2-8	1-7	Meath
2010	Cork	1-15	1-14	Dublin
	Down	1-16	1-14	Kildare
2011	Kerry	1-20	1-11	Mayo
	Dublin	0-8	0-6	Donegal

SEMI-FINAL TOP SCORERS 2000-2011

2000	Oisín McConville, Armagh	1-9*
2001	Pádraic Joyce, Galway	0-5
2002	Mike Frank Russell, Kerry	1-6
2003	Oisín McConville, Armagh	1-5
2004	Colm Cooper, Kerry	0-6
	Paddy Bradley, Derry	0-6
2005	Stephen O'Neill, Tyrone	1-4
2006	Mike Frank Russell, Kerry	0-6
	Conal Keaney, Dublin	1-3
2007	Donncha O'Connor, Cork	0-6
	Declan O'Sullivan, Kerry	1-3
2008	Colm Cooper, Kerry	1-8
2009	Cian Ward, Meath	1-4
2010	Bernard Brogan, Dublin	1-7
2011	Colm Cooper, Kerry	1-7

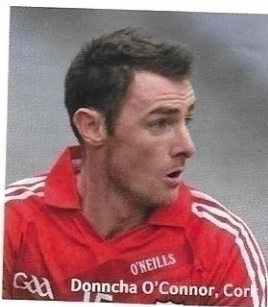
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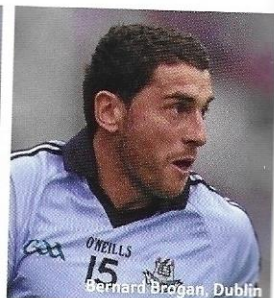
Oisín McConville, Armagh



Colm Cooper, Kerry



Donncha O'Connor, Cork



Bernard Brogan, Dublin

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First Round

MAY 20 Westmeath	0-14	2-9	PÁIRC TAILTEANN Louth
MAY 20 Longford	1-10	0-12	PEARSE PARK Laois
MAY 27 Meath	0-16	0-11	DR. CULLEN PARK Wicklow

Quarter-Finals

JUNE 3 Dublin	2-22	0-12	PÁIRC AN CHRÓCAIGH Louth
JUNE 3 Wexford	0-15	2-9	PÁIRC AN CHRÓCAIGH Longford
JUNE 10 Carlow	1-12	1-12	TULLAMORE Meath
JUNE 10 (REPLAY) Longford	0-15	1-13	TULLAMORE Wexford
JUNE 16 (REPLAY) Carlow	1-9	2-21	TULLAMORE Meath
JUNE 17 Offaly	0-6	0-19	PORTLADISE Kildare

Semi-Finals

JULY 1 Dublin	2-11	1-10	PÁIRC AN CHRÓCAIGH Wexford
JULY 1 Meath	1-17	1-11	PÁIRC AN CHRÓCAIGH Kildare

FINAL

JULY 22 Dublin	2-13	1-13	PÁIRC AN CHRÓCAIGH Meath
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MUNSTER

Quarter-Finals

MAY 20 Limerick	2-12	0-7	GAELIC GROUNDS, LIMERICK Waterford
MAY 27 Tipperary	0-10	0-16	SEMPLE STADIUM, THURLES Kerry

Semi-Finals

JUNE 9 Clare	1-13	0-15	GAELIC GROUNDS, LIMERICK Limerick
JUNE 10 Cork	0-17	0-12	PÁIRC UÍ CHADAIMH Kerry

FINAL

JULY 8 Cork	3-16	0-13	GAELIC GROUNDS, LIMERICK Clare
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ULSTER

Preliminary Round

MAY 20 Cavan	1-10	1-16	KINGSPIR BREFFIN PARK Donegal
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Quarter-Finals

MAY 27 Monaghan	1-12	1-9	CLONES Antrim
JUNE 3 Fermanagh	1-8	2-10	BREWSTER PARK Down

JUNE 10 Armagh	1-13	0-19	MORGAN ATHLETICS GROUND Tyrone
JUNE 16 Derry	0-9	2-13	BALLYBOFEY Donegal

Semi-Finals

JUNE 24 Down	1-14	1-13	MORGAN ATHLETIC GROUNDS Monaghan
JUNE 30 Tyrone	0-10	0-12	CLONES Donegal

FINAL

JULY 22 Donegal	2-18	0-13	CLONES Down
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CONNACHT

Quarter-Finals

MAY 6 Sligo	3-21	0-6	GAELIC PARK, NEW YORK New York
MAY 20 Roscommon	0-10	3-15	DR. HYDE PARK Galway
JUNE 3 London	1-8	0-12	RUSSLIP Leitrim

Semi-Finals

JUNE 9 Sligo	2-14	0-15	PEARSE STADIUM Galway
JUNE 24 Mayo	4-20	0-10	ELVERYS MACHALE PARK, CASTLEBAR Leitrim

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JULY 15 Sligo	0-10	0-12	DR. HYDE PARK Mayo
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ALL-IRELAND QUALIFIERS

Preliminary Round: June 23, 2012

In the event that New York defeat Sligo in the Quarter Final of the Connacht Championship, then Sligo shall be drawn to play one of the other 16 counties which do not qualify for a provincial semi-final in a preliminary round qualifier. A draw shall be made for home advantage.

Round 1: June 30, 2012

This round shall include all counties that do not qualify for provincial semi-finals.

London	2-9	2-11	Antrim
Wicklow	1-17	0-15	Waterford
Westmeath	1-15	0-12	Louth
Tipperary	1-12	0-10	Offaly
Laois	1-10	0-9	Carlow
Longford	0-17	2-8	Derry

Round 1: July 1, 2012

Roscommon	1-11	1-9	Armagh
Fermanagh	0-15	3-13	Cavan

Round 2: July 14, 2012

Each of the eight teams defeated in the Provincial Semi-Finals shall play against one of the eight winners from Round 1. A separate draw shall be made for home advantage.

Roscommon	0-8	1-16	Tyrone
Longford	1-15	1-21	Limerick
Antrim	0-11	0-10	Galway
Tipperary	1-13	0-15	Wexford
Leitrim	0-13	0-10	Wicklow

Round 2: July 15, 2012

Westmeath	1-12	2-10	Kerry
Laois	2-12	0-12	Monaghan
Cavan	1-9	3-20	Kildare

Round 3: July 21, 2012

This Round shall involve the eight winners of Round 2. First team drawn has home advantage.

Tipperary	0-10	0-8	Antrim
Kerry	1-16	1-6	Tyrone
Kildare	0-19	0-12	Limerick
Leitrim	1-11	1-13	Laois

Round 4: July 28, 2012

Each of the four teams defeated in the Provincial Finals shall play against one of the four winners of Round 3. Venues determined by the CCCG.

Meath	1-12	1-15	Laois
Down	1-13	0-11	Tipperary
Sligo	0-4	0-13	Kildare
Clare	1-6	2-22	Kerry

QUARTER-FINALS

August 4-6, 2012

Each of the four Provincial Champions shall play one of the four winners from Round 4, subject to the respective Provincial Champions not meeting the defeated Finalists from their own Province in this Round.

Mayo	3-18	2-9	Down
Dublin	1-12	0-12	Laois
Cork	2-19	0-12	Kildare
Donegal	1-12	1-10	Kerry

SEMI-FINALS

August 26 *Munster	Páirc an Chrócaigh *Ulster
September 2 *Connacht	Páirc an Chrócaigh *Leinster

*The Provincial Champions or a team that defeats them.

FINAL

September 23, 2012 - Páirc an Chrócaigh

Replay October 7, 2012

GAA FOOTBALL ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CHAMPIONS 2012



CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE PENULTIMATE KIND

Over the past 25 years there have been many thrilling All-Ireland semi-finals but of those 50 contests just seven were decided by the minimum margin. Here are three of those penultimate encounters from the archives.

1991 Meath 0-15 Roscommon 1-11

One of the most memorable semi-finals of the last 25 years as Meath and Roscommon served up a thriller with the Royals' late charge just getting them over the finish line. The winners were making their sixth appearance in seven weeks and not surprisingly made a somewhat lethargic start. At midfield John Newtown and Seamus Killoran dominated and that possession was turned to account by Derek Duggan and Eamon McManus. However, Meath's ability to make the most of the chances offered saw them trail by just a goal at the change of ends. Roscommon continued to edge

matters territorially and looked set for victory as they led by five at the end of the third quarter, but Meath timed their run to perfection with Brian Stafford's marksmanship the crucial factor.

Meath – M McQuillan, B Reilly, M Lyons, T Ferguson, K Foley, L Harnan, M O'Connell (0-1), L Hayes, PJ Gillic (0-1), D Beggy (0-1), T Dowd (0-2), C Coyle, C O'Rourke, B Stafford (0-9), B Flynn (0-1).

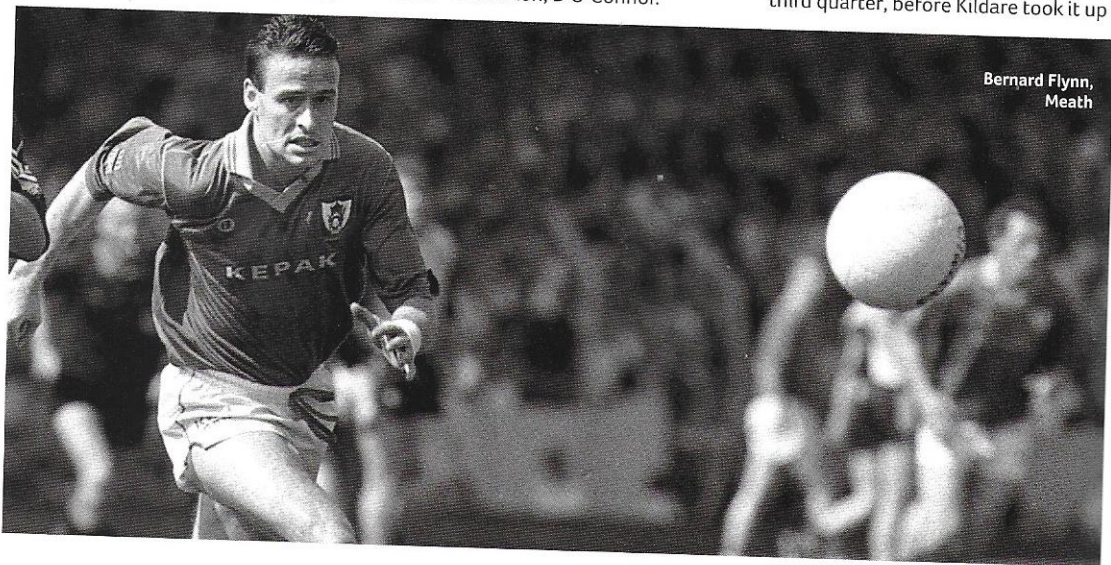
Sub – G McEntee.

Roscommon – G Sheerin, D Newton, P Doorey, E Gavin, J Connaughton, P Hickey, M Reilly, S Killoran, J Newton, V Glennon, T McManus, T Grehan, E McManus (0-3), P Earley, D Duggan (1-8).

Subs – M Donlon, D O'Connor.

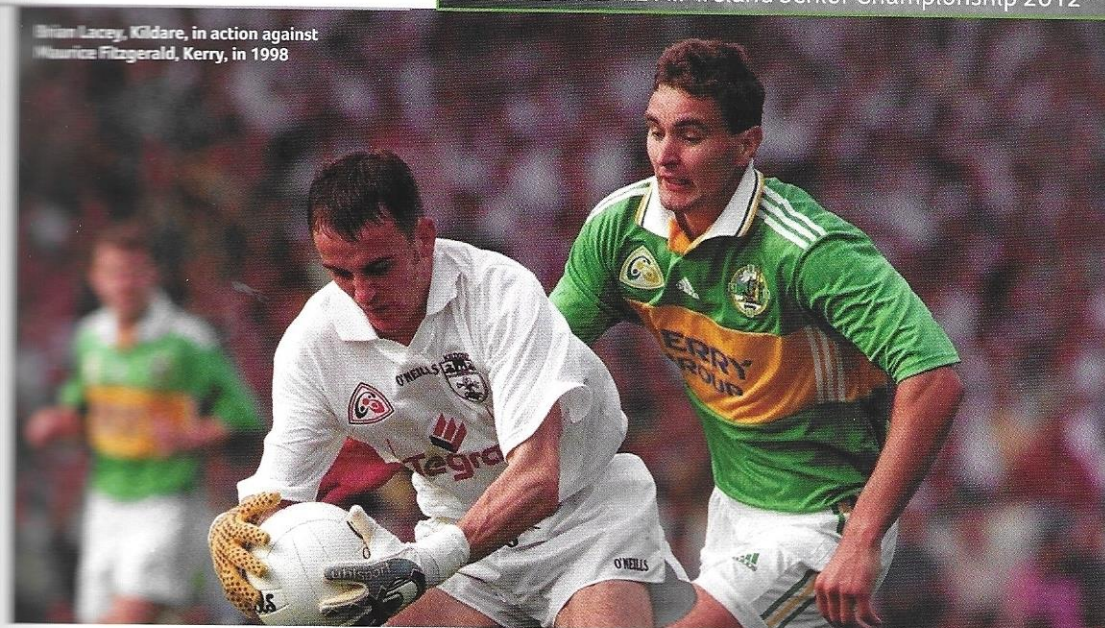
1998 Kildare 0-13 Kerry 1-9

Not quite a classic but an intriguing contest that saw Kildare qualify for their first final appearance in more than 60 years. The foundations for the win were laid in the opening half when, despite playing against the breeze, the Lilywhites turned over a point to the good. The first four scores after the resumption were compiled by Eddie McCormack (2), Pádraig Graven and Karl O'Dwyer and it appeared as if the reigning All-Ireland champions were going to exit with a whimper. However, thanks to a John Crowley goal they closed within a point by the end of the third quarter, before Kildare took it up



Bernard Flynn,
Meath

Brian Lacey, Kildare, in action against Maurice Fitzgerald, Kerry, in 1998



again to lead by three. A couple of late frees from Maurice Fitzgerald brought the gap back down to the minimum but Kerry ran out of time before an equaliser could be sourced.

Kildare – C Byrne, B Lacey, R Quinn, S Dowling, J Finn (0-1), G Ryan, A Rainbow, D Earley, W McCreery, E McCormack (0-3), D Kerrigan, K Doyle, W Lynch (0-2), K O'Dwyer (0-3), P Graven (0-3).

Subs – D Dalton, P Brennan (0-1).

Kerry – D O'Keefe, S Stack, E Fitzmaurice, B O'Shea, S Moynihan, L O'Flaherty, E Breen, D O'Sé, D Daly (0-1), P Laide, D O'Conneide (0-2), W Kirby, MF Russell (0-1), J Crowley (1-1), W Fitzgerald (0-4).

Subs – L Brosnan, D O'Dwyer.

over the winner from 25 metres. It was a tough result for the losers who looked to have done enough to sneak it when they led by a couple of points with six minutes remaining. Points by Seán Cavanagh and Shane Sweeney brought Tyrone level and few in the attendance of just under 66,000 would have grumbled about making a return trip to GAA Headquarters but referee Paddy Russell adjudged that Ciarán McKeever had fouled Stephen O'Neill and Canavan did the rest.

Tyrone – P McConnell, R McMenamin (0-1), J McMahon, M McGee, D Harte, C Gormley, P Jordan, B Meenan, S

Cavanagh (0-2), B Dooher, B McGuigan, E McGinley, R Mellon, S O'Neill (1-4), O Mulligan (0-3).

Subs – P Canavan (0-2), C Holmes, C Lawn, S Sweeney (0-1).

Armagh – P Hearty, F Bellew, C McKeever, A Mallon, A Kernan (0-2), K McGeaney (0-1), A O'Rourke, P Loughran, P McGrane, P McKeever, B Mallon (0-1), M O'Rourke, S McDonnell (1-3), R Clarke (0-1), O McConville (0-3).

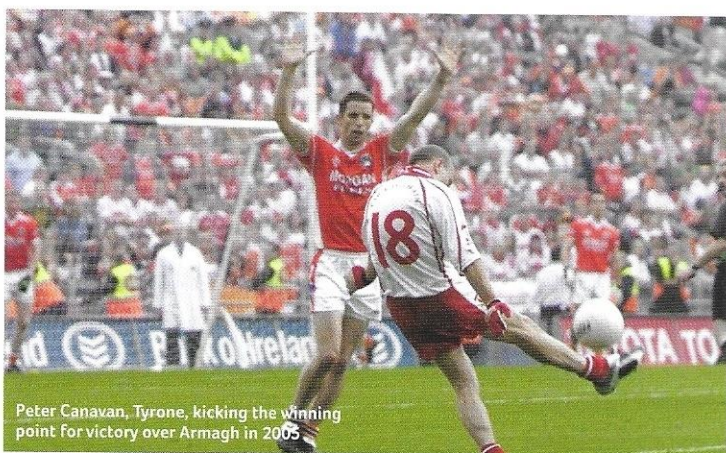
Subs – T McEntee, J McEntee (0-1), E McNulty, A McCann.

2005

Tyrone 1-13

Armagh 1-12

The sides had drawn earlier in the Ulster campaign with the Orchard County winning the replay by a couple of points and in truth it would have been no injustice had this semi-final gone to a second meeting, but after being awarded a late free, Tyrone legend Peter Canavan calmly lofted



Peter Canavan, Tyrone, kicking the winning point for victory over Armagh in 2005



GAA FIGURES AT A GLANCE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED AND VALUED SUPPORT

Ever wondered how the GAA puts its resources to use year on year?

Every year the Association publishes a full set of accounts which cover both the running of Croke Park and the Association as a whole.

These accounts are made available before Congress and can be viewed online at GAA.ie

€49 million

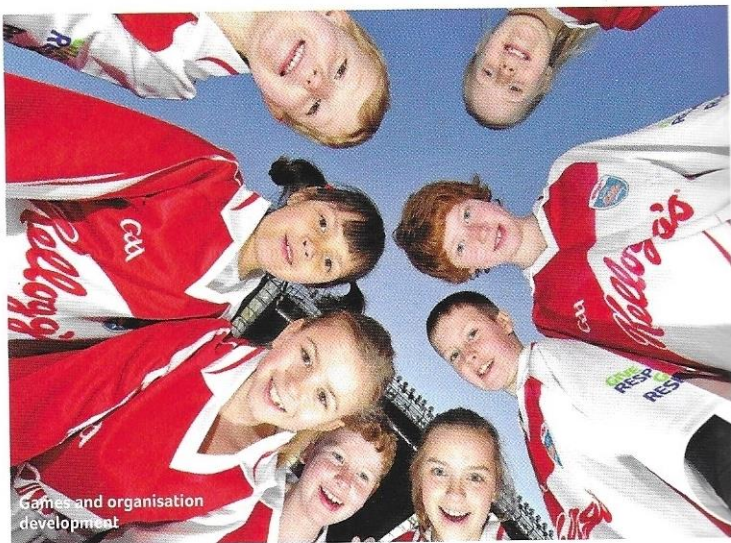
Last year (2011) the GAA's income was €49m and 86% of these funds were re-invested in GAA units and activities of one sort or another.

€37 million

No less than €37m of these funds were distributed to GAA units nationwide and to our growing network internationally.

€5.4 million

€5.4m was invested in supporting games development in schools, clubs and counties.



52%

Tickets purchased by supporters to attend games accounted for 52% of all the GAA's revenue.

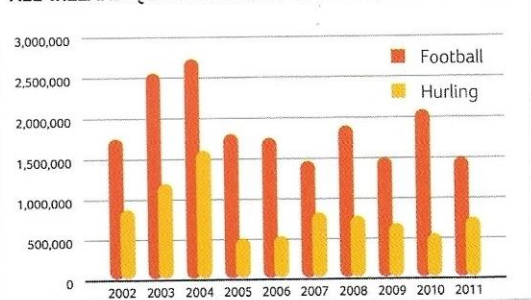
32%

The next biggest figure in income is the 32% generated by commercial activity.

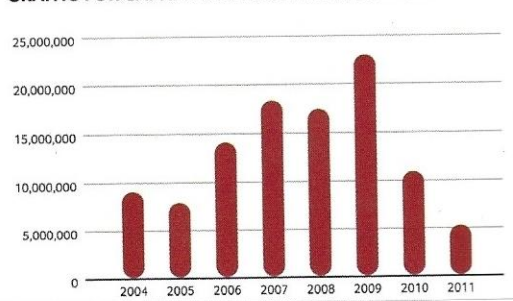
So in addition to the unique atmosphere supporters help to generate at our big games, your presence also has a huge bearing on the overall health and well-being of the GAA.

How much we can put back into coaching our young players and developing facilities to foster this

ALL-IRELAND QUALIFIER SERIES GATE INCOME 2002-2011



GRANTS FOR CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT 2004-2011





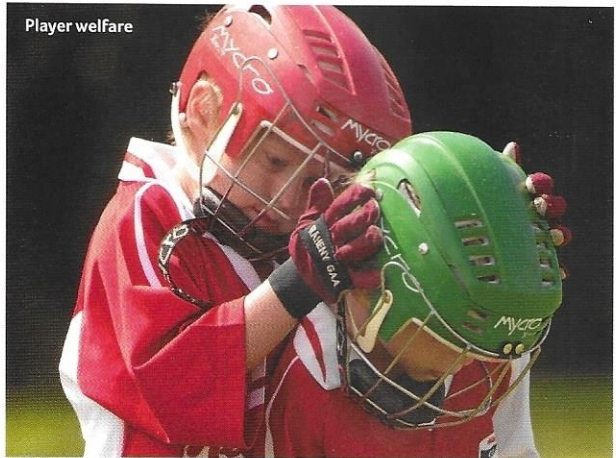
Grants and payments to counties

talent in addition to supporting players at all grades and ages, is linked directly to the number of people who attend our games.

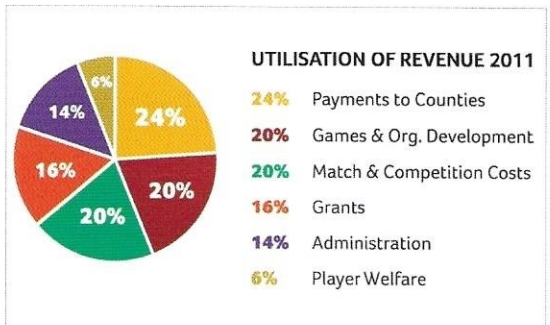
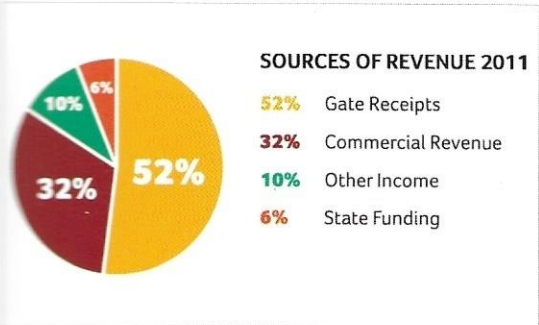
This year we have worked harder than ever to promote and market our games and we are delighted that year on year, our figures remain robust and on target.

Today we expect our one millionth championship supporter to pass through the turnstiles and it's this level of backing that allows Cumann Lúthchleas Gael to continue to invest in excellence from nursery level to the highest echelons of our games.

Air mbuíochas as bhur dtacaíocht.



Player welfare



BRING IT ON.

Bring on the Minor jersey. Not a replica, the real thing. The county colours. The number on the back. Your number.

Bring on the restless night's sleep. The early breakfast. The good luck messages. The phone call from America.

Bring on the drive to Dublin. The first glimpse of Croke Park, looming up over the rooftops. The guard waving the coach through, the people staring up at you.

Bring on the dressing room. The smell of wintergreen, the studs clattering on the floor. The band outside, 'The Minstrel Boy'.

Bring on the tunnel, the square of sunlight up ahead. The man in high-vis who says 'Right lads, you're on!'. The 83,000 in full voice, the millions watching on TV.

Bring on the 60 minutes that turns boys into men and players into legends.

Bring on tomorrow.

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PROVINCIAL REVERSE NO BARRIER TO POTENTIAL GLORY

With nine All-Ireland Minor titles between them (six to Mayo, three to Meath) and neither exactly strangers to the penultimate stage of the U18 competition, it is surprising to relate that the paths of Mayo and Meath have crossed on just two occasions, both of which were penultimate encounters. However, in what might well be considered a good omen for today's victors, the winner of each of those semi-final jousts went on to lift the Tom Markham Cup.

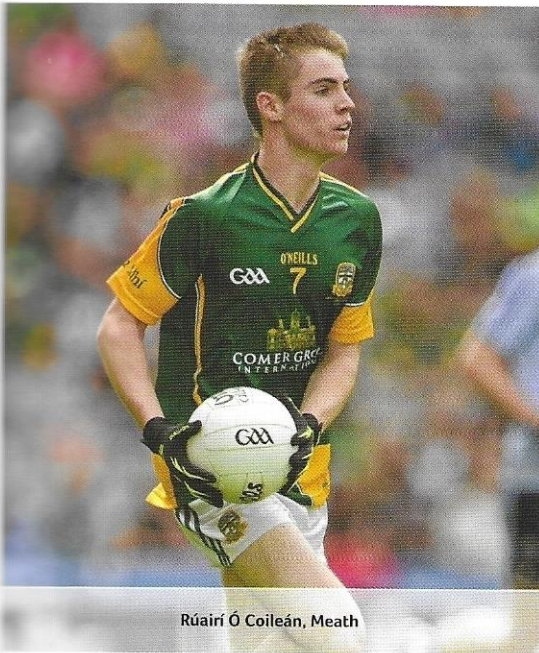
In 1985 the Connacht side defeated the Royals by 2-12 to 0-8 before going on to win the title with a 3-3 to 0-9 success over Cork while back in

1957 Meath got the better of Mayo by 3-8 to 1-7 before going on to take their first title in the grade with a 3-9 to 0-4 verdict against Armagh.

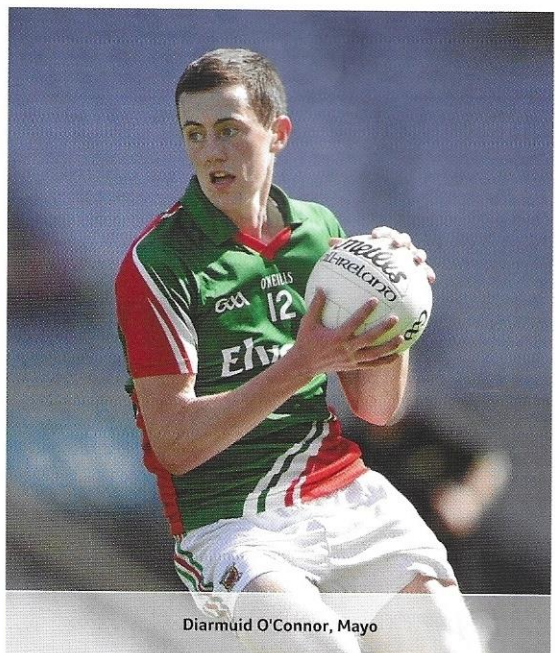
On both those occasions each side entered the semi-final as Connacht and Leinster champions respectively, but thanks to the advent of the quarter-final stage in 2002, a 'second chance' has been given to sides beaten in the provincial final and Mayo and Meath took full advantage to defeat Tipperary and Tyrone respectively, both of which could be described as 'surprise' outcomes. Indeed, only one of the four provincial champions (Dublin who take on Kerry next

Sunday) made it through to the penultimate round, a level of attrition not seen since 2005 when all four beaten provincial finalists contested the semi-finals.

Where all that leaves today's contest in terms of outcome is hard to tell. Neither side impressed when losing in the provincial decider, but each regrouped to cause an upset in the 'last eight' with Mayo's defeat of the reigning All-Ireland champions (who defeated Kerry twice and Cork en-route to retaining the Munster crown) perhaps the performance of the championship to date. Something similar will probably be required if a final berth is to be secured today.



Rúairí Ó Coileán, Meath



Diarmuid O'Connor, Mayo

CÚIL	CÚILÍNÍ	SEACHAÍ	45m	SAOR CICEANNA	
					1st Half
					2nd Half
					Total



AN MHÍ

GLAS IS ÓR



ROBERT BURLINGHAM
R. Burlingham
Simonstown Gaels



BAINISTEÓIR
Andy McEntee



Roghnóirí
Breen O'Grady,
PJ Cudden,
Pádraig Coyle,
Kevin Foley

Fir Ionaid

- 16. Jack O'Sullivan
S. Ó Súilleabháin
Dunshaughlin
- 17. Ruairí Ó Coileáin
R. Ó Coileáin
Navan O'Mahony's
- 18. James O'Malley
S. Ó Maille
Navan O Mahony's
- 19. Anthony Neary
A. Ó Náraigh
Na Fianna
- 20. Harry Rooney
A. Ó Runaidh
Skyrne
- 21. Ciarán Gillespie
C. Mac Giolla Easpaig
Summerhill
- 22. Caoimhín Ó Gríofa
C. Ó Gríofa
Clann na nGael
- 23. Paul Donnellan
P. Ó Dónalláin
Walterstown
- 24. Patrick Kennelly
P. Mac an Fhailí
Dunderry



	CÚIL	CÚILÍNÍ	SEACHAÍ	45m	SAOR CICEANNA
1st Half					
2nd Half					
Total					

MAIGH EO

GLAS IS DEARG



Roghnóirí

Vinny Walsh,
Michael Ruane,
Enda Gilvarry,
Barry Heffernan,
Kevin Walsh



Fir Ionaid

16. **Marcus Moylette**

M. Ó Moylette
Islandeady

17. **David McHale**

D. Mac Éil
Knockmore

18. **John Moylette**

S. Ó Moylette
Ballina Stephenites

19. **Ryan Coleman**

R. Ó Colmáin
Castlebar Mitchels

20. **Conor Byrne**

C. Ó Broin
Aghamore

21. **Val Roughneen**

V. Ó Reachtnín
Balla

22. **Conor Finnerty**

C. Fiannachta
Ballintubber

23. **Darren Duffy**

D. Ó Dubhaigh
Aghamore

24. **James Durcan**

S. Ó Duarcáin
Castlebar Mitchels

MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP SCOREBOARD 2012

LEINSTER

Offaly	8-30	1-0	Kilkenny
Kildare	3-19	0-10	Wexford
Wicklow	2-5	1-6	Laois
Louth	2-10	0-6	Westmeath
Dublin	2-21	0-4	Carlow
Meath	1-11	0-11	Longford
Wexford	2-12	2-12	Carlow aet
Carlow	2-11	0-9	Wexford (r)
Longford	2-10	1-10	Laois
Westmeath	0-19	1-13	Carlow
Dublin	2-14	1-5	Longford
Meath	3-11	1-8	Offaly
Kildare	2-16	2-8	Louth
Westmeath	0-10	0-7	Wicklow
Meath	3-14	1-7	Westmeath
Dublin	2-16	1-8	Kildare
FINAL			
Dublin	3-17	1-11	Meath

ULSTER

Donegal	1-11	0-10	Cavan
Monaghan	2-10	1-2	Antrim
Derry	2-9	1-7	Donegal
Down	1-11	1-8	Fermanagh
Tyrone	4-11	0-19	Armagh
Monaghan	0-11	0-8	Down
Tyrone	0-15	0-6	Derry
FINAL			
Tyrone	0-14	1-8	Monaghan

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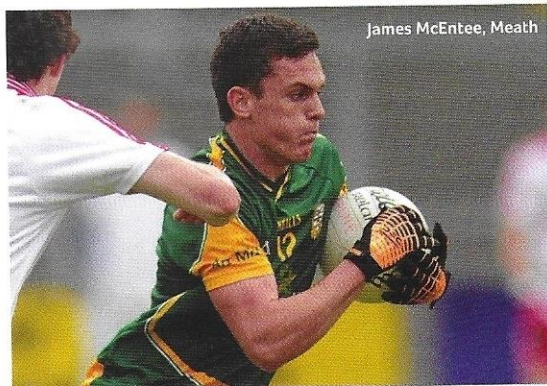
Tipperary	2-9	0-8	Kerry
Clare	2-20	0-6	Waterford
Cork	3-13	0-6	Limerick
Kerry	1-14	1-3	Waterford
Kerry	3-9	0-5	Limerick
Tipperary	1-10	0-9	Cork
Kerry	0-17	3-4	Clare
FINAL			
Tipperary	2-14	1-14	Kerry

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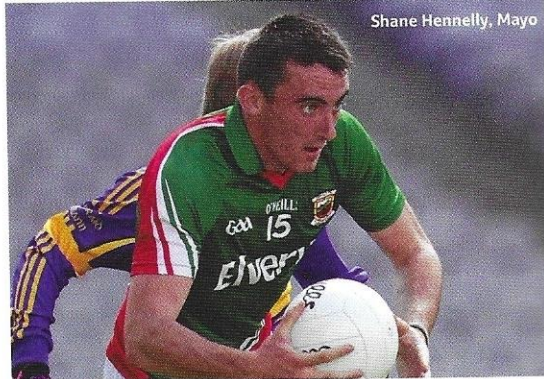
Roscommon	4-15	2-3	Leitrim
Mayo	1-6	0-6	Sligo
Roscommon	1-11	1-9	Galway aet
FINAL			
Roscommon	0-10	0-8	Mayo

ALL-IRELAND

Mayo	0-19	1-8	Tipperary
Kerry	1-9	0-11	Roscommon
Meath	2-12	1-14	Tyrone
Dublin	1-16	0-8	Monaghan



James McEntee, Meath



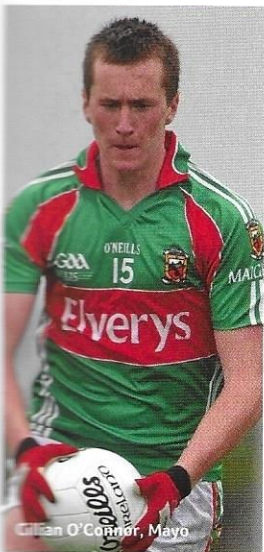
Shane Hennelly, Mayo

SEMI-FINALS 2000-2011

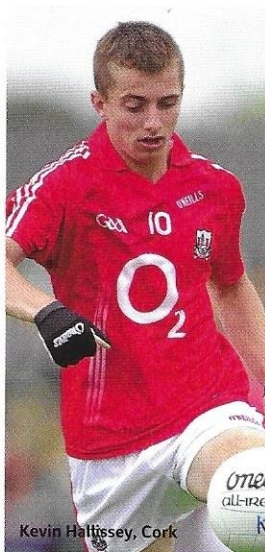
2000	Cork	0-15	0-14	Dublin
	Mayo	1-9	1-9	Westmeath
	Mayo	0-7	0-6	Westmeath (r)
2001	Tyrone	0-11	0-8	Mayo
	Dublin	2-13	2-9	Kerry
2002	Meath	2-13	1-11	Kerry
	Derry	3-13	1-3	Longford
2003	Laois	2-15	2-10	Kerry
	Dublin	1-18	1-9	Cork
2004	Tyrone	1-8	1-7	Down
	Kerry	1-10	1-8	Laois
2005	Down	1-15	1-7	Offaly
	Mayo	1-12	0-14	Kerry

2006	Kerry	2-13	1-10	Donegal
	Roscommon	1-10	0-9	Meath
2007	Galway	2-14	0-17	Kerry
	Derry	1-15	2-12	Laois
2008	Derry	4-7	1-11	Laois (r)
	Mayo	1-7	0-10	Kerry
2009	Mayo	3-13	1-9	Kerry (r)
	Tyrone	1-21	2-7	Meath
2010	Armagh	2-10	0-10	Kerry
	Mayo	2-9	0-9	Down
2011	Tyrone	3-10	0-16	Mayo
	Cork	3-15	5-8	Galway
2011	Tipperary	1-11	0-12	Roscommon
	Dublin	1-11	1-9	Galway

SEMI-FINAL TOP SCORERS 2000-2011



Gillian O'Connor, Mayo



Kevin Hallissey, Cork

2000	James Masters, Cork	0-6
	Ciarán O'Neill, Derry	0-6
2001	Conal Ó Cruadhlaioich, Kerry	1-5
2002	Ciarán Mullan, Derry	1-4
2003	Chris Bergin, Laois	1-5
2004	Michael Tierney, Laois	1-6
2005	Paul O'Connor, Kerry	0-5
2006	Paddy Curran, Kerry	1-6
2007	BJ Walsh, Kerry	0-8
2008	Aidan Walsh, Mayo	1-6
	Rory Grugan, Armagh	0-6
2009	Éanna O'Connor, Kerry	0-6
	Aidan Walsh, Mayo	0-6
2010	Gavin McPartland, Armagh	2-0
	Cillian O'Connor, Mayo	2-0
2010	Brian Hurley, Cork	1-5
	Kevin Hallissey, Cork	2-2
2011	Shane Walsh, Galway	1-4



GAA SOCIAL MEDIA - GET INVOLVED!

As the GAA Football Championships get down to the business end of the season keep an eye on the Official GAA Facebook and Twitter pages in the coming weeks as we seek to engage and interact with our supporters.

Today on the big screen before the senior game between Donegal and Cork we display images that supporters sent to us via our social media channels earlier in the week extending their best wishes to the teams.

If you visited the Family Funzone, which is in place in the Davin Car Park

today, be sure to send us your pictures with the Sam Maguire Cup and we will share as many of them as we can.

A reminder too that every Monday we bring you our exclusive Player of the Week directly to Facebook where our supporters like, share and discuss our selection with the thousands of users who have helped us establish a strong GAA community on social media platforms.

Each Tuesday before the All-Ireland semi-finals we will also be running a special competition called 'GAA Ticket Tuesday', where we give away tickets to upcoming fixtures in a fun and interactive way.

Finally, the majority of our counties are now on Facebook and Twitter. If you are not already following them you can find the full GAA Social Media list on GAA.ie. Log in and get involved!



This week we asked supporters to send us good luck pictures on Facebook and Twitter. Some of them will appear on the big screens today.



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CUMANN NA mBUNSCOL INTO/RESPECT EXHIBITION GO GAMES

Today in Croke Park, we see children from Schools and Clubs participating in the Cumann na mBunscol INTO/RESPECT Exhibition Go Games where they will highlight the Respect message through the playing of our games at half time in the Senior game.

Throughout this year's Provincial Championships and at League games thousands of children participated in similar half time games. At least one child from every county will be given the opportunity to play in Croke Park at half time during the All Ireland Hurling and

Football Semi Finals and Finals. As well as the children playing today, we also have two referees, Shantel Robinson and Donncha Steele from Scoil Naomh Mura, Tooban, Burnfoot in Donegal who have been prepared by teacher and inter County referee Manus Ó Dónaill.

The exhibition games taking place today are based on the small sided games and in line with the GAA Go Games philosophy where a balanced approach to competition at this age is encouraged. The benefits of these small sided games include greater participation by all players, improved fitness levels and the organising of

games appropriate to the age of the children. These games highlight the tremendous effort and work of our Teachers and Club Coaches in the promotion of Gaelic Games in our primary schools through Cumann na mBunscol and in our Clubs in Ireland and abroad.

A feature of our half time games is the promotion of the GAA Give Respect - Get Respect initiative as part of the game itself. Further information on the Respect initiative is available on www.gaa.ie/respect. Can we wish the players the best of luck today and hope they all have great memories of playing in Croke Park.

CORCAIGH BOY'S TEAM

2. NATHAN ROCHE Holy Rosary N.S. Firhouse Co. Dublin
3. GARVAN QUIGLEY St. Marys P.S. Mullymesker Co. Fermanagh
4. OSIN McCLOSKEY St. Mary's P.S. Altinure Claudy Co. Derry
5. RONAN MURPHY Holy Family P.S. Teconnaught Co. Down
6. DYLAN MOLLOY St. Felim's N.S. Cavan Co. Cavan
7. MICHEAL MULDOON Carrigabruise N.S. Virginia Co. Cavan
8. PETER SMITH St. Patrick's N.S. Kilnaleck Co. Cavan
9. MARK CRONIN St. Anthony's BNS Ballinlough Co. Cork
10. STEVEN SHEEHY Kilmeen N.S. Clonakilty Co. Cork
11. ANTHONY MCCARTHY Ballagh N.S. Goolds Cross Co. Tipperary

CORCAIGH GIRL'S TEAM

2. KARAN HOLLYWOOD Burness St. Marys GNS Fairview Co. Dublin
3. ENYA HANNIGAN Scoil Phoil NaoFa Co. Dublin
4. ERIN CORISH Mater Dei N.S. Co. Dublin
5. RUTH CREMIN Boherbue N.S. Mallow Co. Cork
6. JENNY BREW DINAN St Lacteen N.S. Donoughmore Co. Cork
7. GERALDINE KIERNAN St. Joseph's P.S. Madden Co. Armagh
8. EMMA LOUISE McAREAVEY Mount St. Michael's P.S. Co. Antrim
9. GABRIELLE GEDDIS St. Patrick's P.S. Co. Antrim
10. JESSIE McMORROW Our Lady Of Lourdes P.S. London
11. ÁINE SMYTH Holy Family P.S. Teconnaught Co. Down

DÚN NA nGALL BOY'S TEAM

2. WILLIAM ARMISHAW Ayle N.S. Monard Co. Tipperary
3. TOMMY GOUGH Scoil Lorcaín B.N.S. Waterford Co. Waterford
4. CONALL WHITE St. George's P.S. Harrow London
5. ANTOIN FOX St. Teresa's P.S. Loughmacrory Co. Tyrone
6. FEARGHAL McGARRITY Dunamore P.S. Kildress Co. Tyrone
7. ROSS SLEVIN St. Macartan's P.S. Dromore Co. Tyrone
8. BARRY KIERNAN Mullaghrafferty N.S. Carrickmacross Co. Monaghan
9. AARON MOHAN Edenmore N.S. Emyvale Co. Monaghan
10. SEÁN BURNS Corduff N.S. Corduff Co. Monaghan
11. BRANDON HORAN Holy Trinity P.S. Enniskillen Co. Fermanagh

DÚN NA nGALL GIRL'S TEAM

2. CRISTIN BROWN St. Bronagh's P.S. Rostrevor Co. Down
3. CAITLIN CAMPBELL Annagh N.S. Co. Clare
4. NICOLE O'DOHERTY Mullagh N.S. Co. Clare
5. BRÍD FLANAGAN Scoil Mhuire Broadford Co. Limerick
6. CIARA NEVILLE Monaleen N.S. Castletroy Co. Limerick
7. NORA NÍ CHONAILL Gaelscoil Mhic Easmainn Tra Lí Co. Kerry
8. SABHA NÍ BHAOILL Scoil Olibhear Pluncid Rann na Feirste Co. Donegal
9. TYLER TOLAND St. Balthin's N.S. St. Johnstone Co. Donegal
10. FIADHNA TANGAY Black Valley N.S. Killarney Co. Kerry
11. CLANCY ANNE McCULLOUGH St. Malachy's P.S. Co. Armagh



CHAMPIONSHIP SUMMER AT THE GAA MUSEUM

The GAA All-Ireland Championship is in full swing and match day madness hits the GAA Museum this weekend with a whole host of special activities for GAA fans of all ages.

There is something for GAA supporters of all ages in the GAA Museum, home to the original Sam Maguire Cup and a new temporary exhibition on the history and development of the GAA overseas - **GAA, A Global Phenomenon**. In the museum's activity room - Cú Chulainn's Den - younger fans can make match headbands or match mascots in county colours. For those fans feeling a little more competitive and energetic, there is the opportunity to test your hurling skills in the museum's specially-designed Interactive Games Area.

There is a special discount admission rate for a museum visit on match days, with adult admission only €4.00 and family admission only €12.50. Plus - new for 2012! - two children go free with every adult ticket purchased!

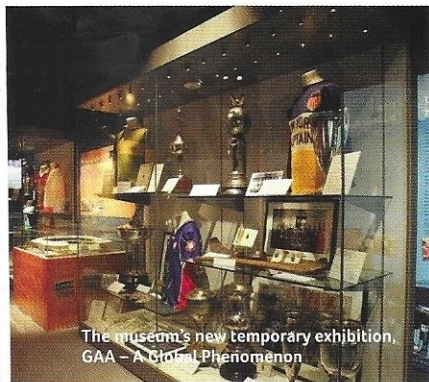


Young fans enjoying the museum's activity room Cú Chulainn's Den

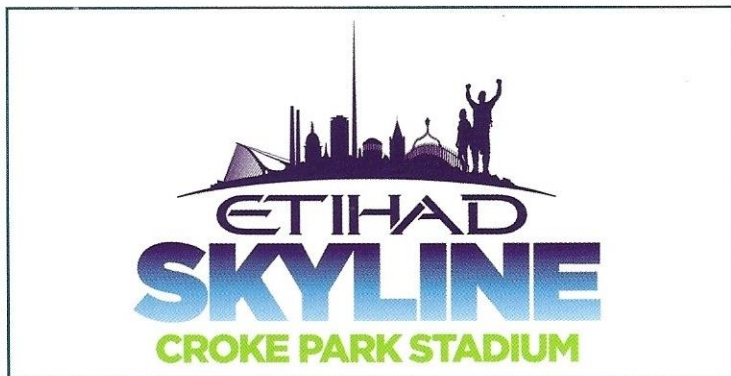
The GAA Museum is open daily throughout the year, including match days, with guided tours of Croke Park Stadium available. Check out our website for further information including details of special offers and museum events - www.crokepark.ie/gaa-museum

The GAA Museum is also the starting point for Dublin's newest and most

exciting visitor experience. In June, Dublin sightseeing reached new heights with the launch of the new Etihad Skyline. Offering the best views of Dublin from the roof of Croke Park Stadium, the Etihad Skyline includes stops at five viewing platforms along a 0.6km walkway. Visit www.skylinecrokepark.ie for more information and to book your place on this unique visitor attraction.



The museum's new temporary exhibition, GAA - A Global Phenomenon



FOOTBALL REVIEW COMMITTEE

WHAT'S YOUR IDEA?

GAA members and supporters are constantly debating and discussing aspects of Gaelic football and have many varied and interesting views on how it is played and organised. You now have a chance to express your views in a meaningful way and every form of communication will be considered.

GAA President Liam O'Neill established the Football Review Committee (FRC) to examine the state of Gaelic football at all levels of the game today. The committee will present its findings to the Management Committee of the GAA later in 2012 in order to set in motion

a national debate on Gaelic football.

The President stressed that the FRC was to consult widely with ordinary GAA people from all over Ireland and abroad in an effort to establish what people involved in the game think about the state of football and what, if any, changes they would like to see.

FRC.ie provides a platform for everybody to do just that so have your say and take our Gaelic football survey. If you have deeper views on any aspect of Gaelic football that are not covered in the survey you can email us or write us a letter. Every suggestion regarding the state

of Gaelic football or proposals for changes will be studied by the FRC members in what is hoped will be the largest ever input of ideas to any sports body in Ireland up to now.

The major topics that will be discussed and analysed include Playing Rules, Championship and League structures, the balance between inter-county and club competitions, refereeing issues and many more.

Take part in the debate at www.frc.ie or write to FRC, c/o Communications Dept, Croke Park, Dublin 3.





CEOL AGUS CRAIC AT CROKE PARK



Saturday evening September 8, the eve of the GAA Hurling All-Ireland finals sees a compelling first at Croke Park, The CROKE PARK CÉILÍ MÓR will be held in the Hogan Stand.

This first of its kind promises to be a significant event for traditional music, céilí and set dancing enthusiasts in their Irish entertainment calendar.

The aim is to cater for trad and céilí dancing exponents in the Dublin region together with many like-minded 'up for the match' visitors to the capital for the finals.

Radio listeners can enjoy the event also as Céilí House is being broadcast live that evening. Radio producer Peter Brown and presenter Kieran Hanrahan will broadcast the best of Irish to the nation and a world-wide listenership.

The night will start with Céilí House at 9pm and include dancing, music and fun.

John Lynch, the leader of the Kilfenora Céilí Band confirmed, "it's a great honour for the band to be invited to play in Croke Park." The Kilfenora Band, he says "enjoys over 100 years of history; it still falls far short of the truly magnificent history of Croke Park." He recounts too his great pleasure and delight at how fortunate he was to attend the great stadium in the 1990s for the wonderful Clare hurling era. "A time not to be missed and how fortunate we were to be part of and witness such enjoyable history being made," he said.



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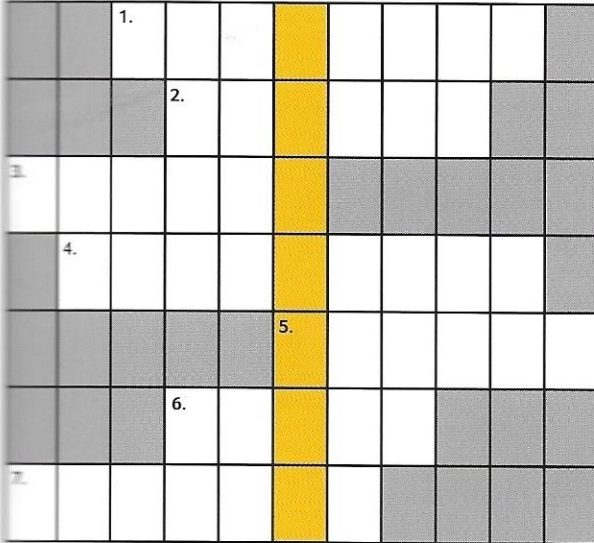
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Tickets for this spectacular night are only €20.00 and are available from Tickets.ie.

FIGURE IT OUT

CROSSWORD

Fill in the crossword to reveal the name of a county in Ireland.



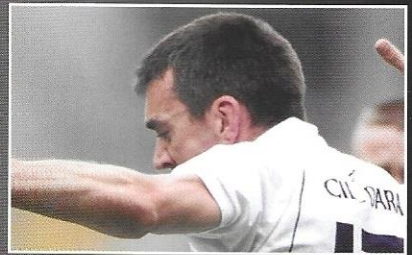
1. Today's senior match referee. David?
2. Top scorer in last year's All-Ireland semi-finals. Colm ...?
3. Only provincial champions left in the Minor championship?
4. All-Ireland Minor champions in 2011?
5. Which county plays its home matches at Pearse Stadium?
6. Sligo are also known as the County?
7. Championship top scorer to date. Brian?

WHO AM I?

I captained my county to the 2012 Allianz Football League Division 2 title with a win over Tyrone

My club is Allenwood.

I won a GAA GPA All Star award in 2010.

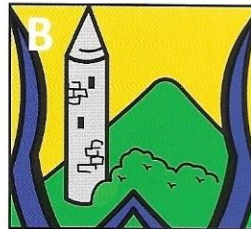


MULTIPLE CHOICE



Picture A is of referee

1. Rory Hickey
2. Derek Fahy
3. Syl Doyle



Picture A is a section from the county crest of

1. Wicklow
2. Tipperary
3. Longford

FREAGRAÍ

CROSSWORD: 1. Goldrick, 2. Cooper, 3. Dublin, 4. Tipperary, 5. Galway, 6. Yeats, 7. Farrell
 WHO AM I? John Doyle, Kildare. MULTIPLE CHOICE: A. 3. Syl Doyle, B. 1. Wicklow.



CROKE PARK SAFETY AND GENERAL INFORMATION

REGULATIONS Páirc an Chrócaigh

1. All persons entering this ground are admitted only subject to the following Rules (which are designated to protect the Health and Safety of all entrants to the ground). Entry to the ground shall be deemed to constitute unqualified acceptance of all of these Rules.
2. The management reserves the right of admission.
3. The instructions of the stewards must be obeyed at all times.
4. All persons entering the ground agree to be searched by a member of the Garda Síochána.
5. Every person (including infants) entering the ground must have a ticket.
6. The following are not permitted:
 - 6.1 Entry upon the pitch or engaging in conduct that causes or is likely to cause injury or harm to, or otherwise interferes with, disrupts, hinders, or distracts a person playing in, refereeing or otherwise having a role in a match at this ground.
 - 6.2 Any unauthorised contact with the boundary wall surrounding the pitch or incursion on to the pitch. Any such unauthorised contact or incursion constitutes a trespass to property.
 - 6.3 The climbing of floodlights or other pylons, stands or other buildings. Such behavior constitutes a trespass to property.
 - 6.4 Throwing of objects onto the pitch.
 - 6.5 Remaining or loitering in any gangway or aisle.
 - 6.6 Behaving in an offensive or indecent manner.
 - 6.7 Bringing of alcohol into the ground.
 - 6.8 Bringing into the ground of fireworks, smoke canisters, bottles, glasses, cans, flags, banners, poles, distress signals, laser pointers and similar articles or containers, including anything which could or might be used as a weapon.
 - 6.9 Excessive noise such as that from the use of radio sets or other appliances and behaviour likely to cause confusion or nuisance of any kind including foul or abusive language.
7. If a person commits a trespass, reasonable force may be used to prevent, restrain or terminate any trespass.
8. Where a person is in breach of any of these rules, or where the management believes that a person constitutes a source of danger to others, or to the ground, such person may be refused entry or ejected from the ground, and reasonable force may be used for that purpose.

Safety and General Information

Supporters are asked to respect the fact that they are entering and leaving the stadium through residential areas.



Safety Notice



In the interests of safety, patrons will not be allowed to enter the playing area after the games.

The policy to prohibit such encroachment in the future has been taken to avoid further injuries and possible fatality and has been taken on the advice and promptings of the safety authorities, namely the Gardaí, Dublin City Council, Fire Brigade and the HSE. The full co-operation of supporters is requested to avoid serious injury and to ensure that games can be enjoyed without resource to fencing or avoidable obstructions to seeing action from all vantage points.

Together we can ensure that the Croke Park experience is both enjoyable and safe, particularly for the young and vulnerable.

Smoking Policy

Croke Park now operates a No Smoking policy except in designated areas of the ground.



Medical Assistance



First Aid Centres are located in the following areas:

Davin Stand/Cusack Stand Level 3:	Section 312
Hogan Stand Level 3:	Section 333
Cusack Stand Level 7 :	Section 701
Davin/Cusack Stand Level 7:	Section 724
Dineen/Hill 16 Cusack Side:	Section A
Medical Centre:	Hogan Players Tunnel

The Site Medical Officer will be situated on the pitch in front of the Cusack Stand. All First Aid Posts are staffed by St. John Ambulance Brigade members.

Lost Children

Lost children will be brought to the above First Aid Centres.



Cúl Green

Supporting a Greener Croke Park

Please play your part by co-operating with the Cúl Green initiatives at the Stadium and using the recycling stations provided. Log onto www.culgreen.ie and make a pledge today.



The furthest he's ever pointed from in an All-Ireland Final?

A: 31 yards

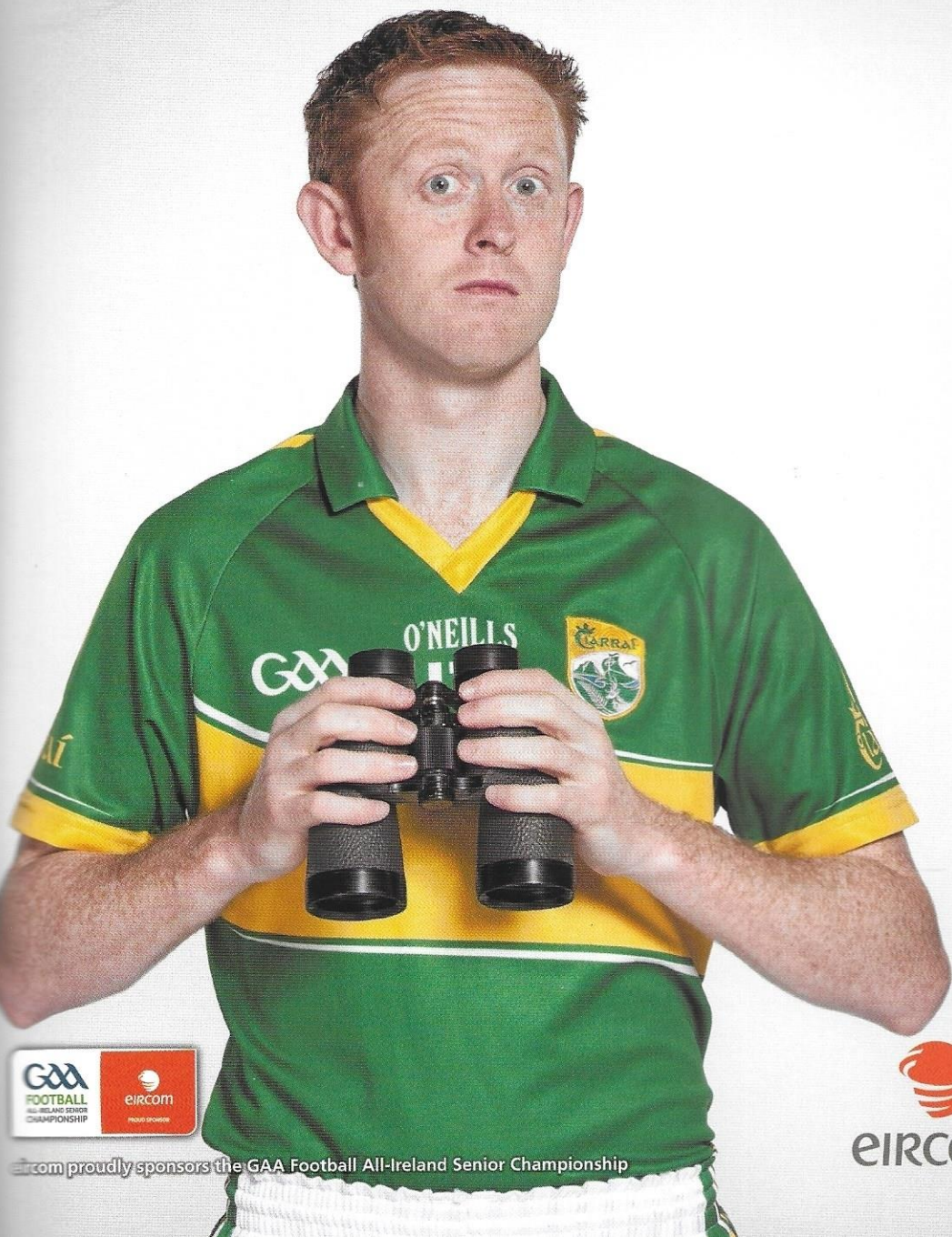
B: 38 yards

C: 47 yards

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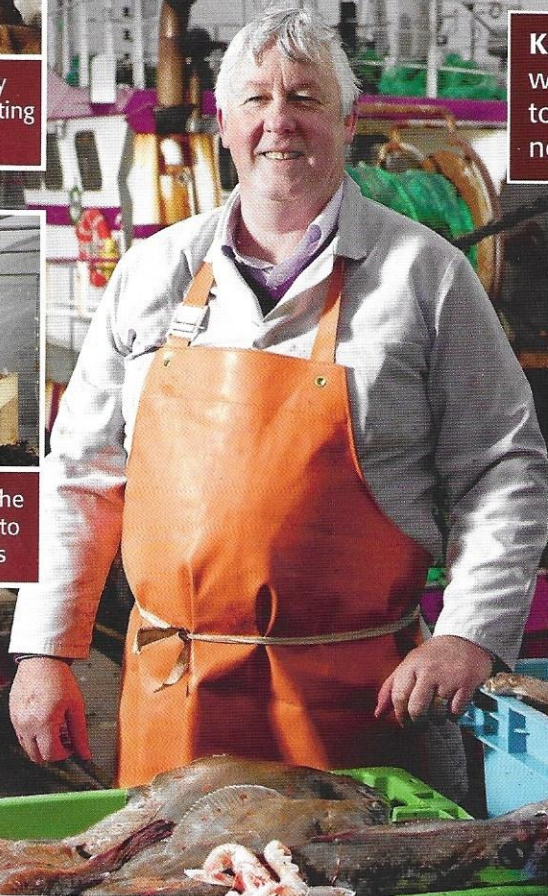




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