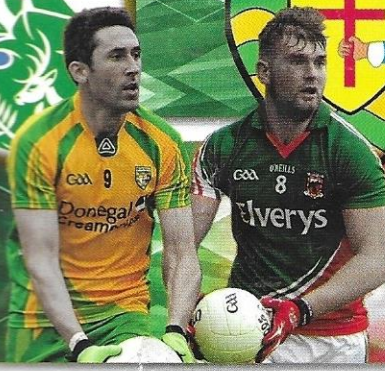
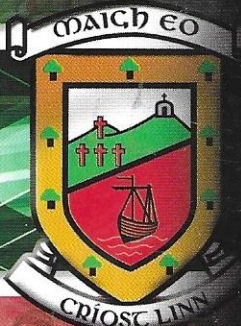
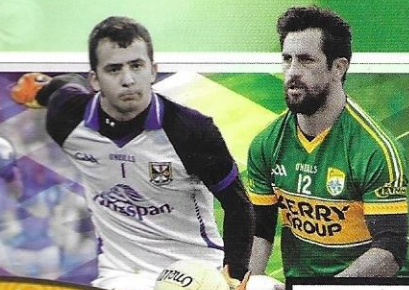


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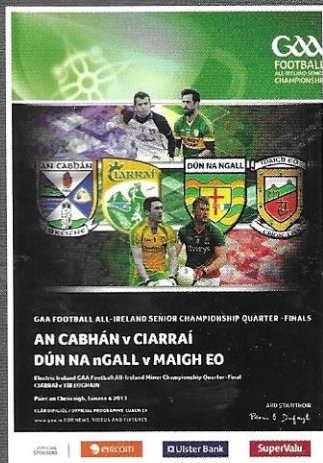


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1.50	Coin toss
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# TEACHTAIREACHT AN UACHTARÁIN

**I**s cúis mhór áthais dom fáilte a chur romhaibh go léir go Páirc an Chrócaigh don deireadh seachtaine ollmhór seo don Craobh Peile.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to Croke Park this weekend for what is a veritable feast of football – regardless of what day you are in attendance. The onset of the August Bank Holiday weekend is synonymous with the commencement of straight knock out football. It's where the teams with Sam Maguire challenging credentials emerge and where weaknesses and vulnerabilities are exposed.

That's not to say that the provincial successes – most notably Monaghan's – or qualifier activity has been any less alluring to date, but those teams with serious aspirations of All-Ireland success must bring it to the table today or alternatively start planning for next year.

The pairing of Kerry and Cavan is sure to evoke memories of a certain famed Polo Grounds encounter amongst our older members but younger followers may recall the more recent 1997 clash which Kerry won.

Cavan are proof if it exists of the fruits of underage labour and despite an Ulster set back against eventual provincial champions Monaghan they have made full use of the qualifier route to book a second date in Croke Park today. Kerry have gone about their business with minimum fuss

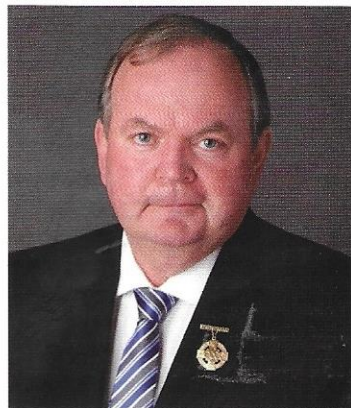
annexing another Munster title while developing under the tutelage of Eamonn Fitzmaurice, one of the youngest managers in the game.

The second of today's encounters is sure to capture imaginations far beyond Mayo and Donegal – the 2012 All-Ireland finalists. Mayo excelled in Connacht to such an extent that the question will be asked of them whether they are steeled for the rematch of last year's unsuccessful final outing. Donegal in contrast have faced a testing route to this juncture – including a first Ulster defeat in three years – and their challenge is to reach the heights of last year despite the impediment of injuries.

I wish all four teams well, including the backroom teams, county boards and of course the supporters, whose presence helps makes these events the occasions they become.

Also, the minor footballers of Kerry and Tyrone get proceedings underway at 12.15pm. It's a great opportunity for those who show up early at Croke Park today to see the players that will no doubt influence the game for years to come.

I would also like to acknowledge the contribution of our match officials and senior competition sponsors eircom, SuperValu and Ulster Bank, and to Electric Ireland for their invaluable sponsorship of the minor competition.



Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank GAA supporters who have attended our games in their usual large numbers this year. Their support, passion and colour adds immeasurably to our championships.

I know some of you will be back with us before year end. I hope the rest of you derive great satisfaction watching the concluding stages of what has already been a hugely entertaining championship to date thus far.

Rath Dé ar an obair,

*Liam Ó Néill*

**Liam Ó Néill**  
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# SIXTY YEARS OF TACTICAL EVOLUTION

BY COLM KEYS, IRISH INDEPENDENT

**F**or the 1955 Leinster football final Dublin decided they needed a shift away from the convention of how they played the game.

Meath were reigning provincial and All-Ireland champions and the team's gatekeeper was legendary full-back Paddy 'Hands' O'Brien, a mountain of a man who, by the very moniker attributed to him, enjoyed aerial supremacy over anyone who came across his territory.

Playing him at his own game was futile so the Dublin selection committee agreed, on the imprimatur of the player himself, to switch Kevin Heffernan from corner forward into full-forward with the commission to roam away from O'Brien's turf.

In discussions with his outfield players beforehand Heffernan made it clear where and how he wanted the ball directed to him.

Short, low and crisp into the area he was targeting with his runs.

In today's game such fluid movement is standard practice. But dispensing with the old orthodoxy of rivals contesting 50/50 balls was a seismic shift.

O'Brien was unsure whether to twist or stick. Dublin ran in five goals for a 5-12 to 0-7 win, their biggest margin in 60 championship meetings.

Heffernan had taken his cue from Don Revie's deployment in a similar manner at centre-forward in cross channel soccer, dropping off the centre half in the knowledge that there would be reluctance to follow him into uncharted territory.

It was unconventional, visionary and hugely successful.

Afterwards the Meath players complained that Dublin and Heffernan 'hadn't played fair'.

Heffernan's roaming wasn't received well beyond Meath either. A game borne on the principles of catch and kick and 50/50 duels had taken a dangerous turn.

Thus the subsequent All-Ireland final with Kerry was pitched as a battle of extremes; convention versus radicalism, a concurrent theme with the city versus county aspect.

Kerry won and Gaelic football felt some security again. But the waves of innovation against the old game didn't recede for long and have been crashing off the rocks ever since.

Heffernan would be involved in another shift in the game's tectonic plates some 20 years later as manager of Dublin but not before Down built on the dimension of support play to the 1960s.

Much of the advancements they made were based on more sophisticated preparation and organisation, the instilling of self belief to take on southern teams and beat them and the construction of the first streamlined management team, a three-man axis in which Barney Carr was considered unofficial manager.

On the field of play Down put more thought into the use of possession, a different departure from the primacy of 'man-to-man' combat. Why kick it when they could as easily place it?



1961: Down and Offaly players march in the All-Ireland final pre-match parade





Dublin's Brian Mullins

They recycled when they had to. James McCartan was a powerful centre-forward who drove at opposing defences in a way that previous incumbents of the position hadn't.

They thought their way through games and in O'Neill, the McCartans, Lennon and their likes they had field commanders who didn't require instruction.

The essence of team play that Down and later Galway brought to Gaelic football in the 1960s was essentially the catalyst for other teams thinking differently about the game.

Cork's Billy Morgan became the first goalkeeper to consistently take his team's kick-outs and use the restart as a manner for initiating moves. Again possession was paramount.

Heffernan's next great intervention in the great tactical race was to ramp up the athleticism and physicality of his Dublin team of the 1970s.

Meath had successfully argued for the open hand pass in the early 1970s and Dublin were the first to exploit it to the maximum, using it for the most advanced, running game Gaelic football had known. As a revolutionary leap it was horse and trap to motor.

The numbers on their backs and the positions on the field that they were traditionally detailed for were becoming less relevant. The age of fluidity was here.

Not for the first time Kerry quickly countered, matching and even surpassing the athleticism and the use of the hand pass as a means to retaining possession through the guile of Mick O'Dwyer.

As a player O'Dwyer was adaptable enough to operate at wing-back and corner-forward and his teams enjoyed similar fluency.

Pat Spillane was one of the first half forwards with a licence to roam with freedom.

The creation of space for full-forward lines was perhaps Seán Boylan's greatest trick in the late 1980s and early 1990s, deploying one of his trio in a deeper role was a slight variation on what Heffernan did in 1955 but the service of diagonal ball in the D became a trademark.

It was a fruitful weapon that Armagh were happy to develop further at the beginning of the last decade.

The 1990s saw big advances in fitness and preparation and the first big deployment of defensive half-forwards. For the 1995 campaign the current Dublin manager Jim Gavin regularly man marked opposing half-backs and hung deep to support behind his own midfield.

Withdrawing half forwards to deeper positions was popularised as a means of creating greater attacking width; Galway's Michael Donnellan and Meath's Trevor Giles perfected it.

The greatest evolution over the

## DUBLIN 1955

Dublin successfully employ Kevin Heffernan as a roving full forward in the Leinster final against Meath.

## DOWN 1960-'61

Down place a premium on possession instead of the primacy of man-to-man combat. The Mourne men essentially pioneered 'team play.'

## DUBLIN 1970s

Kevin Heffernan's side are the first team to exploit the open handpass to the maximum. Their fluid, running game is a revolutionary leap for Gaelic Football.

## KERRY 1970s

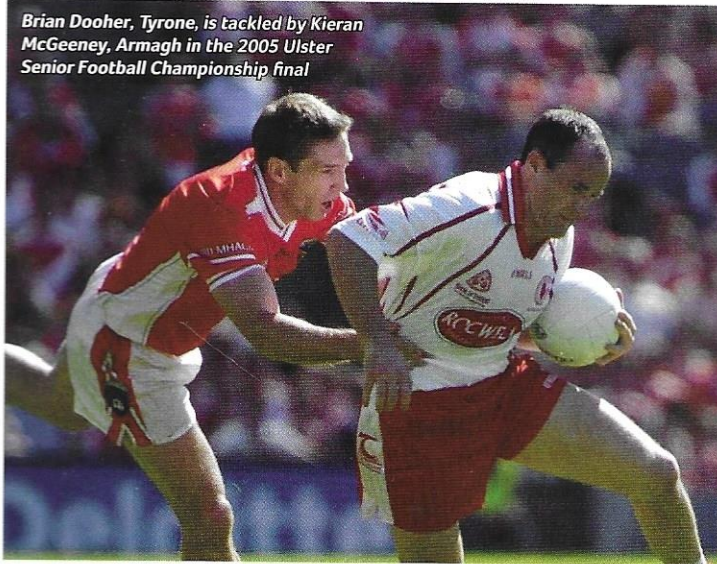
Kerry manager Mick O'Dwyer is the first manager to give his wing-forwards a licence to roam with freedom. Pat Spillane perfects the role.



Pat Spillane, Kerry



**Brian Dooher, Tyrone, is tackled by Kieran McGeeney, Armagh in the 2005 Ulster Senior Football Championship final**



last 15 years has been defensive alignment that various teams have taken up.

Armagh regularly deployed Tony McEntee as an auxiliary centre-back to give Kieran McGeeney the freedom to play.

While Spillane moved off his wing by choice, Brian Dooher did it by design for Tyrone.

The filtering back of so many players as a defensive screen was a core principle for Mickey Harte's team.

'When we attack, we attack, when we defend we defend' was the mantra.

Inevitably it is Kerry who fired up the latest tactical scud. Kieran Donaghy's posting to full-forward had the 'big man' back in vogue for a spell.

But the innovation moves on at a relentless pace. Some 40 years ago, a goalkeeper scarcely countenanced kicking out a ball. Now they place it and step up for long range frees.

Dublin had the audacity to

concede kick-outs and align their defensive grid with sufficient numbers accordingly in 2010. Donegal took it a step further in 2011 and brought counter-attacking to a new level in 2012. Four of their defenders scored 1-13 in the campaign, their dedicated sweeper Mark McHugh added six points.

When Monaghan put every one of their players on or behind their 45 metre line for the first Donegal attack of the recent Ulster final you couldn't help thinking how fluid the game had become in the 58 years since Heffernan took his cheeky step forward to perplex 'Hands' O'Brien.

"Like all these things," observed Heffernan some years later, "you develop them and hone them until suddenly someone finds an answer and you have to start with something else."

His words have been the theme for the tactical evolution of Gaelic football in the subsequent 60 years or so. Find, develop, challenge, counter, move on.

Right now though you have to think what's next?

## MEATH 1980s & '90s

Royals manager Seán Boylan deploys one of his inside forwards in a deeper role to create space and the diagonal ball in the 'D' became their trademark.

## DUBLIN 1995

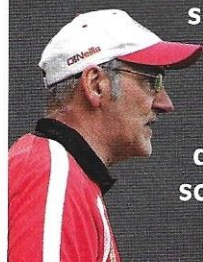
For the '95 campaign current Dublin manager Jim Gavin regularly man-marked opposing half-backs and played in a deep role to support his midfield.

## ARMAGH 2002

In their breakthrough 2002 campaign, Orchard County manager Joe Kernan deployed Tony McEntee as an auxiliary centre-back to give Kieran McGeeney more freedom.

## TYRONE 2000s

At the core of Mickey Harte's gameplan is the filtering back of several players to create a defensive screen.





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LE MÁRTAN Ó CIARDHA

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Níl ceachtar de na peileadóirí eile a thosaigh i lár na páirce in ann a theacht i ngar ná i ngaobhar den éacht sin, ach is fiú a bhfuil déanta ag imreoirí lár páirce Chiarraí go dtí seo i mbliana a lua. Tá scóranna aimsithe ag Anthony Maher agus

ag Johnny Buckley i ngach cluiche i gCraobh na Mumhan – cúl a fuair Maher in aghaidh Phort Láirge, le n-áireamh orthu sin.

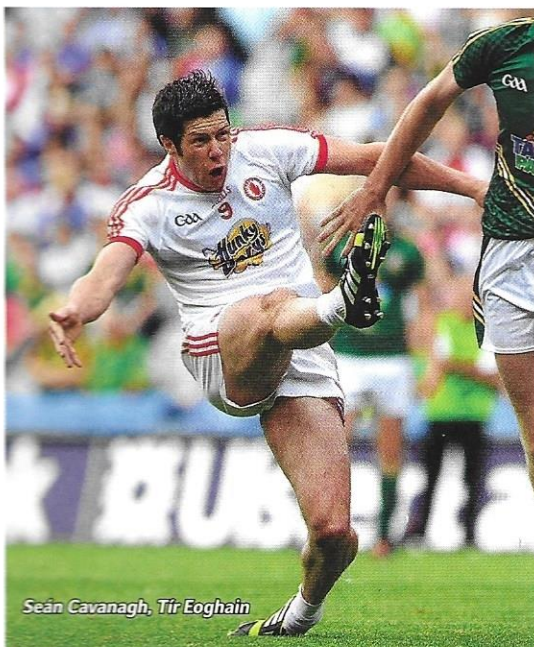
Go dtí seo tá scóranna faighte ag na peileadóirí lár páirce a thosaigh i 21 de na 27 cluiche atá imrithe ag na foirne atá sna babhtaí ceathrú ceannais agus cúil scóráilte ag Ó Meachair agus ag an gCorcaioch, Pearse O'Neill.

Tá cúilíní as an imirt faighte ag David Givney sna ceithre chluiche deireanacha atá imrithe ag an gCábhán agus eatarthu scóráil sé féin agus a chomrádaí Tomás Corr cúig chúilín in aghaidh Londain Dé Sathairn seo caite.

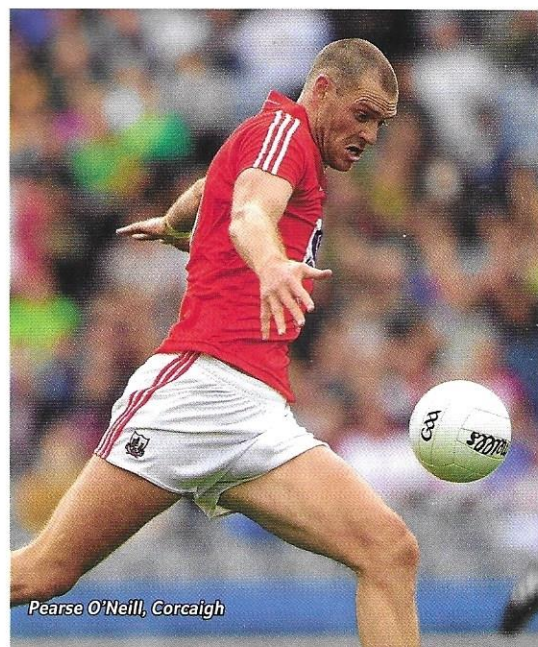
Tá cúilíní scóráilte as an imirt do Mhuineachán ag Darren Hughes

sna cluichí inar bhuaigh siad ar Aontroim, an Cábhán agus Dún na nGall, mar atá déanta ag Rory Kavanagh sna cluichí atá imrithe acusan i gCraobh Uladh, cé nár éirigh leis sin a dhéanamh sa mbabhta cáilithe in aghaidh Laoise.

Siad imreoirí lár páirce Mhaigh Eo agus Áth Cliath is lú a bhfuil scóráil déanta acu – ainneoin 9-84 a bheith scóráilte ag Maigh Eo agus 7-53 ag Áth Cliath, níl ag curaidh Chonnacht ach an cúilín a fuair Aidan O'Shea in aghaidh Ros Comáin agus ag curaidh Laighean ach an ceann a fuair Cian O' Sullivan in aghaidh na hIarmhí. Ach ar ndóigh tá cúl báire acusan a bhfuil 7 gcúilín faighte aige!



Seán Cavanagh, Tír Eoghain



Pearse O'Neill, Corcaigh



**S**eán Cavanagh's eight points against Meath in last Saturday's Round 4 Qualifier was the latest illustration of the emergence of scoring midfielders in the 2013 GAA Football All-Ireland Championship. It is not all down to his accuracy from free kicks either, the man from Moy has also scored from play in all of Tyrone's championship matches this season, his total so far standing at 0-22.

None of the other midfielders in this year's championship can match that, but the scoring feats of Kerry's pairing in Munster deserve a mention. Both Anthony Maher and Johnny Buckley have scored in the wins over Tipperary, Waterford and Cork, Maher getting one of the goals against Waterford as well as scoring points from play against Tipperary and Cork; Buckley scoring from play in all three games as well as from four frees.

To date, the starting midfielders have scored from play in 21 of the 27 championship games in which our quarter-finalists have competed, and Cork's Pearse O'Neill and Kerry's Maher have scored goals.

David Givney has scored from play in the last four matches played by Cavan in this year's championship - between them, he and Tomás Corr scored five points in last weekend's win over London.

Darren Hughes has scored from play in Monaghan's wins over Antrim, Cavan and Donegal as did Rory Kavanagh in Donegal's three games in the Ulster Championship, although he failed to find the target in last weekend's win over Laois in the Qualifiers.

Least prominent on the scoring charts of the 2013 GAA Football All-Ireland Championship have been the starting midfielders of Mayo and Dublin. The Connacht champions have scored 9-48 in their three games in this year's competition, midfield-scoring being confined to the point scored by Aidan O'Shea against Roscommon. Dublin have scored 7-53 in Leinster, the only starting midfielder to score for them was Cian O'Sullivan against Westmeath.

But then they have a goalkeeper who accounts for seven of their points total!



Johnny Buckley, Ciarraí

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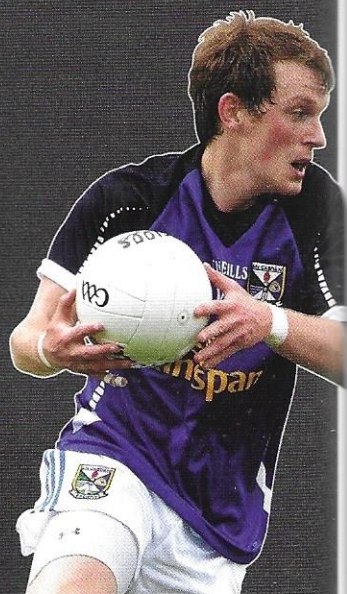


## PATHS TO THE QUARTER-FINAL

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June 16, Enniskillen	Cavan	0-13	Fermanagh	0-11
June 29, Clones	Monaghan	1-10	Cavan	0-12
July 13, Breffni Park	Cavan	1-14	Fermanagh	0-10
July 20, Celtic Park	Cavan	1-22	Derry	0-20
July 27, Croke Park	Cavan	1-17	London	1-8

Total Scored 4-93 (105)  
Total Conceded 3-70 (79)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
MARTIN DUNNE	0-9	0-5	0-3	1-3	0-6	0-6	1-32
EUGENE KEATING	0-2	0-3	0-1	0-1	0-3	0-2	0-12
NIALL McDERMOTT	0-2	0-2	0-3	0-2	----	1-0	1-9
CIAN MACKEY	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	2-4
MARTIN REILLY	----	0-1	----	0-1	0-5	0-1	0-8
DAVID GIVNEY	----	----	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-3	0-7
DAMIEN O'REILLY	0-1	0-1	----	0-1	0-1	----	0-4
FERGAL FLANAGAN	----	----	----	0-2	----	0-2	0-4
JAMES McENROE	0-1	----	0-1	----	----	----	0-2
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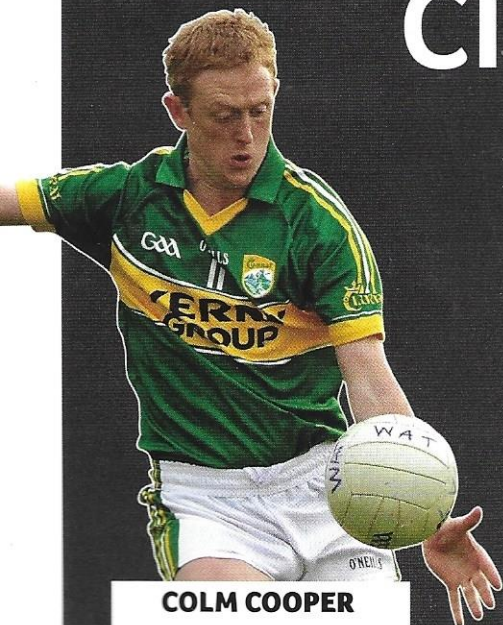
**MARTIN DUNNE**  
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# AN CABHÁN CIARRAÍ

May 26, Killarney	Kerry	2-19	Tipperary	0-8
June 1, Killarney	Kerry	4-21	Waterford	1-4
July 7, Killarney	Kerry	1-16	Cork	0-17

Total Scored 7-56 (77)  
Total Conceded 1-29 (32)

	1	2	3	Total
COLM COOPER	0-5	0-4	1-3	1-12
JAMES O'DONOGHUE	1-3	0-2	0-3	1-8
JOHNNY BUCKLEY	0-3	0-4	0-1	0-8
DECLAN O'SULLIVAN	0-1	1-0	0-2	1-3
PAUL GALVIN	0-2	0-2	0-1	0-5
DARRAN O'SULLIVAN	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-2
ANTHONY MAHER	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-2
BRYAN SHEEHAN	0-1	1-1	----	1-2
KIERAN DONAGHY	0-1	1-0	----	1-1
TOMÁS Ó SÉ	0-1	0-2	----	0-3
DONNCHA DHWALSH	0-1	0-1	----	0-2
MARC Ó SÉ	----	0-1	0-1	0-2
FIONN FITZGERALD	----	0-1	0-1	0-2
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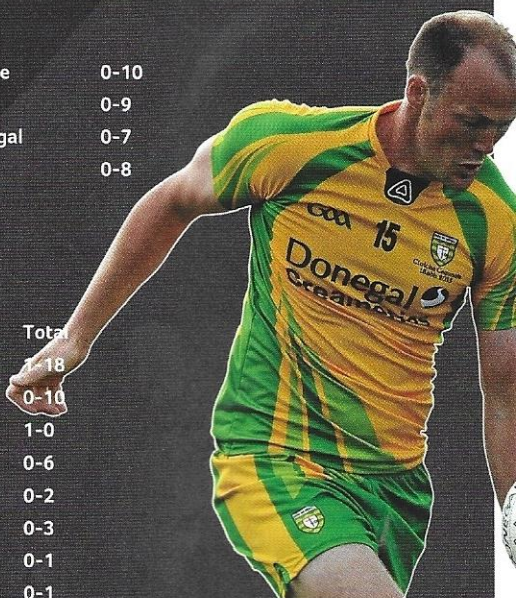
**COLM COOPER**  
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May 26, Ballybofey	Donegal	2-10	Tyrone	0-10
June 23, Breffni Park	Donegal	0-12	Down	0-9
July 21, Clones	Monaghan	0-13	Donegal	0-7
July 27, Carrick-on-Shannon	Donegal	0-14	Laois	0-8

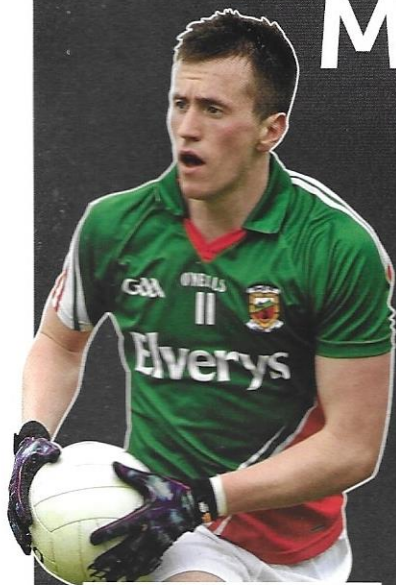
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**Total Conceded** 0-40

	1	2	3	4	Total
COLM McFADDEN	1-3	0-5	0-4	0-6	1-18
MICHAEL MURPHY	0-3	0-5	----	0-2	0-10
ROSS WHERITY	1-0	----	----	----	1-0
PADDY McBREARTY	0-2	0-1	----	0-3	0-6
DAVID WALSH	0-1	----	----	0-1	0-2
RORY KAVANAGH	0-1	0-1	0-1	----	0-3
FRANK McGLYNN	----	----	0-1	----	0-1
RYAN McHUGH	----	----	0-1	----	0-1
NEIL McGEE	----	----	----	0-1	0-1
LEO McLOONE	----	----	----	0-1	0-1



**COLM McFADDEN**  
1-18

# DÚN NA nGALL MAIGH EO



**CILLIAN O'CONNOR**  
3-9

May 19, Salthill	Mayo	4-16	Galway	0-11
June 16, Castlebar	Mayo	0-21	Roscommon	0-9
July 21, Castlebar	Mayo	5-11	London	0-10

**Total Scored** 9-48 (75)  
**Total Conceded** 0-30

	1	2	3	Total
CILLIAN O'CONNOR	0-6	----	3-3	3-9
ALAN FREEMAN	0-1	0-3	1-2	1-6
KEVIN McLOUGHLIN	----	0-6	0-2	0-8
ENDA VARLEY	1-3	0-1	----	1-4
DARREN COEN	0-1	0-2	1-0	1-3
DONAL VAUGHAN	1-1	0-1	----	1-2
ANDY MORAN	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-2
LEE KEEGAN	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-4
RICHIE FEENEY	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-3
ALAN DILLON	0-2	0-1	----	0-3
CATHAL CAROLAN	1-0	----	----	1-0
COLM BOYLE	----	0-2	----	0-2
KEITH HIGGINS	----	0-1	----	0-1
AIDAN O'SHEA	----	0-1	----	0-1



# PREVIOUS MEETING

## KERRY V CAVAN



ALL-IRELAND FOOTBALL SEMI-FINAL, AUGUST 1997, **KERRY 1-17 CAVAN 1-10**

**S**even points separated the sides at the final whistle and although few would argue with the result, the margin of defeat was harsh on a Cavan side that held their own for 50 minutes. Indeed, although the Breffni men were only on level terms at that juncture (1-9 to 0-12), their attack had looked the more potent of the two.

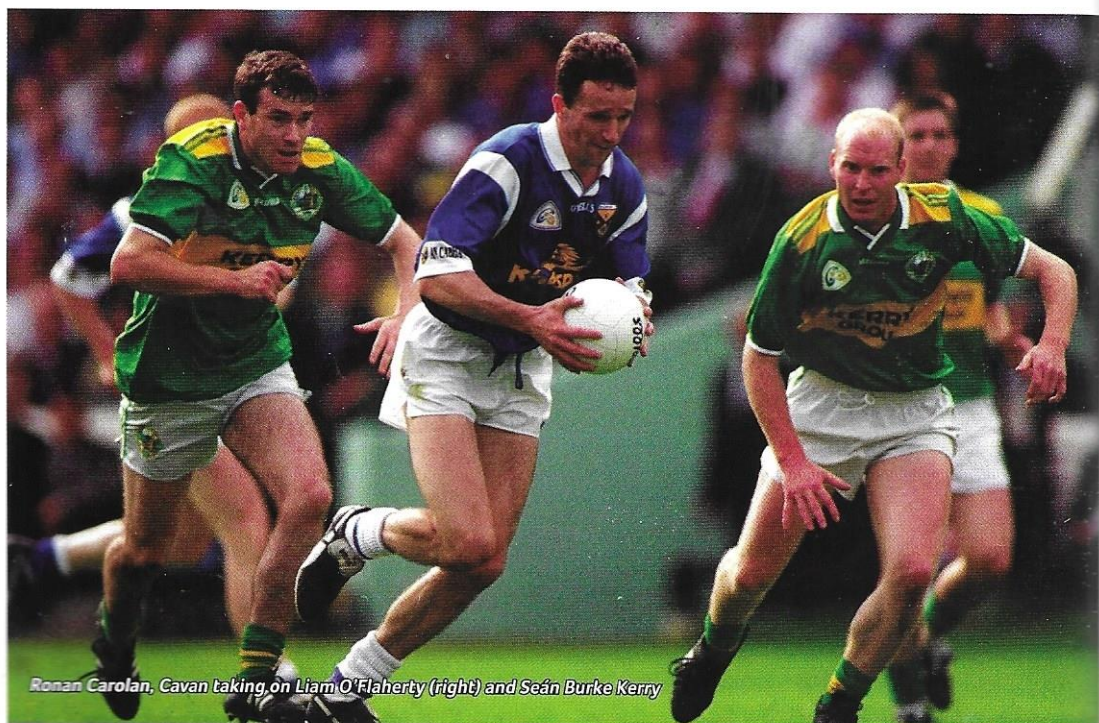
Ronan Carolan had opened the scoring in the third minute and it was nip and tuck throughout the opening quarter. Darragh Ó Sé replied with Kerry's first score within seconds of Carolan and each side added three more to

leave it 0-4 apiece as the game spilled over into the second. Points by Carolan and Dermot McCabe brought three in reply from Maurice Fitzgerald before McCabe made it 0-7 each a couple of minutes before the break. Fitzgerald and Breen pointed for the Kingdom but any thoughts of an interval advantage were dispelled when Fintan Cahill raced through for a goal to leave it 1-7 to 0-9.

Kerry Bainisteoir Páidí Ó Sé obviously had a few choice words for his charges during the break and they appeared to do the trick as they restarted smartly and points by Liam Hassett and

a brace from Fitzgerald pushed them two clear. But Cavan refused to be cowed and Cahill and Damien O'Reilly replied at the opposite end to bring the sides level and it looked as if the attendance of just over 60,000 were in for a grandstand finish.

Alas, it never materialised. A brace from Billy O'Shea and a single by Dara Ó Cinnéide elicited just a single in reply from Carolan at the 54th minute, which proved to be the last occasion the Breffni men troubled the scoreboard operator. Twelve scoreless minutes preceded Mike Frank Russell's decisive goal and a couple of late Fitzgerald points were immaterial to the outcome.



Ronan Carolan, Cavan taking on Liam O'Flaherty (right) and Seán Burke Kerry



# PREVIOUS MEETING DONEGAL V MAYO



ALL-IRELAND FOOTBALL FINAL, SEPTEMBER 2012, DONEGAL 2-11 MAYO 0-13

**The old adage 'a good start is half the battle' was never more tellingly demonstrated than last September when Donegal's lightning start left Mayo with too much to do. After 11 minutes the Ulster champions led by 2-1 to 0-0 and although Mayo fought back to get within three points by the change of ends, that was as close as they got.**

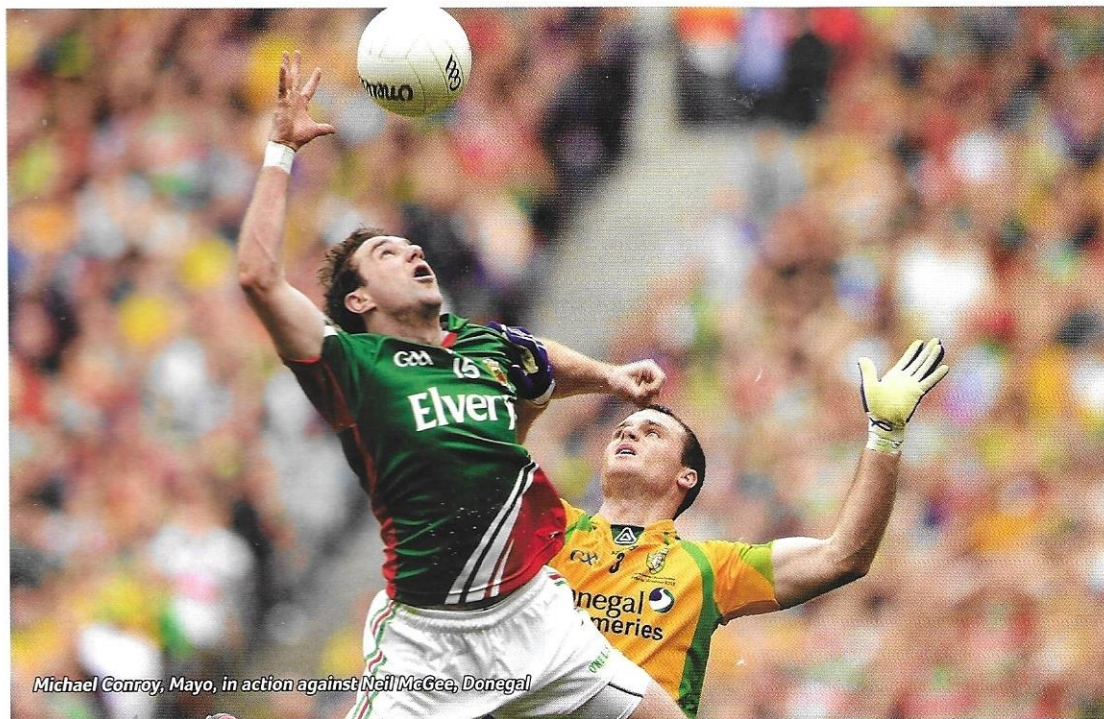
However, it wasn't just the opening 10 minutes that undermined Mayo's effort. On the restart the Connacht champions had three chances to reduce the deficit but squandered all of

them when the deficit was four points. Had they been converted, perhaps Mayo's six-decade plus wait for Sam Maguire may have been ended. But the tone for the afternoon had been set in those opening minutes.

Michael Murphy's goal after three minutes was a setback but Colm McFadden's major eight minutes later was the killer blow. Indeed, it could have been even worse for the supporters of the green and red as McFadden had an opportunity for his second goal in the 13th minute but he was brilliantly denied by Mayo 'keeper David Clarke. That save settled Mayo and with Aidan O'Shea and

Barry Moran finding their feet at midfield, play began to gravitate towards the Donegal posts.

Fine points by Michael Conroy and Enda Varley helped reduce Mayo arrears to three points by the change of ends (0-7 to 2-4), but when the opportunities to narrow the gap further presented themselves on the restart, they were not availed of. When play swung to the opposite end Murphy made no mistake to increase Donegal's lead to five points and that was an advantage they carried into the closing 10 minutes. Despite some late pressure it was a deficit that Mayo could not close.



Michael Conroy, Mayo, in action against Neil McGee, Donegal



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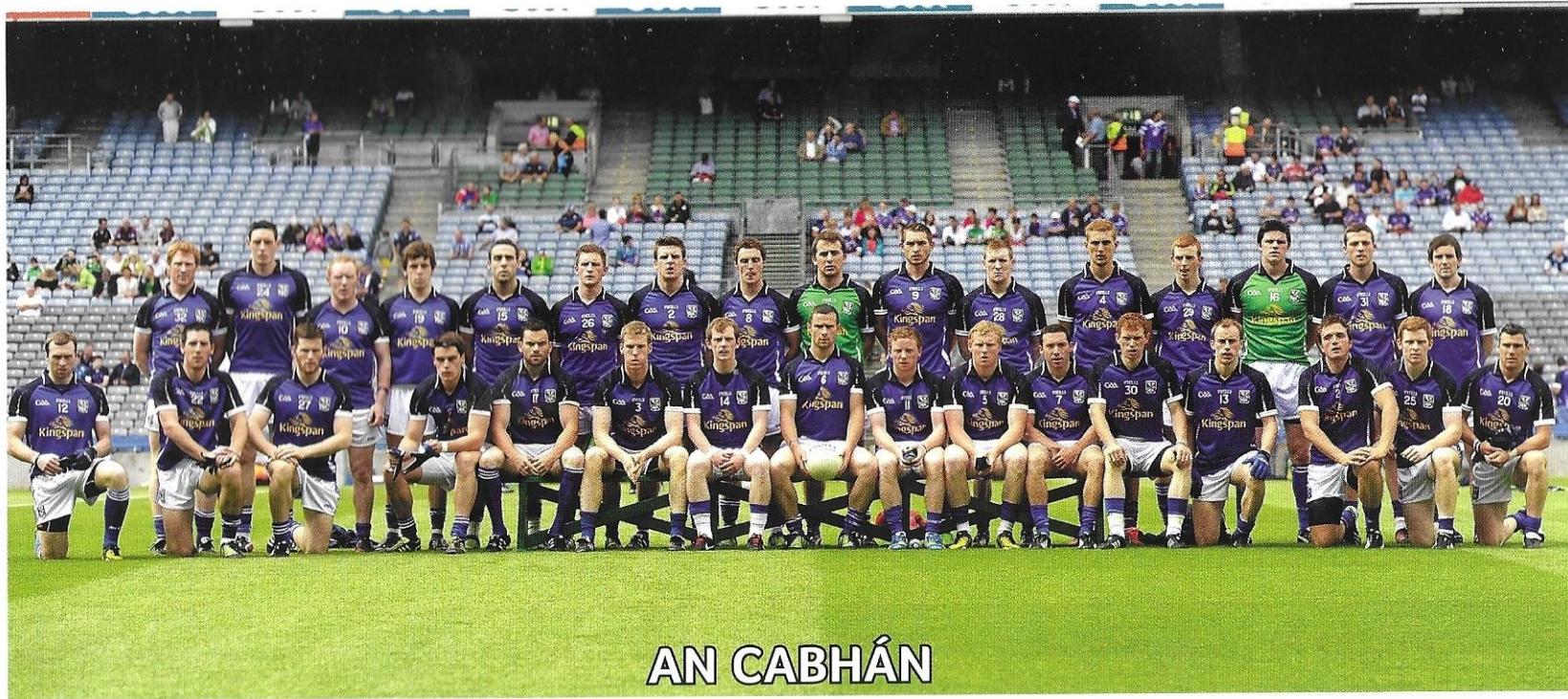
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Front (L-R): Feargal Flanagan, Killian Brady, Marc Leddy, Kevin Tierney, Óisín Minagh, Rory Dunne, Martin Dunne, Alan Clarke, Jack Brady, James McEnroe, Ronan Flanagan, Damien Barkey, Martin Reilly, John McCutcheon, Niall McDermott, Mark McKeever.



# AN CABHÁN

## FIR IONAIÐ

- 16. CONOR GILSENAN  
C. Mac Golla Seanáin  
*Bailieborough*
- 17. OISÍN MINAGH  
Oí. Miúineach  
*Redhills*
- 18. NIALL MURRAY  
N. Ó Muirí  
*Cavan Gaels*
- 19. DARA McVEETY  
D. Mac Bhiataigh  
*Crosserlough*
- 20. MARK McKEEVER  
M. Mac Íomhair  
*Gowna*
- 21. JOHN McCUTCHEON  
S. Mac Úistín  
*Cootehill*
- 22. KILLIAN BRADY  
C. Mac Brádaigh  
*Mullahoran*
- 23. KEVIN TIERNEY  
C. Mac Tiarnaigh  
*Ballyhaise*
- 24. MICHAEL ARGUE  
M. Ó hEarga  
*Bailieborough*
- 25. NIALL McDERMOTT  
N. Mac Diarmhada  
*Ballinagh*
- 26. JAMES McENROE  
S. Mac Conrua  
*Ramor United*

**ROGHNÓIRÍ:**  
**TERRY HYLAND**  
**(BAINISTEOIR),**  
Anthony Forde,  
Joe McCarthy,  
Pádraig Dolan

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**ALAN O'MARA**  
A. Ó Meára  
*Bailieborough*



**TOMÁS CORR**  
T. Ó Córra  
*Denn*



**RORY DUNNE**  
R. Ó Duinn  
*Redhills*



**KILLIAN CLARKE**  
C. Ó Cléirigh  
*Shercock*



**JASON McLOUGHLIN**  
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*Kingscourt*

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*Castlerahan*



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*Mountnugent*



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E. Céitinn  
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11	12	13	14	15

1st Half  
2nd Half  
Total

**CIARRAÍ**



**BRENDAN KEALY**  
B. Ó Caolaí  
*Kilcummin*



**FIONN FITZGERALD**  
F. Mac Gearailt  
*Dr. Crokes*



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M. Ó Sé  
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*Tarbert*



**TOMÁS Ó SÉ**  
T. Ó Sé  
*An Gaeltacht*



**KILLIAN YOUNG**  
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*Renard*



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P. Ó Cruaiaidh  
*Laune Rangers*



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*Duagh*



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P. Ó Gealbháin  
*Finuge*



**COLM COOPER**  
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*Dr. Crokes*



**DONNCHADH WALSH**  
D. Breathnach  
*Cromane*



**DECLAN O'SULLIVAN**  
D. Ó Suilleabháin  
*Piarsaigh Na Dromada*



**KIERAN DONAGHY**  
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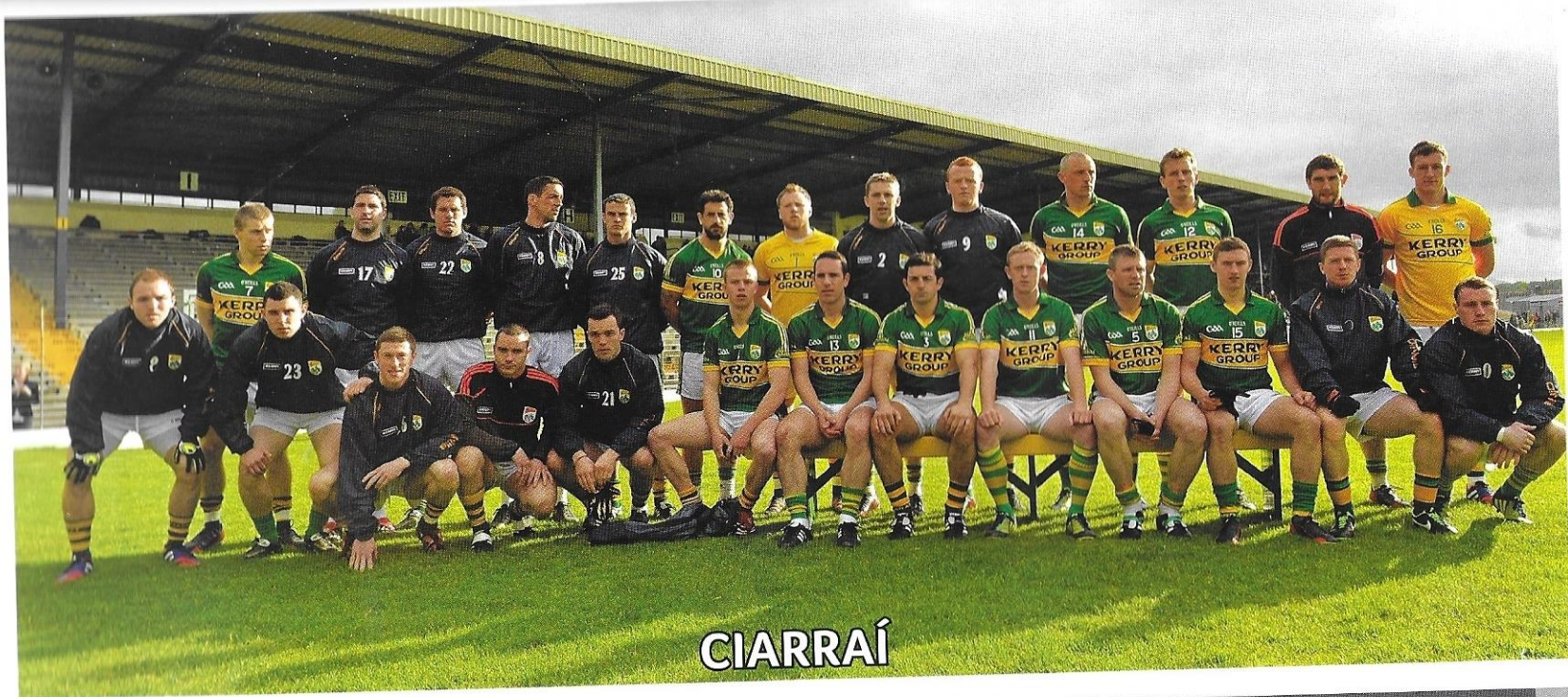
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**ROGHNÓIRÍ:**

**EAMONN FITZMAURICE (BAINISTEOIR),**  
Cian O'Neill,  
Diarmuid Ó Murchú,  
Mikey Sheehy





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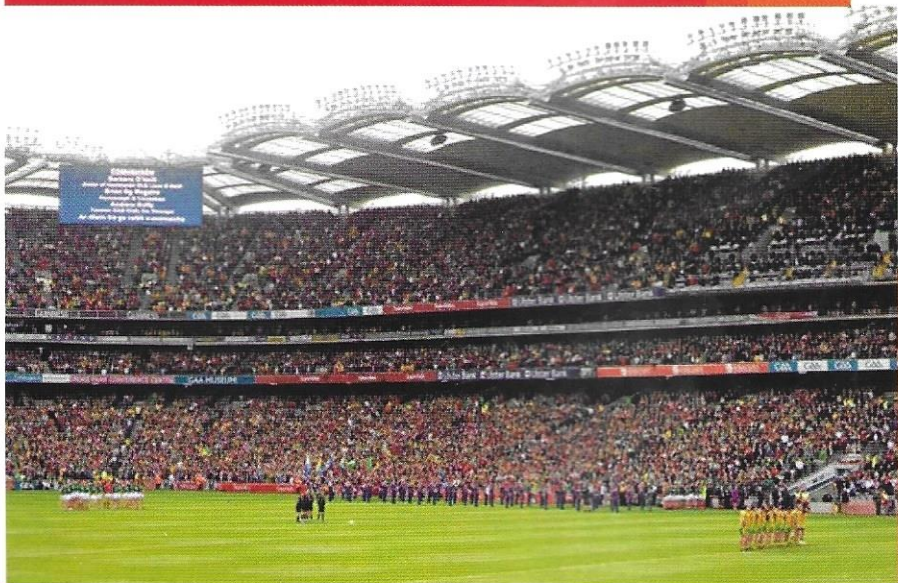
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# A BALM IN TROUBLED TIMES

BY DONAL KEENAN

**In the already over populated state of the Gaelic Games media, almost at suffocation levels today with the invasion of “experts” on TV and radio, there is a constant battle for attention. The “silly season”, once confined to the months of December and January, now encompasses all 12 months.**

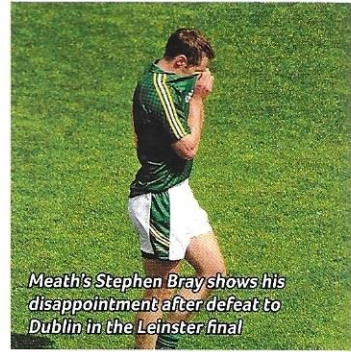
The attainment of celebrity, that apparently beloved adornment of modernity, requires little more than stoking up controversy through outrage or outrageous suggestion. A silly remark or cliché tarted up as educated analysis often suffices in the chase for notice.

For those of us who existed in the day of the confined “silly season” of the past, burdened by the petty necessity of the times of repaying bank loans which required us to work through those barren months, there were the old reliables; subjects that were regurgitated annually to pass the time and fill space. Subjects like “the open draw” for the championship is an example.

Ah yes, even in antiquity there were amongst us those who propagated the notion that Gaelic Games would be the same without the provincial championships. Look around you and identify the men (for our world was exclusively male then) with greying hair and pallor, dimming eyesight and creaking bones, who would have deprived us of the glory and the beauty of the provincial system.

However, back then, once the silly season was over the debates were parked. We got back to reality and on with the business of completing the Leagues before creating our championship dreams. For some there was an “annual outing”, for others a spark of promise and then the usual suspects carved up the big prizes for themselves.

These days, even at the height of the summer, when we all should be distracted only by what is happening on the field of play our enjoyment is interrupted by calls for change in a structure that has provided us already with one of the most entertaining and exciting



*Meath's Stephen Bray shows his disappointment after defeat to Dublin in the Leinster final*

championship seasons, in football and hurling, of recent memory.

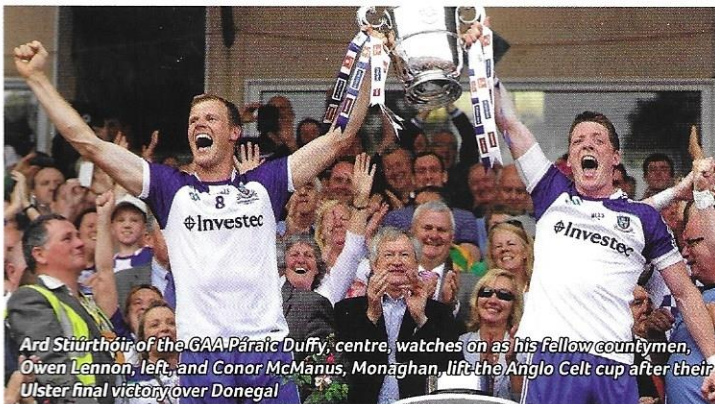
It was heartening then, just ten or so days ago, to hear the words of the eminent Ard Stiúrthóir of the GAA Páraic Duffy, when it was put to him that there was a need for change in the structures of the Association's inter-county championships. “People who say we should get rid of the provincial championship don't really get it,” he replied.

The DG is absolutely right. And he went on to say:

“You have to be from a smaller county where success is limited to see what provincial championships mean. That's what sport is about. It has to be about romance so the small guy can have his day.

“OK, there are teams there that are not good enough and I get that. There are a very small number who are not good enough to compete but those counties want to be part of it.

“You have to accept every year there will be a few mismatches.



*Ard Stiúrthóir of the GAA Páraic Duffy, centre, watches on as his fellow countymen, Owen Lennon, left, and Conor McManus, Monaghan, lift the Anglo Celt cup after their Ulster final victory over Donegal*



But if you had eight groups of four (in a Champions League style championship), you'd have far more mismatches than you have with the present system.

"Someone suggested a few weeks ago we should have senior, intermediate and junior in football. That was one of the ideas floated. On that basis, both Cavan and Monaghan certainly, and London, wouldn't have been there (in the championship proper).

"If someone comes up with a better system, we'd always be open to look at it. But I don't think doing away with the provincial championship is the solution."

I couldn't have put it better myself, which is why I have repeated his words here. The provincial championships, allied to the qualifier series, has over the last decade revolutionised the GAA championships. Kilkenny's grip on the hurling championship has not prevented the pretenders from having a go, while in football the stories of heroism have multiplied.

The evidence to support the retention of the provincial system, supported by the qualifiers, is overwhelming. Just look back on the scenes in Clones when

Monaghan's thunderous effort blew all pre-conceived notions about this championship to smithereens. The sheer joy shared by tens of thousands was a sight to behold.

Recall the delirium of the Limerick fans at the Gaelic Grounds after they had won the Munster hurling title. Try telling anyone, from two to 80, that winning a provincial championship was not a worthy achievement.

Even more telling were the expressions on the faces of the Meath footballers when they were eventually subdued by Dublin in the Leinster football final. I wouldn't have fancied telling them that losing the provincial final didn't matter.

The vanquished Cork hurling team have since recovered and brought, probably, the end of the greatest hurling team of all time. That's what the qualifiers meant to them.

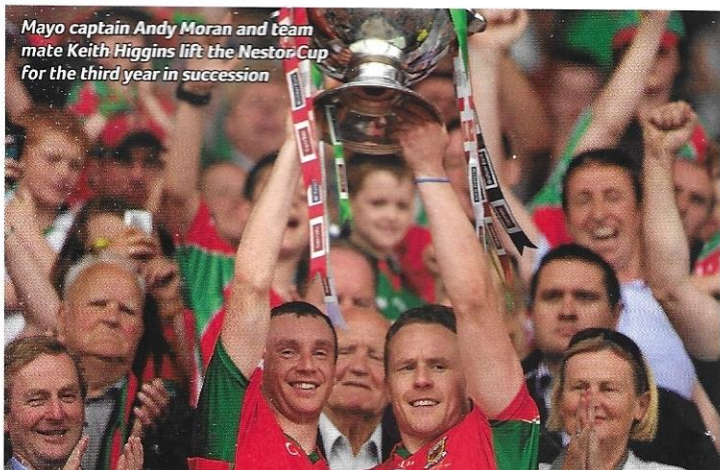
And of possibly greater significance is the evidence from the supporters. Even in these troubled times when we mortals are being crucified by austerity, attendances across the board are up by ten per cent this year. That is the best endorsement of all for the structures as they exist.

## SECOND TIER

The most recent incarnation of a second tier championship competition was the Tommy Murphy Cup, which existed from 2004 to 2008 for teams knocked out in the early stages of the main competition. In its five-year existence, it was won by five different teams – Clare, Tipperary, Louth, Wicklow and Antrim.

## PROVINCIAL SPREAD

In the five years since the Tommy Murphy Cup ended in 2008, nine different counties from across the four provinces have won provincial titles. Ulster is the most equitable province, where by beating Donegal in the provincial final a fortnight ago, Monaghan became the third county to win the Anglo Celt Cup in five years.



Mayo captain Andy Moran and team mate Keith Higgins lift the Nestor Cup for the third year in succession



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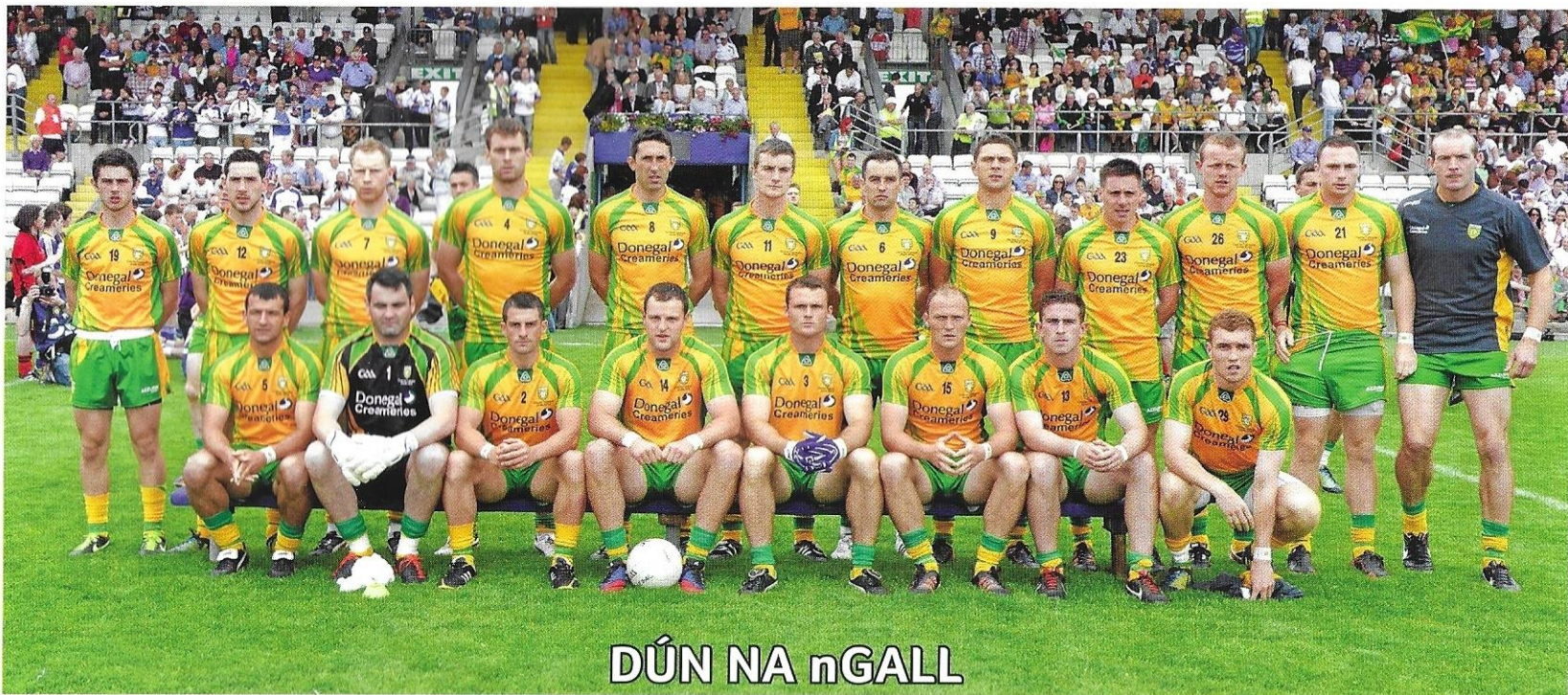
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Back (L-R): Ryan McHugh, Mark McHugh, Anthony Thompson, Eamon McGee, Rory Kavanagh, Leo McLoone, Karl Lacey, Ryan Bradley, Martin O'Reilly, Gary McFadden, Martin McElhinney, Neil Gallagher.



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# DÚN NA nGALL

## FIR IONAIÐ

16. MICHAEL BOYLE  
M. Ó Baoill  
*An Tearmann*

17. DANIEL McLAUGHLIN  
D. Mac Lochlainn  
*Naomh Mícheál*

18. DECLAN WALSH  
D. Breathnach  
*Málainn*

19. LEO McLOONE  
L. Mac Giolla Uain  
*Naomh Conaill*

20. MARTY BOYLE  
M. Ó Baoill  
*Naomh Conaill*

21. MARTIN McELHINNEY  
M. Mac Giolla Chainnigh  
*Naomh Mícheál*

22. ROSS WHERITY  
R. Ó Faghartaigh  
*Naomh Adhamhnáin*

23. MARTY O'REILLY  
M. Ó Raghallaigh  
*Seán Mac Cumhaill*

24. ODHRÁN MAC NIALLAIS  
O. Mac Niallais  
*Gaoth Dobhair*

25. DERMOT MOLLOY  
D. Ó Ludhóg  
*Naomh Conaill*

26. GARY McFADDEN  
G. Mac Pháidín  
*Gleann Súilí*



**PAUL DURCAN**  
P. Ó Dúrcáin  
*Na Ceithre Máistir*



**PADDY McGRATH**  
P. Mac Craith  
*Ard an Ratha*



**NEIL McGEE**  
N. Mac Aoidh  
*Gaoth Dobhair*



**ÉAMONN McGEE**  
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P. Mac Fhloinn  
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**KARL LACEY**  
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**ANTHONY THOMPSON**  
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*Naomh Conaill*



**NEIL GALLAGHER**  
N. Ó Gallachóir  
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**RORY KAVANAGH**  
R. Caomhánach  
*Naomh Adhamhnáin*



**RYAN BRADLEY**  
R. Ó Brollacháin  
*Bun Crannacha*



**RYAN McHUGH**  
R. Mac Aodha  
*Cill Chartha*



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D. Breathnach  
*Naomh Bhrí*



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P. Mac Breartaigh  
*Cill Chartha*



**MICHAEL MURPHY** Capt.  
M. Ó Murchú  
*Gleann Súilí*



**COLM McFADDEN**  
C. Mac Pháidín  
*Naomh Mícheál*

**ROGHNÓIRÍ:**  
**JIM McGUINNESS**  
(BAINISTEÓIR),  
Rory Gallagher,  
Maxí Curran,  
Pat Shovelin



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2	10					1st Half
2	7					2nd Half
CUM	CUM IN	CAOIN	CAOIN	CAOIN	CAOIN	Total

(29)

**MAIGH EO**



**FIR IONAI**

- 16. BRENDAN WALSH  
B. Breathnach  
*Ballintubber*
  - 17. SHANE McHALE  
S. Mac hÉil  
*Knockmore*
  - 18. MICHAEL WALSH  
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*Ardnaree*
  - 19. KEVIN KEANE  
C. Ó Caithain  
*Westport*
  - 20. BARRY MORAN  
B. Ó Móráin  
*Castlebar Mitchels*
  - 21. ENDA VARLEY  
É. Mac an Bhearlaigh  
*Garrymore*
  - 22. CHRIS BARRETT  
C. de Bairéid  
*Belmullet*
  - 23. CATHAL CAROLAN  
C. Ó Cearúlláin  
*Crossmolina*
  - 24. DARREN COEN  
D. Ó Cadháin  
*Hollymount/Carramore*
  - 25. JASON DOHERTY  
S. Dochartaigh  
*Burrishoole*
  - 26. JASON GIBBONS  
S. Ó Giobúin  
*Ballintubber*
- ROGHNÓIRÍ:**  
**JAMES HORAN (BAINISTEOIR),**  
 Tom Prendergast,  
 Donie Buckley,  
 Ed Coughlan



**ROBERT HENNELLY**  
R. Ó hIonnaile  
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**TOM CUNNIFFE**  
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*Westport*



**DONAL VAUGHAN**  
D. Ó Beachain  
*Ballinrobe*



**COLM BOYLE**  
C. Baoill  
*Davitts*



**AIDAN O'SHEA**  
A. Ó Sé  
*Breaffy*



**SÉAMUS O'SHEA**  
S. Ó Sé  
*Breaffy*



**KEVIN McLOUGHLIN**  
C. Mac Lochlainn  
*Knockmore*



**RICHIE FEENEY**  
R. Ó Fiannaí  
*Castlebar Mitchels*



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*Ballintubber*



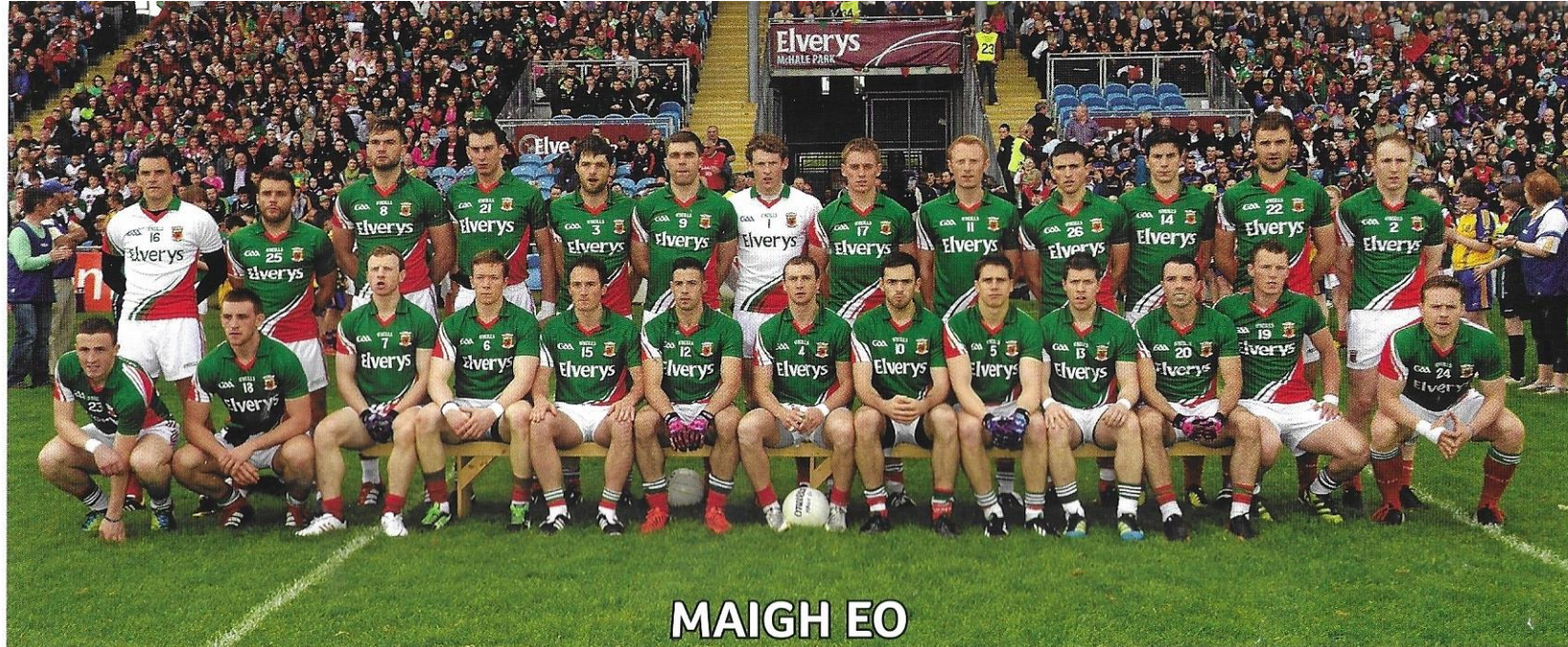
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**ANDY MORAN**  
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**Capt.**





## MAIGH EO

**Back (L-R): Kenneth O'Malley, Alan Murphy, Aidan O'Shea, Barry Moran, Ger Cafferkey, Séamus O'Shea, David Clarke, Kevin Keane, Richie Feeney, Jason Doherty, Alan Freeman, Jason Gibbons, Tom Cunniffe.**

**Front (L-R): Darren Coen, Shane McHale, Colm Boyle, Donal Vaughan, Alan Dillon, Cathal Carolan, Keith Higgins, Kevin McLoughlin, Lee Keegan, Enda Varley, James Burke, Michael Walsh, Andy Moran.**



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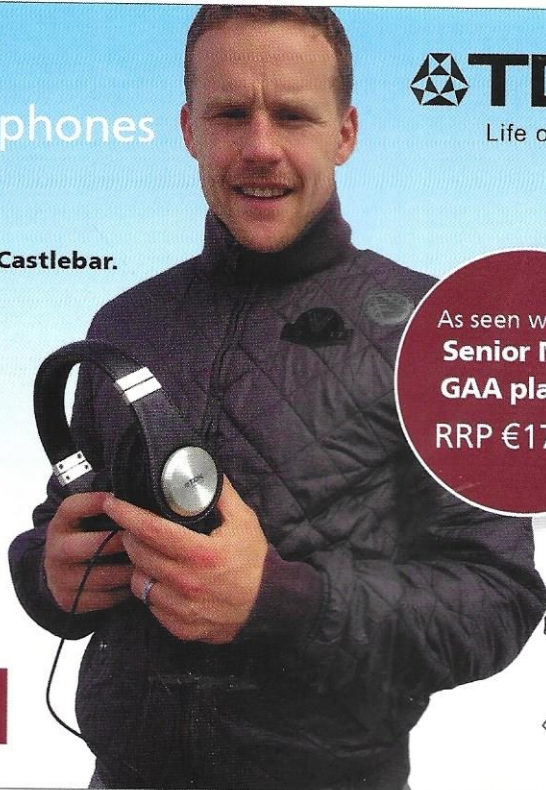
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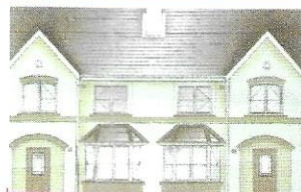


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**EDDIE KINSELLA,  
LAOIS**

Although Kerry have featured regularly on Eddie's beat, it's been a couple of years since the Laois referee was in charge of a fixture involving Cavan. On that occasion the Breffni men lost their opening round Division III Allianz League tie with Offaly at O'Connor Park, Tullamore. In the same competition the Kingdom played Kildare last March at Newbridge on Eddie's watch while their semi-final with Mayo last season was part of his 2012 CV. Among the three Championship matches on his itinerary so far this year were a couple at Croke Park as he controlled Dublin v Westmeath and the Dublin-Meath Leinster final.

**SCOREBOARD 2013****LEINSTER**

Westmeath	3-15	Carlow	1-10
Wicklow	1-15	Longford	0-16
Louth	1-16	Laois	1-6
Kildare	0-19	Offaly	1-12
Dublin	1-22	Westmeath	0-9
Wexford	2-13	Louth	1-15
Meath	1-17	Wicklow	1-12
Meath	0-18	Wexford	0-13
Dublin	4-16	Kildare	1-9
Final			
Dublin	2-15	Meath	0-14

**ULSTER**

Cavan	1-15	Armagh	1-11
Donegal	2-10	Tyrone	0-10
Down	2-17	Derry	1-15
Monaghan	0-11	Antrim	0-6
Cavan	0-13	Fermanagh	0-11
Donegal	0-12	Down	0-9
Monaghan	1-10	Cavan	0-12
Final			
Monaghan	0-13	Donegal	0-7

**MUNSTER**

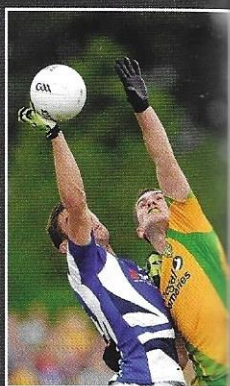
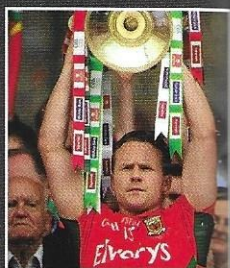
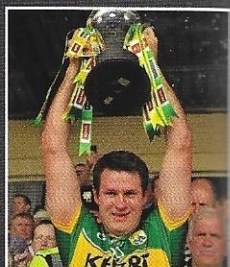
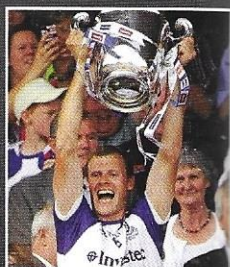
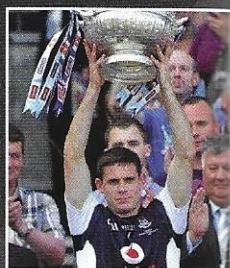
Cork	3-17	Limerick	0-8
Kerry	2-19	Tipperary	0-8
Kerry	4-21	Waterford	1-4
Cork	1-20	Clare	1-11
Final			
Kerry	1-16	Cork	0-17

**CONNACHT**

Leitrim	4-19	New York	0-7
Mayo	4-16	Galway	0-11
London	1-12	Sligo	0-14
Mayo	0-21	Roscommon	0-9
Leitrim	0-13	London	2-7
London	2-11	Leitrim	1-13 (replay)
Final			
Mayo	5-11	London	0-10

**ALL-IRELAND QUALIFIERS**

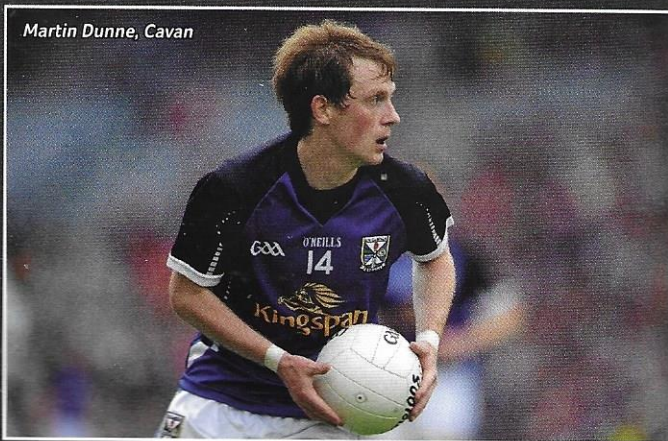
Laois	3-13	Carlow	0-12
Longford	2-14	Limerick	0-9
Fermanagh	3-10	Westmeath	1-15
Louth	1-17	Antrim	1-11
Tyrone	1-27	Offaly	0-8
Galway	1-12	Tipperary	0-11
Derry	0-15	Sligo	0-8
Armagh	2-21	Wicklow	0-2
Galway	1-12	Waterford	0-14
Laois	3-17	Clare	0-10
Tyrone	0-12	Roscommon	1-7
Derry	0-13	Down	1-5
Cavan	1-14	Fermanagh	0-10
Armagh	8-13	Leitrim	0-10
Wexford	2-15	Longford	0-16
Kildare	1-19	Louth	0-15
Galway	1-11	Armagh	0-9
Laois	0-16	Wexford	2-8
Cavan	1-22	Derry	0-20
Tyrone	1-11	Kildare	0-12
Cavan	1-17	London	1-8
Cork	1-17	Galway	1-16
Donegal	0-14	Laois	0-8
Tyrone	0-17	Meath	2-9



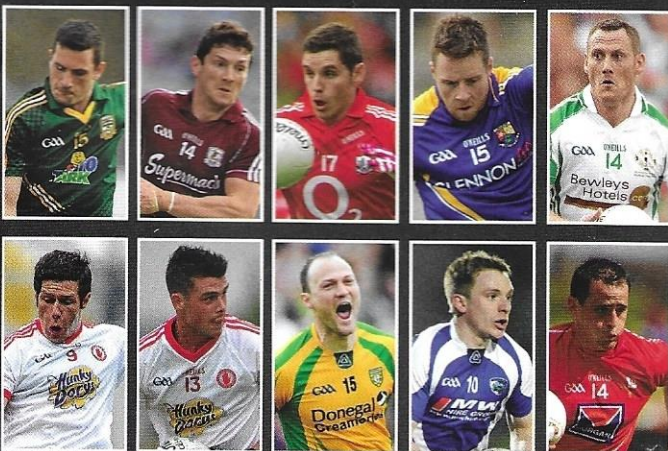


## TOP SCORERS 2013

<b>35</b>	<b>MARTIN DUNNE, CAVAN</b>	<b>(1-32)</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>MICKEY NEWMAN, MEATH</b>	<b>(1-27)</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>MICHAEL MEEHAN, GALWAY</b>	<b>(2-22)</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>DANIEL GOULDING, CORK</b>	<b>(1-22)</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>SEÁN McCORMACK, LONGFORD</b>	<b>(0-24)</b>
	<b>LORCAN MULVEY, LONDON</b>	<b>(2-18)</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>SEÁN CAVANAGH, TYRONE</b>	<b>(0-22)</b>
	<b>DARREN McCURRY, TYRONE</b>	<b>(0-22)</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>COLM McFADDEN, DONEGAL</b>	<b>(1-18)</b>
	<b>ROSS MUNNELLY, LAOIS</b>	<b>(1-18)</b>
	<b>SHANE LENNON, LOUTH</b>	<b>(2-15)</b>



Martin Dunne, Cavan



(DONEGAL V MAYO)  
**JOE McQUILLAN,**  
**CAVAN**

One of the game's top officials, Joe has plenty of experience of today's pairing having refereed matches involving both already this year. Back in May the Breffni official was in Ballybofey for Donegal's meeting with Tyrone while the previous month Mayo's Allianz League semi-final against Dublin fell under his jurisdiction. Twelve months ago McQuillan handled the Cork-Kildare All-Ireland quarter-final while in June he was in charge of the Dublin-Kildare Leinster semi-final at GAA Headquarters. Two weeks ago the Cavan ref took charge of his third Championship game this year when he handled the Round 3 Qualifier between Tyrone and Kildare at Newbridge.



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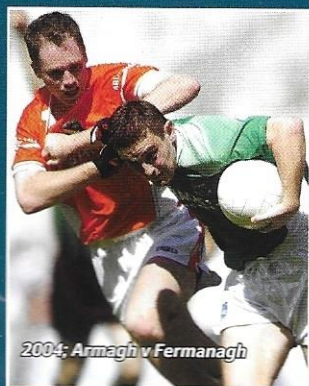
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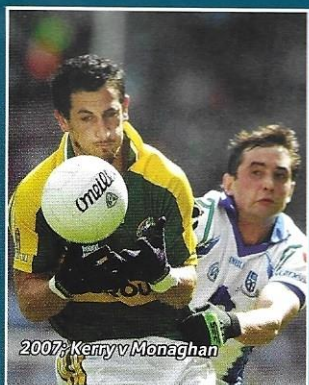
## QUARTER-FINAL SNIPPETS

### MINIMUM MARGIN

Just four of the 48 All-Ireland quarter-finals decided to date have been by the minimum margin. The first came in 2004 when Fermanagh edged out Armagh by 0-12 to 0-11, while two years later Cork sneaked by Donegal on a 1-11 to 1-10 scoreline. Three years later Kerry had just the minimum in hand when defeating Monaghan 1-12 to 1-11 while the most recent 'last eight' minimum margin was two years ago when Donegal defeated Kildare 1-12 to 0-14.



2004: Armagh v Fermanagh

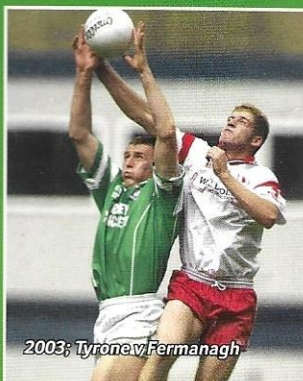


2007: Kerry v Monaghan

### BIGGEST MARGIN

The largest-ever winning margin at the All-Ireland quarter-final stage was 19 points and that was in 2003 when Tyrone cruised by Fermanagh by 1-21 to 0-5. Since then the biggest winning margin was 17 points and that was four years ago when Kerry put Dublin to the sword on a 1-24 to 1-7 scoreline.

The year 2009 will not be remembered as the most competitive in the 'last eight' arena. Granted two of the matches were close as Tyrone had a couple of points to spare over Kildare and Meath three over Mayo. However, Kerry's 17-point demolition of Dublin and Cork's 14-point cruise over Donegal meant that the average winning margin for the round was nine points. Last year was the second most uncompetitive 'last eight' as the winning margin averaged seven and a half points.

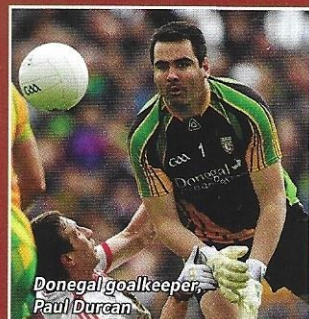


2003: Tyrone v Fermanagh

### CLEAN SHEETS

For the first time since their inception in 2001 three of the qualifiers for this weekend's All-Ireland quarter-finals have yet to concede a goal as Monaghan, Donegal and Mayo make their way to Croke Park with their net intact. The first side to achieve such a feat was Armagh in 2003 and that was after a four-game trek through the qualifiers. The Orchard County won their quarter-final that year but 12 months later both themselves and Dublin made the 'last eight' with their net intact but equally, made their exit at that juncture.

Last season both Mayo and Cork qualified for the 'last eight' without conceding a goal and both advanced to the semi-finals. However, of the 13 sides that have made the quarter-finals without conceding a goal, only six have advanced to the penultimate round. Food for thought for Monaghan, Donegal and Mayo this weekend.



Donegal goalkeeper, Paul Durcan



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## MINOR SCOREBOARD

### LEINSTER

Kildare	2-29	Kilkenny	0-1
Wicklow	2-14	Carlow	2-8
Westmeath	1-10	Wexford	0-10
Dublin	1-9	Louth	1-7
Laois	1-9	Longford	0-6
Offaly	6-10	Meath	3-8
Wexford	2-11	Carlow	0-9
Meath	1-17	Longford	2-10
Wexford	1-15	Louth	2-11
Dublin	0-17	Wexford	0-9
Westmeath	2-13	Wicklow	0-10
Kildare	3-11	Offaly	0-5
Meath	2-13	Laois	0-9
Kildare	3-13	Dublin	2-6
Westmeath	0-11	Meath	1-6
FINAL			
Kildare	2-15	Westmeath	2-7

### ULSTER

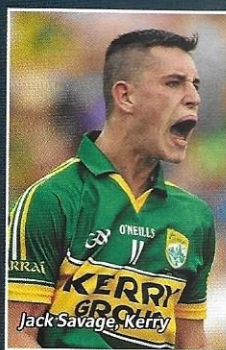
Cavan	0-13	Armagh	1-9
Tyrone	1-9	Donegal	1-3
Cavan	0-12	Fermanagh	2-5
Monaghan	4-20	Antrim	3-6
Down	3-10	Derry	0-14
Tyrone	1-12	Down	0-10
Monaghan	2-11	Cavan	1-12
FINAL			
Monaghan	4-10	Tyrone	2-14

### MUNSTER

Cork	2-13	Kerry	2-13
Waterford	3-10	Limerick	3-9
Tipperary	1-10	Clare	0-8
Cork	3-6	Kerry	0-10 (replay)
Clare	1-12	Limerick	0-9
Kerry	0-15	Clare	0-9
Tipperary	0-11	Cork	0-8
Kerry	1-15	Waterford	2-6
FINAL			
Kerry	0-15	Tipperary	0-10

### CONNACHT

Mayo	1-15	Leitrim	1-5
Roscommon	0-12	Sligo	1-5
Mayo	5-8	Galway	2-11
FINAL			
Mayo	3-7	Roscommon	1-10



### MINOR REFEREE

#### NIALL WARD, WESTMEATH

This will be Niall's first outing in the 2013 Electric Ireland Minor Championship, but the Westmeath referee has a number of inter-county assignments under his belt this year. In the Allianz League a couple of fixtures were part of his remit, both of which took place at Dr. Cullen Park as the home side faced Leitrim in March and Waterford the following month. The Bord Gáis Energy Leinster U21 Championship also provided an outing in the form of the semi-final between Kildare and Laois at Parnell Park. The 2013 season began at Killoe in the O'Byrne Cup where Longford took on UCD.





## CIARRAÍ

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D. Ó Sé  
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*Renard*

## 18. KEVIN SHANAHAN

C. Ó Seanacháin  
*Ardfert*

## 19. KIERAN MURPHY

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*Glenflesk*

## 20. TOM O'SULLIVAN

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*Austin Stacks*

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MICKEY NED  
O'SULLIVAN  
(BAINISTEOIR),  
John O'Keefe,  
Peter Keane

1st Half					
2nd Half					
Total	CUIL	CUILÍNÍ	SEACHAI	45M	SAOR-CEA



SHANE RYAN

S. Ó Riain  
*Rathmore*



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KILLIAN SPILLANE

C. Ó Spealáin  
*Templenoë*



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



**SEÁN FOX**

S. Ó Sionnaigh  
*Ceapach*



**COLM BYRNE**

C. Ó Brion  
*An Eaglais*



**RHYS QUINN**

R. Ó Coinne  
*Cluain Eo*



**CILLIAN McCANN**

C. Mac Cana  
*Fionntamhnach*



**SHEA HAMILL**

S. Ó hÁmaill  
*Domhnach Mór*



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*Aireagal Chiaráin*



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R. Mac Uinseann  
*An Gallbhaile*



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*Cabhán a'Chaortainn*



**DAVID MULGREW**

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*Ard Bó*



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*An Eaglais*



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*Achadh Lú*



**STEPHEN McGRATH**

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## FIR IONAIÐ

16. **RONAN McGEARY**

R. Mac Gadhra  
*An Gallbhaile*

17. **PHILIP DONNELLY**

P. Ó Donnaille  
*Domhnach Mór*

18. **TIARNAN DONNELLY**

T. Ó Donnaille  
*Achadh Lú*

19. **SEÁN FOX**

S. Ó Sionnaigh  
*An Caisléan Glas*

20. **MICHAEL LYNN**

Mi. Ó Loinn  
*Ard Bó*

21. **ENDA McELROY**

É. Mac Giolla Rua  
*An Eaglais*

22. **RIAN McHUGH**

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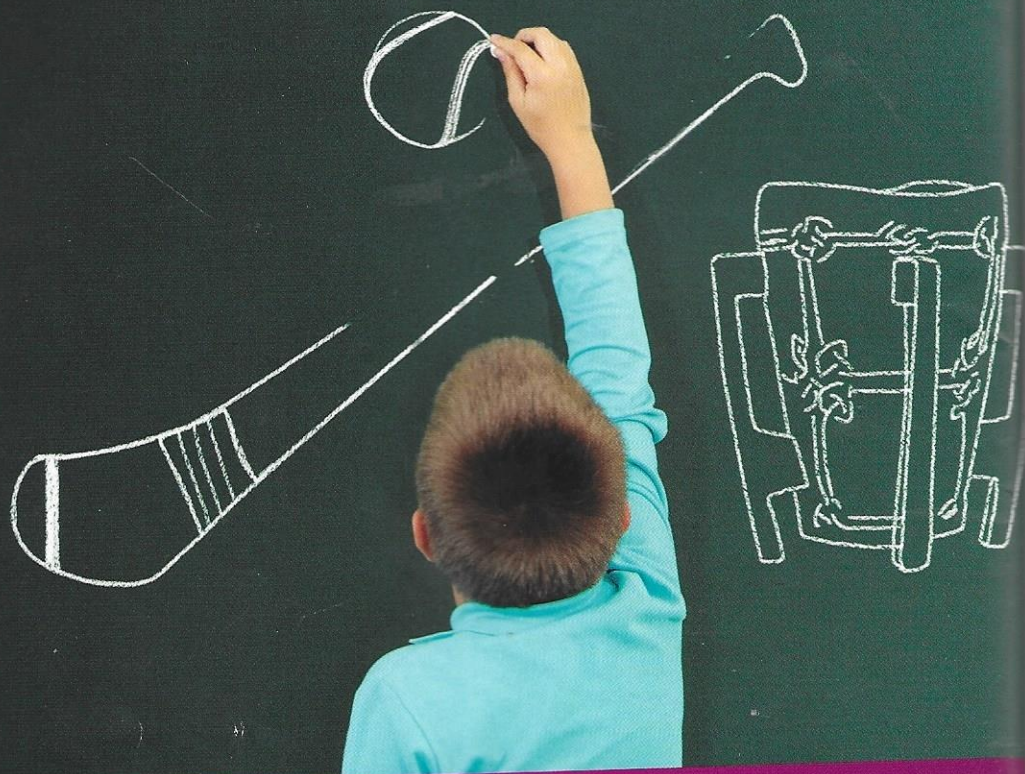
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C. Ó Dónaill  
*Breac an Bhíle*

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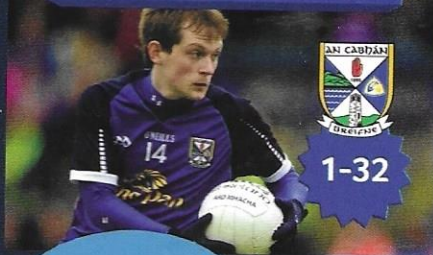
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The number of years since Cavan last beat Kerry in the championship. That game was the 1947 All-Ireland final staged in the Polo Grounds, New York

**TOP SCORER SO FAR**  
Martin Dunne

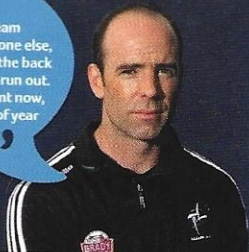


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The number of times Kerry have failed to appear in the All-Ireland quarter-finals since the new format was introduced in 2001

“ I’ll be clapping the team bus as it passes like everyone else, the hair will still stand on the back of my neck when the lads run out. Things are a little different now, but I still love this time of year ”



GAA.ie columnist  
Dermot Earley

## LAST 5 ALL-IRELAND FINAL RESULTS

Year	Score 1	Score 2
2012	Donegal 2-11	Mayo 0-13
2011	Dublin 1-12	Kerry 1-11
2010	Cork 0-16	Down 0-15
2009	Kerry 0-16	Kerry 1-9
2008	Tyrone 1-15	Kerry 0-14

**5**

The amount of different winners of the Sam Maguire Cup in the last five years. All five of those teams (Tyrone, Kerry, Cork, Dublin and Donegal) are involved in this weekend's All-Ireland quarter-finals

## DID YOU KNOW?



Monaghan are the only county of the remaining eight to have never before won the All-Ireland Football championship



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# RESPECT EXHIBITION GAA GO GAMES

**T**oday in Croke Park, in addition to the four participating underage teams from Kerry, Cavan, Mayo and Donegal, we are delighted to welcome underage players from the Hong Kong Gaelic Football Club who will highlight the GAA Respect message through the playing of our games at our half time games.

The exhibition games taking place today are based on 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 Club coaches at home and abroad and by our dedicated teachers.

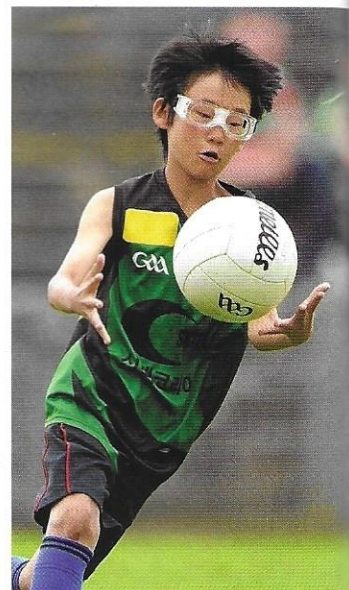
Hong Kong Gaelic Football club was founded in 1996, in a year that heralded the beginning of organised Gaelic Football in Asia. In 2009, the Club made a decision that the long term sustainability of the game in Hong Kong would be best secured with the development of an underage programme. Initially four International Schools commenced using Gaelic Football as part of their PE Curriculum with the assistance of a coach provided by the GAA Club. The numbers have now grown in 2013 to eleven schools, with over two thousand students being introduced to Gaelic Football this year.

None of the children here today representing Hong Kong were



born in Ireland. The Hong Kong players participating today are Nathaniel Gordon, Xavier Cranwell, Tiarnan Neville, Tiarnan Sullivan, Julian Underwater, Ruaidhri Neville and Jack Siston.

Céad Mile Fáilte to all from the Hong Kong Gaelic Football Club and long may the club continue to develop and prosper in the years ahead.





# 2013 KELLOGG'S GAA CÚL CAMPS



**T**he 2013 Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camps are now in full swing across the country with a large number of camps still available to book at selected venues throughout August.

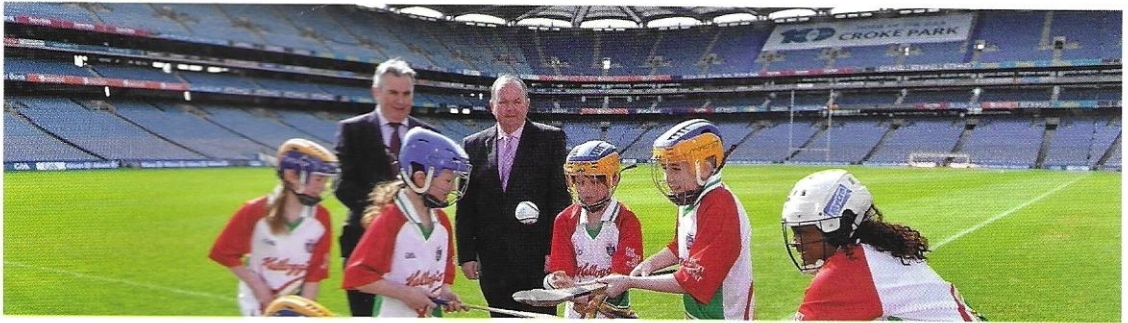
To check out availability for remaining camps at selected venues, check out [www.gaa.ie/kelloggsulcamps](http://www.gaa.ie/kelloggsulcamps). Children can enjoy an action-packed and fun-filled week of activity which revolves around maximising enjoyment and learning the skills of Gaelic Games.

The camps are structured so that a different aspect of the game is worked on each day and children can put into practice what they have learned. Over one thousand camps will take place in communities all over Ireland during July and August with 2,100 voluntary coaches giving over 30,000 hours of coaching to young children. Over 82,000 children took part in the Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camps in 2012 – a six per cent increase on the previous year.

Promotional packs of Kellogg's Corn Flakes and Rice Krispies will

also feature a unique code, which can be used online by parents to receive a €5 discount off the €55 fee for the 2013 Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camps. The unique codes will be printed on the inside of promotional packs, available in stores from April to August 2013. One code can be used per child, per registration, to avail of the €5 discount.


For further information on the camps and to avail of this discount, parents can simply log on to [www.gaa.ie/kelloggsulcamps](http://www.gaa.ie/kelloggsulcamps).



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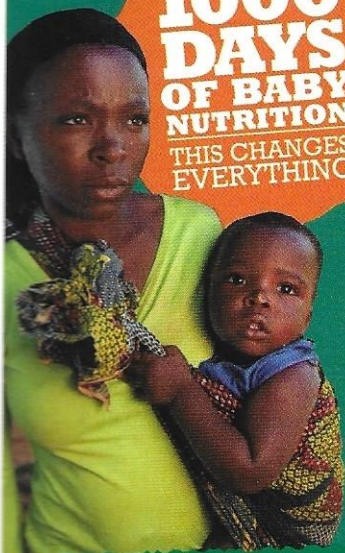
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# NEW FOOTBALL RULES

Following the proposals of the Football Review Committee a number of changes to the playing rules of Football will be introduced into the game on January 1 next.

## BLACK CARD

The main change sees the introduction of a new category of foul, "Cynical Behaviour". The penalty for committing a "Cynical Behaviour" foul is:

1. Order off offender by showing him a Black Card.
2. Allow a replacement from within the substitutions permitted.
3. Free kick from where the foul occurred.

There are five fouls which have been classified as constituting "Cynical Behaviour":

1. Deliberately pull down an opponent.
2. Deliberately trip an opponent with hand(s), arm, leg or foot.
3. Deliberately body collide with an opponent after he has played the ball away or for the purpose of taking him out of a movement of play.
4. Threaten or to use abusive or provocative language or gestures to an opponent or a teammate.
5. Remonstrate in an aggressive manner with a Match Official.

Fouls listed at 1, 2 and 4 above were previously Yellow Card offences, while those listed at 3 and 5 are "new" fouls.

In addition, the number of substitutions allowed per team has been increased to six, subject to a limit of three substitutions to replace players who have been dismissed on Black Cards.

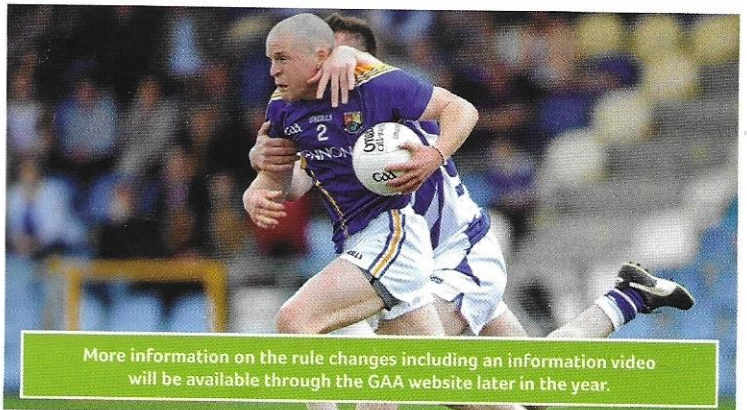
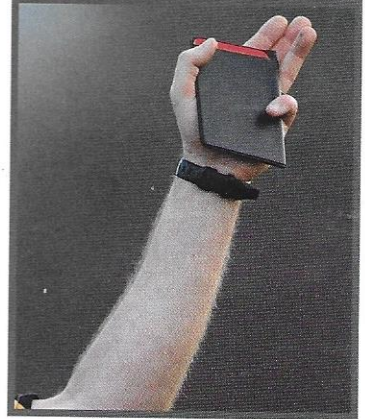
## OTHER RULE CHANGES

There are also a number of other rule changes:

1. The referee shall only issue a card (Red, Yellow or Black) where the Infraction is deemed to be deliberate. (This change also applies to hurling).
2. The "tackle" has been re-defined:

*"The Tackle is a skill by which a player may dispossess an opponent or frustrate his objective within the Rules of Fair Play. The tackle is aimed at the ball, not the player. The tackler may use his body to confront the opponent but deliberate bodily contact (such as punching, slapping, arm holding, pushing, tripping, jersey pulling or a full frontal charge) is forbidden. The only deliberate physical contact can be a Fair Charge i.e. shoulder-to-shoulder with at least one foot on the ground. More than one player can tackle the player in possession."*

3. A more clearly defined advantage rule will be introduced whereby the referee may allow play to continue for up to five seconds following his adjudication of a foul. If no advantage accrues to the offended team then he may call play back and award a free kick for the initial foul.
4. Whilst in possession a player may score a point with the open hand or fist.
5. A public time clock will be used in all Provincial and All-Ireland Series Senior Football Championship games. The end of the game will be signalled by a hooter.



More information on the rule changes including an information video will be available through the GAA website later in the year.



# CROKE PARK SAFETY AND GENERAL INFORMATION

## REGULATIONS

### Páirc an Chrócaigh

- 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.
- The management reserves the right of admission.
- The instructions of the stewards must be obeyed at all times.
- All persons entering the ground agree to be searched by a member of the Garda Síochána.
- Every person (including infants) entering the ground must have a ticket.
- The following are not permitted:
- 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.
- 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.
- The climbing of floodlights or other pylons, stands or other buildings. Such behavior constitutes a trespass to property.
- Throwing of objects onto the pitch.
- Remaining or loitering in any gangway or aisle.
- Behaving in an offensive or indecent manner.
- Bringing of alcohol into the ground.
- 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.
- 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.
- If a person commits a trespass, reasonable force may be used to prevent, restrain or terminate any trespass.
- 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 Gardai, 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



### Lost Children

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



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