



ALLIANZ FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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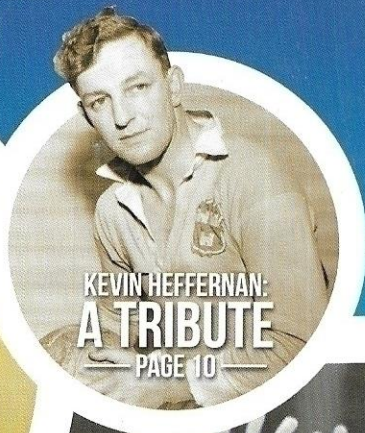
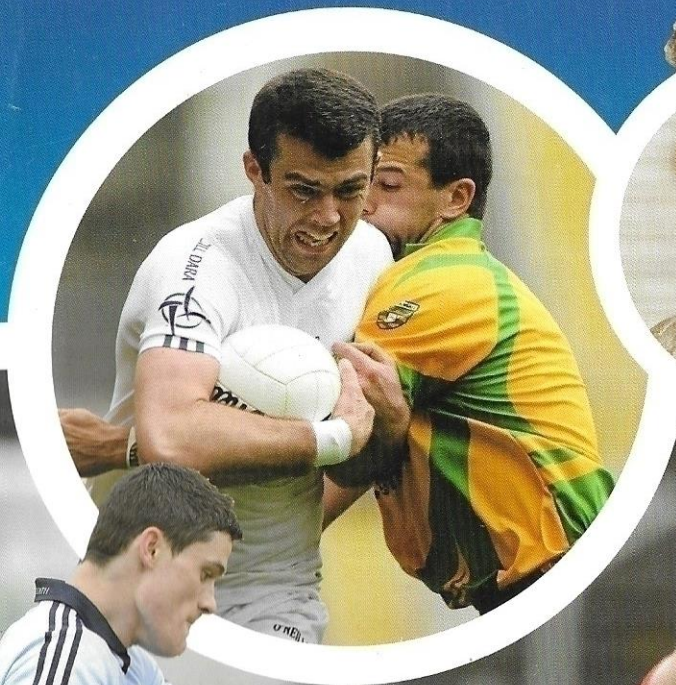
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A TRIBUTE
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Fáilte ón gCathaoirleach



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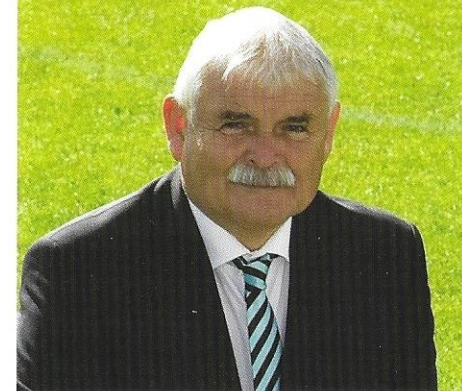
A new Allianz League season starts tonight in a week that has been coloured by great loss. The brutal death of Detective Adrian Donohoe has shocked and saddened the nation. The Dublin County Board extends its deepest sympathy to his family, colleagues and friends and his associates in the GAA.

For some six decades the name of Kevin Heffernan was indelibly associated with the GAA in Dublin. A playing star of the 1950s and 1960s, Kevin was part of the early flowerings of mass appeal of the Association in the capital and of course his phenomenal role as manager of All-Ireland winning sides in the 1970s and 1980s brought the Association to unprecedented heights.

His impact was felt most particularly in Dublin but not only there as the county's football fortunes rose so also did the challenge from so many other counties - Kerry being an obvious example but others also featured and all will have great memories of the many battles enjoyed.

Kevin may not have been the first MANAGER but he put the concept on the map and along with Mick O'Dwyer they brought that position to the status it enjoys today. The sight of packed Blue Hill 16s has brought immense spectacle to occasions in Croke Park and Heffo's Army will be among his legacy as the days that the Dubs are in full voice are never less than memorable.

Heffo would also be the first to acknowledge the part played by superb players who responded to the unprecedented demands imposed on them by the new regime. It was a perfect marriage and as we glance around this wonderful stadium tonight, let us remember Kevin and the wonderful contribution he made.

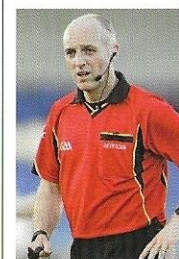


Ar dheis De go raibh se.

My appreciation to all associated with the organisation of tonight's games. The Allianz campaign could not start with a more star-studded lineup: All-Ireland Champions; Donegal, Allianz League Champions; Cork, Bord na Mona O'Byrne Cup winners; Kildare and Leinster Champions, Dublin. Cead míle fáilte to all and sundry. Throw-in the ball, Ref!

ANDRIU MAC CIOTAIL
CATHAOIRLEACH

Tonight's officials



Cormac Reilly

CILL DARA v DÚN NA NGALL

Referee: **Cormac Reilly** (An Mhí). Std By: **Michael Collins** (Corcaigh). Linesman: **David Gough** (An Mhí). Sideline: **Stephen Johnson** (An Lú)



Eddie Kinsella

ÁTH CLIATH v CORCAIGH

Referee: **Eddie Kinsella** (Laois). Std By: **Maurice Deegan** (Laois). Linesman: **Fergal Barry** (Cill Dara). Sideline: **Stephen McKinely** (Ard Mhacha)

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 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.



WELCOME MESSAGE

Brendan Murphy, Ceo Allianz Ireland



A Chairde,

On behalf of Allianz Ireland I would like to welcome you all to Croke Park for the opening games of the Allianz Leagues 2013.

To launch the 2013 season the GAA has staged another outstanding double header as Kildare and, All Ireland Champions, Donegal lift the curtain on the action followed by Cork beginning their Allianz Leagues title defence against Dublin.

This magnificent stadium has been the scene of so many outstanding performances and enduring sporting memories and, now, in its centenary year it's a chance for us to reflect on those historic days in Irish sport. The experience of a GAA match in Croke Park is unique and unforgettable and everyone has a story to tell about an amazing day they spent here with friends and family supporting their team all the way to the final whistle.

The privilege of attending and playing our part in staging GAA games at Croke Park is not lost on us at Allianz. We are immensely proud to be a part of it and in partnership with the GAA have always aimed to present the Allianz Leagues in the best possible way and to show that we very genuinely share in the passion and commitment for Gaelic Games.

Of course it's not just the big days with the best counties going toe to toe on their quest to win national titles. We've also had some fantastic days in Croke Park where the stars of tomorrow featured in the Allianz Cumann na mBunscol finals, a scene that's repeated in communities and club grounds all over Ireland.

There is no other sporting organisation that can claim to contribute so meaningfully to the social capital of Irish communities than the GAA.

The Allianz Leagues and Allianz Cumann na mBunscol are central to our commitment to supporting communities on the island of Ireland through Gaelic Games. It's a commitment that now spans over two decades and is driven by our shared belief in the positive contribution that Gaelic Games makes to our society. In these austere times its relevance is even more acute and for this reason we continue to invest in GAA sponsorship.

I would like to commend the GAA on its approach to marketing the Allianz Leagues this year with its creative and impactful advertising and promotional campaign. Equally impressive is the Dublin County Board's Spring Series which enters its third year. Together with our own efforts to promote this competition we can all enjoy another fantastic Allianz Leagues with all the top flight GAA action and drama that it brings.

Thank you for your attendance here today. Enjoy the action!

Go raibh maith agaibh

BRENDAN MURPHY
CEO ALLIANZ IRELAND

With you from A-Z

Allianz

BY MARK REYNOLDS (GAA MUSEUM ARCHIVIST)

Grounds for Celebration: Croke Park reaches its Centenary Year



The Gaelic Athletic Association, in the opening years of the twentieth century, introduced a series of changes to the playing rules of hurling and football.

The number of players on an individual team was reduced from 21 to 17 and eventually to 15; the points-posts were removed and replaced with the familiar posts of today, goals were made equal to five points and later three, while lighter sliotars were introduced in hurling.

These new rules made the games faster, more free-flowing and, crucially, spectator-friendly; attendance numbers at Gaelic games increased as a result.

The popularity of Gaelic games, however, highlighted how ill-equipped grounds at the time were to cater for the ever-growing spectator numbers.

Twenty-four of the forty-five All-Ireland finals (hurling and football, including replays) held between 1887 and 1907 took place outside of Dublin, in venues including Birr, Dungarvan, Carrick-on-Suir and Athy; when the finals were held in Dublin they were played in venues including Clonskeagh, Clonturk Park, Phoenix Park and Jones Road Sports Ground.

All grounds suffered from the same problems, in particular 'wall-climbers and gate-breakers' who entered the grounds without paying and pitch-incursions during play which sometimes resulted in attacks upon players and referees.

These infringements were noted in the press

of the day and attendance numbers began to dwindle as people stayed away. The GAA realised that in order to maintain interest in their games they had to acquire their own enclosed and secure grounds.

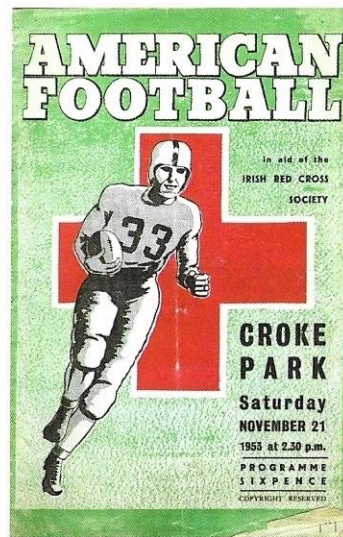
When the Jones Road Sports Ground was put up for sale, following the death of its owner, Alderman Maurice Butterly, in 1907, the financial situation of the G.A.A. dictated that it could not purchase what was an obviously attractive venue. Frank Dineen, the Limerick journalist and former GAA President and GAA Secretary (the only man to hold these two separate roles), bought the grounds for £3,250 and made vast improvements to the venue.

Between 1907 and 1913 Jones Road was the unofficial home of the G.A.A. with all but one All-Ireland final played in the grounds.

In 1913 the G.A.A. staged the Croke Memorial Tournaments with the aim of raising funds to erect a suitable memorial to Archbishop Thomas William Croke, first patron of the G.A.A., who had died in 1902.

The financial success of the tournaments, raising £2,365, surpassed the Association's estimates and, for the first time in its history, the Association was in a position to purchase a national stadium.

The sub-committee appointed to procure the grounds narrowed the choice down to two – Jones Road and Elm Park, Merrion (near the modern day St Vincent's Hospital).



Clockwise from above:

The American football match programme from 1951.

1919: Arthur Griffith, Eamonn De Valera, Lord Mayor Laurence O'Neill and Michael Collins enjoying the atmosphere in Croke Park.

A Rodeo visits Croke Park in 1924.



The Central Council, at their 4 October 1913 meeting decided, by eight votes to seven, to purchase Jones Road from Dineen for £3,500.

The name of the ground was changed to the Croke Memorial Park; Luke O'Toole, Secretary of the GAA, was appointed grounds manager and took up permanent residence in one of the two houses located within the grounds while the Association moved their registered office from Upper O'Connell Street to a room in O'Toole's new home.

Croke Park has existed in many forms since the G.A.A. purchased it in 1913; the stadium is constantly evolving to meet the requirements of an ever-changing Ireland. In 1922 the GAA, with a grant of £10,000 from the Irish government, purchased a new stand and named it in honour of Michael Hogan, the Tipperary player killed on Bloody Sunday.

In its silver Jubilee year (1934) the Association took the momentous decision to build a then

revolutionary-designed double-decker stand which, when opened in 1938, was named in honour of Michael Cusack, founding member of the GAA. As the games grew in popularity so too did the requirement for better facilities; by 1949 the Canal End was developed as a fully terraced facility with an estimated capacity of 12,000.

In 1952 the Nally Stand was added to the Hogan Stand and Long Stand on the Jones Road side of the stadium, while in 1959, the 75th year of the GAA, the new Hogan Stand was opened – this new Hogan Stand replaced the old Hogan Stand and Long Stand and provided a seating capacity for 16,000 spectators.

The addition of the new Hogan Stand now meant that the capacity of Croke Park was 85,000 with 23,000 seats and standing room for 62,000.

Two years later, a still-held record of 90,556 spectators attended the 1961 All-Ireland Football Final between Down and Offaly.



The 1938 All-Ireland final with the new Cusack Stand.

Throughout the 1970s and 1980s, with spectator-safety in mind, areas throughout the stadium, Hill 16 in particular, were downsized with the overall capacity reduced to 68,000.

In the late 1980s the need for better, more modern facilities was obvious to all: Hill 16 was redeveloped in 1987 but by 1991 plans were well in place for a complete redevelopment of the stadium, with the provision of identical facilities on three sides of the ground.

In September 1993 the bulldozers moved into Croke Park and replaced the 55-year-old Cusack Stand with one of the most modern stands in the world; the replacement of the Canal End terrace with the Davin Stand was completed in 2000 while the new Hogan Stand opened in 2003, completing the 'horse-shoe' effect of the stadium.

In 2005 the redevelopment was complete with the opening of the Nally Terrace and a redeveloped Hill 16. Two years later, in February 2007, Croke Park hosted its first match under floodlights when Dublin played Tyrone in the opening match of the National Football League.

The first All-Ireland final to take place in the newly-acquired Croke Memorial Park was the 1913 All-Ireland football final between Kerry (Killarney) (2-2) and Wexford (Raparees) (0-3), which was also the first 15-a-side football final.

Since 1913 Croke Park has hosted every All-Ireland hurling and football final with the notable exceptions of the 1937 hurling final which was

played in Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney; the 1947 football final which was held in New York and the 1984 hurling final played in Thurles to celebrate the centenary year of the Association.

Apart from Gaelic games, Croke Park has hosted a series of events throughout the last century: the stadium was the centre-piece for the government sponsored Tailteann Games of 1924, 1928 and 1932; a demonstration of American football, in aid of the Irish Red Cross Society, took place in 1953 while the Australian teams frequented Croke Park in the 1960s playing early forms of the International Rules.

Croke Park staged the centre-piece of the government's 1966 commemoration of the 1916 Rising, hosting the spectacular pageant *Aiseiri Gloir Reim na Casca* in April 1966.

In 1972 (July 19) Muhammad Ali came to Croke Park to defeat Al 'Blue' Lewis. Neil Diamond, in June 1984, became the first artist to perform in Croke Park, with U2 playing their first of many Croke Park concerts in 1985.

In 2003 Nelson Mandela, U2, The Corrs and Muhammad Ali were among the 80,000 spectators who attended the opening of the Special Olympic Games.

In February 2007 history was made when Ireland and France became the first rugby teams to play in Croke Park with Wales and Ireland becoming the first soccer teams to play in the stadium a month later. ■

Leinster GAA in association with O'Neills are proud to announce the launch of

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Date: Saturday the 9th of March 2013 **Venue:** IT Carlow

Overview

- The conference will cater for club coaches who are working with players from U6 to U12 in both Hurling and Football.
- The focus of the day will be in assisting club coaches to plan and deliver a quality programme.
- The day will include many practical demonstrations for club coaches.

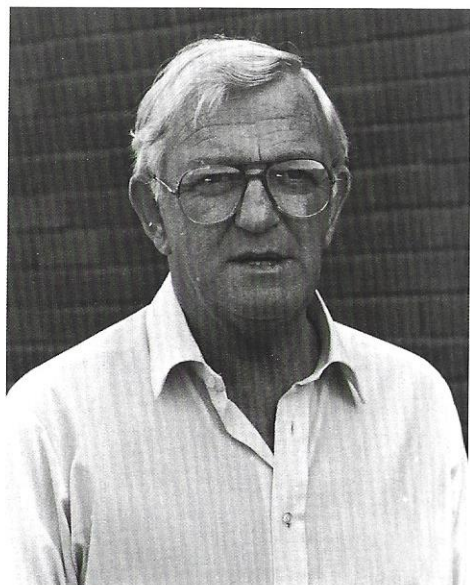
For more information keep an eye on www.Leinstergaa.ie over the coming weeks



Croke Park; Ireland's most iconic venue.

Hosting International Rules in 1968.

We'll never see his like again: A tribute to the legendary **Kevin Heffernan** ■ BY SEÁN POTTS



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WHEN I DIE **DUBLIN** WILL BE WRITTEN IN MY HEART
JAMES JOYCE

dashing as Gary Player who had landed the British Open and Masters earlier in the year; Gary Player, however, didn't drag, back-handed, on a cigarette like Heffo.

When the seas parted at the hand of Paddy Cullen and Dublin marched towards the Promised Land, Heffo stood, Messiah like, holding back the invading flared hordes from a revitalised Hill 16.

The image is immortalised. Already a legendary figure in the capital, a dual star of the 1950s when the catch cry was 'watch Heffo'; an unrivalled leader on the field . . . his status ascended with each mortal blow inflicted on Galway during those heady closing minutes.

Anthems appropriated from our closest island rang out around Croke Park in celebration but never again would the distant glamour of English soccer enjoy a monopoly in this City.



The moment was seminal; a child climbing the last step into the Nally Stand, an All-Ireland panoply unfolding before young eyes, deep maroon and sky blue, Galway v Dublin 1974.

Old enough to capture the portrait, too young to recognise the significance beyond the oscillating emotions of a guardian who, on more than one irate occasion, offered his spectacles to the Galway quartet seated to our side.

Expectations had already been defied during the summer of '74 but two points down at half-time and the sense of resignation which can stalk the city's hubris was rising; 11 years we'd waited . . .

Along the perimeter early in the second half the striking figure of Kevin Heffernan patrolled in neat slacks and a golf sweater, for all the world as

TRIBUTES TO HEFFO ANTON O'TOOLE

DUBLIN ALL-IRELAND WINNER '74, '76, '77 & '83

Kevin took a bunch of footballers together in the Autumn of 1973 and transformed them from non entities into All-Ireland champions in the space of 10 months. Kevin had the whole package. He was an innovative person who brought new structures and dynamics to the training ground. A Magician.

Heffo had seen to that. Not, mind you, as an evangelist. He wanted to win and his strategy had succeeded. It was the rest of us who benefitted.

A new cohort of heroes was ingrained in our hearts and minds; Hanahoe, Cullen Hickey, Mullins, O'Driscoll, Doherty, Keaveney . . . brave, talented, ruthless, charismatic, dazzling . . . Heffo's heroes.

How different it had been earlier that summer when Dublin played Wexford in the first round of the Leinster championship, the undercard to a National League decider between Kerry and Roscommon.

Gay O'Driscoll, hewn from the same Marino rock as many of the Vincent's legends admits that he was embarrassed to tell work colleagues he played for Dublin. The cock could crow thrice before he admitted he wore the sky blue.

A perennial first round exit in front of a sparsely populated Hill was expected and delivered. Prolific talent from the sixties such as Jimmy Keaveney had drifted into retirement. No one noticed.

Intervention came at the hands of Na Fianna's Jimmy Grey who approached Heffernan the previous autumn. While it was hardly a shot in the dark – he was recognised as a player for the ages – it was to prove the most fateful moment for Gaelic games in the capital.

The future, they say, is shaped by those who commit their bodies and minds to the task.

Heffernan's prowess as an athlete testified to this. He defined the development of football in the 1950s and personified the clash in styles between Dublin and their arch-rivals Kerry. His extraordinary club and county records marked him apart and he was a leading light as both Vincent's and Dublin established their own identity.

This part of Heffo's remarkable journey may have diminished naturally with time but it should not be underestimated.

In the 1955 Leinster he destroyed legendary Meath full-back Paddy 'Hands' O'Brien with a forward performance hitherto unseen.



Kevin in action for Dublin against Kerry in the 1955 All-Ireland Senior Football Championship Final.



Attending an event in 2012 to celebrate the victory of the Dublin team in the National League Final in 1953 were: Back row, from left, Mick Moylan, Jim Crowley, Jim Lavin, Cathal O'Leary and Paddy O'Flaherty, with front row, from left, Des Ferguson, Norman Allen, Kevin Heffernan, and Cyril Freaney.

The subsequent courtroom drama only served to endear Heffo to us more. When questioned publicly about the events, Heffernan's steel and dignity shaped his response. Dublin, in his opinion, dealt with the challenge that was mounted. He refused to yield to populist contrition.

It was wonderful. The more Dublin were pilloried, the more our indignant character strengthened.

While Kerry's second coming was, yet again, to haunt Heffernan his achievement in overcoming a professional Australian outfit in the 1986 Compromise Rules series ranks, for some, highest of all.

His erudite selection of players and success in coping with the first game defeat is still considered one of the great managerial feats.

Few could doubt his obsessive passion for the challenge but his demeanour belied it. Derry powerhouse Brian McGilligan, one of Heffernan's pivotal charges of the 1986 adventure, claims that he called to his room following the final game in Adelaide to find Heffernan in tears.

It brought a close to a period in our history that will never be matched. Society transformed and,

TRIBUTES TO HEFFO BARNEY ROCK

DUBLIN ALL-IRELAND WINNER '83

I first met Kevin after the '74 All-Ireland semi final as a 13 year old. My uncle looked after the dressing rooms in Croke Park and he brought me in. From then it was my ambition to play for Dublin. I remember the '83 semi final against Cork in Croke. We were 5 points down and Kevin called me over telling me to give me a wake up call. I had to get going, get into the game. I ended up scoring 1-2 and it gave us a draw on the day. Then in the replay in Cork, Kevin wanted to take me off and Charlie Redmond was ready to come in. Tony Hanahoe told Kevin to leave me on for a while and Anton O'Toole fed me a ball and I scored a goal.

TRIBUTES TO HEFFO TOMMY CONROY

ST. VINCENTS & DUBLIN ALL-IRELAND WINNER '83

He knew the right buttons to press to get you to perform to your best and you wouldn't even know he was pressing them.

as it did, Gaelic football became an intrinsic part of the city's identity.

The part Kevin Heffernan played in that revolution is inestimable. Team of the century, team of the millennium . . . renaissance man, successful in every facet.

Heffo's career off the field, particularly with the ESB and the Labour Court was equally auspicious yet having taken his leave as general of the Dublin war machine, he didn't retreat from the game; quite the opposite.

Hanahoe's beautiful eulogy at his funeral this week referenced his extraordinary allegiance to St Vincent's; he was its beating heart.

Two years away from the Dublin helm, Heffernan was compiling a senior hurling squad to

TRIBUTES TO HEFFO JIM GAVIN

DUBLIN MANAGER & ALL-IRELAND WINNER '95

My earliest memory of Kevin was when my dad brought me to Croke Park for the Dubs games lifting me over the stiles. He pointed out Kevin to me on the sideline. Kevin was an outstanding player and captain who was honoured on the team of the GAA century and the Millennium. Dublin people would view him as the man who brought Dublin football back to the top and his legacy has continued throughout the years.

TRIBUTES TO HEFFO JACK O'SHEA

KERRY & CAPTAIN OF IRELAND UNDER KEVIN '86

Kevin was a true Dub. He was very sincere and honest about everything he did, never looking for any accolades or praise. He single handedly transformed the game. He brought great colour to Gaelic football. He was a manager before his time and managing a team in today's game would have been right up his ally.



Kevin with former Kerry footballer Jack O'Shea.

compete in the county championship when he paid a visit to the home of Eamon Heery, one of the club's most talented young footballers at the time.

"Kevin Heffernan is looking for you Eamon," his mother called to Eamon who was kicking around out the back. Before Eamon appeared, he tore up the stairs to grab his Vincent's jersey; he dared not meet Heffo without it.

Typical of the man, he was approaching the task in singular fashion; underpinning the small ball challenge by including number of robust footballers.

Heery, by his own admission, played little hurling during the campaign despite lining out on the first 15, his job was to facilitate the stickmen. Vincent's won the championship in 1988 and Eamon pocketed a county hurling medal.

In truth few of us knew Heffo, that was a privilege cherished by those closest to him.

As is the mark of greatness, however, he helped shape our lives and strengthened our identity. Those who once viewed Dublin as something of an adjunct to the Association were purged by Kevin Heffernan. His legacy is our strength.

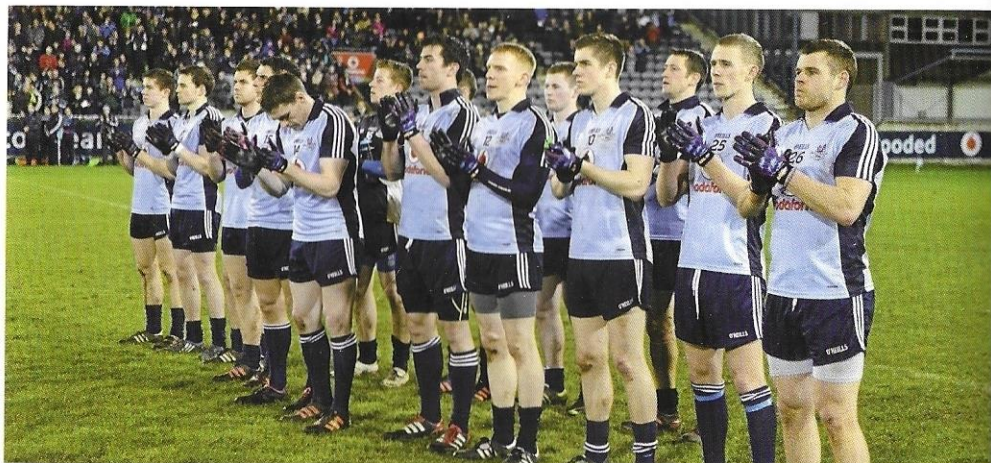
He watched over the vicissitudes of the county's fortunes and never severed his connection; his influence and direction was a constant. He will be sorely missed around Parnell Park.

For those outside his immediate circle he was our godfather; we were safe once Heffo was pulling the strings.

After Pat Gilroy's appointment as Dublin manager in 2008 the consensus view was that, despite the man's many qualities and his role in St Vincent's All-Ireland success, the appointment was still something of a leap of faith, certainly no one saw it coming.

The following January I got a call from my close friend, the late Páidí O Sé, enquiring what the word on the street was about Gilroy.

I kicked to touch, it was obvious Páidí had something to say.



The Dublin team stand and applaud the career of the late Kevin Heffernan before the O'Byrne Cup Final against Kildare.

TRIBUTES TO HEFFO BRIAN TALTY

GALWAY & DUBLIN SELECTOR

Kevin transformed the landscape of Gaelic football in the 70's. He turned the game into something people wanted to play. As a teacher in St. David's Artane, I would say he brought Gaelic football back to the schools. Pupils were now interested in playing the game. He was a man who didn't hold gripes. Even after the '83 final I would meet him in Raheny and we would have a good chat about coaching. He would always have a great interest in it. I found him to be a gentleman. The passion he had for the game was incredible even coaching teams well into his seventies is a great inspiration to us all to carry on.

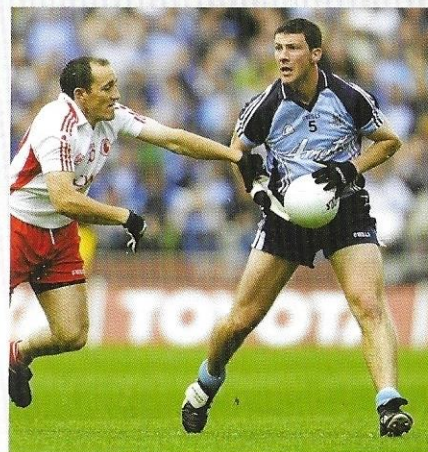
"I met Heffo the other night at the Late Late (the celebration of the GAA's 125 Anniversary) and he told me Gilroy was the man. Seán, he meant it."

WHEN HE DIED LAST WEEK, KEVIN HEFFERNAN WAS WRITTEN IN ALL OUR DUBLIN HEARTS. RIP ■

COLIN MORAN

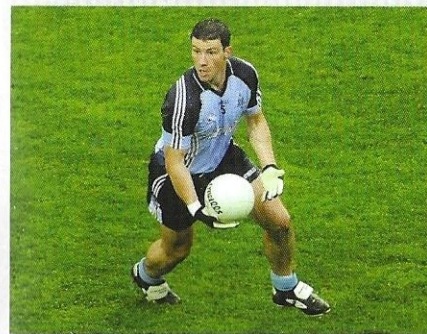


SINÉAD RYAN QUIZZES FORMER DUBLIN STAR COLIN MORAN



BEST ADVICE FOR YOUNG PLAYERS?

**THE HARDER YOU WORK
THE LUCKIER YOU GET.**



- **Club:** Ballyboden St Enda's
- **Height:** 6ft
- **Fave Food:** Steak
- **Fave Music:** Johnny Cash
- **Fave TV:** Bluebloods
- **Fave Book:** *Unsung Hero*: Tom Crean
- **Favourite Ground:** Parnell Park
- **What has been your greatest moment in sport?** Watching the Dubs win Sam after 16 years in 2011.
- **Who was the toughest opponent you ever faced?** Anthony Lynch (Cork).
- **What are your hobbies?** Cycling.
- **What are your vices?** Daydreaming.
- **Gaelic football Gripes?** Cynical fouling.
- **Childhood heroes?** Ciarán Duff, Paul Curran.
- **Do you play any other sports?** No.
- **Do you have any superstitions before a match?** Same seat in the dressing room every time.
- **Biggest Disappointment:** All-Ireland semi-final defeats.
- **Player(s) with a promising future;** Jack McCaffrey (Dublin).
- **Ways of improving Gaelic football:** Sin bin for any attempts to slow down the game.
- **Favourite Personal Saying:** What's the craic!
- **Pet Hates:** Slow walkers.
- **What advice would you give to young players?** The harder you work, the luckier you get.
- **How would you like to be remembered?** As a good team player.

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Leinster Senior Hurling Championship 2013

			DATE	VENUE	
Prelim Rd	Antrim	v	Westmeath	5.5.2013	Mullingar
1	AN/WM	v	Laois	18.5.2013	Portlaoise/Mullingar
2	Carlow	v	London	18.5.2013	Carlow
3	AN/WM/LS	v	CW/LN	1/2.6.2013	t.b.c.
4	Offaly	v	Kilkenny	9.6.2013	Tullamore
5	Wexford	v	Dublin	8.6.2013	Wexford Park
6	Galway	v	3	15/16.6.2013	t.b.c.
7	4	v	5	23.6.2013	t.b.c.
Final	6	v	7	7.7.2013	Croke Park

Leinster Senior Football Championship 2013

			DATE	VENUE	
1	Wicklow	v	Longford	26.5.2013	Aughrim
2	Laois	v	Louth	26.5.2013	Portlaoise
3	Westmeath	v	Carlow	19.5.2013	Mullingar
4	1	v	Meath	15.6.2013	Aughrim/Longford
5	2	v	Wexford	9.6.2013	Portlaoise/Drogheda
6	3	v	Dublin	1.6.2013	Croke Park
7	Offaly	v	Kildare	1.6.2013	Croke Park
8	4	v	5	t.b.c.	t.b.c.
9	6	v	7	t.b.c.	t.b.c.
Final	8	v	9	14.7.2013	Croke Park

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decade. The Loose released their fourth album in Ireland in October of 2010, it went top 10 on the national chart in its first week, going to No.1 on iTunes and No.1 on the national indie chart and received the band's greatest reviews to date. In 2012 Republic of Loose returned with the single 'They Pay For Love' which has been playlisted nationally and sees the band return to the smooth velvety pop sound that made them the kings of Irish radio when they first broke onto the scene

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Heroes of the Hill - John O'Leary

BY MICK HANLEY

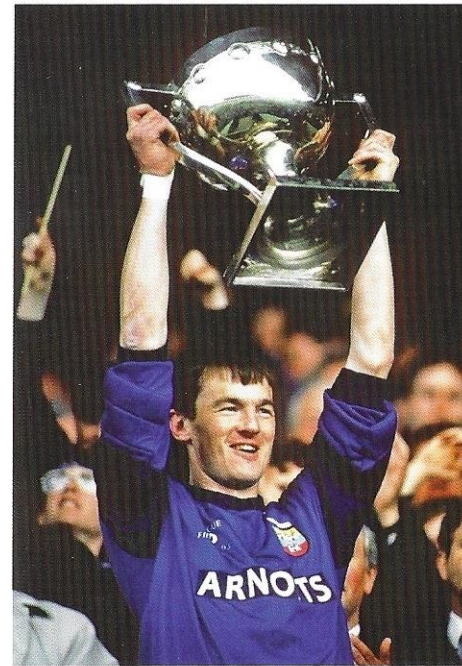
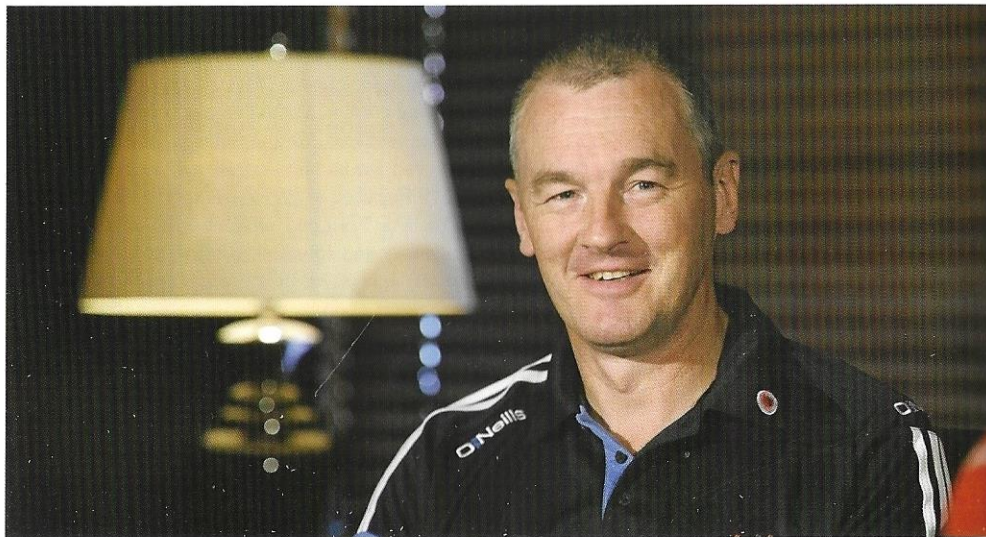
It is only a few hours after the news had come through that Dublin legend Kevin Heffernan had passed away that I talk with former Dublin goalkeeper John O'Leary. Way back in the summer of 1980, in fact the day before the Leinster final, John was asked by Kevin to attend training with the senior squad for the first time. 24 hours later Kevin handed him the Number 1 jersey as the Dubs took on Offaly. It was the beginning of a long and successful career and John is eternally grateful to Kevin for giving him this opportunity and having faith in him as a then 19 year old.

'I was based in Wexford at the time and received a call to attend training on the Saturday before the Leinster final. It came out of the blue when Kevin told me just before the game on the Sunday that I was going to play.'

Although on that Sunday Dublin were beaten by Offaly in that Leinster final, John would be a permanent fixture between the posts over the next seventeen years playing no fewer than

seventy consecutive championship games. He retired after the Leinster championship first round defeat to Meath in 1997. 'I had been there for a long time and felt the time was right. Davy Byrne was waiting in the wings and it was his time to take over.'

John has had an exceptional career as a player, selector, coach and manager. It all began playing for his club O'Dwyer's in Balbriggan. He was drafted in to represent the North Dublin team in the mid seventies. Here he teamed up with two other lads Barney Rock and Ciaran Duff and would go on to play with them on Dublin minor, senior and Over 40's teams. John who incidentally played his club football as an outfield player was the Dublin minor goalkeeper when they won the 1979 All-Ireland final under manager Christy 'Buster' Leaney. They beat Kerry on the day. A year later he was part of the Dublin Under 21 team defeated by Cork in the All-Ireland final but his breakthrough to the senior team had arrived.



Celebrating Dublin's last league success, 9 May 1993.

The Dublin senior team were in transition following the great 70's team but with the minor and 21's coming through in '79 and '80 the future looked positive. However Offaly began to dominate at senior level in Leinster in the early 80's. Dublin suffered a big loss to the Faithful County in 1982 with Offaly going on to scupper Kerry's five in a row All-Ireland titles by beating the Kingdom in the final.

1983 saw Dublin re-emerge to the top. They gained revenge for their previous year's defeat to Offaly by beating them in the Leinster final. Then in an epic semi-final battle they overcame Cork in Páirc Uí Chaoimh after a replay. And in the final they beat a Galway side on the day that will be remembered as the day of The Twelve Apostles. Of course that was the day Dublin had three players sent off in the final which was played in horrendous conditions. It had been a good year for John. 'Beating Offaly gave us great confidence as we had suffered a terrible loss to them the year before. This carried us in to the Cork game and while we were disappointed not to win the first day beating them in their own

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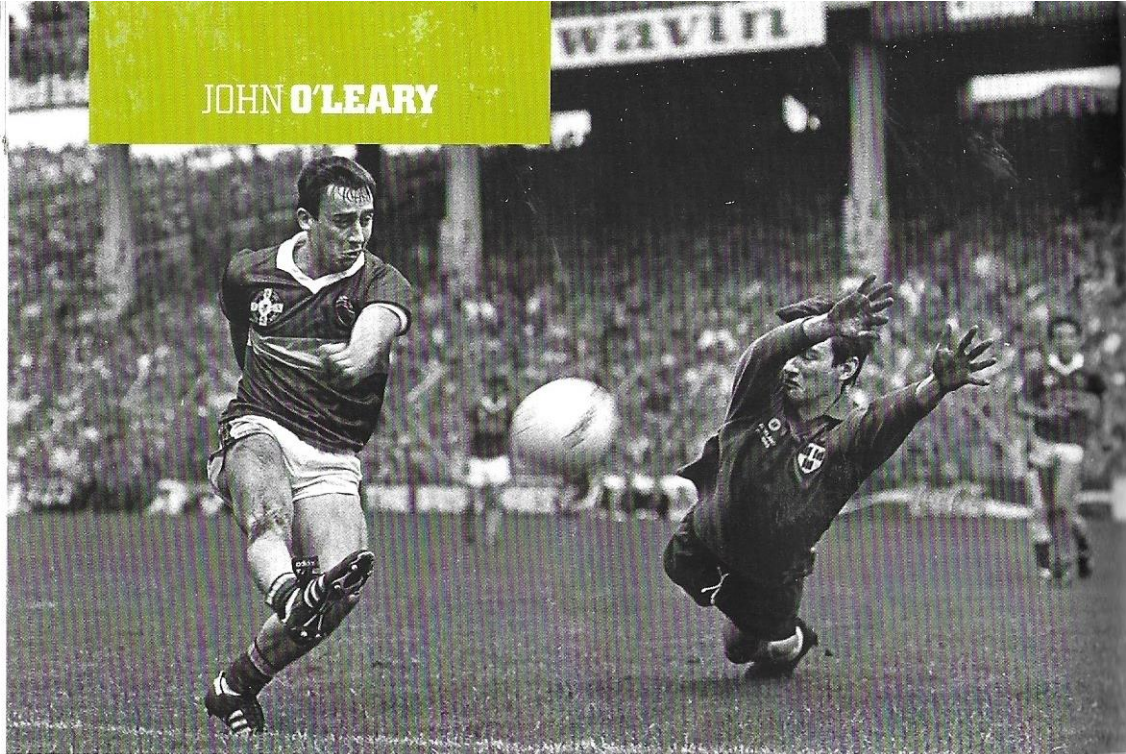
THE WHOLE FOUR GAME SAGA WAS **FULL OF EMOTION**. THE ATMOSPHERE WAS **ELECTRIC IN ALL THE GAMES** BUT AS EACH GAME CAME IT SEEMED TO **GO UP A NOTCH**.

backyard was tremendous. Looking back on the final with twelve players, I was thinking bad thoughts in the second half as we just seemed to be hanging on. Thankfully the ref blew his whistle and it was a brilliant feeling to win an All-Ireland medal'.

Buoyed by this victory Dublin would contest the next two All-Ireland finals against Kerry but there would be heartbreak for John and his colleagues. 'We didn't perform at all in the final in '84 but the defeat in '85 was hard to take, very disappointing as we had played well but just came up short on the day'.

The next three years would see Meath dominate Leinster and go on to win two All-Irelands however Dublin did get some consolation in winning the National league title in 1987 beating Kerry but lost out to Meath and Cork respectively in '88 and '89. In the championship of '89 Dublin would break Meath's Leinster dominance defeating the Royals by five points in the final. However Cork were too strong for the Dubs in the All-Ireland semi-final with the Rebels going on to win Sam Maguire.

Meath regained the upper hand in 1990 and then in 1991 we had the epic battle between the counties in the first round of the Leinster Championship. Probably never in the history of the GAA has a game of this nature enthralled both counties and the general public as well. After four games only one point separated the sides at the end with victory going to Meath. I put it to John that at the end it must have been one of the most emotional games he had played in. 'The whole four game saga was full of emotion. The atmosphere was electric in all the games but as each game came it seemed to go up a notch'.



22 September 1985; Ogie Moran, Kerry, in action against John O'Leary, Dublin.

With Dublin leading coming towards the end of the fourth game, Meath launched an attack from out the field inter passing the ball through the Dublin defence with wing back Kevin Foley the unlikely man at the end of it to strike it to the Dublin net. I ask John what did he recall of the incident. 'I was watching closely as the ball came towards our goal. I had anticipated Tommy Dowd would lay the ball off to the runner. I moved to cover this but slipped slightly. Even still as I dived on Kevin Foley's shot I thought I could prevent it going in'. It was not to be and David Beggy pointed for Meath to put them one in front with moments left. Dublin did have a last second chance but unfortunately the ball went wide.

And so the Dubs had to dust themselves down and get ready for the following season. A six point victory over Kildare in the Leinster final put them on another road to an All Ireland. After overcoming Cork in the All-Ireland semi final the Dubs were overwhelming favourites to win the final against Donegal. John recalls 'We were odds on favourites to win in '92 but I think we

believed in all the hype beforehand. The Donegal /Mayo semi final wasn't the best and many people thought we would beat Donegal easy. Our emotional preparation was poor. It turned out to be a huge disappointment'.

Once again John and his colleagues were left to reflect a lost chance. 1993 and 1994 were no better with Derry defeating them in the '93 semi final with a last minute Johnny Mc Gurk left punt and Down ran out winners in the '94 decider. 'Yes turned over by the 3 D's from Ulster in successive years. It was difficult to take as we had a very good side and were close to winning the All-Ireland again'.

In 1995 the tide would come in for Dublin. They defeated Meath by ten points in the Leinster final in a near flawless display before going on to defeat Tyrone in the All-Ireland final. Twelve years after he claimed his first senior Celtic Cross John could celebrate his second and this time as captain. 'A very special day indeed. Again we started well and built up a good lead but in the end we were hanging on. Charlie

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KEVIN WAS A GREAT MANAGER AND TACTICIAN IN GAELIC FOOTBALL BUT WATCHING HIM DURING THE SERIES REALLY BROUGHT HOME HOW EXCEPTIONAL HE WAS.

(Redmond) had been sent off so it was backs to the wall but I think the character and spirit we built up for the previous few years stood to us'.

1996 would see Dublin lose out to Meath in the Leinster final and when in 1997 Meath again defeated the Dubs, this time in the Leinster first round John decided it was time to hang up his senior inter county boots. Was it a difficult decision for him? 'Not really, I had been there for 18 years and enjoyed it. Davy Byrne was waiting in the wings and it was his time to stake a claim'. But after winning again in '95 for the first time in 12 years how disappointing was it to finish like this? 'We had put in a huge effort since the beginning of the decade. The games with Meath in '91, losing the All-Irelands to Donegal and Down in '92 & '93, losing to Derry in the semi final in '93 and finally winning in '95. I think as a team we were emotionally and mentally drained. Exhaustion had set in'.

While John's inter senior inter county career had come to an end at the age of 36, he continued to play club football and later on played with the Dublin Over 40's. 'I really enjoyed the Over 40's. I was teaming up once more with Barney (Rock) and Ciaran (Duff) and I got a chance to play with my brother. The craic was good. Playing against foes from previous years brought back memories. The windy fellas were still windy and the dirty fellas were still dirty'.

John's step into inter county management came in '98 when he was named as a selector with manager Tommy Carr. Dublin were in a rebuilding process and it also coincided with the re emerge of Kerry. As John sees it 'we were introducing new players along the way. Our term

finished disappoint Who knows what would have happened if Maurice Fitzgerald's sideline kick hadn't gone over the bar in Thurles, perhaps we could have gone on to something bigger then'. However Tommy Carr was let go as Dublin manager for the following season and John headed South to take over as Wicklow manager. 'I really enjoyed myself with Wicklow. I was a great experience with the players and county. Unfortunately we were beaten in an O'Byrne Cup final by Carlow'.

John would stay in football management but switched to ladies football to become the Dublin manager. There was disappointing for him when the Jackies were defeated by Galway in the 2006 All-Ireland final. 'Another great experience but disappointing for the girls to lose the final. They were an exceptional dedicated group to work with. Great to train'.

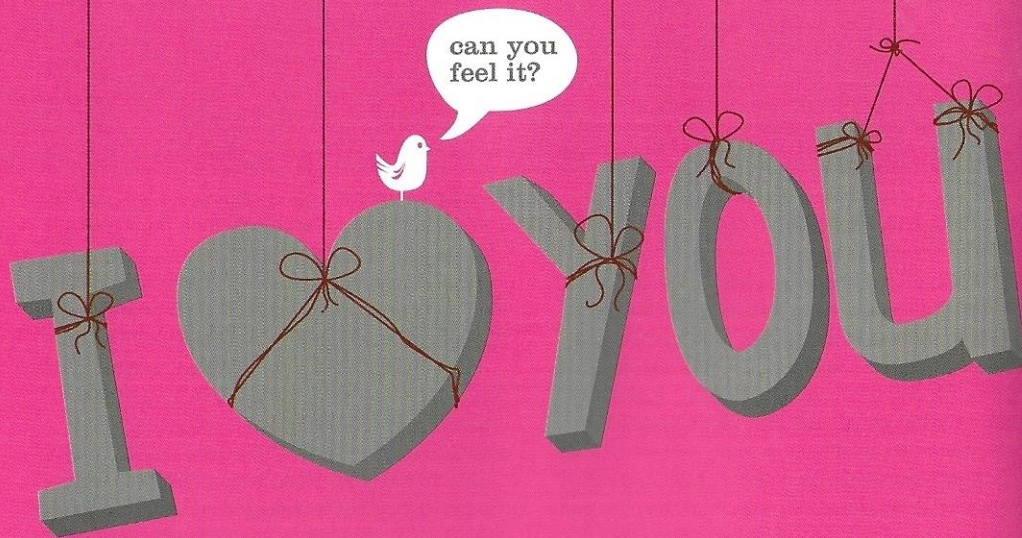
John has gone on to work with the likes of Tommy Carr again at Cavan and Peter Fitzpatrick at Louth. He has trained the Under 14 & 16's at Skerries Harps and joined up with Pete Mc Grath for the Compromise Rules Series. A lot of his energies at present go to helping out the Jack & Jill Children's Foundation with their fundraising. John would be delighted to take any of your old mobile phones off your hands to help the charity out. You can log onto the Jack & Jill Foundation at www.jackandjill.ie to find out more.

Coming back to Kevin Hefferan before we leave John looks back on his time playing for Ireland in the Compromise Rules Series especially under Kevin in Australia in 1986. 'Kevin was a great manager and tactician in Gaelic football but watching him during the series really brought home how exceptional he was. We were beaten well by the Aussies in the first test in Perth but Kevin took on board our defeat using all his tactical experience and awareness to overturn the Aussies in the 2nd and 3rd tests in Melbourne and Adelaide to win the series'. In all John won seven caps for Ireland playing the '84, '86 and '88 series.

This evening you may spot John as he takes his seat in Croke Park. Memories of years gone by will no doubt fill his heart and mind. Looking over at Hill 16 will fill him with pride and he can sit back, enjoy the game in the knowledge that he was one of the Heroes of the Hill. ■

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CORK GAA

GAA conference for coaches of youth players

Coiste Oiliúna Chorcaí today announced details of their annual Coaching Conference. The conference will be held in Mallow GAA complex on Saturday 9th February. The conference will be run in association with Cork Sports Partnership.

Speaking at the launch, Games Manager, Kevin O Callaghan outlined "the focus will be on games based training for youth players."

Headlining the conference with the keynote address will be Donal O Grady. Donal will need no introduction to Cork coaches having guided Cork Senior Hurlers to All Ireland success in the past and from his current role as an analyst with RTE. Donal will provide coaches with an insight in to what has worked for him in the past and provide pointers on how to improve as a coach.

There is a very exciting line up of practical sessions in both hurling and football. Coiste Oiliúna have ventured outside the county here, allowing coaches an insight in to how our games are coached in other counties.

Indeed the line up is impressive with Niall Moran (Ard Scoil Ris and Limerick Senior Hurler), Sean

Tracey (Portumna and Galway) delivering games based training in both defence and attack scenarios in hurling.

Sean Dempsey, Laois Football All Ireland winning manager at minor level as well as 7 times All Ireland winning manager with Cork Ladies Football Team, Eamonn Ryan promise to give very useful demonstrations on games that coaches can use to invigorate and challenge players in their club sessions.

Again, O Callaghan points out "the line up of speakers and coaches have no less than 13 All Ireland titles between them. The caliber of coach present on the day is exceptional and our club coaches around the county should certainly benefit enormously from attending this conference."

Cork GAA Coaching Officer Brendan O Driscoll gives mention to associate sponsors, Cork Sports Partnership "who have supported Coiste Oiliúna in the promotion of youth participation in sport across a number of projects over the past 4 years. This conference will help the GAA keep more youths playing our games. If youths are challenged and enjoy training sessions, they are more likely to remain playing our games in to adulthood. The coaches role in this process cannot be overstated."

The conference starts at 10am and will end at 2pm.



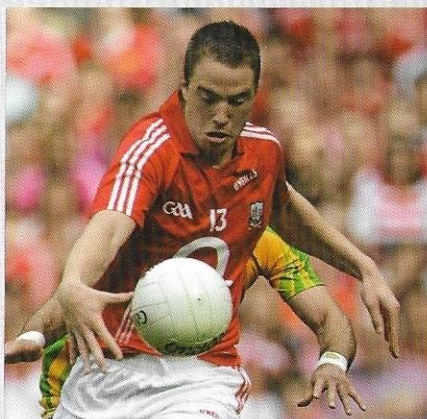
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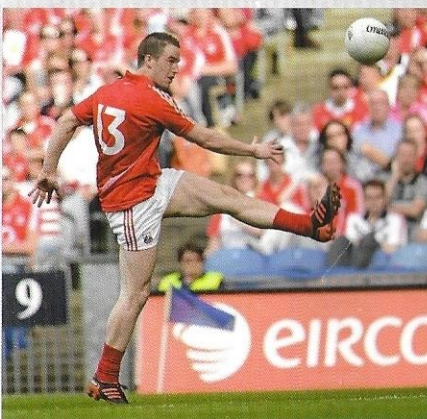


CORK FORWARD

COLM O'NEILL



BEST CAREER ADVICE YOU WERE GIVEN? PRACTICE WITH WEAK LEG.

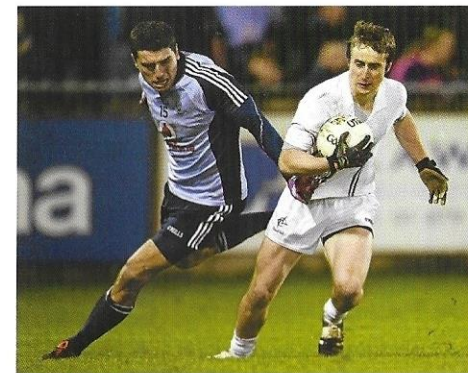


- **Club:** Ballyclough
- **Height:** 6'2
- **Weight:** 13st 5lbs
- **Honours:** 1 Munster MFC, 2 Munster U21, 1 All-Ireland U21, Cadbury's Hero of the Future 2009, 4 NFL (09, 10, 11, 12), 1 All-Ireland SFC (2010), 1 Munster SFC (2012), All-Star 2012
- **Inter-County Debut:** 2009 v Donegal
- **Best career advice you were given?** Practice with weak leg
- **What skill do you think is most important in football?** Kicking with both feet
- **Favourite sport other than football?** Hurling, golf
- **Books you are reading/have just finished?** No time!
- **When I was a child I wanted to be...** a pilot
- **Best football memory outside of playing?** All-Ireland Double 1990
- **Best football memory as a player?** Captaining Cork to All-Ireland U21 success
- **You may not know it but I'm good at...** Table tennis
- **Who is the greatest player you have ever seen?** Graham Canty
- **If there was a 'transfer market' in football, who would you buy?** Stephen O'Neill
- **The best invention ever?** The mobile phone
- **Person you would most like to meet?** Cheryl Cole
- **Marooned on a desert island, what could you not be without?** My phone
- **In ten years' time, I hope to be...** still playing and injury-free

Dublin's early season form ... in stats

BORD NA MONA O'BYRNE CUP FINAL, JANUARY 26: PARNELL PARK

KILDARE 1-16 DUBLIN 0-17 (after extra time)
SCORERS - Kildare: J Doyle 0-5 (0-2f), T O'Connor 1-2, P Brophy 0-3, N Kelly 0-2, E O'Flaherty, E Bolton, H McGrillen, P O'Neill 0-1 each. Dublin: P Mannion 0-4 (0-2f), MD Macauley, P Andrews, C Costello, P Hudson (0-1f) 0-2 each, K McManamon, P Quinn, B Brogan (0-1f), S Carthy, P Burke 0-1 each.
KILDARE: S Connolly; P Kelly, O Lyons, H McGrillen; E O'Flaherty, M Foley, E Bolton; G White, R Kelly; C McNally, N Kelly, B Flanagan; P Brophy, D Flynn, J Doyle. Subs: T O'Connor for R Kelly (ht), J Byrne for Flanagan (49), S Johnston for McNally (52), M Conway for O'Flaherty (62), P O'Neill for White (67); E Doyle for Bolton (78), R Sweeney for N Kelly (79).
DUBLIN: S Supple; D Byrne, T Brady, D Nelson; C Guckian, D Daly, J McCaffrey; MD Macauley, D Bastick; P Quinn, P Andrews, E O Conghaile; P Mannion, B Brogan, K McManamon. Subs: C Costello for McManamon (42), S Carthy for Quinn (43), D O'Mahony for Bastick (44), P Hudson for Mannion (57), P Burke for Brogan (64); Extra-time E Lowndes for Guckian, Bastick for Macauley, Quinn for O Conghaile; G Sweeney for Quinn (80), Macauley for O'Mahony (86), R McCarthy for Hudson (89).
REF: E Kinsella (Laois).
ATT: 6,000 (approx).



SEMI-FINAL, SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

DUBLIN 4-15 LOUTH 0-10
SCORERS - Dublin: B Brogan 2-7 (0-6f), E O Conghaile 1-1, P Hudson 1-0, J McCaffrey 0-2, S Cluxton (0-1 '45'), P Andrews, P Quinn, D Connolly, C Costello 0-1 each. Louth: J McEneaney 0-5 (0-3f), D Reid 0-2, C Rafferty, S McCann, D O'Connor 0-1 each.
DUBLIN: S Cluxton; D Daly, T Brady, D Nelson; C Guckian, G Brennan, J McCaffrey; D O'Mahony, D Bastick; E O Conghaile, D Connolly, P Quinn; P Hudson, P Andrews, B Brogan. Subs: S Carthy for O'Mahony (ht), P Mannion for Andrews (ht), P Burke for Quinn (45), C Costello for Connolly (55), D Byrne for Brennan (57), K McManamon for Hudson (temp 66).

LOUTH: S Connor; J Carr, B Mulligan, J Bingham; A Reid, L Shevlin, D Byrne; C Rafferty, R Carroll; R Moore, J McEneaney, S McCann; D Reid, E O'Connor, D O'Connor. Subs: J O'Brien for Moore (23), G Hoey for Mulligan (ht), D Crilly for Byrne (ht), P Sheelan for McCann (45), C McGuinness for Rafferty (54).
REF: A Nolan (Wicklow). **ATT:** 1,500 (approx).

GROUP B, SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

WICKOW 1-11 DUBLIN 0-10
SCORERS - Wicklow: P Earls 1-2, A O'Malley 0-4 (0-2f), A McLoughlin 0-2, D Healy, B McCrea, R Finn 0-1 each. Dublin: P Hudson 0-4 (0-2f), D O'Mahony 0-2, R McCarthy, G Sweeney, P Andrews, D Connolly 0-1 each.
WICKLOW: J Flynn; D Power, J Kelly, A Byrne; Cunningham, P McWalter, P McLoughlin; J Stafford, A McLoughlin; D Healy, R Finn, P Dalton; B McCrea, P Earls, A O'Malley. Subs: P Woods for McCrea (43), D O'Sullivan for Dalton (45), L Benson for Healy (45), J Sheerin for Earls (71).
DUBLIN: V Whelan; D Nelson, T Brady, D Byrne; E Lowndes, C Guckian, G Seaver; D O'Mahony, C Mullins; E O Conghaile, K McManamon, T Diamond; P Hudson, R McCarthy, G Sweeney. Subs: P Andrews for Sweeney (ht), D Connolly for Diamond (ht), J McCaffrey for Seaver (ht), G Brennan for Brady (h-t), S Carthy for Mullins (55).
REF: P Kneel (Louth). **ATT:** 1,000 (Approx).

GROUP B, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

DUBLIN 3-16 DCU 1-11

SCORERS - Dublin: D Connolly 1-3 (1-0 pen, 0-1f, 0-1 '45'), P Hudson (0-1f), B Brogan (0-2f) 0-4 each, D Bastick, K McManamon 1-0 each, P Andrews, R McCarthy (0-2f) 0-2 each, G Sweeney 0-1. DCU: D Rock 0-6 (0-2f, 0-1pen), M Quinn 1-0, M McCarthy, J McCarron (0-1f), P Flynn, D Smith, S Carey 0-1 each.

DUBLIN: S Supple; D Daly, T Brady, D Nelson; C O'Sullivan, G Brennan, J McCaffrey; D Bastick, E O Conghaile; S Carty, P Andrews, P Quinn; P  Hudson, D Connolly, B Brogan Subs: C Guckian for O'Sullivan (18, inj), R McCarthy for Hudson (50), K McManamon for Ó Conghaile (50), D Byrne for Nelson (50), G Sweeney for Carthy (58).

DCU: J Farrelly; J Cooper, W Lowry, C Boyle; E Doherty, M Quinn, J McCarthy; F O Curraoin, C Dunleavy; P O'Hanlon, D Rock, A McFadden; M McCarthy, J McCarron, J Brady Subs: W Hender-Phillips for Farrelly (blood sub, 34), D Smith for McCarron (34), B Donnelly for McCarron (34), P Flynn for McFadden (ht), S Carey for Brady (51), P Daly for Smith (64).

REF: D Fahy (Longford).

ATT: 2,000 (Approx).

GROUP B, SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

DUBLIN 3-13 CARLOW 1-12

SCORERS - Dublin: R McCarthy, D Connolly 1-2 each, B Brogan 0-4 (0-2f), P Quinn 1-0, P Andrews 0-2, D O'Mahony, K McManamon, G Sweeney 0-1 each. Carlow: D St Ledger 1-1, Brian Murphy (0-2f), D Foley (0-4f) 0-4 each, E Ruth 0-2, Brendan Murphy 0-1.

DUBLIN: S Cluxton; D Daly, G Brennan, D Byrne; E Lowndes, T Brady, C O'Sullivan; D O'Mahony, MD Macauley; P Quinn, P Andrews, B Brogan; R McCarthy, D Connolly, K McManamon. Subs: D Bastick for Macauley (inj 18), J McCaffrey for Byrne (ht), S Carthy for McManamon (ht), G Sweeney for O'Mahony (55), E Fanning for Quinn (64).

CARLOW: T O'Reilly; B Kavanagh, S Mernagh, BJ Molloy; M Doyle, D Hayden, T Bolger; D Foley, S Redmond; A Kelly, C Murphy, E Ruth; Brian Murphy, D St Ledger, R Walker. Subs: C Moran for C Murphy (32), Brendan Murphy for Kelly (50), K Nolan for Doyle (59), K Byrne for Molloy (65), P Reid for Walker (inj 67).

REF: F Barry (Kildare).

ATT: 1,500 (Approx.). ■

DUBLIN SCORERS

Dublin senior footballers scored 10-71 and conceded 4-60 in their five Bord na Móna games (v Carlow, DCU, Wicklow, Louth, Kildare). Eighteen players contributed to the scoring tally.

Bernard Brogan 2-16 (0-11f)

Diarmuid Connolly 2-7 (1-0 pen, 0-1f, 0-1 '45')

Paul Hudson 1-10 (0-4f)

Paddy Andrews 0-8

Robbie McCarthy 1-5 (0-2f)

Kevin McManamon 1-2

Paddy Quinn 1-2

Paul Mannion 0-4 (0-2f)

Emmett O Conghaile 1-1

Gary Sweeney 0-3

Declan O'Mahony 0-3

Cormac Costello 0-3

Denis Bastick 1-0

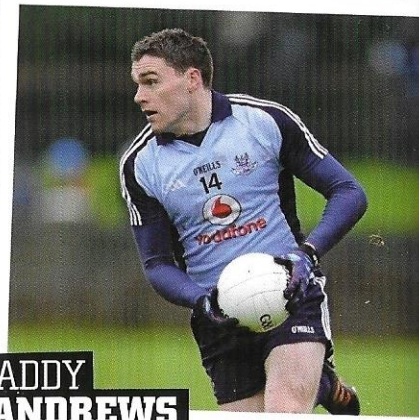
Jack McCaffrey 0-2

Michael Darragh Macauley 0-2

Stephen Cluxton 0-1 (0-1 '45')

Shane Carthy 0-1

Pat Burke 0-1



PADDY ANDREWS

PREVIEW: DIVISION 1

Allianz football league: It's a league packed with thrilling potential

■ BY CONOR McKEON (Evening Herald)

You wouldn't get it in a lucky bag! Winners of the last ten All-Irelands. All of the current provincial champions, five of the eight finalists and seven of the eight teams that were still alive and kicking ball on the Bank Holiday weekend of last August.

Spring is in the air and the Allianz Football League is itching to re-emerge and we have, at first glance, the toughest, most high-quality grouping of teams to occupy the same table in an era.

The now annual May moan about the All-Ireland SFC championship failing to provide a worthy battle to christen its re-emergence on the Irish sporting landscape most certainly cannot be applied to the League: the three most recent All-Ireland champions play in Croke Park on Saturday night.

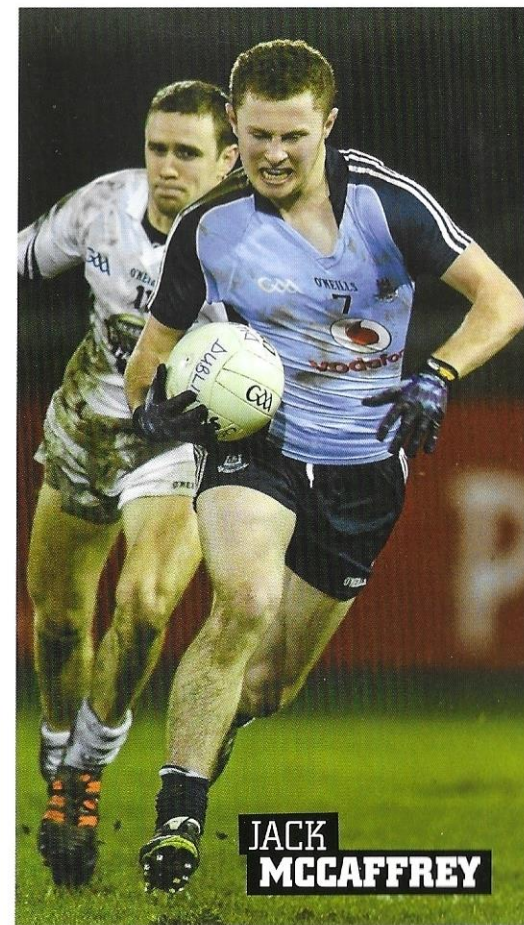
Who says there's no glamour before summer?

In the red corner, Cork: spring specialists, chasing four-in-a-row and seeking to reclaim the lost ground of the past two years. From the North West, Donegal, supposedly plumped and fattened from their All-Ireland exploits but so far ahead of the pack in September, even stagnancy could be enough against a vastly altered landscape.

Kildare and Tyrone are the 'newcomers' with big reputations and the ability to be competitive with anyone on a given day and whither, for that matter, Kerry or Dublin – the bookies favourites this year?

Both have new managers with new ideas and in Dublin's case in particular, a shedload of unseen, as yet unheralded talent.

What we learned from last year was this: win a couple of matches early on and skate at your leisure into the semi-finals. Hit the ground crawling and a tangle of stress, pressure and uncertainty takes hold in the weeks prior to summer.



JACK MCCAFFREY

We also realised for the umpteenth time that reading too deeply into spring results can make one look extremely foolish come September, but that's for much, much later.

For now, the League is back. Start your engines.

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CILL DARA
KILDARE



1 Shane **CONNOLLY**
Seán Ó Conghaile
St. Laurences

2 Ollie **LYONS**
Oilibhéar O'Laighin
Celbridge

3 Peter **KELLY**
Peadar Ó Ceallaigh
Two Mile House

4 Hugh **McGRILLEN**
Aodh MacRiallái
Celbridge

5 Emmet **BOLTON**
Eiméid Boltúin
Eadestown

6 Michael **FOLEY**
Micheál Ó Foghlú
Athy

7 Mikey **CONWAY**
Micheál Ó Conbhuí
Nurney

8 Gary **WHITE**
Gearóid de Faoite
Sarsfields

9 Pdraig **O'NEILL**
Pdraig Ó Néill
St. Laurences

10 Brian **FLANAGAN**
Brian Ó Flannagáin
Johnstownbridge

11 Cathal **McNALLY**
Cathal MacAnallaigh
Johnstownbridge

12 Eoghan **O'FLAHERTY**
Eoghan Ó Flaitheartaigh
Carbury

13 Seán **JOHNSTON**
Seán MacSheáin
St. Kevins

14 Tomás **O'CONNOR**
Tomas Ó Conchúir
Clane

15 John **DOYLE**
Seán Ó Dúbhaill
Allenwood

DÚN NA NGALL
DONEGAL



1 Paul **DURCAN**
Pól Ó Durcáin
Na Ceithre Máistirí

2 Paddy **McGRATH**
Pádraig Mac Craith
Cill Chartha

3 Neil **McGEE**
Niall Mac Aoidh
Gaoth Dobhair

4 Éamonn **McGEE**
Éamonn Mac Aoidh
Gaoth Dobhair

5 Frank **McGLYNN**
Proinsias MacFhloinn
Gleann Fhinne

6 Declan **WALSH**
Déaglán Breathnach
Málainn

7 Anthony **THOMPSON**
Antoin MacThomáis
Naomh Conaill

8 Rory **KAVANAGH**
Ruairí Caomhánach
Naomh Adhamhnáin

9 Martin **McELHINNEY**
Máirtín MacGiolla Chainnigh
Naomh Micheál

10 Mark **McHUGH**
Marc Mac Aodha
Cill Chartha

11 Leo **McLOONE**
Leo MacGiolla Uain
Naomh Conaill

12 Ryan **BRADLEY**
Ryan Ó Brollacháin
Bun Crannacha

13 Colm **McFADDEN**
Colm MacPháidín
Naomh Micheál

14 Michael **MURPHY**
Micheál Ó Murchú
Gleann Súilí

15 Patrick **McBREARTY**
Pádraig Mac Breartaigh
Cill Chartha

FIR IONAIÐ

- 16. Mark Donnellan Maynooth
- 17. Daniel Flynn Johnstownbridge
- 18. Niall Kelly Athy
- 19. Paddy Brophy Celbridge
- 20. Eoin Doyle Naas
- 21. Jonathan Byrne Allenwood
- 22. Pdraig Fogarty St. Laurences

- 23. Hugh Lynch Confey
- 24. Ronan Sweeney Moorefield
- 25. Robert Kelly Straffan
- 26. Fergal Conway Celbridge
- 27. James Eaton Athy
- 28. Alan Smith Sarsfields

	1ST HALF	2ND HALF	TOTAL
GOALS			
POINTS			
WIDES			
45M			
FREE KICKS			

FIR IONAIÐ

- 16. Michael Boyle An Tearmann
- 17. Marty Boyle Naomh Conaill
- 18. Ryan McHugh Cill Chartha
- 19. Antoin McFadden Naomh Micheál
- 20. Shane McGowan Bun Dobhráin
- 21. Gary McFadden Gleann Súilí

- 22. Dermot Molloy Naomh Conaill
- 23. Daniel McLaughlin Naomh Micheál
- 24. Adrian Hanlon An Clochán Liath
- 25. Odhrán Mac Niallais Gaoth Dobhair
- 26. Ross Wherity Naomh Adhamhnáin

	1ST HALF	2ND HALF	TOTAL
GOALS			
POINTS			
WIDES			
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FREE KICKS			

ÁTH CLIATH
DUBLIN



1 Stephen **CLUXTON**
Stiofáin Cluxton
Parnells

2 John **COOPER**
Seán Ó Cúipéir
Na Fianna

3 Rory **O'CARROLL**
Ruairí Ó Cearúill
Kilmacud Crokes

4 Kevin **O'BRIEN**
Caoimhín Ó Briain
Naomh Mearnóg

5 Darren **DALY**
Darren Ó Dálaigh
Fingal Ravens

6 Ger **BRENNAN**
Gearóid Ó Braonáin
St. Vincent's

7 Jack **McCAFFREY**
Seán Mac Gafraidh
Clontarf

8 Michael Darragh **MACAULEY**
Micheál Mac Amhlaoidh
Ballyboden St. Enda's

9 Declan **O'MAHONY**
Déaglán Ó Mathúna
Ballyboden/St. Enda's

10 Paul **FLYNN**
Pól Mac Floinn
Fingallians

11 Paddy **ANDREWS**
Pádraig Mac Aindriú
St. Brigids

12 Paddy **QUINN**
Pádraig Ó Coinn
Na Fianna

13 Kevin **McMANAMON**
Caoimhín Mac Meanman
St. Jude's

14 Diarmuid **CONNOLLY**
Diarmuid Ó Conghaile
St. Vincent's

15 Bernard **BROGAN**
Bernard Ó Brógáin
St. Oliver Plunkett's/Eoghan Ruadh

FIR IONAIÐ

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| 16. Shane Supple St. Brigid's | 22. Chris Guckian St. Judes |
| 17. Tomás Brady Na Fianna | 23. Paul Mannion Kilmacud Crokes |
| 18. David Byrne Naomh Olaf | 24. Dara Nelson Ballyboden/St. Enda's |
| 19. Shane Carthy Naomh Mearnóg | 25. Emmet Ó Conghaile Lucan Sarsfields |
| 20. Cormac Costello Whitehall Colmcille | 26. Ciarán Reddin Naomh Maur |
| 21. Craig Dunleavy St. Oliver Plunketts/ER | |

	1ST HALF	2ND HALF	TOTAL
GOALS			
POINTS			
WIDES			
45M			
FREE KICKS			

CORCAIGH
CORK



1 Ken **O'HALLORAN**
Cionnaith Ó hAllmhúrain
Bishopstown

2 Eoin **CADOGAN**
Eoghan Ó Ceadagáin
Douglas

3 Michael **SHIELDS**
Mícheál Ó Siall
St. Finbarrs

4 Jamie **O'SULLIVAN**
Jamie O Sullivan
Bishopstown

5 Paudie **KISSANE**
Padraig Ó Ciosáin
Clyda Rovers

6 Graham **CANTY**
Graham Ó Cáinte
Bantry Blues

7 Damien **CAHALANE**
Damien Ó Cathlain
Castlehaven

8 Alan **O'CONNOR**
Ailéin Ó Conchubhair
St. Colms

9 Aidan **WALSH**
Aodhan Breathnach
Kanturk

10 Fintan **GOULD**
Fiontan de Gul
Macroom

11 Pearse **O'NEILL**
Piarais Ó Neill
Aghada

12 Ciaran **SHEEHAN**
Ciaran Ó Siochain
Eire Og

13 Colm **O'NEILL**
Colm Ó Neill
Ballyclough

14 Donncha **O'CONNOR**
Donncha Ó Conchubhair
Ballydesmond

15 Paul **KERRIGAN**
Pól Ó Ciaragáin
Nemo Rangers

FIR IONAIÐ

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 16. David Lordan Ballincollig | 22. Thomas Clancy Fermoy |
| 17. John Mc Loughlin Kanturk | 23. Andrew O'Sullivan Castletownbere |
| 18. Eoin O'Mahony Macroom | 24. John O'Rourke Carbery Rangers |
| 19. Noel O'Leary Cill na Martra | 25. Barry O'Driscoll Nemo Rangers |
| 20. Thomas Clancy Clonakilty | 26. Mark Collins Castlehaven |
| 21. Denis O'Sullivan Ballinascorthy | |

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DIVISION 1 CORK

WHAT'S CHANGED SINCE LAST SUMMER?
Conor Counihan's backroom team and Nicholas Murphy are gone. Both Eoin Cadogan and dual prospect Damien Cahalane will devote their entire energies to football too.

HOTSEAT TEMPERATURE

Colder than than 12 months ago. Counihan accepted a two-year term after summer surrender to Donegal and chances are, he'll see it out.

WHY THEY'LL WIN THE LEAGUE

They always do. Or at least, have done the last three years running. Cork have four home games and a strong Croke Park strike rate over recent years at the business end.

WHY THEY WON'T

Daniel Goulding and Paddy Kelly will miss a large chunk of the early stages and Counihan may yet be inclined towards greater spring experimentation after falling short last season.

VITAL STATS

Manager: Conor Counihan (6th season)
2012 NFL: Champions Div 1: (P9, W6, D1, L2)
2013: Home (4): Kildare, Tyrone, Donegal, Mayo. Away (3): Dublin, Down, Kerry.
First game: Next Saturday v Dublin, Croke Park.
Last Division 1 title: 2012
Odds: Title: 3/1, Relegation: 16/1.

DONEGAL

WHAT'S CHANGED SINCE LAST SUMMER?
Everything. Utterly. All-Ireland champions with a bit to spare over the pack of losers considered the next best teams in the country.

HOTSEAT TEMPERATURE

Arctic. Jim McGuinness could orchestrate relegation, Ulster failure and an early All-Ireland exit and still be considered the Messiah in Tir Chonaill.

WHY THEY'LL WIN THE LEAGUE

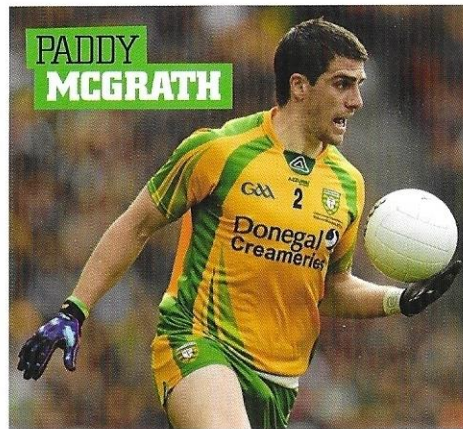
Because every other manager in the country is currently pre-occupied with trying to devise ways of beating them further down the track and McGuinness, in his infinite wisdom, is likely concocting a newer, improved gameplan.

WHY THEY WON'T

All-Ireland hangover. McGuinness' dual management role with Celtic.

VITAL STATS

Manager: Jim McGuinness (3rd season)
2012 NFL: 6th Div 1 (P7, W2, D1, L4).
2012: Home (3): Down, Kerry, Dublin. Away (4): Kildare, Tyrone, Cork, Mayo.
First game: Next Saturday v Kildare, Croke Park.
Last Division 1 title: 2007.
Odds: Title 6/1, Relegation 5/2.



DOWN

WHAT'S CHANGED SINCE LAST SUMMER?
No longer considered everyone's dark horses after a disappointing 2012 Championship. Niall Moyna has been added to the backroom team.

HOTSEAT TEMPERATURE

Rising slowly. 'Wee' James McCartan retains living legend status in Down but incremental improvement will be required in a county where expectations are naturally high.

WHY THEY'LL WIN THE LEAGUE

Still possess a wide array of explosive attackers, particularly with the return from long-term injury of Paul McCommiskey.

WHY THEY WON'T

Down are still well short on big, physical defenders. Danny Hughes, Dan Gordan and Ambrose Rogers will all miss prolonged periods of the spring with injury.

VITAL STATS

Manager: James McCartan (4th season)
2012 NFL: 3rd Div 1 (P8, W4, L4).
2013: Home (4): Tyrone, Cork, Mayo, Kildare.
Away (3): Donegal, Kerry, Dublin.
First game: Next Saturday v Tyrone, Newry.
Last Division 1 title: 1983.
Odds: Title 25/1, Relegation 4/9.

DUBLIN

WHAT'S CHANGED SINCE LAST SUMMER?
Pat Gilroy has abdicated and Jim Gavin has brought an entirely new managerial setup and installed a pile of underage achievers into the squad.

HOTSEAT TEMPERATURE

Baltic. Gavin deserved his shot at the big time and will at least, be afforded 2013 to fine tune.

WHY THEY'LL WIN THE LEAGUE

Because Gavin has ensued a winning mentality and quite a number of starlets have hinted at early realisation of potential. Possess, potentially, one of the most explosive inside inside forward and attacking half-back lines in the country. Five matches in Croke Park.

WHY THEY WON'T

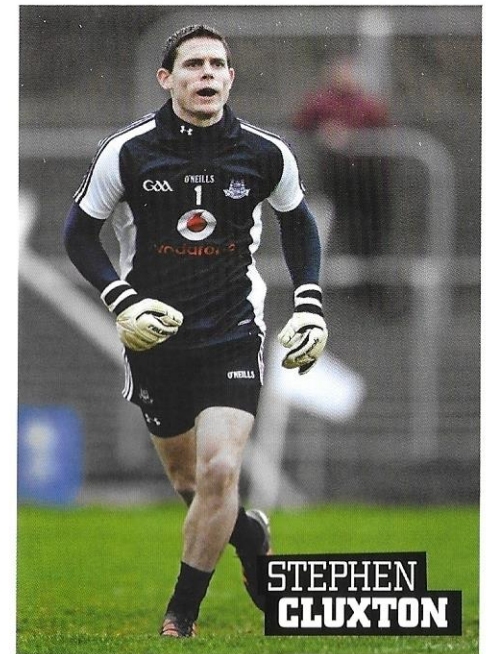
System and personnel issues must first be fine tuned before trophies can be prioritised. Not overburdened with experienced midfielders and patience required before some of the 'wannabes' bloom fully.

VITAL STATS

Manager: Jim Gavin (1st season)
2012 NFL: 5th Div 1: (P7, W3, L4).
2013: Home (4): Cork, Tyrone, Down, Mayo
Away (3): Kerry, Kildare, Donegal
First game: Next Saturday v Cork, Croke Park.
Last Division 1 title: 1993
Odds: Title 11/4, Relegation 25/1.

KERRY

WHAT'S CHANGED SINCE LAST SUMMER?
Jack O'Connor has left the Keys to the Kingdom to Eamonn Fitzmaurice but the spate of expected retirements never materialised. Unfinished business maybe?



HOTSEAT TEMPERATURE

Freezing. Fitzmaurice was a popular figure in his playing days right throughout Kerry and expectations may have been chilled slightly after no visit from Sam for the past three-and-a-half years.

WHY THEY'LL WIN THE LEAGUE

They're Kerry and therefore, always possess the talent to win any and every match on a given day.

WHY THEY WON'T

They won't have Colm Cooper, Eoin Brosnan, Kieran O'Leary or any of the Dr Crokes brigade for at least the opening rounds as they prepare for an All-Ireland SFC club semi-final, star-studded but ageing attack needs to find a new dimension after a couple of fruitless years.

VITAL STATS

Manager: Eamonn Fitzmaurice (1st season)
2012 NFL: 1st Div 1, beaten semi-finalists: (P 8, W5, D1, L2).
2013: Home (3): Dublin, Down, Cork. Away (4): Mayo, Kildare, Donegal, Tyrone.
1st game: Next Sunday v Mayo, Castlebar.
Last Division 1 title: 2009
Odds: Title 7/2, Relegation 12/1.

KILDARE

WHAT'S CHANGED SINCE LAST SUMMER?
Not much. James Kavanagh has taken a year out while McGeeney has dusted his panel down somewhat, although not to the extent some had expected. Jason Ryan is on board as team trainer.

HOTSEAT TEMPERATURE

Bubbling under. By local accounts, McGeeney was on the verge of leaving after the disappointment of a huge loss to Cork last year but retains the backing of players, county board and supporters.

WHY THEY'LL WIN THE LEAGUE

They've hit the ground running while claiming the O'Byrne Cup crown, with Seáníe Johnston now settled, Tomás O'Connor looking to shoot more often and a handful of strong-looking Under 21s on board, they'll be competitive in every game.

WHY THEY WON'T

They will play just two games in Newbridge after conceding home advantage for their matches against Dublin and Donegal. Inside forwards haven't hit big enough scores against the biggest teams.

VITAL STATS:

Manager: Kieran McGeeney (6th season)
2012 NFL: 2nd Div 2, promoted, champions (P8, W5, D1, L2)
2013: Home (4): Donegal, Kerry, Dublin, Tyrone. Away (3): Cork, Mayo, Down.
Last Division 1 title: None
Odds: Title 14/1, Relegation 4/5

MAYO

WHAT'S CHANGED SINCE LAST SUMMER?

The general perception of Mayo now as genuine All-Ireland contenders is probably the biggest difference. That, and no Conor Mortimer anymore.

HOTSEAT TEMPERATURE

James Horan has huge credit in the bank of Mayo opinion after winning another Connacht title and scalping the All-Ireland champions for the second year running.

WHY THEY'LL WIN THE LEAGUE

They made the final last year and it did them no harm at all. Players have grown visibly in stature and ability under Horan's watch.

WHY THEY WON'T

They'll miss Andy Moran too much in what is the most competitive Division 1 in recent memory.

VITAL STATS

Manager: James Horan (3rd season).
2012 NFL: 4th Div 1, beaten finalists (P9, W4, D1, L4).
2013: Home (4): Kerry, Tyrone, Kildare, Donegal. Away (3): Dublin, Down, Cork
First game: Next Sunday v Kerry, Castlebar.
Last Division 1 Title: 2001.
Odds: Title 7/1, Relegation 13/8.

TYRONE

WHAT'S CHANGED SINCE LAST SUMMER?

Ryan McMenamin and Brian McGuigan join a host of three-time All-Ireland winners in hanging up their red hands.

HOTSEAT TEMPERATURE

Mickey Harte IS Tyrone football. He'll be there as long as he wishes.

WHY THEY'LL WIN THE LEAGUE

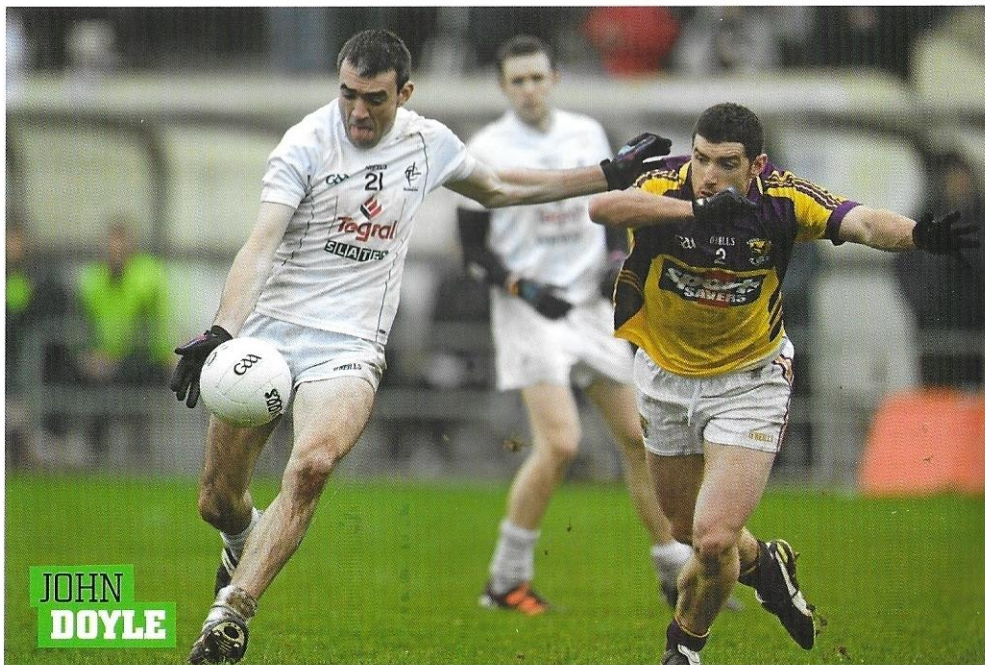
Winning is a habit, particularly amongst young players and Harte has finally cut the umbilical chord to a large chunk of his last All-Ireland winning team of 2008 and given much of the county's talented youth their inter-county stripes. Seán Cavanagh is back too, and just as good as ever.

WHY THEY WON'T

Massive step up from Division 2, particularly with so many as yet unproven at this level. Further injury to Cavanagh or Stephen O'Neill could be potentially disastrous.

VITAL STATS

Manager: Mickey Harte (11th season)
2012 NFL: 1st Div 2, Promoted, beaten finalists (P8, W7, L1)
2013: Home (3): Donegal, Cork, Kerry. Away (4): Down, Mayo, Dublin, Kildare.
Last Division 1 Title: 2003
First game: Next Saturday v Kildare, Croke Park.
Odds: Title 12/1, Relegation 13/8. ■



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Dublin teams in Leinster 2013

2013 LEINSTER MFL

GROUP 1: (1) Kildare (2) Laois (3) Offaly (4) Louth.

GROUP 2: (1) Wicklow (2) Carlow (3) Wexford (4) Meath.

GROUP 3: (1) Dublin (2) Tipperary (3) Longford (4) Westmeath.

ROUND 1: Saturday, February 2

Laois v Kildare; Carlow v Wicklow; Dublin v Tipperary
Louth v Offaly; Meath v Wexford; Westmeath v Longford

ROUND 2: Saturday, February 9

Offaly v Laois; Wexford v Carlow; Longford v Tipperary
Louth v Kildare; Meath v Wicklow; Westmeath v Dublin

ROUND 3: Wednesday, February 13

Kildare v Offaly; Wicklow v Wexford; Dublin v Longford
Laois v Louth; Carlow v Meath; Westmeath v Tipperary

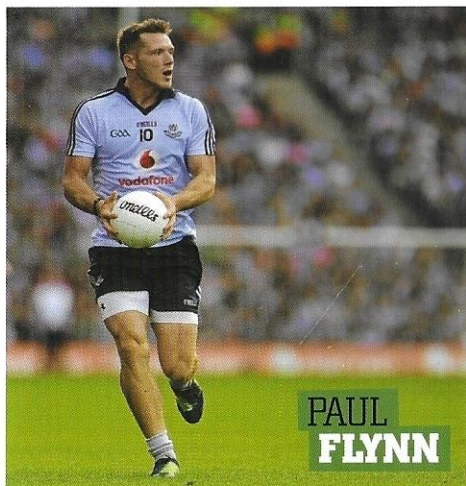
SEMI-FINALS: Saturday, February 16

(A) Winners Group 1 v Winners Group 2

FINAL: Saturday, February 23

Winners (A) v Winners Group 3

(NB: Tipperary will play all their games at home venue of their opponents).



2013 LEINSTER SFC

1. Wicklow v Longford 26.5.2013 Aughrim

2. Laois v Louth 26.5.2013 Portlaoise

3. Westmeath v Carlow 19.5.2013 Mullingar

4. Wicklow/Longford v Meath 15.6.2013

Aughrim/Longford

5. Laois/Louth v Wexford 9.6.2013

Portlaoise/Drogheda

6. Westmeath/Carlow v Dublin 1.6.2013 Pairc an

Chrocaigh

7. Offaly v Kildare 1.6.2013 Pairc an Chrocaigh

8. Wicklow/Longford/Meath v Laois/Louth/Wexford

TBC TBC

9. Westmeath/Carlow/Dublin v Offaly/Kildare TBC

TBC

Final 14.7.2013 Pairc an Chrocaigh

2013 LEINSTER SHC

Prem Antrim v Westmeath 5.5.2013 Mullingar

1. Antrim/Westmeath v Laois 18.5.2013

Portlaoise/Mullingar

2. Carlow v London 18.5.2013 Carlow

3. Antrim/Westmeath/Laois v Carlow/London

1/2.6.2013 TBC

4. Offaly v Kilkenny 9.6.2013 Tullamore

5. Wexford v Dublin 8.6.2013 Wexford Park

6. Galway v Antrim/Westmeath/Laois/Carlow/London

15/16.6.2013 TBC

7. Offaly/Kilkenny v Wexford/Dublin 23.6.2013 TBC

Final 7.7.2013 Pairc an Chrocaigh

2013 LEINSTER U21FC

1. Offaly v Laois 19.2.2013 Offaly

2. 1. v Wicklow 6.3.2013 Offaly/Laois

3. Meath v Louth 19.2.2013 Navan

4. 3. v Kildare 6.3.2013 Navan/Louth

5. Dublin v Carlow 19.2.2013 Parnell Park

6. 5. v Longford 6.3.2013 Parnell Park/Portlaoise

7. Westmeath v Wexford 6.3.2013 Westmeath

8. 2. v 4. 20.3.2013 TBC

9. 6. v 7. 20.3.2013 TBC

Final 8. v 9. 3.4.2013 TBC

2013 LEINSTER U21HC

1. Wexford v Westmeath 5.6.2013 Wexford

2. Dublin v Carlow 5.6.2013 Parnell Park

3. Laois v Offaly 5.6.2013 Portlaoise

4. Kilkenny

5. 1. v 2. 26.6.2013 TBC

6. 3. v 4. 26.6.2013 TBC

Final 5. v 6. 10.7.2013 TBC

2013 LEINSTER MFC

1. Kilkenny v Kildare 13.4.2013

2. Longford v Laois 13.4.2013

3. Offaly v Meath 13.4.2013

4. Westmeath v Wexford 13.4.2013

5. Louth v Dublin 13.4.2013

6. Wicklow v Carlow 13.4.2013

LOSERS ROUND 1 24.4.2013

LOSERS ROUND 2 1.5.2013

QUARTER-FINALS 11.5.2013

SEMI-FINALS 6.7.2013

FINAL 14.7.2013

2013 LEINSTER MHC

TIER 1

1. Carlow v Offaly 20.4.2013

2. Laois v Kilkenny 20.4.2013

TIER 2

3. Kildare v Wicklow 20.4.2013

4. Westmeath v Meath 20.4.2013

NEXT ROUND

5. Winners 4 v Loser 24.5.2013

6. Winner 3 v Loser 14.5.2013

NEXT ROUND

A. Winners 1 & 2 v Dublin/Wexford 4.5.2013

NEXT ROUND

B. Winners 5 & 6 v Loser A 18.5.2013

SEMI-FINALS (To be drawn after Quarter-Finals)

22.6.2013

FINAL 7.7.2013 ■

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 1 ROLL OF HONOUR

Kerry (19)	1928, 1929, 1931, 1932, 1959, 1961, 1963, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1977, 1982, 1984, 1997, 2004, 2006, 2009
Mayo (11)	1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1941, 1949, 1954, 1970, 2001
Dublin (9)	1953, 1955, 1958, 1964, 1976, 1978, 1987, 1991, 1993
Cork (8)	1952, 1956, 1980, 1989, 1999, 2010, 2011, 2012
Meath (7)	1933, 1946, 1951, 1975, 1988, 1990, 1994
Derry (6)	1947, 1992, 1995, 1996, 2000, 2008
Down (4)	1960, 1962, 1968, 1983
Galway (4)	1957, 1965, 1967, 1981
Laois (2)	1926, 1986
Cavan (2)	1948, 1950
Tyrone (2)	2002, 2003
Armagh (1)	2005
Longford (1)	1966
Monaghan (1)	1985
Roscommon (1)	1979
Offaly (1)	1998
Donegal (1)	2007



2013 Allianz Leagues

2013 ALLIANZ FOOTBALL LEAGUE

DIVISION 1

February 2: Dublin v Cork; Down v Tyrone; Kildare v Donegal
 February 3: Mayo v Kerry
 February 9: Cork v Kildare; Donegal v Down
 February 10: Mayo v Tyrone; Kerry v Dublin
 March 2: Dublin v Mayo
 March 3: Tyrone v Donegal; Kildare v Kerry; Down v Cork
 March 9: Down v Mayo
 March 10: Donegal v Kerry; Kildare v Dublin; Tyrone v Cork
 March 16: Mayo v Kildare; Cork v Donegal; Dublin v Tyrone; Kerry v Down
 March 23: Dublin v Down
 March 24: Kerry v Cork; Mayo v Donegal; Kildare v Tyrone
 April 7: Down v Kildare; Cork v Mayo; Tyrone v Kerry; Donegal v Dublin

DIVISION 2

February 2: Laois v Armagh
 February 3: Galway v Derry; Wexford v Longford; Westmeath v Louth
 February 10: Longford v Westmeath; Armagh v Wexford; Derry v Laois; Louth v Galway
 March 2: Armagh v Longford; Laois v Louth
 March 3: Wexford v Derry; Galway v Westmeath
 March 9: Derry v Armagh
 March 10: Longford v Galway; Louth v Wexford; Westmeath v Laois
 March 16: Derry v Longford; Armagh v Louth; Laois v Galway
 March 18: Wexford v Westmeath
 March 24: Galway v Wexford; Louth v Derry; Westmeath v Armagh; Longford v Laois
 April 7: Derry v Westmeath; Louth v Longford; Wexford v Laois; Armagh v Galway

DIVISION 3

February 3: Antrim v Cavan; Monaghan v Meath; Wicklow v Fermanagh; Roscommon v Sligo
 February 9: Cavan v Monaghan; Fermanagh v Roscommon
 February 10: Sligo v Antrim; Wicklow v Meath
 March 2: Meath v Cavan; Antrim v Fermanagh
 March 3: Roscommon v Wicklow; Monaghan v Sligo
 March 9: Fermanagh v Monaghan
 March 10: Sligo v Cavan; Wicklow v Antrim; Roscommon v Meath
 March 16: Monaghan v Wicklow; Antrim v Roscommon; Cavan v Fermanagh; Meath v Sligo
 March 24: Antrim v Meath; Fermanagh v Sligo; Wicklow v Cavan; Roscommon v Monaghan
 April 7: Monaghan v Antrim; Sligo v Wicklow; Meath v Fermanagh; Cavan v Roscommon

DIVISION 4

February 3: London v Offaly; Clare v Waterford; Limerick v Leitrim; Tipperary v Carlow
 February 9: Waterford v Tipperary
 February 10: Leitrim v Clare; Carlow v London; Offaly v Limerick
 March 2: Waterford v Limerick
 March 3: Offaly v Clare; Carlow v Leitrim; Tipperary v London
 March 9: Clare v Tipperary; London v Waterford
 March 10: Limerick v Carlow; Leitrim v Offaly
 March 16: Leitrim v Waterford; Offaly v Carlow; Limerick v Tipperary
 March 24: Waterford v Offaly; London v Limerick; Tipperary v Leitrim; Carlow v Clare
 March 30: Clare v London
 April 7: Leitrim v London; Clare v Limerick; Carlow v Waterford; Offaly v Tipperary

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DIVISION 1A

February 23: Cork v Tipperary
 February 24: Clare v Waterford; Galway v Kilkenny
 March 10: Waterford v Cork; Clare v Galway; Tipperary v Kilkenny
 March 16: Cork v Clare Monday
 March 18: Kilkenny v Waterford; Galway v Tipperary
 March 24: Clare v Kilkenny; Galway v Cork; Waterford v Tipperary
 March 31: Tipperary v Clare; Kilkenny v Cork; Waterford v Galway

DIVISION 1B

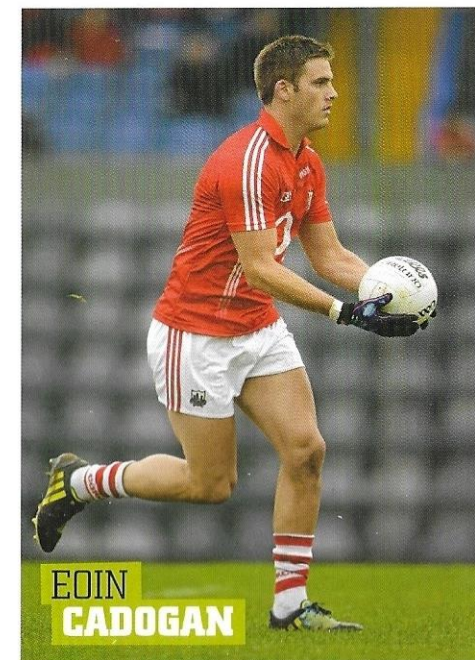
February 23: Dublin v Offaly
 February 24: Carlow v Wexford; Limerick v Antrim
 March 10: Antrim v Dublin; Offaly v Wexford; Limerick v Carlow
 March 16: Wexford v Antrim; Dublin v Limerick
 March 18: Carlow v Offaly
 March 24: Carlow v Antrim; Wexford v Dublin; Offaly v Limerick
 March 31: Antrim v Offaly; Limerick v Wexford; Dublin v Carlow

DIVISION 2A

February 24: Kerry v Westmeath; Derry v Wicklow; Kildare v Laois
 March 10: Wicklow v Kildare; Westmeath v Derry; Laois v Kerry
 March 16: Derry v Kildare
 March 18: Kerry v Wicklow; Westmeath v Laois
 March 24: Kildare v Kerry; Wicklow v Westmeath; Derry v Laois
 March 31: Laois v Wicklow; Westmeath v Kildare; Kerry v Derry

DIVISION 2B

February 24: Down v Meath; Mayo v Roscommon; Armagh v London
 March 2: Meath v London
 March 10: Roscommon v Armagh; Meath v Mayo; London v Down
 March 16: Down v Roscommon; Mayo v Armagh



March 24: Roscommon v Meath; Mayo v London; Armagh v Down
 March 30: London v Roscommon; Meath v Armagh; Down v Mayo

DIVISION 3A

February 24: Fermanagh v Tyrone; Donegal v Monaghan; Fingal v Louth
 March 10: Louth v Fermanagh; Tyrone v Donegal; Monaghan v Fingal
 March 16: Fermanagh v Donegal; Tyrone v Fingal
 March 18: Louth v Monaghan
 March 24: Fingal v Fermanagh; Monaghan v Tyrone; Donegal v Louth
 March 31: Donegal v Fingal; Fermanagh v Monaghan; Tyrone v Louth

DIVISION 3B

March 10: Leitrim v Longford; Warwickshire v Sligo
 March 24: Longford v Warwickshire; Sligo v Leitrim
 March 31: W'shire v Leitrim; Longford v Sligo

Another Exciting GAA Season springs to TG4 screens

TG4 has now finalised the schedule of GAA matches which the station will broadcast over the coming months, starting with live and deferred coverage of next Sunday's Round 1 matches in the Allianz Football League.

GAA Beo will provide a live and deferred GAA match from the Allianz Leagues each Sunday over the coming months. Next Sunday, (3rd February) on TG4, sees All-Ireland finalists Mayo take on Kerry, followed by the Galway v Derry match.

In addition to the Allianz Leagues, TG4 will also screen exclusive live coverage of all the big GAA matches from other top competitions including:

- AIB All Ireland Club Championship Semi-Finals and Finals
- Allianz Hurling & Football League Finals
- Cadbury All-Ireland U-21 Football Final
- Irish daily Mail Sigerson & Fitzgibbon Cup Finals - Ladies Football League Finals

Highlights from the weekends GAA matches will be available on TG4's weekly and very popular Monday night programme **GAA 2013** at 8:30pm.

GAA fans can also stay up to date and preview weekend action on Friday nights on *Seó Spóirt*, now in its seventh year – starting back on Friday evening next (1st February). The weekly studio series is presented by former Kerry captain Dara Ó Cinnéide and he will be joined by Paul Galvin and Evanne Ní Chuilinn.

Rónán Ó Coisdealbha, TG4 Sports Editor said "Spring brings hope for all Gaelic games followers as the triumphs and disappointments of last season melt away and new ambitions and dreams of glory raise the spirits for the coming year. The Allianz Leagues and other Spring competitions are a new beginning for both the established teams and the new contenders.

All will be vying for a positive start to the year's work. It is a mouth-watering prospect for us all" he said.

GAA MATCHES ON TG4

SUNDAY 3 FEBRUARY (1:30pm on TG4)

Allianz Football League, Round 1

LIVE: Mayo v Kerry, Division 1

DEFERRED: Galway v Derry, Division 2

SATURDAY 9 FEBRUARY (1:30pm on TG4)

AIB GAA Hurling All Ireland Senior Club Championship Semi Finals

LIVE: Thurles Sarsfields (Tipperary) v Kilcormac-Killouhey (Offaly), O'Moore Park, Portlaoise

LIVE: St Thomas (Galway) v Loughgiel Shamrocks (Antrim), Parnell Park, Dublin

SUNDAY 10 FEBRUARY (1:30pm on TG4)

Allianz Football League, Round 2

LIVE: Kerry v Dublin

DEFERRED: Mayo v Tyrone

SATURDAY 16 FEBRUARY (1:30pm on TG4)

AIB GAA Football All Ireland Senior Club Championship Semi Finals

LIVE: Dr Crokes (Kerry) v Ballymun Kickhams (Dublin), Semple Stadium, 4.00pm

LIVE: St Brigid's (Roscommon) v Crossmaglen Rangers (Armagh), Cusack Park, Mullingar, 2.00pm

SATURDAY 23 FEBRUARY (2:45pm on TG4)

LIVE: Irish Daily Mail Sigerson Cup Final

Live from Athlone IT, 3.00pm throw-in

SUNDAY 24 FEBRUARY (1:30pm on TG4)

Allianz Hurling League, Round 1, Division 1A

LIVE: Galway v Kilkenny

DEFERRED: Clare v Waterford

SATURDAY 2 MARCH (2:15pm on TG4)

LIVE: Irish Daily Mail Fitzgibbon Cup Final Live from Pearse Stadium, Galway, 2:30pm throw-in

SUNDAY 3 MARCH (1:30pm on TG4)

Allianz Football League, Round 3 Live & deferred matches

SUNDAY 10 MARCH (1:30pm on TG4)

Allianz Football League round 4 and Allianz Hurling League round 2

FRIDAY 15 MARCH

GAA Presidents Awards, Live from Croke Park at 7:30pm

SATURDAY 16 MARCH

Ladies Football: O'Connor Cup Final, Live from Waterford IT.

SUNDAY 17 MARCH

AIB All-Ireland Club Hurling & Football Championship Finals, Live from Croke Park

MONDAY 18 MARCH (1:30pm on TG4)

Allianz Hurling League, Round 3

SUNDAY 24 MARCH

Allianz Hurling League Round 4, Allianz Football League Round 6

SUNDAY 31 MARCH

Allianz Hurling League, Round 5

SATURDAY 6 APRIL

2nd Level Hurling Finals

SUNDAY 7 APRIL

Allianz Football League, Round 7

SATURDAY 13 APRIL

2nd Level Football Finals

SUNDAY 14 APRIL

Allianz Football League Semi-Finals (Division 1)

SATURDAY 20 APRIL

Cadbury All Ireland U-21 Football Semi-Finals

SUNDAY 21 APRIL

Allianz Hurling League Semi-finals

SATURDAY 27 APRIL

Allianz Football League Finals (Division 3 and 4)

SUNDAY 28 APRIL

Allianz Football League Finals (Division 1 and 2)

SATURDAY 4 MAY

Cadbury All Ireland U-21 Football Final

SUNDAY 5 MAY

Allianz Hurling League Final

SATURDAY 11 MAY

Ladies National Football League Finals (Division 1,2 & 3)

MAY 31 - JUNE 3

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SETANTA LEAGUE LIVE SCHEDULE

February 2: Kildare v Donegal, 5.15 (NFL, Setanta Ireland); DUBLIN v Cork, 7.0 (NFL, Setanta Ireland); Down v Tyrone, 7.0 (NFL, Setanta Sport 1).

February 9: Cork v Kildare, 7.0 (NFL, Setanta Sport 1); Donegal v Down, 7.0 (NFL, Setanta Ireland).

February 23: Cork v Tipperary, 7.0 (NFL, Sport Setanta 1); DUBLIN v Offaly, 7.0 (NFL, Setanta Ireland).

March 2: DUBLIN v Mayo, 7.0 (NFL, Setanta Sport 1); Armagh v Longford, 7.0 (NFL, Setanta Ireland).

March 9: Down v Mayo, 7.0 (NFL, Setanta Ireland); Derry v Armagh, 7.0 (NFL, Setanta Sport 1).

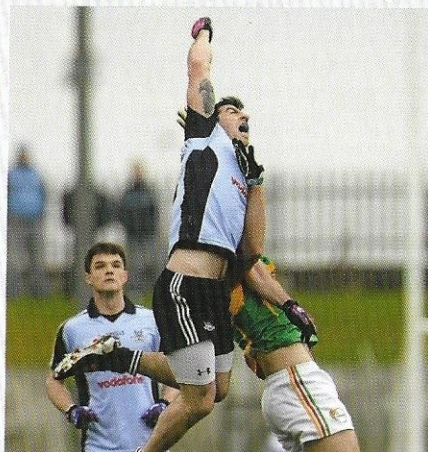
March 16: Cork v Donegal, 5.0 (NFL, Setanta Sport 1); DUBLIN v Limerick, 5.15 (NFL, Setanta Ireland); DUBLIN v Tyrone, 7.0 (NFL, Setanta Ireland).

March 23: DUBLIN v Down, 7.0 (NFL, Setanta Ireland). ■



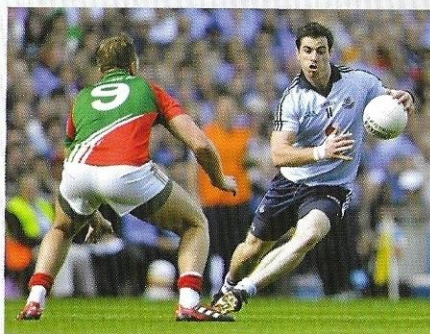
DUBLIN DYNAMO

MICHAEL DARRAGH MACAULEY



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- **Club:** Ballyboden St Enda's
- **Height:** 6' 3"
- **Favourite Food:** Carbonara
- **Favourite Music:** Eclectic taste!
- **Favourite Book:** A Long Way Gone, Ishmael Beah.
- **Favourite Ground:** Croke Park.
- **What has been your greatest moment in sport?** 18/9/11
- **Who was the toughest opponent you ever faced?** Ciarán Whelan.
- **What are your hobbies?** Music and eating!
- **What are your vices?** Malteser chocolate bunnies.
- **Nominate the laziest footballer in panel:** Myself (I'm getting in trouble for nominating team-mates here.)
- **GAA Gripes:** Nothing. The GAA is the perfect organisation in every way.
- **Childhood heroes:** Michael Jordan.
- **Do you play any other sports?** Basketball.
- **Do you have any superstitions before a match?** Lots.
- **Biggest Disappointment:** Losing is never nice.
- **Players with a promising future:** Davey Byrne, Eric Lowdnes (both Dublin).
- **Ways of improving GAA:** Pay us €180k a week, that would be nice!
- **Favourite Personal Saying:** Go hard or go home.
- **Pet Hates:** Pets.
- **What advice would you give to young players?** Train harder than your opponent.
- **How would you like to be remembered?** To have an airport named after me would be nice!



AWARD 2 CHILD COURSE

FOOTBALL COURSE:

Venue: St Oliver Plunketts

Weekend 1

Friday 8th March 2013 @ 7pm – 10pm
Saturday 9th March 2013 @ 9am – 4.15pm

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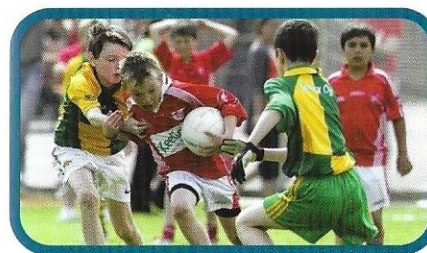
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HURLING COURSE:

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The Cups that Cheer

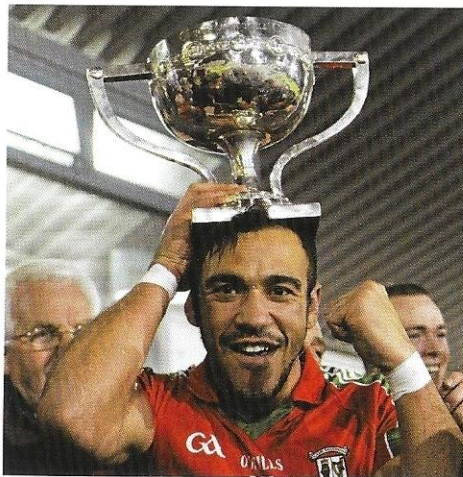
BY HUMPHREY KELLEHER

DUBLIN SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

The Dublin senior Football cup is known as the Clery Cup and was presented by Clery & Co. Ltd to the Dublin County Board at the County Convention on October 8th 1927.

Clery's store was established in 1883 when Michael J Clery took over a store that was known as *The New or Palatial Mart* in O'Connell St. in Dublin. Michael Clery was a native of Bulgaden Co. Limerick. Many of those present today probably met up under the clock at Clery's at some stage as it was a well-known rendezvous location.

The cup is an exact replica of the Football National League Cup and Leinster Senior Colleges Cup. The first winners of the Clery Cup were O'Tooles who beat O'Dwyers in the final on May 6th 1928. O'Tooles had won the championship for five years in a row between 1922 and 1926. Only for the Garda's win over them in the 1927 final prevented them from winning it for a straight seven years.



Ted Furman celebrates with the Clery Cup.

The first winners of the Dublin Senior Football championship were Erin's Hope who defeated Grocers Assistants in the first final on April 7th in Elm Park. The championship was dominated by St. Vincents from 1949 to 1967 during which time they won it 16 times only being denied a total clean sweep of 19 victories in 1956 by Erin's Hope, in 1961 by Clanna Gael and in 1965 by UCD. They won 6 more titles in the 1970's and 3 more in the 1980's.

Bray Emmets won the 1901 Dublin Senior football championship and went on to represent Dublin in the 1902 All-Ireland championship in which they were victorious.

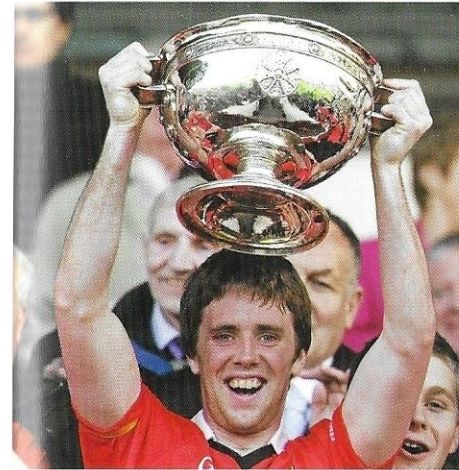
CORK SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

The Cup for the Cork Senior Football Championship is known as the Andy Scannell Cup. The first winners of the cup were UCC who won it in 1960 when they defeated Avonduh in the final by one point 1-7 to 0-9. The first winners of the Cork Senior Football championship were Lees who defeated Lisgoold in the final by 0-4 to 0-1.

Andy Scannell was born in Ballygeary in West Cork and worked as a primary school teacher in Clondulane national school near Fermoy in East Cork. He played hurling and football with his club Fermoy and went on to represent Cork at junior inter-county level in both codes.

He became secretary of the Fermoy club between 1936 and 1936. He then went on to become club Chairman between 1940 and 1945. In 1945 he was one of the selectors of the Cork senior football team that won the All-Ireland title.

He was elected chairman of the North Cork Division (Avonduh) in 1946 and held office until 1952 during which time he also held the office of Cork County Vice-Chairman. He then went on to become Cork County Chairman from 1952 to 1955. He was also an accomplished referee,



Sean Kiely, UCC, lifts the Andy Scannell Cup.

refereeing at county and Munster level. He was elevated to vice - chairman of the Munster Council in 1957 and was Munster's central Council delegate in 1957 and 1958. Andy passed away unexpectedly in 1959.

The cup design is based on the Ardagh Chalice and is similar to many other cups such as the Sam Maguire (All-Ireland Senior Football), Tom Markham, (All-Ireland Minor Football) and the Fr. Larry Murray (Leinster and Ulster Minor Football).

One of the most intriguing results in the Cork Senior Football championship was the replayed final of 1949 when Collins beat Macroom by 5-11 to 0-1 after drawing 0-9 to 1-6 shortly before.

The biggest winning score and margin in a Cork senior football final was when Collegians defeated Fermoy by 10-3 to 0-1 to win their only title in 1916.

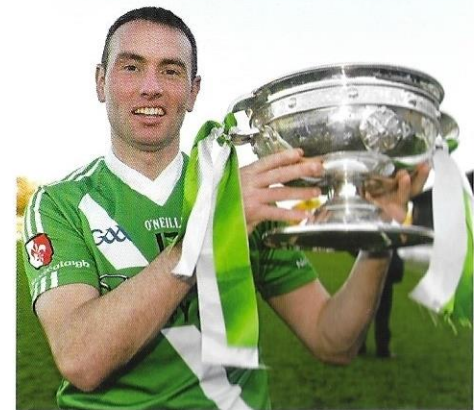
KILDARE SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

The original Kildare Senior Football Cup was called the Senator Cummins Cup. It was named after a Cork born teacher William Cummins who taught for many years in St. Conleth's School in Newbridge. He was first elected to the Seanad in a by-election in 1923 and remained as a senator until his death on July 27th 1943. The first captain to receive the cup was Mick Geraghty who led Sarsfields in their win over Raheens in the 1945 final. Between

1950 and 1952 Sarsfields won the championship three years in a row and were entitled to keep the cup, however, they renounced that right and allowed the cup to be continued to be presented. The last recipient of this cup was Kildare's first All-Star, Ollie Crinnigan who captained Carbury to win the 1974 Championship. This cup now resides in Sarsfields GAA Club in Newbridge.

In 1975 the Carbury and Broadford Clubs presented the Kildare County Board with a new cup named in honour of Dermot Bourke. Dermot was a staunch Carbury clubman who represented his county with distinction. He was dual player who also played hurling for Broadford winning a junior county medal in 1960. He was a member of the Kildare team that defeated Westmeath in the Leinster senior football final in 1931. He went on to play at inter-provincial level when he lined out at full forward for Leinster when they won the 1932 Railway Cup. He served as secretary of the Carbury GAA Club from 1938 to 1972. He was also Kildare's delegate on Central Council for 23 years from 1951 to 1974. Dermot died suddenly in 1974.

The first winners of the Kildare Senior Football Championship were Clane who beat Naas by 0-4 to 0-0 in the 1888 final. Athy are the only other club that failed to register a score in a county senior football final when they were defeated by Naas by 2-5 to 0-0 in the 1923 decider. Sarsfields have the most championship wins with 22, followed by Clane with 17 and Raheens with 15.

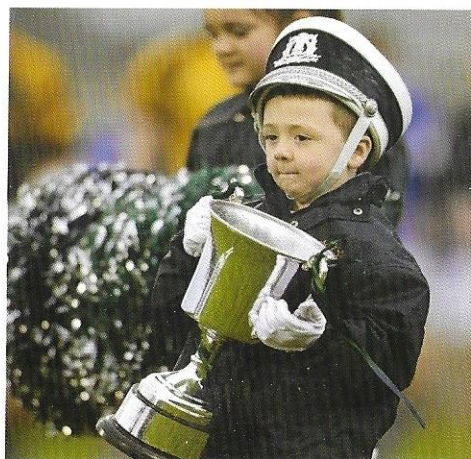


Padraig Brennan with the Dermot Bourke Cup in 2012.

DONEGAL SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

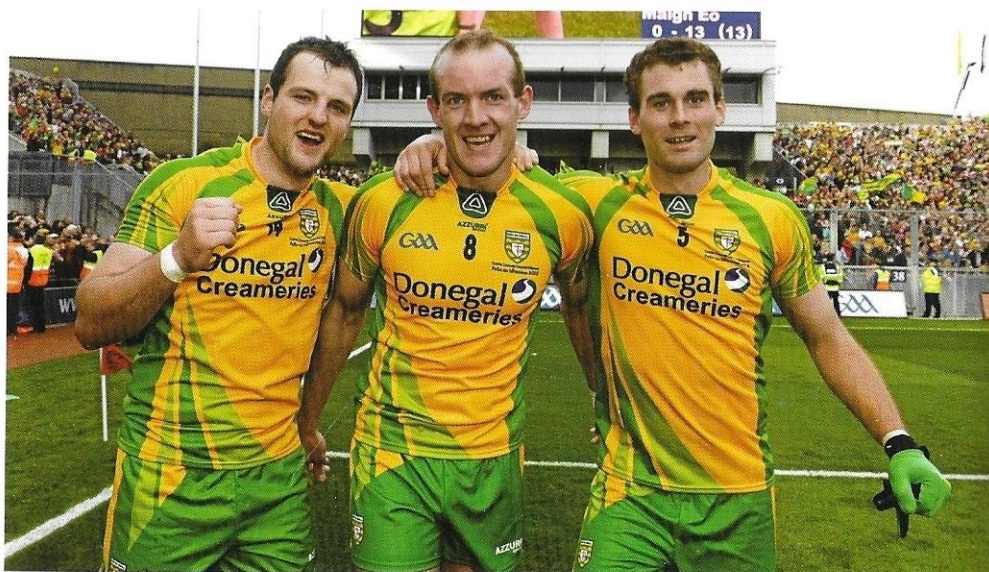
Dr. Edward Maguire was born in Boney Glen, Inver on February 10th 1855. He attended Ballyshannon Classical school and went on to become a clerical student in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. He was ordained a priest in November 1879 and was appointed to the Diocesans Seminary in Letterkenny. In 1883 he was appointed Professor of Rhetoric in Maynooth College, a position he held for 14 years.

Then in 1898 he was made curate of Conwal, Letterkenny until 1901 when he was moved to his home place of Inver in 1902. It was while he was in Inver between 1902 and 1906 that Donegal County Board was founded with Dr. Maguire becoming its first Chairman. In 1906 he became President of St. Eunan's College in Letterkenny and from there he was elevated to the position of Parish Priest in Clondavaddog, he later served as Parish Priest in Ballyshannon and Glencolumkille. He wrote an extensive history of the Diocese of Raphoe in June 1920 which he dedicated to Dr. Patrick Joseph Cardinal O'Donnell who served as Bishop of Raphoe from 1888 to 1922. Dr. Maguire died on July 5th 1926.



Daithi Cavanagh from Ramelton carries the **Dr. Maguire Cup**

The Donegal county championship was first played in 1905/06 but records for the initial twenty years or so lacked clarity. Gaoth Dobhair and St. Josephs (Bundoran/ Ballyshannon) are the only two Donegal clubs who have won the championship four years in a row. Gaoth Dobhair also hold the highest number of titles at 14, closely followed by St. Eunan's (Letterkenny) with 13 and Aodh Ruadh (Ballyshannon) with 12. ■



23 September 2012; Donegal players celebrate their All-Ireland victory, from left, Michael Murphy, Neil Gallagher and Eamon McGee.

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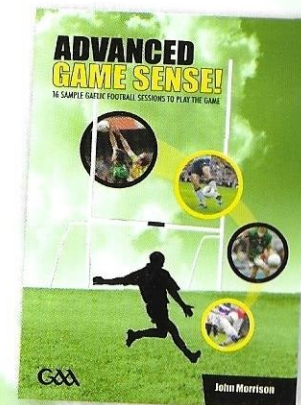
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The Inchicore Invincible

BY MÁIRE UÍ SCOLAI

A new bridge is erected over the River Liffey but as yet it has to be named! Kay Mills was a legendary Camogie player for Dublin in what has often been described as a golden era of Camogie. Many players here tonight have a Celtic Cross in their possession but those who don't would love to have just one. One unique Camogie player the late great Kay Mills of Dublin held a record of fifteen senior All-Ireland medals. There is a big push on to have the new bridge named after her and so Kay would become the first female to have a bridge named after her in Dublin.

The Camogie Association set up a committee some time ago to lobby for the new bridge to be named after this super star player. Everybody can play a part in this by getting in touch with the Dublin City Council by e-mail or post. The e-mail is manager@dublincity.ie or by posting to The Manager, Dublin City Council, 4th Floor, Dublin City Council Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8. Just think how wonderful it would be if you could say I played my part in helping to name this new bridge.

SUPER STAR

Kay was a real super star. She played her first All-Ireland in 1942 and played her last in 1961. Her first was against Cork, her father's county of birth. It was played in the Mardyke and ended in a draw. However, when the replay was played in Páirc an Chrocaigh the Dubs made sure and won on the scoreline of 4-1 to 2-02. Kay Mills was on her way.

When Kay played her last final again in this field of dreams in 1961 it was against Tipperary. Betty Hughes was the captain on the day and as it was known that Kay was retiring, in a wonderful sporting gesture Betty let Kay take the pivotal position behind the band. Likewise

after the game when Uachtarán Eilish Redmond presented captain Hughes with Corn Ua Dhubhfháigh Betty immediately handed the Cup to Kay. While Kay was retiring that day another young player was on her way up. Judy Doyle, who won 6 All-Ireland medals recalled the day, "you were concentrating so much on your own game that you did not see everything else, but one thing that stood out for me was to see Kay up along the wing racing goal-wards and firing points over the bar from sideline cuts".

The Dublin County Board also presented Kay with a replica of the trophy to mark a wonderful contribution to the game. She richly deserved it. Now, the All-Ireland Premier Junior Trophy is named after Kay. Also, the winning senior All-Ireland captain receives a replica of the Duffy Cup and which is named the Kay Mills Cup.

It was a golden era for the Capital and she played along side other stars like Sophie Brack, Eileen Duffy O'Mahony and Una O'Connor to name a few. A forward of real talent, Una O'Connor who ended her own career with ten senior medals recalled Mills saying to her "run forward when you see me hitting the ball!" You can bet that sliotar ended in the back of the net on several occasions.

The Inchicore native is commemorated in Abercorn Terrace, Inchicore with a plaque on the house where she lived. This was done last year when the Dublin City Council, Inchicore/Kilmainham Heritage Committee and the Camogie Association got together and unveiled the plaque.

However, now the time has come to mark this great super star in a much bigger way and so it is up to all of us to play our part in this quest to have the latest bridge over the River Liffey named after her. Kay would become the first female to have a bridge named after in Dublin.

A player who won that many All-Ireland medals, 20 Leinster Championship medals and 3 Gael Linn (Interprovincial) medals as well as being named on the team of the Century, and honoured with a Cuchulainn Hall of Fame Award deserves to have a bridge named after her. That haul of medals does not include the many medals that she won with her club C.I.E. For those of you who would love to see this collection of medals take a trip along to the GAA Museum where her husband George Hill presented them. Let's name that bridge after this great player. ■



The Kay Mills Cup



ONE THING THAT STOOD OUT FOR ME WAS TO SEE **KAY** UP ALONG THE WING **RACING GOALWARDS** AND **FIRING POINTS** OVER THE BAR FROM SIDELINE CUTS.



Kay Mills with O'Duffy Cup 1961 - 15th All-Ireland win.

She just goes on winning medals

Winning medals is becoming a regular habit of Kathleen Mills. She has just added yet another to the list - her tenth All-Ireland medal for camogie. She won it last Sunday playing on the left-wing for Dublin against Cork at Croke Park.

Kathleen has come a long way since she first won her first medal playing for G.S.R. - now G.I. - back in 1911. Every year since then, she has collected a medal, with the exception of 1949, when she wasn't picked on the team. In 1961 she played London-Irish in the Mitchum Stadium in London. Another medal.

Last year G.I.E. won the "Cup of Man" Cup, League and Championship. "We hope to do the same next year," Kathleen told THE EVENING PRESS. When asked about plans, she laughed and said "I'll stick with Inchicore."



Allianz Football League 2012: **Foley** strikes late to **deny Donegal**

BY TOMMY O'CALLAGHAN (Leinster Leader)

DONEGAL 0-8 KILDARE 1-5

It was dubbed a horror show.

The last time Donegal and Kildare went head-to-head in the Allianz Football League.

Letterkenny was the venue back at the end of February 2011 for this Division 2 round 3 clash.

Diabolical, boring and shocking were other words used to describe this one that had fans from both sides seething in anger such was the poor offering from both sides but especially from the boys in white. And despite referee Michael Duffy (Sligo) handing out all of eleven yellow cards, the game itself could not be described as overly robust.

That Kildare could count themselves fortunate to garner a point would be a bit of an understatement.

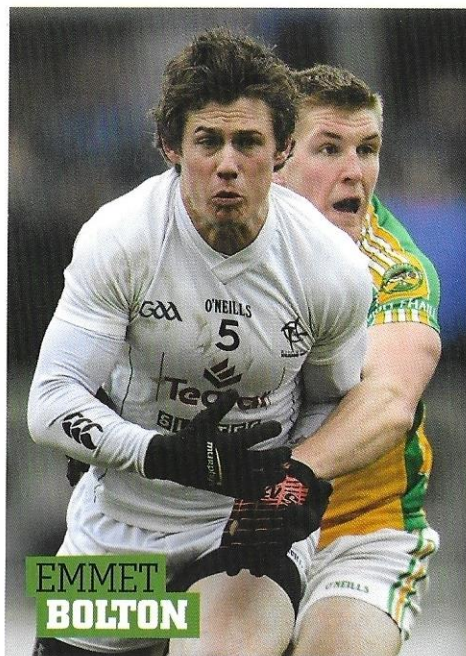
Trailing by three points and time just up, Kieran McGeeney's men looked destined for defeat when a free from Johnny Doyle was met by the fist of Eamonn Callaghan, the breaking ball fell to Michael Foley who stuck it low past Paul Durkan, rescuing a point for his side.

An early downpour early at the start of the game hardly made conditions ideal but didn't account for the amount of possession that was turned over by both sides.

The sides went in level (0-3 to 0-3) at the interval and Kildare only added three more scores during the second 35 minute period.

Donegal were as poor and spent most of the early stages of the second half adding to their wides tally. However, when they hit four points in a row between the 56th and 68th minute they appeared to be heading for victory.

Donegal waited 17 minutes of the first half to open their account but Kildare only needed five minutes to open their account, Johnny Doyle and Keith Cribbin combining and it was the latter who split the posts to get the Lilies off the mark.



EMMET BOLTON

Some six minutes later the visitors doubled their early advantage when Carbury's Eoghan O'Flaherty raised a white flag.

Donegal corner forward Colm McFadden get his side's scoring under way when he sent over a free at the midway point but Kildare responded through Fionn Dowling. The Suncroft youngster was impeded by Neil McGee and he popped the resulting free over the bar to ensure a 0-3 to 0-1 lead for Kildare.

That was it in terms of first half scoring for the Lilies. Donegal added a second as the half petered out thanks to substitute Rory Kavanagh. In time added on they grabbed the equaliser when Brian Flanagan fouled Ryan Bradley and Michael Murphy sent over the free to leave it at 0-3 to 0-3.

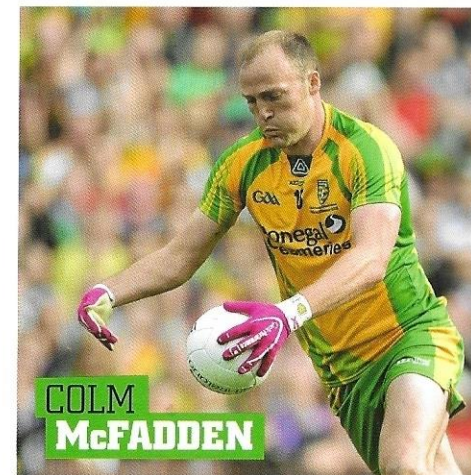
Kildare drew first blood on the resumption when Dowling sent over a free after a foul on Keith Cribbin. The Lilies didn't register another score for 26 minutes and Donegal weren't doing much better. They opened the second half with six wides before their fourth point came in the 52nd minute courtesy of a Colm McFadden free to restore parity.

The home side nudged themselves in front for the first time four minutes later thanks to another converted free, this time from Michael Murphy.

That lead was extended soon after when substitute Michael Hegarty split the posts. Murphy got his first from play with seven minutes left on the clock and their final score came from the same player after he skipped through the Kildare rearguard.

Then with time running out Kildare full back Michael Foley struck for that goal to ensure a share of the points as Kildare got out of jail.

Considering the poor offering from both sides maybe a draw was a fair result at the end of the day.



COLM McFADDEN

Scorers: Donegal - Michael Murphy 0-4 (2f), Colm McFadden 0-2 (2f), Rory Kavanagh 0-1, Michael Hegarty 0-1.

Kildare - Mick Foley 1-0, Fionn Dowling 0-2 (2f), Eoghan O'Flaherty 0-1, Keith Cribbin 0-1, Eamonn Callaghan 0-1 ■

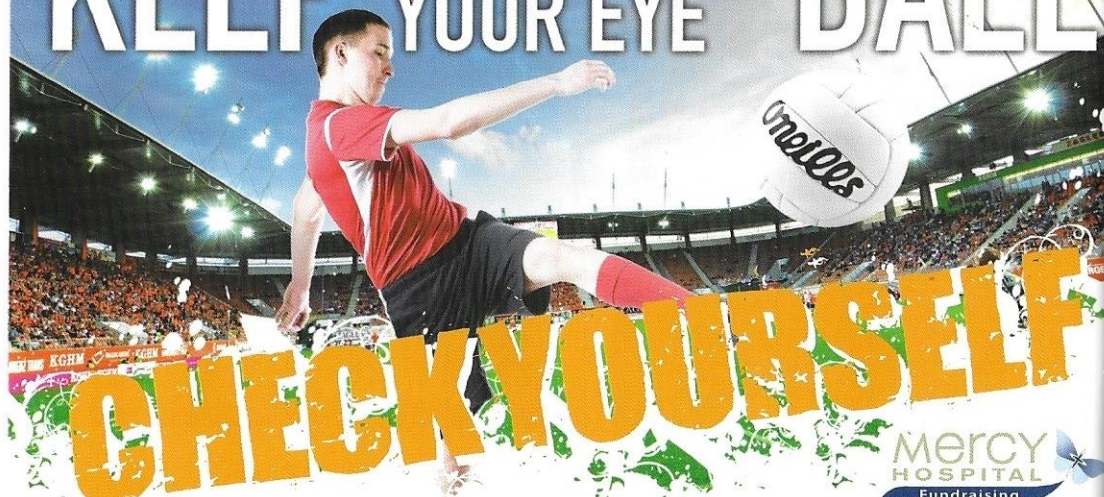
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You should examine your testicles yourself every month. The best time to do this is after a warm bath or shower, when the skin of your scrotum is relaxed.

THIS IS WHAT YOU DO

1

Hold your scrotum in the palms of your hands.



2

Use your fingers and thumb on both hands to examine your testicles.



3

Gently feel each testicle, one at a time, for any change in size or weight.



- The testicle itself should be smooth with no lumps or swellings.
- It is normal to feel a soft tube at the top and back of the testicle.
- It is common for one testicle to be slightly larger or to hang lower than the other.
- If you notice any swelling, lump, or experience a different sensation than normal, visit your GP as soon as possible.

WHAT IS TESTICULAR CANCER?

Testicular Cancer (TC) is a type of cancer that forms in one of the testicles, the male sex glands. The lifetime risk of developing the disease is roughly 1 in 250. The incidence of TC around the world has doubled in the past 30-40 years.

Each year about 164 men are diagnosed with testicular cancer in Ireland. Cork has a testicular cancer rate that is 27% higher than the national average. Men in Cork are at a much greater risk of developing testicular cancer than in any other part of the country.

Know your body



ON THE BALL

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TESTICULAR CANCER

WHO CAN GET IT?

Testicular cancer is the most common type of cancer affecting men between the ages of 15 and 35 years old. But it is not limited to young men. Any male can get it at any age.

WHAT CAUSES IT?

No one knows for sure. There are a lot of theories but nothing has been proven conclusively yet. We do know that you cannot "catch it" from someone else. There is research that indicates that a boy born with his testes in his lower abdomen rather than the scrotum is at a higher risk of developing testicular cancer.

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WHAT DO I DO IF I THINK I HAVE SYMPTOMS?

DON'T PANIC! It is important to see a doctor as soon as possible. Remember, the earlier the disease is diagnosed and treated the better chance there is for a complete and healthy recovery.

REMEMBER
IF CAUGHT EARLY,
THE CANCERS
CAN BE CURED IN
95% OF CASES

KNOW YOUR GAME

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS WHEN YOU HAVE IT?

There can be many different symptoms. Some of the more common warning signs are:

- Lumps or bumps in either testicle
- Testicles that become enlarged
- Testicles that abnormally shrink
- Testicles that get harder than normal
- A dull ache in the lower abdomen or in the groin
- Pain or discomfort in a testicle or scrotum
- An abnormal amount of fluid collecting in the scrotum

DO THESE SYMPTOMS ALWAYS MEAN CANCER?

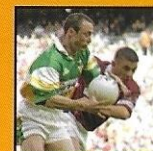
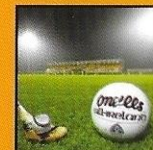
Absolutely not! These symptoms could be caused by other conditions happening in your body. But they should not be overlooked or dismissed without consulting your G.P.

HOW IS IT USUALLY DISCOVERED?

Through self-examination. For simple instructions see left page. Other times, a physician may discover it during a routine checkup for an unrelated reason.

CAN IT BE TREATED AND CURED?

Yes! Testicular cancer is almost always curable if it is found early. Generally, 95% of men diagnosed with TC are cured. The treatment for TC is chemotherapy, radiation therapy, surgery, surveillance, or a combination of these treatments.



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THE MERCY HOSPITAL FOUNDATION ARE CURRENTLY RAISING FUNDS TO SUPPORT OUR RAPID ACCESS CLINIC FOR PATIENTS DIAGNOSED WITH TESTICULAR CANCER.

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The Mercy Hospital Foundation are pledging €100,000 to help run this essential clinic this year. Please donate to make sure we can provide this essential life saving service. To donate or to find out more information about testicular cancer contact us:

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Handball Happenings

BY FRANK SEMPLE

Dublin handballers can look back at last year's successes with the expectation of collecting All Star Awards. Egin Jensen, Na Fianna, by winning two All Ireland titles and two World titles, is an obvious choice to collect the Masters Title. Eugene Kennedy, St. Brigids, the core man at his clubs involvement with Féile na nGael festivities, and the World Championships games has a worthy say for club person of the year; at least Dublin and Leinster Handball thinks so.

Cork handballers believe that they can go one better, as usual! and pick up three awards, Team of the year- Catriona Casey and Aishling O' Keffe (Ballydesmond), Female player of the year- Catriona Casey, and young player of the year - Killian Carroll (Mallow), they will all be hoping to be All Stars. They will also wish to follow in the footsteps of the Coláiste Críost Rí /Capwell playing stars, John Herlihy, Derry O'Callahan, Pat Morris, Brendan O'Brien and Sam Turner, each who visited the power of the game. Advenat, Tuum, Regnum.

Dublin adults representatives' entry into this year's Leinster Championships is 31 singles and 19 doubles players. The games began in early January and hopefully by the final round in mid February we will be competing in the final rounds. Dublin continues to do well in the masters grades and are also now confident that the ladies grades will provide some titles.

Dublin's juvenile representatives', in this year's Leinster championships are between the ages of u12 to u17, they take on Louth at O'Raghailiagh's in the first round on February 16th. The winners of this clash are in Thomas Russell Park, St.Brigids on February 23rd. against a Carlow selection. The successful ones then go on to play the winners between Wicklow and Wexford at Tinnyland/ Garryhill in the semi finals, March 2nd. Finally the winners travel to St.



DCU (L-R) Dublin Chairman, Eugene Downey, Conor O'Gorman (Kerry), Terry McIlvaney (Tyrone), John Horgan (Cork) and Peter Hughes (Wexford)



LEIXLIP P.J.Tobin, Damien McCarthy, Joey Maher, Terry Spence, Nevel Doyle

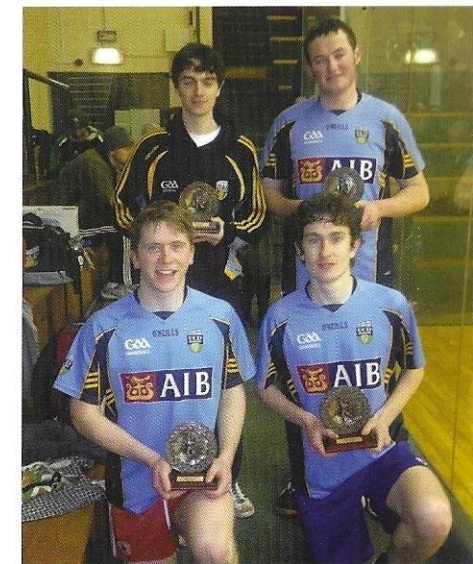
Joseph's 4 court centre in Wexford, on March 9. The team is Stephen Jordan, Sam Mulholland/Eoin Leen, John McKenna, Sean Flanagan/Hugh Prendergast, Eoghan Flanagan, Tom Mulvey/Aaron Dolly, Killian Prendergast, Ciaran Flanagan/Michael Varley, and Ciaran Tynan.



EUGENE KENNEDY, ST. BRIGIDS, HAS A WORTHY SAY FOR CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR.

County Leagues, the winter league finals were played last week at Croke Park, after the singles - doubles - singles contest; the 'A' title went to DCU (Terry McIlvaney, Peter Hughes, John Horgan, and Conor O'Gorman) who defeated St.Brigids, 89 - 67. The "B" title went to Leixlip (Nevel Doyle, P.J.Tobin, Damien McCarthy, and Terry Spence) after they defeated O'Raghallaghs 88 - 75. The 'C' title went to UCD (Tiernan Ruane, Peter Heart, Conor Conway, and Alan Armstrong, when they defeated St.Brigids in the final game 84 - 67. Dublin championships are to commence in the 40x20 court during February and the one-wall league in March.

Dublin delegates, Leon Flanagan, Frank Semple, (Brian Borus), and John Mollo, (Na Fianna) participated in the Leinster Convention at the Headford Arms Hotel Kells County Meath on January 27. Issues discussed concerned the World Championships, Féile na nGael, increasing membership fees, and a new Leinster schools one-wall competition. ■



UCD (Standing L-R) Tiernan Ruane (Kildare), Alan Armstrong (Wexford), (Kneeling L-R) Conor Conway (Galway), Peter Heart (Wexford)

Cork GAA Website: www.gaacork.ie

The screenshot shows the Cork GAA website interface. At the top, there's a navigation menu with links like 'Home', 'Competitions', 'Admin', 'Inter-County', 'Results Archive', 'Player Profiles', 'Photos', 'Coaching', 'Multimedia', 'History', 'Contacts', 'Gaeilgeoir', and 'Links'. Below this is a 'FEATURED NEWS' section with several news items, each with a date and a 'VIEW ALL' button. To the right of the news is a 'Fixtures Programme' and 'Munster Club Fixtures' section. At the bottom, there's an 'EVENT CALENDAR' for July 2012 and a 'RESULTS' section for the Senior Football Championships.

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BY JERRY GROGAN

CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL



GAA President, Mr. Liam O'Neill and Ciarán Whelan with Lara Hamilton, Lynn Byrne, Chad Brennan and Seán Doran-McGuinness at the launch of the Allianz-Cumann na mBunscol 'Follow The Dubs' campaign in Croke Park.

Allianz follow the Dubs again in 2013

Allianz are, once again, supporting the unique Dublin Cumann na mBunscol 'Follow The Dubs' project in 2013. With full-colour posters in every school – this year featuring Ciarán Kilkenny, Danny Sutcliffe, Cormac Costello and Michael-Darragh MacAuley. The sixteen year old initiative has been a prime mover in generating interest among primary schoolchildren in the fortunes of Dublin's hurlers and footballers as they progress through the Allianz leagues. With prizes of Dublin merchandise for weekly 'Guess The Score' competitions, teachers encourage children to follow the games and discuss them on Monday mornings as prizes are awarded. The scheme also provides opportunities for children to write about their experience of attending games in Croke Park or Parnell Park and they may also express their experiences in paintings or drawings. Cumann na mBunscol schools will also participate in the half-time exhibition matches and some very lucky children will also be photographed with the Dublin captain before all the home fixtures.

Cumann na mBunscol is extremely grateful to Allianz, and in particular to Ciarán Whelan, for their continued support for the promotion of our national games in the capital. Cumann na mBunscol, Ath Cliath, continues to thrive and the current football, hurling and camogie competitions are the biggest ever recorded in the county. Hurling and camogie

leagues begin shortly and a record 760 games will be played between now and finals days in Croke Park on April 29th and 30th. 240 teams have been registered on-line through the national award-winning Cumann na mBunscol website. In the football leagues, which culminated in finals in June 2012, 317 teams played 946 matches in 46 different venues throughout city and county from February to June.

- The children selected to be photographed with the Dublin captain tonight are Jack[10] and Will Lanigan[9] from St. Paul's NS, Ratoath. The boys play with Ratoath GAA Club. Their teacher, Ms. Maguire is from Donegal and will be supporting the All-Ireland champions in Croke Park tonight.
- We are also delighted to welcome, Conor Murnane [6], a very special boy from St. Finian's GAA club in Swords. He attends Holy Family NS. Conor has a heart condition and is a patient in Our Lady's Children's Hospital. However, he leads a very full life at home, in school and with his club. He was voted 'Most Improved Player' at the St. Finian's GAA Summer Camp.
- The half-time exhibition games will be provided by children from St. Patrick's Club, Donabate, Croí Ró Naofa in Tallaght and St. Oliver Plunkett's/Eoghan Ruadh GAA, Navan Rd.

Réalt An Todhchaí



EVAN WALSHE

Age: School: Scoil Lorcáin, Palmerstown. **Club:** St. Patrick's, Palmerstown. **Position On Field:** Centre Half-Forward. **Fav Players:** Michael-Darragh MacAuley. **Fav Food:** Steak, Onions and Chips. **Fav TV:** Friends. **Fav Film:** Home Alone 1. **Fav Book:** War Horse. **Fav School Subject:** PE. **Fav Music:** O.B.B, Not Afraid, Eminem. **Fav County Other Than Dublin:** Kerry. **Fav Computer Game:** FIFA 13. **Best Sporting Advice:** 'keep going even if you are having a poor game – don't give up'.

Evan led Scoil Lorcáin, Palmerstown to victory in Sciath Miller in Croke Park last June. The team was coached by Mr. Ken Keogan

School Profile

St. Brigid's GNS, Cabinteely

St. Brigid's GNS, Cabinteely have a long record of achievement in the annual Cumann na mBunscol Sports in Morton Stadium, Santry. Since taking up football approximately 10 years ago, they have also made their mark on the playing fields. Gaelic football is now thriving in the school and they receive considerable support from their local club – Foxrock-Cabinteely. Two teams have been entered in Cumann na mBunscol leagues for the past four years under the tutelage of Áine Frawley and Brid Darcy. They celebrated in style when they won Corn Comhar Linn in 2007 and were subsequently promoted to the higher Austin Finn Cup competition where they reached the final after some top-class performances. They were back in Croke Park in 2011. Although beaten in that final, they were not deterred and, in December 2012, they won the Austin Finn shield after a terrific display against Presentation Convent, Terenure. June 2012 saw them contest the Div 1 – Corn Austin Finn final at GAA Headquarters and the girls played some top-class football in a great final. It is a great source of pride to the school that many of their past pupils have gone on to represent Dublin at various grades. Dublin senior All-Ireland medal winner and All-Star, Sinéad Goldrick is a past pupil of St. Brigid's. Go néirí leo sa todhchaí.

Cumann na mBunscol boy does well

Newly appointed Ryder Cup captain, Paul McGinley, made no secret of his admiration for the GAA during recent interviews after he became the first Irishman to captain a Ryder Cup team. He spoke of the lessons he learned in team play from the various teams he adorned as a talented under-age player in the capital. His very first team lessons were learned in St. Mary's NS, Rathfarnham where he was spotted as a skilful hurler and footballer. He lined out in Croke Park finals on four occasions with the famed Gaelic games academy and is well remembered by his teachers Fintan Walsh – a former legendary player with Laois and Leinster – and Kerryman, Edward O'Riordan – Currently Chairman of Cumann na mBunscol, Ath Cliath.



Ryder Cup captain, Paul McGinley, pictured at Allianz Headquarters in 2002 with Cumann na mBunscol's Jerry Grogan and players Peter Higgins, Dónal Ahearne, Leanne Kiernan and The Ryder Cup.



From the archive

Kilkenny Still A Top Performer

Ciarán Kilkenny was an outstanding performer in several Cumann na mBunscol finals in Croke Park and in Parnell Park when he was a pupil in Scoil Oilibhéir in Coolmine.

Ciarán captained 'Oilibhéir' to victory in Croke Park and was ear-marked from his primary days as one to watch for the future. With All-Ireland minor and under-21 medals already won, his recent return from Australia was welcomed by all who see him as a vital element in future Dublin senior successes.

Equally adept with hurley and sliotar - the multi-talented Castleknock clubman is also a champion tennis player - Ciarán is a wonderful role-model for our youngsters. His many admirers in Cumann na mBunscol wish him well in the seasons ahead. Ciarán's father, John, is heavily involved in the Castleknock club and his Aunt, Mary Scanlan, is Principal of Holy Spirit NS in Ballymun. Ciarán and several of his schoolmates from Scoil Oilibhéir play Kenmare Shamrocks in the replay of the All-Ireland Junior Club Championship tomorrow. Go néirí leo.

Gaelscoil Thaobh an Coille

has an impressive Cumann na mBunscol CV. Their girls' and boys' Croke Park double last June was their latest triumph and it meant a lot to former Cumann Chairman, Maoilíosa Ó Dubhthaigh who was joint manager of the teams along with his sister Máirín Ni Dhubhthaigh who also teaches in the Gaelscoil. The family involvement didn't stop there. Máirín's son, Cian, starred for the boys team in Sciath Chlanna Gael. Cian is Maoilíosa's godson and he scored 4 goals in Croke Park. On the girls team was Máirín's daughter Róisín who also collected a winners medal in eir Corn An Chladaigh

victory. This family's success was just reward for their commitment to all things Gaelic over many years.



Máirín and Maoilíosa with Róisín and Cian in Croke Park.



The St. Brigid's squad in Croke Park

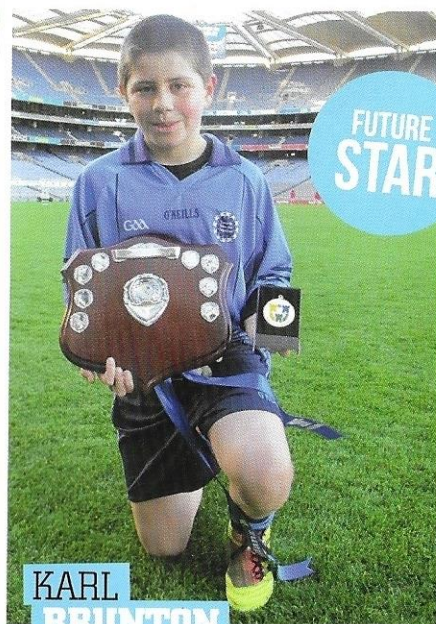
An Raibh Fhios Agat?

- All gold:** When the Cumann na mBunscol finals are played in Croke Park on April 29th and 30th all players will be presented with gold medals. Cumann na mBunscol believes that any player who gets to play in Croke Park is a winner. The finals - which have been played in Croke Park since 1928 - will be as competitive as ever but a gold medal for all will reinforce the Cumann mBunscol philosophy that being a winner has many meanings.
- Cumann na mBunscol** extends a warm welcome to Jim Gavin and his team as they commence their Allianz League campaign. Jim played in 6 winning Cumann na mBunscol finals in Croke Park – 4 football and two hurling – when he was a pupil in Clonburris NS in Clondalkin. He was an outstanding player and went on to achieve great success with Dublin culminating with an All-Ireland medal in 1995. His exploits with the Dublin u21s in recent years are well documented and his many friends in Cumann na mBunscol wish him well with the senior Dubs. If they play with the spirit, sportsmanship and commitment of the Clonburris man they won't go far wrong.
- Frank Roebuck,** Jim Gavin's former teacher and coach – along with Clareman Seán MacNamara – is a member of Jim's backroom team this season. Frank Roebuck is a highly-regarded coach and he will be a great addition to the Dub's engine room. Frank's father, the late Johnny Roebuck, was a proud Mayoman and served as Chairman of Cumann na mBunscol, Ath Cliath from 1943 to 1945. He taught in St. Michael's CBS.
- When Cumann na mBunscol** was founded in 1928, 6 schools participated in the fledgling league. In 2012, 317 teams took to the fields of Dublin to play our national games in Cumann na mBunscol leagues. What would the founding fathers think?
- Award-winning RTE journalist,** Seán O'Rourke ['The Week in Politics'], has a Cumann na mBunscol connection. His late

father, Kevin, who hailed from Wicklow, was Chairman of Cumann na mBunscol from 1939 to 1945. Kevin taught in St. Peter's, Ns Phibsborough.

- Dublin goalkeeper,** Shane Supple, was a top soccer player with Falkirk, Oldham Athletic and Ipswich. When in primary school in St. Brigid's NS, Blanchardstown, he was selected to represent Dublin in the annual Cumann na mBunscol trip to Belfast which has been going on since 1929.

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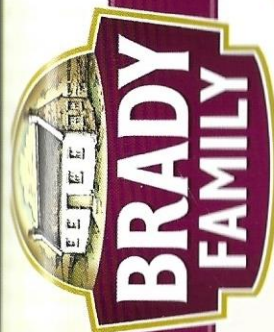


KARL BRUNTON

Age: 12. **School:** Swords Educate Together. **Position On Field:** Full-Back. **Fav Players:** Bernard Brogan, Paul Flynn. **Fav Book:** Diary of a Wimpy Kid. **Fav Computer Game:** FIFA 13. **Fav Colour:** Red or Green. **Fav Food:** Fish and Potatoes. **Fav Film:** Batman. **Fav County Other Than Dublin:** Meath. **Fav Music:** The Original Rudeboy. **What I like Most About The GAA:** The Fun and Competitiveness. **Best Advice:** 'always try your best and never give up'.

Karl was a member of the Swords Educate Together team won in Croke Park last June.

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