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AN RÉITEOIR:  
Eddie Kinsella (Laois)

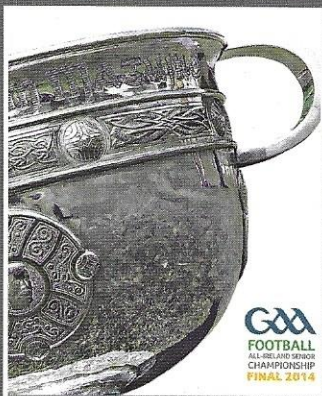
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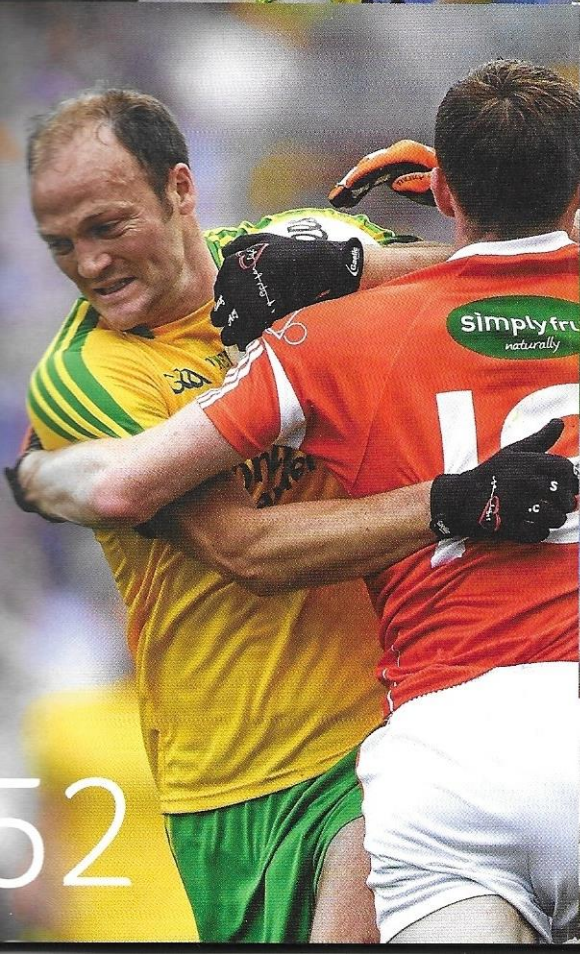
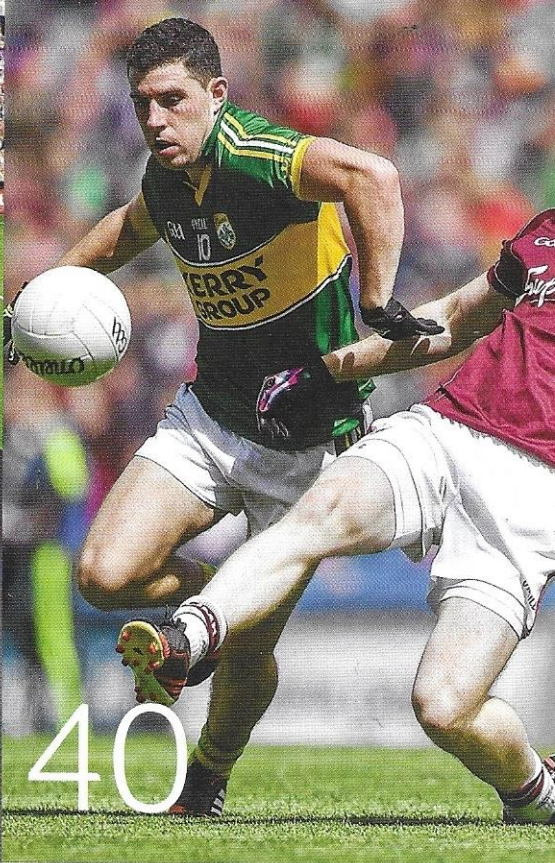
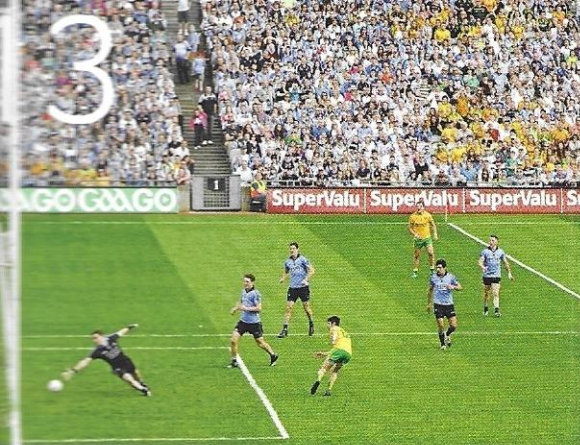


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Uachtarán na hÉireann, Michael D. Higgins and Uachtarán CLG, Liam Ó Néill

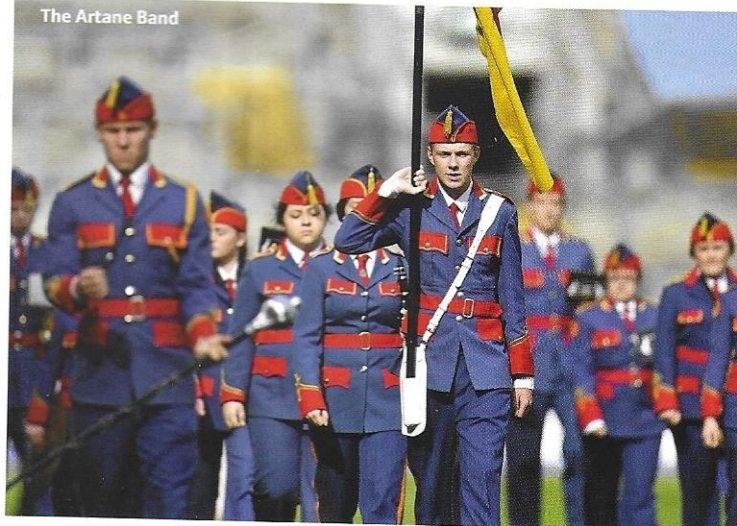


Hailing from the O'Moore County, The Laois Scór Group represented Mountmellick GAA Club in the Scór Sinsear competition at Castlebar and won the Ceol Uirlis section. They also competed in the Senior Céilí Band competition at the All-Ireland Fleadh this year.



Members include: Susan Miller on Fiddle, Niamh Furlong on Flute, Philip Clarke on Bouzouki, Mary O'Reilly on accordion and Eibhlin Healy on fiddle.

The Artane Band



## CLÁR AN LAE 2014

- 12.00 Stíles open
- 12.55 CIARRAÍ amach ar an bpáirc
- 12.57 DÚN NA nGALL amach ar an bpáirc
- 12.58 Oifígh an Chluiche amach ar an bpáirc
- 13.00 Coin Toss
- 13.05 An Taoiseach arrives in Croke Park
- 13.05 Introduction of Minor Players
- 13.08 Introduction of Uachtarán CLG, agus a bhean agus Eirleamh CLG - via players' tunnel
- 13.11 Introduction of An Taoiseach leis an tArd Stiúrthóir agus a bhean - via players' tunnel
- 13.14 Respect Handshake with Uachtarán CLG
- 13.15 Tús Chluiche Peile Mhionúir na hÉireann 2014
- 13.47\* Leath Am
- 13.49\* Cumann na mBunscol GAA/INTO Respect Exhibition Go Games
- 13.57\* Tús an Dara Leath
- 14.30\* Críoch an Cluiche
- 14.32\* Presentation of Cup
- 14.35\* Winning Minor Team Lap of Honour

The Tommy Markham Cup - Minor





- 14.40 Cork 1989 Jubilee Team presented on the pitch
- 15.00 **CIARRAÍ** amach ar an bpáirc
- 15.02 **DÚN NA nGALL** amach ar an bpáirc
- 15.05 Uachtarán na hÉireann arrives in Croke Park
- 15.05 Oifigigh an Chluiche amach ar an bpáirc
- 15.10 Coin Toss
- 15.11 Match Ball Presentation
- 15.12 Player Profiles
- 15.16 Players and Match Officials make their way to the red carpet
- 15.17 Uachtarán na hÉireann agus a bhean introduced - accompanied by Uachtarán CLG agus a bhean
- 15.18 Uachtarán na hÉireann meets the teams followed by Respect handshake
- 15.22 Paráid na Fóirne
- 15.28 Amhrán na bhFiann
- 15.30 Tús Chluiche Peile Sinsear na hÉireann 2014
- 16.07<sup>\*</sup> Leath Am
- 16.22<sup>\*</sup> Tús an Dara Leath
- 17.00<sup>\*</sup> Críoch an Cluiche
- 17.01<sup>\*</sup> Interview by MC on Screens
- 17.03<sup>\*</sup> Presentation of Cup by Uachtarán CLG
- 17.15 Lap of Honour by winning team

From their modest beginnings as a local school choir in Dublin's inner city in the mid 1990s, the Dublin Gospel Choir have become a household name in Ireland, playing a host of concerts each year. Their annual slot at Ireland's internationally-acclaimed festival Electric Picnic is now legendary and the choir are no stranger to large outdoor venues having performed at The Croke Park Classic just last month.

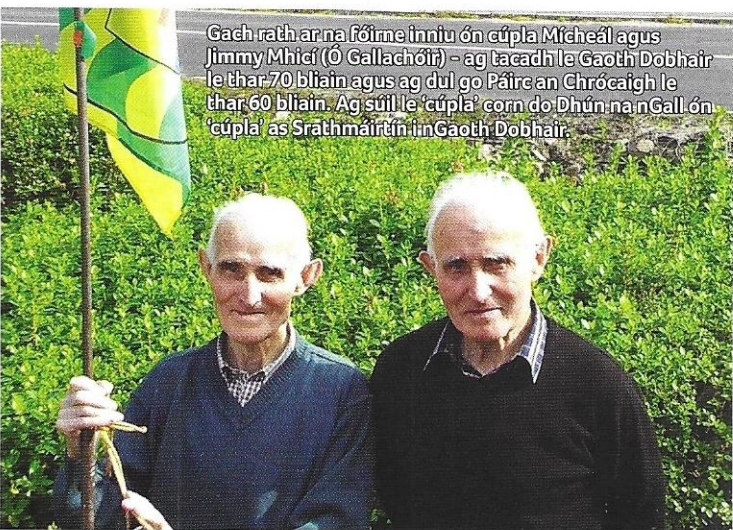
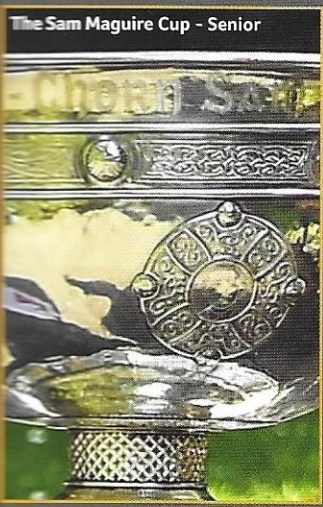
Consisting of a group of 30 singers and five-piece band their diverse repertoire spans many genres ensuring that the Dublin Gospel Choir makes an impact wherever they go.



For over a quarter-century, singer Mary Black has been a dominant presence in Irish music, both at home and abroad.

Mary has played a front-line role in bringing Irish music to an increasingly appreciative and ever-growing global audience.

In an industry noted for its insatiable need for fresh novelties Mary Black's enduring success has proven that her depth of talent and her love of singing transcend the generations, as well as national and musical boundaries too.



Gach rath ar na fóirne inniu ón cúpla Mícheál agus Jimmy Mhicí (Ó Gallachóir) - ag tacadh le Gaoth Dobhair le thar 70 bliain agus ag dul go Páirc an Chrócaigh le thar 60 bliain. Ag súil le 'cúpla' corn do Dhún na nGall ón 'cúpla' as Srathmáirtín in Gaoth Dobhair.



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# TEACHTAIREACHT AN UACHTARÁIN

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It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all here to Croke Park today for football's showpiece occasion in the busy GAA calendar. It rivals what we witnessed here two Sundays ago no-one will leave disappointed.

2013 was highlighted as a year to remember for GAA members and followers and rightly so given the quality of games we were treated to at all levels but most notably at senior.

One observation offered up at the start of this year was how hard an act it was going to be to follow it. While well grounded, it was something we needn't have worried about because 2014 has been just as good – an assertion borne out by the sky-high standard of games and play we have witnessed in both codes in recent weeks.

Today is of course about football but the allure and appeal of the day extends far beyond that simple claim.

Both of our All-Ireland finals help people overseas to make a connection with Ireland, and both Donegal and Kerry are well represented in this category, a fact underlined by the influx of supporters home for today's game.

Unusually the two counties will meet for the first time ever in a final and for only the second ever in the championship forum, their first championship encounter coming as recently as two years ago when

an emerging Donegal accounted for Kerry en route to their 2012 All-Ireland success.

By Kerry's standards they come here today to tackle something of a drought and with them comes tradition, expertise and expectation.

On any given final day, two distinct footballing traditions collide and rarely has it been more pronounced with both of these teams to the fore in the ongoing evolution of the game. Donegal's power play semi-final performance against Dublin was hugely impressive. Their attacking panache was complemented by their formidable defensive approach and it was described in some quarters as a perfect storm.

Kerry's double outing against Mayo was no less eye-catching and will be referenced for many years to come.

Their mix of experience and youthful exuberance saw them emerge on top after extra-time in Limerick and both results whetted the appetite for what awaits today.

That both counties feature in the minor decider adds further to the sense of occasion on a day when Croke Park will be decked out in green and gold.

I hope all of the competing players and those who have prepared them, the respective county officials and everyone promoting our games in these counties derive great satisfaction from what for many is involvement in a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

I'd also like to wish our senior match referee Eddie Kinsella and all the other officials on duty every success today. They too prepare to the highest



standards and their input is not only highly valued, it is crucial.

A special word of thanks is due to our sponsors eircom, GAAGO and SuperValu for their promotion of our senior championships, and to minor sponsors Electric Ireland. Your ongoing support is highly valued.

Finally, a sincere go raibh maith agaibh to you our members and supporters.

*Liam Ó Néill*

**Liam Ó Néill**  
**Uachtarán**  
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# MESSAGE FROM THE SPONSORS



Herb Hiribar  
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There is nothing quite like an All-Ireland Sunday. We in eircom echo the pride you feel for your team on a day like this, as Donegal and Kerry compete in a double header at the pinnacle of this nail-biting season.

Today, we see this pride in action as these two fiercely passionate teams arrive at Croke Park to challenge for the title of All-Ireland Football champions. Both counties are passing on their commitment and skill to the next generation, evidenced by the fact that they will also meet in the Minor final today. We are all in for a spectacle of sport that will be remembered for years to come.

We are very pleased to celebrate yet another magnificent season with the GAA, for this, the fourth year of our sponsorship. eircom, like the GAA, forms a part of the fabric of Irish community, connecting homes up and down the country. We believe in connecting people in better ways every day, and today we are all united as we cheer on our heroes and support our team.

Support from all corners of the globe has helped these teams get to where they are today – every shout counts. As part of our sponsorship we have reached out to fans online, and we haven't been disappointed. Once again we will be taking the eircom FanPic during the game so be sure to find your face in the crowd and share this historic All-Ireland final with your friends.

Enjoy the game!



Noel Quinn  
GAA Media Rights  
Manager

The GAA Football All-Ireland Championship final is a marquee day in the Irish sports calendar. It is with great pleasure that I welcome you, on behalf of GAAGO, to Croke Park today for what will undoubtedly prove to be an exciting end to yet another fantastic championship. I would like to extend heartfelt congratulations to both Donegal and Kerry in reaching the third Sunday in September and commend both sets of players and management teams on the commitment they have shown to progress this far. To have both counties competing in the senior and minor showpieces brings in itself a unique feel to the occasion and I look forward to seeing Croke Park awash with green and gold. GAAGO, the GAA and RTÉ Digital's new online live and on-demand match streaming service, is very proud, in its inaugural year, to sponsor the football championship as well as bring coverage to the Association's ever-growing overseas membership.

The new service has enabled those living, working or travelling abroad to watch live action in over 120 countries throughout the 2014 senior championship in high definition on their desktop computer, laptop or mobile device. We look forward to broadening the scope of our service and helping grow the exposure and interest in our national games on a global stage in 2015.

Finally, I would like to wish Jim Mc Guinness, Éamonn Fitzmaurice and their players the very best of luck in their quest to attain Sam Maguire today.

Enjoy the day!



Martin Kelleher  
Managing Director  
SuperValu

Once again, I am delighted to be here in Croke Park welcoming you, on behalf of SuperValu, to what promises to be a very exciting All-Ireland Football final. It has been a tremendous season, presenting some of the best games of football from all teams, striving for the elation of winning an All-Ireland medal. Congratulations to the Donegal and Kerry players, their loyal supporters and all those who worked to bring both teams to Croke Park today – it is a real demonstration of hard work and sheer dedication. This year marks SuperValu's fifth year as proud sponsors of the GAA Football All-Ireland Championship. Our partnership has gone from strength to strength, demonstrating the natural synergies between SuperValu and the GAA.

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Finally, I am sure we can look forward to some great action on the pitch today and I wish the Donegal and Kerry teams, their management and all the fans the best of luck in today's final.

Míle buíochas, Is mise le meas.





# GREEN AND GOLD.

By Alan MacMaoldúin, Ceannaire Caidrimh na Meán CLG (@alanmilton)

**A** two-shade Croke Park today further accentuated by the involvement of the very same minor pairing and diluted only by the presence of neutrals – if they exist at all.

Today really has a ‘winner takes all’ feel to proceedings.

A recently-forged rivalry giving rise to a novel final pairing that will grab the interest of football followers far beyond the extreme north-west and south-west of the island.

Incredibly, Donegal and Kerry have only met once before in championship fare – as recently as two years ago when Donegal’s unstoppable juggernaut accounted for Kerry as part of an impressive campaign that saw Tyrone, Cork and Mayo fall the same way.

This is Donegal’s golden era and not too many counties can boast of a 100 per cent record against the Kingdom in championship outings.

It is of course a flimsy analysis.

The current Ulster kingpins find themselves in something of a halcyon period for the county contesting two All-Ireland finals in three years having previously only ever contested one, and swelling their collection of provincial gongs along the way.

For the record, none of their previous final outings have ended

in defeat and so the focus falls on outing number three.

The Kerry outlook differs somewhat. Considerably in fact.

When you’ve had the Kerry golden years, everything else pales thereafter but today’s arrival of the Munster champions represents their first return to a final since the doomed 2011 outing against Dublin.

Different forces, different traditions but the same expectation and a pairing that has the potential to intrigue and captivate in no small part because it was hardly nailed on at the outset as a likely line-up.

Two warriors who manned respective stations for their counties two years ago – Colm McFadden and Aidan O’Mahony – will do so again today.

Both are experienced leaders and laden with honours, but whether it is today or after a possible second outing, only one of them can end up in the winners’ enclosure before the engraver is unleashed on the plinth of the Sam Maguire.

## LONGEVITY AND EXPERIENCE

### Aidan O’Mahony

“After losing the semi-final to Dublin last year and going back to the club you’re away from the set-up and your mind leans to asking whether it’s the right time to go.

“Last year I fractured my elbow



# GOLD AND GREEN.

and I missed a good chunk of action and I didn't want to go out like that.

"I got a phone call from Mikey Sheehy and Éamonn Fitzmaurice and they didn't have too much convincing to do.

"Those two guys have been fantastic to me over the last couple of years and after the call from them I knew the right decision was to go back for the year.

"I'm there 11 or 12 years now but I still enjoy it – big time. The most enjoyable time is when you get older and you have to fight off the younger lads for your jersey."

## Colm McFadden

"My debut year was 2002, and barring 2006 when I was in Liverpool studying teaching, I have played every year. The years aren't long flying in to be honest.

"I don't think there was ever any real doubt returning this year. When we left Croke Park after the Mayo game last year I still believed that there was more in this team.

"Others might have been saying that this could be the end of an era or of this generation of players but I always had my mind on coming back.

"I suppose the only doubt might have been had Jim walked away. I feel there is more in this team and most other lads did too.

"Last year was disappointing but

you dust yourself down and I was more than happy to come back for another season."

## MANAGERS

### Aidan O'Mahony

"I played with Éamonn (Fitzmaurice) for years. He was a fantastic player but he always had a quality in a dressing-room. He was one of those guys that when he spoke he was always listened to.

"When we were young he was the main guy there and it was just a gradual progression. He came in with Jack in 2009 and took over the training, which was fantastic.

"And I think a lot of the older lads decided to stay on when he was brought in because he had done a great job with the U21s.

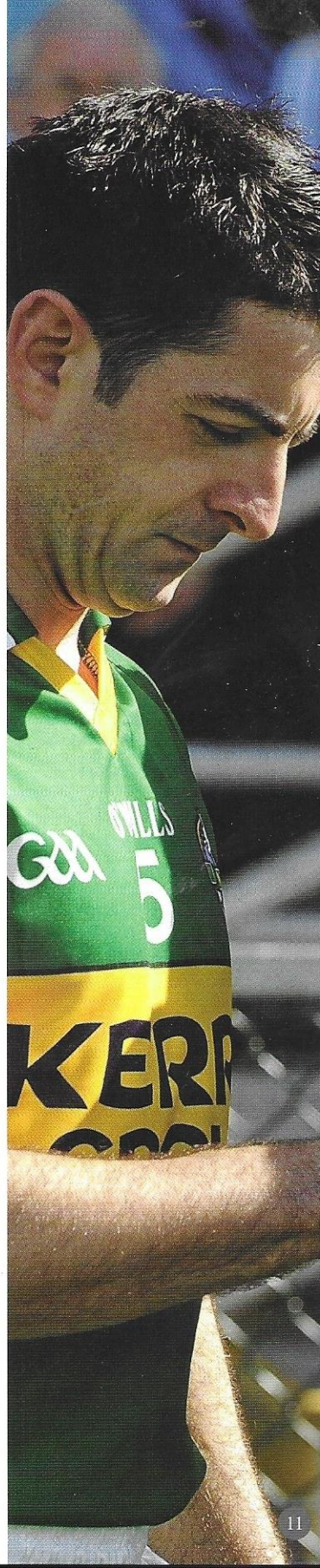
"He has been great. He's a players' manager who listens and gives advice. He has freshened it up by bringing in young players.

"There was respect there from the older players and they just put their heads down. He picks the team and that's the way it has been since he came in.

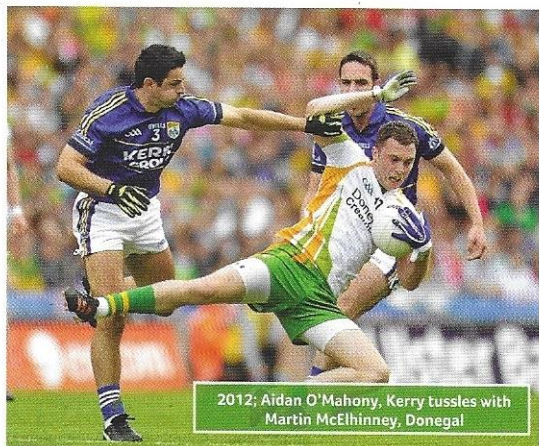
"You can question his decisions but the picking of the team comes down to him and he has proven himself this year."

## Colm McFadden

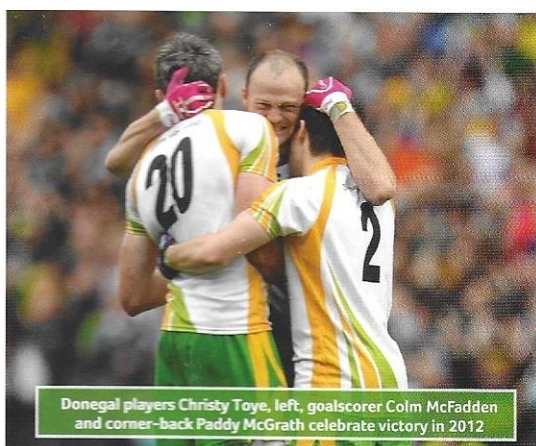
"Jim is married to my sister Yvonne and I played along with him under Brian McEniff and Mickey Moran







2012; Aidan O'Mahony, Kerry tussles with Martin McElhinney, Donegal



Donegal players Christy Toye, left, goalscorer Colm McFadden and corner-back Paddy McGrath celebrate victory in 2012

but he was coming towards the end and I was starting out. I wouldn't have known him too well then but I started to get to know him when he was dating Yvonne.

"As a player I was very young and I probably wasn't looking at him in the light of being a possible future manager.

"I knew what pedigree he had when he took on the job. He had been involved with Glenties taking them to their first-ever championship with a very young team and he was with the Donegal U21 team and despite there being little expected of them he took them to an All-Ireland final and had it not been for a bout of flu in the camp they might have won it.

"He's a fantastic manager. He's very meticulous; analyses everything and doesn't leave any stone unturned, nothing uncovered or left to chance.

"He has no weaknesses in that regard and we go into every game as well prepared as we could possibly be.

"He's great at building confidence as well and belief in us in him too. Confidence in a manager for a team is hugely important and we fully believe in him."

## LAST TIME OUT – 2012 Donegal 1-12 Kerry 1-10

### Aidan O'Mahony

"We have played a few times in the league but only once in championship back in 2012. They are what they are – a fantastic running team.

"They are a very physical team who play to a great defensive system but are all-out attack too.

"They showed in the Dublin game they have everything. They tackle in numbers, attack in numbers and we can't take our eyes off them.

"They are a different panel now to when we played them back in 2011 with different players. They may play to a similar system but they are more attack-minded.

"It's very hard to break down and you have to be patient. They have great team camaraderie and you could say he has them purring."

### Colm McFadden

"Our last meeting was our quarter-final outing after the Ulster final and I do remember it being a tough game. Kerry are always the team to beat – they still are. They set the bar over the years.

"We got off to a great start that

day though and I got a fortuitous goal when the ball deceived the goalkeeper and ended up straight in the net.

"We should have been easing over the line comfortably but Kieran Donaghy got a late goal and they produced the sort of finish you'd expect of a Kerry team.

"We saw it against Mayo in the semi-finals too. We held out that day though and Karl Lacey got a late point.

"We had never played them before that so it was a big deal to beat them. For all my playing career Kerry were the team to beat in the All-Ireland final almost every year. The benchmark over the noughties."

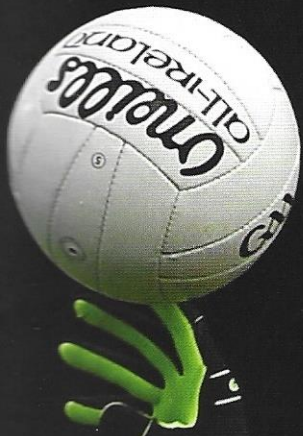
And so the scene is set. Past encounters and baggage can be left at the Hogan tunnel as a new chapter in a fledgling rivalry is carved.

Tribes from opposite ends of the country with well-stocked pockets around the globe will huddle around motion pictures mesmerised by what unfolds.

The only certainty about today is that there will never be another first final meeting of Ciarraí agus Dún na nGall.

Savour it first time around.





# ONE SIZE DOESN'T FIT ALL

by Colm Keys, The Irish Independent

**T**he legendary Kerry footballer Paddy "Bawn" Brosnan was once pressed on what the ideal constituents of a team should be.

"A few farmers, a few fishermen and a college boy to kick the frees," the 'Bawn' is reputed to have replied.

Given his background on land and at sea the answer was very much shaped by what he placed most trust in. It wasn't so much the work, as what that work made them, that he was always keen to harness for the football field.

The west Kerry defender was renowned for his abrasiveness and only men in the image and likeness of himself would suffice.

The 'college boy' kicking the frees was a necessary compromise for a specialist role, one he reluctantly acknowledged had to be tolerated.

Even then Gaelic football teams were given to a particular stereotype. The football of that era was tough, uncompromising and built on the principle of each man winning his own battle.

In that environment men like Paddy 'Bawn' Brosnan thrived. Fast forward some 60 to 70 years and if the same broad sweep was applied to what the ideal constituents of a modern day team should be, the old Kingdom's stalwart's view would be flipped on its head.

Kieran Donaghy, Kerry, in action against Mayo during the GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship semi-final replay.

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A majority of third level students, peppered with a few teachers all of whom are between 5'11 and 6'1" in height, hit the scales at around 13 to 14 stone and can cover 100 metres in around 13 seconds, would be the preferred answer.

The tale of the tape for the vanquished Dublin squad in last month's All-Ireland semi-final defeat to Donegal throws up some revealing statistics.

Footballers have a tendency to 'big up' their figures when it comes to provision of information for websites and match programmes but even accepting that, the similarity across the board for the 26 men in blue on duty that day makes interesting reading.

No player is listed as smaller than 5'11", or bigger than Michael Darragh Macauley's 6'3".

At 14st 7lbs Macauley is also listed as heaviest, along with Paul Flynn, while Jonny Cooper's 12st is the lightest on the scales.

Not many inter-county footballers dip below that weight these days.

For each member of a 26-man inter-county squad to be within four inches and two and a half stone of each other says much about the direction the game is taking.

Is the execution of shorter kick-outs reducing the need for a taller, less mobile midfielder?

Is the priority of possession retention gradually impacting on the dimensions of the inter-county player in other areas of the field?

What effect is the higher impact and aggression in the tackle having on the smaller, lighter footballer?

The uniformity of dimension in the average inter-county squad is largely based on standards of athleticism and mobility which have surged to new levels over the last four to five years especially. Dublin and Mayo have been market leaders on that front.

But if the 'big man' and the 'small man' of the game were feeling a little squeezed by the pace of evolution, semi-final weekend has brought a sense of liberation.

That arguably the greatest All-Ireland football semi-final package should be underpinned by two players at either end of the game's dimensional spectrum has once again shaken the stereotypical view of what the most suitable constituents of a team are.

Kieran Donaghy and Ryan McHugh could not be more different in shape, size and even skillset but for awareness of what's on around them they could well be joined at the hip.

Donaghy's renaissance for Kerry is one of the stories of the summer.

Éamonn Fitzmaurice doesn't have to be a tactical genius to recognise that a fit and confident 'Star' as the outlet on the front line supplants any sweeper or double marking play around him.

From the moment he plucked that first ball from the skies in the drawn All-Ireland semi-final against Mayo to win a free for Bryan Sheehan to convert, his impact has been quite electrifying, not just on Kerry but on the season itself.







But let's be honest here, many of us thought the days of 'piking' ball, as Kerry's former goalkeeper and current selector Diarmuid Murphy might put it, into Donagh's and his ilk, were ebbing away.

Isn't Gaelic football become all unsophisticated for that?

It has. There have been large chunks of the latter end of his career and when James O'Donoghue and Paul Geaney worked in perfect sync to floor Cork so impressively in the Munster final, the Donagh model looked broken down by the side of the road.

The 2017 All-Ireland final apart, his impact on games for Kerry had never consistently reached the standards of 2006 to 2008 when he was like a wrecking ball to hapless defenders on the edge of the square.

For those three seasons there was scarcely a more important 'specialised' player in the game.

Wickie Harte made special plans for him in the 2008 All-Ireland final by posting the versatile Joe McKelvey in the full-back line and in subsequent years Kerry

have weaned themselves off their dependence on him.

Fleeting appearances at the end of the Clare and Cork games prefaced complete redundancy for the All-Ireland quarter-final against Galway and at that stage you might have felt that the toll of injuries had caught up.

At 6'5" and 16 stone, Donagh has nine inches and five and a half stone on Ryan McHugh, according to the statistics in today's programme.

At 10 and a half stone McHugh could find work in Willie Mullins' yard without having to resort to a diet of nuts and water. Physically he is the antithesis of the modern footballer.

But there is growing evidence to support the view that Mark McHugh's younger brother may well be among the smartest footballers around, the perfect example of brain yielding much more than brawn.

His exploitation of gaps in the Dublin defence the last day may well have been framed as a tactical ploy but no amount of planning or foresight can guide you to a breaking ball and

consistently place you in the right place at the right time.

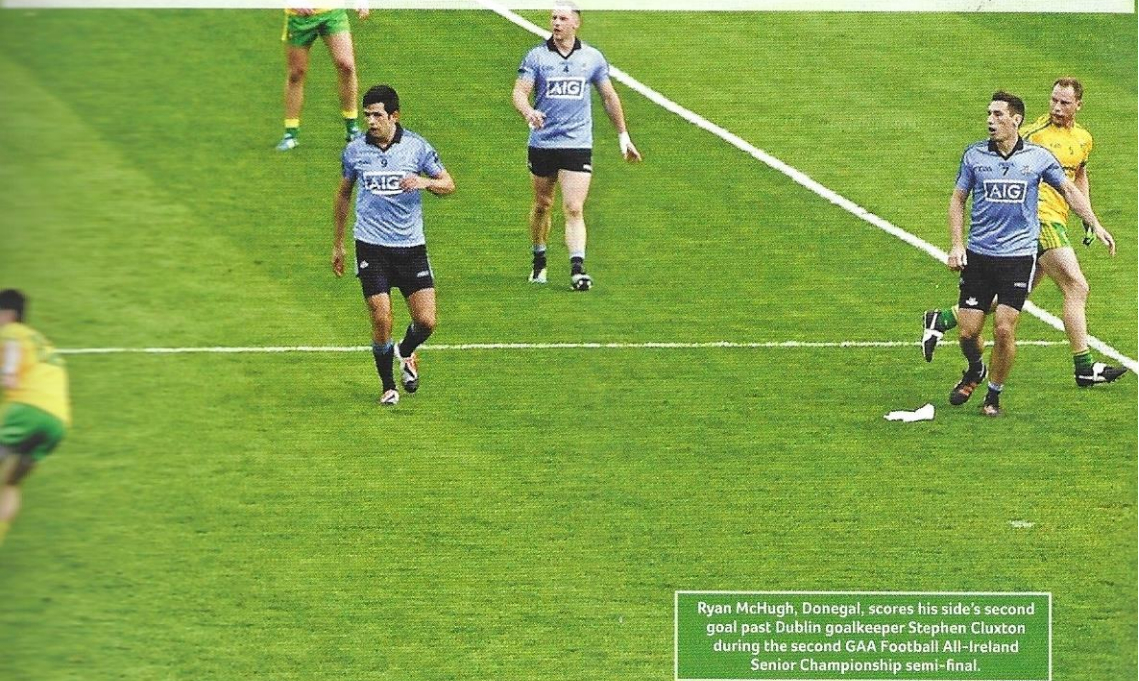
For that instinct is the guiding hand. On the ball 27 times in the semi-final his only slight imperfection was a point attempt that dropped into Stephen Cluxton's grasp. Otherwise his scorecard was close to perfect.

McHugh has offered Jim McGuinness great versatility between the half-back and half-forward lines this summer.

In the unforgiving fields of Ulster football he has survived and thrived but relocation now to Croke Park has elevated his game further.

Donegal's recovery from last season has been triggered by so many improvements but you can't help feeling that a young man with the presence of a sapling has given them the greatest impetus of all.

That's the beauty of football. The game may be on a relentless athletic and physical path but like Paddy 'Bawn' Brosnan's college boy of the past there is always room for speciality and instinct regardless of what the tape, the scales or the GPS pack says. The semi-final game breakers have reminded us of that.



Ryan McHugh, Donegal, scores his side's second goal past Dublin goalkeeper Stephen Cluxton during the second GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship semi-final.



# ASK THE EXPERTS



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## KEY PLAYERS:

Name each side's key player?

I'll be very obvious and say **Michael Murphy** for Donegal and **James O'Donoghue** for Kerry. Murphy because he is one of the only players in the game who can single-handedly pull a team over the line by sheer will, like he did against Derry and Armagh, and O'Donoghue because he is the most naturally gifted forward we have seen since Colm Cooper. He is brilliant off both feet and seems to have a real instinct for goals.

There isn't a more important component to any team than what **Michael Murphy** is to Donegal. He's a match-winner, kick-out target, main strike runner and first line of defence. Whatever has to be done, he does it. **James O'Donoghue** is prolific, evasive. His 4-24 from four games includes 1-8 from play off his weaker right foot, 1-12 from play off his left. His development into one of the game's great marksmen has given Kerry serious impetus.

## KEY TACTICS:

What tactical approach do you think each side will adopt today?

Donegal will go back to what made them great before. They will have the usual defensive structure. The last day they played Neil Gallagher in the half-forward line and he could be a key outlet for kick-outs. Kerry push up on kick-outs and are able to get Donnchadh Walsh and Johnny Buckley back into the middle. They'll play Kieran Donaghy in the full-forward line, and you don't have to be Einstein to work out the tactics there.

Once again getting the balance right with Murphy's deployment is critical to Donegal's strategy. How much time can he spend lurking with intent around full-forward? Kerry must be careful not to overdo the emphasis on finding Kieran Donaghy as Donegal are well equipped to deal with his threat. Their game is primed for strong intervention from Declan O'Sullivan.

## KEY TREND:

One important or noteworthy trend that has emerged in this year's championship?

A lot of teams are trying to finish with their best team. They are holding back players. Donegal have been holding back Patrick McBrearty, Kerry have been holding back Declan O'Sullivan for example. More and more, it's about the team that finishes the game rather than the one that starts it.

The success rate of players kicking points on the run with the outside of the right boot. Monaghan did it relentlessly in the Division 2 league final but Paul Flynn and Diarmuid Connolly took it to another level in the opening 25 minutes of their All-Ireland semi-final against Donegal. If perfected, it is the quickest and most effective way of getting a shot off against a massed defence.

## HIGHLIGHT OF THE SEASON:

Your favourite moment of the 2014 football championship?

The semi-final weekend when we had the Kerry-Mayo replay and the Dublin-Donegal game was my highlight. It was just brilliant. It was amazing. A weekend that had it all and a weekend that kept on giving. It put Gaelic football back up on top, in my book.

James O'Donoghue's virtuoso performance against Cork in the Munster semi-final gets honourable mention but two gripping All-Ireland semi-finals in 24 hours provided arguably the best 'penultimate stage' package ever.

## VERDICT:

Who do you think will win and why?

I think Kerry have the edge and I think they will get home by a point or two. I can't believe I'm writing off Donegal but I just think this is the moment for Kerry. They have found their own identity as a team and winning an All-Ireland will mark them out fully on their own.

Such a close call but maybe that's a telling detail in itself. Donegal are generally able to control tight games and force them their way. Their defence just looks that bit more secure. Like the 2012 final Michael Murphy might just do something to make the difference.

VERDICT: KERRY

VERDICT: DONEGAL





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James O'Donoghue is obviously the Kerry talisman, but **Kieran Donaghy** can liberate the Legion star if he is tightly marked, as he did late on in the drawn game and in the replay.

Pound for pound, **Michael Murphy** is probably the best footballer in Ireland and he has enjoyed an outstanding season. How and where he plays, could determine whether or not Donegal win this match.

Donegal's strategy on kick-outs worked brilliantly against Dublin. They pushed up and marked tight for the short ones, and were extremely hard working and disciplined on breaking ball for the longer ones, and they caught Dublin out time and time again. Much has been made of Kerry's footpassing ability, and it's definitely a big factor today against the Donegal defence. How well they execute their different supply options will be vital.

The levels of commitment now required at the top level are pushing players and managers to breaking point. A very large number of managers have already left their positions this season, and many players are finding it harder and harder to keep giving the necessary commitment.

Donegal's victory over Dublin was a lesson for all eternity - there are no sure things in sport. Dublin were seen as unbeatable before the game, and the way Donegal shattered what many had held to be the unshakeable truth in the space of a few minutes was thrilling.

The semi-finals taught us that celebrated screenwriter William Goldman was right - nobody knows anything.

But for what's it worth, because Jim McGuinness is a managerial genius...

**VERDICT: DONEGAL**

**David Moran** has turned his own career and Kerry's season around since coming on as a sub against Galway. Moran's ball winning ability in the middle third enabled Kerry to dominate against Mayo. **Michael Murphy's** influence on and off the field is immeasurable. His willingness to take on the unglamorous jobs marks him out as the ultimate team player. Could be used more as an orthodox full-forward today as happened in 2012.

Kerry could become a mirror-image of their opponents today by deploying a version of the blanket defence safe in the knowledge that Donegal don't possess the players capable of kicking long-range points. Donegal, meanwhile, could vary their approach by attempting to isolate the Kerry full-back in a one-on-one with Michael Murphy and pump high balls in on top of them.

Virtually every goalkeeper wants to be become the new Stephen Cluxton and make their re-starts count. Only Donegal's Paul Durcan has proved as effective as the Dublin keeper with his re-starts but it is an area which the majority of teams now focus on.

The first half of the Donegal v Dublin semi-final was simply breath-taking. The quality of the football was exemplary as Dublin initially demonstrated how to nullify a blanket defence. Then, following the introduction of Christy Toyne, Donegal came out of their shell and by half-time had turned the game and the season on its head.

Kerry will not be as tactically naïve as Dublin. Furthermore, there is a suspicion that Donegal might have peaked for that showdown. This is a pragmatic rather than a glamorous Kerry side. They will target Donegal's strengths; foul when they have to, and provided they dominate in the middle third of the field, will win.

**VERDICT: KERRY**

**James O'Donoghue.** He's stepped up in the absence of Colm Cooper to be Kerry's talisman up front. Has 4-24 from four championship games and revelled in the pressure against Mayo to hit key scores. **Michael Murphy.** The general on the pitch that Jim McGuinness trusts to lead his side, Murphy has been consistently excellent this year moving seamlessly between important shifts at midfield or attack.

Swift counter-attacks were central to Donegal's win over Dublin, and Kerry must protect their defence to ensure they are not exposed. Kerry's defensive susceptibility to aerial deliveries was also noteworthy against Mayo. At the other end, Kerry will seek not to be predictable in feeding Kieran Donaghy while also looking to shift James O'Donoghue and Paul Geaney around to get them in to the game.

For the first time ever, the four All-Ireland senior semi-finalists also provided the corresponding teams for the minor semi-finals. Dublin, Donegal, Kerry and Mayo are the dominant forces in their respective provinces and there has been a sense in 2014 that they're forming a breakaway group.

The last weekend in August provided the saga of two semi-finals that were rich in novelty, drama, suspense and intensity. A championship that had been drab to that point, exploded into life.

Kerry. Their young players have made a dramatic impact on the 2014 campaign, their old tyros will be keen to go out with a bang and the shrewdness of Éamonn Fitzmaurice can help them not get caught out like Dublin did.

**VERDICT: KERRY**



# FITZMAURICE'S KINGDOM OF YOUNG TURKS

by Malachy Clerkin, *The Irish Times*





**I**n the middle of the 2013 Allianz League, Eamonn Fitzmaurice was forced to start dialling numbers he hadn't intended to dial until much later. Sometime between March and April, a slightly precarious position became urgent. With Kerry unable to buy a win and relegation looking a completely viable prospect, his original intention of easing his experienced players back into action was thrown out the window. It was time for the cavalry.

The forward line that started (and lost) against Kildare on March 10 was: Mike O'Donoghue, Donnchadh Walsh, Johnny Buckley, Kieran O'Leary, James O'Donoghue and Barry John Keane. The one that started (and won) against Tyrone on April 7 read: Jonathan Lyne, Colm Cooper, Paul Galvin, Declan O'Sullivan, Kieran Donaghy, Darran O'Sullivan. When the need was greatest, it looked like Fitzmaurice couldn't trust his youngest troop members to go over the top.

"That's the way the league played out," he told *The Irish Times* a month later. "It's not perception, it's fact. But we still have a lot of time for the younger lads. In an ideal world, you'd love to be blending in a couple of younger players at a time rather than having to try to bring in a whole gang of them at once without established leaders around them.

"I think especially up front in the earlier games of the league, we didn't have too many leaders. It's tough for younger players in that situation because they don't have the experience, they're not sure how to deal with it. They don't know how to dig in and they don't know what they're supposed to do in that kind

of situation. How do they toughen? Who do they look to?"

Today, as we watch Kerry stride out onto Croke Park for another All-Ireland final, it's worth remembering how far away a day like this appeared during Fitzmaurice's first months.

It's worth recalling too that there was no outcry when he brought back those big guns in the spring of 2013. Mostly, there was general head-shaking in Kerry at the pity of having to do it.

And yet flick to the middle pages of this programme. At the time of writing the teams haven't been announced but it's a reasonable assumption that as long as there have been no late injuries, three of the forward line that lost against Kildare in 2013 will start. Only Donaghy from the ranks of the cavalry that came in to save them against Tyrone survives.

Obviously, there is mitigation. Colm Cooper would be playing if he was fit. Likewise, Declan O'Sullivan wouldn't be confined to cameos in an ideal world. But the point here is not to shine a light on the team Fitzmaurice could have brought to an All-Ireland final. Instead, it's to marvel just a little at the one he has.

There's a handy way to measure the change Fitzmaurice has brought about in such a short space of time.

By happy coincidence, all four teams that played in this year's All-Ireland semi-finals reached the same stage in 2011. All four teams have been regular visitors to late-August in that time – including replays, Mayo have played five semi-finals in four years, Kerry and Dublin four and

Donegal three. All teams tweak and fashion as they go. There is always natural wastage, especially so in an amateur game where nobody is hanging on for one last contract. Even so, the level of turnover in Kerry as opposed to the other three counties is pretty bracing when it's laid out.

If we take the teams that started the semi-finals in 2011 and compare them to 2014 (for the purposes of this comparison, we'll take the replay between Mayo and Kerry since it's the game that got them into the final), Donegal and Mayo both have 11 players who were on the pitch for the start of both games. Dublin, for all the talk of resources and player numbers, started 10 of the same players in the semi-finals of 2011 and 2014.

And yet for Kerry, that number drops like a stone. Only five players – Killian Young, Aidan O'Mahony, Anthony Maher, Walsh and Donaghy – started the win over Mayo in 2011 and the replay three weeks ago. To replace two-thirds of one of the great teams of its generation and still make an All-Ireland final is remarkable, any way you look at it.

And it arguably couldn't happen anywhere other than Kerry. Nowhere else does the football culture exist that is able to shrug off losing a Tomás Ó Sé, an Eoin Brosnan, a Galvin and then a Cooper all in the space of a few winter months and still imagine there's an All-Ireland to be won.

Fitzmaurice wasn't spoofing last year – they did still have a lot of time for the younger lads. And today, they walk out for an All-Ireland final appearance maybe only he thought they had in them. Whatever happens, that's something to be proud of.

Other panel members not included on the Kerry teamsheet are:

Alan Fitzgerald, Colm Cooper, Jack Sherwood, Daithí Casey, Paul O'Donoghue, Shane O'Callaghan, Marcus Mangan, Fearghal McNamara



# McGUINNESS ON THE BRINK OF IMMORTALITY

by Arthur Sullivan, GAA.ie

**T**here was a time in the late 1990s when Jim McGuinness, with his wild, untamed hair, his beard and his languid physique, bore more than a passing resemblance to Jesus Christ.

At that time, Jim McGuinness was many things - an admired inter-county footballer, a proud Donegal man, a seemingly perennial student - but the Messiah he was not. Yet today, he stands on the brink of something extraordinary with Donegal, and his status is as close to divine as you can get in sporting life. It's not dissimilar to the way in which Diego Maradona is celebrated in Naples.

There are the murals. Images of McGuinness depicted as the Christ and Che Guevara, as well as other iconic figures of history, in various places and on various items in Donegal. You sense these pictures have been fashioned with only a modicum of irony, for McGuinness is held in an esteem bordering on the sacred. You wouldn't be surprised if somewhere out there, people are saying prayers to the Glenties man.

On The Sunday Game programme on the night of Donegal's landmark victory over Dublin in the All-Ireland semi-final, Kevin McStay was given the first word on a result he described as the biggest shock in football in 10 years. "Donegal came in so well

prepared, so focused and so confident about the system, that they absolutely believe in, which of course was conjured up by... he's almost spiritual at this stage, Jim McGuinness," he said. The line was delivered without a trace of irony or humour. Mark McHugh, who played under McGuinness for the last few seasons before dropping off the panel earlier this year, was also in the studio and his quiet reaction suggested he fully concurred.

Back in 1992, McGuinness was a 19-year-old substitute on the Donegal panel that won the county's first ever All-Ireland.

"It's funny, you never know how someone will turn out," remembers Mark's father Martin, star of that team. "But even then, at that time he was a great talker, Jim. And he made a lot of sense when he spoke at team meetings."

That gift of oratory is one of the McGuinness hallmarks. At the Donegal press day in Ballybofey some weeks ago, an unmistakable silence descended on the room when McGuinness came in to speak and "deliver his Urbi et Orbi", as one observer put it, Urbi et Orbi being the name given to certain papal addresses of high importance. Again, this remark was made more in seriousness than in jest.

As McGuinness spoke, more than just the journalists came to listen. People attending the press

event in other capacities left their stations to come and listen to McGuinness. It must have made for quite the scene - one man sitting in the corner of a room speaking softly, and up to 30 or 40 grown men standing around him listening in awed silence.

Writing in 2012, the *Irish Independent* journalist Colm Keys compared the McGuinness style of oratory with that of Ger Loughnane and Liam Griffin, the charismatic duo who led Clare and Wexford to All-Ireland hurling titles in the 1990s.

"There was an almost evangelic feel about them," he wrote. "Not only were they team managers and coaches, but they were leaders of an entire movement in a county who knew how to tap into their people's energy and past experiences."

That's perhaps the key point, if you can possibly isolate one from McGuinness's wide array of talents. His work with Donegal has taken on the form of a cultural and social mission, transcending sporting achievement alone. The supporters are his followers and disciples, the players his soldiers. McGuinness is consumed by the pursuit of success for Donegal, and his relationship with the Donegal players and public is something to behold. It is striking to note how often his players say "Jim" in their interviews. He is seemingly behind everything.





**JIM MCGUINNESS – Manager**

**Played:** 23

**Won:** 20

**Lost:** 3

**JIM MCGUINNESS – Player**

**Inter County Appearances:** 90 **Debut:** April 12, 1992 v Monaghan

**Championship Debut:** June 6, 1993 v Antrim

**Last Game:** August 31, 2003 v Armagh

Before the Dublin match, the contrast between the two team huddles was stark. The Dublin one was a quiet circle, the players talking amongst themselves, the Donegal one a circle too, but with McGuinness in full flow in the centre of it.

November 9, 2012 could one day be remembered as a momentous one in GAA history. That was the day it was announced that McGuinness had been appointed as a “performance consultant”

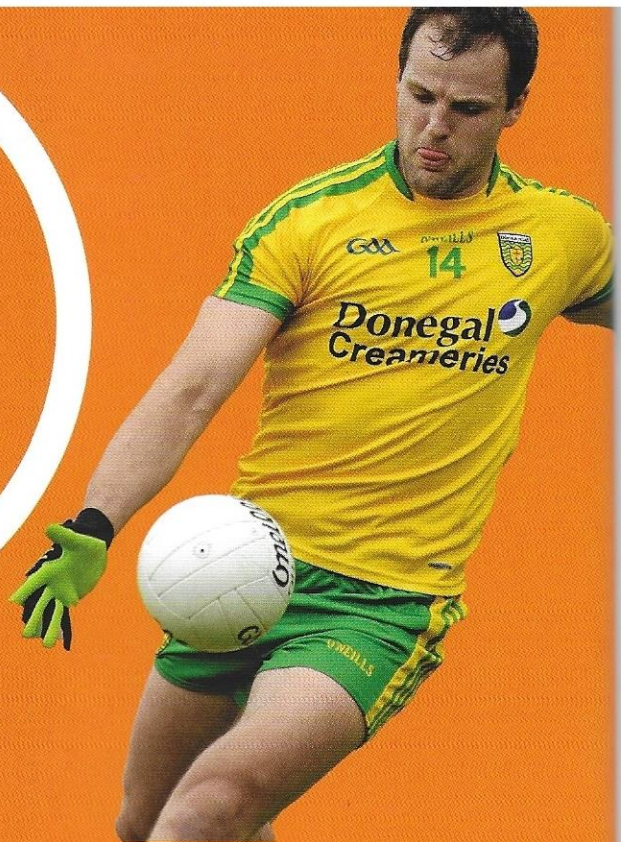
with Celtic FC. One of the biggest soccer clubs in Europe was willing to pay the Donegal man a lucrative salary to work with their youth team players.

The move is considered to have been a success, and his role at Parkhead is likely to expand in the coming seasons. No-one knows how much longer McGuinness will remain with Donegal apart from those closest to him, regardless of the speculation, but it now seems it's only a matter of time before

McGuinness is employed in a full-time capacity in professional soccer.

Is it conceivable that he could one day manage at the top level in soccer? It can't be ruled out given his skill-set and the trail he has blazed, albeit in a different code, over the last four seasons. But whatever about his future work, his deeds have already guaranteed him virtual immortality in Donegal. A second All-Ireland title today would probably be enough to secure the statue.





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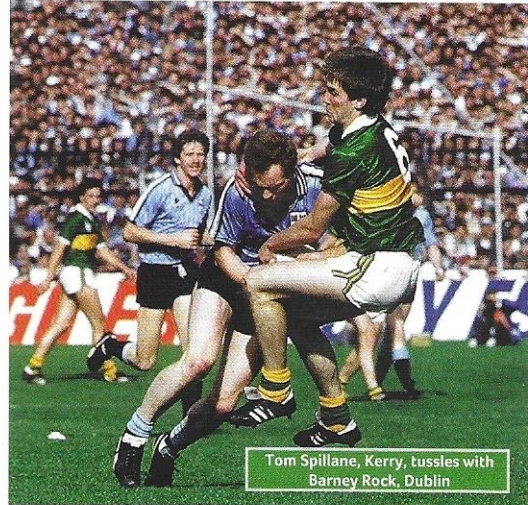
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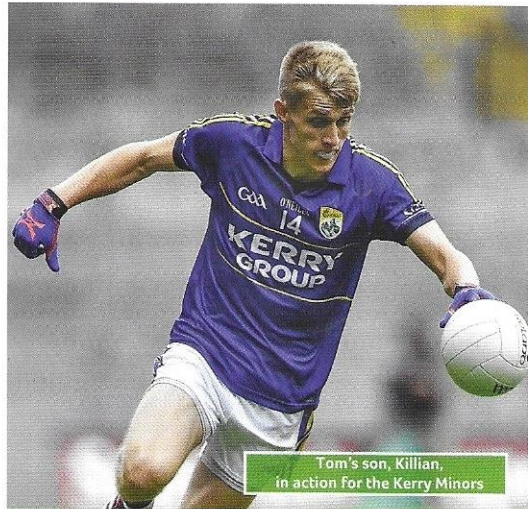
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Mar lántosach ag mionúir Chiarraí i 1979, bhí ógánach caol, ard as an Teampall Nua darbh ainm Tom Spillane. Is é a mhac, Killian, atá san ionad sin ar fhoireann an lae inniu. Faoin am a dtáinig na cluichí ceannais sinsir i 1984, '85 agus '86 inar bhuaigh sé 3 bhonn, bhí cosantóir déanta ag Mick O' Dwyer do Tom Spillane, ach fágann na 35 cúilín atá scóráilte aigesan i gcrabhbh mionúir na bliana seo gur ar éigin a bheidh an cathú sin ar bhainisteoirí Chiarraí amach anseo nuair a shroichfidh Killian an grád is airde.

Bhí Ambrose O'Donovan ar fhoireann mhionúir Chiarraí i 1979, mar a bhí Liam Kearns, a bhfuil aithne mhaith inniu air mar gheall ar a chumas bainistíochta. Ar na leads óga as Áth Cliath a chuir boinn shinsir ina dhiaidh sin leis an gceann mionúir a bhuaigh siad i '79, bhí John O'Leary, Ciarán Duff agus Barney Rock.



Tom Spillane, Kerry, tussles with Barney Rock, Dublin



Tom's son, Killian, in action for the Kerry Minors

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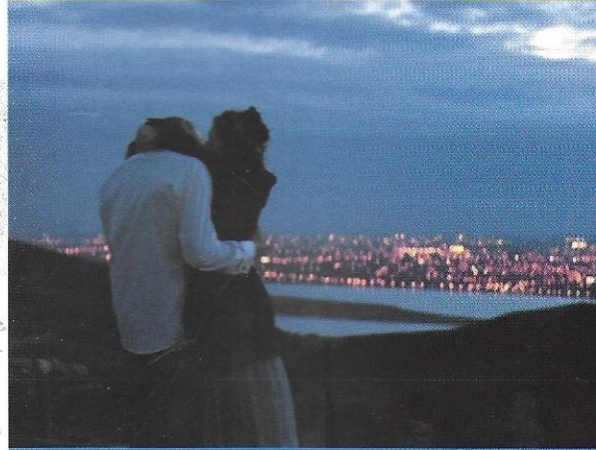
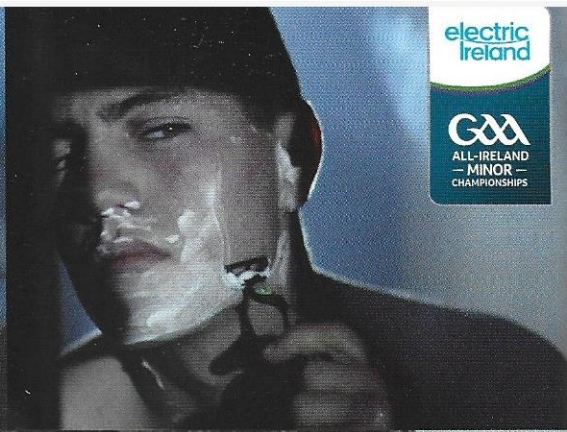
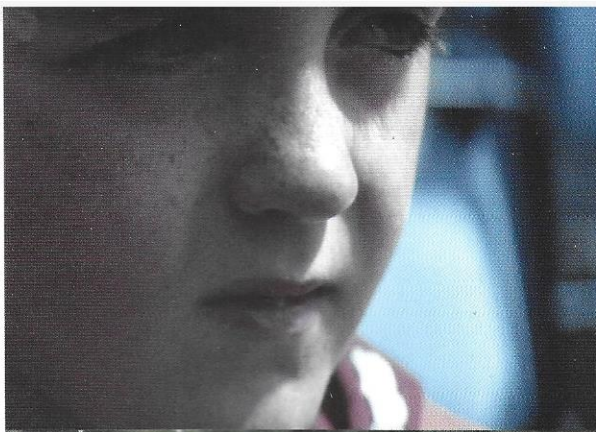


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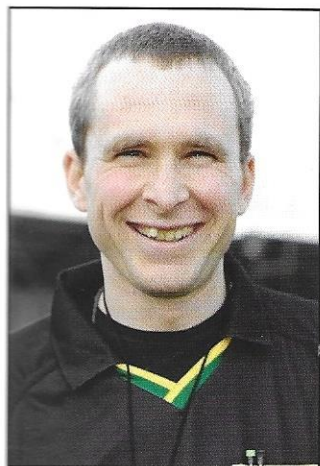
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The championships have been very exciting to date and I want to wish Kerry and Donegal the best of luck today and I am certain they will provide a minor football final filled with skill, courage and determination.

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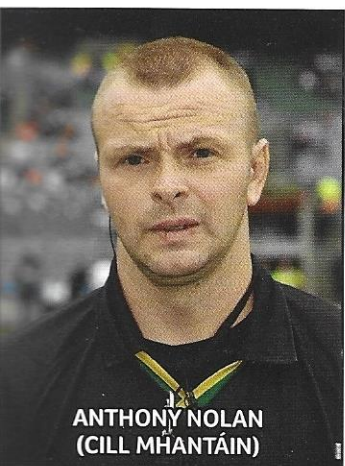
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**FERGAL KELLY**

(An Longfort)

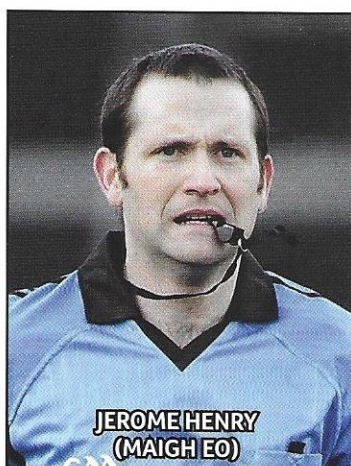
Today will be Fergal's first outing in the Electric Ireland sponsored competition since August 2012, when he handled the All-Ireland quarter-final between Meath and Tyrone at Newry. Kelly's most recent outing in the main role at Croke Park was 18 months ago, when the Dublin-Down Allianz League tie came under his jurisdiction. All of Fergal's 2014 assignments have been at the senior grade and include three O'Byrne Cup ties, four matches in the Allianz League and three championship matches. His father Michael won an All-Ireland minor medal with Roscommon in 1951.

## STANDBY REFEREE



**ANTHONY NOLAN**  
(CILL MHTÁIN)

## LINESMAN



**JEROME HENRY**  
(MAIGH EO)

## SIDELINE OFFICIAL



**JAMES MOLLOY**  
(GAILLIMH)



# MAJOR ROLE FOR MINORS ON SPECIAL DAY

by Arthur Sullivan, GAA.ie

**I**t has only happened once before in the history of Gaelic football. Today, the same two counties meet in both the minor and senior All-Ireland finals, a rare occurrence to be cherished and celebrated.

The only other time this happened in the 85 previous seasons in which there have been both a minor and senior championship was back in 1979, when Dublin defeated Kerry in the minor final before Kerry exacted revenge over the capital side in the senior final. There are more tangible reasons to be excited about having the same pairing in both finals than just the mere novelty of it. That today is the preserve of just Donegal and Kerry should ensure a superb atmosphere at Croke Park from early in the day, with both sets of supporters likely to arrive in good time at the stadium to watch both games.

It provides a neat, symmetrical closing flourish to the season, one final blooming of green and gold as two coastal counties - iconic and picturesque, disparate and similar, northern and southern - do battle in both finals. A more important point to make is that regardless of the make-up of the senior final, today's minor final already promises plenty in its own right.

For a start, this is the first ever All-Ireland Minor Football Championship final between Kerry and Donegal, and victory for either county today will represent a great leap forward for them at

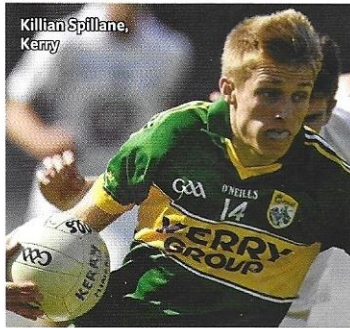
the grade. Remarkably, this is Donegal's first-ever appearance in an All-Ireland Minor Final. Arguably just as noteworthy is the fact that Kerry are bidding to end a 20-year wait for an All-Ireland Minor title this afternoon.

Attempting to figure out how Donegal have never before reached an All-Ireland Minor final requires more space than is available here, while Kerry's long wait for a title is equally baffling. The undisputed bluebloods of the game, joint top of the minor roll of honour and with six All-Ireland senior titles won since their last minor win in 1994, it's quite the peculiarity.

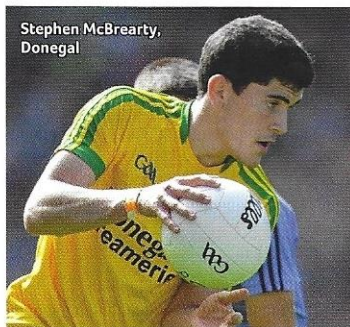
It's one of the main reasons former Kerry senior boss Jack

O'Connor was appointed as minor manager at the start of the year. "I think it is absolutely critical that Kerry start winning at minor and U21 level," he said earlier this season. "The great side that reached six All-Ireland finals in a row (2004-2009), the vast majority of them are moving on and we now need new guys coming through that have tasted success. If you win underage it gives you the confidence to go on and win at senior."

O'Connor has certainly made a major impact this year, and should Kerry win today, he will join an exclusive club of managers who have led teams to minor, U21 and senior All-Ireland football success. Backboned by a number of players from the Pobalscoil Chorca



Killian Spillane, Kerry



Stephen McBrearty, Donegal



Captains Liam Kearney, left, Kerry, and Niall Harley, Donegal



Dhúibhne team that won the Hogan Cup earlier this year, this is a Kerry team of undoubted quality. They soared to victory in the Munster Minor Football Championship earlier this season, comfortably defeating Clare (2-16 to 0-7) and Tipperary (2-18 to 0-7) before a 2-17 to 2-13 win over rivals Cork in the final. That successful campaign has been followed by two impressive wins in the All-Ireland series.

Kerry were comfortable winners over Kildare in the quarter-final (2-15 to 1-8), and even more impressive was the way they dismissed All-Ireland champions Mayo in the semi-final last month.

Killian Spillane (Templenoe, son of Tom, nephew of Pat and Mick) is the outstanding forward on the Kerry team, and he hit 0-6 in that victory, which was secured after a dominant closing quarter from the Kingdom. However, while this is a fancied Kerry bunch, Donegal too come with serious credentials. Managed by 1992 All-Ireland senior winner Declan Bonner, this has been a

remarkable season for them. They swept to the Ulster Minor League title in April, winning all of their matches in the competition, and they then enjoyed three comfortable wins on route to a first Ulster Minor Football Championship title since 2006, beating Derry (1-10 to 0-8), Antrim (2-19 to 1-10) and then Armagh (2-12 to 0-10) in the final.

They have had to battle in the All-Ireland series, edging past Roscommon in the quarter-final (0-10 to 1-5) before their compelling semi-final against Dublin at the end of August, which they won on a 1-12 to 1-11 scoreline.

Their most potent area is in attack, where Jamie Brennan (Bundoran), Lorcán Connor (Downings), Stephen McBrearty (Kilcar, brother of Patrick) and John Campbell (Buncrana) have been outstanding, and between them have hit 5-43 of Donegal's 6-63 championship total.

Another notable collective is the group from Gaoth Dobhair - Ciarán Gillespie, Cian Mulligan, Micheál Carroll, Niall Friel and Gavin McBride all hail from the sweeping Gaeltacht parish in the north of the county.

Donegal senior boss Jim McGuinness admitted his side got "a great lift in the dressing room" when they heard that the minors had won their semi-final the last day, and whichever team wins the minor final today will be setting up the stage for a potentially landmark day for their county.

If Donegal were to win both finals, it would probably be the greatest day in the county's sporting history. Should Kerry win both, it would be one of their greatest ever days as well.


But O'Connor and Bonner won't be dwelling too much on the overall context - no senior result will dampen their joy should they lead their own side to victory today.







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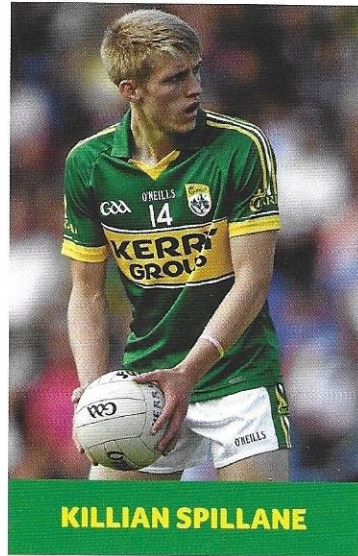
## PATHS TO THE MINOR FINAL

April 16, Ennis	Kerry	2-16	Clare	0-7
May 7, Thurles	Kerry	2-18	Tipperary	0-7
July 6, Páirc Uí Chaoimh	Kerry	2-17	Cork	2-13
August 4, Thurles	Kerry	2-15	Kildare	1-8
August 24, Croke Park	Kerry	1-14	Mayo	2-7

TOTAL SCORED 9-80 (107)

TOTAL CONCEDED 5-42 (57)

	Ce	T	C	Ke	Mo	Total
Killian Spillane	0-6	0-10	0-7	0-6	0-6	0-35
Jordan Kiely	2-3	1-0	1-1	1-0	----	5-4
Tomás Ó Sé	----	1-1	1-0	1-2	1-1	4-4
Micheál Burns	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-3	0-1	0-8
Matthew Flaherty	0-3	0-2	0-1	----	0-1	0-7
Liam Carey	----	----	0-2	0-2	0-3	0-7
Stephen O'Sullivan	0-1	0-1	0-1	----	----	0-3
Brian Rayel	----	0-1	0-2	----	----	0-3
Shane Ryan	----	0-1	----	0-1	0-1	0-3
Cormac Coffey	----	0-1	0-1	----	----	0-2
Ivan Parker	0-1	----	----	----	----	0-1
Liam Kearney	----	----	0-1	----	----	0-1
Barry O'Sullivan	----	----	----	0-1	----	0-1
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**KILLIAN SPILLANE**

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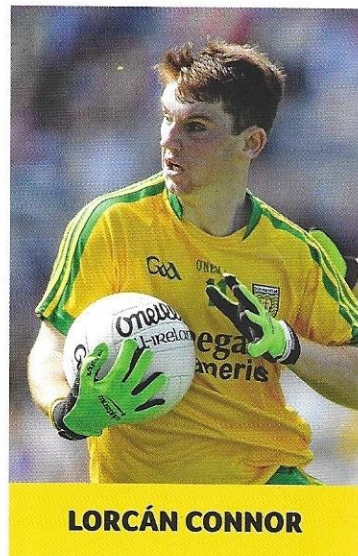
# DÚN NA nGALL

May 25, Celtic Park	Donegal	1-10	Derry	0-8
June 22, Clones	Donegal	2-19	Antrim	1-10
July 20, Clones	Donegal	2-12	Armagh	0-10
August 2, Markievicz Park	Donegal	0-10	Roscommon	1-5
August 31, Croke Park	Donegal	1-12	Dublin	1-11

TOTAL SCORED 6-63 (81)

TOTAL CONCEDED 3-44 (53)

	Der	Ant	Arm	Rn	D	Total
Lorcán Connor	----	0-9	0-4	0-1	0-3	0-17
Jamie Brennan	1-0	1-4	1-2	0-1	----	3-7
John Campbell	0-3	----	1-1	0-3	1-2	2-9
Stephen McBrearty	0-1	0-2	0-3	----	0-4	0-10
Cian Mulligan	0-1	0-1	----	0-4	0-2	0-8
Ethan O'Donnell	0-1	1-1	----	----	0-1	1-3
Caolán McGonigle	0-2	0-1	0-1	----	----	0-4
Michael Carroll	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	----	0-4
Gavin McBride	0-1	----	----	----	----	0-1



**LORCÁN CONNOR**



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## MINOR SCOREBOARD 2014

### LEINSTER

Kildare	1-12	Westmeath	1-8
Laois	0-14	Carlow	0-5
Dublin	2-11	Longford	0-14
Meath	3-18	Wicklow	1-6
Wexford	3-15	Louth	2-5
Offaly	7-30	Kilkenny	0-2
Longford	0-10	Louth	0-6
Longford	3-13	Carlow	2-6
Westmeath	2-17	Wicklow	1-8
Offaly	2-16	Westmeath	1-8
Dublin	0-15	Meath	0-12
Laois	2-7	Wexford	1-8
Kildare	2-17	Longford	2-13
Kildare	3-11	Laois	0-5
Dublin	6-13	Offaly	0-6
<b>FINAL</b>			
Dublin	3-16	Kildare	1-12

### MUNSTER

Kerry	2-16	Clare	0-7
Cork	6-15	Limerick	1-7
Tipperary	2-11	Waterford	2-7
Clare	2-17	Limerick	3-7
Waterford	6-9	Clare	4-12
Kerry	2-18	Tipperary	0-7
Cork	1-14	Waterford	1-8
<b>FINAL</b>			
Kerry	2-17	Cork	2-13

### CONNACHT

Galway	1-13	Sligo	1-7
Mayo	3-7	Galway	1-12
Roscommon	2-13	Leitrim	1-11
<b>FINAL</b>			
Mayo	2-16	Roscommon	0-14

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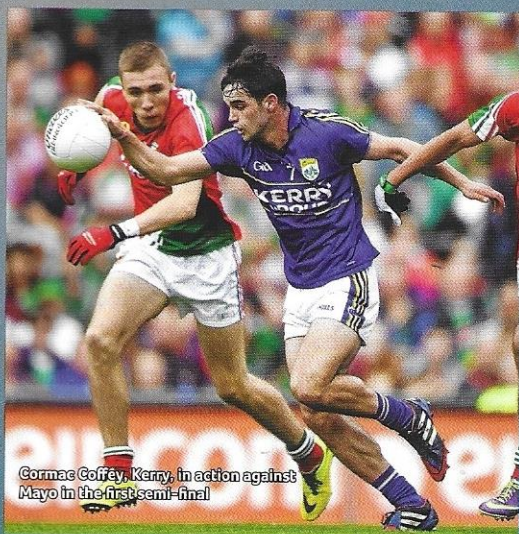
Tyrone	1-18	Down	2-6
Armagh	1-13	Cavan	0-6
Donegal	1-10	Derry	0-8
Antrim	5-10	Fermanagh	2-8
Monaghan	3-8	Tyrone	0-16
Donegal	2-19	Antrim	1-10
Armagh	1-8	Monaghan	0-9
<b>FINAL</b>			
Donegal	2-12	Armagh	0-10

### ALL-IRELAND QUARTER-FINALS

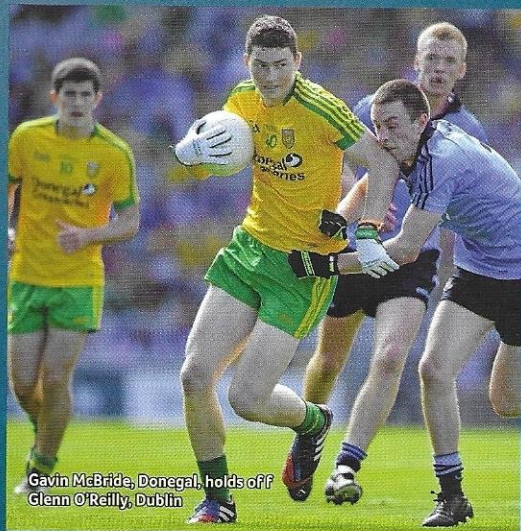
Donegal	0-10	Roscommon	1-5
Mayo	3-13	Armagh	0-9
Dublin	2-14	Cork	1-13
Kerry	2-15	Kildare	1-8

### ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINALS

Kerry	1-14	Mayo	2-7
Donegal	1-12	Dublin	1-11



Cormac Coffey, Kerry, in action against Mayo in the first semi-final



Gavin McBride, Donegal, holds off Glenn O'Reilly, Dublin

Other panel members not included on the Kerry Minor teamsheet are: Seán Ryan, Gavin White, Cathal Bambury, Aaron Murphy, Brian Ó Seanacháin, Conor Geaney



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## **DUBLIN (11)**

1930, 1945, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1958, 1959, 1979, 1982, 1984, 2012.

## **KERRY (11)**

1931, 1932, 1933, 1946, 1950, 1962, 1963, 1975, 1980, 1988, 1994.

## **CORK (10)**

1961, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1972, 1974, 1981, 1991, 1993, 2000.

## **TYRONE (8)**

1947, 1948, 1973, 1998, 2001, 2004, 2008, 2010.

## **MAYO (7)**

1935, 1953, 1966, 1971, 1978, 1985, 2013.

## **GALWAY (6)**

1952, 1960, 1970, 1976, 1986, 2007.

## **ROSCOMMON (4)**

1939, 1941, 1951, 2006.

## **DOWN (4)**

1977, 1987, 1999, 2005.

## **DERRY (4)**

1965, 1983, 1989, 2002.

## **LAOIS (3)**

1996, 1997, 2003.

## **MEATH (3)**

1957, 1990, 1992.

## **TIPPERARY (2)**

1934, 2011.

## **CAVAN (2)**

1937, 1938.

## **ARMAGH (2)**

1949, 2009.

## **LOUTH (2)**

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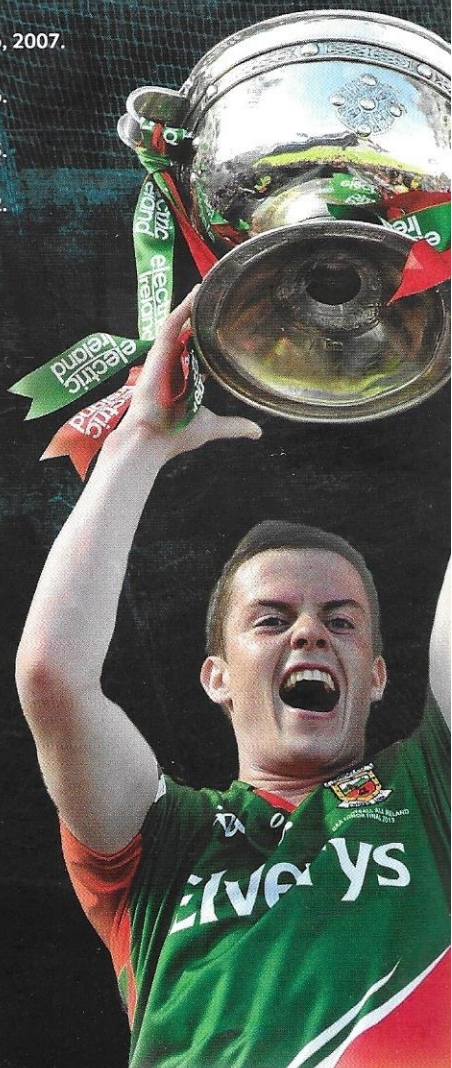
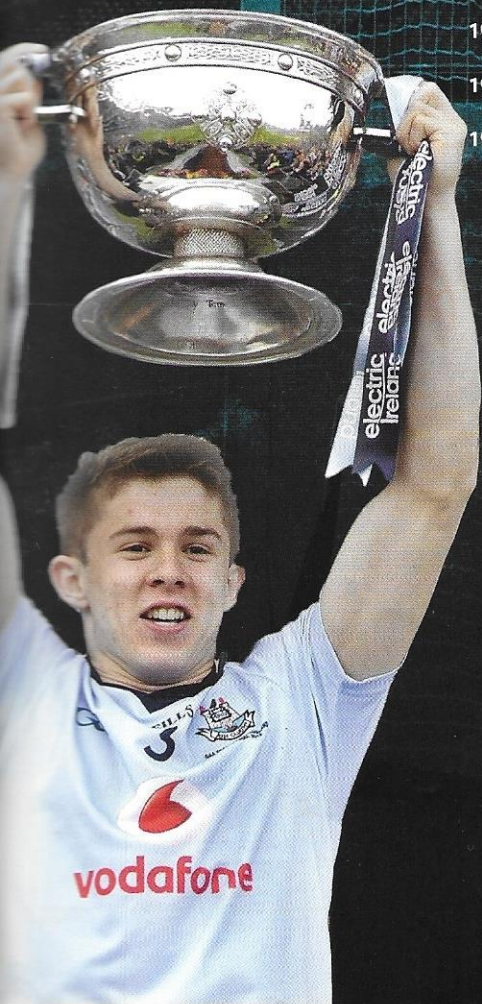
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## **OFFALY (1)**

1964.

## **CLARE (1)**

1929.





**DAN O'DONOGHUE**



Club: Spa  
Appearances: 4  
Scored: 0-0

**SHANE RYAN**



Club: Rathmore  
Appearances: 9  
Scored: 0-3

**BRIAN Ó BEAGLAOICH**



Club: An Ghaeltacht  
Appearances: 5  
Scored: 0-0

**TOM O'SULLIVAN**



Club: Dingle  
Appearances: 7  
Scored: 0-0

**BRIAN SUGRUE**



Club: Renard  
Appearances: 5  
Scored: 0-0

**ANDREW BARRY**



Club: Na Gaeil  
Appearances: 4  
Scored: 0-0

**CORMAC COFFEY**



Club: Kerins O'Rahillys  
Appearances: 5  
Scored: 0-2

**BARRY O'SULLIVAN**



Club: Dingle  
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**MARK O'CONNOR**



Club: Dingle  
Appearances: 5  
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**MATTHEW FLAHERTY**



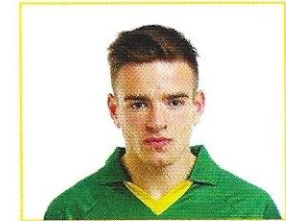
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**BRIAN RAYEL**



Club: Lispolé  
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**MICHEÁL BURNS**



Club: Dr. Crokes  
Appearances: 9  
Scored: 0-10



**JORDAN KIELY**



Club: Dr. Crokes  
Appearances: 5  
Scored: 5-4

**KILLIAN SPILLANE**



Club: Templenoe  
Appearances: 10  
Scored: 0-42

**TOMÁS Ó SÉ**



Club: An Ghaeltacht  
Appearances: 9  
Scored: 4-5

**EINO O'CONNELL**



Club: St Senan's  
Appearances: 0  
Scored: 0-0

**LIAM KEARNEY**



Club: Spa  
Appearances: 5  
Scored: 0-1

**LIAM CAREY**



Club: Beaufort  
Appearances: 3  
Scored: 0-7

**STEPHEN O'SULLIVAN**



Club: Templenoe  
Appearances: 5  
Scored: 0-3

**ROBERT WHARTON**



Club: Renard  
Appearances: 2  
Scored: 0-0

**IVAN PARKER**



Club: Churchill  
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Scored: 0-1

**JACK MORGAN**



Club: Austin Stacks  
Appearances: 1  
Scored: 0-0

**ROIBEARD Ó SÉ**



Club: An Ghaeltacht  
Appearances: 0  
Scored: 0-0

**JASON FOLEY**



Club: Ballydonoghue  
Appearances: 3  
Scored: 0-0



# CIARRAÍ

## FIR IONAIÐ

16. EOIN O'CONNELL

E. Ó Conaill  
*St Senan's*

17. JORDAN KIELY

J. Ó Cadhla  
*Dr. Crokes*

18. LIAM CAREY

L. Ó Ciadhradh  
*Beaufort*

19. STEPHEN O'SULLIVAN

S. Ó Suilleabháin  
*Templenoe*

20. ROBERT WHARTON

R. Ó hArrachtáin  
*Renard*

21. IVAN PARKER

E. Páircéir  
*Churchill*

22. JACK MORGAN

J. Ó Muireagáin  
*Austin Stacks*

23. ROIBEARD Ó SÉ

R. Ó Sé  
*An Ghaeltacht*

24. JASON FOLEY

J. Ó Foghlú  
*Ballydonoghue*

1st Half				
2nd Half				
Total	CUIL	CUILINI	SPACHAI	45M
				SAOR CIGEANNA



**SHANE RYAN**

S. Ó Riain  
*Rathmore*



**DAN O'DONOGHUE**

D. Ó Donnchú  
*Spa*



**BRIAN Ó BEAGLAOICH**

B. Ó Beaglaóich  
*An Ghaeltacht*



**TOM O'SULLIVAN**

T. Ó Suilleabháin  
*Dingle*



**BRIAN SUGRUE**

B. Ó Siochrú  
*Renard*



**ANDREW BARRY**

A. de Barra  
*Na Gaeil*



**CORMAC COFFEY**

C. Ó Cofaigh  
*Kerins O'Rahillys*



**BARRY O'SULLIVAN**

B. Ó Suilleabháin  
*Dingle*



**MARK O'CONNOR**

M. Ó Conchubhair  
*Dingle*



**MICHEÁL BURNS**

M. Ó Broin  
*Dr. Crokes*



**BRIAN RAYEL**

B. Ó Raoil  
*Lispole*



**MATTHEW FLAHERTY**

M. Ó Flátharta  
*Dingle*



**KILLIAN SPILLANE**

C. Ó Spealáin  
*Templenoe*



**LIAM KEARNEY**

L. Ó Ceárnaigh  
*Spa*



**TOMÁS Ó SÉ**

T. Ó Sé  
*An Ghaeltacht*



ROGHNÓIRÍ:  
**JACK O'CONNOR**  
(BAINISTEOIR),  
Micheál O'Shea,  
John Galvin,  
Eamon Whelan



CUIL	CUILÍNÍ	SEACHAI	45M	SAOR CICEANNA

1st Half  
2nd Half  
Total



**DANNY RODGERS**

D. Mac Ruairí  
*An Clochán Liath*



**DANNY MONAGLE**

D. Mac Monagail  
*Carn Domhnach*



**CIARÁN GILLESPIE**

C. Mac Giolla Easpaig  
*Gaoth Dobhair*



**COLM KELLY**

C. Ó Ceallaigh  
*Aodh Ruadh BAS*



**STEPHEN McMENAMIN**

S. Mac Menaman  
*Aodh Rua Killygordan*



**TONY McCLENGHAN**

A. Mac Leannacháin  
*Bun an Phobail*



**CIAN MULLIGAN**

C. Ó Maolagáin  
*Gaoth Dobhair*



**NIALL HARLEY**

N. Ó hEaraile  
*Aodh Ruadh BAS*

**Capt.**



**CAOLÁN MCGONAGLE**

C. Mac Gonagail  
*Bun Crannacha*



**STEPHEN McBREARTY**

S. Mac Breartaigh  
*Cill Chartha*



**LORCÁN CONNOR**

L. Ó Conchúir  
*Na Dúnaibh*



**MICHEÁL CARROLL**

M. Ó Cearrbaíll  
*Gaoth Dobhair*



**JAMIE BRENNAN**

J. Ó Braonáin  
*Bun Dobhráin*



**JOHN CAMPBELL**

S. Ó Cailín  
*Bun Crannacha*



**NIALL FRIEL**

N. Ó Frighil  
*Gaoth Dobhair*

## DÚN NA nGALL

### FIR IONAIÐ

- SEÁN DAFFAN  
S. Daffan  
*Naomh Adhamhnáin*
- ETHAN O'DONNELL  
E. Ó Domhnaill  
*Naomh Conaill*
- CONAL O'BOYLE  
C. Ó Baoill  
*Naomh Adhamhnáin*
- CHRISTIAN BONNER  
C. Ó Cnáimhsí  
*Na Rossa*
- GAVIN McBRIDE  
G. Mac Giolla Bhríde  
*Gaoth Dobhair*
- CONOR MORRISON  
C. Ó Muireáin  
*Naomh Adhamhnáin*
- ANDREW McCLEAN  
A. Mac Giolla Eáin  
*Cill Chartha*
- CONOR DOHERTY  
C. Ó Dochartaigh  
*Cill Chartha*
- JOHN McDYRE  
S. Mac Daidhir  
*Na Rossa*

**ROGHNÓIRÍ:**  
**DECLAN BONNER**  
(BAINISTEOIR),  
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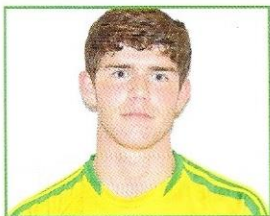


**NIALL HARLEY**



Club: Aodh Ruadh BAS  
Appearances: 5  
Scored: 0-0

**DANNY RODGERS**



Club: Dungloe  
Appearances: 5  
Scored: 0-0

**DANNY MONAGLE**



Club: Carndonagh  
Appearances: 5  
Scored: 0-0

**CIARÁN GILLESPIE**



Club: Gaoth Dobhair  
Appearances: 5  
Scored: 0-0

**COLM KELLY**



Club: Aodh Ruadh BAS  
Appearances: 6  
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**STEPHEN McMENAMIN**



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**TONY McCLENEGHAN**



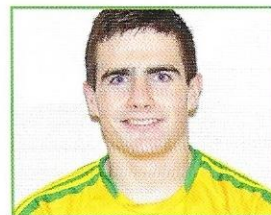
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**CIAN MULLIGAN**



Club: Gaoth Dobhair  
Appearances: 6  
Scored: 0-8

**CAOLÁN McGONAGLE**



Club: Buncrana  
Appearances: 5  
Scored: 0-4

**STEPHEN McBREARTY**



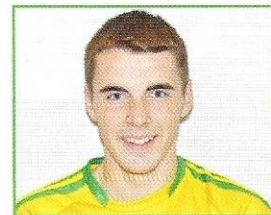
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**LORCÁN CONNOR**



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**MICHEÁL CARROLL**



Club: Gaoth Dobhair  
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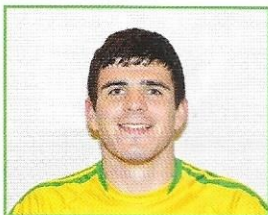


**JAMIE BRENNAN**



Club: Bundoran  
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**JOHN CAMPBELL**



Club: Buncrana  
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**NIALL FRIEL**



Club: Gaioh Dobhair  
Appearances: 4  
Scored: 0-0

**SEÁN DAFFAN**



Club: St Eunan's  
Appearances: 0  
Scored: 0-0

**ETHAN O'DONNELL**



Club: Naomh Conaill  
Appearances: 5  
Scored: 1-3

**CONAL O'BOYLE**



Club: St Eunan's  
Appearances: 4  
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**CHRISTIAN BONNER**



Club: Na Rossa  
Appearances: 5  
Scored: 0-0

**GAVIN McBRIDE**



Club: Gaioh Dobhair  
Appearances: 3  
Scored: 0-1

**CONOR MORRISON**



Club: St Eunan's  
Appearances: 1  
Scored: 0-0

**ANDREW McCLEAN**



Club: Kilcar  
Appearances: 4  
Scored: 0-0

**CONOR DOHERTY**



Club: Kilcar  
Appearances: 4  
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**JOHN McDYRE**



Club: Na Rossa  
Appearances: 1  
Scored: 0-0



# ROUND BY ROUND WITH KIERAN O'LEARY, KERRY

We ask Kieran O'Leary to cast an eye back on the five championship games Kerry have played to get this far.  
INTERVIEW: FINTAN O'TOOLE

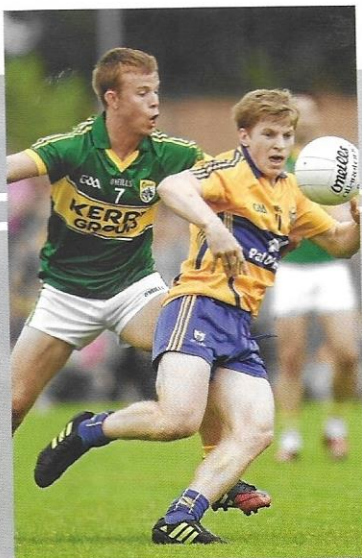
## Munster GAA Football Championship Semi-Final

June 22, Cusack Park, Ennis  
**KERRY 1-17 CLARE 1-13**

The mood before it was very relaxed. We just concentrated on ourselves. We knew they would be defensive on the day but we planned for that. It was a tactical battle to a certain stage but we pulled away in the end.

They'd a few very good players on the day and Ennis is a tight enough ground. The fans are on top of you. We planned for that and they really did throw everything at us.

James (O'Donoghue) was unlucky to pick up a knock before that but other fellas stepped up on the day. Paul Geaney's been having a fantastic season. Mikey Geaney had a good game that day. Darran O'Sullivan played well and Paul Murphy got a fantastic goal. First championship game, playing corner-back and first goal. Not a bad one.



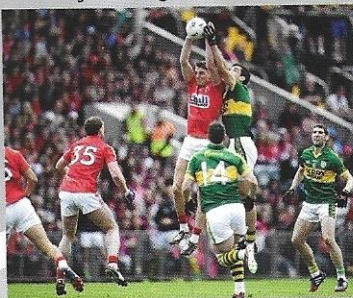
## Munster GAA Football Championship Final

July 6, Páirc Uí Chaoimh, Cork  
**KERRY 0-24 CORK 0-12**

We delivered a major performance that day that we knew was probably within us. We had trained really well up to that point. We probably weren't entirely happy with how we played against Clare so there were certain points that we'd to work on for ourselves. We let loose that day alright and anything we did worked out well for us.

The midfield dominance was key. The boys played very well. It was a very physical battle around the middle. James had an outstanding game, he kicked some fantastic points. He got the space I suppose but he's so quick that he creates it for himself. Declan played extremely well but that's just in his locker, he's a real leader.

It was a tricky one at half-time because the year before had been similar in Killarney and it came down to a point or two in the end. You know what you'll get from Cork, we know each other so well. It's such a competitive and intense rivalry. We thought there'd be a huge backlash in the second-half but it wasn't to be. It's always nice to beat your neighbours.



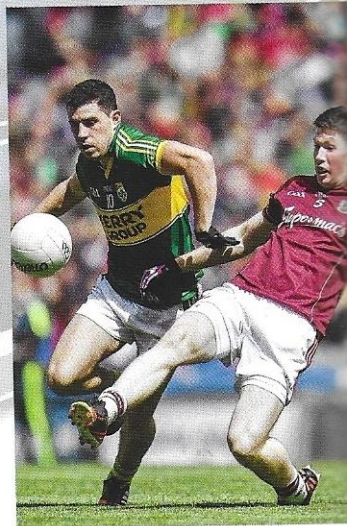
## GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship Quarter-Final

August 3, Croke Park, Dublin  
**KERRY 1-20 GALWAY 2-10**

They got a few goal chances against Mayo that they probably should have taken. We needed to play well to beat them which I think we did. James took on his man for the early goal and stuck it very well. That was brilliant for himself and for us.

We probably wouldn't be happy with the goals we had conceded. Tom Flynn had great pace and stuck it very well. That was an individual moment of brilliance. You try to rectify the negatives and bring the positives with you.

We knew it would be a battle and they'd throw everything at us. We expected that. Shane Walsh had an extremely good season for them. Barry John (Keane) came on and kicked three massive points. The 15 on the day are lucky enough to start and the six that come on make the difference to help you pull away.





**GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship Semi-Final**

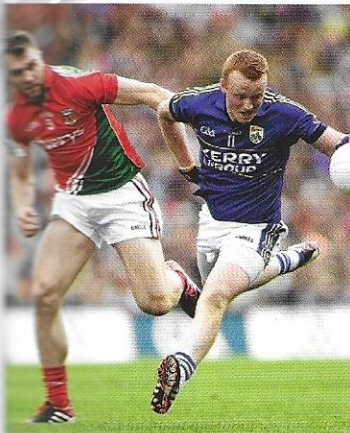
August 24, Croke Park, Dublin  
**KERRY 1-16 MAYO 1-16**

In the first-half we played really well. The sending-off was a bit different as you don't really plan for that. Lee Keegan had such a great season, he puts you on the back foot from wing-back, he's a great bit of stuff.

We still had a few things we wanted to work on at half-time but they came into it a bit more. Then they took control around the middle which put us on the back foot. Players take their foot off the gas slightly more when you've an extra body and it just doesn't work. Every fella has to be going 100 miles an hour. It looked like Mayo at stages had an extra man.

Kieran caught an extremely difficult ball and gave it to James. Then James had a lot of work to finish it. We just finished really strong, we kept on doing what we know naturally.

It was the greatest point I've scored for Kerry but the positive thing was that there were two or three outside me that wanted to take it on. There was no fella shying away from it. We got over the line in the end but we'd a lot to work on for the replay.



**GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship Semi-Final Replay**

August 30, Gaelic Grounds, Limerick  
**KERRY 3-16 MAYO 3-13 (AET)**

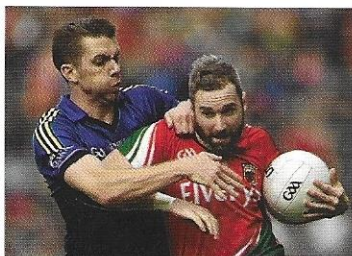
With Limerick, we knew it'd be a serious atmosphere. It's so unusual for an All-Ireland semi-final to be played outside of Dublin. It added to the whole occasion.

They started really well. Cillian O'Connor is so dangerous. He started extremely well and they started to get a bit of momentum. We were a few points down at half-time. But we were calm and relaxed.

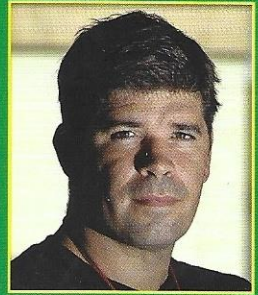
It had everything. The goals, the sending-off. There was real passion. It was a frantic, hectic game. The last few minutes, we probably should have put them away. I'd a chance to put us two points up and I put it wide. They'd a chance, they went down and levelled, and then they'd a chance to win it. I was sick when Hennelly was taking that last free. Obviously negative things start to creep in to your mind.

I knew we'd the beating of them. Extra-time settled us down. They went a couple points ahead. But we'd serious belief with our squad and we showed that day with the numbers we used.

Jonathan Lyne kicked a couple of monstrosities. That's the beauty of the squad. It was exceptional for the squad to win and that we knew what we were doing was the right thing.



**BAINISTEOR**  
**Éamonn Fitzmaurice**



Now in his second year as a senior inter-county manager, Fitzmaurice took over from Jack O'Connor at the end of the 2012 season.

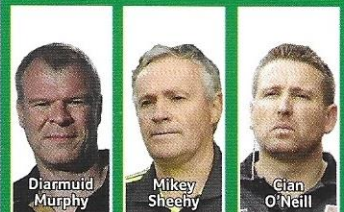
In that time, he has already guided Kerry to successive Munster titles, beating great rivals Cork in both finals, and has brought Kerry back to an All-Ireland final for the first time since 2011, despite losing a number of experienced players to retirement at the start of the season.

Having made his championship debut as a player against Cork in 1998, the Lixnaw native went on to make 50 championship appearances for the Kingdom, mostly at centre-back, before retiring in 2007. In that time, he won three All-Ireland titles (2000, '04 and '06), six Munster medals and two Allianz League titles.

A secondary school teacher based in Dingle, Fitzmaurice played in an All-Ireland Junior club final for Finuge in February of 2012, a title he won back in 2005.

He has the distinction of having won Cork and Kerry Senior Football Championship titles with UCC and Feale Rangers respectively.

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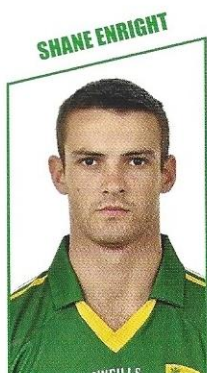
# KERRY SENIOR FOOTBALL TEAM

## PLAYER PROFILES

	Date of Birth	Club	Height	Weight	C/ship Debut	Appearances	Scored
<b>FIONN FITZGERALD</b>	27/4/1990	Dr. Crokes	5' 11"	11st	2013	10	0-2
<b>BRIAN KELLY</b>	22/1/1990	Killarney Legion	6' 1"	13st 5lbs	2014	5	0-0
<b>MARC Ó SÉ</b>	25/4/1980	An Ghaeltacht	6'	13st	2002	79	0-13



<b>AIDAN O'MAHONY</b>	8/6/1980	Rathmore	6'	13st	2004	61	0-11
<b>SHANE ENRIGHT</b>	12/6/1988	Tarbert	6'	13st	2011	17	0-0
<b>PAUL MURPHY</b>	2/8/1991	Rathmore	5' 10"	11st 11lbs	2014	5	1-1
<b>PETER CROWLEY</b>	22/5/1990	Laune Rangers	6'	13st 8lbs	2012	13	0-3
<b>ANTHONY MAHER</b>	29/8/1986	Duagh	6' 5"	15st 6lbs	2010	25	1-9





	Date of Birth	Club	Height	Weight	C/ship Debut	Appearances	Scored
<b>DAVID MORAN</b>	29/6/1988	Kerins O'Rahillys	6' 3"	14st 7lbs	2008	17	1-6
<b>MICHAEL GEANEY</b>	2/10/1989	Dingle	5' 11"	12st 5lbs	2013	5	0-3
<b>JOHNNY BUCKLEY</b>	31/7/1989	Dr. Crokes	6' 3"	14st 5lbs	2012	13	0-19
<b>DONNCHADH WALSH</b>	3/7/1984	Cromane	6' 1"	13st 8lbs	2008	37	3-20
<b>STEPHEN O'BRIEN</b>	27/2/1991	Kenmare	6'	13st 7lbs	2014	3	0-4

**DAVID MORAN**



**MICHAEL GEANEY**



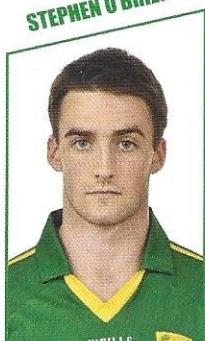
**JOHNNY BUCKLEY**



**DONNCHADH WALSH**



**STEPHEN O'BRIEN**



<b>PAUL GEANEY</b>	27/11/1990	Dingle	6' 1"	13st 10lbs	2013	6	0-18
<b>JAMES O'DONOGHUE</b>	19/6/1990	Killarney Legion	5' 10"	13st	2011	17	8-48
<b>BRENDAN KEALY</b>	1/1/1986	Kilcummin	6' 1"	13st	2010	22	0-1
<b>DECLAN O'SULLIVAN</b>	18/12/1983	Dromid Pearses	6'	13st	2003	69	8-83
<b>KILLIAN YOUNG</b>	4/1/1987	Renard	5' 11"	13st 7lbs	2006	44	0-4

**PAUL GEANEY**



**JAMES O'DONOGHUE**



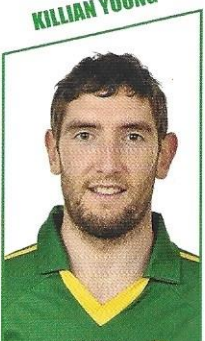
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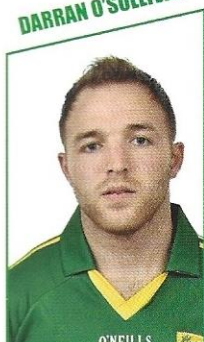


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<b>BRYAN SHEEHAN</b>	25/8/1985	St Mary's	6' 3"	14st 4lbs	2005	53	6-137
<b>DARRAN O'SULLIVAN</b>	3/5/1986	Glenbeigh-Glencar	5' 9"	12st 7lbs	2005	54	7-29
<b>BARRY JOHN KEANE</b>	1/5/1990	Kerins O'Rahillys	5' 11"	12st	2010	18	0-12
<b>KIERAN DONAGHY</b>	1/3/1983	Austin Stacks	6' 5"	16st	2005	50	11-29
<b>KIERAN O'LEARY</b>	28/7/1987	Dr. Crokes	5' 9"	12st	2008	22	0-13

**BRYAN SHEEHAN**



**DARRAN O'SULLIVAN**



**BARRY JOHN KEANE**



**KIERAN DONAGHY**



**KIERAN O'LEARY**



<b>JONATHAN LYNE</b>	24/2/1990	Killarney Legion	6' 1"	13st 5lbs	2012	3	0-2
<b>MARK GRIFFIN</b>	2/4/1991	St Michael's Foilmore	6'	14st	2013	5	0-0
<b>PA KILKENNY</b>	2/10/1992	Glenbeigh-Glencar	5' 10"	12st	2014	2	0-0
<b>ALAN FITZGERALD</b>	17/12/1990	Castlegregory	6' 1"	13st 5lbs	N/A	0	0-0
<b>JACK SHERWOOD</b>	17/2/1991	Firies	6' 1"	13st 10lbs	2013	1	0-0

**JONATHAN LYNE**



**MARK GRIFFIN**



**PA KILKENNY**



**ALAN FITZGERALD**



**JACK SHERWOOD**







**Front L to R:** Darran O'Sullivan, Alan Fitzgerald, Jonathan Lyne, Michael Geaney, Paul Murphy, Barry John Keane, Brian Kelly, Fionn Fitzgerald, Aidan O'Mahony, James O'Donoghue, Donnchadh Walsh, Stephen O'Brien.

**Back L to R:** Peter Crowley, Pa Kilkenny, Colm Cooper, Paul Geaney, Shane Enright, Anthony Maher, Marc Ó Sé, Mark Griffin, Brendan Kealy, Johnny Buckley, David Moran, Kieran Donaghy, Bryan Sheehan, Kieran O'Leary, Declan O'Sullivan

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# CIARRAÍ

## FIR IONAIÐ

- 16. BRENDAN KEALY  
B. Ó Caolaí  
*Kilcummin*
- 17. SHANE ENRIGHT  
S. Mac Ionrachaigh  
*Tarbert*
- 18. MICHAEL GEANEY  
M. Ó Géibheannaigh  
*Dingle*
- 19. DECLAN O'SULLIVAN  
D. Ó Suilleabháin  
*Dromid Pearses*
- 20. BRYAN SHEEHAN  
B. Ó Siocháin  
*St. Mary's*
- 21. BARRY JOHN KEANE  
B.S. Ó Catháin  
*Kerins O'Rahillys*
- 22. DARRAN O'SULLIVAN  
D. Ó Suilleabháin  
*Glenbeigh/Glencar*
- 23. KIERAN O'LEARY  
C. Ó Laoire  
*Dr. Crokes*
- 24. JONATHAN LYNE  
S. Ó Laighin  
*Killarney Legion*
- 25. MARK GRIFFIN  
M. Ó Griffin  
*St. Michaels/Foilmore*
- 26. PA KILKENNY  
P. Mac Giolla Chainnigh  
*Glenbeigh/Glencar*

**ROGHNÓIRÍ:**  
ÉAMONN FITZMAURICE  
(BAINISTEOIR),  
Diarmuid Murphy,  
Mikey Sheehy,  
Cian O'Neill

1st Half					
2nd Half					
Total	COIL	CUILÍN	SEACHTÁI	15M	SAUR CÍEANNÁ



**BRIAN KELLY**  
B. Ó Ceallaigh  
*Killarney Legion*



**MARC Ó SÉ**  
M. Ó Sé  
*An Ghaeltacht*



**AIDAN O'MAHONY**  
A. Ó Mathúna  
*Rathmore*



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



**PAUL MURPHY**  
P. Ó Murchú  
*Rathmore*



**PETER CROWLEY**  
P. Ó Cruálaidh  
*Laune Rangers*



**KILLIAN YOUNG**  
C. de Siúin  
*Renard*



**ANTHONY MAHER**  
A. Ó Meachair  
*Duagh*



**DAVID MORAN**  
D. Ó Moráin  
*Kerins O'Rahillys*



**STEPHEN O'BRIEN**  
S. Ó Briain  
*Kenmare*



**JOHNNY BUCKLEY**  
S. Ó Buáchalla  
*Dr. Crokes*



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



**PAUL GEANEY**  
P. Ó Géibheannaigh  
*Dingle*



**KIERAN DONAGHY**  
C. Ó Duinneacha  
*Austin Stacks*



**JAMES O'DONOGHUE**  
S. Ó Donnchú  
*Killarney Legion*



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# DÚN NA nGALL

## FIR IONAIÐ



16. MICHAEL BOYLE  
M. Ó Baoill  
*An Tearmann*
  17. DARACH O'CONNOR  
D. Ó Conchúir  
*Bun Crannacha*
  18. DAVID WALSH  
D. Breathnach  
*Naomh Bhríd*
  19. DECLAN WALSH  
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*Málainn*
  20. DERMOT MOLLOY  
D. Ó Ludhóg  
*Naomh Conaill*
  21. HUGH McFADDEN  
A. Mac Pháidín  
*Na Cealla Beaga*
  22. LEON THOMPSON  
L. Mac Thomáis  
*Naomh Conaill*
  23. LUKE KEANEY  
L. Ó Cianaigh  
*Na Ceithre Máistir*
  24. MARTIN McELHINNEY  
M. Mac Giolla Chainnigh  
*Naomh Micheál*
  25. MARTIN O'REILLY  
M. Ó Raghallaigh  
*Seán Mac Cumhaill*
  26. RORY KAVANAGH  
R. Caomhánach  
*Naomh Adhamháin*
- ROGHNÓIRÍ:**  
**JIM McGUINNESS** (BAINISTEOIR),  
 Damian Diver,  
 Pat Shovelin,  
 John Duffy,  
 Paul McGonigle


**PAUL DURCAN**

P. Ó Dúrcáin

*Na Ceithre Máistir*

**ÉAMONN McGEE**

É. Mac Aoidh

*Gaoth Dobhair*

**NEIL McGEE**

N. Mac Aoidh

*Gaoth Dobhair*

**PADDY McGRATH**

P. Mac Craith

*Ard an Ratha*

**ANTHONY THOMPSON**

A. Mac Thomáis

*Naomh Conaill*

**KARL LACEY**

C. de Lása

*Na Ceithre Máistir*

**FRANK McGLYNN**

P. Mac Fhloinn

*Gleann Fhinne*

**NEIL GALLAGHER**

N. Ó Gallachóir

*Gleann Súilf*

**ODHRÁN MAC NIALLAIS**

O. Mac Niallais

*Gaoth Dobhair*

**CHRISTY TOYE**

C. Ó Tuathaigh

*Naomh Micheál*

**LEO McLOONE**

L. Giolla Uain

*Naomh Conaill*

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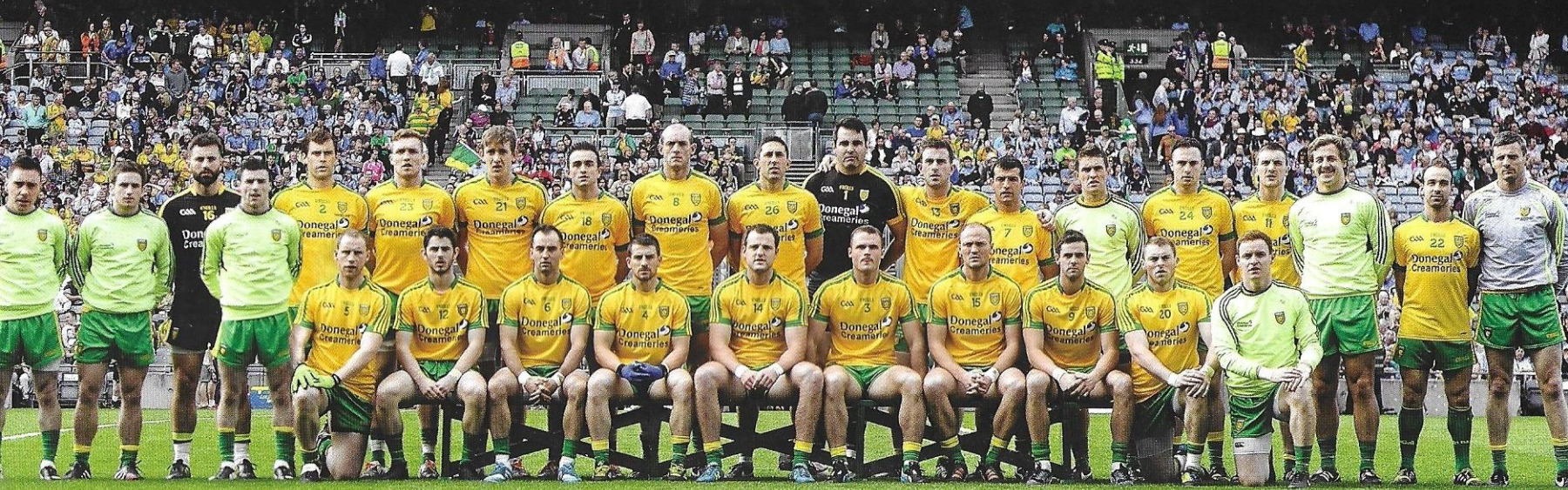
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*Naomh Micheál*



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**Front L-R:** Anthony Thompson, Ryan McHugh, Karl Lacey, Paddy McGrath, Michael Murphy, Neil McGee, Colm McFadden, Odhrán Mac Niallais, Dermot Molloy, Eamon Doherty.



# DONEGAL SENIOR FOOTBALL TEAM PLAYER PROFILES

	Date of Birth	Club	Height	Weight	C/ship Debut	Appearances	Scored
<b>MICHAEL MURPHY</b>	4/8/1989	Glenswilly	6' 2"	14st	2007	36	6-114
<b>PAUL DURCAN</b>	22/4/1984	Four Masters	6' 5"	15st	2004	45	0-0
<b>EAMONN MCGEE</b>	26/4/1984	Gaoth Dobhair	6' 2"	13st 7lbs	2004	44	0-5
<b>NEIL MCGEE</b>	13/11/1985	Gaoth Dobhair	6' 1"	15st	2006	44	0-3



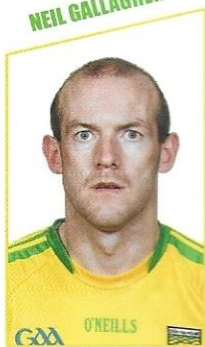
<b>PADDY McGRATH</b>	2/2/1989	Ardara	5' 11"	12st 7lbs	2010	25	0-0
<b>ANTHONY THOMPSON</b>	24/7/1986	Naomh Conaill	6'	12st 7lbs	2006	24	0-6
<b>KARL LACEY</b>	10/9/1984	Four Masters	5' 11"	12st 7lbs	2004	49	0-11
<b>LEON THOMPSON</b>	22/1/1985	Naomh Conaill	5' 8"	11st 5lbs	2006	2	0-4
<b>ODHRÁN MAC NIALLAIS</b>	17/8/1992	Gaoth Dobhair	6' 1"	13st	2014	5	1-9





	Date of Birth	Club	Height	Weight	C/ship Debut	Appearances	Scored
<b>NEIL GALLAGHER</b>	6/5/1983	Glenswilly	6' 4"	15st	2005	38	0-4
<b>CHRISTY TOYE</b>	10/3/1983	Naomh Micheál	6' 3"	13st	2002	52	4-29
<b>LEO McLOONE</b>	21/3/1989	Naomh Conaill	6'	14st	2009	24	4-11
<b>RYAN McHUGH</b>	11/4/1994	Kilcar	5' 8"	10st 7lbs	2013	9	2-4
<b>PATRICK McBREARTY</b>	5/8/1993	Kilcar	6'	12st 7lbs	2011	23	1-23

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**CHRISTY TOYE**



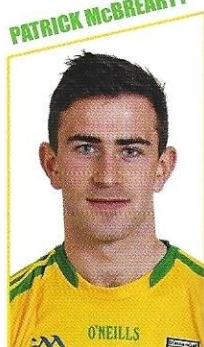
**LEO McLOONE**



**RYAN McHUGH**



**PATRICK McBREARTY**



<b>COLM McFADDEN</b>	16/5/1983	Naomh Micheál	6'	13st 7lbs	2002	55	10-156
<b>MICHAEL BOYLE</b>	17/9/1987	Termon	6'	13st 7lbs	2005	8	0-0
<b>RORY KAVANAGH</b>	23/8/1982	St Eunan's	6' 2"	14st	2002	48	4-41
<b>LUKE KEANEY</b>	18/3/1992	Four Masters	6' 1"	13st 7lbs	2014	2	0-0
<b>MARTIN McELHINNEY</b>	10/8/1988	Naomh Micheál	6' 2"	13st 7lbs	2007	24	0-4

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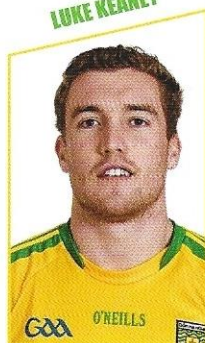
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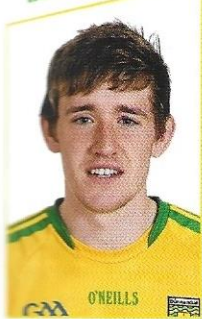
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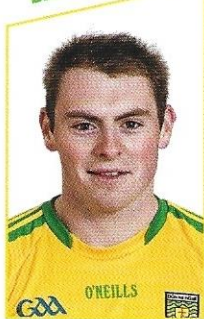


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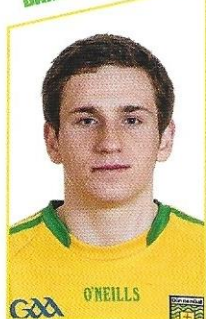
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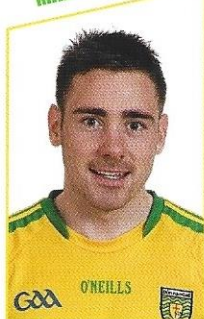
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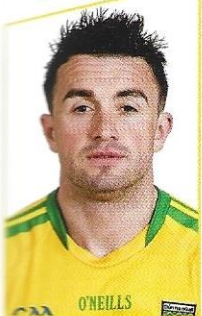


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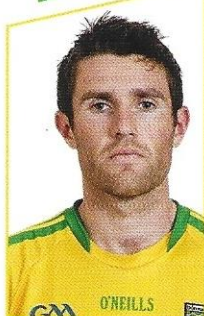


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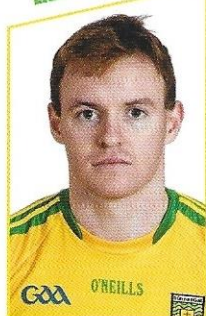
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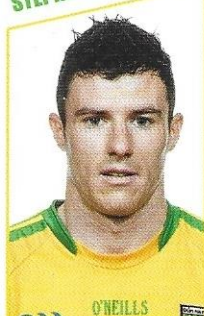
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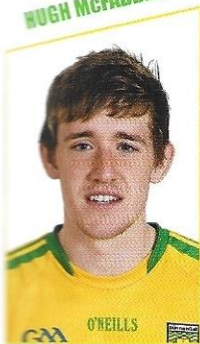
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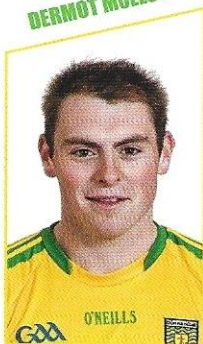


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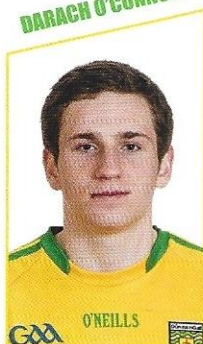
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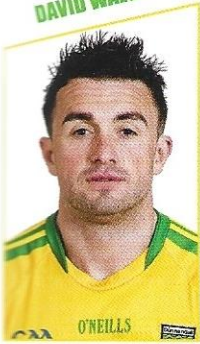


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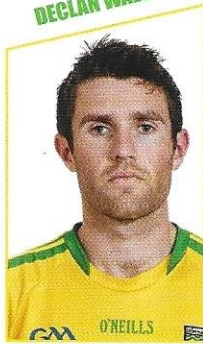


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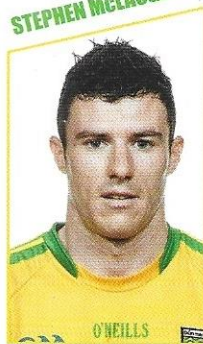
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# ROUND BY ROUND WITH KARL LACEY, DONEGAL

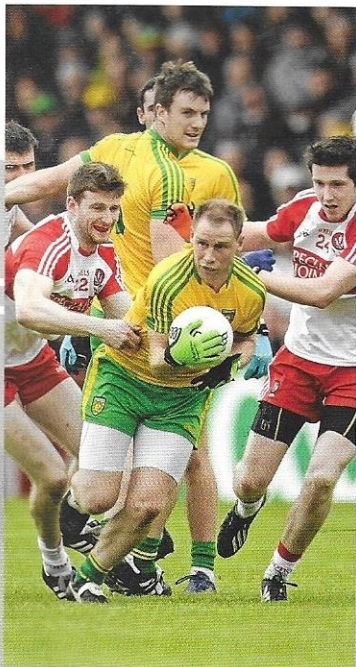
We ask Karl Lacey to cast an eye back on the five championship games that Donegal have played to get this far.  
INTERVIEW: ARTHUR SULLIVAN

## Ulster GAA Football Championship Quarter-Final

May 25, Celtic Park, Derry  
**DONEGAL 1-11 DERRY 0-11**

Building up to it, we knew it was a massive game. It was disappointing the way the previous year's Ulster Championship had ended for us. Derry had just come through a very good National League campaign, having reached the final where they lost to Dublin, and we were expecting it to be tough to go up to Celtic Park.

It was very close up until half-time but then Leo McLoone got a goal at the start of the second half and we pulled away from there. It was a great boost to the confidence and a great boost to the whole county to come away from there with a win and a place in the Ulster semi-final.

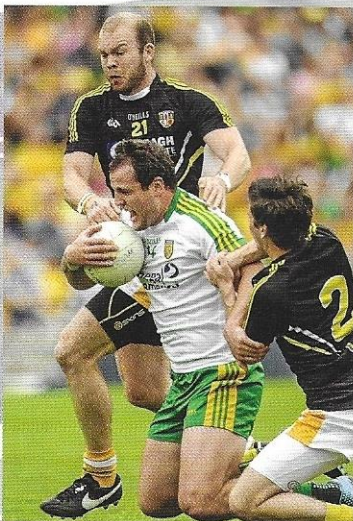


## Ulster GAA Football Championship Semi-Final

June 22, St Tiernach's Park, Clones  
**DONEGAL 3-16 ANTRIM 0-12**

I picked up a hamstring injury in the week leading up to the Antrim game so I missed out. It was tough and go...if I had something similar ahead of this game I probably would have chanced it! But we were probably thinking of the bigger picture at the time, no disrespect to Antrim. We were confident that we had a strong enough squad to get past them.

Like the Derry game, it was nip and tuck up until half-time but the start of the second half seems to be the time for us after getting inspirational words from Jim. We certainly never plan it that way, but that's just the way the first two games went. I remember Darach O'Connor, a new member of the panel this year, had an excellent game that day while younger lads like Ryan McHugh and Odhrán Mac Niallais stood up to the mark as well.

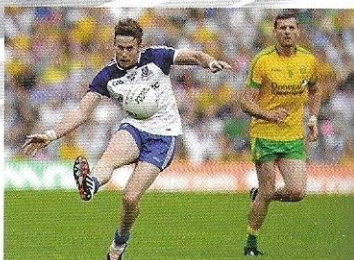


## Ulster GAA Football Championship Final

July 20, St Tiernach's Park, Clones  
**DONEGAL 0-15 MONAGHAN 1-9**

We were back in the same place again. We were obviously thinking about the 2013 Ulster Final and what had happened then. But we knew ourselves we had it in the legs. We had all the hard work done, all the conditioning work at the start of the year that we hadn't done the previous year. So we knew it wasn't going to be the legs that were going to beat us. It was whether or not we could implement the game-plan that Jim wanted us to play. There was a great build-up that week and we went into the game with a lot of confidence.

Monaghan were quite defensive - they were probably a bit wary with Colm McFadden, Michael Murphy and Paddy McBrearty up front for us. One thing that has been big for us this year is that our subs have come on in every game and done well, showing the strength of our panel. It showed in the Ulster Final when Paddy McBrearty came off the bench and kicked a few fine scores. Winning that game was just a massive relief for everyone. For a lot of us, that was our third Ulster title, so it was quite special. And of course, it sent us through to the quarter-final in Croke Park.



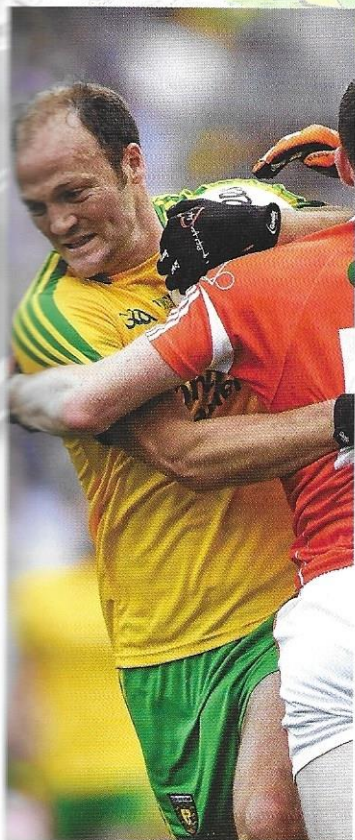


## GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship Quarter-Final

August 9, Croke Park, Dublin  
**DONEGAL 1-12 ARMAGH 1-11**

The Ulster Championship is always very intense and tight, so it was nice to get out of it. But then you're playing another Ulster team in the first game of the All-Ireland series. Armagh had been impressive, they had won a couple of good games in the qualifiers and it wasn't looking good for us for a while against them.

But we showed our experience and the composure we have on the ball and we finished the game out in the last few minutes. It's interesting, but five minutes from the final whistle in that game we were very close to being knocked out of the whole competition and now we're here in an All-Ireland final. That's the way football goes.

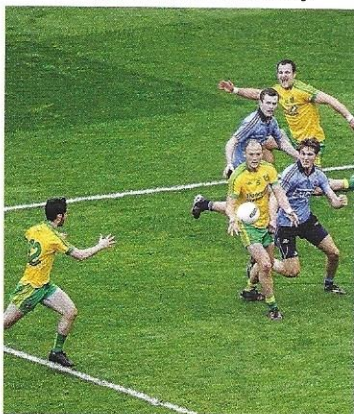


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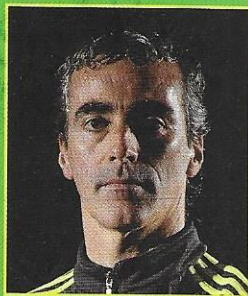
August 31, Croke Park, Dublin  
**DONEGAL 3-14 DUBLIN 0-17**

We didn't see it as a shock. The only thing we were focused on going into the Dublin game was our own game. We weren't looking at how strong Dublin were or what they had done to other teams. We just had our own game-plan. We tweaked it a bit from the other games we had played this year, and we were quietly confident. We had been away for four or five days at a training camp, trying to absorb the things that Jim was telling us we needed to do.

It all came through in the end for us. We knew that goals were going to be a killer for either team. If we could keep them out, we knew we had a really good chance. They had two or three goal chances in the first half and if they had taken them, it would have been an uphill battle from there. But fair play to Paul Durcan, he saved one, and Bernard Brogan missed another one. And then we just kicked on. The missed chances gave us the kick up the rear that we needed. We went in at half-time a point or two up and things started to go well for us in the second half. The goals after half-time were vital for us, but with Dublin you can never switch off. But we kept the goals out in the end, and that was the key.



## BAINISTEOIR Jim McGuinness



Now in his fourth season as Donegal manager, McGuinness succeeded John Joe Doherty back in 2010 and has transformed the fortunes of the county in that time.

McGuinness was a member of the first Donegal squad to bring Sam Maguire back to Donegal in 1992, when he was a sub at just 19 years of age. He represented Ireland in the 1998 International Rules Series and won three Sigerson Cup titles in his college days.

The 41-year-old Glenties man retired from inter-county duty in 2003, before moving into management and leading the county's U21s to the All-Ireland final in 2010.

McGuinness guided his side to back-to-back Ulster titles for the first time in Donegal's history in 2012, before adding a third in four years with an impressive defeat of Monaghan in July.

The 2012 All-Ireland success, the county's first in 20 years, remains his outstanding achievement, but today he leads his county into an All-Ireland final for the second time in three years.

He was appointed as a performance consultant by Glasgow Celtic in November 2012 and has been working with the club's academy players since.

### Selectors:

Damian Diver



Pat Shevelin



John Duffly



Paul McGuinle





# SCOREBOARD 2014

## LEINSTER

### ROUND 1

MAY 17, MULLINGAR			
Louth	1-14	Westmeath	1-9
MAY 18, PEARSE PARK			
Longford	0-19	Offaly	0-15
MAY 18, AUGHRIM			
Laois	0-21	Wicklow	1-11

### QUARTER-FINALS

JUNE 7, PEARSE PARK			
Wexford	1-15	Longford	1-13
JUNE 8, CROKE PARK			
Kildare	1-22	Louth	1-7
JUNE 8, CROKE PARK			
Dublin	2-21	Laois	0-16
JUNE 15, DR CULLEN PARK			
Meath	7-13	Carlow	0-6

### SEMI-FINALS

JUNE 29, CROKE PARK			
Meath	2-16	Kildare	0-17
JUNE 29, CROKE PARK			
Dublin	2-25	Wexford	1-12

### FINAL

JULY 20, CROKE PARK			
Dublin	3-20	Meath	1-10

## MUNSTER

### QUARTER-FINALS

MAY 31, GAEIC GROUNDS			
Tipperary	2-14	Limerick	1-11
JUNE 7, ENNIS			
Clare	2-8	Waterford	2-8
JUNE 14, DUNGARVAN, REPLAY			
Clare	3-11	Waterford	0-12

### SEMI-FINALS

JUNE 21, PAIRC UÍ CHAOIMH			
Cork	0-16	Tipperary	1-11
JUNE 22, ENNIS			
Kerry	1-17	Clare	1-13

### FINAL

JULY 6, PAIRC UÍ CHAOIMH			
Kerry	0-24	Cork	0-12

## CONNACHT

### QUARTER-FINALS

MAY 4, GAEIC PARK			
Mayo	4-18	New York	0-8
MAY 18, DR HYDE PARK			
Roscommon	1-18	Leitrim	0-13
MAY 25, RUIISLIP			
Galway	3-17	London	0-7

### SEMI-FINALS

JUNE 8, DR HYDE PARK			
Mayo	0-13	Roscommon	1-9
JUNE 21, MARKIEVICZ PARK			
Galway	0-16	Sligo	0-11

### FINAL

JULY 13, CASTLEBAR			
Mayo	3-14	Galway	0-16

## ULSTER

### PRELIMINARY ROUND

MAY 18, OMAGH			
Tyrone	2-11	Down	3-8
MAY 24, NEWRY, REPLAY			
Tyrone	3-11	Down	0-12

### QUARTER-FINALS

MAY 25, CELTIC PARK			
Donegal	1-11	Derry	0-11
JUNE 1, ENNISKILLEN			
Antrim	2-18	Fermanagh	3-13
JUNE 8, ATHLETIC GROUNDS			
Armagh	1-12	Cavan	0-9
JUNE 15, CLONES			
Monaghan	1-12	Tyrone	0-14

### SEMI-FINALS

JUNE 22, CLONES			
Donegal	3-16	Antrim	0-12
JUNE 28, CLONES			
Monaghan	0-14	Armagh	0-14
JULY 6, CLONES, REPLAY			
Monaghan	1-18	Armagh	1-13

### FINAL

JULY 20, CLONES			
Donegal	0-15	Monaghan	1-9

## ALL-IRELAND QUALIFIERS

### ROUND 1A

JUNE 21, GAEIC GROUNDS			
Limerick	1-16	London	1-13
JUNE 21, PORTLAOISE			
Laois	1-19	Fermanagh	2-15
JUNE 21, CELTIC PARK			
Longford	2-16	Derry	2-14
JUNE 21, AUGHRIM			
Wicklow	3-12	Offaly	0-17

### ROUND 1B

JUNE 28, DR CULLEN PARK			
Carlow	0-17	Waterford	1-13
JUNE 28, OMAGH			
Tyrone	2-21	Louth	0-10
JUNE 28, BREFFNI PARK			
Cavan	1-15	Westmeath	1-14
JUNE 29, NEWRY			
Down	4-18	Leitrim	0-9

### ROUND 2A

JULY 5, GAEIC GROUNDS			
Limerick	3-11	Antrim	0-15
JULY 5, THURLES			
Tipperary	2-17	Longford	0-6
JULY 5, AUGHRIM			
Sligo	0-12	Wicklow	0-10
JULY 6, WEXFORD PARK			
Laois	0-18	Wexford	0-17

### ROUND 2B

JULY 12, BREFFNI PARK			
Roscommon	0-16	Cavan	0-5
JULY 13, NEWRY			
Kildare	1-18	Down	0-11
JULY 13, OMAGH			
Armagh	0-13	Tyrone	0-10
JULY 13, DR CULLEN PARK			
Clare	4-26	Carlow	2-13

### ROUND 3A

JULY 12, MARKIEVICZ PARK			
Sligo	0-12	Limerick	0-10
JULY 12, PORTLAOISE			
Tipperary	3-17	Laois	4-9

### ROUND 3B

JULY 19, ENNIS			
Kildare	0-13	Clare	0-12
JULY 19, DR HYDE PARK			
Armagh	1-17	Roscommon	1-12

### ROUND 4A

JULY 26, TULLAMORE			
Cork	0-21	Sligo	1-11
Galway	4-17	Tipperary	4-12

### ROUND 4B

AUGUST 2, CROKE PARK			
Armagh	0-18	Meath	0-13
Monaghan	2-16	Kildare	2-14

## ALL-IRELAND QUARTER-FINALS

### AUGUST 3, CROKE PARK

Kerry	1-20	Galway	2-10
Mayo	1-19	Cork	2-15

### AUGUST 9, CROKE PARK

Donegal	1-12	Armagh	1-11
Dublin	2-22	Monaghan	0-11

## ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINALS

### AUGUST 24, CROKE PARK

Kerry	1-16	Mayo	1-16
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### AUGUST 30, GAEIC GROUNDS, REPLAY

Kerry	3-16	Mayo	3-13
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### AUGUST 31, CROKE PARK

Donegal	3-14	Dublin	0-17
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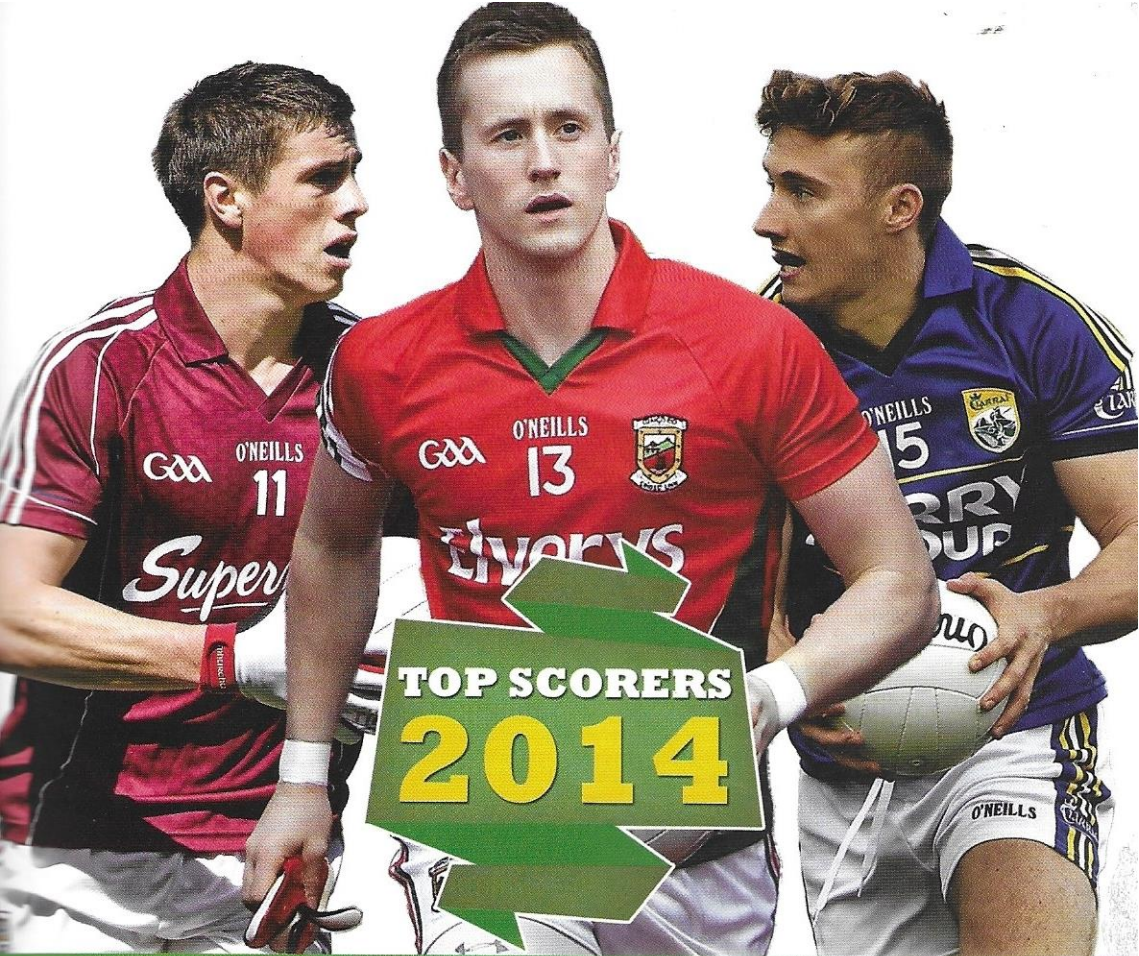


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## TOP SCORERS 2014

	PLAY	FREES	45s	PENS	SCORE	TOTAL
CILLIAN O'CONNOR, MAYO	1-12	0-24	----	4-0	5-36	51
JAMES O'DONOGHUE, KERRY	2-20	0-4	----	2-0	4-24	36
SHANE WALSH, GALWAY	1-12	0-15	0-2	----	1-29	32
CONOR SWEENEY, TIPPERARY	3-6	0-13	----	1-0	4-19	31
CONOR McMANUS, MONAGHAN	1-7	0-20*	----	----	1-27	30
TONY KERNAN, ARMAGH	0-7	0-16	0-2	----	0-25	25
DONIE KINGSTON, LAOIS	0-11	0-12	----	----	0-23	23
BERNARD BROGAN, DUBLIN	2-5	0-12	----	----	2-17	23
SÉAMUS QUIGLEY, FERMANAGH	2-5	0-9	----	1-0	3-14	23
DARREN McCURRY, TYRONE	2-5	0-11	----	----	2-16	22

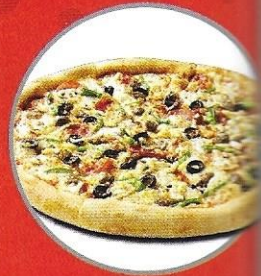
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# SENIOR OFFICIALS



## SENIOR REFEREE

**Kerry v Donegal**

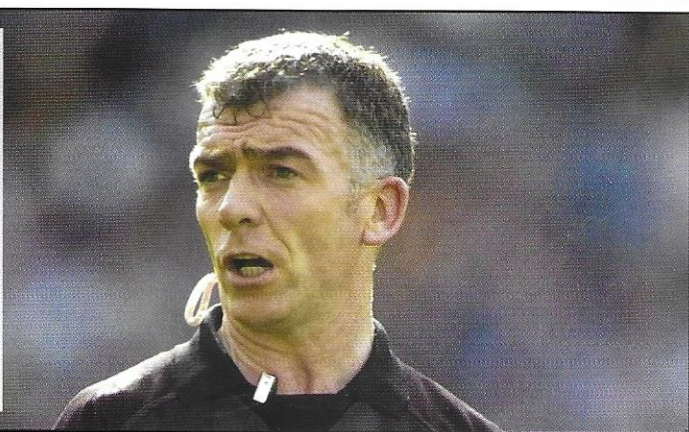
**EDDIE KINSELLA**

(Laois)

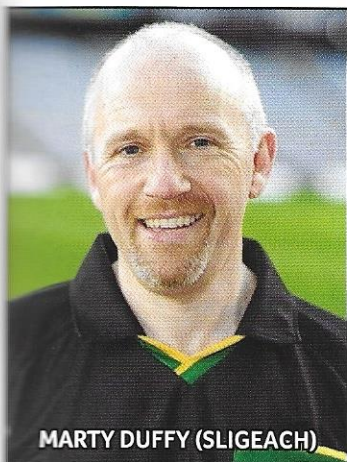
Five years after he refereed the minor final, Eddie graduates to the top role for today's senior decider. The Laois whistleblower is no stranger to GAA Headquarters and has already taken charge of a couple of fixtures at Croke Park this season; the AIB Club final in March and most recently last month when Kerry took on Galway in the All-Ireland quarter-final. Although Donegal haven't appeared on Kinsella's assignment sheet in 2014 he was the man in the middle last June (2013) for their Ulster Championship clash with Down at Kingspan Breffni Park. This will be the Courtwood clubman's fifth outing of the 2014 championship campaign.

## SENIOR FINAL REFEREES LAST 10 FINALS

2004	Pat McEnaney, Monaghan
2005	Michael Monahan, Kildare
2006	Brian Crowe, Cavan
2007	David Coldrick, Meath
2008	Maurice Deegan, Laois
2009	Marty Duffy, Sligo
2010	David Coldrick, Meath
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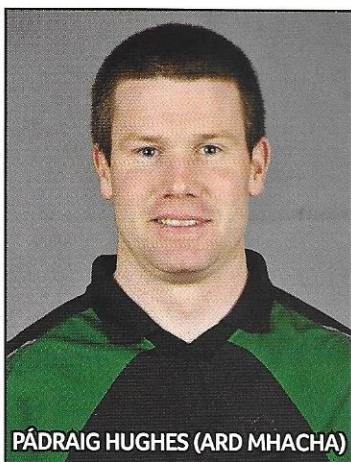


## STANDBY REFEREE



**MARTY DUFFY (SLIGEACH)**

## LINESMAN



**PÁDRAIG HUGHES (ARD MHACHA)**

## SIDELINE OFFICIAL



**RORY HICKEY (AN CLÁR)**



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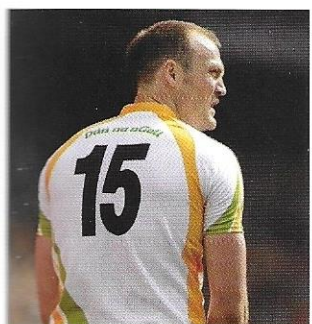
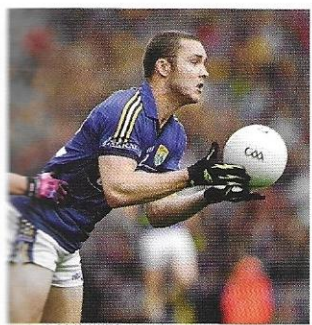
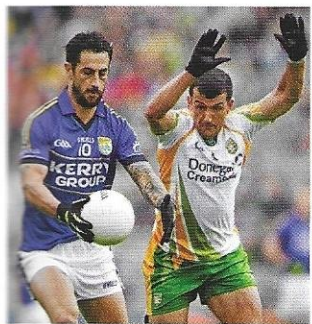
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2012 August 5, Croke Park  
 All-Ireland Quarter-final  
 Donegal 1-12 Kerry 1-10  
 Half-time: Donegal 1-4, Kerry 0-5



# PREVIOUS MEETING







# It's in your Blood...

The GAA and the Irish Blood Transfusion Service have joined forces in an effort to promote blood donation.

We need your help and ask you to sign up your local GAA club to get involved in this lifesaving initiative.

We are also looking for members in each participating club to get involved by becoming a "Giveblood Club Volunteer". This would involve taking on the role of promoting upcoming clinics to the wider club membership.

**Sign up your club by visiting:**

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# GAA FOOTBALL ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP ROLL OF HONOUR

## **KERRY (36)**

1903, 1904, 1909, 1913, 1914, 1924, 1926, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1937, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1946, 1953, 1955, 1959, 1962, 1969, 1970, 1975, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1997, 2000, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2009

## **DUBLIN (24)**

1891, 1892, 1894, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1942, 1958, 1963, 1974, 1976, 1977, 1983, 1995, 2011, 2013

## **GALWAY (9)**

1925, 1934, 1938, 1956, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1998, 2001

## **MEATH (7)**

1949, 1954, 1967, 1987, 1988, 1996, 1999

## **CORK (7)**

1890, 1911, 1945, 1973, 1989, 1990, 2010

## **WEXFORD (5)**

1893, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918

## **CAVAN (5)**

1933, 1935, 1947, 1948, 1952

## **DOWN (5)**

1960, 1961, 1968, 1991, 1994

## **TIPPERARY (4)**

1889, 1895, 1900, 1920

## **KILDARE (4)**

1905, 1919, 1927, 1928

## **LOUTH (3)**

1910, 1912, 1957

## **MAYO (3)**

1936, 1950, 1951

## **OFFALY (3)**

1971, 1972, 1982

## **TYRONE (3)**

2003, 2005, 2008

## **LIMERICK (2)**

1887, 1896

## **ROSCOMMON (2)**

1943, 1944

## **DONEGAL (2)**

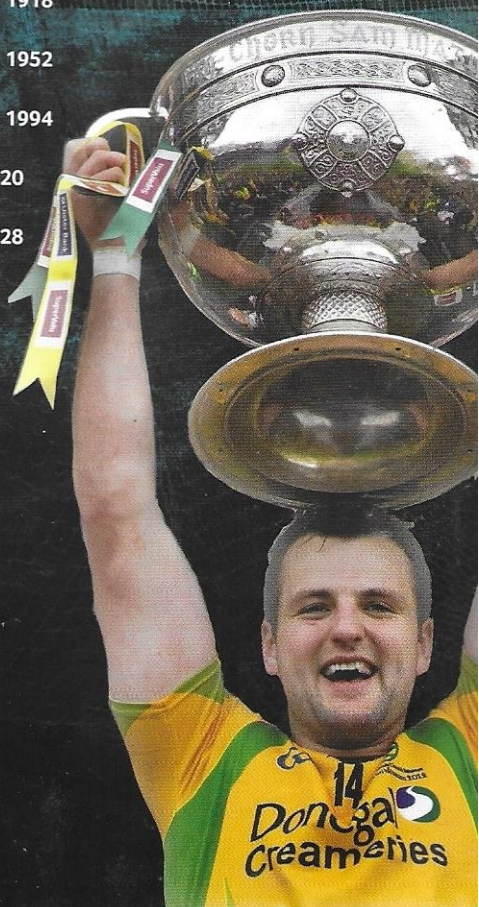
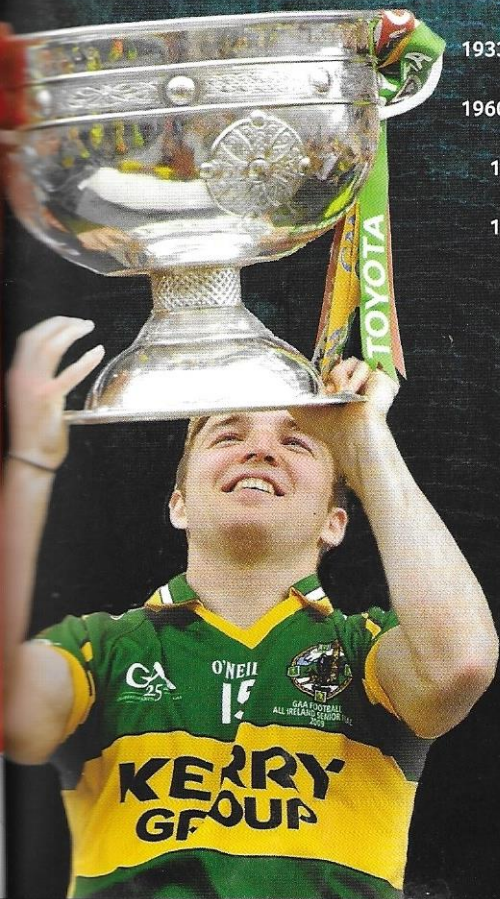
1992, 2012

## **DERRY (1)**

1993

## **ARMAGH (1)**

2002





Greetings from  
**Donegal**



## DONEGAL

Donegal is a place to sample all that is best about Ireland. Whether you come for a family holiday, a relaxing break or to take part in active pursuits, you will discover people with an easy-going nature.

Drive along the coastline and drink in the sights exploring the newly-designated Wild Atlantic Way where secrets lie hidden in remote peninsulas. And on the mountain roads, the sweet aroma of turf smoke will greet you as you make your way around.

The county can justifiably make many claims: the highest sea cliffs and the largest sand dunes in Europe, the biggest waves in Ireland. With no fewer than 13 unspoilt golden strands, it proudly boasts the largest number of Blue Flag beaches of any county in Ireland.

Where, the visitor may ask, is the essence of Donegal? There is not one particular spot since it is to be found everywhere: from the bursting fresh local seafood, at the summit of Errigal mountain, in the Killybegs fishing boats bringing home the catch, in the ruins of a medieval castle, on a ferry ride to Tory Island, on top of an ancient hillfort, or in the reminiscent call of the corncrake or shrill whistle of the oystercatcher.

What are you waiting for? There's much to see and enjoy in Donegal ...

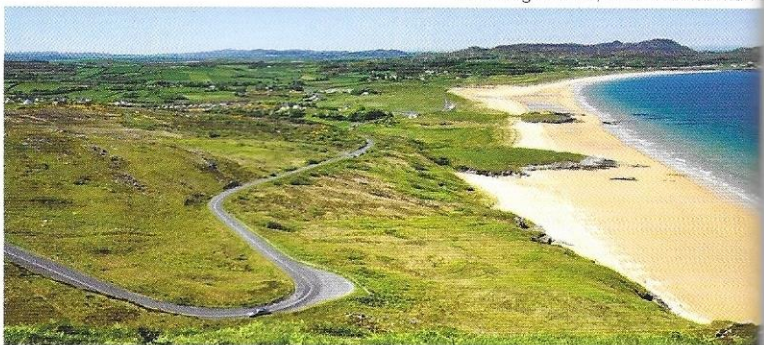
Come and capture your very own essence of a very special place.  
[www.govisitdonegal.com](http://www.govisitdonegal.com)



Slieve League, West coast



Glenties Castle, Lake and National Park



Ballymeston Bay, Portlouis

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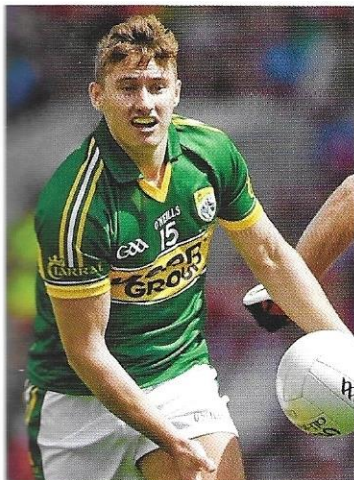
**Comhairle Contae**  
**Dhún na nGall**  
 Donegal County Council



Donegal County Development Board  
 Bord Forbairt na Contae Dhún na nGall



## PATHS TO THE FINAL



**JAMES O'DONOGHUE**

June 22, Ennis  
 July 6, Páirc Uí Chaoimh  
 August 3, Croke Park  
 August 24, Croke Park  
 August 30, Gaelic Grounds

Kerry	1-17	Clare	1-13
Kerry	0-24	Cork	0-12
Kerry	1-20	Galway	2-10
Kerry	1-16	Mayo	1-16
Kerry	3-16	Mayo	3-13

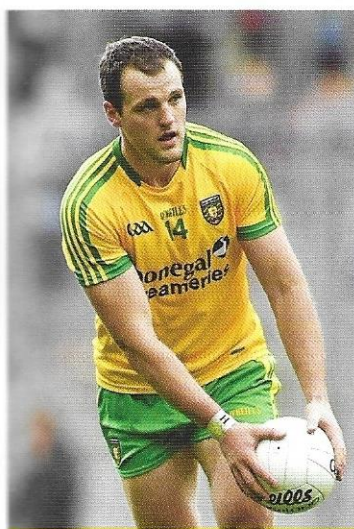
TOTAL SCORED 6-93 (111)

TOTAL CONCEDED 7-64 (85)

	Ce	C	G	Mo	Mo	Total
James O'Donoghue	----	0-10	1-5	1-3	2-6	4-24
Paul Geaney	0-6	0-3	0-4	0-1	0-4	0-18
Bryan Sheehan	0-4	0-4	----	0-1	----	0-9
Johnny Buckley	----	0-4	0-2	0-1	----	0-7
Barry John Keane	0-1	----	0-3	----	0-2	0-6
Donnchadh Walsh	----	0-1	0-2	0-2	----	0-5
Declan O'Sullivan	0-2	0-1	0-1	----	----	0-4
Stephen O'Brien	0-2	0-1	----	0-1	----	0-4
Paul Murphy	1-0	----	----	0-1	----	1-1
Michael Geaney	0-1	----	0-1	0-1	----	0-3
David Moran	----	----	0-1	0-2	----	0-3
Kieran Donaghy	----	----	----	----	1-0	1-0
Kieran O'Leary	----	----	0-1	0-1	----	0-2
Jonathan Lyne	----	----	----	----	0-2	0-2
Anthony Maher	0-1	----	----	----	----	0-1
Fionn Fitzgerald	----	----	----	0-1	----	0-1
Peter Crowley	----	----	----	0-1	----	0-1
Killian Young	----	----	----	----	0-1	0-1
Marc Ó Sé	----	----	----	----	0-1	0-1

# CIARRAÍ

# DÚN NA nGALL



**MICHAEL MURPHY**

May 25, Celtic Park	Donegal	1-11	Derry	0-11
June 22, Clones	Donegal	3-16	Antrim	0-12
July 20, Clones	Donegal	0-15	Monaghan	1-9
August 9, Croke Park	Donegal	1-12	Armagh	1-11
August 31, Croke Park	Donegal	3-14	Dublin	0-17

TOTAL SCORED 8-68 (92)

TOTAL CONCEDED 2-60 (66)

	Der	Ant	Mn	Arm	D	Total
Michael Murphy	0-4	0-3	0-2	0-5	0-3	0-17
Colm McFadden	----	0-2	0-4	0-3	1-3	1-12
Odhrán Mac Niallais	----	0-4	0-3	1-1	0-1	1-9
Leo McLoone	1-1	1-2	----	----	----	2-3
Ryan McHugh	----	----	0-1	----	2-2	2-3
Patrick McBrearty	0-1	----	0-3	0-2	0-2	0-8
Darach O'Connor	0-1	1-2	----	----	----	1-3
Dermot Molloy	----	1-1	----	----	----	1-1
Christy Toyne	0-1	0-2	----	----	----	0-3
Karl Lacey	0-1	----	0-1	----	0-1	0-3
Anthony Thompson	0-1	----	0-1	----	----	0-2
Martin McElhinney	0-1	----	----	----	----	0-1
Neil McGee	----	----	----	0-1	----	0-1
Rory Kavanagh	----	----	----	----	0-1	0-1
Frank McGlynn	----	----	----	----	0-1	0-1



# JUBILEE TEAM

## CORK 1989

**T**oday, the GAA honours Cork's All-Ireland winning football team from 1989.

The players will be presented to the crowd before the senior game, 25 years on from beating Mayo in the final to bring the Sam Maguire Cup back to the Rebel County for the first time in 16 years.

Their 0-17 to 1-11 win on September 17 in front of over 65,000 spectators at Croke Park, in what was regarded as one of the best-ever All-Ireland football finals, was a real triumph for the Leesiders, who had lost the two previous finals to Meath.

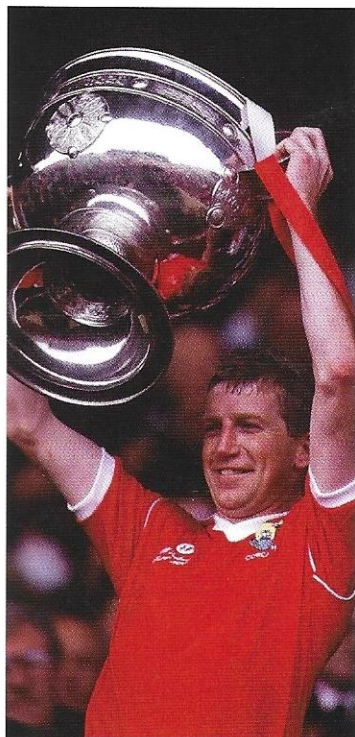
Managed by Billy Morgan, who was the goalkeeper on the Rebels' '73 winning team, Cork were just too strong for the Connacht champions, who were making their first

appearance in the All-Ireland final since 1951.

Cork led by 0-10 to 0-8 at the break, but Anthony Finnerty's 38th minute goal gave Mayo the lead. Cork hit back to equalise through Dave Barry and a brace of scores from John Cleary handed the Rebels the initiative.

However, Mayo grabbed it back and led once again with 16 minutes remaining, but that proved to be the Westerners' last score of the game. Mick McCarthy (2) and Teddy McCarthy hit the all-important scores as the Rebels finally got their hands back on Sam.

Nemo Rangers' Dinny Allen was the captain on that famous day, before Cork went on to win another title in 1990, beating Meath in the decider.



### Being honoured today are:

John Kerins (represented by son John), Denis Walsh, Tony Nation, Stephen O' Brien, Colman Corrigan, Mick Slocum, Conor Counihan, Niall Cahalane, Mick Burns, Barry Coffey, Danny Culloty, Paddy Hayes, Teddy McCarthy, Dinny Allen, Jimmy Kerrigan, Larry Tompkins, John Cleary, Shea Fahy, Michael McCarthy (represented by son Stephen), Mick Maguire, Tony Davis, Dave Barry, Eoin O'Mahony, Paul McGrath, John O'Driscoll, Colm O'Neill (represented by brother Niall).



# CHECK OUT THE NEW EXHIBITION IN THE GAA MUSEUM...

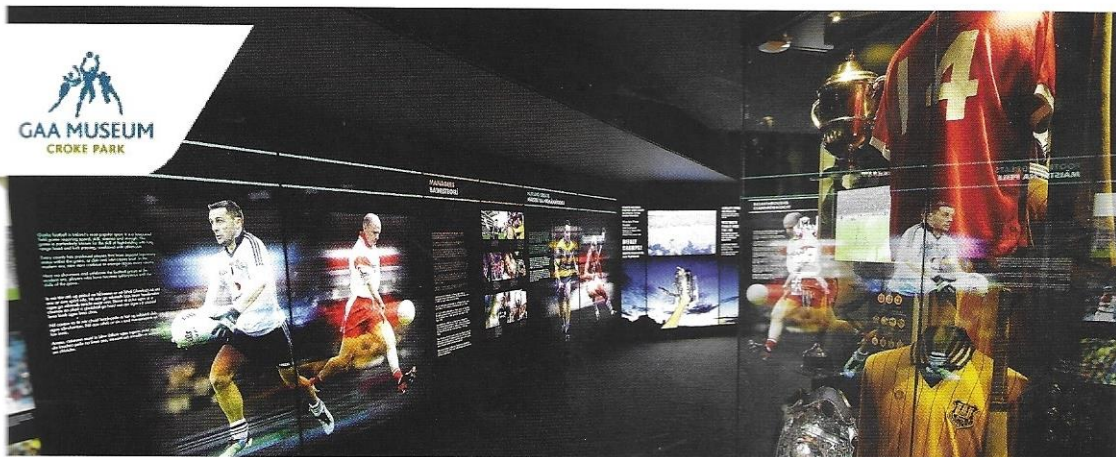
**T**he GAA Museum recently opened a new temporary exhibition, 'Hair Hurling Balls – Earliest Artefacts of our National Game', which showcases the predecessor of the modern sliotar. The exhibition features 14 balls of matted cow hair with plaited horsehair covering, all of which were uncovered in bogs during the hand-cutting of turf. The balls have been dated and the oldest is up to 800 years old. The exhibition was researched and

developed by the National Museum of Ireland and previously hosted at the Museum of Country Life in Castlebar, County Mayo. It will run at the GAA Museum until April 2015.

The GAA Museum, which opened in 1998, underwent a major refurbishment programme from 2010-2013 and now boasts new exhibition galleries and an interactive games area. The museum and stadium tour are ranked in the top five visitor attractions in Dublin

on the influential TripAdvisor website and in 2014 was awarded a TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence. The tour brings visitors behind-the-scenes at Croke Park – visit the dressing rooms, walk pitch side, check out the Players' Lounge and enjoy a bird's eye view of the entire Stadium from the Press/Media Centre. Well worth a visit!

The GAA Museum is located under the Cusack Stand in Croke Park and is open daily throughout the year.



## ... AND TAKE A TOUR!

**T**he GAA Museum is also the starting point for the Etihad Croke Park Skyline Tour.

This unique tour offers the best views of Dublin and features key sites from around the city. Lasting approximately 2 hours, the tour features a specially-designed walkway suspended above the Croke Park pitch offering a view of Ireland's most famous arena from a completely different angle along with five viewing platforms on the 0.6km rooftop walkway.



Find out more - [www.crokepark.ie/gaa-museum](http://www.crokepark.ie/gaa-museum)

[www.skylinecrokepark.ie](http://www.skylinecrokepark.ie)





# Games Development 2014

## The Impact of Games Development

### Investment



Every €1 investment in coaching generates a return of €12

### GAA Coaching in Primary Schools

GAA activity accounts for 245,333 hours of physical activity in schools

GAA Games Development Coaching occurs in 85% of Primary Schools nationwide

### Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camps

89,126 participants in 1,040 Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camps in 2014

17% increase in participation levels from 2011 to 2013

### Super Touch Blitz Programmes

Super Touch Blitzes in 979 Clubs and

412 Post Primary Schools nationwide

### Go Games

30,825 Go Games Blitzers run in Clubs and Schools last year



Go Games Blitzes in 94% of Clubs

### Croke Park Activity Days

12 Croke Park Activity Days held with 7,719 participants

14% increase in number of participants from 2012



### GAA Club-School Links

2,300 Club/School Coaching Links in Primary Schools



### Talent Academy Squads

# 11,232

participants in Talent Academy Squads - 9% increase on 2011 participation figures

### Return on the Investment - Registered Players

2,126 GAA Clubs

148,736 members at Juvenile Level

14,827 registered Youth Teams





# GAA LEARNING

GAA Learning & Development Community Portal to support Coaches, Referees, Players and Administrators

**T**here are key roles within the Association that require continuous support and development, from coaches, to referees, to administrators and, of course, players. In order to provide support and development opportunities to GAA members filling these roles, the Association has developed a Learning & Development Community Portal.

The website, found at [learning.gaa.ie](http://learning.gaa.ie), is used to publish e-learning content and resources for the GAA Coach, Referee, Player and Administrator Development programmes, as well as providing

an opportunity for registered users to share and learn from one another.

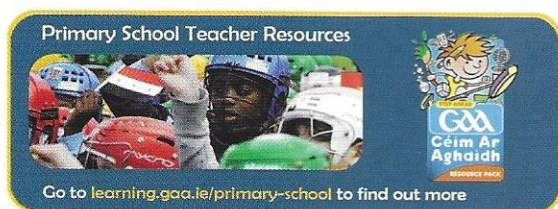
This development, using cutting edge information technology, allows individuals to learn at their own pace, from home or school and, in tandem with the great work of our Coach, Referee and Chomhairle (Administrator) Programme Tutors, aims to provide a 'blended learning' solution in tune with best practice in education.

Content on the portal is provided through a range of multi-media formats, including video, audio and text, and currently includes:

- 100's of Coaching Activities to Build Coaching Sessions
- Foundation Coach Education Award Programmes in Hurling and Football
- Cúl Camp Coaches Support Programme
- The 'Gaelic 15' Injury Prevention Programme



## GAA PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHING RESOURCES



**T**he GAA has just launched a number of resources for Primary School Teachers. PE Céim ar Aghaidh is a resource book designed to assist Primary School Teachers to deliver the Physical Educational Curriculum.

It is the first resource of its kind that promotes all codes within

the Gaelic games family, Hurling/ Camogie, Football, Handball and Rounders.

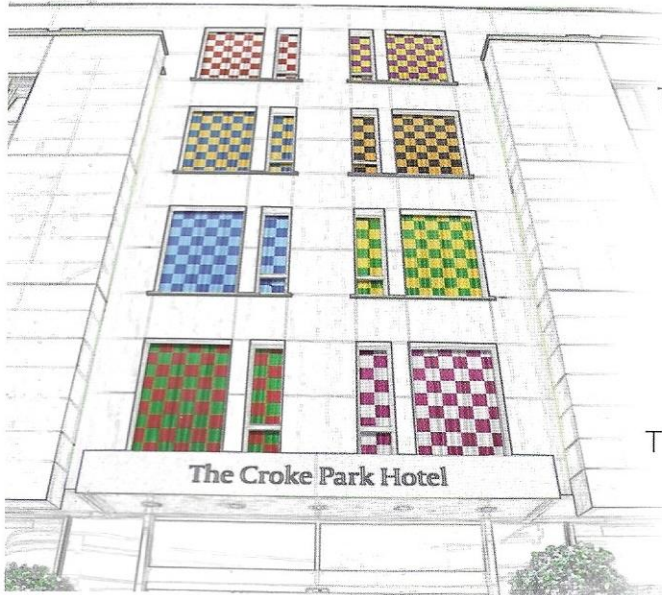
It is the most recent addition to the GAA Céim ar Aghaidh/Step Ahead Resource Pack, which is a cross-curricular education resource supporting delivery of the wider Primary School Curriculum based on the theme

of the GAA. Added to this is the GAA Primary PE Planner which allows Teachers to build PE Lesson Plans using the innovative material on the new GAA Learning & Development Portal.

See [www.learning.gaa.ie/primary-school](http://www.learning.gaa.ie/primary-school) for further details.



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# CUMANN NA mBUNSCOL GAA/INTO RESPECT GO GAMES



**O**ver the last number of weeks the GAA in partnership with Cumann na mBunscol and the INTO has been honoured to welcome boys and girls from many parts of Ireland and Britain to play in our half-time games during our Hurling and Football semi-finals and finals.

For many of these young players no other occasion in their playing lives will ever surpass the thrill of playing here today on All-Ireland Football Final day. As they proudly represent their schools, their clubs and their families, we look forward to the day when some of these players return to Croke Park, or other venues throughout Ireland, to represent

their counties at various levels in the future.

As we acknowledge the excellent work of our primary school teachers and our club coaches in promoting Gaelic Games we can recall how many if not all of the players from Kerry and Donegal, in both the Minor and Senior Football Finals, also developed their basic skills when preparing for Cumann na mBunscol and club competitions.

The exhibition games taking place today are based on the small-sided games and in line with the GAA Go Games and the Give Respect - Get Respect philosophy where a balanced approach to competition at this age is encouraged.

The benefits of small-sided games include greater participation for all, improved fitness levels and the organising of games appropriate to the age of the children.

As today is a great day for both Kerry and Donegal let us welcome the school-going children of both counties and in particular two of our half-time players, Johnny McGroddy from Scoil Colmcille, Devlinreagh, Carrigart, Donegal and Mary Ní Chonaill from Scoil Mhich Easmainn i dTrá Lí, Co Chiarraí.

Go néirí go geal leo agus ár mbuíochas arís leis na múinteoirí agus na cóitseálaithe a chuidigh linn agus leis na himreoirí uilig ar fud na tíre i rith na bliana.

Referee - Tomás Killen - Cork - Star of the Sea

## KERRY BOYS

**LUKE KELLY, CARLOW**

St Brigid's N.S

**CONOR LEEN, CLARE**

Gaelscoil Mhichíl Cíosóg

**ANDREW ROE, DUBLIN**

Pope John Paul N.S

**DAIRE MURPHY, DUBLIN**

Divine Mercy S.N.S

**CONOR RAFTERY, GALWAY**

St Joseph's N.S

**DIARMUID O'MAHONY, KERRY**

Lisselton N.S

**TOM MARSDEN, LIMERICK**

Lisnagry N.S

**BRENDAN CREEGAN, LONGFORD**

Killasonna N.S

**AIDAN McLARNON, MEATH**

St Andrew's Curragha N.S

**MATHEW GING, WICKLOW**

St Brigid's N.S

## DONEGAL BOYS

**NIALL DIXON, ANTRIM**

St Joseph's

**OISÍN CONATY, ARMAGH**

St John The Baptist P.S

**CONOR HANLON, CORK**

Sc Mhuire na Trocaire

**JOHNNY MCGRODDY, DONEGAL**

Scoil Colmcille, Devlinreagh

**JOHN MCGOVERN, DOWN**

Ballyholland P.S

**NIALL O'REGAN, KILDARE**

Scoil na Mainistreach

**BRIAN McDONALD, KILKENNY**

Church Hill N.S

**BRYAN REDMOND, LAOIS**

The Heath N.S

**CILLIAN Ó HEANNAÍ, MAYO**

Gaelscoil na Cruaiche

**ALAN HARTE, OFFALY**

Edenderry B.N.S



# TG4 ALL-IRELAND FOOTBALL FINALS

**CROKE PARK,  
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**JUNIOR FINAL:**

**11.45am**

**New York v Wexford**

**INTERMEDIATE FINAL**

**1.45pm**

**Down v Fermanagh**

**SENIOR FINAL:**

**4.00pm**

**Cork v Dublin**

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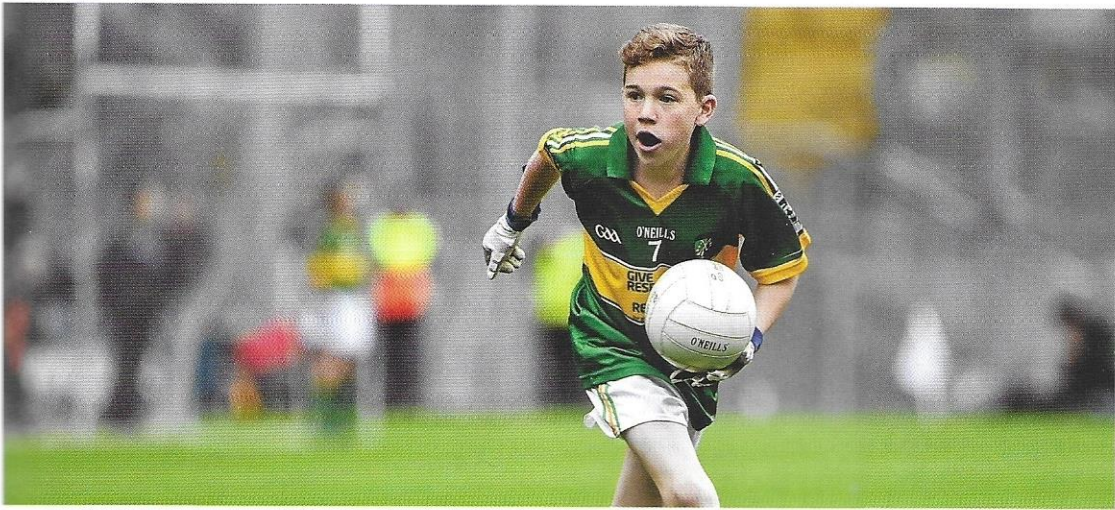
Adults: €25, Students/Senior Citizens: €10,  
U-14's: €8, Groups of U-16s (min. 10): €5 per person +  
1 adult @ €5 each. Family Tickets: 2 Adults €25 each  
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Ladies Gaelic Football Association Office  
Phone: 01-8363156 Fax: 01-8363111  
Email: [info@ladiesgaelic.ie](mailto:info@ladiesgaelic.ie) Website: [www.ladiesgaelic.ie](http://www.ladiesgaelic.ie)

**LGFA**  
LADIES GAELIC FOOTBALL

**TG4**





Referee - Aisling McEneaney - Cork - Star of the Sea

### KERRY GIRLS

**SHAUNA O'NEILL, CARLOW**

Queen of the Universe N.S

**EVA O'SULLIVAN, CORK**

Sc Mhuire N.S

**ÉABHA COLEMAN, DUBLIN**

Mount Anville P.S

**MOLLIE McCORMACK, DUBLIN**

Scoil Damian

**MARY NÍ CHONAILL, KERRY**

Gaelscoil Mhic Easmainn

**CIARA QUINN, LOUTH**

Monksland N.S

**EMMA DUGGAN, MEATH**

Dunboyne S.N.S

**MOLLY CUMMINS, TIPPERARY**

Cappawhite N.S

**AOIFE KENNEDY, WATERFORD**

Ballyduff Upper N.S

**KIRA BATES CROSBIE, WEXFORD**

Kilmore N.S

### DONEGAL GIRLS

**LEAH BRADY, CAVAN**

St Mary's N.S

**AMY SEXTON, CLARE**

Mullagh N.S

**ORLA MCGONIGLE, DERRY**

St Colmcilles P.S

**KATIE TEAGUE, FERMANAGH**

St Joseph's P.S

**SINEAD McNABOLA, LEITRIM**

Mohill N.S

**MEGAN DELANEY, MAYO**

Bekan N.S

**GRAINNE PRACTH, MAYO**

Castlerock N.S

**KAYLEIGH SHINE, ROSCOMMON**

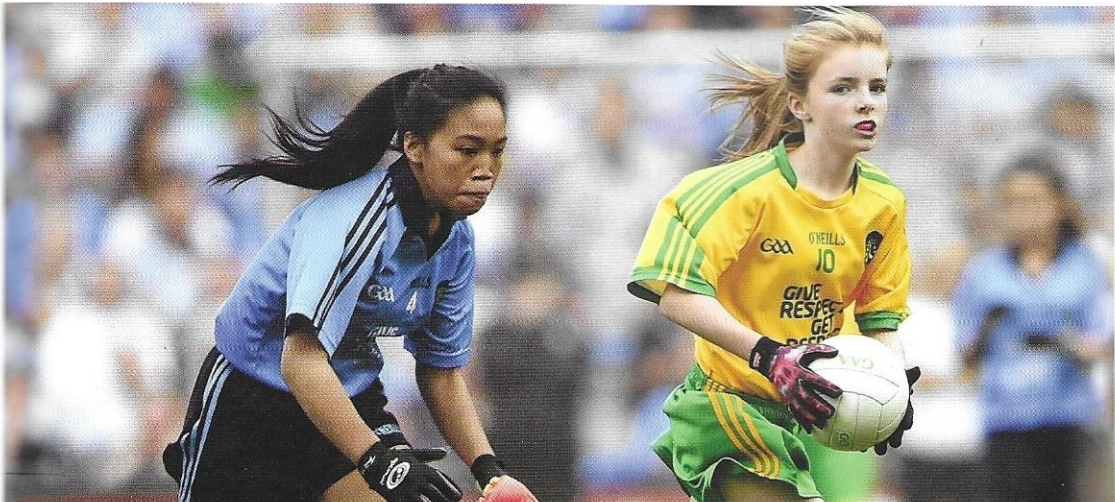
Cornafulla N.S

**ERIN FORBES, TYRONE**

St Patrick's P.S

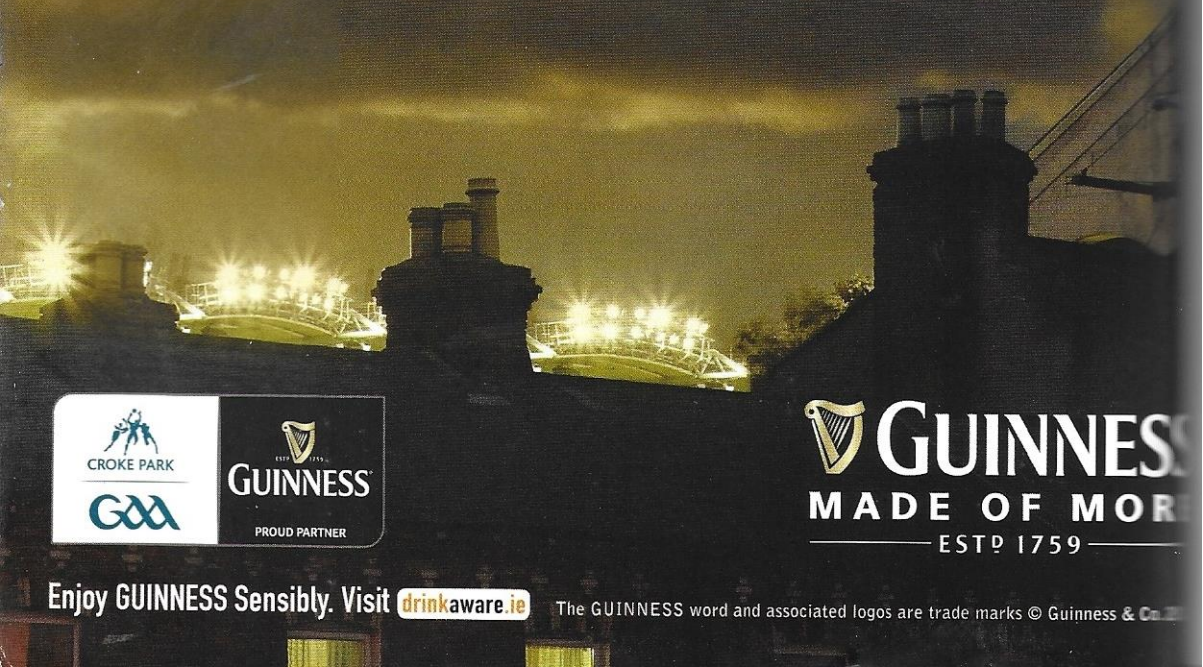
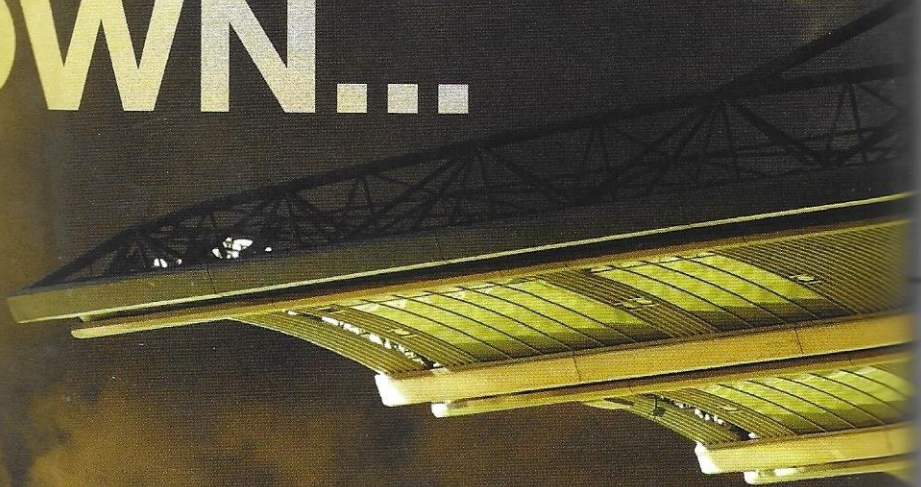
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St Kenny N.S





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desktop, tablet or smartphone, the content on gaa.ie continues to suit the device you are using.

## Mobile

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## Social Media

The expansion of the GAA's online community has continued across all units over the course of 2014 with over one million people following GAA accounts online. Keep up to date with news and scores by following @officialgaa on Twitter, visit facebook.com/officialgaa, while you can now follow 'officialgaa' on Instagram to access some behind the scenes videos and photos from matchdays.

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# ALL-IRELAND SUNDAY - IT TAKES RESILIENCE TO GET HERE

**G**etting to experience the atmosphere and spectacle of Croke Park on an All-Ireland Sunday is a privilege. As a player, it is the fruition of months, if not years, of work and effort and potentially the pinnacle of a career.

Almost 2,000 inter-county minor and senior footballers started the season with that dream in their heads and hearts. Only those from Donegal and from Kerry will walk onto Croke Park's hallowed turf today with the aim of writing themselves into the history books. The remainder all fell at various hurdles along the way. They will

learn from their experiences and with the resilience of true sportsmen, they will be back again for more next year.

Developing resilience and the ability to overcome life's setbacks has been identified as one of the most important skills people can develop on their journey through life. Beyond the sporting field, this ability helps to protect one against the slings and arrows the world can throw at you. It helps you overcome obstacles whatever form they may take; from mental health problems to the loss of a loved one, from struggles in school to struggles in love – with resilience and support we know

we can overcome things that can seem insurmountable at the time.

Your local GAA club has been identified as a nursery where such resilience can be nurtured and grown. To support and encourage this, the GAA's Community & Health section has developed a new Mental Health charter for clubs to adopt. With St. Patrick's Mental Health Foundation, a new resource, 'Play in my Boots', has also been developed for players, coaches, and clubs to avail of.

Only one team can win today, that is the nature of sport. If we all work together as an Association we can all be winners off the field.

To learn more contact your county's new Health & Wellbeing Committee, or visit <http://www.gaa.ie/clubzone> to download a copy of the charter and the 'Play in my Boots' pack for your club.



# LADIES FOOTBALL FINALS TAKE CENTRE STAGE

**T**he biggest day in the Ladies Gaelic Football calendar is almost here as the TG4 Ladies All-Ireland Football Finals take place in Croke Park next Sunday, September 28 with the action in Croke Park getting underway from 11.45am.

The opening game of Ladies' finals day sees the historic meeting of Wexford, who return to the TG4 Junior Final after losing last year's final, and New York – the side from across the Atlantic attempting to win a first-ever All-Ireland title.

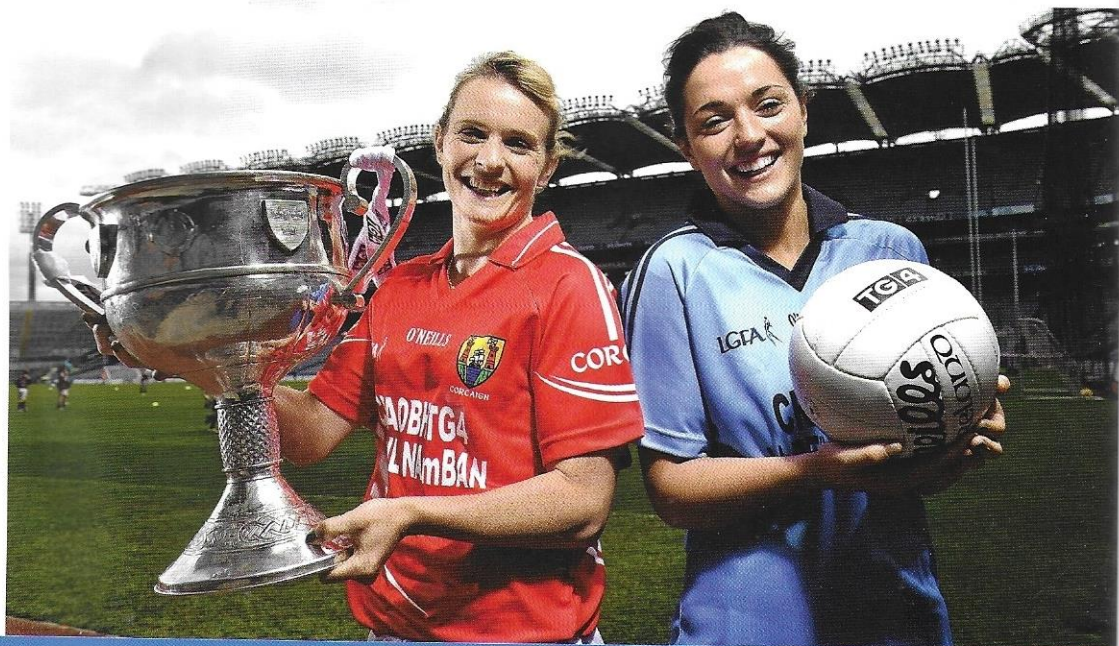
The all-Ulster TG4 Intermediate All-Ireland Final sees Down face Fermanagh at 1.45pm. The teams have already met twice this year, including the Ulster Final where Down were victorious. However, a close game is expected next Sunday.

Possibly the greatest team of all time are back to contest the TG4 All-Ireland Senior Football Final for a ninth time in 10 years as Cork meet Dublin at 4.00pm. Dublin are the only other team to have won an All-Ireland since Cork's first title in 2005, and the 'Girls in Blue' will be determined to break the Rebelettes unbeaten sequence in finals.

Tickets for all three finals are available through [www.tickets.ie](http://www.tickets.ie) and [www.ladiesgaelic.ie](http://www.ladiesgaelic.ie).

Tickets cost €25 for adults, €10 for students and senior citizens and €8 for Under 16's. For details on group discounts, contact the LGFA on 01 836 3156.

The TG4 Ladies All-Ireland Football Finals - Be the Difference, Be There. **#Bethediff**



Follow the LGFA on twitter on @LadiesFootball or like LadiesGaelicFootball on Facebook



# GAA HANDBALL

**G**AA Handball's One-Wall For Schools Initiative is going from strength to strength with an ever increasing number of schools actively participating in this fantastic, fun, simple and cheap game.

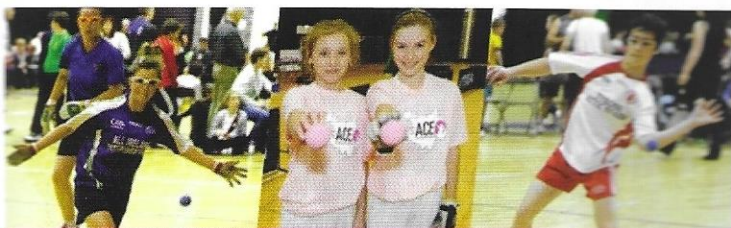
Hundreds of schools have built

their own courts in recent years, and such growth in the game comes as more and more teachers realize the health benefits the game brings, whilst children become hooked from the first time they play Handball.

To further enhance and encourage this increase in

activity, GAA Handball have released a Schools Membership Scheme where any school can register with the association and receive a fantastic starter pack of Handballs, posters and promotional items.

In addition, each school that registers will be entered into a monthly draw to receive exciting prizes and coaching sessions by some of the games top stars.



**REGISTER YOUR SCHOOLS WITH GAA HANDBALL  
FOR FANTASTIC INTRODUCTORY OFFERS ON  
HANDBALLS & PROMOTIONAL ITEMS**

For more information, please visit [www.gaahandball.ie](http://www.gaahandball.ie) to register, or contact [development.handball@gaa.ie](mailto:development.handball@gaa.ie) for further queries.

# GPA SAYS #WEWEARMORE

**2**014 marked a significant year for the Gaelic Players Association who launched their high profile WeWearMore campaign focussing on the emotional health and wellbeing of county players.

The aim of the campaign is to encourage and normalise conversations between players around the more emotional aspects of their lives and to help them develop effective coping mechanisms for times when things are not going so well.

Featuring a visually-compelling short film highlighting the many issues that can often trigger



emotional reactions for players, the campaign is aimed at encouraging players to look out for each other, to recognise signs of distress and to encourage intervention through conversation and support.

The GPA believes that by encouraging county players to engage in conversations about emotional wellbeing that this can have a positive impact on communities all over Ireland, encouraging young people in clubs, schools, colleges and in wider society to talk about their problems.

For more information check out the campaign site at [www.wewearmore.ie](http://www.wewearmore.ie)



# CROKE PARK SAFETY AND GENERAL INFORMATION

## REGULATIONS Páirc an Chrócaigh

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

## Safety and General Information

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



## Safety Notice

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



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

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

## Smoking Policy

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



## Medical Assistance

First Aid Centres are located in the following areas:

Davin Stand/Cusack Stand Level 3:	Section 313
Hogan Stand Level 3:	Section 333
Cusack Stand Level 7:	Section 701
Davin/Cusack Stand Level 7:	Section 724
Dineen/Hill 16 Cusack Side:	Section A
Medical Centre:	Hogan Players Tunnel



## Lost Children

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



Please play your part by co-operating with the Greener. On and off the pitch initiatives at the Stadium and using the recycling stations provided.

Please log onto [www.crokepark.ie/about/sustainability](http://www.crokepark.ie/about/sustainability) for further information.







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