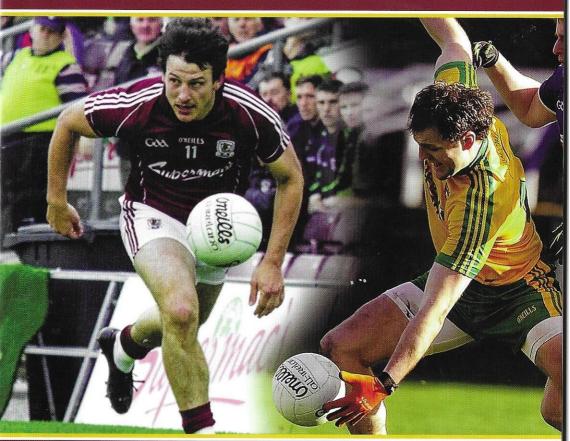


## CUMANN LÚTHCHLEAS GAEL COISTE CHONTAE PEILE NA GAILLIMHE SRAITH PEILE ALLIANZ ROINN 2 BABHTA 2





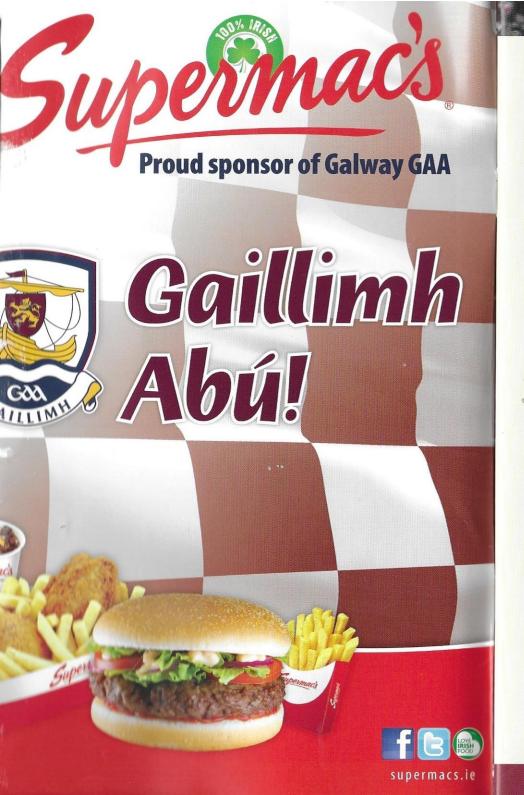


#### **GAILLIMH V DUN na nGALL**

Staid an Phiarsaigh, Gaillimh Dé Domhnaigh 9ú Feabhra 2014 ag 2.00 i.n.

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Fearaim fíor chaoin fáilte roimh Muintir Dún na nGall, go Stáid an Phiarsaigh í nGaillimh inniu, dón Cluiche an tabachtach seo, san dara babtha den tSraith Allianz Peile. Fáilte faoi leith roimh, Séamus Mac Aonghusa agus Foireann iontach Dhún na nGall – Buaiteoirí Cluiche

Ceannais Peil na h-Éireann 2012. Failte freisin roimh Ailéin Ó Maoilchallann agus foireann Peil Sinsir na Gaillimhe. Tá súil agam to mbeidh lá iontach Peile againn inniu agus go mbainfidh ár Lucht Leanúna dílis ó Dún na nGall agus Gaillimh ansult as.

I wish to warmly welcome Jim McGuinness and the Donegal Footballers, along with their County Officers and Supporters, to Pearse Stadium, Salthill, for this very important second-round game, in the Allianz Football League. We also welcome our own Players and Management, and we are looking forward to a top-class and competitive game of Football.

There is a great bond between Donegal and Galway, which has developed and evolved since the 1950's. Many Donegal Players have attended University here and have distinguished themselves on NUIG Sigerson Cup Teams. Many Donegal players have attended Galway Mayo Institute of Technology also over the years also and represented the Institute with distinction. Some Galway Players have attended the Letterkenny Institute of Technology and some others have played for Donegal in both Football and

Hurling – People like the late Pat Melia of Moycullen and the late John Joe Mitchell of Menlough, along with Eamon Farrell of St. Gabriel's, have played both codes for Donegal. Sean Meade of Ballinasloe, who is the outstanding Galway Centre Back of 3-in-arow fame in the 60's, moved to live in Donegal in 1970 and played for the great St. Joseph's Club and with Donegal in 1970/71.

Back in the 1980's, Frank Rushe of Mountbellew-Moylough – who had played Football in every Grade for Galway – winning All-Ireland Minor and Under-21 Football medals in 1970 & 1972, moved to work in Donegal and played with distinction for them over a number of years, winning an Ulster Senior Football Championship with Donegal in 1983. Shortly after this, Paul McGettigan, who had played for Donegal, moved to Galway to work, live and settle down and gave great service at both Club and Inter-County level here in Galway, both on and off the field.

In 1992, Galway Footballers and Hurlers played at the official Opening of the Four Masters Club Grounds in Donegal, where they played Donegal and Antrim respectively.

Those are some of the personalities and occasions, which have cemented the bonds between our respective counties, along the Western shore. Let's hope that today's game will be another memorable occasion for both of our Counties.

Beir bua agus Beannacht.

Nollaig Ó Treasaigh Cathaoirleach - Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, Coiste Contae na Gaillimhe



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#### Buíochas

Thanks to all contributed to this publication especially Martan Ó Ciardha, Coiste Peile na nÓg, Seamus O'Grady (Football Secretary) and Donegal P.R.O. Ed Byrne.

Seamus O'Finneachta - Galway Football P.R.O

amhrán na bhfiann

Sinne Fianna Fáil, acá faoi gheall ag Éireann, buíonn bár slua Char coinn a ráinig chugainn faoi mhóib bheich saor, Sean-Tír ár sinsear feasca Ní phágpar paoin ciorán ná paoin cráil. Anoche a chéam sa bhearna baoil le gean ar ghaeil chun báis nó saoil le gunna scréach paoi lámhach na bpiléar, Seo libh canaig amhrán na bhfiann.

#### Galway Football Board Awards Night At the Claregalway Hotel (Photos by Enda Noone)



Standing From Left: Robert Hughes, (Menlough, Intermediate Player Award), Kevin O'Donovan, (Moycullen, Minor Player Award), Niall Meenaghan, (Headford, Junior Player Award). Seated From Left: Ian Burke, (Corofin, U-21 Player Award), Liam O'Neill, GAA President, Emma Sice, (Corofin, with the Senior Player Award for her brother Gary Sice, Corofin).



From Left: Declan Meehan, (U-21 team Selector), Tomas Healy, (U-21 team vice-captain), Fiontan Ó Curraoin, (U-21 team captain), Alan Flynn, (U-21 team Manager).



From Left: Tadhq O Conghaile, (Galway Football Board Chairman), presenting the Pa Burke Award to Alan Flynn, (left,Tuam Stars)



From Left: Liam O'Neill, GAA President. presenting the Cadbury GAA 2013 Football Hero of the Future Award, to lan Burke, (Corofin)



Standing From Left: Martin Flaherty, Shane O' Hehir, Richard McNicholas, P J Rabbitte, Tomas Ó Flatharta Front: From Left: Noel Dempsey. James Molloy, Pat Ferriter, Liam O'Neill, Tom Nally

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From Left: Mairtin O Curraoin, (West Football Chairman), Fiona Conneely, Phil Grealish, John Connolly, (West Football Secretary), Pat Ferriter, (Pa Grealish Award Recipient), Fergal Ferriter.



From Left: Ian Burke, (Corofin, U-21 Player Award Recipient), Milo Costello, (Galway Football Board Treasurer), Emma Sice, (who collected the Senior Player Award for Gary Sice, Corofin).



From Left: Damien Comer, James Healy, Gary Kelly, Eanna Ó hEochaidh.



From Left: Robert Hughes, (Menlough, Intermediate Player of Year Award Recipient), Milo Costello, (Galway Football Board Treasurer), Kevin O'Donovan, (Moycullen, Minor Player of Year Award Recipient).



Standing From Left: Joe McDonagh, (former GAA President), Gerry Larkin, Seamus O'Grady, Bernie O'Connor, Mairtin O Curraoin, Seamus Finnerty, Tadhq O Conghaile, Larry Lohan. Seated From Left: Michael Monaghan, Seamus Connolly, John Hynes, Liam O"Neill, (GAA President), Noel Treacy, Milo Costello, P.J. Rabbitte.



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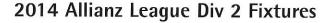
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Round 1 Feb 1st-2nd	SCORE		SCORE	
Down	1-11	Monaghan	0-14	
Laois	1-09	Donegal	2-13	
Louth	0-16	Armagh	1-13	
Meath	3-18	Galway	4-11	
Round 2 Feb 7th -9th				
Armagh		Down		
Galway		Donegal		
Louth		Laois		
Monaghan		Meath		
Round 3 March 1st-2nd				
Laois		Galway		
Down		Louth		
Meath		Armagh		
Donegal		Monaghan		
Round 4 March 8th-9th				
Armagh		Laois		
Donegal		Meath		
Galway		Down		
Monaghan		Louth		
Round 5 March 15th-16th				
Armagh	10	Monaghan		
Laois		Meat		
Down		Donegal		
Louth		Galway		
Round 6 March 29th-30th				
Meath		Down		
Donegal		Louth		
Galway		Armagh		
Monaghan		Laois		
Round 7 April 8th				
Armagh		Donegal		
Laois	(4-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1	Down		
Louth		Meath		
Monaghan		Galway		

Galway v Donegal						
1967 Galway	1-10	Donegal	2-4			
1986 Galway	1-10	Donegal	2-8			
1988 Galway	2-5	Donegal	0-11			
1999 Galway	0-13	Donegal	0-12			
2000 Galway	0-14	Donegal	0-7			
2001 Galway	0-12	Donegal	0-12			
2002 Galway	0-9	Donegal	0-7			
2003 Galway	1-16	Donegal	1-8			
2008 Galway	1-11	Donegal	1-12			
2009 Galway	1-16	Donegal	0-12			







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On March 15th 2009 in Pearse Stadium Liam Sammon's charges recorded their fourth League win in a row by beating Donegal 1-16 to 0-12 to sit on the top of the league with a hundred per cent winning strike, leading at the break by 1-11 to 0-2 the winners were in complete control but the second half saw John Joe Doherty's team out score Galway by ten points to five.

Michael Meehan shot 1-5 in the opening half with Damien Dunleavy 0-2, Nicky Joyce 0-1, Sean Armstrong 0-1, Garrett Bradshaw0-1 and Joe Bergin adding the other points while Michael Murphy and Eoin Wade had the visitor's scores. The second half saw Meehan open the scoring with pointed free into the breeze but midfielder Christy Toye replied with a Donegal point, Bradshaw quickly followed with his second point of the game before placed balls from Colm McFadden and Murphy reduced the deficit. A Meehan point from play saw his side lead by 1-14 to 0-5, then came the Donegal fight back which resulted in a seven point scoring blitz with points from Ciarán Bonner who shot three while Wade, David Walsh, Stephen Griffin and Toye scored one each to make it 1-14 to 0-12 with

four minutes to go but a brace of points from Michael Meehan sealed the victory and preserved Galway's winning run.

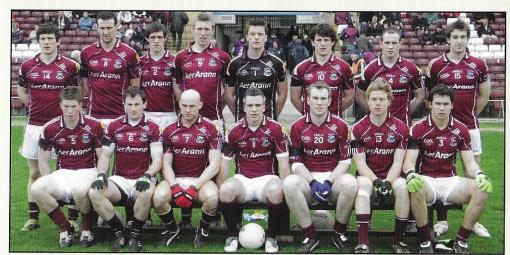
Galway: P Doherty, N Coyne, F Hanley, D Blake, G Bradshaw, D Blake, D Mullahy, J Bergin, B Cullinane, S Armstrong, P Joyce, M Lydon, D Dunleavy, M Meehan, N Joyce. Subs; D Meehan for Mullahy, F Breathnach for N Joyce (inj), M Clancy for Breathnach, G Sice for Coyne and D Reilly for Lydon.

Scorers; M Meehan 1-9, G Bradshaw 0-2, D Dunleavy 0-2, J Bergin 0-1, S Armstrong 0-1, N Joyce 0-1.

Donegal: P Durcan, E McGee, N McGee, P McDaid, E Wade, R Sweeney, K Cassidy, L Thomson, C Toye, B Roper, C Dunne, R Kavanagh, C McFadden, M Murphy, D Walsh. Subs: M Maguire for Sweeney, C Bonner for Dunne, J Gallagher for N McGee, S Griffin for Thomson, R Bradley for Murphy.

Scorers; C Bonner 0-3, E Wade 0-2, M Murphy 0-2, C Toy 0-2, C McFadden 0-1, D Walsh 0-1, S Griffin 0-1.

Referee; Pat McEnaney



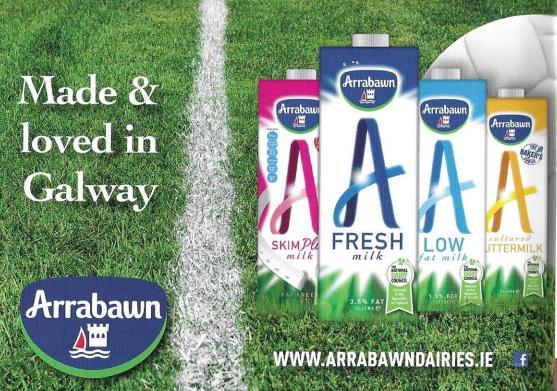
THE GALWAY TEAM THAT PLAYED DONEGAL IN 2009

Back Row left to right: M Meehan, J Bergin, N Coyne, M Lydon, P Doherty, S Armstrong, D Burke, N Joyce.

Front Row left to right: G Bradshaw, D Blake, D Mullahy, P Joyce, B Cullinane, D Dunleavy, F Hanley



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Paul Conroy St. James Galway Captain and team mate Johnny Duane GMIT captain pictured with referee John Kilmartin before Galway v GMIT FBD game



Mark Lydon against Donegal in 2009



Donegal Manager, Jim McGuinness



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Al Amin Ayanda Harry Comer Neil Kelly . \*\* Brian Conway Sean Molloy Rory Mc Donnell Hugh Mc Donagh Donal Murphy Mathew Thompson Niall Mcquaran Eoin Keenan Arron Mannion Niall Mc Ginn Shane O Neill Robert Carey Patrick Maughan

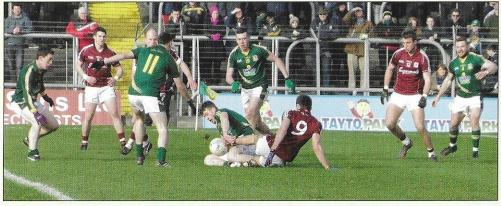
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#### HIGHLIGHTS ON TG4

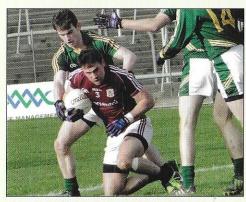
Highlights of today's game can be seen on TG4 tomorrow night on the GAA 2014 programme, in its usual 8.30 timeslot. It will also feature the best of the Cork-Kildare, Tyrone-Mayo, and Westmeath-Dublin games, as well as both of yesterday's All-Ireland Club hurling semi-finals. Sin GAA 2014, oiche amarach, ag 8.30, ar TG4!

#### Galway v Meath 2014

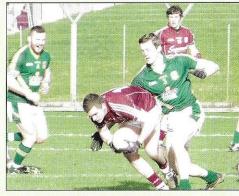
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Battle for possession







Michael Martin on the ball



Gary Sice in the Meath Goalmouth

## Allianz GAA Football National League



Ionadaí: 16. Nathan King, 17. Aongus Tierney, 18. Gary O'Donnell, 19. Eoin Walsh, 20. Ronan Steed, 21. Thomas Flynn, 22. Éoin Concannon, 23. Cathal Mulryan, 24. David O'Connell, 25. Damien Comer, 26. Adrian Varley.

Bainisteoir: Alein Ó Maolchallann, Roghnoiri: Pól Mac Fhlannchadha (Maor Foirne), Deaglán Ó Miocháin

#### Donegal

Dathanna: Glas agus Búi



Ionadaí: 16. Mícheál Ó Baoill , 17. Niall Ó Gallachóir, 18. Déaglán Breathnach, 19. Éamonn Ó Dochartaigh, 20. Gary Mac Pháidín, 21. Aodh MacPháidín, 22. Leon Mac Thomáis, 23. Lúcas Ó Cianaigh, 24. Máirtín Ó Raghallaigh, 25. Maitiú MacGabhann, 26. Pádraig Mac Breartaigh,

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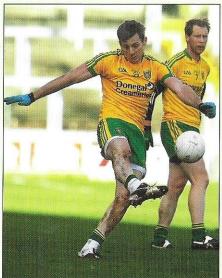
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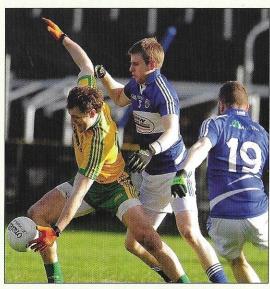
Colm Mac Pháidín

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#### The Gaelic Football Rule Changes which become operative on 1 January 2014 are as follows:

- 1. Introduction of a Black Card for Cynical Behaviour Fouls.
- 2. Change in the number of substitutes allowed.
- 3. Distinction between Deliberate and Accidental Fouls.
- 4. Definition of the Tackle.
- 5. Introduction of a clearer Advantage Rule.
- 6. A player in possession may score a point with an open-handed hand-pass.

#### Cynical Behaviour Fouls - Black card offences

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

#### The penalty for the above fouls are:

- i. Free Kick from where the foul occurred.
- ii. Order Off offender by showing him a Black Card\*.
- Allow a replacement from within the substitutions permitted\*.
- \*Substitutes
- · Increased to SIX per team.
- · Maximum of THREE permitted for Black Card Offenders.

Immediate Ordering Off Infractions (Red Cards) - unchanged.

Cautionable Infractions (Yellow Cards) - unchanged.

Summary of Disciplinary System

# Player ordered off and NOT replaced by substitute Player sent off and NOT replaced by substitute

At all levels a Black Card results in a player missing the remainder of the game.

A Card shall be issued only where the Infraction is deemed by the Referee to have been deliberate and not accidental.

Point with Open Hand - A player in possession may score a Point with the open hand or fist

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Bhí an baint lárnach ag an Neilly dar ndóigh le ceann de na heachtraí i stairiúla a thit amach i gcluiche idir Ghaillimh agus Dún na nGall cluiche leathcheannais na Sraithe Náisiúnta Peile 1967, lá gaoithe i bPáirc an Chrócaigh. Ag tarraingt ar dheireadh na himeartha bronnadh cic-éirice ar na Tuaisceartaigh a thabharfadh seans ar an mbua dóibh ach an liathróid a chur san eangach. Leag fear Ghaoth Dobhair an pheil ar an talamh, shéid an ghaoth den spota í, le cead an réiteoira d'ath-shocraigh sé í, tharla an rud céanna, ach nuair a leag an Gallchóireach an pheil ar ais don dara huair. shéid an réiteoir Éamon Moules an fheadóg agus d'fhógair saorchic amach, mar nach raibh an dara ath-shocrú ceadaithe aige. Bhuaigh Gaillimh an cluiche 1-10, 2-4,

I Leitir Ceanainn a saolaíodh Paul McGettigan agus d'imir sé peil i ngach grád do Naomh Ahmhnán agus dá chontae dúchais. Bhí sé ar an bpáirc nuair a bhuaigh Dún na nGall cluichí ceannais sinsear Uladh i 1974 agus arís mar chomrádaí lárpáirce ag Anthony Molloy nuair a bhuaigh siad arís é in aghaidh an Chábháin i 1983. Ach ar shroichint Pháirc an Chrócaigh

dóibh an dá gheábh acu sin, bhuaigh Gaillimh orthu i gcluichí leathcheannais.

D'imir McGettigan i lár na páirce freisin i gCluiche Ceannais Chonnacht i 1978 – é mar chomrádaí ag Willie Joyce i gcluiche inar bhuaigh Ros Comáin ar Ghaillimh. Tar éis a chuid Ollscolaíochta a chríochnú i gCathair na dTreabh, chuaigh Paul i mbun oibre agus i mbun imeartha i mBéal Átha na Sluaighe agus bhí ar fhoireann Naomh Greallán a bhuaigh Craobh na Gaillimhe agus Chonnacht 1979, sula bhfuair Cumann Barra Naofa an ceann ab fhearr orthu i gCluiche Ceannais na hÉireann. Le linn an achair sin, d'imir sé le Gaillimh.

Le Cora Fine a chríochnaigh Paul McGettigan a shaol imeartha, (agus bhí sé ina roghnóir ar an bhfoireann a bhuaigh Craobh na gClub i 1998), ach sular tharla sin, chaith sé an dara tréimhse ag imirt do Dhún na nGall agus chuaigh chun páirce dóibh i gCraobh sin Uladh a bhuaigh siad i 1983 agus arís an bhliain dar gcionn.

Níorbh é McGettigan an t-aon cheangal Gaillimheach ar an bhfoireann sin a d'fhág an 3ú Craobh Uladh riamh ag Dún na nGall in '83, mar ag an bpáirc acu freisin bhí fear as an gCreagán/Maigh Locha, a raibh beagán imeartha déanta aige lena chontae dúchais sular thug sé aghaidh ó thuaidh. B'sin é Frank Rushe, comrádaí le McGettigan ar fhoirne Naomh Adhmhnán agus fear a d'imir do Dhún na nGall freisin i gCraobh Uladh 1978.

Agus má cheapann tú gur b'sin deireadh leis na ceangail seo idir an dá chontae, tá dul amú ort. Nuair a bhuaigh Paul McGettigan craobh an chontae le Naomh Adhmhnán, Leitir Ceanainn, i 1983, bhí Damien Judge as Cathair Loistreáin i lár na páirce ar an bhfoireann. Bhí a dhearthair siúd, Michael, ar fhoireann na Gaillimhe le McGettigan sa gcliseadh in aghaidh Ros Comáin i 1978.



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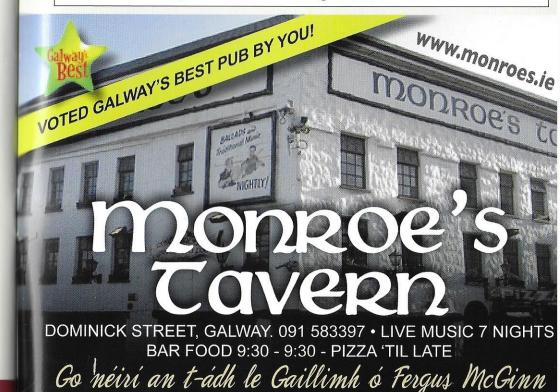
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#### **Allianz NFL Division Two**

## Donegal continue journey at rate of knots

Colm McFadden's 14th-minute goal proves key score for McGuinness' side

Meeting against Monaghan in three weeks promises to be meaty



Keith Duggan

at Pearse Stadium

Donegal	1-16			
Calway	0.10			

The opening session of Allianz's Division Two programme will feature a timely reunion between last year's Ulster finalists, Donegal and Monaghan, just when both teams are travelling at a rate of knots. Their meeting in three weeks time has the heat and dust of that Ulster final as a backdrop and with neither side in a mood to blink, it should be meaty.

On a fine atternoon in Salthill, there was further evidence that Donegal have closed the book on last season. They were comfortable throughout against Galway and ran the bench in a way that suggests that the Donegal larder is not as empty as generally believed.

Familiar names and deeds formed the architecture for this result – 1-5 from Colm McFadden, an agenda-setting tackle/turnover by Neil McGee on Paul Conroy, an exhibition of unfussy brilliance by Anthony Thompson – but the Donegal management can point to the assured contributions of Ryan McHugh and Odhran Mac Nialis as early evidence that Donegal will have further options this summer.

This second consecutive de-

feat leaves Galway in a slightly uncomfortable place. Alan Mulholland knew that their opening schedule would be tough and with players just returning from injury, an oh-for-two opening was a real possibility. Losing Finian Hanley, who suffered a deep cut in a 10-minute collision, did not help them here. Nor did the opening 20 minutes when Donegal bossed both clean possession and breaking ball at midfield and then proceeded to cheat the strong breeze by easing into their slick, short-passing game interweaving backs and for-

wards.

#### Remained

McGee, Rory Kavanagh and Colm McFadden were the only Donegal men who remained in their match programme positions here. The others just

played ball. Ryan McHugh appears to have his brother's appetite for hard work and it was his hustle for possession, deep in Donegal country, which forced the turnover and initiated the seven-pass counter-attack which Colm McFadden finished by sliding the ball past Manus Breathnach.

The 14th-minute goal gave the visitors breathing space after playing into a strong wind on a pitch left inevitably soggy by the recent storms. "We, played with that strong wind, and didn't get as much out of it, as we needed to, being honest," as as a Mulholland. "We were a bit disappointed to go in five points down and the goal was the key score for them."

Galway played in bursts, with Conroy and Gary Sice kicking tremendous scores and Paul Varley repeatedly made clever ground along the Donegal wing. They worked like demons in defence, with Joss Moore and Johnny Duane fronting the col-

lective effort to repel the Donegal waves. James Kavanagh put in an industrious shift around the midfield diamond but featured little in the Galway attack as a consequence. Despite three terrific points by Eoin Concannon early in the second half, Donegal controlled the flow of the game. A shuddering tackle by Martin McElhinney led to another turnover and a point for Odhran Mac Neilis to leave it 1-10 to 0-8 and after that Galway couldn't win enough cutting-edge possession to create a real goal chance.

If anything, Donegal might have raised further green flags: an audacious chip by McFadden late in the first half bounced wide, Ryan McHugh

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Donegal will visit Letterkenny in three weeks time to face Ulster champions Monaghan

burst through the last maroon line several times and Declan Walsh opted to clip a point with a goal chance looming in the 70th minute.

#### Excellentlines

Leo McLoone, restored this season to the half-back line where he debuted, hurt Galway by repeatedly running excellent lines as he broke forward and his Glenties team-mate Thompson seemed to pop up everywhere. "Again, like last Sunday, there were some very good passages of play in terms of support play coming up the pitch," said Jim McGuinness.

"I mentioned last week that our natural game in Donegal in terms of playing in windy conditions and supporting the ball and we were comfortable with that today again. We wanted to push on but Galway came out very tough in the second half and took the game too us. In the first half we were getting a lot of contact in the tackle and turno-

vers. In the second half, we were getting there but the legs were tired."

Donegal now have three weeks to get the bunting up for the visit to Letterkenny of Ulster champions Monaghan. "It does put a bit of pressure on us," said Alan Mulholland.

But its February pressure which is rarely remembered by the time the Connacht championship rolls around.

DONEGAL: 1P Durcan, 2K Lacey, 3N McGee, 5F McGiynr; 4R McHugh (0-1), 6L McLoone, 7A Thompson; 8R Kavanagh, 9 McMcEthinney; 10 MMcHugh, 11 C Toye, 12 O McNellis (0-1); 13 C McFadden (1-5, 0-2 frees), 14 M Murphy (0-3, 0-2 frees), 15 D Molloy (0-3), Subs: N Gallagher for R Kavanagh (half time), P McBrearty (0-2) for C Toye (44 mins), A McFadden for Molloy (50 mins), M Reilly for 0 McNialtais (65 mins), D Walsh (0-1) for K Lacey (69 mins), L Keeney for MMcEthinney (70 mins).

GALWAY: 1M Breattnach; 2D 0'Neill, 3 F

MMcElhinney (70 mins).

GALWAY:1M Breathnach;2D O'Neill,3F
Hanley,6 J Moore;5P Varley (0-1),7S Denvir,4
J Duane;2l T Flynn,12 P Conroy (0-3);10 G Sice
(0-2),15 J Kavanagh,11 S Armstrong (0-1);13G
Bradshaw,14 M Martin (0-1),22 E Concannon
(0-3), Subs: A Tierney for F Hanley (10 monsin),
G O'Donnell for S Denvir (33 mins),D O'Connell
for G Bradshaw, F Curran (0-1) for M Martin (53
mins),D Comer for G Sice (64 mins).
Referee: F Kelly (Londford).

#### Division 2

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Donegal	2	2	1	0	3-35	1-21	+20	4	
Monaghan .	2	1	1	0	0-34	1-19	+12	3	
Down	2	1	1	0	3-18	2-19	+2	3	
Meath	2	1	0	1	3-26	4-31	-8	2	
Laois	2	1	0	1	3-17	2-30	-10	2	
Armagh	2	0	1	1	3-18	2-23	-2	1	
Louth	2	0	1	1	0-27	3-21	-3	1	
Galway	2	0	0	2	4-23	4-34	-11	0	
Armagh		2-	5		Down				
Galway0-12				Donegal1-16					
Louth					Laois				
Monaghan		7-2	n		Meat	n	(	3-8	

Nextup—Saturday, March1st: Meathv Armagh, Pairc Taillteann, 7pm; Downv Louth, Newry, 7pm; Laoisv Galway, Portlaoise, 7pm; Sunday, March2nd: Donegal v Monaghan, Letterkenny, 2pm