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MAIGH EO



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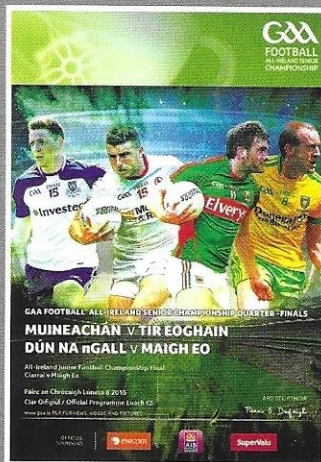
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# RÉAMHFHOCAL ÓN UACHTARÁN

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It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all here to Croke Park today for this the second instalment of our GAA Football All-Ireland quarter-finals.

Today, barring of course the possible need for replays, we will know the last four standing after what has been an eventful summer so far.

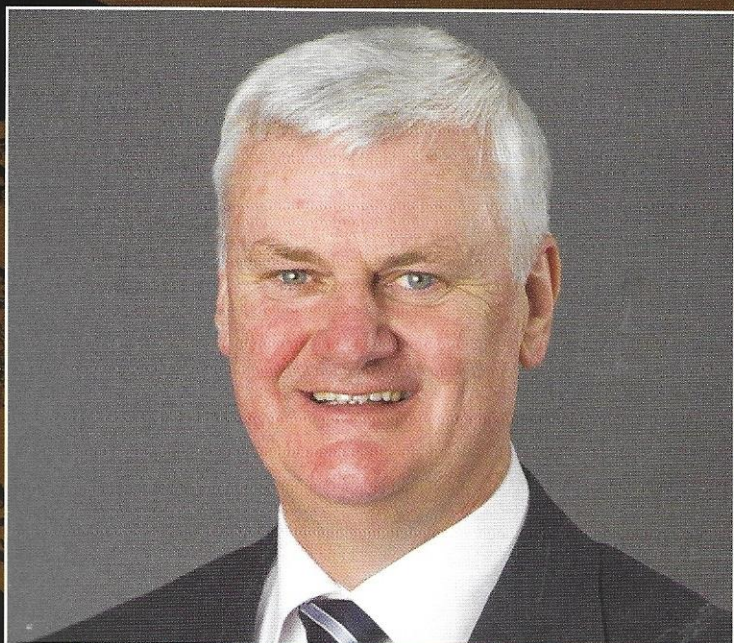
To that end our attendances across the board have been encouraging and a special word of acknowledgement is due to those who attend matches regularly and by so doing, support the organisation (see pages 44-45).

Lessons of recent years remind us how unpredictable the football campaign can be from this juncture. Last weekend's games threw up some unexpected results and it will be interesting to monitor proceedings today to see if they continue in a similar vein.

Few would doubt their potential for intrigue.

Monaghan and Tyrone renew their Ulster rivalry in the capital with the former entering the contest as the defending provincial champions.

Tyrone gathered more momentum last weekend against Sligo and will relish a shot at their neighbours who have been watching from the sidelines since their memorable Ulster final win at Clones.



Ulster are also represented in our second quarter-final when Connacht champions Mayo meet the beaten Ulster finalists Donegal.

After securing another provincial title Mayo's gaze turn towards the possibility of a second title this year. They will renew a strong rivalry that has produced two memorable championship games in recent years – with each team winning one apiece.

Donegal reminded us of the quality within their ranks last week against Galway and will be looking for more of the same today.

It should make for an excellent afternoon's entertainment.

I wish all of the competing players and coaching figures - including those from our junior finalists, Mayo and Kerry - every success today and trust that the

supporters of all four teams will enjoy the occasion.

A special word of thanks too to our match officials for the crucial role that they play in our games. Finally thanks to our sponsors, AIB, eircom and SuperValu for their continued support of the GAA Football Championship. Their backing of our games helps us to bring them to as wide an audience as possible.

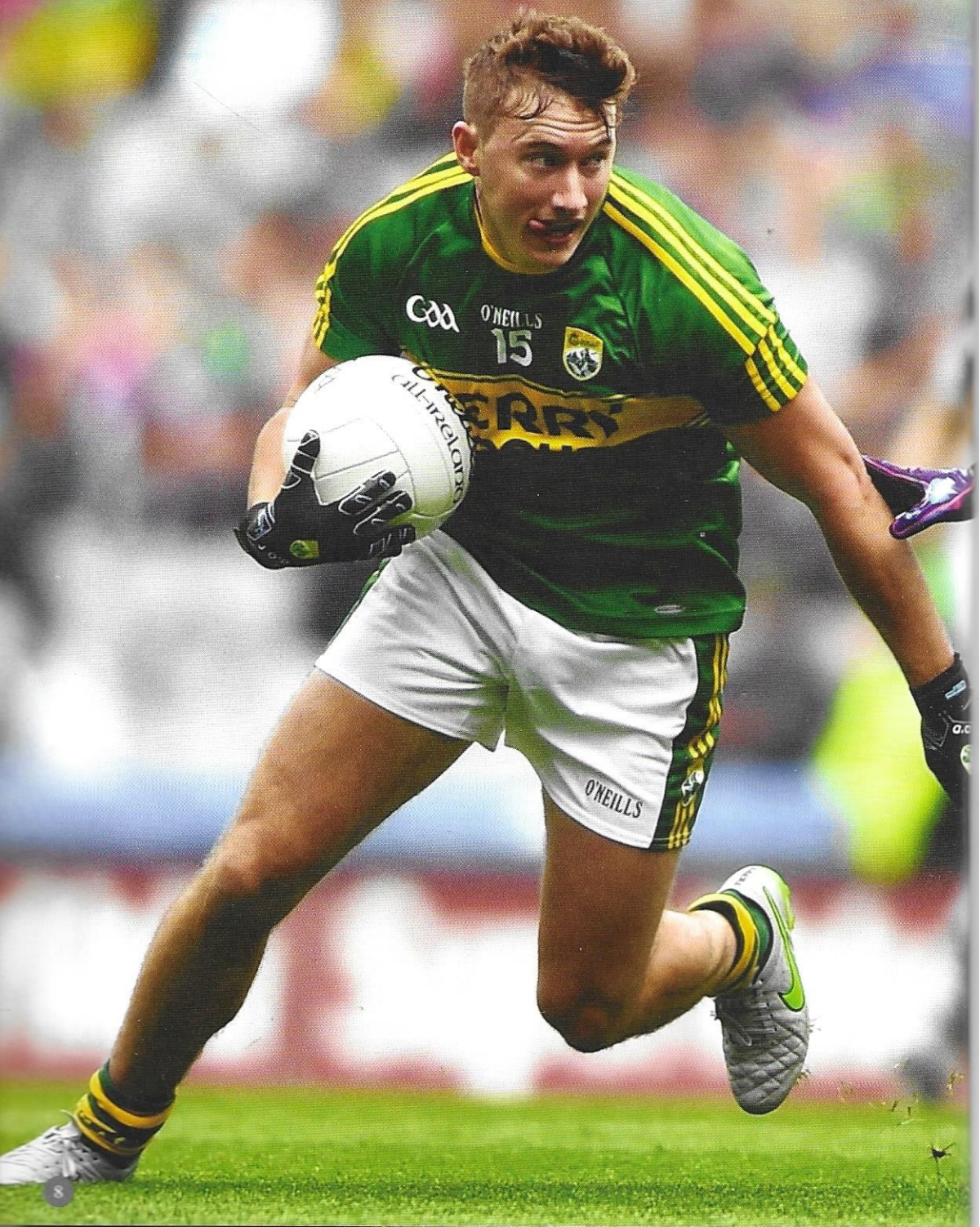
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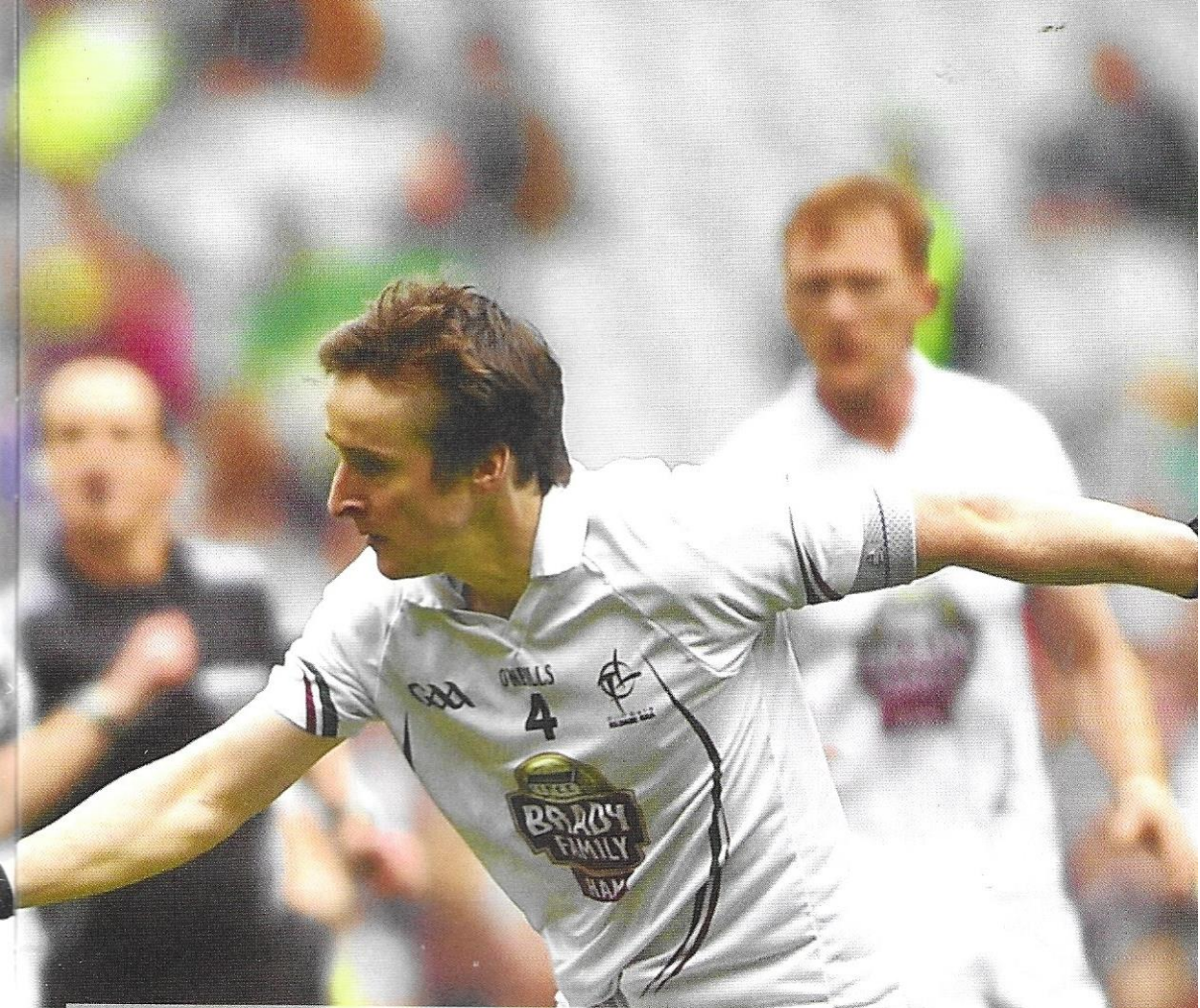
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# CREAM RISES TO THE TOP - AND THE STANDARDS WITH IT





**A**s we enter the final weeks of the 2015 season, it's apparent that it has become fashionable to slate Gaelic football.

For the casual observer, it is threatening to become the default position. Even for plenty of the game's more regular onlookers, it has become an increasingly popular pastime.

The themes have been varied over the past few years, but this season, one of the most persistent gripes has been over the dominance of a few counties and the amount of one-sided games in the championship. There certainly have been plenty of them – Dublin's wins over Longford, Kildare and Westmeath

in Leinster were by 27, 19 and 13 points respectively while Mayo's 26-point win over Sligo in the Connacht final was a provincial final landmark.

Then last weekend, the four games at Croke Park all ended with big winning margins for the four winners – Tyrone (7 points), Donegal (10 points), Kerry (27 points) and Dublin (8 points). In keeping with the 'something has to be done' debates that have been fashionable for a few years with regard to supposedly dipping standards in the game itself, now 'something has to be done' debates have become increasingly persistent on the matter of one-sided games.

On *The Sunday Game* last week, another such debate took

place with former Roscommon goalkeeper Shane Curran going as far as to say during it: "I think in 20 years' time we may not have a game if it keeps going the way it is."

While there have been plenty of valid articles and discussions on possible improvements to competition structures in recent months, much of the current wave of criticism appears to be founded upon a seemingly new-found notion that teams from small counties outside the long-established elite should be capable of matching the superpowers of the game.

Outrage at a series of heavy beatings in this year's championship ignores the fact that heavy beatings have been

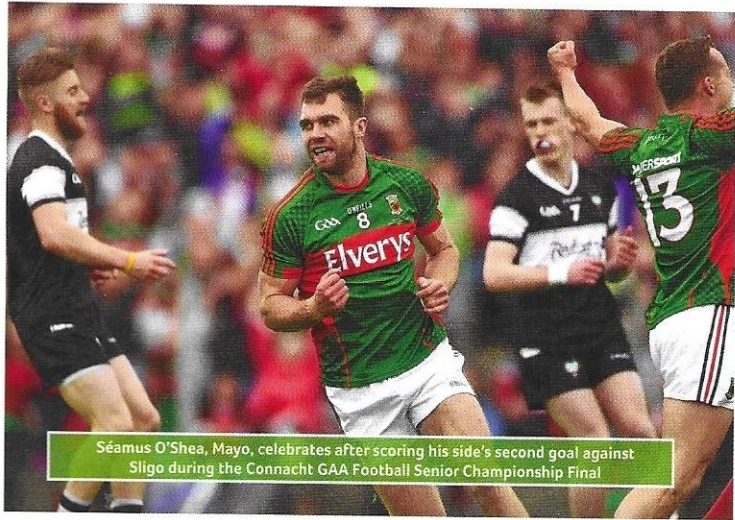
a feature of the Gaelic football summer for as long as most people can remember. Go through the results from any year in the last 50, and you'll see that there is little new in the likes of Kerry, Dublin or Mayo (or Galway, Cork, Down, Meath or Tyrone during their cycles) dishing out beatings to counties that always, or nearly always, have been in their shadows.

Those who feel the current situation is intolerable see this season's results as part of a trend. They're right, there is a trend - except it's one that stretches back decades rather than months. While laudable egalitarian principles seem to be at the heart of much of the current agonising, it seeks to alter the inconvertible truth that in Gaelic football, as in all sport, the cream will rise to the top.

After all, does anyone in their right mind seriously expect counties such as Longford, Leitrim or Westmeath to challenge Dublin or Mayo with any consistency? In their entire history, Longford, Leitrim and Westmeath have won a combined total of four provincial titles. Counties with such small populations are genuinely competitive, at best, once every 30 years. How could it possibly be any different?

Interestingly, the criticism of the dominance of the elite teams appears contradictory to one of the other great pillars of criticism Gaelic football has faced in recent seasons - namely that overall skill standards have fallen in an era where terms such as 'S and C', 'blanket defence', 'double sweeper system' and 'personalised gym programme' would feature on any GAA soundboard.

If skill standards are dropping, how can the likes of Kerry, Dublin, Mayo, Donegal and Monaghan be so dominant and look so good?



Therein lies the central point, which has been largely forgotten in many of the current debates on standards, one-sided games and championship structures.

Standards have risen rapidly in an incredibly short space of time in Gaelic football - in skill levels as much as anything exclusively related to conditioning - and the tiered nature of the sport (it's the exact same in hurling, soccer or rugby) means the advancement bears fruit quicker and is more pronounced at the elite level.

Today, four superb football teams come to Croke Park for two All-Ireland quarter-finals, while two arguably even better teams, Dublin and Kerry, await in the All-Ireland semi-finals. In an era where hammering Gaelic football has become something of a national pastime, it's perhaps not popular to say it, but the best teams in the country are currently operating at a level that has arguably not been reached before in the history of the game.

That's the context in which Kerry's 7-16 against Kildare should be viewed. Likewise, Mayo's 6-25 against Sligo, Dublin's now routine demolition jobs and Donegal's own unique but no less effective

brand of dominant football. Rather than sniping about supposedly 'boring' one-sided games, surely it's time to celebrate the levels that the top sides are currently reaching.

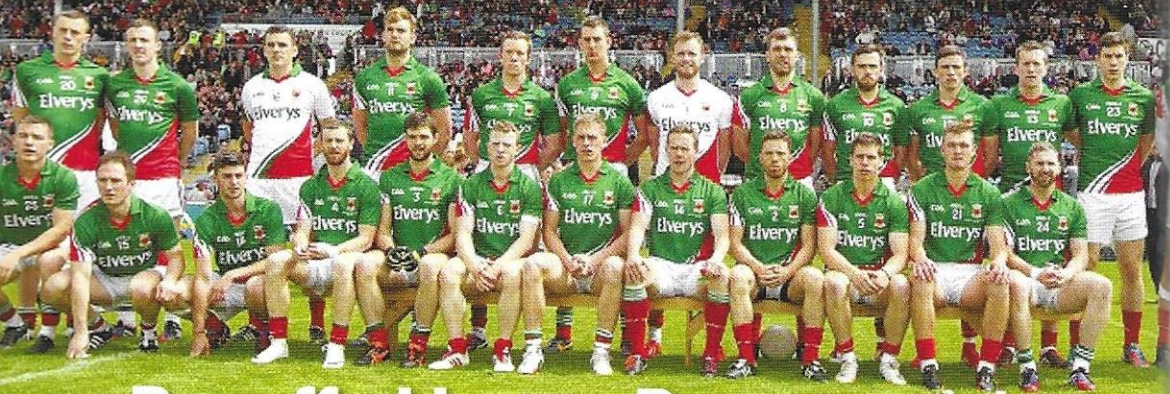
Over the last decade, Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic have utterly dominated men's tennis. Between them, they have won 33 of the last 39 Grand Slams. Does that mean tennis has been boring for the last 10 years? On the contrary, it's been one of the greatest eras in the sport's history.

In an ideal world, it would be great if every single county in Ireland could reach the levels currently being hit by the top sides in Ireland. That's never going to happen, but neither is it going to happen that the current elite are going to maintain their current heights forever. They will rise and fall and rise again, and those fleeting but inevitable periods in which they dip will be the time when the much discussed 'weaker' counties will get their chance.

For now, despite voluble discussion that argues otherwise, Gaelic football is anything but boring. The next few hours at Croke Park should make that abundantly clear.



The Mayo Senior football team with captain Keith Higgins.  
Inset: Mayo Juniors' captain Cathal Freeman.



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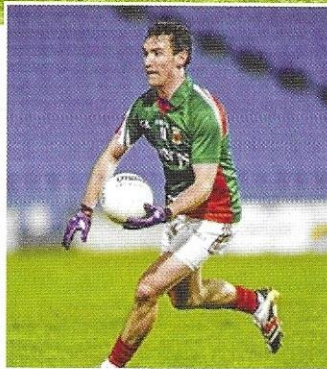
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# CEANNAS SA DARA LEATH

**A**nseo i bPáirc an Chrócaigh Dé Domhnaigh seo caite léirigh Dún na nGall agus Tír Eoghain conas is féidir cluichí a bhuanach trí cheannas na himeartha a ghlacadh sa dara leath.

Is tréith é sin freisin atá feicthe againn in imirt Mhaigh Eo agus Mhuineachán i gCraobh na bliana seo, ainneoin gur lú cluichí atá imeartha acusan.

Ar chomhscór a bhí na Dún na nGall agus Gaillimh ag leathama Dé Sathairn seo caite, ach sa dara leath scóráil na Conallaigh 2-8 agus níor ghéilleadar ach 0-4.

I gCraobh Uladh, ba ar chomhscór freisin a bhíodar ag an sos in aghaidh Dhoire agus ba é an scéal céanna é dhá nóiméad isteach sa dara leath in aghaidh Thír Eoghain. Ní raibh an farasbarr Dhún na nGall chomh mór sna cluichí sin, ach fós ba an imirt sa dara leath a bhuaigh dóibh.

Muna ndearna Tír Eoghain dóthain sa 35 nóiméad dheireanacha sin in aghaidh Dhún na nGall, bhí a gceacht foghlaimthe acu nuair a tháinig na babhtá cáilithe. Ní raibh

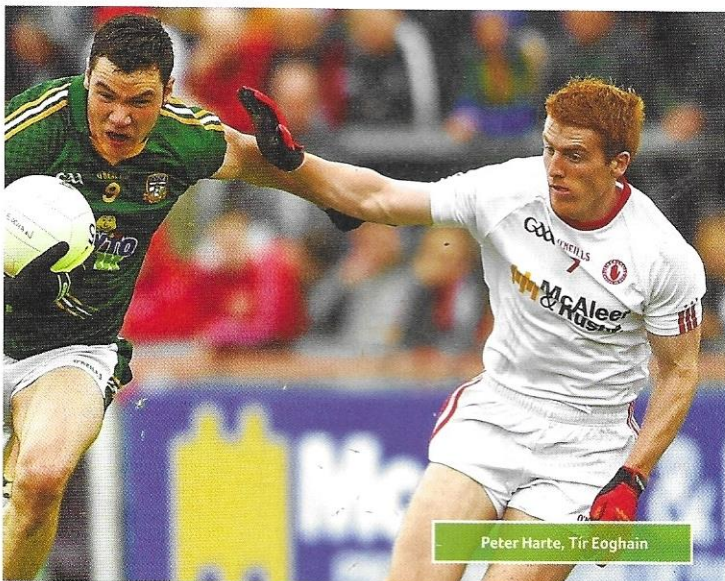
siad ach dhá chúilín chun cinn ar Luimneach ag leathama, ach scóráil siad 1-8 sa dara leath agus níor lig isteach ach 0-4.

Ag leathama in aghaidh na Mí, bhí siad cúlín chun deireadh, ach go raibh cic-éirice tábhachtach Peter Harte le teacht.

Cúlín amháin farasbairr a bhí acu ar Thiobraid Árann ag leathama i mBabhta 3, ach arís scóráil 0-12 sa dara leath agus níor lig isteach ach cúlín amháin.

Maigh Eo 0-8, Gaillimh 1-5 scór an tsosa i mBabhta leathcheannais Chonnacht ar Pháirc an Phiarsaigh, ach nuair a tháinig an crú ar an tairne, ba ag Maigh Eo a bhí an lámh in uachtar sa dara leath.

Isteach sa leath sin i mBabhta Ceathrú Ceannais Uladh, bhí Muineachán 0-9 go 0-13 chun deireadh ar an gCábhán, ach scóráil foireann Malachy O'Rourke 0-7 sna 25 nóiméad a bhí fanta agus níor ghéill ach 0-2.



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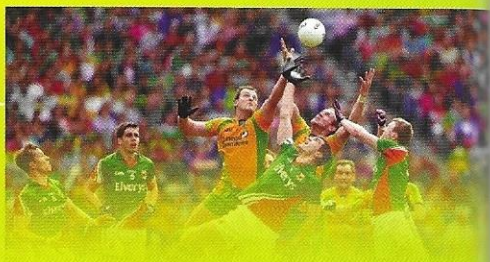
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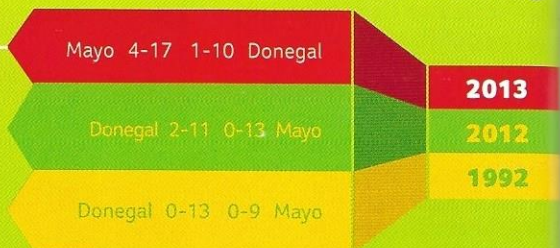
goals scored

1-3 goals scored

## Head-to-Head



## Donegal-Mayo Last 3 Meetings



## Quarter-Final Win-Loss Records



### TYRONE

Won 5  
Lost 5

### MONAGHAN

Won 0  
Lost 3



### DONEGAL

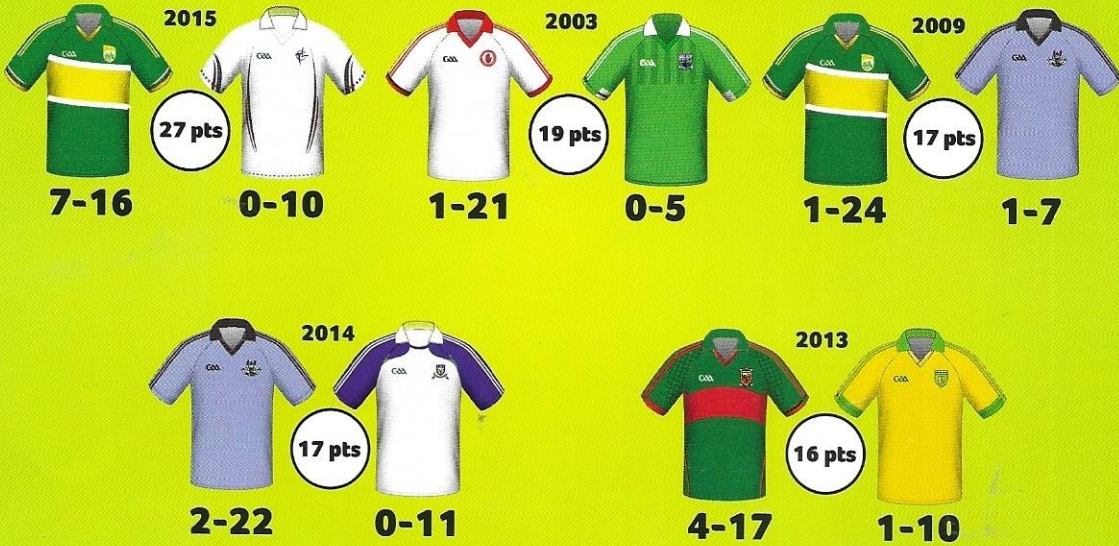
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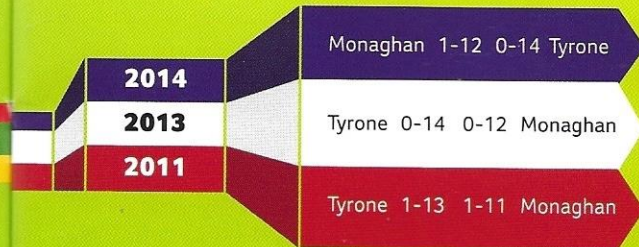
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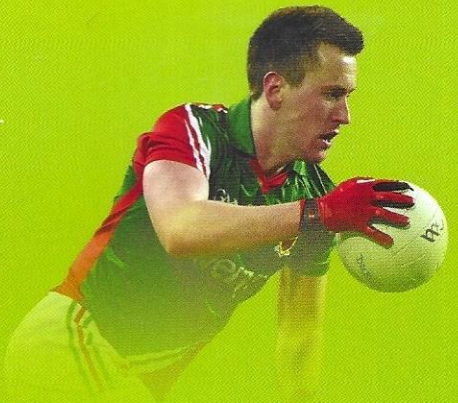
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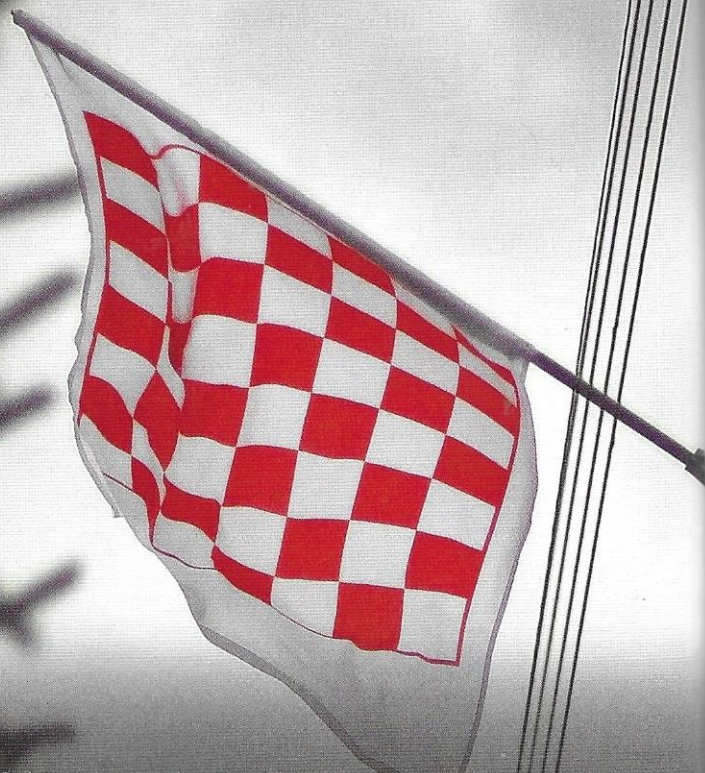


## Monaghan-Tyrone - Last 3 Meetings



## Quarter-final Marksmen





**Y**ou have to wonder sometimes when Monaghan will actually get some credit? Every time they do something of note someone always throws in a caveat.

When they won this year's Ulster final there was much talk about Donegal's 11 second-half wides, the siting of Michael Murphy and how Donegal were an old team running out of road, a valuation rather hastily revised with last week's second-half display against Galway.

And Monaghan also came through the easy side of the Ulster draw too, right?

After losing two of their first three games in the Allianz League they were hotly tipped as relegation material yet when they pushed the

Dubs to a point in the semi-finals they got another 'only the league' pat on the head.

Even last weekend, when RTÉ and Sky mulled over the likely All-Ireland finalists, Dublin, Kerry, Donegal and Mayo all got top billing. Monaghan? Barely a mention.

Why not?

They are the reigning Ulster champions and even though they fell over the line against Donegal they looked the better side on balance.

Their tiger-like all-in defending disrupted Donegal's attack, made Murphy, Neil Gallagher and Odhrán Mac Niallais peripheral and saw Karl Lacey and Colm McFadden hauled ashore.

Monaghan's 2013 Ulster title was a

milestone - their first since 1988 - but they have not only contested the last three provincial finals and won two, but contested five of the last nine in what is regarded as Football's most competitive province.

Yet even some of their own fans confess to doubt once their team travels outside the province.

They had a terrible record at Croke Park but last year's extra-time thriller against Kildare - their first championship victory at HQ in 84 years - has surely removed that hex.

Monaghan's detractors seem aesthetically offended by their defensive style, yet do have one valid criticism, best summed up by one online critic this year who crowed: "If McManus gets injured, you boys are toast!"

# TYRONE V MONAGHAN: ALL-IRELANDS THE CURRENCY

Yes they're too dependent on Conor McManus' scoring. He has contributed 1-19 (13f) this summer and Kieran Hughes and Owen Duffy (0-4 each) are next nearest.

Yet what a man to depend on! Despite being double-teamed by Donegal he produced scores to match the footballing Gods.

McManus can be so dazzling that he blinds people to the stellar qualities of his colleagues - like the selfless work-rate of the Hughes brothers and the remarkable versatility of Vinny Corey and Dessie Mone.

In Darren Hughes they have a man with the passing accuracy and vision to split defences. Their bench now has big impact subs (Clerkin and Finlay) and rising forwards (McCarron and McAnespie).

They badly need to score more goals; only four in eight 2015 league games and one this summer. No coincidence surely that they got past Kildare last summer by scoring two. And they have also got this far without two key men from 2014 - Drew Wylie and Christopher McGuinness.

Wing-back Karl O'Connell has emerged as a real find yet their greatest ace, arguably, is manager Malachy O'Rourke.

The Fermanagh PE teacher has made them better collectively and individually, improved their discipline and equipped them with several playing styles, as they showed against Kerry in the league. Fate, ironically, now pits them against one of their previous Ulster nemesis.

Monaghan should come in fresher so it's hard to see Tyrone's Darren McCurry and young Mark Bradley getting the same latitude today as a week ago.

They famously failed to turn up against Tyrone in the 2010 Ulster final and also lost to them at this stage in 2013 when some yellow cards and Kieran Hughes' 47th minute dismissal didn't help.

But they beat them first day out last summer and in this year's league opener, so fear is no longer a factor.

Most people still don't believe Monaghan can win the All-Ireland, but to get to the last four, all that matters today is that they believe it.

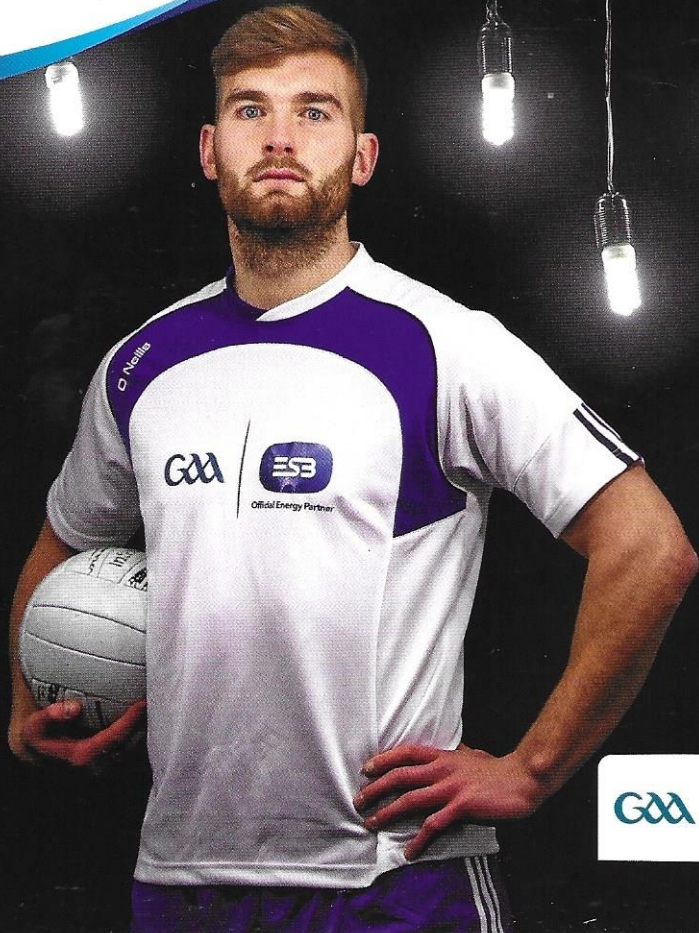
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MAY 16, TULLAMORE

Longford 0-16 0-13 Offaly

MAY 16, CARLOW

Laois 3-16 0-8 Carlow

MAY 17, DROGHEDA

Westmeath 3-14 0-16 Louth

MAY 31, CROKE PARK

Dublin 4-25 0-10 Longford

JUNE 6, TULLAMORE

Kildare 0-16 0-16 Laois

JUNE 13, TULLAMORE (REPLAY)

Kildare 3-18 1-11 Laois

JUNE 14, MULLINGAR

Westmeath 1-21 0-15 Wexford

JUNE 14, NAVAN

Meath 2-19 3-12 Wicklow

JUNE 28, CROKE PARK

Westmeath 3-19 2-18 Meath

Dublin 5-18 0-14 Kildare

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Dublin 2-13 0-6 Westmeath

## ULSTER

MAY 17, BALLYBOFEY

Donegal 1-13 1-10 Tyrone

MAY 24, CAVAN

Monaghan 0-16 0-15 Cavan

MAY 31, ENNISKILLEN

Fermanagh 1-13 0-8 Antrim

JUNE 7, DERRY

Derry 0-12 0-11 Down

JUNE 14, ARMAGH

Donegal 2-11 0-8 Armagh

JUNE 21, CAVAN

Monaghan 1-20 0-13 Fermanagh

JUNE 27, CLONES

Donegal 1-9 0-10 Derry

FINAL - JULY 19, CLONES

Monaghan 0-11 0-10 Donegal

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## MUNSTER

MAY 23, ENNIS

Clare 0-15 0-13 Limerick

MAY 31, THURLES

Tipperary 1-24 0-5 Waterford

JUNE 14, THURLES

Kerry 2-14 2-8 Tipperary

JUNE 14, PÁIRC UÍ RINN

Cork 1-20 1-8 Clare

FINAL - JULY 5, KILLARNEY

Kerry 2-15 3-12 Cork

JULY 18 KILLARNEY (REPLAY)

Kerry 1-11 1-6 Cork

## CONNACHT

MAY 3, NEW YORK

Galway 2-18 0-8 New York

MAY 17, CARRICK-ON-SHANNON

Galway 1-13 0-8 Leitrim

MAY 24, RUISLIP

Roscommon 1-14 0-10 London

JUNE 14, SALTHILL

Mayo 1-15 2-8 Galway

JUNE 20, MARKIEVICZ PARK

Sligo 1-14 0-13 Roscommon

FINAL - JULY 19, ROSCOMMON

Mayo 6-25 2-11 Sligo

## ALL-IRELAND QUALIFIERS

JUNE 20, PORTLAOISE

Antrim 2-15 1-16 Laois

JUNE 20, DUNGARVAN

Offaly 1-20 1-7 Waterford

JUNE 20, RUISLIP

Cavan 2-22 0-11 London

JUNE 20, LONGFORD

Longford 2-15 1-8 Carlow

JUNE 27, ARMAGH

Armagh 2-17 2-7 Wicklow

JUNE 27, DROGHEDA

Louth 1-16 0-11 Leitrim

JUNE 27, WEXFORD

Wexford 2-16 2-11 Down

JUNE 28, OMAGH

Tyrone 1-14 0-8 Limerick

JULY 4, ENNIS

Longford 2-12 1-12 Clare

JULY 4, TULLAMORE

Kildare 1-15 1-13 Offaly

JULY 4, CAVAN

Roscommon 3-17 1-16 Cavan

JULY 5, ENNISKILLEN

Fermanagh 1-21 0-11 Antrim

JULY 11, OWENBEG

Derry 1-16 0-10 Wexford

JULY 11, THURLES

Tipperary 3-21 0-7 Louth

JULY 11, OMAGH

Tyrone 1-10 0-11 Meath

JULY 11, MULLINGAR

Kildare 2-24 0-11 Longford

JULY 12, ARMAGH

Galway 1-12 0-12 Armagh

JULY 12, ENNISKILLEN

Fermanagh 1-14 0-16 Roscommon

JULY 18, THURLES

Tyrone 0-19 0-7 Tipperary

JULY 18, SALTHILL

Galway 1-11 0-8 Derry

JULY 25, CAVAN

Fermanagh 1-13 0-7 Westmeath

JULY 25, THURLES

Kildare 1-21 1-13 Cork

AUGUST 1, CROKE PARK

Tyrone 0-21 0-14 Sligo

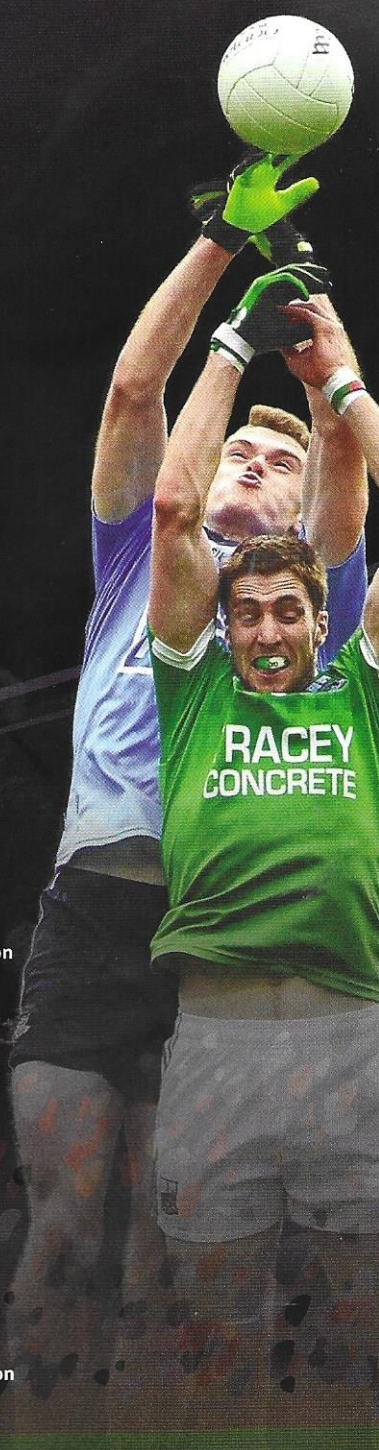
Donegal 3-12 0-11 Galway

## ALL-IRELAND QUARTER FINALS

AUGUST 2, CROKE PARK

Kerry 7-16 0-10 Kildare

Dublin 2-23 2-15 Fermanagh





# QUARTER-FINALS 2001-2015

<b>2001</b>								
Galway	0-14	1-5	Roscommon					
Derry	1-9	0-7	Tyrone					
Kerry	1-14	2-11	Dublin					
Meath	2-12	3-9	Westmeath					
Kerry	2-12	1-12	Dublin (replay)					
Meath	2-10	0-11	Westmeath (replay)					
<b>2002</b>								
Kerry	2-17	1-12	Galway					
Cork	0-16	0-10	Mayo					
Armagh	2-9	0-15	Sligo					
Dublin	2-8	0-14	Donegal					
Armagh	1-16	0-17	Sligo (replay)					
Dublin	1-14	0-7	Donegal (replay)					
<b>2003</b>								
Armagh	0-15	0-13	Laois					
Tyrone	1-21	0-5	Fermanagh					
Kerry	1-21	3-10	Roscommon					
Donegal	0-14	1-11	Galway					
Donegal	0-14	0-11	Galway (replay)					
<b>2004</b>								
Fermanagh	0-12	0-11	Armagh					
Mayo	0-16	1-9	Tyrone					
Derry	2-9	0-13	Westmeath					
Kerry	1-15	1-8	Dublin					
<b>2005</b>								
Cork	2-14	2-11	Galway					
Kerry	2-15	0-18	Mayo					
Armagh	2-17	1-11	Laois					
Tyrone	1-14	1-14	Dublin					
Tyrone	2-18	1-14	Dublin (replay)					
<b>2006</b>								
Cork	1-11	1-10	Donegal					
Kerry	3-15	1-13	Armagh					
Dublin	1-12	0-5	Westmeath					
Mayo	0-15	0-15	Laois					
Mayo	0-14	0-11	Laois (replay)					
<b>2007</b>								
Cork	1-11	0-8	Sligo					
Meath	1-13	2-8	Tyrone					
Dublin	0-18	0-15	Derry					
Kerry	1-12	1-11	Monaghan					
<b>2008</b>								
Wexford	1-14	0-12	Armagh					
Kerry	1-21	1-16	Galway					
Cork	2-11	1-11	Kildare					
Tyrone	3-14	1-8	Dublin					
<b>2009</b>								
Tyrone	0-16	1-11	Kildare					
Cork	1-27	2-10	Donegal					
Kerry	1-24	1-7	Dublin					
Meath	2-15	1-15	Mayo					
<b>2010</b>								
Down	1-16	1-10	Kerry					
Dublin	1-15	0-13	Tyrone					
Cork	1-16	0-10	Roscommon					
Kildare	2-17	1-12	Meath					
<b>2011</b>								
Donegal	1-12	0-14	Kildare					
Kerry	1-20	0-10	Limerick					
Mayo	1-13	2-6	Cork					
Dublin	0-22	0-15	Tyrone					
<b>2012</b>								
Mayo	3-18	2-9	Down					
Dublin	1-12	0-12	Laois					
Cork	2-19	0-12	Kildare					
Donegal	1-12	1-10	Kerry					
<b>2013</b>								
Tyrone	0-14	0-12	Monaghan					
Dublin	1-16	0-14	Cork					
Kerry	0-15	0-9	Cavan					
Mayo	4-17	1-10	Donegal					
<b>2014</b>								
Kerry	1-20	2-10	Galway					
Mayo	1-19	2-15	Cork					
Donegal	1-12	1-11	Armagh					
Dublin	2-22	0-11	Monaghan					
<b>2015</b>								
Kerry	7-16	0-10	Kildare					
Dublin	2-23	2-15	Fermanagh					

Best wishes to Mayo for 2015



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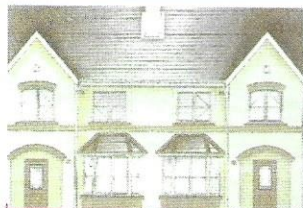
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# PATHS TO THE QUARTER-FINAL

## MONAGHAN

MAY 24, CAVAN

Monaghan 0-16 0-15 Cavan

JUNE 21, CAVAN

Monaghan 1-20 0-13 Fermanagh

JULY 19, CLONES

Monaghan 0-11 0-10 Donegal

SCORERS	FREES	45s	PENS	PLAY	TOTAL
Conor McManus	0-13	----	----	1-6	1-19
Owen Duffy	----	----	----	0-4	0-4
Kieran Hughes	0-2	----	----	0-2	0-4
Dessie Mone	----	----	----	0-3	0-3
Karl O'Connell	----	----	----	0-3	0-3
Paul Finlay	0-3	----	----	----	0-3
Darren Hughes	----	----	----	0-2	0-2
Kieran Duffy	----	----	----	0-2	0-2
Dick Clerkin	----	----	----	0-1	0-1
Colin Walshe	----	----	----	0-1	0-1
Neil McAdam	----	----	----	0-1	0-1
Stephen Gollogly	----	----	----	0-1	0-1
Christopher McGuinness	----	----	----	0-1	0-1
Owen Lennon	----	----	----	0-1	0-1
Rory Beggan	0-1	----	----	----	0-1

**Total Scored**

**1-47**

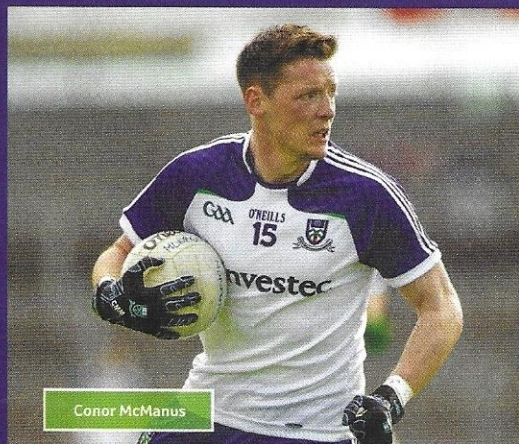
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**0-38**

**Scoring Difference**

**+12**

Scores  
from play  
**62%**



Conor McManus

## TYRONE

MAY 17, BALLYBOFEY

Donegal 1-13 1-10 Tyrone

JUNE 28, OMAGH

Tyrone 1-14 0-8 Limerick

JULY 11, OMAGH

Tyrone 1-10 0-11 Meath

JULY 18, THURLES

Tyrone 0-19 0-7 Tipperary

AUGUST 1, CROKE PARK

Tyrone 0-21 0-14 Sligo

SCORERS	FREES	45s	PENS	PLAY	TOTAL
Darren McCurry	0-7	0-1	----	1-7	1-15
Connor McAliskey	0-8	----	----	0-8	0-16
Seán Cavanagh	0-4	----	----	0-10	0-14
Peter Harte	----	----	1-0	1-4	2-4
Mattie Donnelly	----	----	----	0-8	0-8
Mark Bradley	0-1	----	----	0-5	0-6
Tiernan McCann	----	----	----	0-2	0-2
Rory Brennan	----	----	----	0-2	0-2
Joe McMahan	----	----	----	0-1	0-1
Ronan McNamee	----	----	----	0-1	0-1
Ronan O'Neill	----	----	----	0-1	0-1
Ronan McNabb	----	----	----	0-1	0-1
Conall McCann	----	----	----	0-1	0-1
Niall Morgan	0-1	----	----	----	0-1
Colm Cavanagh	----	----	----	0-1	0-1

**Total Scored**

**3-74**

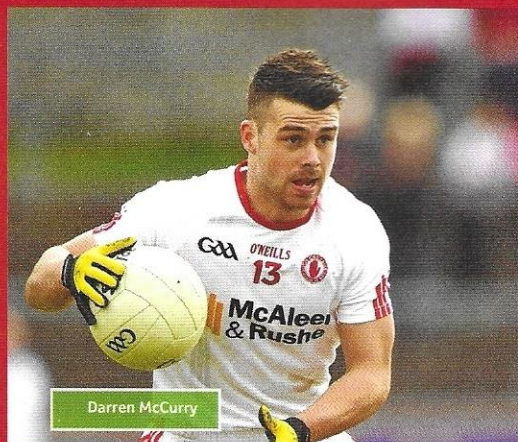
**Total Conceded**

**1-53**

**Scoring Difference**

**+27**

Scores  
from play  
**70%**



Darren McCurry

# MUINEACHÁN

1st Half					
2nd Half					
Total					

## FIR IONAIID

16. Cian Ó Mocháin  
CIAN MOHAN  
*An Bhoth*

17. Aindreas Wylie  
DREW WYLIE  
*Béal Átha Beithe*

18. Conchúr Ó Baoil  
CONOR BOYLE  
*Cluain Tiobraid*

19. Séan Mac Cearáin  
JOHN MCCARRON  
*Gaeil Tríúcha*

20. Risteard Ó Cléirchín  
DICK CLERKIN  
*Curraichín*

21. Pól Ó Fionnlaigh  
PAUL FINLAY  
*Béal Átha Beithe*

22. Stíofán Mac an Ghallóglagh  
STEPHEN GOLLOGLY  
*Carraig Mhachaire Rois*

23. Seán Ó Ciara  
SHANE CAREY  
*An Bhoth*

24. Tomás Mac Giolla Cheara  
THOMAS KERR  
*Béal Átha Beithe*

25. Rian Mac Giolla Easpaig  
RYAN McANESPIE  
*Scairbh na gCaorach*

26. Croistár Mag Aonghusa  
CHRISTOPHER MCGUINNESS  
*Béal Átha Beithe*

ROGHNÓIRÍ:  
MALACHY O'ROURKE  
(BAINISTEOIR),  
Ryan Porter  
Leo McBride  
Finbarr Fitzpatrick



Ruairí Ó Beagáin  
**RORY BEGGAN**  
*An Bhoth*



Coilín Breathnach  
**COLIN WALSH**  
*Dubhmlacht*



Uinseann Ó Comhraí  
**VINNY COREY**  
*Cluain Tiobraid*



Rian Wylie  
**RYAN WYLIE**  
*Béal Átha Beithe*



Deasún Mocháin  
**DESSIE MONE**  
*Cluain Tiobraid*



Niall Mac Adaim  
**NEIL McADAM**  
*Na Clairsigh Mhuineacháin*



Carl Ó Conaill  
**KARL O'CONNELL**  
*Tigh Thalainn*



Eoin Ó Lionnáin  
**OWEN LENNON**  
*Leachtain*



Fionán Ó Ceallaigh  
**FINTAN KELLY**  
*Cluain Eois*



Ciarán Ó Dufaigh  
**KIERAN DUFFY**  
*Leachtain*



Darren ó hAodha  
**DARREN HUGHES**  
*An Bhoth*



Eoin Ó Dufaigh  
**OWEN DUFFY**  
*Leachtain*



Diarmaid Ó Maoileain  
**DERMOT MALONE**  
*Fág An Bealach*



Ciarán Ó hAodha  
**KIERAN HUGHES**  
*An Bhoth*



Conchur Mac Maghnáin (C.)  
**CONOR McMANUS**  
*Cluain Tiobraid*

					1st Half
					2nd Half
					Total

# TÍR EOGHA

## FIR IONAIÐ

16. Micheál Ó Néill  
MICHAEL O'NEILL  
*Cluain Eo*
17. Lee Ó Braonáin  
LEE BRENNAN  
*Trí Leac*
18. Ruairí Ó Braonáin  
RORY BRENNAN  
*Trí Leac*
19. Conchúr Ó Chleirigh  
CONOR CLARKE  
*An Omaigh*
20. Risteard Ó Donnaile  
RICHIE DONNELLY  
*Trí Leac*
21. Dónal Mac Giolla Bhríde  
DANNY McBRIDE  
*An Srath Bán*
22. Conall Mac Cana  
CONALL McCANN  
*Coill an Chochair*
23. Saerbhreathach Mac Math  
JUSTIN McMAHON  
*An Omaigh*
24. Pádraig Mac an Ultaigh  
PÁDRAIG McNULTY  
*Dún Geanainn*
25. Ronán Ó Néill  
RONAN O'NEILL  
*An Omaigh*
26. Barra Ó Tighearnaigh  
BARRY TIERNEY  
*An Omaigh*

**ROGHNÓIR:**  
**MICKEY HARTE**  
**(BAINISTEÓIR)**



Niall Ó Muireagáin  
**NIALL MORGAN**  
*Éadan na dTorc*



Aodhán Mac Ruairí  
**AIDAN McCRORY**  
*Aireagal Chiaráin*



Ronan Mac Con Midhe  
**RONAN McNAMEE**  
*Achadh Uí Aráin*



Cathal Mac Cearáin  
**CATHAL McCARRON**  
*An Droim Mór*



Ronán Mac an Aba  
**RONAN McNABB**  
*An Droim Mór*



Seosamh Mac Mathúna  
**JOE McMAHON**  
*An Omaigh*



Peadar Ó hAirt  
**PETER HARTE**  
*Aireagal Chiaráin*



Colm Caomhánach  
**COLM CAVANAGH**  
*An Mhaigh*



Maitiú Ó Donnaile  
**MATTIE DONNELLY**  
*Trí Leac*



Tiarnan Mac Cana  
**TIERNAN McCANN**  
*Coill an Chlochair*



Marcas Ó Brolcháin  
**MARK BRADLEY**  
*Coill an Chlochair*



Conchúr Mac Maoilír  
**CONOR MEYLER**  
*An Omaigh*



Darren Mac Camhraí  
**DARREN McCURRY**  
*Éadan na dTorc*



Seán Caomhánach (C.)  
**SEÁN CAVANAGH**  
*An Mhaigh*



Conchúr Mac Conuise  
**CONNOR McALISKEY**  
*Cluain Eo*

# MAYO V DONEGAL: BATTLE LINES DRAWN

**T**his afternoon's second quarter-final brings together two of football's governing elite from the past five seasons.

During that time Donegal and Mayo have been involved in their own private sub-plot and this will be their third championship meeting in four years, and fourth in all.

The recent outcomes have been balanced at one each but this is a new chapter in the sense that both counties are under new management.

There is one major distinction in Mayo's ongoing quest for the ultimate prize, which Donegal took in 2012 after a final against today's opponents.

That was a memorable All-Ireland, all the more so given the great emigrant communities claiming allegiance to the counties. In the days leading up to the final, a midweek flight from O'Hare airport in Chicago was delayed by several hours and the passenger list was comprised almost exclusively of Mayo and Donegal ex-pats, coming back for the big match.

Donegal were favourites but All-Irelands can take on a life of their own. Given the patient, deliberate manner in which Jim McGuinness's team had all championship absorbed the best that opponents could throw at them before turning the screw in the third quarter, one of the remotest prospects looked to be Mayo re-living the nightmare of slow starts that had completely undermined them against Kerry in the finals of 2004, and especially '06.

Instead they had conceded two goals within 10 minutes – exactly the price Kerry charged them in the opening exchanges of six years previously.

Yet Donegal, whether affected by the occasion or disrupted by the change in match pattern, let their attention wander and Mayo faced down the demons that must have been conjured by the disastrous overture and staged a great recovery to lose by four.

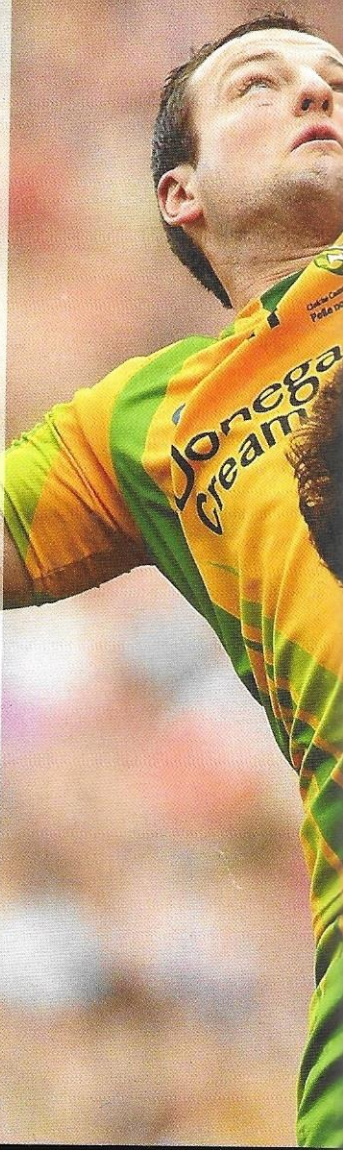
They had their revenge less than a year later when the champions, creaking from loss of form and injury, returned to Croke Park at this stage of the championship and were dismantled.

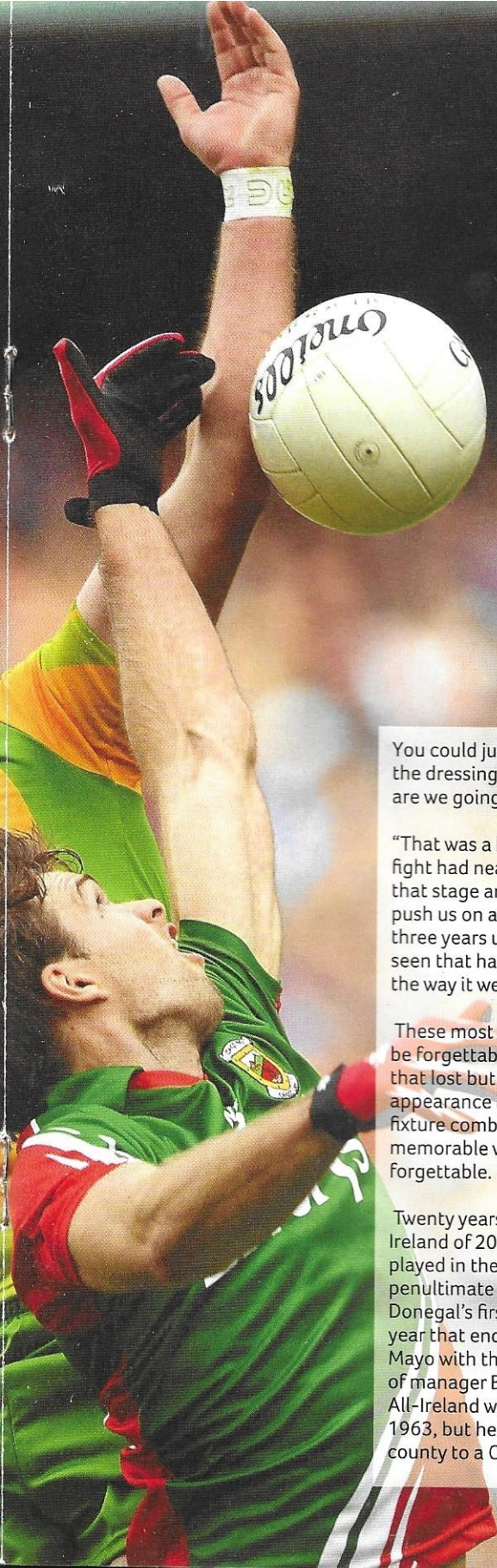
That All-Ireland quarter-final ended in the biggest defeat for defending champions in decades.

On the line, still short of fitness, 2012 Footballer of the Year Karl Lacey was called into action. His comments some months later were revealing.

"We were well beaten, it was by six or seven points by the time I was asked to warm-up. I suppose it doesn't matter at that stage if you're Superman or whoever you are. I don't think it was going to make any difference who came on.

"It was just about getting on and doing the best we could, really. Half-time, I remember Jim (McGuinness) was saying 'we're still in this, we still can win this. He still had the belief that we could go out and put in a big second half.





According to Donegal full-back Matt Gallagher his team were a little apprehensive. After all, the county had lost all four All-Ireland semi-finals in the previous 20 years.

"I'd say we were nervous. I remember reading around that time that in the Connacht-Ulster semi-finals, Connacht traditionally came out on top – Tyrone in '86 and Armagh in '77 had been the only exceptions for a long time – and yet the provinces were playing each other every three years. It wasn't in any way fluent."

You could just see in guys' eyes in the dressing-room: 'how the hell are we going to get this back?'

"That was a bit disappointing. The fight had nearly gone out of us at that stage and Jim was trying to push us on a wee bit and under my three years under Jim I had never seen that happen before. That was the way it went."

These most recent meetings may be forgettable for the county that lost but the counties' first appearance in a championship fixture combined the hugely memorable with the utterly forgettable.

Twenty years before the All-Ireland of 2012, the counties played in the 1992 semi-final – the penultimate step on the path to Donegal's first All-Ireland. It was a year that ended in controversy for Mayo with the forced resignation of manager Brian McDonald, an All-Ireland winner with Dublin in 1963, but he had led his adopted county to a Connacht title.

It was a terrible match. Donegal's nerves showed. The Ulster champions kicked 17 wides, which played a large part in keeping Mayo at the table; in fact leading up until the final quarter.

They wilted though and the last act of the match saw Martin McHugh avail of the luxury of tapping a penalty over the bar to confirm a four-point victory.

Dublin captain and now broadcast pundit Tom Carr said the following spring that he and his team-mates, a week away from their own semi-final against surprise Munster champions Clare, had come to Croke Park to have a look at their possible All-Ireland final opponents and left thinking they would probably beat the pick of the two teams.

It's safe to say that any Dublin representative scouting today's match in advance of the All-Ireland semi-final at the end of this month won't be as spectacularly misled.

1st Half	6			
2nd Half				
Total		STACHAI		MGRDIFSA

# DÚN NA nGALL

## FIR IONAIÐ

16. Marc A. Mac Fhionnghaile  
**MARK A. MCGINLEY**  
*Naomh Míchéal*



Pól Ó Dúrcáin  
**PAUL DURCAN**  
*Baile Buadáin, Naomh Éanna*

17. Antoin Mac Thomáis  
**ANTHONY THOMPSON**  
*Naomh Conaill*



Pádraig Mac Craith  
**PADDY McGRATH**  
*Ard an Ratha*



Niall Mac Aoidh  
**NEIL McGEE**  
*Gaoth Dobhair*



Éamonn Mac Aoidh  
**ÉAMONN McGEE**  
*Gaoth Dobhair*

18. Éamonn Ó Dochartaigh  
**ÉAMONN DOHERTY**  
*Naomh Adhamhnáin*

19. Criostóir Ó Tuathaigh  
**CHRISTY TOYE**  
*Naomh Míchéal*

20. Daithí Breathnach  
**DAVID WALSH**  
*Naomh Buid*

21. Aodh Mac Pháidín  
**HUGH McFADDEN**  
*Na Cealla Beaga*

22. Déaglán Breathnach  
**DECLAN WALSH**  
*Málainn*

23. Leo Mac Giolla Uain  
**LEO McLOONE**  
*Naomh Conaill*

24. Gary Mac Pháidín  
**GARY McFADDEN**  
*Gleann Súilí*

25. Ciarán Mac Fhionnghaile  
**CIARAN MCGINLEY**  
*Cill Chartha*

26. Eoghan Bán Ó Gallchóir  
**EOGHAN BÁN GALLAGHER**  
*Na Cealla Beaga*



Riain Mac Aodha  
**RYAN McHUGH**  
*Cill Chartha*



Carl de Lása  
**KARL LACEY**  
*Na Ceithre Máistir*



Proinsias Mac Fhloinn  
**FRANK McGLYNN**  
*Gleann Fhinne*



Niall Ó Gallchóir  
**NEIL GALLAGHER**  
*Gleann Súilí*



Mairtín Mac Giolla Chainnigh  
**MARTIN McELHINNEY**  
*Naomh Míchéal*



Mairtín Ó Raghallaigh  
**MARTIN O'REILLY**  
*Seán Mac Cumhail*



Odhrán Mac Niallais  
**ODHRÁN MAC NIALLAIS**  
*Gaoth Dobhair*



Marc Mac Aodha  
**MARK McHUGH**  
*Cill Chartha*

**ROGHNÓIRÍ:**  
**RORY GALLAGHER**  
**(BAINISTEOIR),**  
 Jack Cooney,  
 Gary McDaid



Pádraig Mac Breartaigh  
**PATRICK McBREARTY**  
*Cill Chartha*



Micheál Ó Murchú (C.)  
**MICHAEL MURPHY**  
*Gleann Súilí*



Colm Antoin Mac Pháidín  
**COLM A. McFADDE**  
*Naomh Míchéal*

1	7				1st Half
					2nd Half
					Total

# MAIGH EO

## FIR IONAIÐ

16. Riobearð Ó hlonnaile  
ROBERT HENNELLY  
*Breaflly*
  17. Caoimhín Ó Caithain  
KEVIN KEANE  
*Westport*
  18. Breandan Ó Hearchaí  
BRENDAN HARRISON  
*Aghamore*
  19. Críostóir de Bairéid  
CHRIS BARRETT  
*Belmullet*
  20. Pádraig Ó Dhuardáin  
PATRICK DURCAN  
*Castlebar Mitchels*
  21. Barra Ó Moráin  
BARRY MORAN  
*Castlebar Mitchels*
  22. Micheál Ó Conraoi  
MICHAEL CONROY  
*Davitts*
  23. Ailéin Diolún  
ALAN DILLON  
*Ballintubber*
  24. Marc Mac Raghnaill  
MARK RONALDSON  
*Shrule-Glencorrib*
  25. Éimhín Ó Riagáin  
EVAN REGAN  
*Ballina Stephenites*
  26. Ailéin Mac an tSaoir  
ALAN FREEMAN  
*Aghamore*
- ROGHNÓIRÍ:**  
NOEL CONNELLY  
& PAT HOLMES  
(BAINISTEOIRÍ),  
Michéal Collins  
Donie Buckley  
Barry Solan



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Daithí Ó Cléirigh  
**DAVID CLARKE**  
*Ballina Stephenites*



Gearoid Mac Eafarcaigh  
**GER CAFFERKEY**  
*Ballina Stephenites*



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**DONAL VAUGHAN**  
*Ballinrobe*



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**KEITH HIGGINS**  
*Ballyhaunis*



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**LEE KEEGAN**  
*Westport*



→ 9  
Tomás Connuibh  
**TOM CUNIFFE**  
*Castlebar Mitchels*



Coilm Baoill  
**COLM BOYLE**  
*Davitts*



Séamus Ó Sé  
**SÉAMUS O'SHEA**  
*Breaflly*



Tómas Mac an Phearsúin  
**TOM PARSONS**  
*Charlestown*



Diarmuid Ó Choncuir  
**DIARMUID O'CONNOR**  
*Ballintubber*



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Aodhán Ó Sé  
**AIDAN O'SHEA**  
*Breaflly*



12  
Caoimhín Mac Laughlainn  
**KEVIN McLOUGHLIN**  
*Knockmore*



Aindriú Ó Moráin  
**ANDY MORAN**  
*Ballaghaderreen*



14  
Cillian Ó Choncuir  
**CILLIAN O'CONNOR**  
*Ballintubber*



15  
Séasáon Dochartaigh  
**JASON DOHERTY**  
*Burrischoole*



# PATHS TO THE QUARTER-FINAL

## DONEGAL

MAY 17, BALLYBOFEY

Donegal 1-13 1-10 Tyrone

JUNE 14, ARMAGH

Donegal 2-11 0-8 Armagh

JUNE 27, CLONES

Donegal 1-9 0-10 Derry

JULY 19, CLONES

Monaghan 0-11 0-10 Donegal

AUGUST 1, CROKE PARK

Donegal 3-12 0-11 Galway

### SCORERS

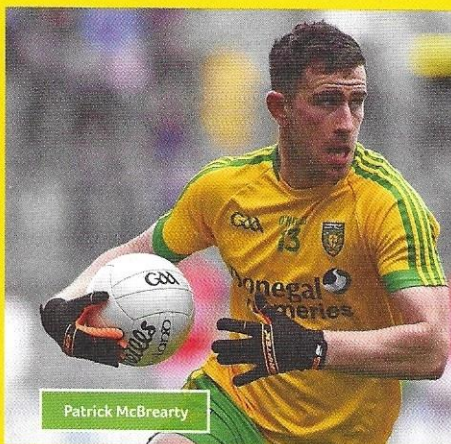
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Patrick McBrearty	0-5	----	----	2-7	2-12
Michael Murphy	0-11	0-1	----	0-3	0-15
Colm McFadden	0-1	----	----	0-7	0-8
Martin McElhinney	----	----	----	1-4	1-4
Odhrán Mac Niallais	----	----	----	0-6	0-6
Martin O'Reilly	----	----	----	2-0	2-0
Christy Toye	----	----	----	1-3	1-3
Karl Lacey	----	----	----	0-3	0-3
Ryan McHugh	----	----	----	1-0	1-0
Frank McGlynn	----	----	----	0-2	0-2
Neil Gallagher	----	----	----	0-1	0-1
Leo McLoone	----	----	----	0-1	0-1

**Total Scored**  
7-55

**Total Conceded**  
1-50

**Scoring Difference**  
+23

Scores  
from play  
**76%**



Patrick McBrearty

## MAYO

JUNE 14, SALTHILL

Mayo 1-15 2-8 Galway

JULY 19, ROSCOMMON

Mayo 6-25 2-11 Sligo

### SCORERS

SCORERS	FREES	45s	PENS	PLAY	TOTAL
Cillian O'Connor	0-12	0-1	----	1-3	1-16
Aidan O'Shea	----	----	----	3-5	3-5
Diarmuid O'Connor	----	----	----	0-4	0-4
Séamus O'Shea	----	----	----	1-1	1-1
Jason Doherty	----	----	----	0-3	0-3
Mark Ronaldson	----	----	----	0-3	0-3
Lee Keegan	----	----	----	1-0	1-0
Andy Moran	----	----	----	0-2	0-2
Donal Vaughan	----	----	----	0-2	0-2
Chris Barrett	----	----	----	0-1	0-1
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Alan Dillon	----	----	----	0-1	0-1

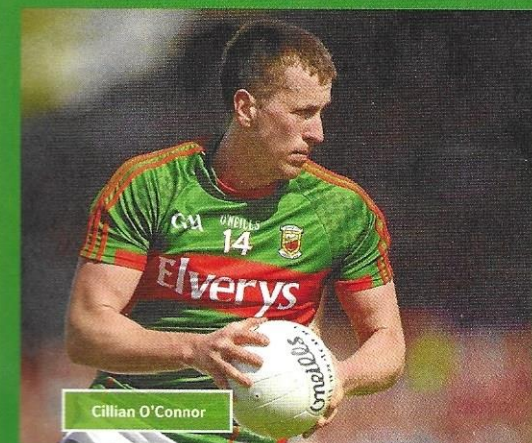
\*Finian Hanley (Galway) 1-0og

**Total Scored**  
7-40

**Total Conceded**  
4-19

**Scoring Difference**  
+30

Scores  
from play  
**79%**



Cillian O'Connor

# NA RÉITEOIRÍ

## MONAGHAN v TYRONE

### MARTY DUFFY, SLIGO

The 15-year veteran of the inter-county panel makes his second outing at Croke Park this season as he was in charge of the Cork-Downallia Allianz League semi-final at the venue back in April. In all the Enniscrone/Kilglass clubman handled five fixtures in that competition this season, including Monaghan's away assignment against Kerry at Tralee and Tyrone's home tie against Cork at Omagh. Duffy's last All-Ireland quarter-final fixture was 12 months ago when the Sligo referee was the whistle-blower for the Dublin-Monaghan 'last eight' meeting. His sole outing in the 2015 championship was two weeks ago for the Kildare-Cork All-Ireland Qualifier at Thurles.



## DONEGAL v MAYO

### DAVID GOUGH, MEATH

Although David has been a regular in the primary officiating role at Croke Park (he was in charge of the Dublin-Tyrone Allianz League tie at the venue back in March), this will be his first All-Ireland quarter-final in charge of the whistle. Neither Donegal nor Mayo have featured on his assignments over the last few seasons, but the Royal ref has four All-Ireland Championship Qualifiers under his belt this year at Glennon Brothers Pearse Park (Longford-Carlow), Kingspan Breffni Park (Cavan-Roscommon), the Athletic Grounds (Armagh-Galway) and Semple Stadium (Tipperary-Tyrone). The primary school teacher is in his third year on the inter-county panel.



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# JUNIOR FINAL: MIXED OMENS FOR MAYO



**L**et's start with the good news from a Mayo perspective.

The last time the green and red won the All-Ireland junior title in 1997 at Cusack Park, Ennis, they defeated Kerry in the final by 2-8 to 1-10. Alas, that was the Connacht side's last win over the Kingdom in the competition and in the meetings since, Kerry won a semi-final at Limerick in 2002 (1-11 to 0-7) and the most recent head-to-head which was the 2012 final (again at Ennis) by 0-19 to 1-7.

Comfortable wins over Galway and Lancashire led to evidence based predictables that Mayo would be a match for a Kerry side that had struggled to get by both Tipperary

and Cork en-route to the Munster title, but in the opening period the Kingdom dominated and led at the change of ends by 0-9 to 0-3. Indeed, Mayo's deficit would have been greater had 'keeper Paul Mannion not saved Conor Cox's 17th-minute penalty.

The leaders seemed happy to tread water on the restart and entering the third quarter enjoyed a seven-point advantage.

However, early in the fourth Simon Cloherty set up substitute Joe Kelly for a Mayo goal and the prospects of a battle all the way to the line looked bright. However, Kerry responded majestically and five unanswered points brought them a 15th junior crown.

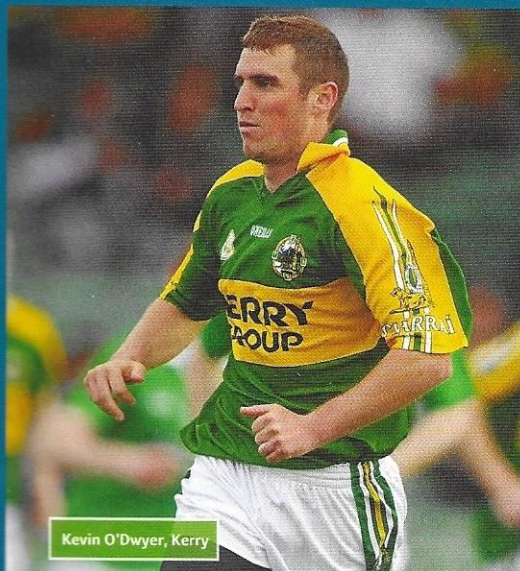
The lineouts three years ago were:

**Kerry** – Seán Óg Ó Ciardubháin, Kieran Quirke, Brendan O'Mahon, Kevin O'Dwyer, Marcus Mangan, Jack Sherwood, James Walsh, Andrew Garnett, Alan O'Sullivan, Niall O'Mahony, Niall Ó Sé, Paul O'Donoghue, David O'Callaghan, Michael O'Donoghue, Conor Cox

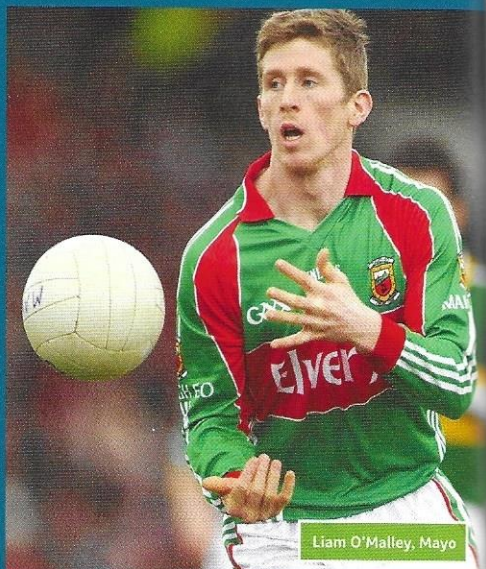
Subs – Eamon Hickson, Michael Brennan, Colin Kerins, Brendan P. Pat Corridan.

**Mayo** – Paul Mannion, Michael Walsh, Liam O'Malley, Barry Leonard, Micheál Forde, Ollie Feeney, Oisín Quinn, Ronan McNamara, Peter Collins, Pádraic McManamon, Eoin McManamon, Simon Cloherty, Alan McTigue, Colin Dempsey, Alan Eg

Subs – Michael Moran, Kevin Gibbons, Conor Horan, Ger McDonagh.



Kevin O'Dwyer, Kerry



Liam O'Malley, Mayo

## AN RÉITEOIR

# NOEL MOONEY, CAVAN



Noel is the first Breffni man to referee the All-Ireland Junior final since Tommy McDermott was in charge of the Kerry-Galway decider at the Gaelic Grounds 21 years ago. In his fourth year on the inter-county panel, the Cavan Gaels official started 2015 with a McKenna Cup tie at the Athletic Grounds and was then assigned the AIB All-Ireland Junior semi-final between John Mitchels and Moate All Whites at Navan. Subsequently, the 31-year-old controlled three fixtures in the Allianz League while he was also in charge of a couple of EirGrid Ulster U21 fixtures, including the Tyrone-Downpatrick final at Celtic Park.

## JUNIOR FOOTBALL 2015 SCOREBOARD

### LEINSTER

MAY 20, ENNISCORTHY

Wexford 3-18 0-6 Wicklow

MAY 20, LONGFORD

Longford 2-9 0-10 Kildare

MAY 20, DROGHEDA

Louth 1-19 1-18 Carlow

JUNE 10, LONGFORD

Wexford 3-11 0-12 Longford

JUNE 10, DROGHEDA

Meath 2-11 0-16 Louth

FINAL

JUNE 25, WEXFORD

Wexford 1-10 0-12 Meath

### MUNSTER

MAY 23, ENNIS

Limerick 1-15 3-7 Clare

MAY 31, THURLES

Tipperary 1-12 1-9 Waterford

JUNE 14, THURLES

Kerry 2-13 1-8 Tipperary

JUNE 14, PÁIRC UÍ RINN

Cork 0-16 0-13 Limerick

FINAL

JULY 1, PÁIRC UÍ RINN

Kerry 1-20 0-11 Cork

### CONNACHT

MAY 6, BALLINA

Mayo 2-10 1-10 Sligo

MAY 6, CARRICK-ON-SHANNON

Galway 1-11 0-7 Leitrim

FINAL

MAY 17, CARRICK-ON-SHANNON

Mayo 1-12 0-13 Galway

## ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINALS

JULY 25, TULLAMORE

Mayo 1-12 0-8 Kilkenny

JUL 25, DUNGARVAN

Kerry 3-13 2-9 Wexford

## JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP ROLL OF HONOUR

CORK (17)

1951, 1953, 1955, 1964, 1972, 1984, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1993, 1996, 2001, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013.

KERRY (15)

1913, 1915, 1924, 1928, 1930, 1941, 1949, 1954, 1963, 1967, 1983, 1991, 1994, 2006, 2012.

LONDON (6)

1938, 1966, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1986.

DUBLIN (6)

1914, 1916, 1939, 1948, 1960, 2008.

MAYO (5)

1933, 1950, 1957, 1995, 1997.

MEATH (5)

1947, 1952, 1962, 1988, 2003.

LOUTH (4)

1925, 1932, 1934, 1961.

GALWAY (4)

1931, 1958, 1965, 1985.

TIPPERARY (3)

1912, 1923, 1998.

ROSCOMMON (2)

1940, 2000.

WICKLOW (2)

1936, 2002.

WATERFORD (2)

1999, 2004.

SLIGO (2)

1935, 2010.

CAVAN (2)

1927, 2014.

ARMAGH (1)

1926.

WESTMEATH (1)

1929.

LONGFORD (1)

1937.

DOWN (1)

1946.

MONAGHAN (1)

1956.

FERMANAGH (1)

1959.

TYRONE (1)

1968.

LAOIS (1)

1973.

WEXFORD (1)

1992.



# ALL-IRELAND JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

## CIARRAÍ

1st Half				
2nd Half				
Total				

### FIR IONAIÐ

16. Darragh Ó Sé  
DARRAGH O'SHEA  
*Ballydonoghue*
  17. Eamon Ó Cádhlá  
EAMONN KIELY  
*Brosna*
  18. Briain Ó Siochrú  
BRIAN SUGRUE  
*Renard*
  19. Mícheál Ó Breannáin  
MICHAEL BRENNAN  
*Churchill*
  20. Gary Ó Suilleabháin  
GARY O'SULLIVAN  
*Listry*
  21. Jordan Ó Cádhlá  
JORDAN KIELY  
*Dr Crokes*
  22. Adam de Barra  
ADAM BARRY  
*Brosna*
  23. Daithí Ó Grifín  
DAVID GRIFFIN  
*Ardfert*
  24. Cillían Ó Spealáin  
KILLIAN SPILLANE  
*Templenoe*
- ROGHNÓIRÍ:  
STEPHEN WALLACE  
(BAINISTEOIR),  
Fergus Clifford,  
Timmy O'Sullivan,  
Denis O'Sullivan



Seán Ó Murchú  
**SHANE MURPHY**  
*Kilcummin*



Dónal Ó Donnchú  
**DAN O'DONOGHUE**  
*Spa*



Seán Mac Uidhir  
**JACK MCGUIRE**  
*Listowel Emmets*



Daithí Ó Cathláin  
**DAVID CULHANE**  
*Ballylongford*



Seamus Breathnach  
**JAMES WALSH**  
*Knocknagoshel*



Tadhg Ó Muraile  
**TADHG MORLEY**  
*Templenoe*



Gavin Ó Cruallaíoch  
**GAVIN CROWLEY**  
*Templenoe*



Breandán Ó Suilleabháin  
**BRENDAN O'SULLIVAN**  
*Valentia*



Liam Ó Ceárnaigh  
**LIAM KEARNEY**  
*Spa*



Briain Ó Cruallaíoch  
**BRIAN CROWLEY**  
*Templenoe*



Jeff Ó Donnchú  
**JEFF O'DONOGHUE**  
*Glenflesk*



Pilip Ó Conchúir  
**PHILIP O'CONNOR**  
*Cordal*



Tomás Ó hIcí  
**THOMAS HICKEY**  
*Castleisland Desmonds*



Conchúir Mac an Choilig  
**CONOR COX**  
*Listowel Emmets*



Alan Ó Donnchú (C.)  
**ALAN O'DONOGHUE**  
*John Mitchels*

					1st Half
					2nd Half
					Total

# MAIGH EO



Bláca Ó Gabhláin  
**BLAKE FORKAN**  
*Kiltimagh*



Pádraic Baróid  
**PAT BARRETT**  
*Belmullet*



Breandain Ó Moráin  
**BRENDAN MORAN**  
*Cill Chomáin*



Barra Ó Líonán  
**BARRY LEONARD**  
*Lahardane*



Eoghan Coileáin  
**EOGHAN COLLINS**  
*Ballyhaunis*



Darán Mac Aodha  
**DARREN McHUGH**  
*Hollymount/Carramore*



Eoghan Ó Donnchú  
**EOIN O'DONOGHUE**  
*Belmullet*



Peadar Coileáin  
**PETER COLLINS**  
*Islandeady*



Pádraig Ó Phiaráic  
**PÁDRAIC FEERICK**  
*Hollymount/Carramore*



Gaibhín Coinmheadh  
**GAVIN CONWAY**  
*Ballaghaderreen*



Cathal Mac an tSaoir (C.)  
**CATHAL FREEMAN**  
*Aghamore*



Darán Ó Dúrcán  
**DARREN DURCAN**  
*Parke*



Daimian Mac Gíng  
**DAMIEN McGING**  
*Ballintubber*



Seán Ó Hutton  
**JOHN HUTTON**  
*Claremorris*



Rónán Ó Maoileach  
**RONAN MALEE**  
*Kiltimagh*

## FIR IONAIÐ

16. Maitiu Flannagáin  
**MATTHEW FLANAGAN**  
*Balla*
17. Rowland Mac an tSaoir  
**ROWLAND McINTYRE**  
*Belmullet*
18. Séan Ó Gacháin  
**SEÁN GAUGHAN**  
*Belmullet*
19. Déaglán Ealaighthe  
**DECLAN HEALY**  
*Davitts*
20. Michéal Baróid  
**MICKEY BARRETT**  
*Knockmore*
21. Aindreas Fearghail  
**ANDREW FARRELL**  
*Killala*
22. Michéal Mac Tochairidh  
**MICHAEL TOGHER**  
*Belmullet*
23. Dáire Seoige  
**DARRAGH JOYCE**  
*Islandeady*
24. Mícheál Fuartháin  
**MÍCHEÁL FORDE**  
*Ballycastle*

**ROGHNÓIRÍ:**  
**SEÁN McLOUGHLIN**  
(BAINISTEÓIR),  
Daire McManamon,  
John Gilmore,  
Páirc Costello

# Special Olympics Ireland



**T**his summer 88 athletes represented Ireland at the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Los Angeles.

The World Games were the single biggest event in Los Angeles since the 1984 Olympics. They opened on the evening of July 25th, with a star-studded Opening Ceremony at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, site of the 1932 and 1984 Olympics.

John Treacy CEO of the Irish Sports Council, actor Colin Farrell and Claudine Keane, wife of Irish football captain Robbie, led Team Ireland in the official parade of athletes. Team Ireland excelled

at the World Games with Irish athletes featuring in 12 different sports. The sports included football, aquatics, basketball, badminton, and golf among others.

Overall, our Irish athletes took home an impressive haul of 82 medals, 26 gold, 28 silver and 28 bronze. The athletes also secured 41 placement ribbons and recorded an impressive 31 personal bests in what was one of the most successful Games in recent times.

For the athletes involved their selection to Team Ireland came after four years of training and competition. A 40-strong

coaching and management team supported the athletes in Los Angeles. Over 300 family members also made the trip to cheer on the athletes.

Special Olympics is a year-round sports organisation for athletes with intellectual disabilities and is supported by the Irish Sports Council and Sport NI. Special Olympics Ireland is first and foremost a sports organisation for people with an intellectual disability, but it provides athletes with far more than the physical benefits of sport. Through sport, athletes develop both physically and emotionally, they make new friends, realise their dreams, and know they can fit in.



Members of Team Ireland at Dublin Airport during their homecoming

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# KERNAN ON FOOTBALL

**M**alachy O'Rourke has now led Monaghan to two Ulster titles in three years but the squad still want more. On countless occasions I have heard his players speak about their desire to win championship games in Croke Park.

That was something the county hadn't achieved in over 80 years until they defeated Kildare last year in the qualifiers. I expect them to use the experience of their 2013 defeat to avenge that result and advance to the All-Ireland semi-final for the first time since 1988.

In fact, I fancy all four provincial champions to make it into the last four for the second year running. Unfortunately for Monaghan, such is the quality of opposition left, I do not see them as All-Ireland contenders. In Conor McManus, they have the form footballer in Ulster, but to go the whole way they need someone alongside him to ease the scoring burden.

All neutrals though would love to see a new champion and in my eyes, of all the remaining candidates who are in that category, Mayo are the front runners and the ones most likely to make the breakthrough.

They have not had to leave their comfort zone too often so far this year. Overall though, they have been hugely impressive. In particular, the emergence of Tom Parsons has allowed them to release Aidan O'Shea to full-

forward. This has obviously had a devastating effect as it allows them to mix the running game with direct football, making them extremely hard to plot against.

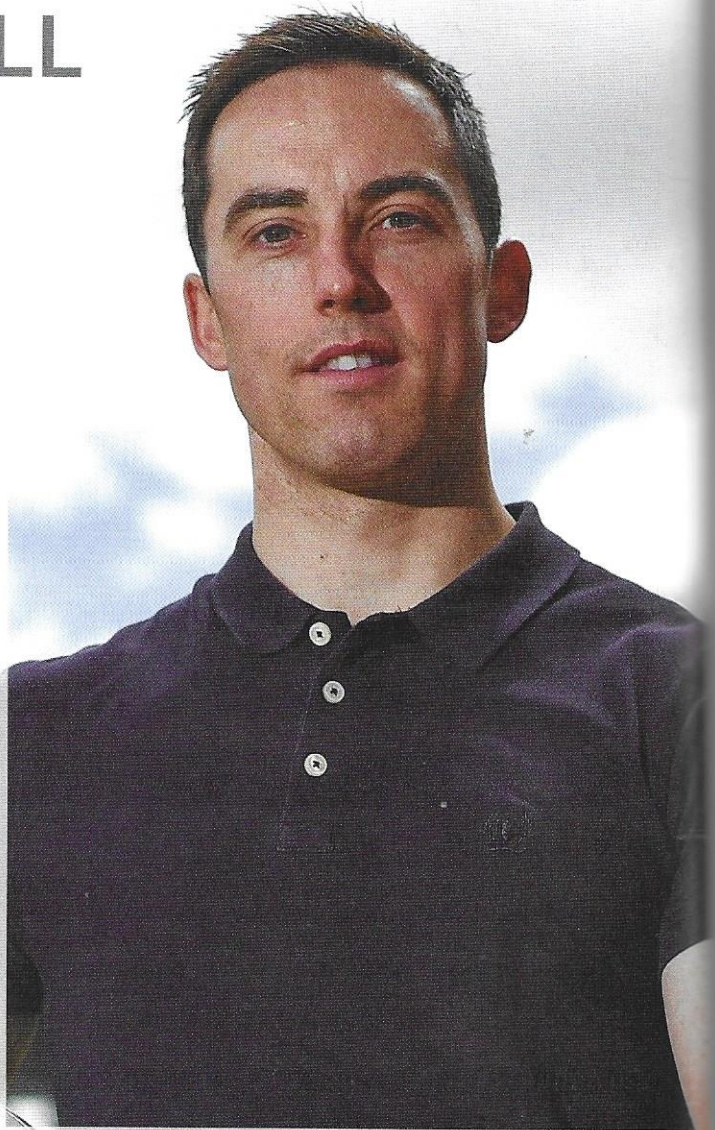
From now on their challenge is to be mentally tough. I don't believe in hoodoos and curses. They have the ability and hunger but All-Irelands are not always won by the team that wants it the most because everyone out there wants

it for their county. The team that can handle the intense pressure that August and September bring will be the team that succeeds in the end.

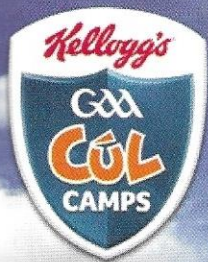
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# SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS



Develop your skill level using the skill cards below focussing on the block down and solo. Follow each of the key points to learn how to perform these skills like Karl O'Connell and Lee Keegan.

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## BLOCK DOWN

The Block Down is a tackling technique used to prevent an opponent shooting for a score or passing to another player.



Stand close to the opponent. Approach from the side.

### KEY TEACHING POINTS



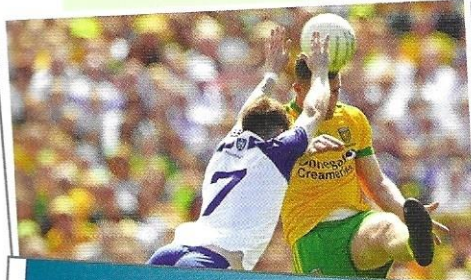
As the opponent attempts to play the ball, reach forward with hands close together. Eyes on the ball.



Block the ball at the point of contact with the foot. Move to regain possession.

To Coach this Skill use the IDEA method

- I**NTRODUCE the skill
- D**EMONSTRATE the technique
- E**XECUTE the activity
- A**TTEND and provide feedback



### LOOK OUT FOR THESE COMMON ERRORS

- Shying away from contact
- Missing the ball as it passes through the outstretched arms
- Closing the eyes when attempting to block

## SOLO

The Solo or toe tap is a technique used to play the ball in order to keep possession without fouling. When in possession it is possible to take a maximum of 4 steps without playing the ball. After 4 steps the player has a choice between bouncing, performing a toe tap or playing the ball away. It is permitted to toe tap the ball more than once in succession.



Release the ball into the hand at the kicking side. Eyes on the ball.

### KEY TEACHING POINTS



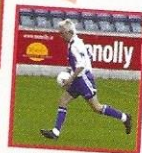
Step forward with the non-kicking foot. Drop the ball onto the kicking foot.



Flick the toe upwards towards the body. Straighten the leg.

To Coach this Skill use the IDEA method

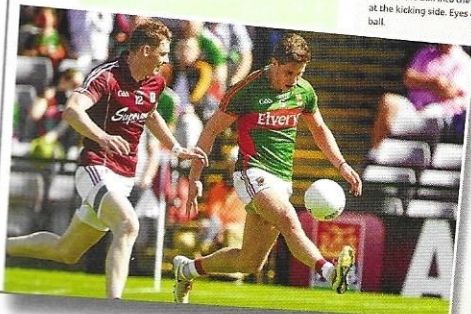
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Extend the arms forward to catch the ball.

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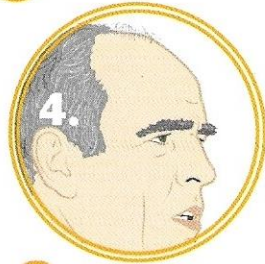
- Dropping the ball with the opposite hand or both hands
- Not straightening the leg to flick the ball up towards the body
- Soling the ball too high



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Test your GAA knowledge with the following 10 questions

1. Who was Dublin senior football manager when they won the Sam Maguire Cup in 1995?
2. Who is the current TD that managed Galway, Mayo and Leitrim to win Connacht SFC titles?
3. In which city was the first game of the 2015 All-Ireland SFC played?
4. Anthony Cunningham played in four consecutive All-Ireland hurling finals for Galway in the 1980s. How many did he win?
5. Who was the first inter-county football manager to quit this summer?
6. RTÉ commentator Marty Morrissey presents a GAA programme on RTÉ Radio One just after six o'clock on Sunday evenings. What's it called?
7. Of all the successful Kerry senior football captains, why is Darran O'Sullivan unique?
8. Joe Canning plays his club hurling with which Galway club?
9. Who was Tipperary's captain when they last lifted the MacCarthy Cup in 2010?
10. Tipperary manager Eamon O'Shea previously worked as selector with which Tipp manager?



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 1. Pat O'Neill 2. John O'Mahony 3. New York 4. Two, 1987 and 1988 5. Tomás Ó Flatharta 6. The Marty Squad 7. He was born in London 8. Portlanna 9. Eoin Kelly 10. Liam Shedy



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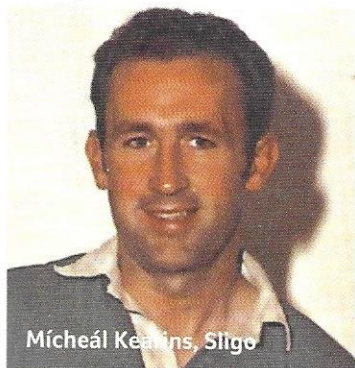
What was happening in the GAA 40 years ago, in August 1975

Compiled by Seán Creedon

**Sligo, playing in their first All-Ireland semi-final since 1928, were no match for a young Kerry side. Micheál Kearins's first-half penalty was saved by Kerry goalkeeper Paudie O'Mahony and that miss seemed to kill Sligo's confidence. Two second-half goals from John Egan and one from Pat Spillane saw Kerry cruise to a 3-13 to 0-5 win.**

**"I have been playing for Sligo since 1959. We had a few hard luck stories along the way. But today we couldn't match the young Kerry lads. I don't think I will retire for a few more years; at least I won't make any hasty decision."** Sligo veteran Micheál Kearins after their semi-final defeat to Kerry.

**"We won well in the end and there is plenty of room for improvement. But it must be remembered that 12 of this team were appearing in their first senior championship game at Croke Park."** Kerry manager Mick O'Dwyer after his young team beat Sligo in the All-Ireland football semi-final.



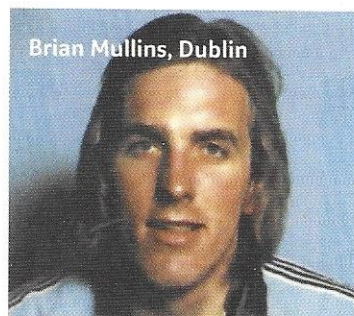
Micheál Kearins, Sligo

Jimmy Keaveney's accuracy from frees was crucial as reigning All-Ireland champions Dublin beat Derry 3-13 to 3-8 in the semi-final. Veteran Seán O'Connell and Johnny O'Leary scored goals for Derry in the first half. But Keaveney, who scored a total of nine points, kept the Dubs in touch from frees. Anton O'Toole got a goal in each half for Dublin.

**Kildare changed goalkeepers after only 22 minutes of the first half, but still went down 4-8 to 2-7 to Tyrone in the All-Ireland minor football semi-final. After conceding two early goals Eamon Costelloe was replaced by Hughie O'Rourke, but he was beaten by Damien O'Hagan within a few minutes. Paul Donnelly (two) and Martin McAnenny were Tyrone's other goalscorers.**

Seánie Walsh and Neily O'Donovan were outstanding at midfield as Kerry beat Roscommon 3-12 to 0-6 in the All-Ireland minor football semi-final. Michael Finneran kept the Rossies in touch with points from frees. Jack O'Shea missed a Kerry penalty, but goals from Paudie Sheehan, Robert Bunyan and John Mulvihill saw Kerry safely through to the final.

**Brian Mullins was the star of Dublin's 1-12 to 1-9 win over Mayo at MacHale Park in the All-Ireland U21 football semi-final. Mullins started on the '40' where he was well marked by Billy Diskin. But after switching to centrefield in the second-half**

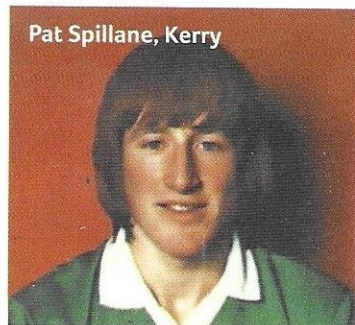


Brian Mullins, Dublin

**the St Vincent's man had a hand in most of the Dublin scores.**

Kerry made hard work of beating Antrim in the All-Ireland U21 football semi-final in Tralee. With full-forward Gerry Armstrong giving Páidí Ó Sé a tough afternoon the Glensmen were well in the game until Brendan Tully was sent off. Late points from Mikey Sheehy and Pat Spillane saw Kerry win 1-15 to 1-4.

**A big win for Kildare over Warwickshire in the All**



Pat Spillane, Kerry

**Ireland football quarter-final at Newbridge gave support to the view that English teams should not be invited to play in the latter stages of the championship. The Lilywhites won 8-17 to 2-2, but were beaten in the semi-final by Tyrone.**

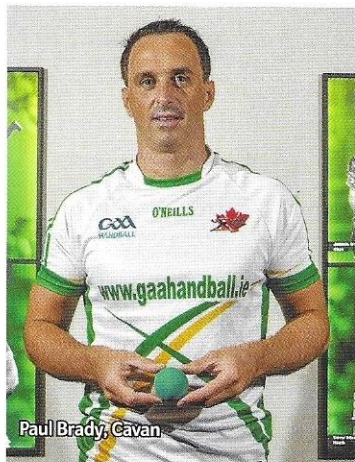
# TEAM IRELAND READY FOR WORLD HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

**T**he World handball Championships take place in Calgary, Canada from August 11-21 next, with a 15-strong Irish squad set to travel across the Atlantic on Monday morning.

All eyes will be fixed on Cavan man Paul Brady, as he bids for an incredible fifth consecutive Men's title Open World title, a feat that has never been achieved before and is unlikely to ever be matched again.

In addition, Antrim's Aisling Reilly will look to defend the Ladies Open crown she won in 2012. So, exciting championships are in store – let the battles commence!

Over 1,000 handballers from 20 countries will travel to Alberta's largest city, home of the famed annual Stampede, to compete in this year's World Championships. Over 100 of those handballers hail from the Emerald Isle, with the lucky 15 Irish squad members having come through gruelling qualification trials earlier this year.



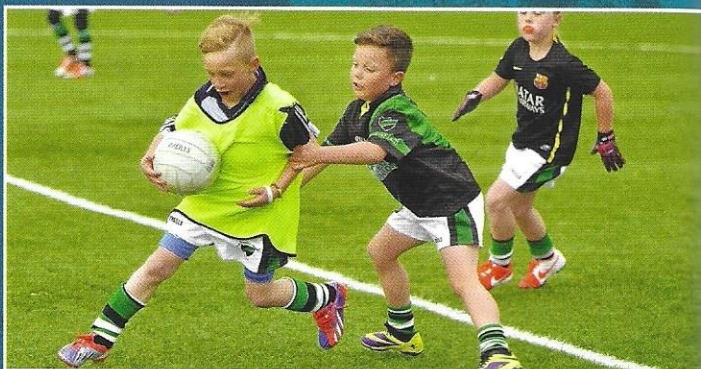
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In recent weeks, the focus has moved away from our provincial championships as the All-Ireland series take centre-stage but, either way, the GAA has as an organisation worked hard, with the support of our sponsors, to promote and market our games in an effort to make them as appealing a prospect as possible to the largest number of people.

Your presence here today – and that of so many others – helps make our games the unique occasions they are, thanks to the colour and unrivalled atmosphere that goes hand in hand with our match days.



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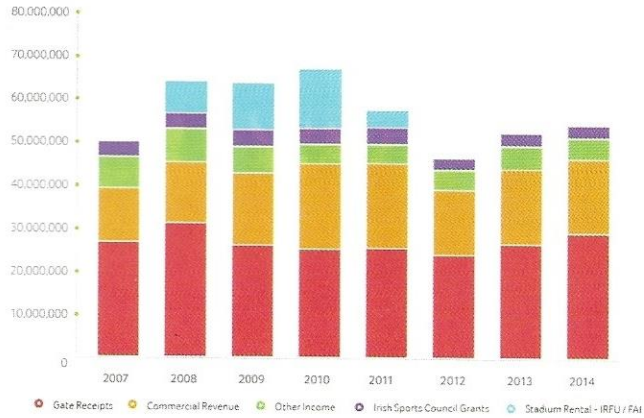
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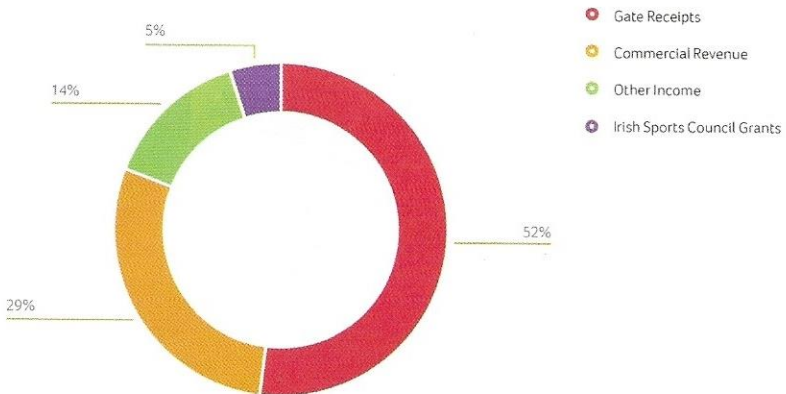
Thank you for your support, thank you for being here and thank you for helping to make a difference.

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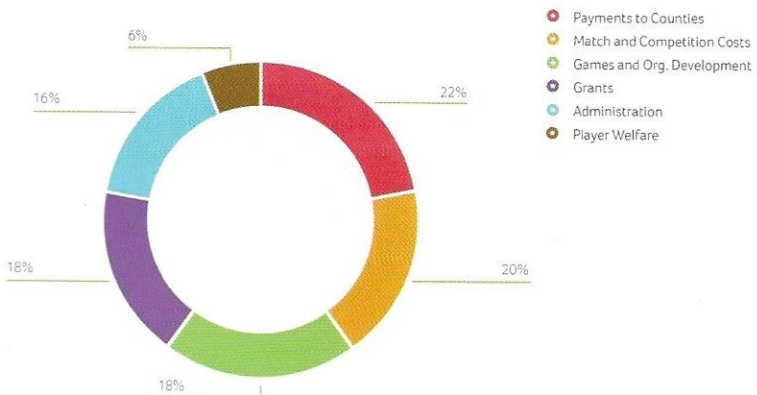
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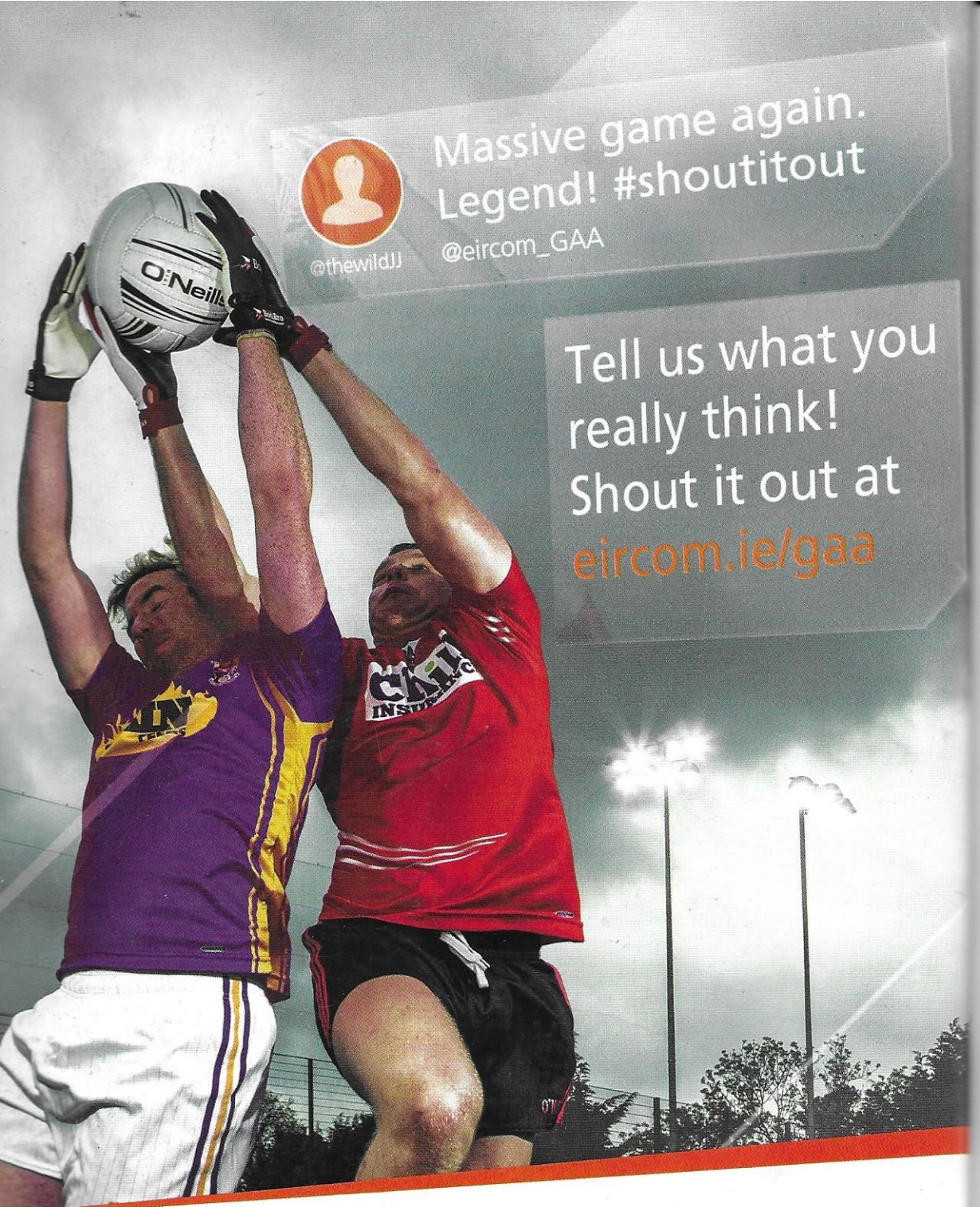
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