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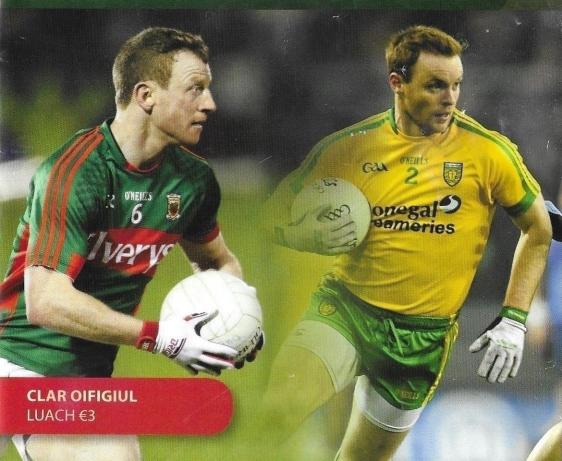
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I am delighted to welcome you all to Elverys MacHale Park today. In particular, I want to welcome Donegal, their mentors, and their loyal followers, and I hope that you enjoy your stay in Mayo and that everybody gets home safely afterwards. There have been many links between the two counties over the years, and while we might not be connected by a border, we have a lot in common both geographically and economically.

Mayo and Donegal had contrasting fortunes last weekend. We made the long journey to Cork and looked like coming away with the points until a late Cork goal gave them victory. Donegal had a comprehensive victory over their Ulster rivals Tyrone in Ballybofey. These results give added significance to the result today, as whoever wins will likely make the semi-finals, while the losers will have to wait until the championship for their next competitive outing. This is sure to give an added bite to proceedings today.

Like Mayo, Donegal are under new management this year, with Rory Gallagher taking over the reins from Jim McGuinness. Both counties have been trying out plenty of players during the campaign, Mayo have given gametime to 35 players, while for Donegal 27 different players have appeared at some stage.

Given what is at stake today I am sure that supporters will be in for an entertaining and keenly contested game. Mayo and Donegal have built up quite a rivalry in recent times, meeting on 9 occasions in the last ten years between League and Championship. Honours have been shared fairly evenly over that period, and today should be another day when the outcome will go right down to the wire. Good luck to both teams this afternoon and in their championship campaigns ahead.

The last few months have been a very busy period here in Elverys MacHale Park, with twelve intercounty games being played in the stadium since the 1st January. I would like to thank all who have assisted in making arrangements for this those games. I have seen at first hand the amount of planning and preparation that goes on behind the scenes leading up to the games. Without your help we would not

be able to stage these fixtures in our county grounds. Mayo County Board appreciates all the voluntary help we get, and we thank those who give this to us so willingly and freely.

Mayo has enjoyed great support, both at home and away, and I want to thank our loyal fans for following their county during the current



League campaign. Hopefully you will have another gam or two to go to before the campaign reaches its conclusion

I would also like to thank the local press and radio for th coverage that they give to our games, both at intercount and club level.

Tá me cinnte go mbeidh cluiche iar mhaith again inniu, agu go mbeidh an bua ag an foireann is fearr.

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Cathaoirleach

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### Mayo hoping for Donegal catch by John Melvin

TEMPUS fugit. But the memory of the day never fades. I'm referring to that September afternoon in 2012 when Mayo were hit by two bolts of lightering (the Murphy and McFadden double-act) and Mayo's dream of their first All-Ireland since 1951 was over before it had even begun.

Today's clash at Elverys MacHale Park, Castlebar, in the final round of the national football league seems a distance from an All-Ireland final in Croke Park but with so much at stake, we could get game more akin to championship football than some of the meagre rations that have been served up in the league so far.

While Easter Sunday is traditionally a family day and a time of spiritual stock-taking, I have a feeling the Mayo management team of Pat Holmes and Noel Connelly will be reflecting on, not what might, could or should have been last weekend, but what is still possible.

Likewise, Donegal come to town knowing a win will put them right back in the shake-up for a place in the top four semi-finals on April 12, but results elsewhere are likely to play a hand and all Mayo and Donegal can do is go out and try to win their game.

Monaghan and Kerry are still very much in the shake-up to make the top four where Cork are already sitting in the departure lounge with Dublin waiting to have their passport officially stamped.

While both Mayo and Donegal are on six points, the intriguing game today for me is above in Tyrone where Mickey Harte's team are battling for survival against Kerry, who could still be in danger of joining already relegated Derry in Division Two next season should they

Score difference is likely to come into play and, on that count, Mayo have the edge, having scored 8-78 in their six games to date.

Equally fascinating is the Monaghan v Dublin clash where a draw for Monaghan would be enough to secure their place, Dublin losing out if both Mayo and Kerry win.

In any event, both Mayo and Donegal know they both need a win this afternoon.

Mayo bounced back from that All-Ireland defeat in 2012 to hammer Donegal the following year in the quarterfinal of the championships and when they last met in the league in 2013, Mayo won by four points, Donega playing in division two last season having been relegated.

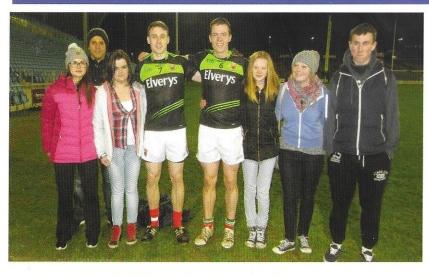
Two of the most influential managers in the modern game have departed the stage since and it would seem Donegal have suffered most without Jim McGuinness at the helm but Rory Gallagher is getting the ship back on course, their most recent win over Tyrone suggesting they are preparing for a long journey this summer in Ulster.

It is too early to assess life in Mayo without James Horan but, in what has been a patchy league, joint managers Pat Holmes and Noel Connelly have thrown their net far and wide. The quality of the catch won't really be known until June but there is nothing to suggest that Mayo's status as a top-four team has altered from last season.

And if Mayo were to be launched on the Stock Exchange this summer, I personally would still consider them worthy of a healthy investment. Today could be a good day to buy some shares!



### 'Little Time...Big Difference'



Pictured:

Mayo footballers, Patrick Durcan and Stephen Coen met with some of the Big Brother Big Sister participants who were recently attending the Mayo U21 game against Leitrim.

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### **Referee:** David Coldrick (Meath)

The referee for today's game is Meath official David Coldrick, a member of the Blackhall Gaels club. David is one of the most experienced officials around, having commenced his refereeing career in 1994. In 2005 he took charge of the League meeting between Mayo and Donegal which was played in James Stephens Park, Ballina. In 2010, David became part of a select group of referees when he was selected to take charge of his second All-Ireland Final, the meeting of Cork and Down. Previously he had refereed the 2007 meeting of Cork and Kerry. In 2005 and 2006, David refereed the International Rules series between Australia and Ireland. In the current League campaign, David was in charge of the Round 3 meeting of Tyrone and Derry.



### **League Permutations**

With the final round of this year's Allianz League being played today, it is timely to look at what is likely to be the position when final whistles are being blown around the country at about 4.30pm this evening.

#### Division 1:

Cork have qualified for the semi-finals, and will be joined by the winners of Monaghan v Dublin. The winners of today's game in Elverys MacHale Park should also progress. In addition Kerry have a chance of qualifying if they beat Tyrone, but scoring difference is not in their favour, and they will be depending on a Monaghan win to give them a chance. Derry are relegated, and should be joined in Division 2 next year by the losers of Tyrone v Kerry.

#### Division 2:

The tightest Division of all, with 5 counties in with a chance of promotion, and none over the line so far. A win for Down over Laois will guarantee them promotion, and they are likely to be joined by the winner of Meath v Cavan. A defeat for Down, would bring Roscommon back into the picture, provided they win their final round game, while a big victory for Galway over Kildare would give them an outside chance of promotion. Two from Kildare, Westmeath and Laois are likely to be demoted, with Galway also in danger if they lose to Kildare, and Laois win.

#### Division 3:

Armagh and Fermanagh are already promoted. Wexford looked doomed to relegation, and they will be joined by one of Limerick, Louth, Clare or Sligo, with the losers of Limerick v Louth most likely to go down.

#### Division 4:

Longford are promoted, with the second spot resting between Offaly and Antrim, who meet in the final round.

Plenty to play for then, and I am sure ears will be glued to radios as the afternoon progresses, to hear what is happening around the country.

### On this Day

Mayo have played three league games on 5th April, all of them outside Mayo, meaning today is the first time they have played on this date on Mayo soil. It is also interesting to note that two of these games were knockout contests.

In 1936 Mayo overcame Cavan by the unusual scoreline of 5-2 to 0-3 in Cavan. In 1981 in the Quarter-Final which

was played in Hyde Park Roscommon, Mayo overcame Dublin by the minimum margin, 1-11 to 1-10. Mayo's most recent outing on this date was again a Quarter-Final game in 1998, this time played in Markiewicz Park Sligo, when they lost 1-9 to 0-10 to Derry.

## Best Wishes to Mayo in the 2015 National League from all at

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### Player Profile: Jason Doherty (Mayo)

Name: Jason Doherty Age: 25

**Height:** 5ft 11 **Weight:** 13.5 st (85kg)

Club Honours: U17B County title

County Debut: National League v Kerry 2011 County Honours: 5 Connaught Senior titles; 2 U21 Connaught titles; 1 Minor League

medal.

Your fav playing position: Full Forward Your most difficult opponents: Ger Caff Any pre-match routine or superstitions: No Current Players you most admire:

Colm Cooper

Past all time best Players: Ciaran McDonald Your best Sporting memories: First start for Mayo Seniors, Winning 3 Connaught titles with Mayo seniors, Winning 2 Connaught u21 titles, Winning Sigerson Cup with DIT

Persons with the biggest influence on your sporting career: Parents / Girlfriend / David Reidy

Advice for young players: Practice makes perfect

Other sports or sports stars you like: Rugby / Brian O Driscoll / Sonny Bill Williams Fav Sporting Quote: "The fight is won or lost far away from witnesses - behind the lines, in the gym, and out there on the road, long before I dance under those lights"

- Muhammad Ali

What person in the world would you most like to meet: Floyd Mayweather Best concert or gig you have attended:

Who would you take on a Desert Island Date: Mila Kunis

What's your dream car: Diahatsu Charade Any hidden talents you would like to tell us about? No



### **MAYO & DONEGAL PREVIOUS LEAGUE MEETINGS**

24 Nov.1940	Mayo	1-10	Donegal	0-5	Ballina
11 Nov. 1984	Donegal	1-13	Mayo	1-5	Ballyshannon
27 Oct.1985	Donegal	0-14	Mayo	1-11	Ballyshannon
6 Feb. 1994	Donegal	3-7	Mayo	0-12	Ballybofey
13 Feb. 2005	Mayo	2-10	Donegal	1-11	Ballina
11 Feb. 2007	Donegal	1-13	Mayo	1-10	Ballybofey
22 April 2007	Donegal	0-13	Mayo	0-10	Croke Park (Fina
17 Feb. 2008	Donegal	2-11	Mayo -	0-16	Castlebar
14 Feb. 2009	Donegal	1-13	Mayo	2-10	Letterkenny
18 March 2012	Donegal	0-17	Mayo	1-7	Ballyshannon
24 March 2013	Mayo	1-10	Donegal	0-9	Castlebar

In the eleven league meetings to date since their first encounter in 1940, Donegal hold the upperhand with 6 victories to Mayo's 3, with the 1985 and 2009 games ending in draws. It is interesting to note that 7 of these meetings have taken place in the last ten years, indicating that the rivalry between these west coast counties is a relatively recent one.

In the championship, Mayo and Donegal have met on three occasions, the 1992 All-Ireland semi-final, the 2012 All-Ireland Final, both won by the Tir Conail county, and in the 2013 quarter-final which Mayo won.

Six of the eleven meetings have taken place in Donegal, in Ballyshannon (3), Ballybofey (2), with one meeting in Letterkenny. Two games have been played in Ballina, while the other two home games for Mayo were played in Elverys MacHale Park. The 2007 final meeting was played in Croke Park.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CONNACHT MINOR LEAGUE

Sat. 11 April Sligo v Mayo

CONNACHT SENIOR FOOTBALL

CHAMPIONSHIP

Sun. 14 June New York/Galway/Leitrim v

Mayo Galway/Carrick

Sun. 19 July Connacht Final

### ELECTRIC IRELAND CONNACHT MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Sat. 4 July Mayo v Galway

Elverys MacHale Park

Sun. 19 July Connacht Final

### CONNACHT JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

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Sun. 17 May Connacht Final

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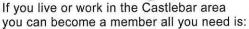


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### ALLIANZ FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Division 1 Results

Round 1: Mayo Donegal Cork Monaghan	2-11 1-15 1-15 1-13	Kerry Derry Dublin Tyrone	0-10 0-12 0-16 0-9
Round 2: Tyrone Kerry Dublin Cork	1-11 1-17 2-10 2-14	Mayo Derry Donegal Monaghan	1-7 0-13 0-11 0-16
Round 3: Mayo Kerry Tyrone Donegal	3-15 0-15 0-11 0-12	Monaghan Dublin Derry Cork	0-11 1-10 1-8 1-8
Round 4: Dublin Mayo Cork Monaghan	1-9 2-12 3-17 0-9	Tyrone Derry Kerry Donegal	0-12 1-13 2-9 1-4
Round 5: Dublin Kerry Cork Monaghan	2-18 2-13 0-17 0-15	Mayo Donegal Tyrone Derry	0-10 2-11 2-10 0-10
Round 6: Dublin Mayo Cork Monaghan	1-9 2-12 3-17 0-9	Tyrone Derry Kerry Donegal	0-12 1-13 2-9 1-4

#### **TABLE**

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts	Score Diff
Cork	6	5	0	1	10	+15
Monaghan	6	4	0	2	8	+4
Dublin	6	3	1	2	7	+19
Donegal	6	3	0	3	6	+8
Mayo	6	3	0	3	6	+3
Kerry	6	3	0	3	6	-11
Tyrone	6	1	2	3	4	-14
Derry	6	0	1	5	1	-24

### ALLIANZ LEAGUE DIVISION 1 - Top Scorers

As we head into the final round of games in this year's Allianz League, Cork sharpshooter Colm O' Neill leads the way with an impressive tally of 3-30. He is clear of Dublin's Dean Rock, who holds second place with a return of 1-28, while Michael Murphy of Donegal is just a point behind in third place with 2-24. These three are well clear of everyone else, and the destination of the top scorer in Division 1 this year would appear to rest between them.

In addition to their captain, the only other Donegal player in the top 20 is Paddy McBrearty with 0-18. Four Mayo players feature, Cillian O'Connor with 1-11 from an injury hampered campaign, Jason Doherty with 0-13, Kevin McLoughlin with 1-9, and Mark Ronaldson with 1-8.

#### The top twenty scorers are:

1	Colm O'Neill	Cork	3-30	39
2	Dean Rock	Dublin	1-28	31
3	Michael Murphy	Donegal	2-24	30
4	Conor McManus	Monaghan	0-23	23
5	Darren McCurry	Tyrone	0-22	22
6	Bryan Sheehan	Kerry	0-19	19
	Barry John Keane	Kerry	1-16	19
8	Paddy McBrearty	Donegal	0-18	18
9	Paul Geaney	Kerry	1-13	16
10	Mark Lynch	Derry	0-15	15
11	Cillian O'Connor	Mayo	1-11	14
	Paul Finlay	Monaghan	0-14	14
	Brian Hurley	Cork	1-11	14
14	Donncha O'Connor	Cork	0-13	13
	Jason Doherty	Mayo	0-13	13
16	Kevin McLoughlin	Mayo	1-9	12
17	Mark Ronaldson	Mayo	1-8	11
18	Kieran Hughes	Monaghan	1-7	10
	Bernard Brogan	Dublin	2-4	10
	Sean Cavanagh	Tyrone	0-10	10
	Benny Heron	Derry	0-10	10

### SCÓR NA BPÁISTÍ

The County final of Scór na bPáistí will take place in Breaffy GAA Clubhouse on Saturday 18th April at 2pm.







### MAYO & DONEGAL PLAYER OF THE PAST — Jim Fleming

Current Mayo County GAA Board President, Jim Fleming enjoyed a 10 year carer in the Mayo jersey, interrupted by a spell with today's opponents Donegal.

Jim was born in Ardnaree, and played his early football with the North Mayo club, winning a County Junior medal in 1959, in addition to three North Mayo Junior medals. He played Minor for Mayo in 1957, winning a Connacht Minor medal, and he made his debut at right half forward for Mayo at Senior level in the 1958 League semi-final against Dublin, when Mayo lost out on a 0-10 to 0-7 scoreline. At the time, Ardnaree, although a Junior club, contributed four players to the Mayo Senior team. Joe Corcoran, P J Gilmartin and Ivan McCaffrey in addition to Jim played for their county in 1959. In addition, Fr Peter Quinn and John Forde, stars of Mayo's 1950 & 51 All Ireland wins, also lined with Ardnaree around this time.

Jim continued to line out for Mayo up to 1961, switching to acquitted himself very well against his young opponent. the half back line in that year.

Having joined An Garda Siochana, Jim was posted to Convoy, a small village near both Ballybofey and Letterkenny. He played with the local junior team, St Marys, but they struggled to field a team. In 1962 Jim played for McCumhaills of Ballybofey, lining out in the No 6 jersey as they overcame Gweedore in what was described as one of the great Donegal Senior finals. In 1963 St Marys were again able to field a team, and Jim helped them to win the Donegal Junior championship and league double. During his time in Donegal, Jim lined out with the county team at both Senior and Junior level, the highlight being an Ulster Junior final appearance where they lost out to Antrim in 1963. Among the many fine players that Jim played with and against in that period were the Lafferty and McFeely brothers, Sean Ferriter, John John Hannigan and Sean O' Donnell. Jim has also kept up his contacts with the Convoy club, maintaining a friendship with Danny and Eamon Harkin with whom he played in the mid 1960s.

In 1964 Jim was transferred to Ballaghaderreen, where he has resided since, and where he raised a family of three girls and one boy with his wife Annie, a native of Bonniconlon. in 1967, and with Ballaghaderreen he won a Junior county Park, supporting both club and county. title in 1968 as captain, an Intermediate in 1971, and a



Senior in 1972, although he missed the final in that year, having been injured in a car crash in August of that year. Jim thus holds what must be a fairly unique record, having won County medals with three different teams at both Junior and Senior level.

On the intercounty scene, Jim rejoined the Mayo Senior panel in 1964, and continued to play for them up until 1968. By this stage all of his football was played in defence, and he won Connacht Senior and Junior medals in 1967. Among the games he played in during this time was the 1967 meeting with Australia in Croke Park. Jim lined out in the full back position, marking a nineteen year old Australian called Royce Hart, who later went on to have a long and successful career in the AFL with Richmond and was named on the AFL Team of the Century in 1996. Jim

Jim's final outing for Mayo was as a sub in the 1968 Connacht final defeat to Galway. In total, he made 31 appearances for Mayo, 8 championship and 23 league, scoring 4-10 in the process.

The severe injuries sustained by Jim in 1972 curtailed his football career, although he did return to the playing fields, winning 2 Mayo Masters titles. His great friend and colleague the late John Morley persuaded Jim to line out with the Roscommon/East Galway Garda team, and they won three All-Ireland Garda championships, with the winning captains being Johnny Carey, John Morley and Jim himself.

Jim was Chairman of Ballaghaderreen for about ten years, during which time their clubhouse was built in 1980, and pitch drained in 1981. He was a selector with Mayo in the early 1980s, during which they won the 1981 Connacht championship. He was also Ballaghaderreen and East Mayo President, and served as his club's County Board delegate for many years. Jim was a founding member and is the current Secretary of the Green & Red Trust Fund, which assists Mayo footballers who through no fault of their own may find themselves in difficulty medical or otherwise. He was also a founding member of the Green & Red Golf Jim joined Ballaghaderreen at a time when the East Mayo Society and is the current Treasurer. At present Jim is into club were beginning to make an impression on the Mayo the second year of his two year term as Mayo GAA President, football scene. He won a Mayo Senior medal with East Mayo and he is a constant presence at games in Elverys MacHale



Pictured is the Mayo team which defeated Cork by 2-9 to 1-8 in the semi-final of the Grounds Tournament in October 1967. They went on t beat Cavan in the final in May 1968 by 1-10 to 1-7. Back L to R: Jim Fleming; Jimmy Langan; Tom Kean; Malachy Gallagher; P J Loftus; Willi McGee; Johnny Carey; Joe Langan. Front L to R: Jimmy Ryan; Tom Fitzgerald; Seamus O' Connor; John Morley; Joe Corcoran; Willie Loftu, Johnny Farragher.

### **MAYO SQUAD APPEARANCES**

Player	Lge	Cship	Total	Scored	Debut	Opponent
Andy Moran	74	48	122	15-128	9/2/2003	Down
Alan Dillon	66	53	119	3-220	16/2/2003	Laois
Keith Higgins	70	38	108	1-13	6/2/2005	Dublin
Ger Cafferkey	49	25	74		1/2/2009	Cork
Kevin McLoughlin	46	26	72	4-101	8/3/2009	Westmeath
Aiden O'Shea	44	27	71	9-37	1/2/2009	Derry
Donal Vaughan	37	28	65	3-25	1/2/2009	Derry
Seamus O'Shea	34	20	54	0-14	2/2/2008	Derry
Barry Moran	30	24	54	5-13	19/6/2005	Roscommon
Jason Doherty	36	17	53	12-63	20/2/2011	Kerry
Lee Keegan	33	19	52	2-30	27/2/2011	Galway
Colm Boyle	32	19	51	1-10	16/3/2008	Kerry
Michael Conroy	30	16	46	4-28	26/9/2004	Kerry
Tom Parsons	31	12	43	2-17	2/2/2008	Derry
Kevin Keane	22	11	33	0-1	3/3/2012	Armagh
Mark Ronaldson	27	6	33	2-29	11/2/2007	Donegal
Robert Hennelly	16	15	31	0-8	20/2/2011	Kerry
Mikey Sweeney	18	4	22	4-7	1/2/2009	Derry
Kenneth O' Malley	9	5	14	0-1	25/2/2007	Limerick
Diarmuid O'Connor	8	3	11	1-3	1/2/2014	Kildare
Brendan Harrison	7	3	10		1/2/2014	Kildare
Neil Douglas	4	0	4	0-1	14/2/2010	Tyrone
Stephen Coen	5	0	5	0-1	1/2/2015	Kerry
Patrick Durcan	4	0	4		1/2/2015	Kerry
Danny Kirby	4	0	4	0-2	1/3/2015	Monaghan
Michael Hall	1	0	1		8/2/2015	Tyrone
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16. Robert Hennelly Riobeard Ó hIonnaile (Breaffy)

17. Brendan Harrison Breandan Ó Hearchaí (Aghamore)

18. Michael Hall Michéal de Hál (Breaffy)

19. Stephen Coen Stíofain Ó Cadháin (Hollymount/Carramore)

20. Patrick Durcan Pádraig Ó Dhuarcáin (Castlebar Mitchels)

21. Seamus O'Shea Seamus Ó Sé (Breaffy)

**22. Mickey Sweeney** Micheál Suibhne (Kiltane)

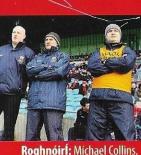
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### **CLUB FOCUS: The Neal**

The Neale GAA club origins can be traced back to the early 1900's when there were two local teams in the parish called "Lavelles" from Cong and "Cross" from Cross. The club is situated on the shores of two lakes, Lough Mask to the north and Lough Corrib to the south. The very first recorded history of the game of hurling happened in the middle of our little parish in Moytura.

It wasn't until 1944 that the club we know today as The Neale was formed, when Lavelles, Cross and men from the Neale got together. The club itself is the parish of St. Fechin's, some of which is in Co. Galway. This over the years has created some interesting debates, especially around Connacht Finals involving Mayo and Galway. The club at

this time had early success in the local cup, the O'Mara cup, winning it eight times in their first nine years. In those early days the club played its football in various fields throughout the parish. It wasn't until 1968 that a small local group got together and purchased an eight acre site in Deer Park, Lisloughrey, Cong. The cost of this site was for the hefty sum of £500 from the land commission and they named it St. Fechin's Park. Let us not underestimate the unthinkable task of raising £500 in the 1960's in the west of Ireland.

Since those early days numerous projects have been added to the club like dressing rooms in the early 80's, a major pitch drainage program in the 90's, a second set of dressing rooms and meeting rooms in the 00's and the most recent



# Ine Neale Mayo Junior A Championship Winners 2012



Back RowL-R:James Biggins, Clive Casey, Dara Walsh, Pat Casey, Stephen Morrin, Robert Holian, Peter Cosgrove, Eoin Hughes, Gareth O Grady, Donal Hughes, Niall Walsh, Keith Gibbons, Paul Kileen, Tommy Walsh.
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Back (L. to R.): 1. Michael Varley, 2. Robert Foy, 3. Michael Lydon, 4. Thomas Conroy, 5. Thomas Kyne, 6. ???? 7. ???? 8. Pat Varley, 9. Paddy Farragher, 10. Martin Lydon. Front (L. to R.): 1. Patrick Foy, 2. Jim Scahill, 3. John Joe Hudson, 4. Michael Glynn, 5. Peter Foy, 6. Pat Conroy, 7. Anthony Varley, 8. Andy Conroy.

addition is an indoor Astro-Turf pitch with a fully equipped state of the art gymnasium. Much appreciation and thanks must go to all those who help fundraise for these projects and help out with the local lotto every week.

The Neale field teams from U6 right up to Intermediate level and have been very fortunate to not to have had amalgamate for so long. In 1981 the local ladies formed a club and throughout the years have had varied successes, most notably winning a Connacht Intermediate tile in 2008. Between the two clubs we have around 220 underage players and 50 adult players. The men have had good success at underage, winning a county minor championship in 1980. A member of that squad went on to Captain a Mayo U21 team to All-Ireland success. We have won numerous competitions over the years but a senior county title always eluded us. That was until October 27th 2012 when we won the county Junior 'A' title in a replay game straight out of a Hollywood movie. We were 3 points down in the 4th minute of injury time when we managed to get a goal from a 21 yard free. The rest, they say is history. Over the years we have had players on many Mayo teams who have won All-Ireland medals and today we are lucky to have players with us who play on various county teams including two on the Mayo U21 panel.

All of our successes have been mainly down to the loca help we get from selling lotto, training teams, making tea cutting and lining the pitch or taking part recently in our white collar boxing fundraiser. None is more noted than that of the club's main sponsors McGraths Quarry Group. To all our sponsors and members we would like to say a big thank you, because without their support we would have nothing.

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### **Summer is Coming**

It's hard to believe that we're a quarter of the way through the year already; after all it doesn't feel like very long since the fevered heights of summer 2014 in Croke Park (and er, Limerick). Yet the days are getting long, the air is getting (marginally) warmer and here we are, almost at the end of the 2015 League campaign. What a year it's been so far for Mayo supporters. From the anticipation of Noel and Pat's first outing on that crisp January day, to the highs of the well-fought victories against Monaghan and Derry, to the frustration of the Tyrone bulwark defence.

And of course, let's not forget our last home outing versus Dublin. I wrote in that weekend's programme about the unpredictability of the Connelly and Holmes era to date, but I don't think anyone could have possibly foretold what lay ahead that evening. It's fair to say from a supporter point of view, our collective belief took a battering that night, so from a team and management point of view, it had to have been a difficult experience to say the least.

But the beauty of sport is that you can just never tell how the next game will turn out. On paper, who would have predicted that Derry would hold Dublin to eight points last Saturday, for example? Facing into the game against league leaders Cork last Sunday, Mayo expectations were naturally more muted than usual, but despite the agonising manner of loss in the end, while uncertainty remains and confidence is still a little wobbly, the ship has certainly been steadied somewhat.

We're an emotional bunch here in Mayo. Our victories take us sky high, our defeats floor us, and rarely is there a middle ground, no matter how much experience we've clocked up. To the outsider, it's bemusing, and can often make us a target for either ridicule or admiration, depending on who you meet. But we are strong, loyal and resilient, too. We always bounce back, and the thousands who travelled Leeside last week are proof of that. To their eternal credit, this team too has bounced back more times than we can count at this point - they owe us nothing. While lessons will have been learned, from our point of view, focusing too much on a defeat on a freezing night in March will do us little good. We can't forget it, but it's time to chalk it down and look forward. So where to from here? Well, today's game will tell a lot. Mayo have struggled at times to break down defensive games, and as the model becomes more and more pervasive, we need to find ways to confidently counter it. Who better to challenge us than our friends from the Northwest? The "blanket" comes in for a lot of flak from pundits and supporters alike, but while it lacks the aesthetic appeal of direct, free-flowing football, the tactical aspect of it is fascinating and there is a skill in tackling that Mayo themselves are no strangers to effectively executing. Like it or not, it's up to teams faced with it to adapt and find a way either through it or around it, and this will be Mayo's challenge today.

We should be aiming for a win. Given that we enter the Championship arena so late this year, and taking into account a new management team and regime, it's hard to find a compelling argument against more competitive game time, and in particular, our newer and younger recruits in the absence of some of our more experienced faces will no doubt relish the opportunity to push on and challenge for places. Two points from today's game would most likely set us on our way to the semi-finals, to the first of a few (we hope) 2015 outings in Croke Park, and a welcome confidence boost of players, managers and supporters alike.

All that's left is for the ball to be thrown in and the games to begin. A warm west of Ireland welcome to our Donegal visitors – we hope you enjoy your time in Mayo. And here's to a long and interesting summer ahead for us all.

Anne-Marie Flynn

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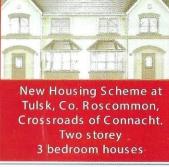
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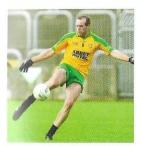
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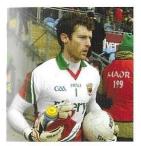
### LOOKING BACK — National Football League 2007



Neil Gallagher (Donegal)



Michael Conroy (Mayo)



David Clarke (Mayo)



Neil McGee (Donegal)

The 2007 National Football League was split into two Divisions, with two Sections in each, as follows:

Division 1 Section A: Cork; Donegal; Dublin; Fermanagh; Kerry; Limerick; Mayo; Tyrone. Division 1 Section B: Armagh; Derry; Down;

Division 2 Section A: Carlow; Clare; Leitrim; London: Longford: Monaghan: Offaly: Roscommon.

Galway: Kildare ; Laois; Louth; Westmeath.

Division 2 Section B: Antrim; Cavan; Meath; Sligo; Tipperary; Waterford; Wexford; Wicklow.

Today's opponents Mayo and Donegal enjoyed a successful campaign making it all the way to the final in Croke Park. Mayo began their campaign with a 1-11 to 0-11 win over Kerry, while Donegal triumphed over Cork 1-12 to 2-7. The sides met in the second round, and Donegal prevailed 1-13 to 1-10. Both counties enjoyed an unbeaten run through the remainder of the League. Donegal defeated Dublin 0-9 to 0-5, Tyrone 2-11 to 1-8, Kerry 1-15 to 0-13, and Fermanagh 1-13 to 2-9. They drew with Limerick 4-6 to 2-12, and they topped their Section to qualify for the semi-finals.

Mayo came back from their defeat to Donegal to record wins over Limerick 1-10 to 0-7, Fermanagh 0-12 to 1-7, Cork 1-12 to 2-8, Dublin 0-10 to 0-9, and Tyrone 4-7 to 0-11 to qualify behind the Tir Conail men.

In the Semi-Finals, which were played in Croke Park, Mayo overcame their Connacht neighbours Galway 2-10 to 1-12, while Donegal enjoyed a 1-13 to 1-11 victory over Kildare. In the Final, it was Donegal who came out on top 0-13 to 0-10, with the counties lining out as follows:

Donegal: Paul Durcan; Neil McGee, Karl Lacey, Paddy Campbell; Barry Dunnion Barry Monaghan, Paddy McConagley, Neil Gallagher, Kevin Cassidy 0-1; Brian Roper 0-3, Ciaran Bonner 0-2, Christy Toye; Colm McFadden 0-3, Brendan Devenney, Michael Hegarty. Subs: Kevin McMenamin 0-1 for B Devenney, Eamon McGee 0-1 for N McGee, Tommy Donoghue for P McConagley, Rory Kavanagh 0-1 for N Gallagher, Adrian Sweeney 0-1 for C Bonner.

Mayo: David Clarke; Keith Higgins , James Kilcullen, Liam O'Malley, Enda Devenney, Billie Joe Padden, Peadar Gardiner; David Heaney, James Nallen; Pat Harte 0-2, Ger Brady, Alan Dillon 0-1; Andy Moran 0-1, Conor Mortimer 0-6, Michael Conroy. Subs: Aidan Higgins for J Kilcullen, Kevin O'Neill for M Conroy, Trevor Howley for A Higgins, Aiden Kilcoyne for A Dillon, Aiden Campbell for J Nallen.

Referee - John Bannon (Longford)

In Division 2, Meath defeated Monaghan, and Roscommon overcame Cavan in the semi-finals. In the final, Meath emerged victorious 2-12 to 0-10 for Roscommon.

During the course of the campaign, Mayo used a total of 28 players in their 9 games, as follows:

- 9 Liam O' Malley (Burrishoole); James Kilcullen (Ballaghaderreen); Keith Higgins (Ballyhaunis); Billie Joe Padden (Belmullet); Peadar Gardiner (Crossmolina) (0-4); Pat Harte (Ballina Stephenites) (1-6); Andy Moran (Ballaghaderreen) (0-8); Alan Dillon (Ballintubber (1-16); Ger Brady (Ballina Stephenites) (1-6).
- 8 Conor Mortimer (Shrule-Glencorrib) (4-27).
- 7 David Heaney (Swinford) (0-3); Kevin O'Neill (Knockmore) (0-2); Aiden Kilcoyne (Knockmore) (0-4); James Nallen (Crossmolina); Aiden Campbell (Swinford (0-3); Enda Devenney (Ballina Stephenites) (0-2).
- 6 David Clarke (Ballina Stephenites);
- 4 Trevor Mortimer (Shrule-Glencorrib); Austin O' Malley (Louisburgh) (0-4); Michael Conroy (Davitts); Kenneth O' Malley (Ballinrobe); Aiden Higgins (Charlestown).
- 3 David Brady (Ballina Stephenites); Marty McNicholas (Breaffy) (0-2); Mark Ronaldson (Shrule-Glencorrib).
- 2 Trevor Howley (Knockmore) (1-0).
- 1 Ronan McGarrity (Ballina Stephenites); Gary Mullins (Claremorris).







### 005 LEAGUE MEETING

### Mayo 2-10 Donegal 1-11

An understrength Mayo 15, missing their Ballina Stephenites contingent who were involved in the All-Ireland Club campaign, overcame Donegal in this second round league game which was played in James Stephens Park Ballina.

Mayo began brightly and early points from Conor Mortimer (2), John Prenty and James Gill had the home county in front by 0-4 to 0-1 at the halfway point of the first half. Donegal points from Ryan Bradley with two and Barry Monaghan levelled affairs Mayo responded well, and points from James Gill, Gary Mullins and Conor Mortimer saw them 0-7 to 0-6 to the good at the break, Colm McFadden and Rory Kavanagh replying for the Tir Conaill men.

Larly second half scores from Barry Monaghan and Rory Kavanagh gave Donegal the advantage. Substitute Trevor Mortimer played a big part in setting up his younger brother Conor for a goal which was to prove crucial to Mayo's cause. Another Conor point was followed by a scrambled Alan Dillon goal to leave the home team 2.8 to 0.9 in front midway through the second half. Donegal responded admirably, a point from Brian Roper being followed up by a well constructed team goal from Christy Toye. When Rory Kavanagh pointed remarkably the teams were level as the game entered it's final five minutes. Mayo however held their nerve, and two fine long range frees from Alan Dillon saw them home at the end of a keenly contested game.

Best for Mayo were Conor Mortimer, who contributed 1-4 from play, Keith Higgins and Liam O'Malley in defence, and John Prenty, Alan Dillon and substitute Trevor Mortimer up front. For Donegal, Barry Monaghan, Kevin Cassidy, Neil Gallagher, Rory Kavanagh and Ryan Bradley tried their best.

Mayo: David Clarke; Pat Kelly; Liam O'Malley; Keith Higgins; Gary Mullins (0-1); James Nallen; Peadar Gardiner; Billie Joe Padden; James Kilcullen; James Gill (0-2); Ciaran McDonald; Aidan Kilcoyne; Conor Mortimer (1-4); Alan Dillon (1-2) John Prenty (0-1)

**Subs:** Trevor Mortimer for A Kilcoyne; Alan Costello for J Kilcullen; Conor Moran for G Mullins; Andy Moran for J Prenty.

Donegal: Michael Boyle; Eamon Reddin; Raymond Sweeney; Karl Lacey; Eamon McGee; Barry Monaghn (0-2); Shane Carr; Neil Gallagher; Kevin Cassidy; Christy Toye (1-0); Brian Roper (0-2); Ryan Bradley (0-3); Rory Kavanagh (0-3); Colm McFadden (0-1); Stephen Cassidy.

**Subs:** Michael Hegarty for S Cassidy; Barry Dunnion for E Reddin; Conal Dunne for R Bradley.

Referee: David Coldrick (Meath)







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We hope you take a moment to enjoy today's exhibitions and we hope to see some of these young stars in the green and red sometime in the future.







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Castlebar Primary Schools: 1. Emer Minish Cornanool N.S. Castlebar; 2. Ciara O'Brien Snugboro N.S. Castlebar; 3. Sarah Conlon Snugboro N.S. Castlebar; 4. Aoife Quinn Snugboro N.S. Castlebar; 5. Katie O'Reilly St Angela's N.S.Castebar; 6. Alison Ryan Breaffy N.S. Castlebar; 7. Roisin Hannon Scoil Raifteiri N.S. Castlebar; 8. Niamh Kennedy Snugboro N.S. Castlebar; 9. Fiona Minish Cornancool N.S. Castlebar; 10. Shona Lyons Snugboro N.S. Castlebar; 11. Catherine Poland-Heaney Scoil Raifteiri N.S. Castlebar

Gaelscoil na Cruaiche, Cathair na Mart: 1. Alannah Ní Lochtnáin; 2. Niamh Ní Sheanacháin; 3. Fionnuala Nic Lochlainn; 4. Eimear Nic Oireachtaigh; 5. Emilí Ní Cheallaigh; 6. Cití Harburn; 7. Aoife Ní Standúin; 8. Ruan Nic Chába: 9. Ella Nic hÉil: 10. Orla Ní Mhaolmhuaidh; 11. Leila Ní Mháille.

#### **FOOTBALL EXHIBITION:**

Carn Moygownagh / The Quay Ballina/Breaffy Ballina: 1. Eabha Gallagher; 2. Aisling Gaughan; 3.Shauna O Connor; 4. Paula Waldron; 5.Emily Murray; 6. Jenny Murphy; 7. Finola Collins; 8. Ava McDonnell; 9. Aoife Kelly; 10. Valerie Raftery; 11. Eilidh MacPhee; 12. Nikitta Naughton; 13. Sheena Connolly; 14. Emma Bailey.

Currabaggan Knockmore/ St Patricks Kilmaine/Breaffy Ballina: 1. Rhiannon Keady; 2. Louise Smyth; 3. Jessica Lambe: 4. Molly Ager; 5. Sive McDonald; 6. Kate Crehan; 7. Rachel Melvin; 8. Niamh Flannery; 9. Emma McHale; 10. Cliodhna Flynn; 11. Aoife Heraty; 12. Hannah Parsons; 13. Rachel Beale.







### **Ground Regulations Elverys MacHale Park**

- 1 All persons entering this ground are admitted only subject to the following Regulations and to the rules and regulations of Chomhairle Chontae Mhaigh Eo. Entry to the ground shall be deemed to constitute unqualified acceptance of all of these rules and regulations.
- 2 Fireworks, smoke canisters, bottles, glasses, cans, footballs, flag poles, and other similar articles or containers, including anything which could or might be used as a weapon, are not permitted within the ground. Any person in possession of such an article may be refused entry to or ejected from the ground.
- **3** Spectators are not permitted to bring alcohol into the ground.
- 4 The climbing of walls, stands or other buildings in the grounds is forbidden.
- 5 Excessive noise such as that from the use of radio sets or other appliances, and behaviour likely to cause nuisance of any kind, including foul or abusive language, is not permitted in any part of the ground.
- 6 Under no circumstances is it permitted to throw any objects onto the pitch.
- 7 Unauthorised persons are not permitted to enter upon the field of play and shall be ejected from the ground.

### Children

Patrons are reminded that children entering Elverys MacHale Park should at all times be under the supervision of a parent or guardian while they are within the grounds.

### No Smoking

Patrons attending this evening's game in Elverys MacHale Park are reminded that the Stand and it's environs is a designated no smoking area. People are requested to refrain from smoking, apart from in the designated smoking areas at the rear of the Stand, and to obey Stewards instructions in this regard.

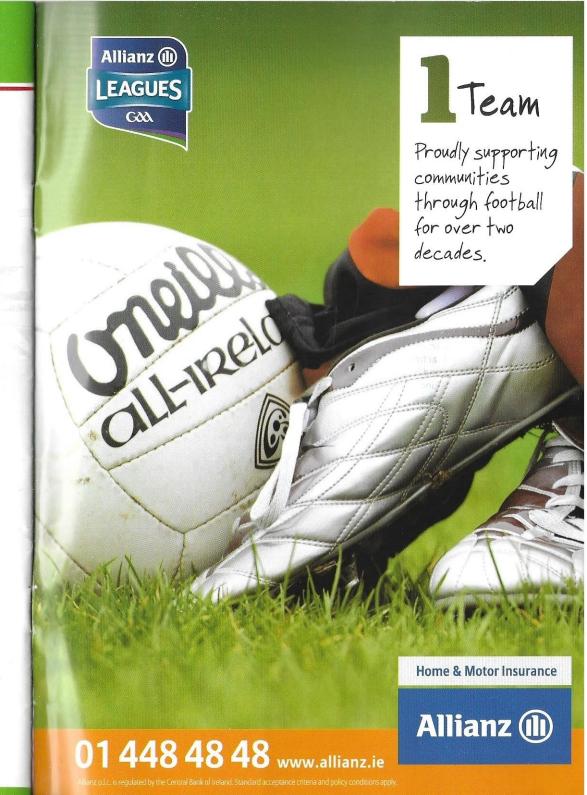


### **First Aid Points**

- 1. Tunnel Under Stand
- 2. Ambulance Position South End of Stand

- **8** Any person who fails to comply with the instructions from a steward may be ejected from the ground.
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- 11 Any person who remains in a gangway or aisle may be ejected from the ground.
- **12** Parents and Adults are responsible for the care and behaviour of children that they bring with them to the game.
- 13 The Stand in Elverys MacHale Park is a designated no smoking area, and patrons should refrain from smoking in this area.
- 14 Comhairle Chontae Mhaigh Eo reserves the right for its servants or agents to remove from the ground any person who does not comply with the Ground Regulations or whose presence in the ground could reasonably be construed as constituting a source of danger, nuisance or annoyance to other spectators.





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### **ALLIANZ NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE, DIVISION ONE - ROUND 7**

# Late, late point by Stephen Griffin puts Donegal into semi-finals of League where Cork await

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Donegal left it late to seal a place in the semi-finals of the League Division One they would've heard their name being called on the tannoy in the departures lounge.

A point in the fourth minute of injury time from Stephen Griffin secured the draw that was enough for Donegal to reach the last four at their hosts' expense. It's the first time the county has made the knock-outs since 2007. Cork, who Donegal defeated 0-12 to 1-8 last month in Ballyshannon, are next Sunday's opponents at Croke Park.

Back in Jim McGuinness's first match at the helm against Sligo in February 2011, it was Griffin who salvaged a 2-11 to 1-14 draw for Donegal. That result was often referred to as one that gave the regime traction. Rory Gallagher was number two in those days and now as manager would've been content with the spirit shown by his team yesterday.

Without a realistic threat of relegation, there was no sense of

inhibition from either side in an open and entertaining first half at in Castlebar yesterday. In the second, Mayo were dominant but nine wides meant there wasn't clear daylight between the teams before Griffin, making his first appearance since Monaghan visited Ballybofey in the 2013 Dr McKenna Cup, struck at the bitter end.

Gallagher had said in the leadup to the fixture that he sought to put an end to what he termed as "the away-day hoodoo". Having not won on the road in the top flight since 2009, when Joe Joe Doherty's team won 0-15 to 1-7 at Westmeath's Cusack Park in Mullingar, at least that losing 10-match record was put to a halt.

A marvellous goal by Patrick McBrearty was the stand-out moment of the first half. The 21-year-old rightly got the back-pats for piercing a shot above Kenneth O'Malley in the Mayo goal. But the Kilcar forward was just the final link in the chain in what was an excellently constructed move.

Michael Boyle's crisp kick-out was gathered cleanly in space by Martin McElhinney, who made his routine turn and beeline for goal. The St Michael's midfielder linked with his clubmate Christy Toye. With yellow jerseys streaming from their defensive base. Frank McGlynn took up the possession and having played a neat give-and-go with Martin O'Reilly, fed McBrearty to his left and his finish pierced right into the postage stamp top corner.

That made the score 1-5 to 0-4 for the Ulster champions, who were facing Mayo for the first time since their 4-17 to 1-10 mauling in the 2013 All-Ireland quarter-final. Odhran MacNiallais wasn't privy to the painful memories of that particular afternoon but yesterday the Gweedore native was in splendid form, kicking tree first half points - the first of which was landed after only 19 seconds.

At the other end, Mayo, who were 0-2 to 0-0 down following 62 seconds after McElhinney had doubled Donegal's advantage, clawed their way back into the contest with four successive points through Jason Dohert, Barry Moran and Kevin McLoughlin.

And after McBrearty's goal, the four-in-a-row Connacht champions finished the halfstrongly, with Moran, Donal Vaughan and Aidan O'Shea finding their range. By the break, Donegal held the slenderest of advantages, 1-5 to 0-7 ahead.

Without the suspended Michael Murphy, Donegal, for spells in the second half, looked to be missing the apex of their attack. Mayo were the dominant team in the third quarter and but for poor shooting would've been farther ahead than the 0-11 to 1-6 they were by the hour-mark. Moran, with his third of the afternoon, pointed with Diarmuid O'Connor, Mikey Conroy and McLoughlin also scoring.

Colm McFadden scored Donegal's only point of that spell but with Hugh McFadden black-carded for a tug on Conroy, Toye having been replaced and Neil Gallagher not featuring, there was a lack of physicality in the middle third. Only McBrearty, who was working manfully on breadcrumbs for scraps, kept Donegal ticking over with a pair of fine points. He was also out of luck when he saw a goal disallowed on 43 minutes for a push

Three minutes from time, McLoughlin, who was responsible for three of those aforementioned wides, had his cue chalked as he pointed to edge Mayo in front.

A frantic finish saw Vaughan dismissed for adding a black card to his earlier yellow and then Mayo tried to kill the game when O'Connor was black-carded for rugby tackling Paddy McGrath. With Donegal pushing forward, a breakaway saw Patrick Durcan

shoot straight at Boyle when a point would've sealed the points. That, though, was only the prelude to Griffin's late leveller.

Mavo: Kenneth O'Mallev: Brendan Harrison, Kevin Keane, Keith Higgans; Lee Keegan, Colm Boyle, Donal Vaughan (0-1); Barry Moran (0-3), Seamus O'Shea; Kevin McLoughlin (0-3, 1f), Aidan O'Shea (0-1), Jason Doherty (0-2, 2f); Mark Ronaldson, Danny Kirby, Diarmaid O'Connor (o-1). Subs: Mikey Conroy (0-1) for Ronaldon (half-time), Stephen Coen for Harrison (46), Andy Moran for Kirby (55), Patrick Durcan for Boyle (65), Neil Douglas for McLoughlin (70), Michael Hall for O'Connor (70 black card)

Donegal: Michael Boyle; Neil McGee, Eamonn Doherty, Paddy McGrath; Eamon McGee; Karl Lacey, Ryan McHugh; Odhran MacNiallais (0-3), Hugh McFadden; Martin McElhinney (0-1), Christy Toye; Martin O'Reilly, Frank McGlynn; Colm McFadden (0-1), Patrick McBrearty (1-3), Martin O'Reilly. Subs: Anthony Thompson and Ciaran McGinley for Doherty and Toye (43), Mark McHugh for H McFadden (48 black card), Stephen Griffin (0-1) for McGinley (59)

Referee: David Coldrick (Meath).

### MAN OF THE MATCH

#### BARRY MORAN

With Donegal fielding without the hamstrung Neil Gallagher, Barry Moran of Mayo bossed the middle third on the day and Castlebar native kicked three points from play. For Donegal, Patrick McBrearty was the best on show, although Odhran MacNiallais, Frank McGlynn and Karl Lacey all impressed.

### **REFWATCH**

David Coldrick got all the major calls right on the day that got busier for the Meath official the longer it went on.

### **TURNING POINT**

Mayo substitute Patrick Durcan had the opportunity to give his team the points in injury time when he raced clear with the majority of those from Donegal stranded up the field. However, Durcan inexplicably went for goal and never caught the effort and Michael Boyle saved with ease.