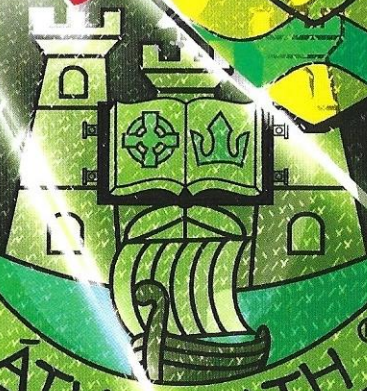




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## CORCAIGH v DÚN NA nGALL

An Réiteoir: Marty Duffy (Sligeach)

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Sideline Official: Patrick Maguire (An Longfort)

In the event of a draw, extra-time will be played

ALLIANZ FOOTBALL LEAGUE ROINN I SEMI-FINAL

4.00 PM

## ÁTH CLIATH v MUINEACHÁN

An Réiteoir: Rory Hickey (An Clár)

Linesmen: Barry Cassidy (Doire) (STANDBY REFEREE), Derek Fahy (An Longfort)

Sideline Official: Anthony Campbell (Doire)

In the event of a draw, extra-time will be played

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13:00 Stíles Open  
 13:40 CORCAIGH amach ar an bpáirc  
 13:42 DÚN NA nGALL amach ar an bpáirc  
 13:45 Oifigigh an Chluiche amach ar an bpáirc  
 14:00 Tús an chluiche  
 14:37<sup>o</sup> Leath-am  
 14:38<sup>o</sup> RESPECT Exhibition Go Games  
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 15:40 ÁTH CLIATH amach ar an bpáirc  
 15:42 MUINEACHÁN amach ar an bpáirc  
 15:45 Oifigigh an Chluiche amach ar an bpáirc  
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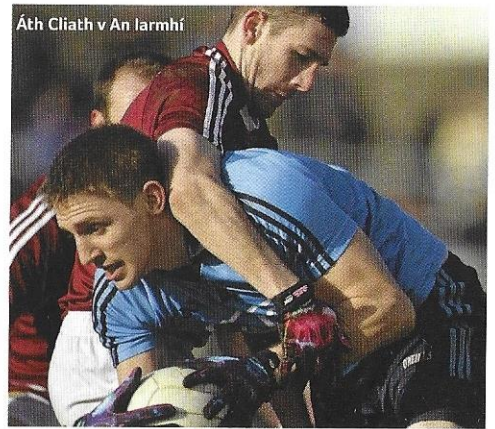
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Tá duairceas go leor ag baint leis an méid atá scríofa agus ráite faoi chúrsaí peile le roinnt seachtainí – mórchuid dó sin tarraingthe ag an gcluiche idir Áth Cliath agus Doire i Roinn 1 de Shraithchomórtas Peile Allianz ar Pháirc an Chrócaigh cúpla seachtain ó shin, áit nár facthas ach dosaen scóranna ar fad.

Léiríonn gearrfhéachaint ar an gcomórtas céanna le cúpla bliain go mb'fhéidir nach gá dúinn a bheith ró-bhuartha. Athrú anuraidh facthas cluiche ar bheagán scórála i gCill Airne idir Ciarraí (0-11) agus Corcaigh (0-7); sa bhliain 2012 facthas cluiche eile de chuid Roinn 1 i mBealach Féich a chríochnaigh Dún na nGall 1-7, Corcaigh 0-6 agus ar Pháirc Mhic Éil an bhliain roimhe sin Ciarraí 1-9, Maigh Eo 0-8. Fós níorbh é deireadh an tsaol é.

Go fiú an séasúr seo caite, nuair a bhí níos mó scóranna sna céad bhabhtaí i Roinn 1 ná a bhí le fada roimhe – an chreidiúint tuga don chárta dubh, chríochnaigh cluiche ar an Muileann Cearn, Áth Cliath 0-14, An Iarmhí 1-7.

Nuair a dhéantar comparáid leis an iomlán scórála a déanadh le 5 bhliana anuas i Roinn 1 na Sraithe Peile, ba i 2014 (77 cúl agus 806 cúilín) agus i 2011 (56-720) a facthas an scóráil ab airde. Ach ainneoin an cháineadh ar fad, bhí níos mó scóranna sna 7 gcluiche a himríodh ó mhí



Feabhra seo caite (48-661) ná a bhí i 2013 (43-648) agus an bhliain roimhe sin (43-653).

Ní shin le rá nach raibh tábhacht mhór ag baint leis an gcosaint a rinne na foirne a bhfuil na babhtaí leathcheannais bainte amach acu.

Níl géillte ag Áth Cliath ach dhá chúl sna seacht gcluiche atá imeartha acusan agus is iad Dún na nGall is mó a bhfuil tairbhe bainte acu as a gcóras imeartha – ní dhearna siadsan oiread scórála agus a rinne Ciarraí ná Maigh Eo, ach fágann cumas cosanta na gConallach, nár ghéill ach 5-70 (i gcomparáid leis an 7-79 a scóráileadh in aghaidh Mhaigh Eo agus an 9-90 a ghéill Ciarraí) gur iadsan atá anseo inniu.

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duairceas	pessimism	róbhuartha	overly troubled
mórchuid	most of	athrú anuraidh	the year before last
gearrfhéachaint	glimpse	séasúr	season



# THE NUMBERS GAME

by Brian Murphy, GAA.ie

“People say that a settled team is everything. I would never worry about a settled team. I would certainly have an obsession with having a settled spirit, a settled honesty, a settled drive, a settled work-rate, a settled savagery to win – call it what you like.” Brian Cody, 2007.

In the Allianz Football League, where the outcome is often secondary to the process, managers have the breathing space to experiment, to use the seven group games the spring offers to test the depth of the resources available to them and to survey the quality of talent coming through from underage teams.

As always, it’s about striking the correct balance between bleeding new players, and perhaps giving others a second chance, while at the same time remaining competitive. The middle of April, however, usually marks an end to the shadow boxing of the early spring months and all four teams involved in today’s semi-finals will arrive at Croke Park with their game faces on, their strategies and optimum line-ups beginning to take shape ahead of the championship.

Based on last year’s figures, it took an average of 35 players to successfully navigate through the seven-game spring programme. In a little over 12 months that figure has decreased significantly to an average of 30, for reasons we will attempt to outline below.

Monaghan have used 27 players over the course of the campaign. That figure stood at 25 for the first six games, until last Sunday’s Round 7 defeat to Dublin, when Shane Carey and Paudie McKenna came off the bench for their first appearances of the year.

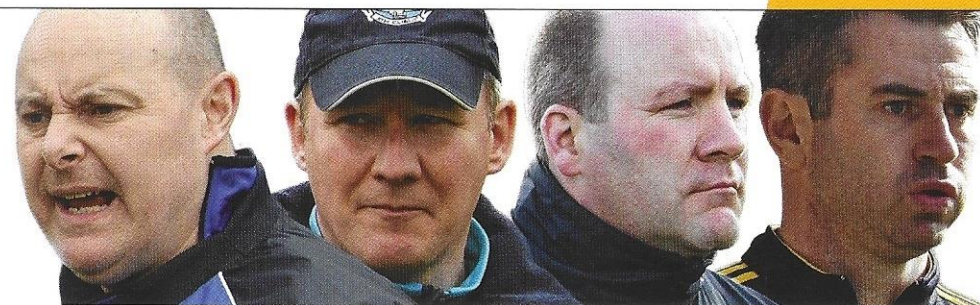
With Colin Walshe, Owen Lennon and Jack McCarron all missing the entire campaign through injury, Monaghan manager Malachy O’Rourke still managed to look at an impressive array of players. What is noticeable, however, is how much he has relied on a knot of key players – Rory Beggan, Fintan Kelly, Drew Wylie, Dessie Mone, Kieran Hughes and Dermot Malone started every game – and how settled their defence is.

“There’s a group of boys there who have become firmly established in the team over the past few years and we needed that,” O’Rourke told the *Irish Times* ahead of the defeat to Dublin. “It was important for them to make their mark on the team and to become new leaders and keep pushing the thing on.”

Cork may have ripped up their gameplan and started again last summer, but their change to a more defensive set-up this year isn’t necessarily reflected in the number of players manager Brian Cuthbert has used, which at 28 is below average for the four teams here today.

In his first season in charge last year, Cuthbert used 35 players over the course of seven group games, and the significant decrease this year is typical of a manager in his second season, when there is less need to experiment and to run the rule over a large number of players. In fact, the number would be even lower had reserve goalkeepers Micheál Martin and Paddy O’Shea not been given run-outs in the final games against Mayo and Derry respectively.

That Dublin manager Jim Gavin has used the



greatest number of players will hardly come as a surprise. When Michael Darragh Macauley returned for the Round 6 game against Derry, he became the 36th player Gavin has fielded, matching the number he used in the group stages in 2014.

What is most interesting is that Gavin has used more players in the last two years than he did in his first in charge back in 2013, when he gave 35 players game time in his maiden campaign. Given the depth of talent available, and the procession of talent graduating from the underage grades in the capital every year, Gavin can afford to experiment widely without jeopardising his side’s competitiveness.

Kevin McManamon, Jonny Cooper and Jack McCaffrey are the only players to start all of Dublin’s games so far. Of the newcomers, Eoin Culligan and John Small have been given enough game time in defence to suggest that they are options for the summer, while Brian Fenton marked his first start, after four appearances off the bench, with a goal against Monaghan last Sunday. Tomás Brady is another to have a very profitable spring, starting the first six games

before hitting two points off the bench in Clones. As the only first-year manager here today, there might be an assumption that Rory Gallagher would have used the group stages to see as many players as possible and that Donegal’s numbers would be up there with Dublin’s. However, when Stephen Griffen came off the bench last Sunday to make his seasonal debut, before kicking the point that sealed his side’s qualification for the last four, he became just the 29th player Gallagher has used.

In fact, Gallagher has been by far the most consistent of the four managers here today with regard to team selections, relying hugely on a core of 12 players. Éamon McGee, Ryan McHugh, Karl Lacey, Christy Toye, Paddy McBrearty and Martin O’Reilly have started all of Donegal’s games so far and a further six players have started six group games.

This fits neatly with the theory that Donegal don’t have the depth of resources of their rivals, but the truth is probably that having worked as assistant to Jim McGuinness from 2011 to 2013, Gallagher is far more familiar with his players than your average rookie manager.

Players Used in Group Stages

DUBLIN	36
DONEGAL	29
CORK	28
MONAGHAN	27
AVERAGE	30



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## NA RÉITEOIRÍ



AN RÉITEOIR:  
MARTY DUFFY, SLIGO

CORK v DONEGAL



Perhaps the game's most experienced referee, Marty is in his 15th year on the inter-county panel. The Enniscrone/Kilglass man has played at all grades and has also been secretary and treasurer of the Sligo club. The 2009 All-Ireland final is part of an extensive C.V. which also includes last November's International Rules Test against Australia in Perth. Closer to home, his most recent outing at Croke Park was last August for the Dublin-Monaghan All-Ireland quarter-final. Marty has taken charge of four fixtures in the 2015 Allianz League including Donegal's home tie with Derry at Ballybofey and Cork's away joust with Tyrone in Omagh.

Umpires: John Kilgannon, Pat Cawley, Michael Kelly, Karl Finnerty.



AN RÉITEOIR:  
RORY HICKEY, CLARE

DUBLIN v MONAGHAN



Today's semi-final will be Rory's fifth assignment of the 2015 Allianz League and the Banner official will be familiar with the protagonists having refereed the Cork-Dublin tie at Páirc Uí Rinn in February and the Castlebar clash of Mayo and Monaghan at the beginning of last month. The 38-year old has played both hurling and football for his club Éire Óg. His last assignment at GAA Headquarters was the All-Ireland Qualifier between Armagh and Meath last August while he also took charge of the Meath-Kildare Leinster Championship fixture five weeks earlier. Rory's fourth outing of the season was last weekend's Down-Laois tie at Newry.

Umpires: Pat McInerney, Barry Keane, Mike Kelly, Seán McMahon



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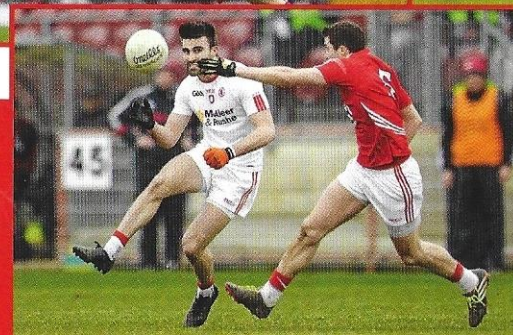
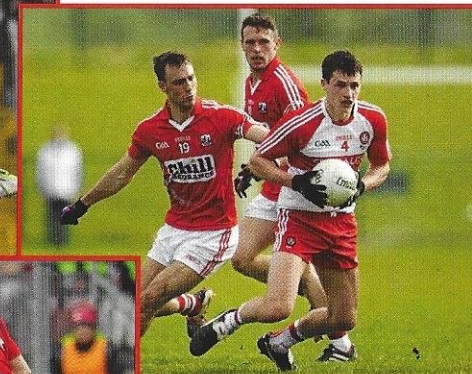
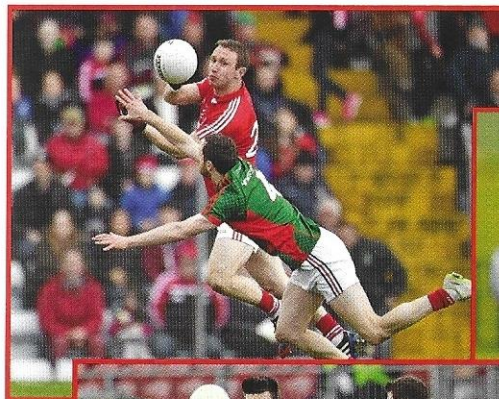
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February 1, Páirc Uí Rinn	Cork	1-15	0-16	Dublin	
February 8, Castleblayney	Cork	2-14	1-16	Monaghan	
March 1, Ballyshannon	Donegal	0-12	1-8	Cork	
March 8, Páirc Uí Rinn	Cork	3-17	2-9	Kerry	
March 15, Omagh	Cork	0-17	2-10	Tyrone	
March 29, Páirc Uí Rinn	Cork	2-7	0-12	Mayo	
April 5, Owenbeg	Derry	2-15	1-11	Cork	
<b>SCORED</b>	<b>10-89</b>	<b>CONCEDED</b>	<b>7-90</b>	<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>+8</b>

### SCORERS

Colm O'Neill	3-31	Fintan Goold	0-4	Stephen O'Donoghue	1-0
Brian Hurley	1-11	Kevin O'Driscoll	0-4	Eoin Cadogan	0-2
Donncha O'Connor	0-13	Paul Kerrigan	0-3	Colm O'Driscoll	0-2
John O'Rourke	2-3	Daniel Goulding	0-3	Barry O'Driscoll	0-1
Mark Collins	1-4	Jamie O'Sullivan	1-0	Donal Óg Hodnett	0-1
Conor Dorman	0-6	Tomás Clancy	1-0	John Hayes	0-1



Top Left: Cork v Mayo March 29; above v Derry, April 5, and left: v Tyrone, March 15

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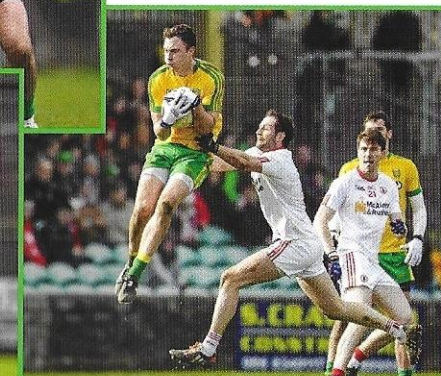
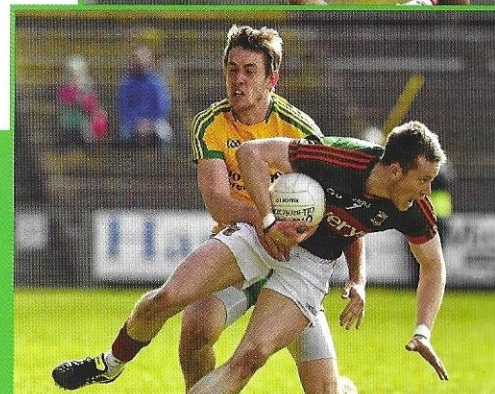
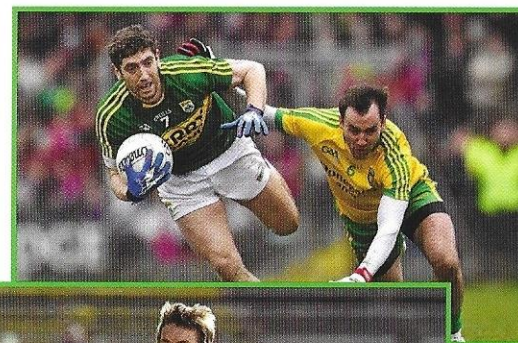
## PATH TO THE FINAL



January 31, Ballybofey	Donegal	1-15	0-12	Derry	
February 7, Croke Park	Dublin	2-10	0-11	Donegal	
March 1, Ballyshannon	Donegal	0-12	1-8	Cork	
March 8, Letterkenny	Monaghan	0-9	1-4	Donegal	
March 15, Tralee	Kerry	2-13	2-11	Donegal	
March 29, Ballybofey	Donegal	1-13	0-6	Tyrone	
April 5, Castlebar	Mayo	0-12	1-9	Donegal	
<b>SCORED</b>	<b>6-75</b>	<b>CONCEDED</b>	<b>5-70</b>	<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>+8</b>

### SCORERS

Michael Murphy	2-24	Christy Toye	0-5	Neil McGee	0-1
Patrick McBrearty	1-21	Martin McElhinney	0-5	Frank McGlynn	0-1
Odhrán Mac Niallais	1-5	Colm McFadden	0-3	Stephen Griffen	0-1
Ryan McHugh	2-1	Hugh McFadden	0-1		
Martin O'Reilly	0-6	Neil Gallagher	0-1		



Left: Donegal v Kerry, March 15; below v Tyrone, March 29, and below left: v Mayo, April 5



# CORCAIGH



## ROGHNÓIRÍ

Brian Cuthbert (Bainisteoir),  
Owen Sexton, Ciarán O'Sullivan,  
Don Davis, Ronan MacCarthy

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

**2** Séamus Ó Suilleabháin  
**JAMIE O'SULLIVAN**  
Bishopstown

**3** Mícheál Ó Siall (C)  
**MICHAEL SHIELDS**  
St. Finbarr's

**4** Séamus Ó Luachra  
**JAMES LOUGHREY**  
Mallow

**5** Conchur Ó Dormain  
**CONOR DORMAN**  
Bishopstown

**6** Briain Ó Drisceoil  
**BRIAN O'DRISCOLL**  
Tadhg Mac Cárthaigh

**7** Tomás Mac Lannchaidh  
**TOMÁS CLANCY**  
Fermoy

**8** Eoghan Ó Ceadagáin  
**EOIN CADOGAN**  
Douglas

**9** Fintán de Gúl  
**FINTAN GOOLD**  
Macroom

**10** Colm Ó Drisceoil  
**COLM O'DRISCOLL**  
Tadhg Mac Cárthaigh

**11** Seán Ó Ruairc  
**JOHN O'ROURKE**  
Carbery Rangers

**12** Caoimhin Ó Drisceoil  
**KEVIN O'DRISCOLL**  
Tadhg Mac Cárthaigh

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

**14** Marc Ó Coileain  
**MARK COLLINS**  
Castlehaven

**15** Briain Ó Muirthuile  
**BRIAN HURLEY**  
Castlehaven

## FIR IONAID

**16.** Pádraig Ó Sé  
**PADDY O'SHEA**  
St. Vincents

**17.** Tomás Mac Lannchaidh  
**TOM CLANCY**  
Clonakilty

**18.** Nollaig Ó Gealbhaín  
**NOEL GALVIN**  
Ballincollig

**19.** Stiofán Ó Donnchú  
**STEPHEN O'DONOGHUE**  
Ballincollig

**20.** Donncha Ó Conchubhair  
**DONNCHA O'CONNOR**  
Ballydesmond

**21.** Pól Ó Ciaragáin  
**PAUL KERRIGAN**  
Nemo Rangers

**22.** Dónal Ó Gailín  
**DANIEL GOULDING**  
Éire Óg

**23.** Seán Ó hAodha  
**JOHN HAYES**  
Carbery Rangers

**24.** Dónal Óg Ó hOidneid  
**DONAL ÓG HODNETT**  
O'Donovan Rossa

**25.** Barra Ó Drisceoil  
**BARRY O'DRISCOLL**  
Nemo Rangers

## ROGHNÓIR

Rory Gallagher (Bainisteoir)



# DÚN NA nGALL

**1** Mícheál Ó Baoill  
**MICHAEL BOYLE**  
An Tearmann

**2** Pádraig Mac Craith  
**PADDY McGRATH**  
Ard an Rátha

**3** Neil Mag Aoidh  
**NEIL McGEE**  
Gaoth Dobhair

**4** Éamon Mag Aoidh  
**ÉAMON McGEE**  
Gaoth Dobhair

**5** Proinsias Mac Fhloinn  
**FRANK McGLYNN**  
Ghleann Fhinne

**6** Karl de Léis  
**KARL LACEY**  
Na gCeithre Máistir

**7** Antóin Mac Tomáis  
**ANTHONY THOMPSON**  
Naomh Conaill

**8** Máirtín Mac Giollachainnigh  
**MARTIN McELHINNEY**  
Naomh Mícheál

**9** Críostóir Ó Tuathaigh  
**CHRISTY TOYE**  
Naomh Mícheál

**10** Maitín Ó Raghallaigh  
**MARTIN O'REILLY**  
Seán Mac Cumhailis

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

**12** Rian Mac Aodha  
**RYAN McHUGH**  
Cill Chartha

**13** Pádraig Mac Briartaigh  
**PATRICK McBREARTY**  
Cill Chartha

**14** Mícheál Ó Murchú  
**MICHAEL MURPHY**  
Glenn tSúilí

**15** Colm Mac Fhionnaile  
**COLM McFADDEN**  
Naomh Mícheál

## FIR IONAID

**16.** Pól Ó Dhurcáin  
**PAUL DURCAN**  
Na gCeithre Máist

**17.** Eamonn Ó Dubhartaigh  
**ÉAMONN DOHERTY**  
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Cill Chartha

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Naomh Mícheál

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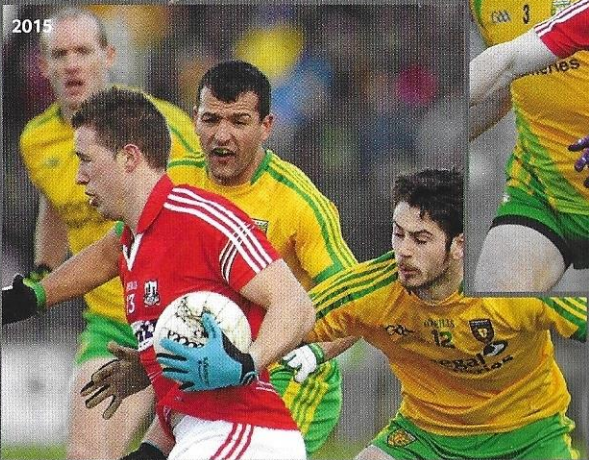
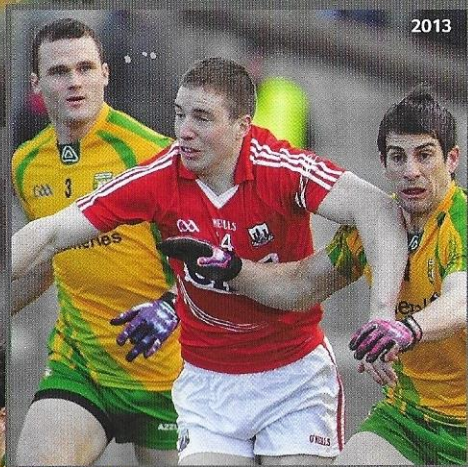
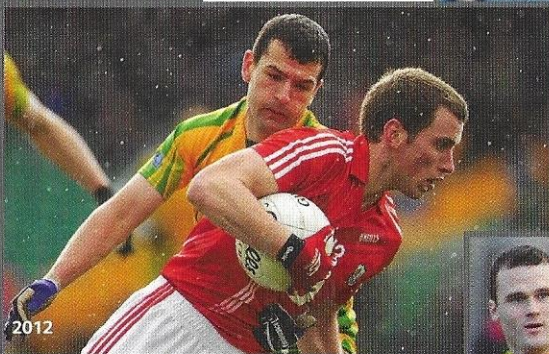
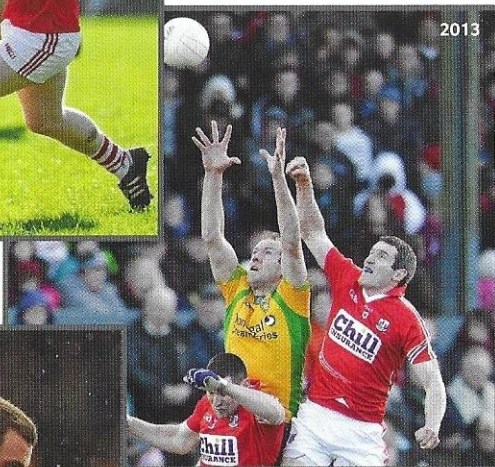
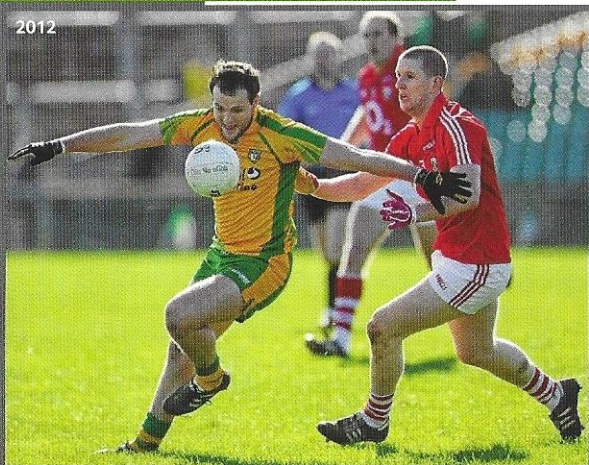
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**25.** Stiofán Ó Griofa  
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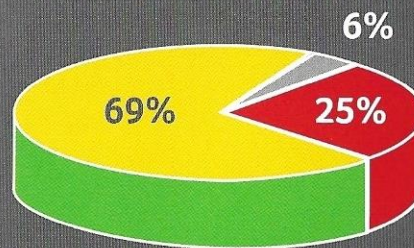


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ALLIANZ LEAGUE MEETINGS 1985-2015

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2013	March 16, Páirc Uí Rinn	Cork	0-12	0-10	Donegal
2012	March 4, Ballybofey	Donegal	1-7	0-6	Cork
2007	February 3, Páirc Uí Rinn	Donegal	1-12	2-7	Cork
2005	April 3, Ballyshannon	Donegal	3-11	1-7	Cork
2003	March 22, Páirc Uí Rinn	Cork	3-8	0-10	Donegal
2002	March 24, Ballyshannon	Donegal	1-12	0-9	Cork
1999/00	November 28, Páirc Uí Chaoimh	Donegal	2-12	0-7	Cork
1998/99	November 29, Ballybofey	Cork	1-8	0-10	Donegal
1996/97	October 13, Ballybofey	Donegal	2-6	0-12	Cork
1995/96	April 21, Croke Park	Donegal	0-10	0-9	Cork
1992/93	February 28, Ballybofey	Donegal	1-8	0-9	Cork
1990/91	February 17, Ballybofey	Donegal	1-9	1-6	Cork
1989/90	February 25, Ballincollig	Cork	2-14	2-10	Donegal
1986/87	November 16, Ballyshannon	Donegal	0-8	0-5	Cork
1985/86	November 10, Fermoy	Donegal	2-4	1-6	Cork



**MATCHES PLAYED 16**

Donegal Wins	11
Cork Wins	4
Draws	1



# WHO CAN STOP DUBLIN?

by Arthur Sullivan, GAA.ie

If there is a point of the season when opinions tend to be frothier than at other times, we are there now.

What is said in April - by supporters, pundits, players or managers - is usually not being said in August or September. Whether it's about the prospects of one team or another, or about the health of the game as a whole, declarations expressed in mid-spring rarely make it unscathed through the turbulence and truth of summer.

Let's go back to this weekend in 2014 to illustrate the point. Who was saying, on the day of last year's Division I semi-finals at Croke Park, that Kerry were going to win the All-Ireland at the same ground five months later? Or that Donegal would be the team to end Dublin's reign, courtesy of one of the biggest upsets in recent history?

Who knew then that Derry - Division I league finalists in 2014 - would be exiting the championship at home to Longford just two months after beating Mayo in the Division I semi-final at Croke Park?

The point is that opinions often change with the calendar. And yet, there is one question being widely asked ahead of today's two games that was being asked in pretty much the exact same

way this time last year: Namely who, if anyone, can stop Dublin?

It was after the Division I semi-finals last year that Dublin's claim on the major honours of the year became all but unquestioned. The 2013 All-Ireland champions had a solid but unspectacular regulation campaign, making the semi-finals courtesy of some last-gasp Diarmuid Connolly magic in Omagh, but few were left in any doubt as to the scope of their powers after the second-half of the league semi-final win over Cork.

On a day of bright, spring sunshine at Croke Park, Dublin turned an eight-point half-time deficit into a seven-point victory after a second-half performance of unforgettable dominance. When that win was followed by an equally commanding victory over Derry in the league final, Jim Gavin's side became the hottest All-Ireland favourites of recent memory. It was as if a switch had simply been flicked.

Their bond status is not quite as robust ahead of today's two games, but there has been an unforgiving feel to Dublin over the last month that Monaghan, their opponents today, can attest to.

Monaghan have had a largely joyous two years under Malachy O'Rourke, winning Ulster, Division III and Division II titles under his management. At times, they have looked extremely close to being at the top level, but on the two occasions when they have most looked like becoming a genuine blue-chip side, Dublin have been the ones to firmly shut the door in their faces.

Dublin's 1-22 to 1-11 win over Monaghan last Sunday will have brought back painful memories of last year's 2-22 to 0-11 All-Ireland quarter-final hammering. On the eve of both those games, Monaghan's confidence was extremely high, but Dublin twice dismantled the Ulster side in a way no other county has been able to do in the last two years. They have that effect on teams.

Cork, who face Donegal today, know all about it. They were perhaps the ultimate victims of Dublin's tails-up, killer instinct in last year's astonishing league semi-final, and although they salvaged the wound to a degree with their opening round win over Dublin in Páirc Uí Rinn on February 1, there is more than enough cop-on in the Rebel camp to know that comparing the Dublin of the opening weekend with the Dublin of today is a redundant exercise. Stephen Cluxton, James McCarthy, Michael Darragh Macauley, Cian O'Sullivan, Paul Flynn, Diarmuid Connolly and Bernard Brogan are just seven reasons why.

The only Division I side who don't have unhappy memories of Dublin in the Jim Gavin era are Donegal, and that makes their presence in the

last four intriguing. In this spring of discontent about the defensive nature of modern Gaelic football, Donegal present perhaps the greatest challenge to Dublin, and that should not in any way be taken as an insult by Donegal folk, for they are simply the most sophisticated and advanced exponents of a system coveted, at this stage, by almost every team in Ireland.

They may not meet at any stage again this year, but if they do, it will be fascinating.

Dublin's games against Tyrone and Derry this year very much suggested that Gavin is working on a plan to deal with such systems - one that was clearly not in place last August. Dublin's 2-18 to 0-10 league win over Mayo last month showed why playing in a 'traditional' way against Dublin is, at the very least, exceptionally risky. Donegal have shown, better than anyone else, that there is another way.

But to return to the main point: whatever happens this weekend, remember last April. Kerry and Donegal were not involved at this stage in 2014 - Kerry had limped to survival in Division I, Donegal had been plying their trade in Division II - yet they were the counties bidding for Sam Maguire by the time September came around.

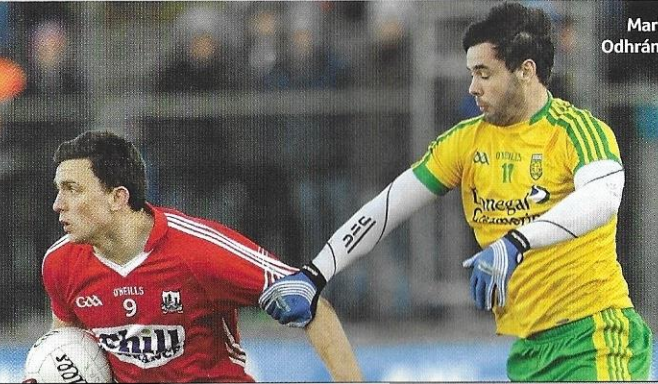
From Dublin's perspective, they might - not unfairly, perhaps - view that situation as an anomaly.

If that was the case, the next five months are the time to prove it.

Darren Hughes, Monaghan, is hassled by Michael Darragh Macauley and Dean Rock, Dublin



Mark Collins, Cork, evades Odrán Mac Niallais, Donegal



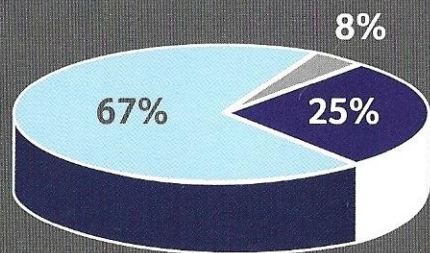


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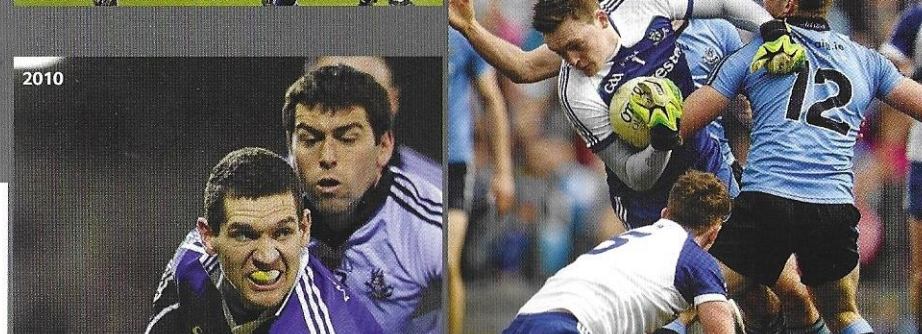
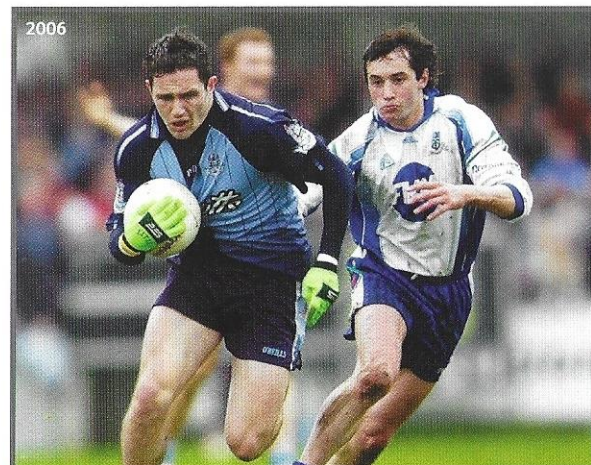
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2011	March 13, Clones	Dublin	0-13	1-9	Monaghan
2010	March 13, Parnell Park	Dublin	2-11	1-9	Monaghan
2008	March 23, Parnell Park	Dublin	1-10	0-13	Monaghan
2006	February 12, Parnell Park	Monaghan	1-11	0-7	Dublin
1997/98	February 15, Parnell Park	Monaghan	2-12	0-12	Dublin
1996/97	February 16, Clones	Dublin	2-7	1-7	Monaghan
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	November 22, Castleblayney	Dublin	1-13	0-5	Monaghan
1986/87	November 16, Croke Park	Monaghan	2-10	2-8	Dublin
1984/85	October 14, Castleblayney	Dublin	1-8	0-5	Monaghan



MATCHES PLAYED 12

Dublin Wins	8
Monaghan Wins	3
Draws	1





# ÁTH CLIATH



## ROGHNÓIRÍ

Jim Gavin (Bainisteoir),  
Declan Darcy, Mick Deegan,  
Shane O'Hanlon

**1** Stiofáin Cluxton  
**STEPHEN CLUXTON**  
Parnells

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

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

**4** Pilib Mac Mathúna  
**PHILIP McMAHON**  
Ballymun Kickhams

**5** Séamus Mac Cárthaigh  
**JAMES McCARTHY**  
Ballymun Kickhams

**6** Seán Ó Caoilte  
**JOHN SMALL**  
Ballymun Kickhams

**7** Seán Mac Gafraidh  
**JACK McCAFFREY**  
Clontarf

**8** Donncha Bastic  
**DENIS BASTICK**  
Templeogue Syngé Street

**9** Cian Ó Súilleabháin  
**CIAN O'SULLIVAN**  
Kilmacud Crokes

**10** Pól Mac Floinn  
**PAUL FLYNN**  
Fingallians

**11** Diarmuid Ó Conghaile  
**DIARMUID CONNOLLY**  
St Vincent's

**12** Brian Ó Fiannachta  
**BRIAN FENTON**  
Raheny

**13** Ciarán Mac Giolla Choimhneigh  
**CIARÁN KILKENNY**  
Castleknock

**14** Dean Mac Concharraige  
**DEAN ROCK**  
Ballymun Kickhams

**15** Bernard Ó Brógáin  
**BERNARD BROGAN**  
Oliver Plunketts Eoghan Ruadh

## FIR IONAIÐ

- 16. Seán Mac Mhuirí  
**SEÁN CURRIE**  
Ballymun Kickhams
- 17. Pádraig Mac Aindriú  
**PADDY ANDREWS**  
St Brigid's
- 18. Tomás Ó Brádaigh  
**TOMAS BRADY**  
Na Fianna

- 19. Daibhéid Ó Broin  
**DAVID BYRNE**  
St Olaf's
- 20. Cormac Mac Coisdealbha  
**CORMAC COSTELLO**  
Whitehall Colmcille
- 21. Eoghan Ó Cuileagáin  
**EOIN CULLIGAN**  
Kilmacud Crokes
- 22. Darren Ó Dálaigh  
**DARREN DALY**  
Fingal Ravens

- 23. Nioclás Déabhrús  
**NICKY DEVEREUX**  
Ballinteer St Johns
- 24. Mícheál Mac Amhlaoidh  
**MICHAEL DARRAGH MACAULEY**  
Ballyboden St Enda's
- 25. Caoimhín Mac Meanman  
**KEVIN McMANAMON**  
St Jude's
- 26. Eiméid Ó Conghaile  
**EMMETT Ó CONGHAILE**  
Lucan Sarsfields

## ROGHNÓIR

Malachy O'Rourke (Bainisteoir)



# MUINEACHÁN

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

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

**3** Aindreas Wylie  
**DREW WYLIE**  
Béal Átha Beithe

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

**5** Fionáin Ó Ceallaigh  
**FINTAN KELLY**  
Cluain Eois

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

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

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

**9** Darren Ó hAodha  
**DARREN HUGHES**  
An Bhoth

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

**11** Pól Ó Fionnlaigh  
**PAUL FINLAY**  
Béal Átha Beithe

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

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

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

**15** Conchúr Mac Maghnúis (C)  
**CONOR McMANUS**  
Cluain Tiobraid

## FIR IONAIÐ

- 16. Éanna Ó Dufaigh  
**ENDA DUFFY**  
Druim Shamhain
- 17. Sean Mac Cearáin  
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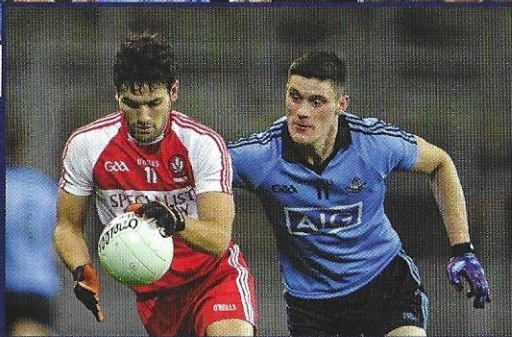
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- 21. Risteard Ó Cléirchín  
**DICK CLERKIN**  
Curraichín
- 22. Gabhán Ó Duagáin  
**GAVIN DOOGAN**  
Machaire Cluain

- 23. Tomás Ó Carra  
**THOMAS KERR**  
Béal Átha Beithe
- 24. Seán Ó Ciara  
**SHANE CAREY**  
An Bhoth
- 25. Stíofán Mac an Ghallóglaigh  
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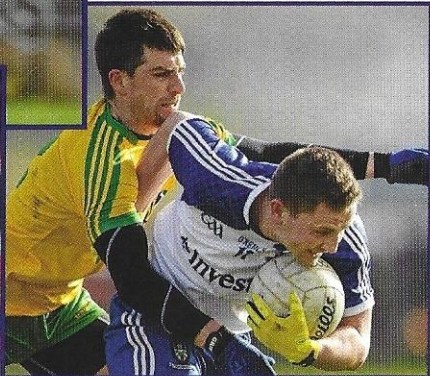
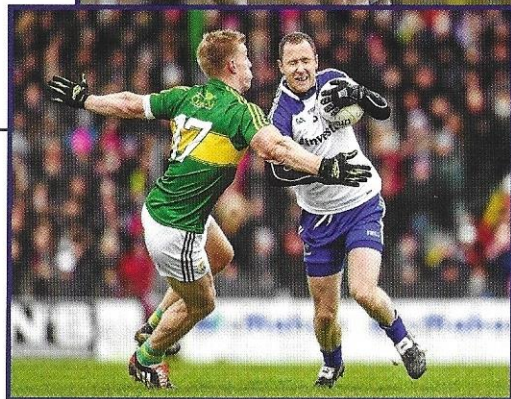




Top Left: Dublin v Tyrone March 7; above v Mayo, March 14, and left: v Derry, March 28



Left: Monaghan v Derry, March 15; below v Donegal, March 8, and below left: v Kerry, March 29



# ÁTH CLIATH PATH TO THE FINAL



February 1, Páirc Uí Rinn	Cork	1-15	0-16	Dublin
February 7, Croke Park	Dublin	2-10	0-11	Donegal
March 1, Killarney	Kerry	0-15	1-10	Dublin
March 7, Croke Park	Dublin	1-9	0-12	Tyrone
March 14, Castlebar	Dublin	2-18	0-10	Mayo
March 28, Croke Park	Dublin	0-8	0-4	Derry
April 5, Clones	Dublin	1-22	1-11	Monaghan

SCORED 7-93 CONCEDED 2-78 DIFFERENCE +30

### SCORERS

Dean Rock	1-35	Eoghan O'Gara	0-4	David Byrne	0-2
Bernard Brogan	2-6	Ciarán Kilkenny	0-4	Jonny Cooper	0-2
Jack McCaffrey	1-5	Paul Flynn	0-4	Michael Deegan	0-1
Tomás Brady	0-7	Brian Fenton	1-1	Philip Ryan	0-1
Kevin McManamon	0-5	Emmet Ó Conghaile	0-3	M. Darragh Macauley	0-1
Diarmuid Connolly	0-5	Denis Bastick	1-0	Paddy Andrews	0-1
Cormac Costello	1-2	Shane Carthy	0-2		

# MUINEACHÁN PATH TO THE FINAL



January 31, Omagh	Monaghan	1-13	0-9	Tyrone
February 8, Castleblayney	Cork	2-14	1-16	Monaghan
March 1, Castlebar	Mayo	3-15	0-11	Monaghan
March 8, Letterkenny	Monaghan	0-9	1-4	Donegal
March 15, Clones	Monaghan	0-15	0-10	Derry
March 29, Tralee	Monaghan	1-11	0-10	Kerry
April 5, Clones	Dublin	1-22	1-11	Monaghan

SCORED 4-86 CONCEDED 7-84 DIFFERENCE -7

### SCORERS

Conor McManus	0-25	Rory Beggan	0-5	Conor Boyle	0-1
Paul Finlay	0-15	Stephen Golligly	1-2	Kieran Duffy	0-1
Kieran Hughes	1-8	Darren Hughes	1-2	Paul Meegan	0-1
Dessie Mone	0-6	Dermot Malone	0-4	Thomas Kerr	0-1
Daniel McKenna	0-6	Fintan Kelly	0-3	Shane Carey	0-1
Owen Duffy	1-3	Ryan McAnespie	0-2		

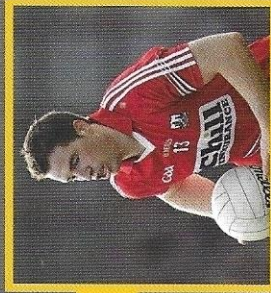


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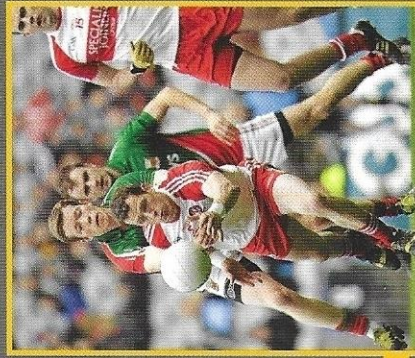
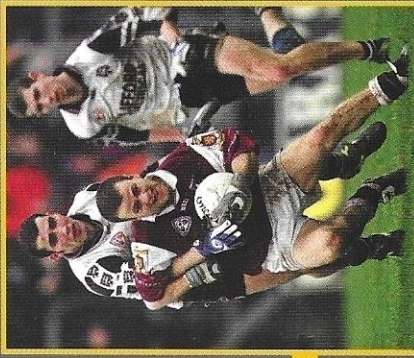
Roinn I TOP SCORERS

- 40** COLM O'NEILL CORK 3-31
- 38** DEAN ROCK DUBLIN 1-35
- 30** MICHAEL MURPHY DONEGAL 2-24
- 29** DARREN MCCURRY TYRONE 0-29
- 25** CONOR McMANUS MONAGHAN 0-25
- 24** PATRICK McBREARTY DONEGAL 1-21
- 23** BRYAN SHEEHAN KERRY 0-23
- 21** PAUL GEANEY KERRY 2-15
- 19** BARRY JOHN KEANE KERRY 1-16
- 18** MARK LYNCH DERRY 0-18



SEMI-FINALS 1985-2014

1985	Armagh	1-9	Down	0-6
REPLAY	Monaghan	1-6	Tyrone	0-9
1986	Monaghan	1-8	Tyrone	0-8
	Laois	0-12	Dublin	1-7
1987	Monaghan	0-10	Mayo	1-6
	Kerry	2-11	Monaghan	2-9
1988	Dublin	1-8	Galway	0-8
	Dublin	4-12	Monaghan	1-8
1989	Meath	0-13	Down	1-9
	Dublin	1-10	Cavan	1-9
1990	Cork	0-10	Kerry	0-4
	Down	4-8	Roscommon	0-11
1991	Meath	0-14	Cork	0-10
	Dublin	1-18	Roscommon	0-11
1992	Kildare	0-14	Donegal	1-10
	Derry	0-12	Meath	1-8
1993	Tyrone	0-13	Dublin	1-9
	Donegal	1-12	Clare	1-7
1994	Meath	1-10	Kerry	0-11
	Meath	0-15	Westmeath	0-11
<b>ARMAGH 3-11 LAOIS 1-9</b>				
1995	Derry	1-8	Tyrone	2-3
	Donegal	1-14	Laois	2-8
1996	Donegal	0-10	Cork	0-9
	Derry	1-12	Mayo	0-7
1997	Cork	2-10	Kildare	1-9
	Kerry	2-13	Laois	1-10
1998	Offaly	3-10	Donegal	1-14
	Derry	1-12	Monaghan	0-8
1999	Cork	0-6	Meath	0-3
	Dublin	0-11	Armagh	0-11
REPLAY	Dublin	1-14	Armagh	0-12
2000	Derry	0-15	Roscommon	0-8
	Meath	4-11	Kerry	1-18
<b>GALWAY 2-12 SLIGO 0-11</b>				
2001	Mayo	0-16	Roscommon	1-10
2002	Tyrone	3-12	Mayo	0-11
2003	Laois	5-13	Roscommon	3-12
	Tyrone	1-14	Armagh	1-11
2004	Kerry	4-11	Fermanagh	1-11
	Tyrone	0-12	Limerick	0-10
REPLAY	Galway	1-16	Galway	1-16
2005	Wexford	2-18	Tyrone	1-19
	Armagh	1-8	Tyrone	1-7
2006	Kerry	0-19	Mayo	0-14
	Kerry	1-15	Laois	0-10
2007	Galway	1-11	Mayo	1-6
	Donegal	1-13	Kildare	1-11
	Mayo	2-10	Galway	1-12
<b>NO SEMI-FINALS</b>				
2008-2011				
2012	Mayo	2-15	Kerry	1-17
2013	Cork	2-17	Down	1-12
	Dublin	2-16	Mayo	0-16
2014	Tyrone	2-15	Kildare	2-11
	DERRY	2-15	MAYO	1-16
	Dublin	2-20	Cork	2-13







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# HEALTH AND WELLBEING AT THE CORE OF THE GAA

'Health and wellbeing is the core business of the GAA' was one of the key messages delivered at the Association's second national conference dedicated to the topic in Croke Park on Saturday, March 21.

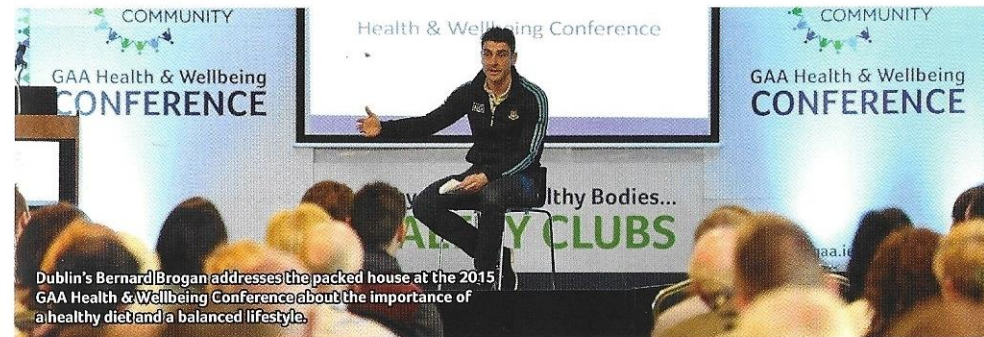
In his opening address, Uachtarán CLG, Aogán Ó Fearghail, thanked the 250 delegates – the majority of whom represented their county health and wellbeing committees or held the position of health and wellbeing officer in their club – for their vital contributions to the Association.

Speaking at the event, Dr Brendan Doody, a member of the GAA's National Health & Wellbeing Committee, highlighted the health-enhancing experiences GAA clubs naturally provide by bringing people together as communities and supporting their sense of place and their identity, by offering a safe place for recreation and inter-generational interaction, not to mention the physical benefits

accrued by playing Gaelic games. Everything else we do, he stressed, is an added bonus.

Another member of the GAA's National Health & Wellbeing Committee, Fiona Teague, launched the GAA's new Critical Incident Response Plan. This toolkit – full of practical advice and resources – was devised to support clubs or counties through exceptional circumstances or 'critical incidents'.

The day came to a fascinating close with RTÉ's Marty Morrissey chairing a lively afternoon panel discussion featuring Tony Griffin, former Clare hurler and co-founder of the Soar Foundation, Valerie Mulcahy, nine-time All-Ireland winner with Cork. Other contributors included Eamon O'Shea, Tipperary manager and Professor in the School of Economics, NUIG, Críonna Tobin, a leading performance nutritionist, and Jason Hughes, former Monaghan footballer and one of the leader of Castleblayney's Faughs award winning 'Operation TransFAUGHmation'.



To learn more about health and wellbeing in the GAA, to access all the relevant resources, including the new Critical Incident Response Plan, and to view all the presentations plus a selection of videos from this event go to [www.gaa.ie/community](http://www.gaa.ie/community). For more information email [community.health@gaa.ie](mailto:community.health@gaa.ie)



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#### HURLING

1. A Yellow Card does not carry into extra time.
2. Referee may consult with a neutral linesman concerning the validity of a score.
3. Penalty – One defending player on the goal-line who may not move towards the 20m line until the ball has actually been struck. The player taking the penalty may place it up to 7m back from the 20m line and within the arc but must strike the ball on or outside the 20m line.
4. For free pucks for Technical Fouls committed inside the large rectangle and awarded on the centre point of the 20m line, a maximum of five players may stand on the goal-line and may not move forward until the ball has been struck. The player taking the free puck may place the ball up to 7m back from the 20m line and within the arc but must strike it on or outside the 20m line.
5. For a 20m free puck awarded for a foul committed outside the large rectangle, all players shall stand a minimum of 20m from the point of award of the free and may not move closer to that point until the ball has been struck.
6. Rule 2.4 and 4.16 – If a defending player(s) fouls before the ball is struck and a goal does not result, the referee shall give the penalty taker/free taker the option of re-taking the Penalty Puck/Free Puck or of having a point scored to stand.
7. If a player taking a Penalty Puck or other Free Puck awarded on the 20m line fails to lift the ball at the first attempt or fails to strike it with the hurley, even if the action causes it to marginally cross the 20m line, he shall be allowed to strike the ball on the ground without delay.
8. Advantage – Referee may allow the play to continue for up to 5 seconds after a foul; if no advantage accrues during that 5 seconds he may subsequently award a free puck for the foul.

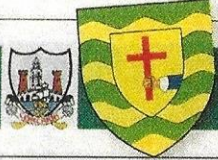
(This is the same rule that has been in place in football for the past year; no advantage accruing would include such instances of a pass going astray, another player moving in to tackle as soon as the fouled player gets away from the initial foul, a shot taken within the five seconds which goes wide, a shot taken within the 5 seconds which is saved by the goalkeeper etc; in these instances the referee should come back and award the original free.

If a player/team who had been awarded an advantage commits a foul within the 5 second period then the free shall be awarded against him for the subsequent foul)

#### FOOTBALL

1. A Yellow Card does not carry into extra time.
2. Referee may consult with a neutral linesman concerning the validity of a score.
3. Rule 2.3 and 4.16 – If a defending player(s) fouls at a Penalty Kick situation before the ball is kicked and a goal does not result, the referee shall give the penalty taker the option of re-taking the Penalty Kick or of having a point scored to stand.





## ALLIANZ NATIONAL LEAGUE SEMI-FINAL

# Donegal get some great long range points in an attacking game that was like an exhibition match

# MURPHY EXCELS ONCE MORE

<b>DONEGAL</b>	<b>0-19</b>
<b>CORK</b>	<b>4-11</b>

### PETER CAMPBELL

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**Donegal lost out to Cork but will not be unduly worried after a good outing in an open game at Croke Park.**

The game was a treat for spectators and was played more as an exhibition match than a seriously competitive game in the opening half. Both sides were willing to have a go and Donegal, in particular, kicked some great long range points, especially Odhran MacNiallais, Colm McFadden and Patrick McBrearty.

The free count in each half reflected the nature of the game - 9-5 to Donegal in the first half and 7-6 to Donegal in the second. No Donegal player was booked!

The big difference between the sides were the Cork goals, taken with aplomb, while Donegal had two good chances, but both Colm McFadden and Patrick McBrearty were denied by Ken

O'Halloran.

Donegal started with Eoin McHugh and Hugh McFadden instead of Christy Toyne and Martin O'Reilly.

Brian Hurley had the opening score with just over a minute on the clock and Donegal had three wides inside two and a half minutes.

Anthony Thompson, very prominent, equalised on four minutes and Michael Murphy almost had a goal as he took a pass from Odhran MacNiallais, turned and blazed just over (although Hawk Eye was needed to confirm).

Eoin McHugh, a surprise inclusion, was making an impression and he set up Patrick McBrearty for a third point before John O'Rourke and Fintan Goold levelled on seven minutes. McHugh was almost in for a goal later on and also made one great block back in defence in the opening half.

Donegal stretched four points clear by the 15th minute. Before that Colm McFadden was denied a goal by a last ditch tackle. Michael Murphy pointed the '45' while McBrearty, Murphy (free) and Odhran MacNiallais hit

a delightful strike from under the Hogan Stand.

Conor Dorman reduced the margin and Donegal were opened up for a goal when Colm O'Neill found space in front of the Donegal goal and he slid home.

Donegal's response was good with Murphy, Karl Lacey and Patrick McBrearty pointing, but Cork hit back with Fintan Goold (2) and Colm O'Driscoll.

Before half-time there was time for Colm McFadden to land his first point from 45m while Cork's best player, Brian Hurley, set up Colm O'Neill to leave the sides level, Donegal 0-11, Cork 1-8.

The nature of the match didn't change much in the second half but it was Cork who converted the goal chances they created. Colm O'Neill had their second inside three minutes when he was in place when the ball came back off a post.

Martin McElhinney hit a great point in reply but Brian Hurley got the better of Paddy McGrath to hit a great goal on 40 minutes.

Donegal did respond with three points from Michael Murphy (2) and Colm McFadden to reduce the margin to three - 3-10 to 0-16 but the goal they needed evaded them. Christy Toyne, with his first touch, set up Patrick McBrearty on 50 minutes, but Ken O'Halloran got down to deny McBrearty.

After that the game fizzled to its inevitable conclusion with numerous substitutions on both sides, Patrick McBrearty and Michael Murphy got the final points for Donegal while Michael Shields and Colm O'Neill had points for the winners.

Apart from a captain's display from Michael Murphy, Frank McGlynn, Karl Lacey, Martin McElhinney, Eoin McHugh, Ryan McHugh, Patrick McBrearty and Colm McFadden can be happy with their contributions.

Overall, Donegal will be happy with the outing and they can now get their heads down to prepare for the Ulster Championship clash with Tyrone on May 17th..

**Donegal:** Michael Boyle;

**Ryan McHugh:** Worked really hard at trying to prise openings. Kept going to the end. 7

**Patrick McBrearty:** Another good display from the Kilcar man, who kicked some great scores. 7.5

**Eoin McHugh:** Making his Croke Park debut, McHugh had a really good first half and was involved in a few of the Donegal scores. Also got in one great block. 7

### MAN OF THE MATCH

#### THE AWARD GOES TO FINTAN

Goold, who hit four points from midfield for Cork, while Brian Hurley also had an exceptional game at corner forward. Michael Murphy and Martin McElhinney were the two Donegal players in contention.

#### TURNING POINT

The two Cork goals immediately after half-time turned the game with Donegal unable to make up the deficit thereafter.

#### REF WATCH

Marty Duffy will never have an easier game, issuing three yellow cards to Cork players and none to Donegal.

#### STATISTICS

Donegal won 16 frees (9 in first half) while they had seven wides (six in first half). They also had two 45s. Cork won 11 frees (five in first half) and they had 13 wides (five in first half). They had one 45.

Paddy McGrath, Neil McGee, Eamon McGee; Frank McGlynn, Karl Lacey (0-1), Anthony Thompson (0-1); Odhran MacNiallais (0-1), Hugh McFadden; Eoin McHugh, Martin McElhinney (0-2), Ryan McHugh; Patrick McBrearty (0-4, 1f), Michael Murphy (0-8, 3f, 245), Colm McFadden (0-2). Subs., Eamonn Doherty for Thompson 40; Martin O'Reilly for E McHugh 45; Christy Toyne for McGrath 49; Stephen Griffin for C McFadden 60; Daniel McLaughlin for H McFadden 63.

**Cork:** Ken O'Halloran; Tom Clancy (1-0), Michael Shields (0-1), James Loughrey; Conor Dorman (0-1), Brian O'Driscoll, Tomas Clancy; Eoin Cadogan, Fintan Goold (0-4); Colm O'Driscoll (0-1), John O'Rourke (0-1), Kevin O'Driscoll; Colm O'Neill (2-2, 1f), Mark Collins, Brian Hurley (1-1). Subs., Paul Kerrigan for Shields 55; Daniel Goulding for K O'Driscoll 60; Barry O'Driscoll for Brian O'Driscoll 63; John Hayes for Hurley 67; Donal Og Hodnett for O'Rourke 68.

**Referee:** Marty Duffy (Sligo)