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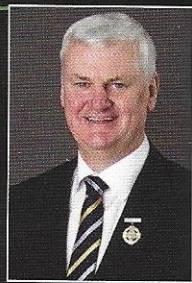
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Céad míle fáilte romhaibh arís go Páirc an Chrócaigh. Tá cumas ag ár gcluichí Gaelacha dráma, teannas agus spéis a chruthú. Chonaic muid cluiche den scoth coicís ó shin, cosúil le haon ócáid nó cluiche atá tar éis tarlú i stair an Chumainn i bPáirc an Chrócaigh – gobhaim mé chomhghairdeas le Maigh Eo agus Áth Cliath don taispeántas breá a bhí le feiceáil – rinne siad a ndícheall agus táim cinnte go bhfuil gach duine fós bródúil astu.

For the first time since 2000 we find ourselves back at Croke Park to replay an All-Ireland Football final.

The prospect of seeing Dublin and Mayo renew their rivalry in pursuit of the Sam Maguire Cup is a source of great excitement. The drawn match was an enthralling game that had plenty of thrills and spills, but also showcased an abundance of top class footballing ability. There was so much to admire in both the Mayo and Dublin performances that by the time Conor Lane delivered the final whistle there was no one in any doubt but that a draw was a very fair result.

Our games are ever evolving, but what remains a constant is the abundance of talent that exists within them. Players at club level throughout the GAA are constantly seeking improvement to their own game.

In all clubs coaching standards

are improving and I warmly congratulate our club players, as it is from them we produce our inter-county teams that we all admire. Without strong clubs, we would not have such exciting inter-county contests.

All clubs are part of the evolving GAA and can feel proud of contests like the one we look forward to today. Today's stars that we all applaud from Dublin and Mayo are first and foremost club players, the primary role of the club is the crucial foundation stone. Ryan Tubridy asked Henry Shefflin at the Ploughing Championships, if he missed the game when he retired. "Not at all," said Henry, "I have club training tonight and am still playing." You don't choose your club, it chooses you.

One of the reasons for staging this replay on a Saturday evening is to allow as many club games as possible to take place as scheduled on Sunday. The replay will no doubt have had an impact on some cases in counties who had hoped to play fixtures this afternoon. Last year both the Ard Stiúrthóir and I stated that we favoured ending the practice of holding replays, except after extra-time and in finals. We still believe we should end the tradition of replays in all games, except finals, and help condense the inter-county schedule to the benefit of our clubs.

Today I thank sincerely all players who participated with their counties throughout the year.

Along with commitments to club and colleges, inter-county players have work and family obligations yet they combine all this as amateur players performing to the highest level. Our recent agreement with the GPA recognises the players' role in the GAA. The GPA are very much part of the GAA family and committed to our values and ethos. The increased expenses payable directly to our county boards for players demonstrates our respect and commitment to players.

Tá ár gCumann i bhfad níós láidre nuair a oibríonn muid go léir le chéile. Ní neart go cur le chéile.

The decision to reduce the price of tickets by 25 per cent for today's match and the decision to provide an allocation of juvenile tickets for €10 to the competing counties is another acknowledgement of how we value the support we receive from our members.

The All-Ireland finals are the marquee events in the Irish sporting calendar. Indeed, for many people they transcend the sporting landscape and are national events of cultural significance. They also represent value for money and compare favourably when put alongside similar events elsewhere.

From the moment the first ball is kicked or pucked in a GAA inter-county season there is an initiative to reward and support those who attend our games. Be it special discounts for people who buy tickets early or in many cases

the opportunity for U16s to attend matches for free, this practice continues into the provincial championships who featured initiatives that supported families, juveniles, students, senior citizens and groups attending our games. In the All-Ireland series there was a club pass available that enabled groups of between 15 and 50 attend right up to the All-Ireland semi-finals for as little as €10 each.

The Association is committed to honouring the phenomenal support we receive by ensuring all revenue is put to the very best use in securing the future of the GAA by developing our games and supporting clubs, schools, counties and provinces. Last year we spent €4.8m on developing grounds and training centres and supplied a redevelopment grant to 302 clubs across Ireland. We also spent in excess of €10m on Coaching and Games Development and currently employ more than 200 full-time GAA coaches and games promotion officers. In 2015 we made a bursary payment to 254 third level students all over Ireland as part of an initiative that has seen us make more than €2m in bursary payments to students over the last 10 years.

This is just a small but significant snapshot of the sort of commitment and contribution that the GAA is in a position to make because of the support we receive from our members. A guiding principle of the work that we do is to reinvest in our games, our clubs and our people. I am delighted that we can show that 82 cent of every euro we receive in the GAA is reinvested in our games.

The fascinating drawn encounter two weeks ago is another example

of the quality that has come to the fore in the concluding stages of the championship. Again, I want to state my full support for the thought-provoking proposal on football championship reform which has been produced by our Ard Stiúrthóir. I urge our members to read it carefully and let your voices be heard at club, county and congress; democracy in action.

Guím gach rath inniu ar an réiteoir agus a gcuid oifigigh. Buíochas do Conor Lane agus a fhoireann a bhí i gceannas sa chéad cluiche agus do Ciaran Brannigan a bhí i gceannas sa chluiche mionúr. Gach dea ghuí inniu do Maurice Deegan agus a fhoireann. Tá luas na gcluichí ag ardú an t-am ar fad agus caighdeán na n-imreoirí ag dul i bhfeabhas fosta. Tá sé deacair cluichí chomh tapaigh sin a maoirseacht ach sé mo bharúil go ndéanann na réiteoirí sár obair. I gcónaí bíonn siad ag foghlaim agus ag iarraidh feabhas a chur ar a gcuid oibre agus molaim gach éinne atá páirteach i bhforbairt réiteoirí.

Arís, tugann AIB, SuperValu agus eir urraíocht flaithiúla dúinn agus is cairde Gaeil na comhlachtaí seo, tá muid fíor bhuíoch.

Along with over 82,000 patrons in attendance, more than one million people will watch the game in Ireland and many more will view the game in Britain and around the world. GAAGO had viewers in 198 countries for the drawn final. The game will be listened to on radio and the internet and I am pleased that so many can now watch and listen worldwide. My fellow countyman and former Cavan footballer Bill Doonan served in the British Army as a radio operator during World War II. He

went missing from his unit outside Monte Cassino on September 26, 1943. A search party found him up a tree on the side of a hill, tuned in to Míchéal Ó hÉithir on RTÉ radio as Roscommon defeated Cavan in the final in Croke Park. Bill wasn't court-martialed and went on to win All-Irelands with Cavan in 1947 and 1948. I thank our many media partners, local, national and international.

It has already been a memorable race for the Sam Maguire Cup in 2016. Sam spent his entire GAA career working for the GAA in London and today we remember our diaspora, our many Irish emigrants who, like Sam Maguire, keep their Irishness alive and connect with home through our worldwide GAA family. We deeply appreciate our emigrant Irish and we were delighted to host the GAA World Games here in August.

Best wishes to all involved from players, officials to supporters and hope that you have an occasion to savour in what is another national sporting festival. Our volunteer stewards take great care of all patrons and we extend our gratitude to them also.

Ba bhliain mhór chomórtha a bhí ann i 2016. Sílim go léiríonn ócáid cosúil leis an chluiche inniu go bhfuil an fhís Ghaelach a bhí ag an seachtar laoch i 1916 fós beo láidir i gCumann Lúthchleas Gael.

Éire go brách.

Aogán Ó Fearghail

Aogán Ó Fearghail
Uachtarán
Cumann Lúthchleas Gael



MESSAGE FROM THE SPONSORS



There is something unique about the All-Ireland final, even when you have to do it twice. It is 16 years since we have had a replay in the football final, but today will have all the colour, passion and excitement of the first final. Back we come.

For the past 12 months the players, the managers, the families and the supporters have done all they can to reach this moment. The early morning training sessions; the cold and wet nights on the pitch, the endless kilometres covered back and forth – there are countless sacrifices. This is your moment to shine and you've earned it.

We at eir understand the pride and passion you have today and every day for your team, your county and your game. Two great teams are coming together to battle for the title of GAA Football All-Ireland champions. Your skills, your knowledge and passion will not only get you to the finish line, but they will also inspire the next generation who watch on today as you represent your county on the sidelines, on the pitch or in the stands.

We are extremely proud to celebrate another magnificent season with the GAA. Just as the GAA connects people across communities, eir works hard to connect people across Ireland every moment of every day. Enjoy the match!



Richard Hunt
CEO, eir



We in AIB are honoured to be here with you in Croke Park today as a sponsor of the GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship and today's final replay. An All-Ireland Football final replay is a rare and wonderful occasion for Irish sports fans and we look forward to what will no doubt be another captivating encounter to end what has been a fantastic season. As Dublin and Mayo take to the field today, I would like to wish both sets of players, management and fans the very best of luck. The work and commitment that these players and management have put in over the last number of months, indeed years, is monumental, and the spectacle they produced for their fans last time out is testament to this. This has only been matched by the remarkable and intense dedication that both sets of fans have shown to their teams throughout the championship. This sponsorship is very important to us at AIB, as is our proud sponsorship of the AIB GAA and Camogie Club Championships. This is our second season backing club and county, and we are delighted to continue our support of GAA at all levels. The hard work and perseverance during the autumn and winter months at club level fuels the county competition and seeing these players here today representing their club at county level is something very special. On behalf of AIB, I would like to congratulate Dublin and Mayo on reaching the GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship final replay and we wish both teams the best of luck.



Denis O'Callaghan
Head of Retail
Banking, AIB



On behalf of SuperValu, I would like to warmly welcome you all back to Croke Park for this extra special occasion. An evening game always adds to the day and with the commitment both teams showed two weeks ago, I am sure we are in for an amazing game.

At SuperValu, 'We Believe in Local' and nothing represents local more than the GAA, with its strong heritage and deep roots in every community across Ireland. Although it is not easy for a Cork man to do, I would like to acknowledge the Kerry minor football team that won the Electric Ireland GAA Football All-Ireland Minor final two weeks ago. In particular their manager Peter Keane, who together with his wife Siobhán manages and owns SuperValu Killorglin. Similar to the GAA, our independent retailers strive to build vibrant local communities by supporting local clubs and counties.

This year, SuperValu helped inspire future generations. Through our kits for kids initiative, local SuperValu retailers across the country awarded juvenile O'Neills training kits to over 370 clubs, worth €250,000 collectively.

We have witnessed a fantastic showcase of skill and determination throughout the season and I have no doubt that today's game will be just as exciting with both teams so close to the ultimate prize. I wish both teams, their management and all the fans, the best of luck in today's GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship final replay.



Martin O'Sullivan
Managing Director
SuperValu

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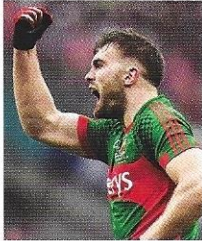
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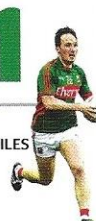
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- 16.27 Oífigh an chluiche amach ar an bpáirc
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- 16.32 Maigh Eo amach ar an bpáirc
- 16.40 Coin toss
- 16.41 Presentation of match football to an réiteoir
- 16.46 Players and match officials make their way to the red carpet
- 16.47 Uachtarán na hÉireann introduced - accompanied by Uachtarán CLG
- 16.48 Uachtarán na hÉireann agus Uachtarán CLG meet the teams followed by Respect handshake
- 16.52 Paráid na fóirne
- 16.58 Amhrán na bhFiann
- 17.00 Tús Chluiche Peile Sinsear na hÉireann 2016
- 17.38* Leath am
- 17.39* Respect Exhibition Go Games
- 17.53* Tús an dara Leath
- 18.35* Críoch an cluiche
- If Áth Cliath v Maigh Eo goes to extra-time see Clár an Lae B*
- 18.40* Presentation of cup by Uachtarán CLG
- 18.45 Lap of honour by winning team

CLÁR AN LAE B

- 18.44* Coin toss
- 18.45* Start of extra-time 1st half
- 18.56* End of extra-time 1st half
- Teams remain on the pitch
- 19.01* Start of extra-time 2nd half
- 19.12* End of extra-time 2nd half
- (If still level after extra-time, game goes to a replay)
- 19.16* Presentation of cup by Uachtarán CLG
- 19.20 Lap of honour by winning team

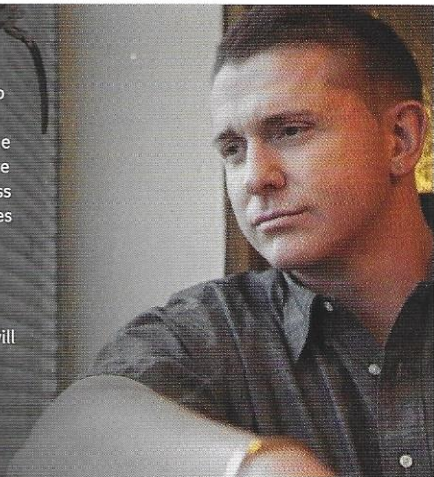
*depending on additional time

DAMIEN DEMPSEY

Show time: 15.50 - 16.20 sharp

Since his first live outings in the mid-1990s, Damien's gigs have seen him wow audiences across the globe and his performances have taken on a spiritual and soulful quality.

Today for a tune-packed half hour before the throw-in we will be treated to his broad vocal range as he performs some of his captivating, chart-topping music.



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ÁTH CLIATH

1st Half					
2nd Half					
Total	CUR	COILIN	SEACTAI	45M	SAOR CICEANNA

FIR IONAIÐ

- 16. Mícheál Saobhaois
MICHAEL SAVAGE
Naomh Uinsíonn
- 17. Pádraig Mac Aindriú
PADDY ANDREWS
Naomh Bríd
- 18. Donncha Bastic
DENIS BASTICK
Teach Mealóg Sráid Singe
- 19. Colm Basquel
COLM BASQUEL
Baile Buadáin Naomh Éanna
- 20. Cormac Mac Coisdealbha
CORMAC COSTELLO
Fionnbhrú Colmcille
- 21. Darren Ó Dálaigh
DARREN DALY
Raibíní Fine Ghall
- 22. Mícheál Mac Siomóin
MICHAEL FITZSIMONS
Cuala
- 23. Eric Lowndes
ERIC LOWNDES
Naomh Peregrine
- 24. Pól Ó Mainnín
PAUL MANNION
Cill Mochuda Na Crócaigh
- 25. Con Ó Ceallacháin
CON O'CALLAGHAN
Cuala
- 26. Eoghan Ó Gadhra
EOGHAN O'GARA
Teach Mealóg Sráid Singe



	1 Stiofáin Cluxton (C.) STEPHEN CLUXTON <i>Parnells</i>	
2 Pilib Mac Mathúna PHILIP McMAHON <i>Ciceam Baile Munna</i>	3 Seán Ó Cúipéir JONNY COOPER <i>Na Fianna</i>	4 Daibhéid Ó Broin DAVID BYRNE <i>Naomh Olaf</i>
5 Séamus Mac Cárthaigh JAMES McCARTHY <i>Ciceam Baile Munna</i>	6 Cian Ó Súilleabháin CIAN O'SULLIVAN <i>Cill Mochuda Na Crócaigh</i>	7 Seán Ó Caoilte JOHN SMALL <i>Ciceam Baile Munna</i>
	8 Brian Ó Fiannachta BRIAN FENTON <i>Rath Éanna</i>	9 Mícheál Mac Amhlaoidh MICHAEL DARRAGH MACAULEY <i>Baile Buadáin Naomh Éanna</i>
10 Pól Mac Floinn PAUL FLYNN <i>Fine Ghallainn</i>	11 Caoimhín Mac Meanman KEVIN McMANAMON <i>Naomh Jude</i>	12 Ciarán Mac Giolla Chainnigh CIARÁN KILKENNY <i>Caisleán Cnuacha</i>
13 Dean Mac Concharraige DEAN ROCK <i>Ciceam Baile Munna</i>	14 Diarmuid Ó Conghaile DIARMUID CONNOLLY <i>Naomh Uinsíonn</i>	15 Bernard Ó Brógáin BERNARD BROGAN <i>Naomh Oilibhéir Pluincéid Eoghan Ru</i>

ROGHNÓIRÍ:
JIM GAVIN
(BAINISTEOIR),
Declan Darcy,
Shane O'Hanlon,
Mick Deegan





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					1st Half
					2nd Half
COL	CUILINÍ	SEACHAÍ	ASM	SAOR EICEANNA	Total

MAIGH EO



FIR IONAIÐ

16. Roibeard Ó hIonaithe
ROBERT HENNELLY
Breaiffy
17. Criostóir Baróid
CHRIS BARRETT
Belmullet
18. Caoimhín Ó Catháin
KEVIN KEANE
Westport
19. Stiofáin Ó Cadháin
STEPHEN COEN
Hollymount/Carramore
20. Éimhín Ó Réigín
EVAN REGAN
Ballina Stephenites
21. Daithí Drach
DAVID DRAKE
Ballaghaderreen
22. Ailéin Diolún
ALAN DILLON
Ballintubber
23. Conchúir Ó Sé
CONOR O'SHEA
Breaiffy
24. Barra Ó Móráin
BARRY MORAN
Castlebar Mitchels
25. Ailéin Mac an tSaoir
ALAN FREEMAN
Aghamore
26. Conchúir Ó Lachtnáin
CONOR LOFTUS
Crossmolina

ROGHNÓIRÍ:
STEPHEN ROCHFORD (BAINISTEOIR),
Tony McEntee,
Donie Buckley,
Seán Carey

1

Daithí Ó Cléirigh

DAVID CLARKE

Ballina Stephenites

2

Breandán Ó hEarchaí

BRENDAN HARRISON

Aghamore

3

Donal Ó Beachain

DONAL VAUGHAN

Ballinrobe

4

Céit Ó hUigín

KEITH HIGGINS

Ballyhaunis

5

Lee Mac Aogáin

LEE KEEGAN

Westport

6

Coilm Ó Baoill

COLM BOYLE

Davitts

7

Pádraig Ó Dhuardáin

PATRICK DURCAN

Castlebar Mitchels

8

Séamus Ó Sé

SÉAMUS O'SHEA

Breaiffy

9

Tomás Mac an Phearsúin

TOM PARSONS

Charlestown

10

Caoimhín Mac Lochlainn

KEVIN McLOUGHLIN

Knockmore

11

Aodhán Ó Sé

AIDAN O'SHEA

Breaiffy

12

Diarmuid Ó Conchúir

DIARMUID O'CONNOR

Ballintubber

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Jason Ó Dochartaigh

JASON DOHERTY

Burnishoole

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Aindriú Ó Moráin

ANDY MORAN

Ballaghaderreen

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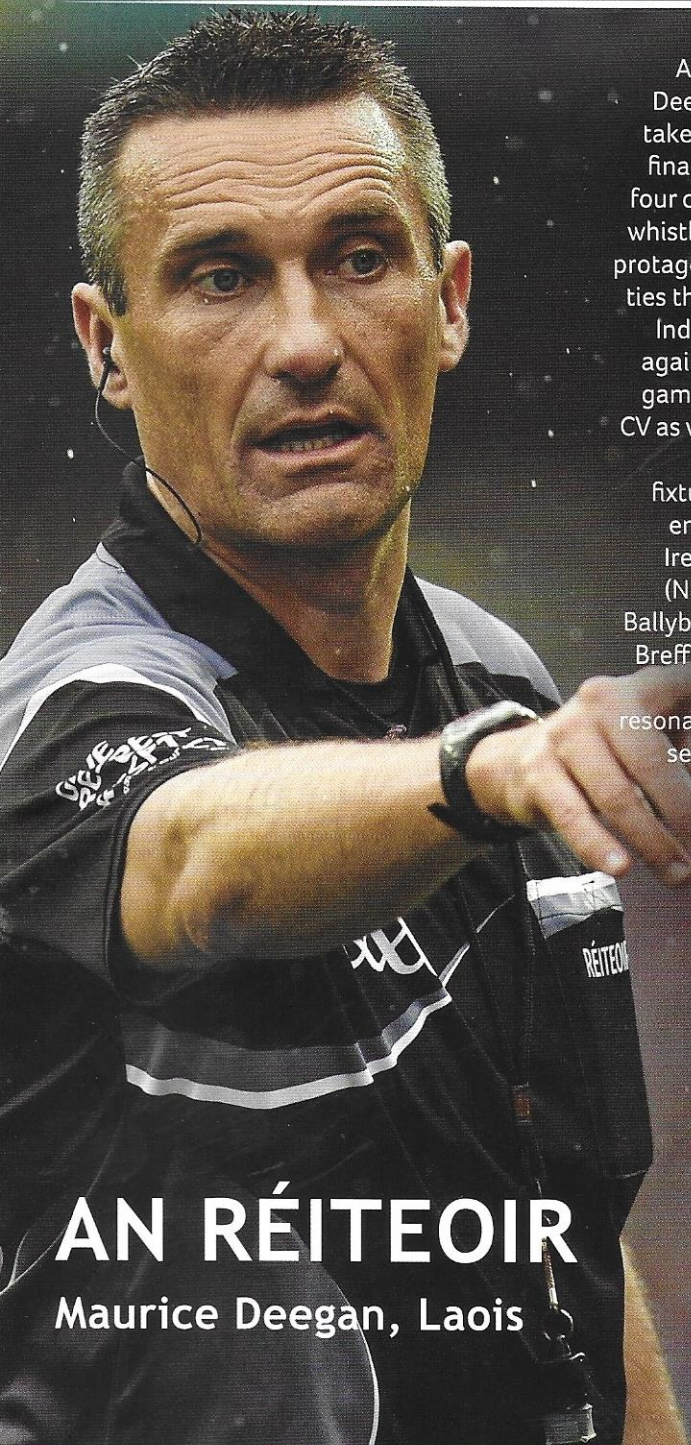
Cillian Ó Conchúir (C.)

CILLIAN O'CONNOR

Ballintubber



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A member of the Stradbally club, this will be Deegan's third time in the primary role having taken charge of the 2008 and 2012 All-Ireland finals. Neither Dublin nor Mayo featured in the four championship fixtures the O'Moore County whistler has been assigned this year, but today's protagonists were among the four Allianz League ties that came under his jurisdiction this season.

Indeed, Mayo featured twice as their matches against Cork at Páirc Uí Rinn and the Hyde Park game against Roscommon are part of his 2016 CV as was Dublin's semi-final joust with Donegal.

The most recent of the four championship fixtures he controlled was at Croke Park at the end of July when Kerry faced Clare in the All-Ireland quarter-final. Gaelic Park in New York (New York v Roscommon), Mac Cumhaill Park Ballybofey (Donegal v Fermanagh) and Kingspan Breffni Park were the other venues he officiated at, with the last of those having particular resonance today as it was the replay of the Ulster semi-final between Donegal and Monaghan.



LINESMEN:

David Coldrick (An Mhí) (STANDBY REF),
Seán Hurson (Tír Eoghain)

SIDELINE OFFICIAL:

Pádraig O'Sullivan (Ciarraí)

Umpires:

Kevin O'Brien (St Joseph's),
John Flynn (The Rock),
Tomás Moore (Ballylinan),
Richard Oxley (Timahoe)

AN RÉITEOIR

Maurice Deegan, Laois

REPLAY REFEREES

1894 RT Blake (Meath)
1914 H Boland (Dublin)
1926 T Shevlin (Roscommon)
1937 M Hennessy (Clare)
1938 P Waters (Kildare)

1943 P Mythen (Wexford)
1946 P Mythen (Wexford)
1952 S Hayes (Tipperary)
1972 F Tierney (Cavan)
1988 T Sugrue (Kerry)
1996 P McEaney (Monaghan)
2000 B White (Wexford)

TÁ SIAD EOLACH AR ATHMIRTÍ

Is cinnte go dtagann aoibh an ghaire ar an bhfear a shíníonn na seiceanna i bPáirc an Chrócaigh nuair a fheiceann sé go bhfuil babhtáí ceannais Chraobhe Peile CLG na hÉireann bainte amach ag Maigh Eo nó ag Áth Cliath.

Ó hachtraiodh córas an chomórtais sin i 2001, seo an 9ú athmirt ar chluichí ina raibh na contaethe sin páirteach, babhta leathcheannais na bliana seo caite eatarthu beirt ar ndóigh ar an gceann ba dheireanaí acu.

Eisín an dara bliain as a chéile ag Maigh Eo críochnú ar chomhscór imbabhta leathcheannais mar go ndearna siad féin agus Ciarraí

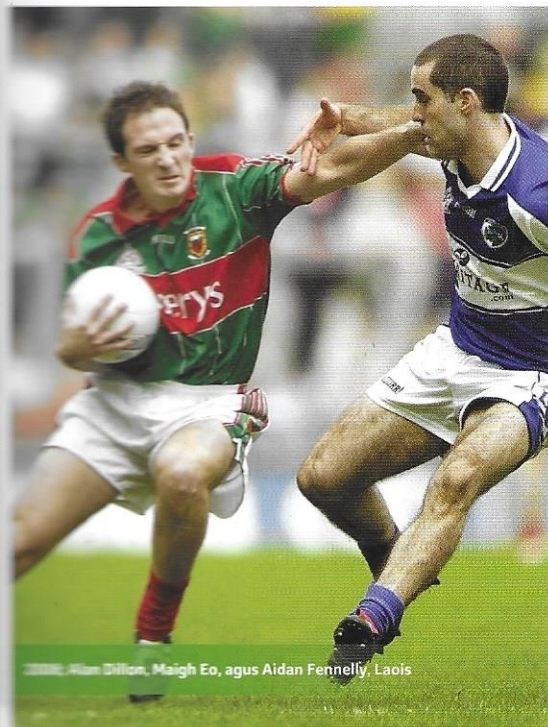
amhlaidh i 2014 agus an triú athmirt leathcheannais orthu in imeacht 10 mbliana mar go raibh a leithéid ig ceist idir iad agus Fhear Manach i 2004.

Chomh maith leis sin bhí gá le athmirtí ar 4 bhabhta ceathrú ceannais ina raibh Maigh Eo agus Áth Cliath páirteach - Maigh Eo in aghaidh Laoise (2006) agus in aghaidh Thír Eoghain (2005), Dhún na nGall (2002) agus na cluichí in aghaidh Chiarraí ar Pháirc Semple (2001) a chuir tús leis na cluichí comhscóir seo ar fad.

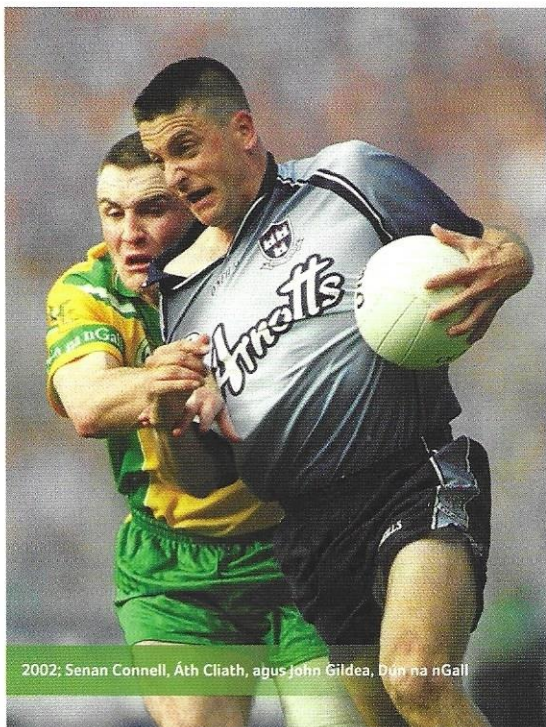
Ba é Davy Byrne báireoir Áth Cliath sna cluichí sin i nDúrlas inar fhág cúlíní iontach Maurice

Fitzgerald na foirne ar ais ansiúd an Domhnach dar gcionn, tráth a raibh an bua ag Ciarraí. Ach, sa nuair a bhí Byrne gortaithe níos luaithe sa séasúr, thug na roghnóirí seans do chúl báire Faoi 21 an chontae sa chluiche i gCraobh Laighean in aghaidh Longfoirt. Stephen Cluxton ab ainm dó agus ó shin tá 84 cluiche craobhe imeartha dá chontae ag fear Chumann Parnell.

Níl aon duine ar fhoireann Mhaigh Eo a bhfuil seirbhís chomh fada sin acu, ach bhí Alan Dillon agus Andy Moran ar an bPáirc nuair a chríochnaigh siadsan agus Fear Manach ar chomhscór anseo i bPáirc an Chrócaigh i mbabhta leathcheannais 2004



2006: Alan Dillon, Maigh Eo, agus Aidan Fennelly, Laois



2002: Senan Connell, Áth Cliath, agus John Gildea, Dún na nGall



2016: Jason Doherty, Maigh Eo, agus Phillip McMahon agus James McCarthy, Áth Cliath

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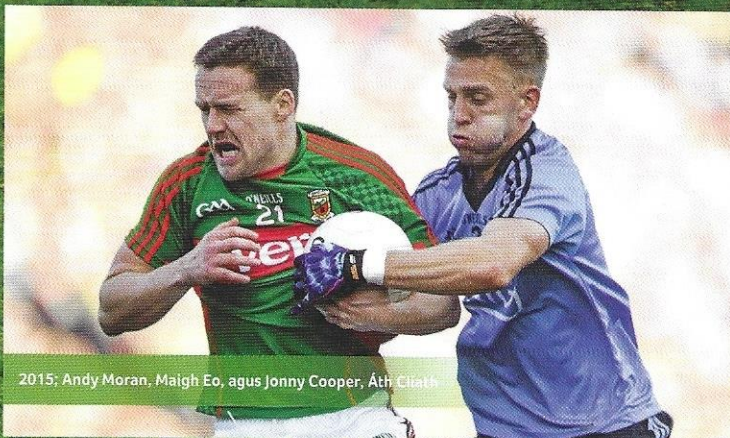
Dillon cúpla cúilín agus san athimirt ba iad David Brady, chomh maith le Conor agus Trevor Mortimer a fuair na scóranna tabhachtacha a d'fhág bua 0-13, 1-8 ag Maigh Eo.

Is é Cluxton amháin atá fanta freisin de na foirne de chuid Áth Cliath a chrochnaigh ar chomhscór i mbabhtai ceathrú ceannais '02 in aghaidh Dhúin na nGall agus '05 in aghaidh Thír Eoghain.

Sa chomhscór i '05 bhí tábhacht le sabbhail a rinne sé ar iarracht Brendan Devenney sa dara leath de chluiche a raibh na foirne ar chomhscór ocht n-uaire agus san athimirt, a bhuaigh Áth Cliath, 1-14, 0-7, tugadh suntas don fhad a bhain lena chuid ciceanna amach – ní raibh teacticí an lae inniu tagtha ar an saol an uair sin!

Ba é Paul 'Pillar' Caffrey a bhí ina bhainisteoir ar Cluxton nuair a chrochnaigh siad féin agus Tír Eoghain ar chomhscór i mbabhtai ceathrú ceannais '05 – bhí baint mhór ag an gcúlbaire leis an dá scór a thug seans eile do Áth Cliath. Níorbh é gur scóráil sé féin iad, mar a tharla go minic ina dhiaidh ó chiceanna saora, ach nuair nach raibh an fad i dhá iarracht a thug na Tuaisceartaigh faoi scóranna ag an deireadh, bhailigh Cluxton iad agus chuir tuis le gluaiseachtaí as a dtáinig na cúlilíní comhscóir.

Ar an drochuair, san imirt d'aimsigh Tír Eoghain 2-18 an scór ab airde atá faighte in



2015: Andy Moran, Maigh Eo, agus Jonny Cooper, Áth Cliath

aghaidh Áth Cliath i bPáirc an Chrócaigh le 38 bliain.

Faoin am a dtáinig comhscór Mhaigh Eo agus Laoise sa mbabhtai ceathrú ceannais i 2006, bhí áiteacha bainte amach ag Keith Higgins agus Barry Moran ar fhoireann an chontae. Bhí Alan Dillon agus Barry ar chlár na scór, ach ba é Conor Mortimer a fuair an cúilín a d'fhág na foirne ar chomhscór (0-15 an taobh).

Ba é John Healy a bhí ina chúlbaire ag Maigh Eo go dtí sin i gCraobh 2006, ach roghnaíodh David Clarke san ionad don athimirt, a bhuaigh Maigh Eo 0-14, 0-11. Choinnigh sé greim ar an áit sa mbua cúilín ar na Dubs i gcluiche leathcheannais na hÉireann agus sa mbua aontaobhach a bhí ag Ciarraí orthu sa gCraobhchlúiche.

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agus coimhlínt ghéar i gconat do ionad an chúlbaire – Cléireach Bhéal an Átha ar ais anois arís i mbliana tar éis do gheansaí uimhir a haon a bheith i seilbh Robert Hennelly as Breachmhaí an dá sheasúr seo caite.

Ón gcomhscór eatarthu i gCraobh na bliana seo caite, bhí ar bhainistíocht na bhfoirne beagán d'athrú a dhéanamh ar an leagan amach cosanta atá acu, ach léirigh David Byrne, John Small, Brendan Harrison agus Patrick Durcan anseo cúpla seachtain ó shin nach aon laigeacht é sin ar cheachtar dream.

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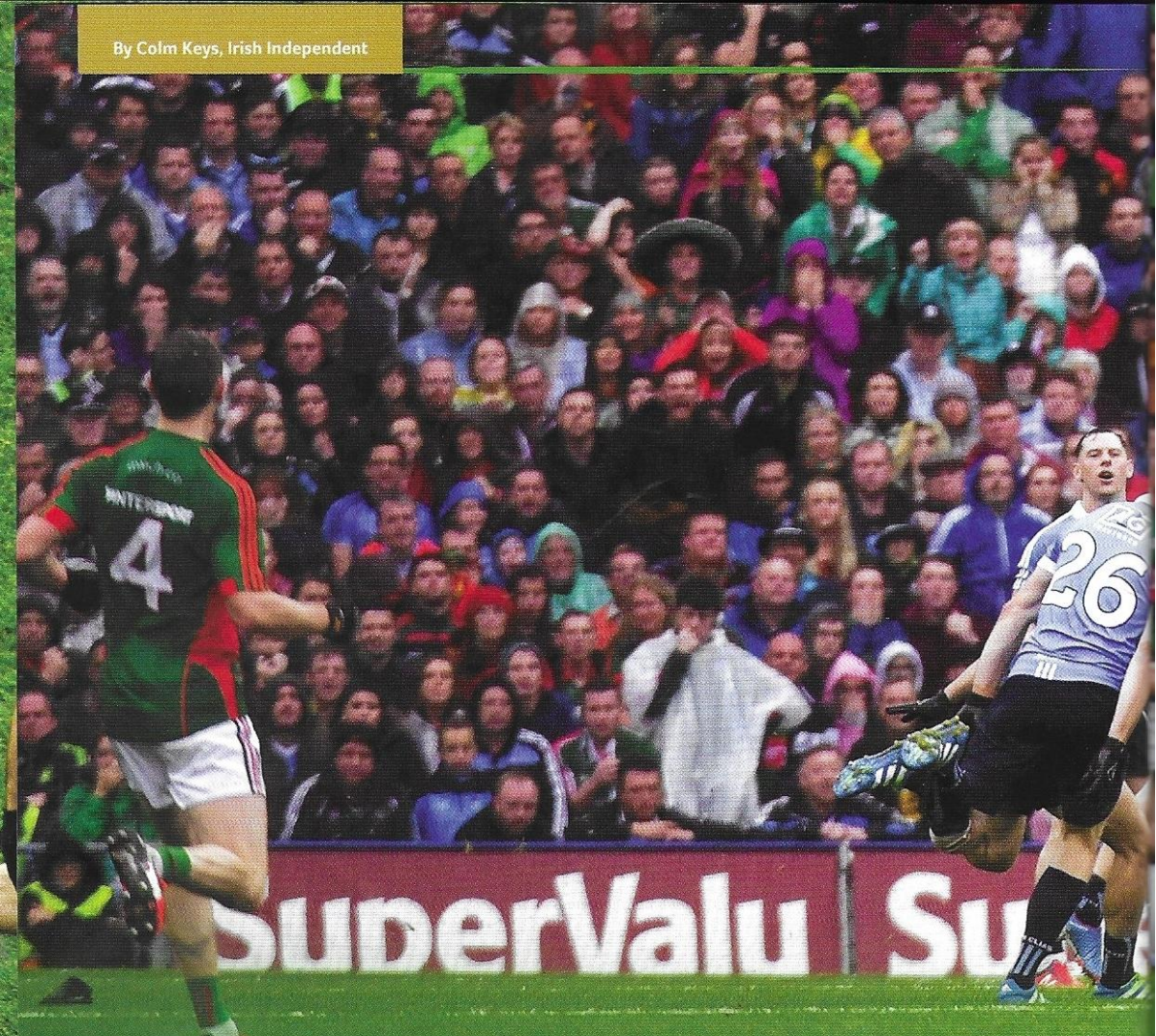
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SOME TEAMS ARE JUST MADE FOR REPLAYS

During his six-year reign as Armagh manager Joe Kernan never lost one; six 'second chances' between Ulster Championship games and an All-Ireland quarter-final against Sligo in 2002 gratefully taken. In nine seasons between 2000 and 2008, even in those years when Kernan wasn't manager, replays were Armagh's speciality. Their 2000 loss to Kerry in the All-Ireland semi-final was their only reversal in nine.

Seán Boylan had an enviable record too during his 25 seasons in charge of Meath. Two of his four All-Ireland titles with Meath were won in replays, their 1988 success over Cork prefaced by a league final replay over Dublin four months earlier. Dublin had four attempts to beat them in the 1991 Leinster Championship and failed, Kildare had three in '97 and, similarly, came up short.

Cross codes to hurling and Brian Cody's ability to perform

the necessary surgery from draw to replay was magnified more than ever in the six days between Kilkenny's two Waterford games last month. His capacity to deliver something unexpected manifested in personnel choices that no one could have foreseen and helped to deliver two of their last three All-Ireland titles.

The common denominator between Cody's Kilkenny,



Mayo's Cillian O'Connor kicks over the equalising point against Dublin in injury time of the drawn final

Boylan's Meath and Kernan's Armagh in different eras was the strength of their mentality.

How often did they leave a drawn game behind with the sense that they should have been beaten only for the proper corrective surgery to take its effect in a replay?

Working out who is entitled to hold that important psychological edge for this first All-Ireland football final replay in 16 years isn't so straightforward. Should it not be with the team that came from five and three-point deficits in the second half, scoring the last three points of the game to dig out a draw, having registered four more scores and conceded two own goals?

Or should it still rest with the champions, the team that extended its unbeaten run to 28 games, which had 23 shots at goal but converted only six and, in the broader context, just did not look like the smooth and controlled machine they have become in recent years?

Both managers were quick to pitch their cases for the scale of improvement they faced in the immediate aftermath. "We just didn't perform to our standards. We didn't deserve to win," said Jim Gavin unequivocally.

Quick to distance his team from any sense of moral victory, Stephen Rochford was even more specific. "We had 12 or 13 turnovers in the first half. I don't

think that is particularly a good game."

So the forensic squads will have been busy sifting through the evidence and exhibits in the meantime. Even with two weeks' preparation this replay is likely to be won in the heads and in the lab more than anything that can be achieved on the training ground.

The Mayo management got their match-ups perfect in defence the last day; Patrick Durcan on Kevin McManamon, Keith Higgins on Dean Rock, Brendan Harrison on Bernard Brogan and Lee Keegan (as always) on Diarmuid Connolly. After that, there appeared to be some uncertainty. And it cost. But the cost could have been far greater.

Donie Vaughan started at wing-back but was quickly picking up Brian Fenton who twice slipped the cover to get on the end of two clear goal chances, one of which led to the opening own goal from Kevin McLoughlin.

But Tom Parsons and Séamus O'Shea also had responsibility at times for tracking one of Dublin's key influencers while they alternated roles in that middle third between sweeping and tracking Paul Flynn and Michael Darragh Macauley. Bringing more clarity as to who

deals with Fenton and where, will have been a priority for Stephen Rochford over the last 13 days.

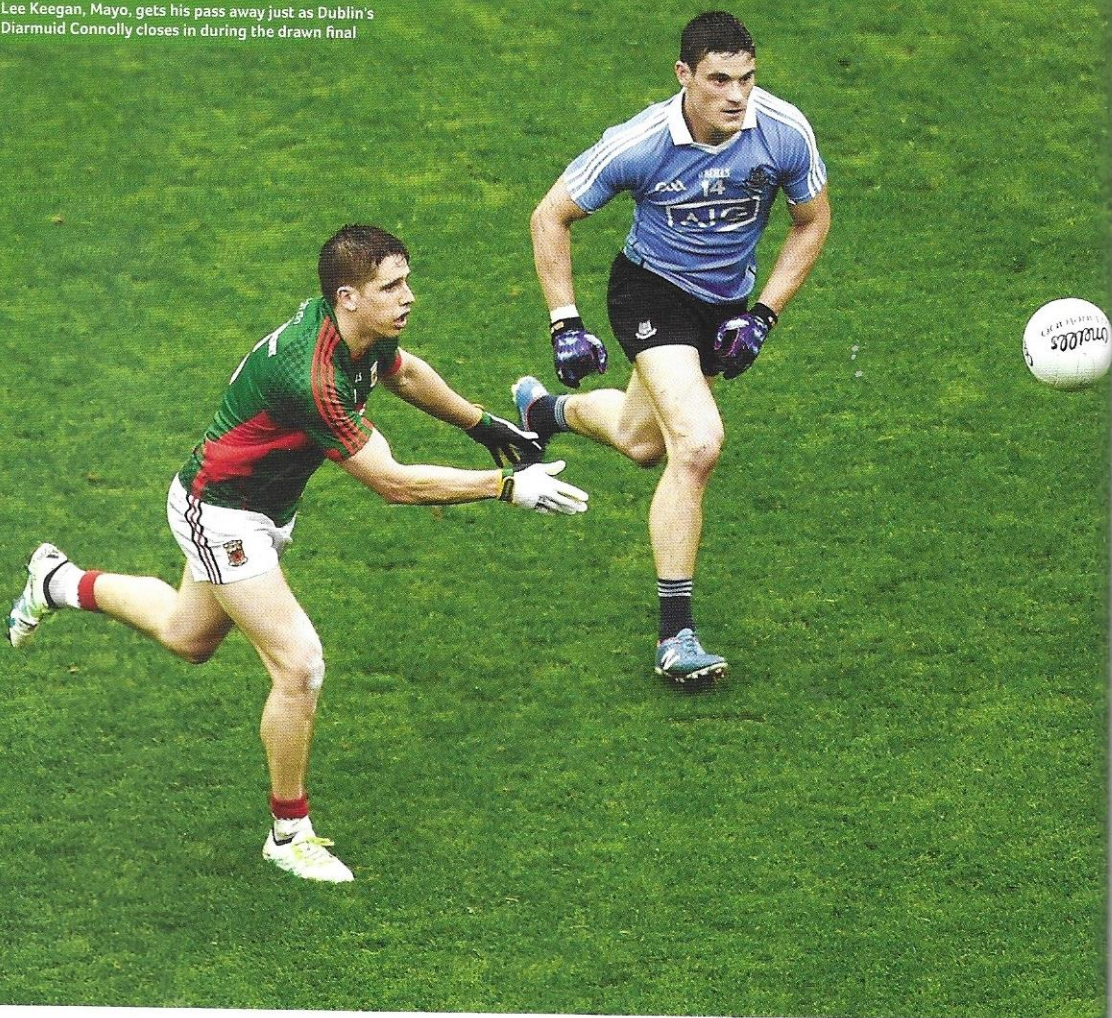
Diarmuid O'Connor showed plenty of industry, especially in dropping deep and taking ball away from his defence, but the position he took invited John Small to press forward with the effect that he was rarely turning to defend himself and was the choice for many as man of the match.

O'Connor put then footballer of the year elect Jack McCaffrey on the back foot at times during their

two semi-finals last year, scoring in both. But last Sunday week he didn't have a shot.

Striking a better balance with where the young footballer of the year plays is again something Mayo are likely to have addressed. That theme of balance between defence and attack is also likely to incorporate Keegan's role but this brings greater risks. The free-scoring defender decommissioned his attacking weapons the last day to fix firmly on Connolly's movement. In doing so he sacrificed his opportunity to add

Lee Keegan, Mayo, gets his pass away just as Dublin's Diarmuid Connolly closes in during the drawn final



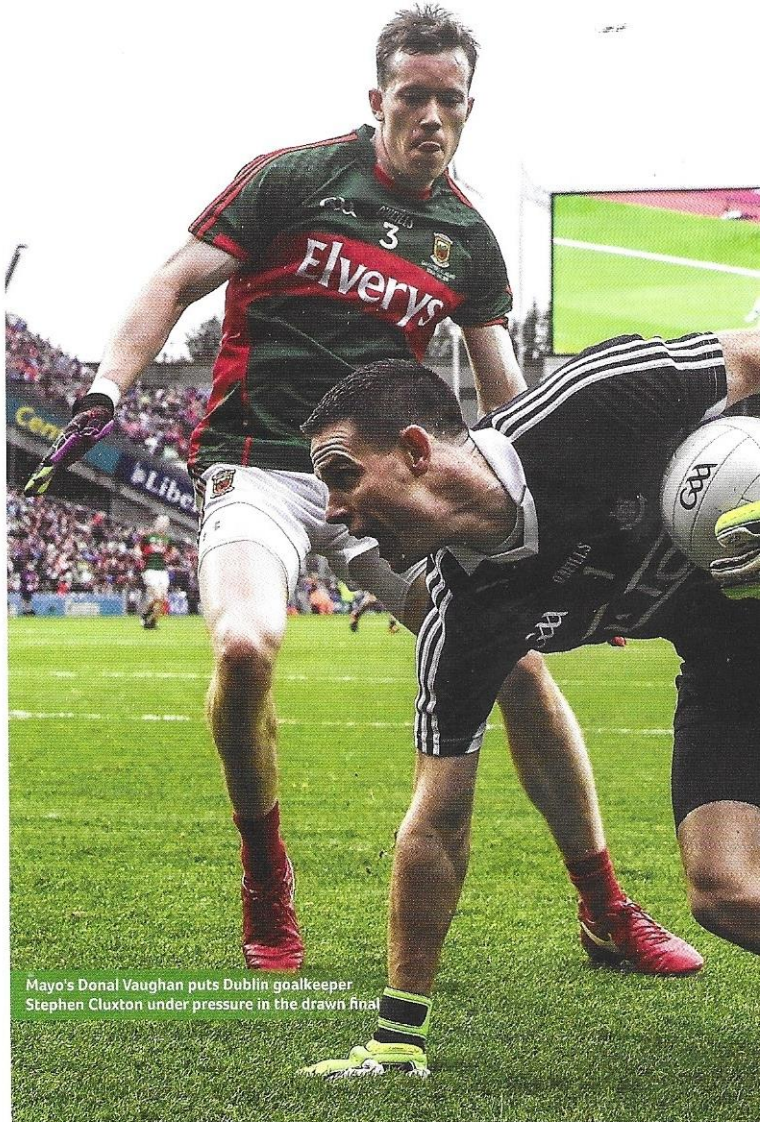
to the six points he had already scored in this championship campaign.

Patrick Durcan was the only defender to slip over a score in the drawn game which, for a team that could rely on one in every four scores from play coming from the back, was quite a drop. Inevitably Mayo's use of possession higher up the field will also have come into sharp focus. Aidan O'Shea worked tirelessly, hit hard but forced things too much and too often. Similarly Seamus O'Shea and Higgins weren't patient enough in advanced positions.

The champions have lots to ponder too. It will have miffed Mayo somewhat to see the wet pitch and wet ball being apportioned much of the blame for the champions' malaise but the fact is, they scored just 12 points in last year's All-Ireland final which they dominated against Kerry in similar conditions.

The misfortune of own goals missed the point that both were gilt-edged opportunities, courtesy of Fenton's stealth and Connolly's wonderful pass over the top from a free. Dublin have greater scope for a personnel change but Gavin has not been given to radicalism with selection during his four-year tenure. Thus, Bernard Brogan and Paul Flynn are likely to be 'behind the band' this evening though the case for Paddy Andrews, scorer of five points in last year's replay and two the last day, is compelling. Somehow Dublin need to get Connolly disentangled from the web being consistently spun by Keegan. Easier said than done though. In four head-to-heads now Keegan has outscored his direct opponent by 0-4 to 0-3.

Connolly has been influential in messages of All-Ireland finals (last



Mayo's Donal Vaughan puts Dublin goalkeeper Stephen Cluxton under pressure in the drawn final

15 minutes in 2011, second half last year) but in the four he has played now he has yet to really make his mark with just two points, not a legacy to associate with one of the great modern day forwards.

Mayo have a distinct edge when the conversation around Connolly is how good he was defensively the last day. The drawn game was further illustration of how the stripes on commanding officers have switched arms in Dublin with Fenton, Kilkenny and Jonny Cooper now very much to the forefront. Mayo can take so much optimism from their competitiveness and success in

head-to-heads the last day, Dublin can draw assurance from the knowledge that they won't make so many mistakes again. They'll both learn, they'll both improve but who does replays better?

Gavin didn't dispute on Sunday evening that being down this road before over 12 months ago against the same opponents and winning was something that had "crossed my mind." He added, "that we've been here before in this situation and we've learned from it. We've pushed on from it."

As the eras of Boylan, Kernan and Cody reflect, it can make the vital difference.

MUCH TO STUDY IN COMPELLING DUBLIN-MAYO RIVALRY

We are all guilty of it. Fans, pundits, journalists, impartial observers – the most natural thing to do ahead of a replay is to dwell on what has been seen in the drawn game. "Whoever learns the lessons from the first game wins the replay," goes the cliché. In fairness, it's hardly a theory that is without merit.

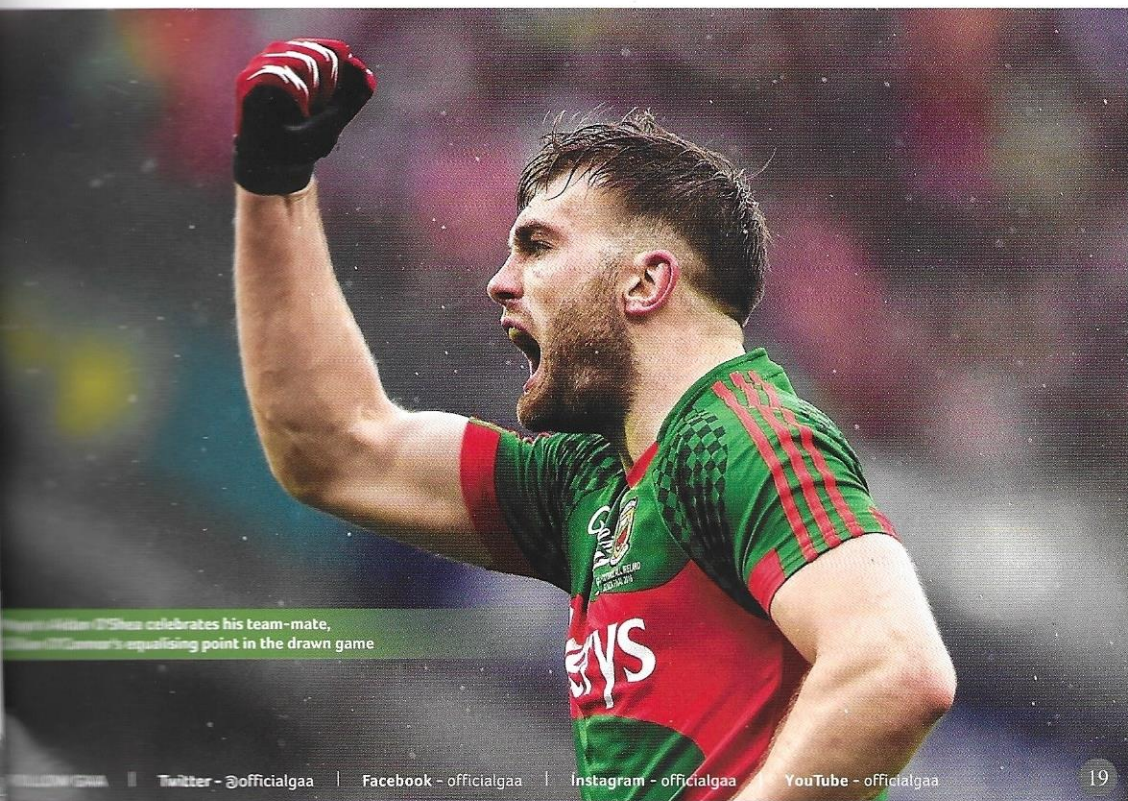
But it is a highly-limiting frame of reference, particularly in the case of Dublin-Mayo. Their drawn final of 13 days ago was their fifth championship meeting at either the All-Ireland semi-final or final stage in the last five seasons.

The wellspring runs deep on this one – all the more so when one considers how little the personnel has changed on both sides and how close the contests have been over the years. A grand total of five points separates Dublin from Mayo when the scores from their last five championship matches are added together. The margins are thin but the tapestry is thick.

The modern rivalry between the counties effectively began with the 2012 All-Ireland semi-final, which Mayo won by three points. The intervening years have taken in the 2013 All-Ireland final, the All-Ireland final of two weeks ago and arguably of most relevance for today's replay – the two All-

Ireland semi-finals of 2015. For if a replay is all about how teams respond to the lessons of the first game, it's well worth looking back to the last time these sides faced the peculiarity of a championship replay against each other, especially considering it is just 12 short months ago.

It is interesting how little has changed in the complexion of these two teams since those games. Practically everyone remains exactly where they were, with the only major differences being the unavoidable absence of Jack McCaffrey and Rory O'Carroll for Dublin, and the arrival of Stephen Rochford and his management team for Mayo.



James Whelan celebrates his team-mate, James O'Connor's equalising point in the drawn game

There are some remarkable similarities between the two drawn games. Last year, Mayo were visibly energised in the first quarter and looked capable of dominating Dublin, yet they perennially coughed up goal chances against the grain, allowing Dublin to build an early, scarcely deserved lead that they maintained nearly all the way through. Sound familiar?

There's no denying that the two own goals which skewed into the Mayo net a fortnight ago were unlucky, but the chances – and the ensuing pandemonium in the Mayo defence – had to be engineered in the first place by Dublin. Dublin's ability to create and convert goal chances against the run of play has been a major theme of their meetings with Mayo.

The goal count in their last five championship games reads: Dublin 9 Mayo 3. That, more than anything else, is what won them the 2013 final and last year's semi-final replay and it's what saved them from defeat in the two drawn games.

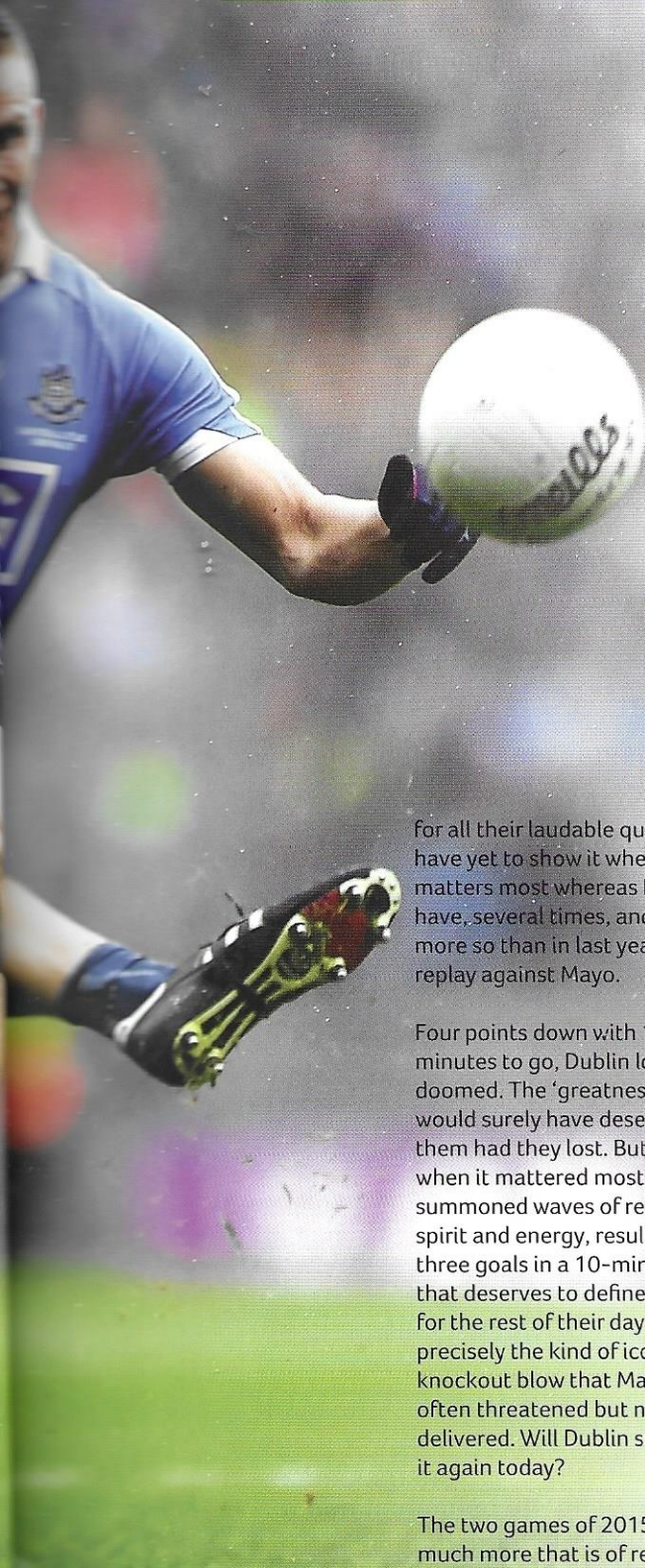
Another theme is Mayo's third quarter turbo-charges. They have shown a regular capacity for strong displays immediately after half-time against Dublin and others. Their unanswered five-point whirlwind brought them back from the brink two weeks ago, similarly to how they performed in the third quarter of both games last year. They clearly respond well to the mid-point rallying-of-the-troops.

Likewise, in both drawn games, they showed extraordinary mettle and controlled fury to rescue draws from improbable positions. Last year they hit 1-4 without reply in the last few minutes to draw while two weeks ago it was three gutsy points in nerve-jangling circumstances at the death.

As for Dublin, the trends are different but equally identifiable. As mentioned earlier, their ability to carve out and take goal chances at any stage of a game has proven devastating. It has allowed them to stay alive in games they really ought to have lost.

It's part of an indefinable but unmistakable quality in this Dublin team – something we might loosely call 'champion spirit'. Mayo,





for all their laudable qualities, have yet to show it when it matters most whereas Dublin have, several times, and never more so than in last year's replay against Mayo.

Four points down with 15 minutes to go, Dublin looked doomed. The 'greatness' tag would surely have deserted them had they lost. But when it mattered most, they summoned waves of relentless spirit and energy, resulting in three goals in a 10-minute spell that deserves to define them for the rest of their days. It was precisely the kind of iconic knockout blow that Mayo have often threatened but never delivered. Will Dublin summon it again today?

The two games of 2015 reveal much more that is of relevance

when it comes to this evening's replay. For instance, the role of Ciarán Kilkenny. Last year, with considerably more attacking license than this year, he thrived as an offensive force and Dublin clearly missed that rapier edge two weeks ago. As well as that, to watch last year's games is to be painfully reminded of what a loss Jack McCaffrey is to Dublin – they will always be a weaker team without him.

On the Mayo side, there is the question of Aidan O'Shea. In the last three meetings with Dublin, he has not been able to showcase his huge talent to the maximum. There is also the role of Lee Keegan. In last year's games, the Westport man was as important going forward as he was in defence. This year, his up-close-and-personal detailing of Diarmuid Connolly threatens to remove his own considerable force as an attacking weapon.

One lesson stands out above all others though – Mayo's burning need to fully seize the day. At times in their last three championship games against Dublin, they have been exceptional, dominating Dublin in a manner which no other county has come close to over the last two years. Yet at the most decisive moments, 'champion spirit' has deserted them and cloaked itself on Dublin shoulders.

Will today be the day when it finally all comes together for Mayo, when they bring the life-force with them from start to finish? We have ample evidence to show that if they don't, Dublin will punish them like the champions they are. And while history suggests that Mayo will keep coming back regardless, sooner or later they will grow weary of their own dreams. It's time for deliverance.

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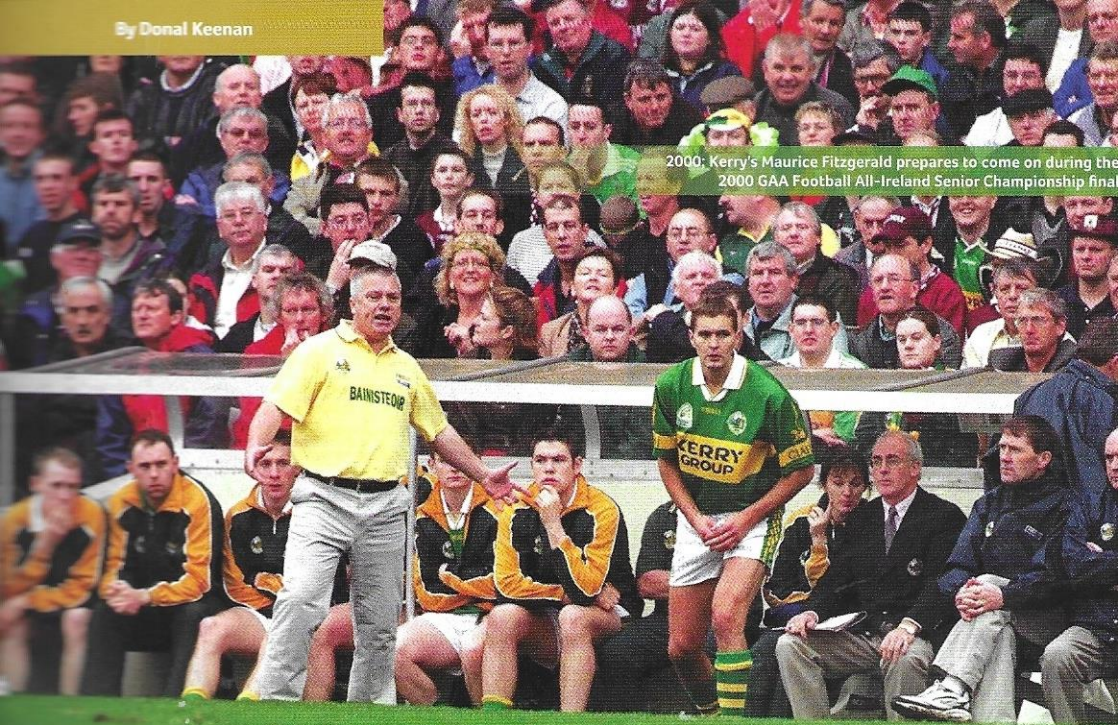
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2000: Kerry's Maurice Fitzgerald prepares to come on during the 2000 GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship final



THE DRAMA CONTINUES

It was the late Con Houlihan who once wrote – in *The Kerryman* newspaper of all places – “One thing is certain about replays – they hardly ever resemble the first game.”

Now Con wasn't always right and he wasn't always certain. But he also knew that replays, as rare as they are in All-Ireland football finals, have provided us with some of the great dramas, controversies and great individual performances in championship history.

And today's 13th replay provides a semblance of the drama,

intensity and edge-of-the-seat excitement of the drawn game, then it will take a place of pride in the rich history of final replays.

Con was writing at that time about the last final replay that took place in 2000. His own county, Kerry, had beaten Galway and there was no disguising Con's pride in Kerry's success. Nor could he hide his admiration for the contribution made by Maurice Fitzgerald to that victory.

Remember, if you can, the controversy over Fitzgerald's omission from the starting XV

at the time. Con wrote, “so much has been said about him that I do not wish to prolong the debate, but when you acquire a brilliant painting you shouldn't hide it away in the attic.”

It was a Galway man, Martin Breheny of the *Irish Independent*, who elaborated eloquently on Fitzgerald's display in the 0-17 to 1-10 victory. “The debate about whether he should have started the game can end here and now,” he wrote. “He is still a front line player for Kerry as he proved with a wonderfully intelligent contribution in the final 20 minutes.”

"Fitzgerald sees gaps where others see roadblocks and while he may lack the speed and energy of some younger Kerry colleagues, his subtlety and poise more than compensate."

Replays always produce heroes. Was there one greater than Offaly's Willie Bryan? The testimony of another legendary chronicler of Gaelic Games, the late John D. Hickey, would suggest not.

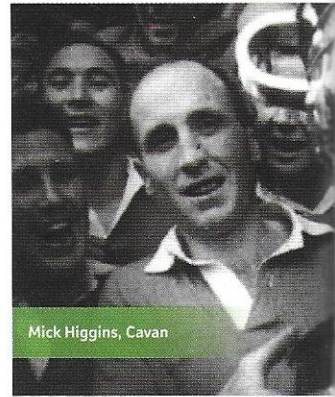
Hickey reported on the replay of 1972 when Offaly enjoyed one of the county's greatest ever successes when beating Kerry 1-19 to 0-13. And his appreciation of midfielder Bryan was clearly evident.

"Never can a man have had such a profound influence

on a game as had the winners' midfielder Willie Bryan. In the first half he repeatedly outfielded Mick O'Connell, who had his best ever All-Ireland, but it was his almost uncanny calculation for the last 25 minutes that made the Walsh Island player my 'man of the match'.

"Everything he did had the stamp not only of class but of football genius. In my opinion nothing illustrates Bryan's greatness so much as his apparently always leisured movement and the wondrous refinement with which he uses every ball, irrespective of which foot he considers it expedient to employ."

In terms of great individual displays, the performance of Mick Higgins from Cavan in the 1952 final replay against Meath



Mick Higgins, Cavan

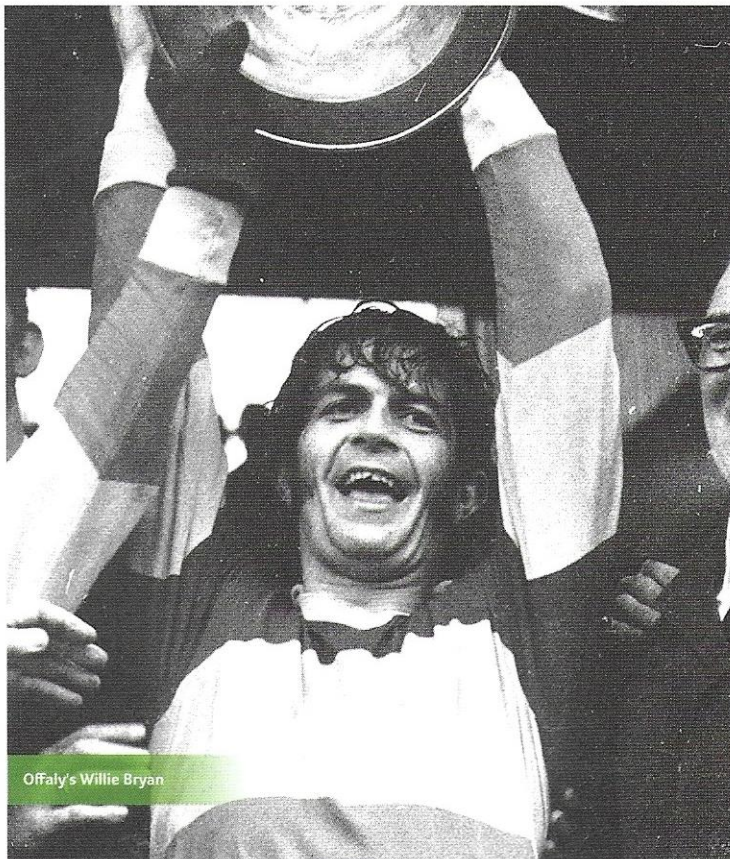
must be mentioned. It was a low scoring, 0-9 to 0-5, game and Higgins scored seven of Cavan's points from frees.

It should be noted that Higgins was struggling in the build-up to the game with 'flu. The newspapers waxed lyrically about Higgins' display. "It is not often that an All-Ireland final win turns out such a triumph for one individual but without him and the apparent indifference with which he ambled up to every free the result could even if it should not, have been different."

Six years earlier, when Kerry defeated Roscommon in the 1946 replay, it was not one but two players who stood out. The duel between Kerry's centre back Bill Casey and Roscommon's Jimmy Murray is historically noted as one of the great match-ups. The game itself was also the subject of significant praise.

The report in the *Irish Press* stated: "It was a game that will rank with the classics of the championship, scores being level five times and for most of the hour only a point apiece. Two separated two great sporting teams who, by their brilliant fielding and kicking, thrilled a record replay crowd (65,661)."

The referee, Paddy Mythen from Wexford, enjoyed that day far more



Offaly's Willie Bryan

than his previous experience in a final replay. That was the 1943 contest between Roscommon and Cavan that provided one of a number of controversies. Joe Stafford from Cavan was the first man to be sent off in a final. That, however, was nothing compared to the confusion in 1988 when some Kerry players were already on their way back to the team hotel while the final was being concluded.

Galway were leading 2-4 to 0-6 with about two minutes remaining when the referee blew his whistle. A Galway player had been standing too close to a Kerry free taker. The crowd took the whistle

as a signal that the game was over and rushed the pitch. By the time order was restored only two Kerry players were on the pitch.

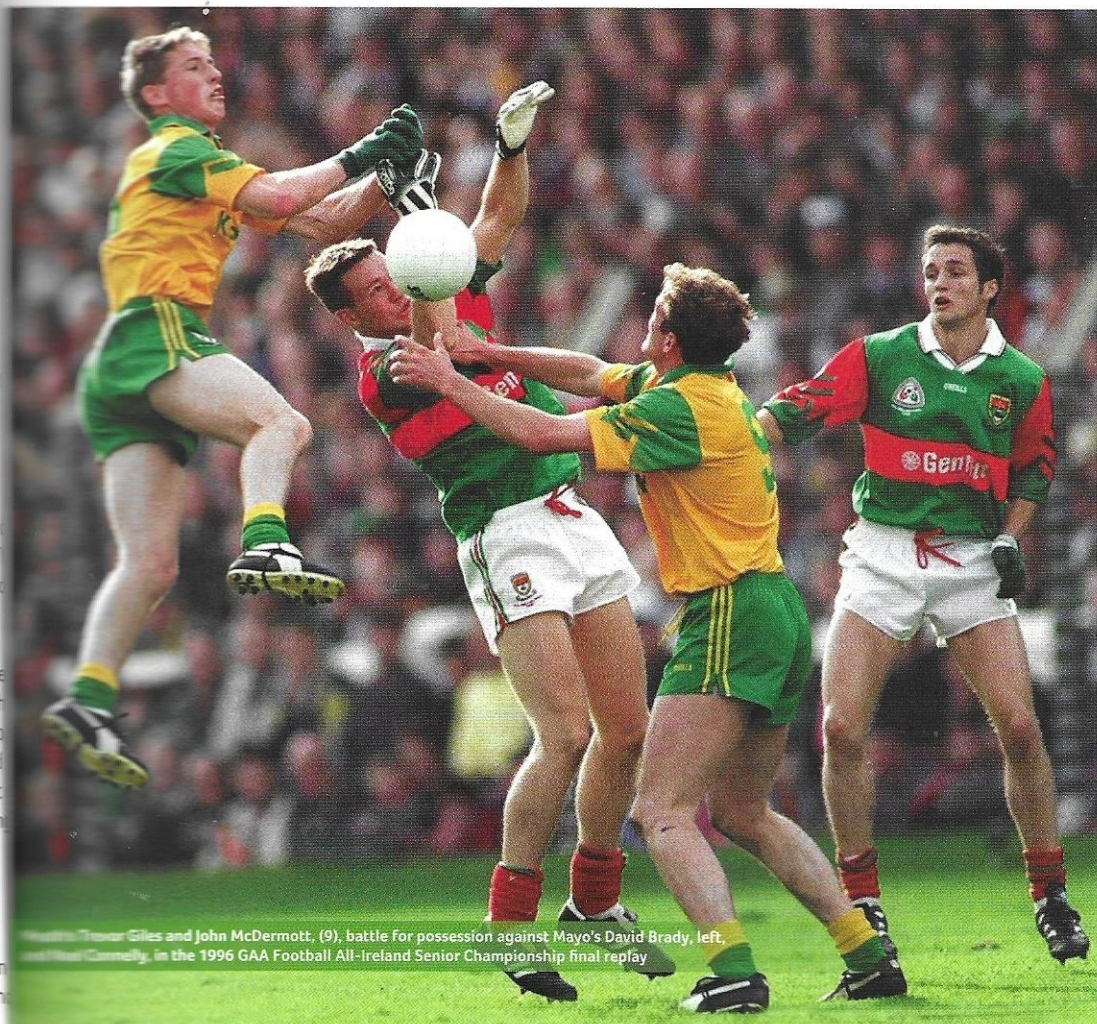
When the Kerry officials went to the dressing room they discovered that nine players had left the ground and were on the way back to the Central Hotel where they had changed before the game. "I do not think we had 15 men on the field to finish it," said Jerry O'Leary chairman of the Kerry selection committee.

There has been controversy in the modern era. The 1988 replay between Meath and Cork was a battle on the field that had

repercussions for years afterwards.

Meath had a narrow victory that day but it was nothing compared to 1996, a championship Mayo followers will only forget when they finally bring Sam Maguire home. It was one of their own, journalist Liam Horan, who summed up the circumstances in his match report in the *Irish Independent*. "No review of this match can honestly overlook the cruelty of Mayo's defeat. They really should have won it, either yesterday or a fortnight ago. On both occasions they dominated Meath to an inordinate degree, yet they never wheeled out the big punch."

What drama lies ahead?



Meath's Trevor Giles and John McDermott, (9), battle for possession against Mayo's David Brady, left, and Noel Connolly, in the 1996 GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship final replay

PLAY IT AGAIN SAM

And so it ended. In the dank September drizzle we are left hanging with no adulation or repair to insulate us against the onset of autumn. A vacuum, a sense of limbo, a general nothingness as patrons and players alike look at one another wondering 'what now?'

The draw.

That peculiar outcome in a world of championship where winning

means everything and second is nothing; the status of equality on the final whistle where there should be none, lying as it does somewhere inconveniently between the winners' and losers' enclosures.

So we reconvene again today.

The same templates and plans will be taken out and dusted down. Tweaks will be made but the general tenet of the approach is unlikely to

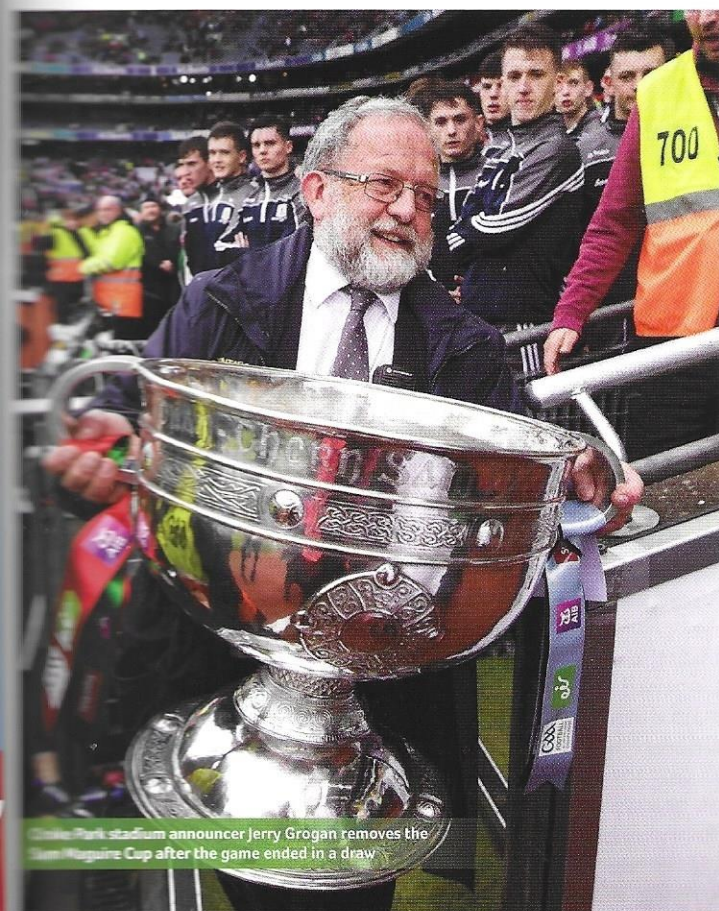
be altered dramatically and the desired outcome won't change at all.

Speak to anyone ever involved in a drawn final - in any capacity - and the word you are most likely to hear when prompted for a description is 'anti-climactic'. It's not hard to see why. Granted we play an amended form of knockout football and hurling when we cross the white line and enter the modern-day championship cauldron. However, the safety net that applies to the earlier rounds of what is essentially the same competition, does not extend beyond the provincial championship.

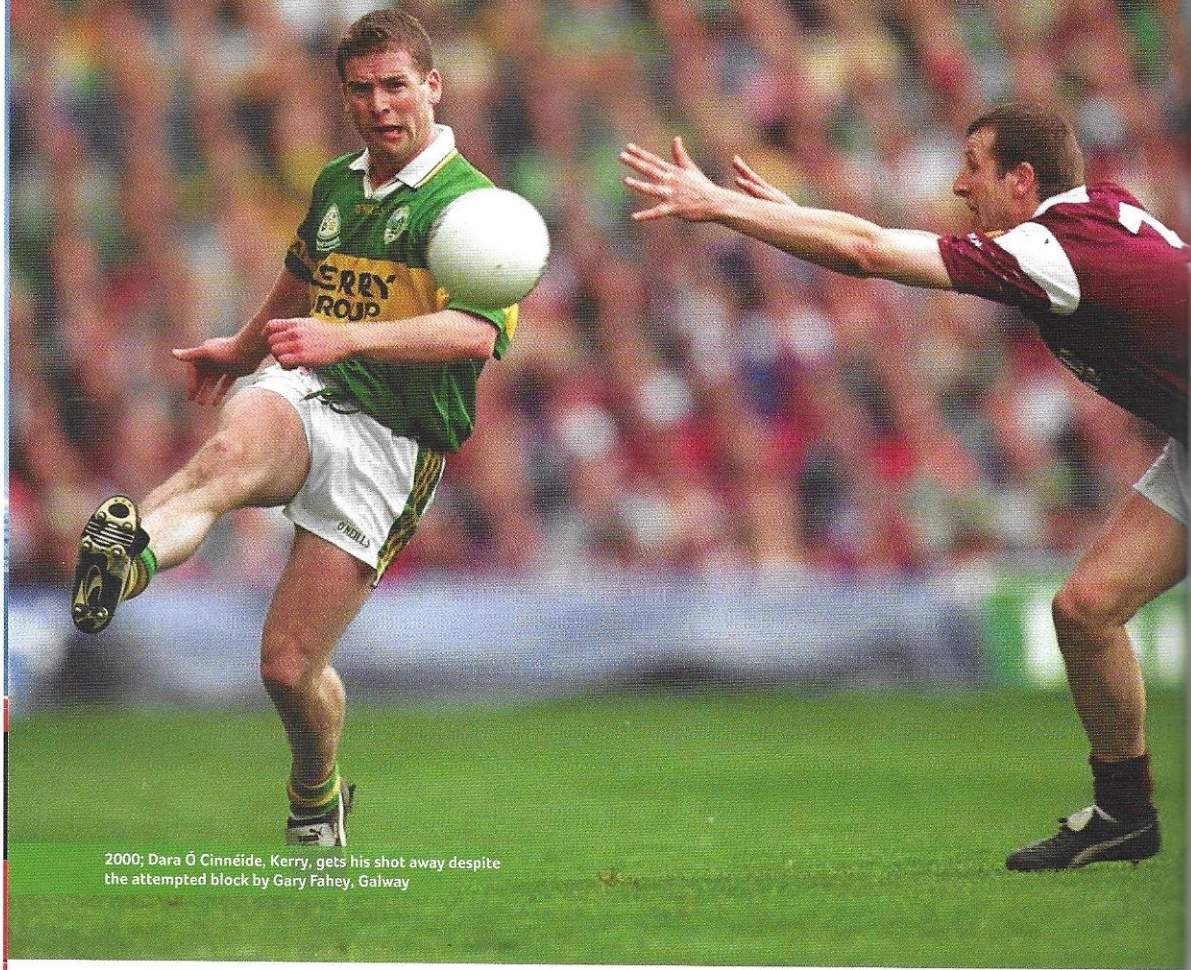
Therein lies the craving and the expectation for finality on the days that matter most. The need for adaptation when it is not forthcoming. How quickly this process of adaptation sets in can often influence how round two will unfold and quite often there can be baggage from day one to address too.

The merits or otherwise of replays have been topical in recent years in GAA circles amongst supporters, players and administrators alike. They were ditched within the last decade only for them to be reintroduced earlier this year at Congress in Carlow. A further attempt to limit their use to assist counties to run off their club schedules was defeated.

Whether here to stay or not, it's hard to see their use being ditched



Drake Park stadium announcer Jerry Grogan removes the Sam Maguire Cup after the game ended in a draw



2000; Dara Ó Cinnéide, Kerry, gets his shot away despite the attempted block by Gary Fahey, Galway

for finals any time soon as most people agree that the honest endeavours of players deserves a second spin before the day that matters most is decided one way or the other.

Incredibly we had three consecutive years of hurling replays between 2012 and 2014 having previously waited since 1959 for one. On the football front, the years 1996 and 2000 produced drawn finals before a replay decided the resting place of the Sam Maguire for the 12 months that followed.

Before this year's drawn decider Galway and Kerry shared the distinction of having competed in the millennium final. Popular bilingual journalist and pundit and former All-Ireland winning captain Dara Ó Cinnéide was drawn back

to the experience in the higher reaches of the Hogan Stand 13 days ago where he was perched as part of Raidió na Gaeltachta's team on final day.

In the first goalless final since 1992, the two counties drew 0-14 each. Kerry had led by three at the interval but in the end were somewhat fortunate to escape with a draw after Galway missed a number of late chances after roaring back into the game.

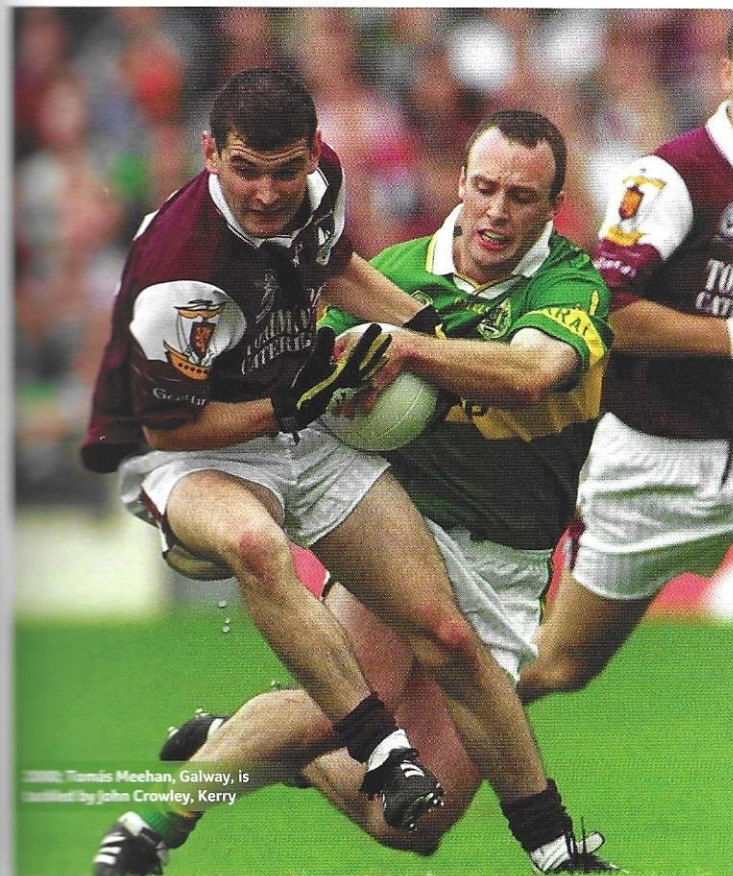
An Ghaeltacht clubman Ó Cinnéide believes the use of replays should only apply to finals. "All games bar finals should be ended on the day, but it would be cruel to end finals that finish level without a replay in my view. 2000 was a funny year for us in that we also needed a replay at the semi-final stage to beat Armagh and

having played four games to win the All-Ireland in 1997 we needed six in 2000 which at the time seemed like a lot.

"My abiding memory of the day of the draw was nothingness. We had a banquet that evening to attend and the following day there was an event we had to attend in the Burlington Hotel with the Galway players meaning we weren't back with our mind on the game until the Tuesday. I also recall being shattered and just wanting to be back in Kerry."

Ó Cinnéide also believes Kerry got the edge on the lessons learnt from the first game.

"Small things still jump out," he adds. "I remember how wintry it was getting in contrast to the closing nights you'd be



2006: Tomás Meehan, Galway, is tackled by John Crowley, Kerry

unaccustomed to and look forward to in the build-up to the final normally. Paidí Ó Sé gave us a massive dressing down. But the changes we made worked. Tom O'Sullivan, who was one of the fastest players I ever played with, was switched onto Michael Dammellán and Liam Hassett had a super game too."

In the maroon camp Tomás Meehan and Galway were chasing a second All-Ireland in three years. 'Surreal' is how he describes the whole experience including the build-up, the come down and the second build-up. "You've no closure after the game which is something you're all geared up for - one way or the other," explains the Caltra man.

"We couldn't really socialise with the Kerry lads for obvious reasons

despite being with them the day after the final."

And the contrast in the two outings?

"We thought we learnt a bit from the first game and picked our team for the replay to reflect that," he continues. "John O'Mahony also had a sports psychologist with the team and there was an emphasis on video clips and packages at the time. All told we were still playing Kerry in a final and they ripped us apart at times in the second game.

"The two things that jumped out at me looking back was trying to get the balance in training between not having done enough because of the wind-down in the run-up to the final and trying to pick it up again on the dark nights.

"And compared to this year's final we had no idea how much added time there was remaining at the end of the games!"

Changing codes, more recently Waterford's Noel Connors was at the receiving end of the old adage that says that you only get one chance at taking out the favoured teams in the drawn All-Ireland semi-final against Kilkenny.

He believes that while supporters and the public might get caught up in that sort of thinking, the players don't.

"Numbness and the absence of emotion were the two things that I recall after our Croke Park draw," reveals Connors.

"There's so much energy expended but you're left in no man's land. It's hard to pick it up and back to the level too especially if you only have one week. In this instance of course they have almost two and that's needed in my opinion.

"There was no difference in our approach between the two games but those following the games might allow their thinking to be influenced by the belief that it was advantage Kilkenny after the way we failed to close out the first game."

The last word to Ó Cinnéide, who muses: "The drawn game will be analysed to death but the chances are that very little of what is expected, will come to pass."

"Could this be the first ever final to finish level after extra-time?!"

Could it indeed?

CÉ IS FEARR A FHOGHLAIMEOIDH CEACHTANNA Ó THRÍ LÁ DÉAG Ó SHIN?

Aon uair, in aon spórt ina mbíonn athimirt, braitheann an toradh ar rud amháin mór seachas aon rud eile – sin, mionscrúdú a dhéanamh ar imeachtaí an chomhscóir agus cinntiú chomh maith agus is féidir nach ndéanfar na botúin chéanna in athuair. Tá mé dearfa nach raibh sé i bhfad tar éis na feadóige deiridh seachtain is an Domhnach seo caite ach go raibh saineolaithe sa dá champa ag breathnú ar na fístéipeanna arís agus arís eile, féachaint an féidir leo an rud is lú a aithint ina gcuid imeartha féin ná in imirt an fhreasúra a d'athródh cúrsaí an t-am seo.

Tig leis an dá fhoireann feabhsú go suntasach don athimirt seo. Breathnóidh mé ar Áth Cliath i dtosach. Ní raibh éinne ar domhan go bhfuil fiú an t-eolas is lú ach ar pheil

Gaelach a d'fhéadfadh a thuar nach n-aimseodh Paul Flynn, Kevin McManamon, Dean Rock, Diarmuid Connolly agus Bernard Brogan ach dhá chúilín ón imirt eadarthú. Dhá chúilín! Cuir mar seo é – sa dá chluiche a himródh idir na condaetha céanna anuraidh sa mbabhta leathcheannais, d'aimsigh an cúigear sin 2-5 sa gcomhscór agus 2-2 san athimirt. Céard ba chúis leis an ngorta scórála i mbliana? Cinnte, d'imir cosantóirí Mhaigh Eo thar cinn ach ag an am chéanna, bhí botúin gan ghá, ná 'unforced errors' mar a tugtar orthu sa leadóg, fluirseach go maith ag an gcúigear tosach iomráiteach. Arbh í an aimsir a chuir isteach orthu? Bhí an aimsir chomh dona céanna don gcluiche ceannais anuraidh, más buan mo chuimhne, agus bhíodar inann ag na coinníollacha. Cé go raibh an liathróid ina ghlaic go minic ag Ciarán Kilkenny, an raibh sé

sa limistéar ba chontúirtí agus an tseilbh chéanna aige?

D'imir Paddy Andrews agus Paul Mannion go maith ar theacht isteach dóibh. An bhfaighidh duine díobh deis ó thús inniu ná an rachaidh Jim Gavin sa tseans go n-imreoidh a chuid tosaithe rialta mar is féidir leo san athimirt seo? Rith sé liom go mb'fhéidir go mbeadh buntáiste as Diarmuid Connolly a imirt mar lántosach – ní aon amhras ach go mbeidh Lee Keegan á mharcáil arís agus ní h-é an oiread sin taithí atá ag fear Chathair na Mart ar an ionad sin-lánchúlaí. Anuas ar sin, dá faide siar a bhíonn seisean ag imirt, sé is faide atá sé ó chúl Átha Cliath...

Agus céard faoi fhir an iarthair? Ar an gcéad dul síos, ní fhéadfadh sé tarlú arís go gcuirfidís dhá liathróid ina gcúl féin, an bhféadfadh? Mar sin, glac leis nach mbeidh farasbarr sé chúilín

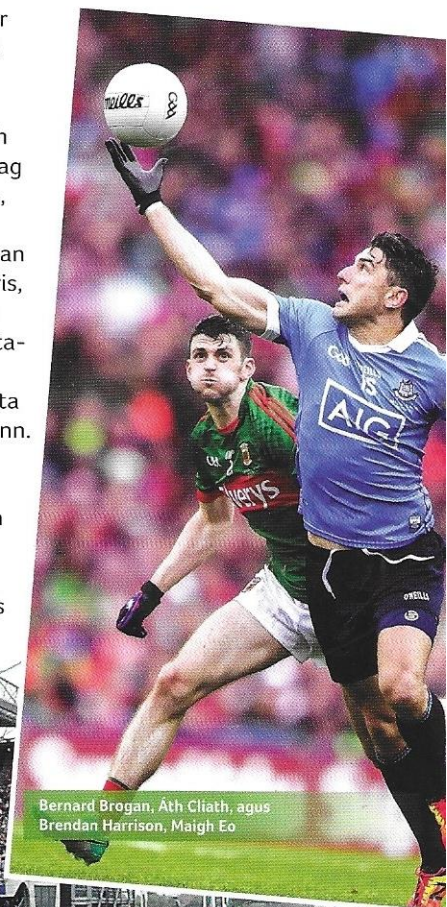


bronnata acu an t-am seo! Thug cuid de imreoirí Mhaigh Eo seilbh uathu i bhfad ró-mhínic, agus go hianithe sa dara leath. Bhí Séamus O'Shea bocht thar a bheith iontach as seo, ach ní raibh sé ina aonair. Tuigfidh siad go mbeidh orthu impreisean níos fearr a dhéanamh sa líne leathosach agus cén bealach is éifeachtaí le leas iomlán a bhaint as neart agus cumas Aidan O'Shea. Níl aon amhras ach go raibh na 'match-ups' thar barr ag bainistíocht na fóirne sa gcomhscór agus tá dúshlán rompu anois - an leanann siad leis na pleananna céanna ná an athraíonn siad cúrsaí thart? Sílim go mba é Albert Einstein a dúirt fadó riamh go raibh sainmhíniú ar bheith as do mheabhair - ag déanamh na rudai céanna arís agus arís eile agus ag súil le toradh éagsúil. I gceart do Stephen Rochford agus Tony McEntee, tá seifteanna nua úsáidte acu i gcluichí difriúla i mbliana - imreoir éagsúil mar chosantóir le cois, agus imreoirí difriúla roghnaithe ag brath ar an bhfreasúra. Má theastaíonn uathu an bearna fada gránna sin a chur chun deiridh, níor mhór

dóibh plean nua eile a cheapadh don athimirt seo. Bhí an cluiche bunáite thart nuair a tugadh Barry Moran isteach ar an bpáirc - an dtabharfar isteach níos luaithe tráthnóna é?

Tá tuairimíocht choitianta ann go bhfuil a ndeis cailte ag Maigh Eo agus ar bhealach, tuigim don dtuairimíocht céanna. Níor imir ach b'fhéidir ceathrar ná cúigear de fhir Jim Gavin i mbarr maitheasa - Jonny Cooper, Cian O'Sullivan, John Small, Brian Fenton agus b'fhéidir Ciarán Kilkenny. Ach céard faoi Mhaigh Eo? - Cinnte bheadh sé deacair ag David Clarke, Brendan Harrison, Donal Vaughan, Paddy Durcan, Tom Parsons agus b'fhéidir Cillian O'Connor imirt chomh maith arís, cé go bhfuil an fear deireanach sin tar éis léiriú le roinnt bhlianta - ach ní i mbliana - go bhfuil cumas nach beag ann. Mar sin, ta mianach feabhais sa dá fhoireann. Tá sé á rá go dtuigeann Maigh Eo anois go bhfuil siad díreach chomh maith le hÁth Cliath ach ní dóigh liomsa go raibh aon easpa muiníne orthu riamh ina n-aghaidh. Tá an aclaíocht agus

an fhisiciúlacht ag Maigh Eo le cur isteach ar fhoireann seo Jim Gavin níos mó ná ag aon fhoireann eile, ach fós, níl siad in ann teacht thar táirse. D'fhéadfadh an cluiche seo casadh ar an rud is lú agus cá bhfios nach mbeadh an tríú lá de dhíth chun iad a scaradh óna chéile? Tá dóthain scríofa - tá sé in am tuair, rachaidh mé ar éigean le hÁth Cliath!



Bernard Brogan, Áth Cliath, agus Brendan Harrison, Maigh Eo



RED, GREEN AND BLUE: MAYO'S DUBS

Mayo's first appearance in an All-Ireland final happened exactly 100 years ago. Played in frozen conditions at Croke Park on December 17, 1916 Mayo fell to favourites Wexford by 3-4 to 1-2.

Missing out on a first national title was disappointing but one Ballaghaderreen footballer had other things on his mind. Having fought in the Easter Rising, Frank Shouldice, 23, was still interned in Frongoch camp in Wales. Numerous inter-county footballers had committed themselves to the Rising. In the exercise yard at Stafford Prison

they made do with a 'ball' made up of rags. Then at Frongoch the prisoners turned a hilly, boggy field into a Gaelic football pitch and renamed it Croke Park.

Thanks to having a real football sent over from home, numerous inter-county stars, including Dick Fitzgerald (Kerry), Seán Treacy (Dublin) and Tom Burke (Louth) ended up staging Frongoch's own championship series at 'Croke Park.'

"When we had a match the other evening the football was very big and strange after our small rag ones in Stafford," wrote Frank in a letter home.

Two days before Christmas Frongoch's prisoners were unexpectedly released. Frank boarded the night mail boat at Liverpool on a one-way ticket that took him all the way home to Ballaghaderreen. It would be six months before his brother Jack at Lewes Prison also tasted freedom.

Living and working in the capital the brothers were members of the Geraldines club on the city's northside. Both were noted inter-county footballers with Dublin – Jack lined out in the 1908 final against London so he could claim to be the first Mayo man to win an All-Ireland medal, albeit with Dublin!



Dublin football team, 1915 - Frank Shouldice (4th from right, back row; Jack, seated, 2nd from the left)

In March 1916 Frank and Jack travelled to Athlone for the final of the Croke Cup in what proved to be the competition's last-ever fixture. Dublin beat Roscommon that day but remarkably, just two weeks later they were setting up barricades at North King Street with 'F' Company, 1st Battalion, Dublin Brigade under Ned Daly's command.

Jack was secretary of the Leinster GAA Council when Bloody Sunday erupted at Croke Park in 1920. Frank, meanwhile, became vice-president of the Mayo County Board. His activities through the

War of Independence saw him in and out of prison over the next six years, effectively ending whatever prospects he had as a player.

Both brothers refused to take part in the Civil War. Frank returned to inter-county with Mayo's senior team, playing championship and league football into his mid-30s before dropping to inter-county junior level and then, reluctantly, calling it a day.

As fans they cheered when Ballaghaderreen's Seán Flanagan lifted the Sam Maguire in 1950 and '51. Little did they know they

wouldn't see that feat repeated in their lifetimes. Having had the honour to play for both Mayo and Dublin, Frank would have relished today's replay. He would certainly find much to admire about the reigning champions but smile upon his native Mayo to go one further than they did 100 years ago.

'GRANDPA THE SNIPER'

by Frank Shouldice
Jnr. is available from
TheLiffeyPress.com



Frank and Jack Shouldice



Irish prisoners in Stafford Prison, 1916.
Frank Shouldice is holding the rag 'ball' in the centre of the back row.

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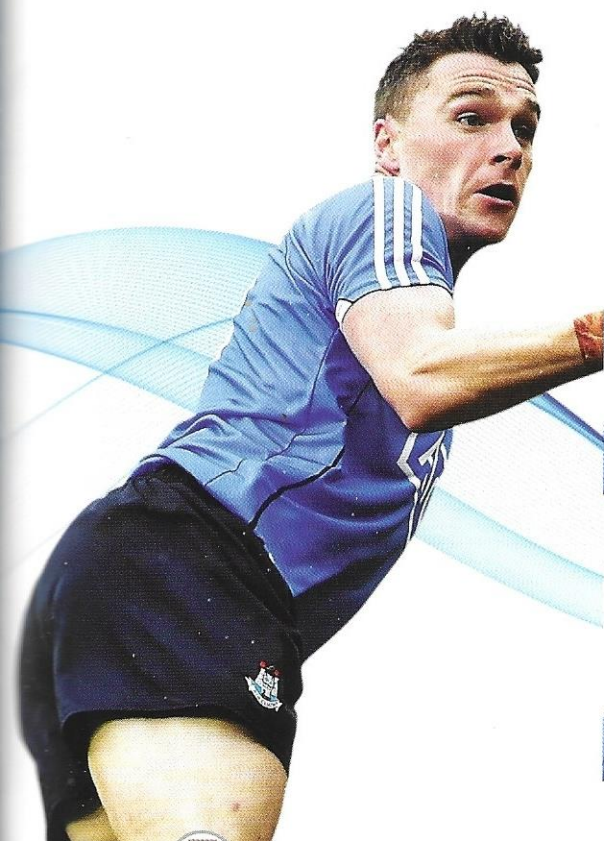
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ÁTH CLIATH

PLAYER PROFILES



COLM BASQUEL
Ballyboden St Enda's

Age:	20
Height:	5' 11"
Weight:	12st 8lbs
Championship debut:	N/A
Championship appearances:	N/A
Championship scores:	N/A



DENIS BASTICK
Templeogue Synge Street

Age:	35
Height:	6' 2"
Weight:	13st 8lbs
Championship debut:	2009
Championship appearances:	34
Championship scores:	1-6



PADDY ANDREWS
St Brigid's

Age:	28
Height:	5' 11"
Weight:	13st 5lbs
Championship debut:	2009
Championship appearances:	25
Championship scores:	1-27



TOMÁS BRADY
Na Fianna

Age:	28
Height:	6'
Weight:	14st 2lbs
Championship debut:	2014
Championship appearances:	5
Championship scores:	0-3

Dublin's top scorer from play in the drawn game with two points in the opening half having come on for James McCarthy in the 23rd minute. It was Andrews' 25th championship appearance. His 26th may well be as a starter today.



BERNARD BROGAN
St Oliver Plunkett's Eoghan Ruadh

Age:	32
Height:	6'
Weight:	13st 3lbs
Championship debut:	2007
Championship appearances:	52
Championship scores:	21-188



DAVID BYRNE
Naomh Olaf's

Age: 22
Height: 5' 11"
Weight: 13st 5lbs
Championship debut: 2015
Championship appearances: 7
Championship scores: 0-1



SHANE CARTHY
Naomh Mearnóg

Age: 21
Height: 6' 2"
Weight: 14st 2lbs
Championship debut: N/A
Championship appearances: N/A
Championship scores: N/A



SHANE B. CARTHY
St Vincent's

Age: 24
Height: 6'
Weight: 13st
Championship debut: N/A
Championship appearances: N/A
Championship scores: N/A



SHANE CLAYTON
Ballyboden St Enda's

Age: 20
Height: 6'
Weight: 13st 1lb
Championship debut: N/A
Championship appearances: N/A
Championship scores: N/A



STEPHEN CLUXTON
Parnells

Age: 34
Height: 6'
Weight: 12st 8lbs
Championship debut: 2001
Championship appearances: 84
Championship scores: 0-49



JONNY COOPER
Na Fianna

Age: 26
Height: 6'
Weight: 12st
Championship debut: 2013
Championship appearances: 24
Championship scores: 0-2



CORMAC COSTELLO
Whitehall Colmcille

Age: 22
Height: 5' 11"
Weight: 12st 5lbs
Championship debut: 2013
Championship appearances: 9
Championship scores: 1-10



Apart from one poor early kick-out, which went over the sideline, Cluxton was a solid performer 13 days ago. Indeed, the Parnells shot-stopper initiated the move that led to Dublin's first goal and recorded his third clean sheet in six matches.



DARREN DALY
Fingal Ravens



Age: 29
 Height: 5' 11"
 Weight: 12st 2lbs
 Championship debut: 2013
 Championship appearances: 15
 Championship scores: 0-0



MICHAEL FITZSIMONS
Cuala



Age: 28
 Height: 6'
 Weight: 13st
 Championship debut: 2010
 Championship appearances: 34
 Championship scores: 0-0



PAUL FLYNN
Fingallians



Age: 30
 Height: 6' 1"
 Weight: 14st 7lbs
 Championship debut: 2008
 Championship appearances: 47
 Championship scores: 5-42



DIARMUID CONNOLLY
St Vincent's



Age: 29
 Height: 6' 1"
 Weight: 13st 10lbs
 Championship debut: 2007
 Championship appearances: 44
 Championship scores: 11-67



CIARÁN KILKENNY
Castleknock



Age: 23
 Height: 6' 1"
 Weight: 13st 10lbs
 Championship debut: 2012
 Championship appearances: 22
 Championship scores: 0-37

Although he was restricted to a single point by the tenacious Keegan, Connolly still proved a thorn in Mayo's side, especially in an unaccustomed defensive role. Also provided the kick pass that was the catalyst for Dublin's second goal.



ERIC LOWNDES
St Peregrine's



Age: 22
 Height: 5' 11"
 Weight: 13st
 Championship debut: 2015
 Championship appearances: 7
 Championship scores: 0-1



MICHAEL DARRAGH MACAULEY
Ballyboden St Enda's



Age: 30
 Height: 6' 3"
 Weight: 14st 7lbs
 Championship debut: 2010
 Championship appearances: 40
 Championship scores: 2-7



PAUL MANNION
Kilmacud Crokes

Age: 23
Height: 6' 2"
Weight: 13st 5lbs
Championship debut: 2013
Championship appearances: 17
Championship scores: 4-11



JAMES MCCARTHY
Ballymun Kickhams

Age: 26
Height: 6' 1"
Weight: 13st 3lbs
Championship debut: 2010
Championship appearances: 32
Championship scores: 1-4



ROBERT McDAUID
Ballyboden St Edna's

Age: 22
Height: 6' 2"
Weight: 12st 11lbs
Championship debut: N/A
Championship appearances: N/A
Championship scores: N/A



PHILIP McMAHON
Ballymun Kickhams

Age: 29
Height: 6'
Weight: 13st 7lbs
Championship debut: 2008
Championship appearances: 38
Championship scores: 1-14



KEVIN McMANAMON
St Jude's

Age: 29
Height: 6'
Weight: 13st 10lbs
Championship debut: 2010
Championship appearances: 38
Championship scores: 7-33



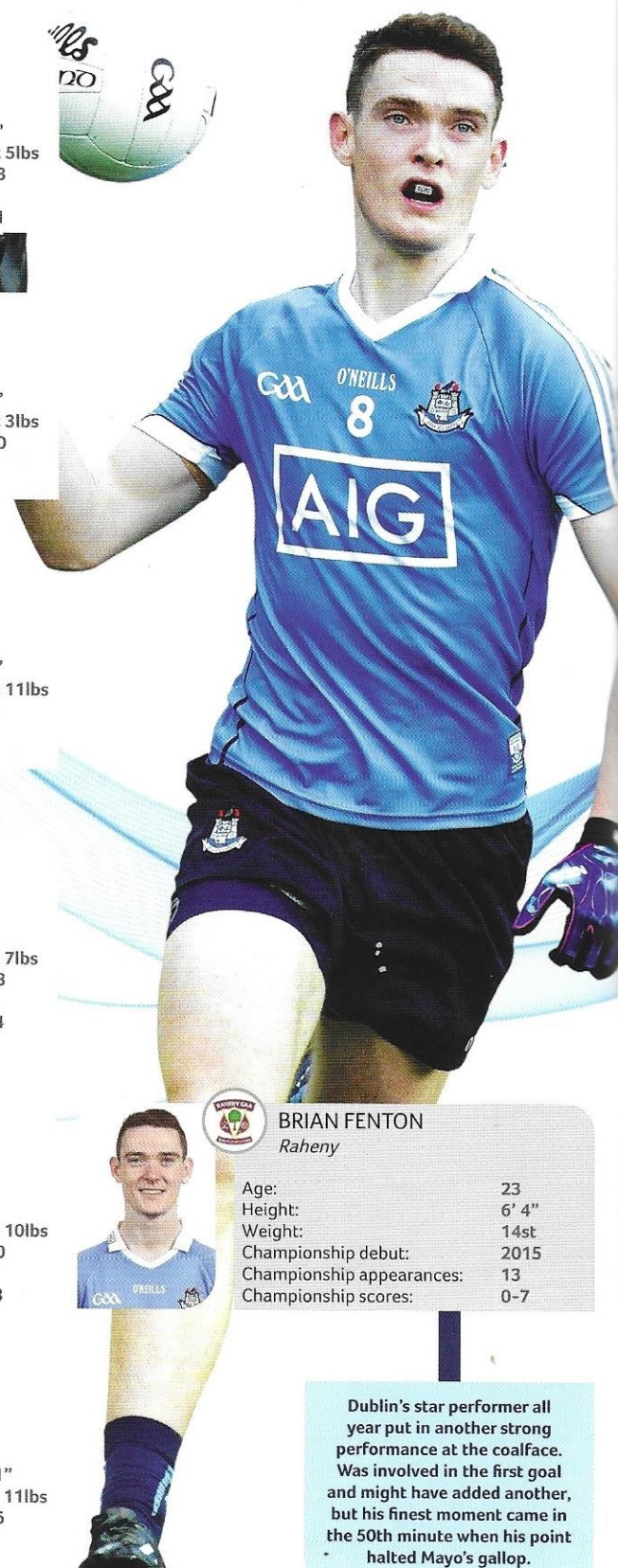
CON O'CALLAGHAN
Cuala

Age: 20
Height: 5' 11"
Weight: 12st 11lbs
Championship debut: 2016
Championship appearances: 3
Championship scores: 0-1

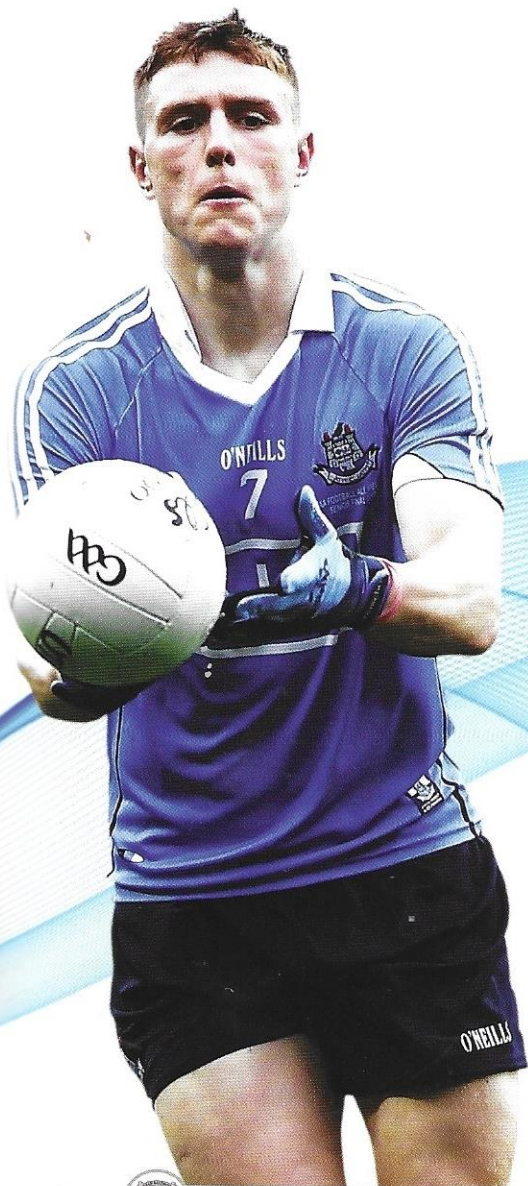


BRIAN FENTON
Raheny

Age: 23
Height: 6' 4"
Weight: 14st
Championship debut: 2015
Championship appearances: 13
Championship scores: 0-7



Dublin's star performer all year put in another strong performance at the coalface. Was involved in the first goal and might have added another, but his finest moment came in the 50th minute when his point halted Mayo's gallop.



EMMET Ó CONGHAILE
Lucan Sarsfields



Age: 23
Height: 6' 2"
Weight: 13st 10lbs
Championship debut: 2015
Championship appearances: 1
Championship scores: 0-0



EOGHAN O'GARA
Templeogue Synge Street



Age: 31
Height: 6' 2"
Weight: 13st 12lbs
Championship debut: 2010
Championship appearances: 31
Championship scores: 6-16



CIAN O'SULLIVAN
Kilmacud Crokes



Age: 28
Height: 6' 1"
Weight: 13st
Championship debut: 2010
Championship appearances: 34
Championship scores: 0-5



DEAN ROCK
Ballymun Kickhams



Age: 26
Height: 6' 1"
Weight: 13st 5lbs
Championship debut: 2013
Championship appearances: 24
Championship scores: 3-92



JOHN SMALL
Ballymun Kickhams



Age: 23
Height: 6'
Weight: 13st 10lbs
Championship debut: 2015
Championship appearances: 13
Championship scores: 0-2



MICHAEL SAVAGE
St Vincent's



Age: 30
Height: 6' 1"
Weight: 13st 5lbs
Championship debut: N/A
Championship appearances: N/A
Championship scores: N/A

Despite appearing in his first-ever All-Ireland final, Small was probably the best performer for the Metropolitans. Defensively he got the better of Diarmuid O'Connor and his counter-attacking forays were capped by a superb point in the 66th minute.





Ollscoil Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath
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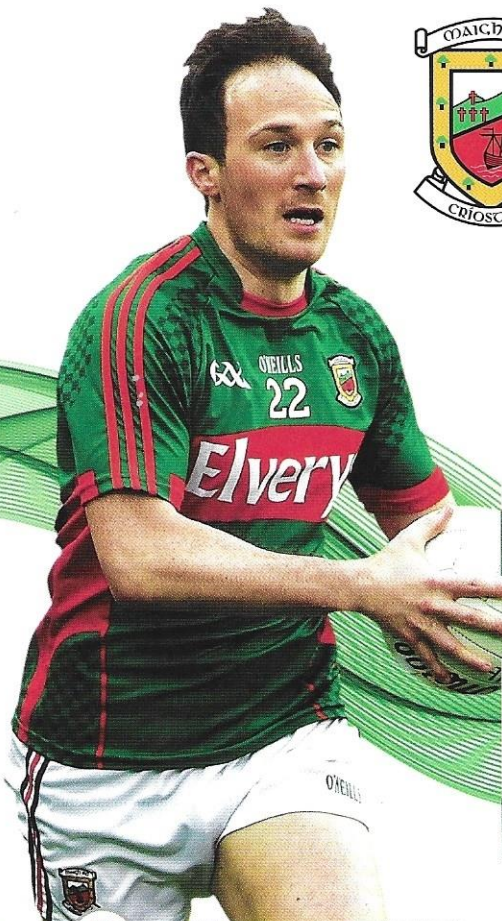
DCU Graduates Stephen Cluxton and Patrick Durcan



DCU Dóchas Éireann wishes the best of luck to the 21 DCU students and graduates on the Mayo and Dublin panels in today's All Ireland Football Final.

MAIGH EO

PLAYER PROFILES



CHRIS BARRETT
Belmullet

Age:	29
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	13st
Championship debut:	2010
Championship appearances:	20
Championship scores:	0-4



COLM BOYLE
Davitts

Age:	30
Height:	5' 9"
Weight:	12st 8lbs
Championship debut:	2008
Championship appearances:	32
Championship scores:	0-9



ALAN DILLON
Ballintubber

Age:	33
Height:	5' 11"
Weight:	12st 2lbs
Championship debut:	2003
Championship appearances:	62
Championship scores:	1-108



CATHAL CAROLAN
Crossmolina Deel Rovers

Age:	27
Height:	5' 9"
Weight:	13st 5lbs
Championship debut:	2013
Championship appearances:	5
Championship scores:	1-1



DAVID CLARKE
Ballina Stephenites

Age:	32
Height:	6' 2"
Weight:	14st 2lbs
Championship debut:	2005
Championship appearances:	32
Championship scores:	0-0

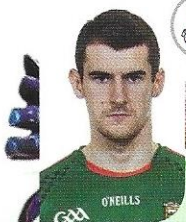


The pick of Mayo's substitutes from the drawn final, he came on for Séamus O'Shea and scored a magnificent equalising point with six minutes remaining. Unfortunately, was injured a couple of minutes later but his cameo role was highly effective.



STEPHEN COEN
Hollymount Carramore

Age: 20
Height: 6' 1"
Weight: 13st 3lbs
Championship debut: 2015
Championship appearances: 7
Championship scores: 0-2



CAOLAN CROWE
Garrymore

Age: 24
Height: 6' 1"
Weight: 13st 12lbs
Championship debut: N/A
Championship appearances: N/A
Championship scores: N/A



JASON DOHERTY
Burrishoole

Age: 26
Height: 5' 11"
Weight: 13st
Championship debut: 2011
Championship appearances: 30
Championship scores: 5-23



DAVID DRAKE
Ballaghaderreen

Age: 26
Height: 6' 1"
Weight: 13st 10lbs
Championship debut: 2015
Championship appearances: 3
Championship scores: 0-0



ALAN FREEMAN
Aghamore

Age: 27
Height: 6' 1"
Weight: 14st
Championship debut: 2010
Championship appearances: 30
Championship scores: 6-28



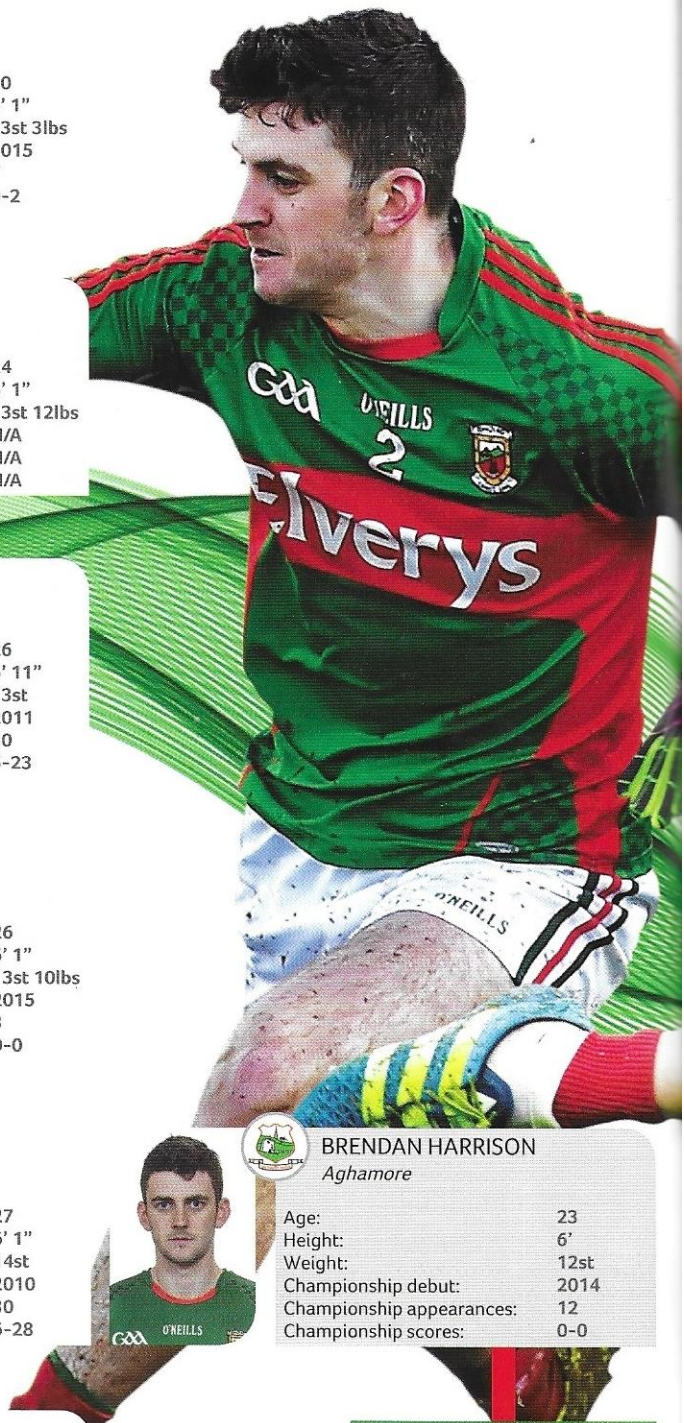
BRENDAN HARRISON
Aghamore

Age: 23
Height: 6'
Weight: 12st
Championship debut: 2014
Championship appearances: 12
Championship scores: 0-0



MICHAEL HALL
Breaffy

Age: 21
Height: 5' 10"
Weight: 11st 11lbs
Championship debut: N/A
Championship appearances: N/A
Championship scores: N/A



Was one of the top performers in a Mayo rearguard that simply refused to bend the knee. Bernard Brogan had scored 1-9 en-route to the final but the Aghamore defender kept his opposite number scoreless in the testing conditions.



ROBERT HENNELLY
Breaffy



Age: 26
 Height: 6' 1"
 Weight: 15st
 Championship debut: 2011
 Championship appearances: 18
 Championship scores: 0-6



KEITH HIGGINS
Ballyhaunis



Age: 31
 Height: 5' 11"
 Weight: 12st
 Championship debut: 2005
 Championship appearances: 51
 Championship scores: 0-10



KEVIN KEANE
Westport



Age: 26
 Height: 6'
 Weight: 13st 12lbs
 Championship debut: 2012
 Championship appearances: 19
 Championship scores: 0-1



CONOR LOFTUS
Crossmolina Deel Rovers



Age: 21
 Height: 6'
 Weight: 12st
 Championship debut: 2016
 Championship appearances: 4
 Championship scores: 1-2



PATRICK DURCAN
Castlebar Mitchels



Age: 22
 Height: 6'
 Weight: 12st 13lbs
 Championship debut: 2015
 Championship appearances: 12
 Championship scores: 0-5



GER McDONAGH
Castlebar Mitchels



Age: 26
 Height: 6'
 Weight: 12st 13lbs
 Championship debut: N/A
 Championship appearances: N/A
 Championship scores: N/A

Another Mayo defender who was instrumental in keeping Dublin's point total in single figures. His opposite number Kevin McManamon failed to score and the Castlebar man found time to kick the point that ignited Mayo's comeback.



KEVIN McLOUGHLIN
Knockmore



Age: 27
 Height: 5' 11"
 Weight: 13st
 Championship debut: 2009
 Championship appearances: 39
 Championship scores: 2-40



ANDY MORAN

Ballaghaderreen

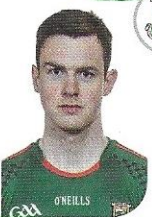
Age:	32
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	13st 3lbs
Championship debut:	2004
Championship appearances:	61
Championship scores:	6-72



BARRY MORAN

Castlebar Mitchels

Age:	30
Height:	6' 5"
Weight:	15st
Championship debut:	2005
Championship appearances:	34
Championship scores:	4-11



SHANE NALLY

Garrymore

Age:	25
Height:	6' 1"
Weight:	13st 5lbs
Championship debut:	2016
Championship appearances:	1
Championship scores:	0-0



DIARMUID O'CONNOR

Ballintubber

Age:	21
Height:	6' 1"
Weight:	14st
Championship debut:	2014
Championship appearances:	14
Championship scores:	2-16



EOIN O'DONOGHUE

Belmullet

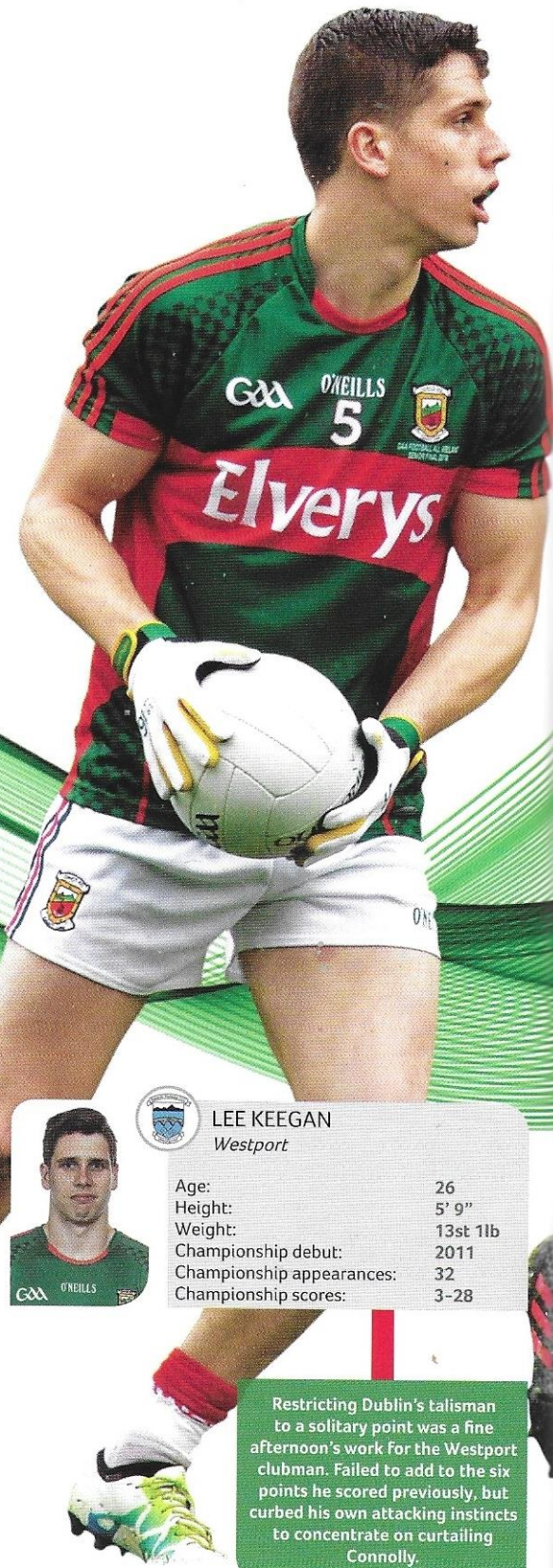
Age:	20
Height:	5' 11"
Weight:	11st 7lbs
Championship debut:	N/A
Championship appearances:	N/A
Championship scores:	N/A



AIDAN O'SHEA

Breaffy

Age:	26
Height:	6' 4"
Weight:	15st 6lbs
Championship debut:	2009
Championship appearances:	40
Championship scores:	9-21



LEE KEEGAN

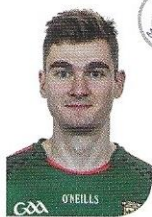
Westport

Age:	26
Height:	5' 9"
Weight:	13st 1lb
Championship debut:	2011
Championship appearances:	32
Championship scores:	3-28

Restricting Dublin's talisman to a solitary point was a fine afternoon's work for the Westport clubman. Failed to add to the six points he scored previously, but curbed his own attacking instincts to concentrate on curtailng Connolly.



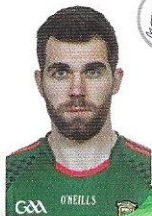
CONOR O'SHEA
Breaffy



Age: 23
 Height: 6' 3"
 Weight: 14st
 Championship debut: 2014
 Championship appearances: 7
 Championship scores: 1-1



SÉAMUS O'SHEA
Breaffy



Age: 29
 Height: 6' 2"
 Weight: 15st
 Championship debut: 2010
 Championship appearances: 32
 Championship scores: 1-8



TOM PARSONS
Charlestown



Age: 28
 Height: 6' 3"
 Weight: 14st 2lbs
 Championship debut: 2008
 Championship appearances: 22
 Championship scores: 0-6



BRIAN REAPE
Bohola Moy Davitts



Age: 19
 Height: 6' 2"
 Weight: 13st 3lbs
 Championship debut: N/A
 Championship appearances: N/A
 Championship scores: N/A



CILLIAN O'CONNOR
Ballintubber



Age: 24
 Height: 6' 1"
 Weight: 13st 7lbs
 Championship debut: 2011
 Championship appearances: 34
 Championship scores: 17-175



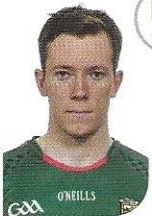
EVAN REGAN
Ballina Stephenites



Age: 23
 Height: 5' 11"
 Weight: 13st 5lbs
 Championship debut: 2016
 Championship appearances: 8
 Championship scores: 1-16



DONAL VAUGHAN
Ballinrobe



Age: 27
 Height: 6' 2"
 Weight: 14st 5lbs
 Championship debut: 2009
 Championship appearances: 40
 Championship scores: 2-15

A captain's performance by the Ballintubber ace with two of his seven points coming from play. Not many players would have trusted themselves when the late opportunity presented itself, but O'Connor didn't hesitate and duly delivered the equalising score.

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2016 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SCOREBOARD

LEINSTER

Louth	2-24	Carlow	3-11
Laois	3-16	Wicklow	0-18
Offaly	2-21	Longford	2-13
Kildare	0-9	Wexford	0-8
Dublin	2-21	Laois	2-10
Meath	0-20	Louth	1-13
Westmeath	0-13	Offaly	0-12
Westmeath	1-12	Kildare	1-11
Dublin	0-21	Meath	0-11
Final			
Dublin	2-19	Westmeath	0-10

ULSTER

Fermanagh	1-12	Antrim	0-9
Tyrone	3-14	Derry	0-12
Cavan	2-16	Armagh	0-14
Monaghan	2-22	Down	0-9
Donegal	2-12	Fermanagh	0-11
Tyrone	0-16	Cavan	3-7
Donegal	1-11	Monaghan	0-14
Donegal	0-17	Monaghan	2-10 (replay)
Tyrone	5-18	Cavan	2-17 (replay)
Final			
Tyrone	0-13	Donegal	0-11

MUNSTER

Tipperary	1-15	Waterford	1-7
Clare	0-16	Limerick	0-13
Tipperary	3-15	Cork	2-16
Kerry	2-23	Clare	0-17
Final			
Kerry	3-17	Tipperary	2-10

CONNACHT

Roscommon	1-15	New York	0-17
Roscommon	1-21	Leitrim	0-11
Mayo	2-16	London	0-9
Roscommon	4-16	Sligo	2-13
Galway	1-12	Mayo	0-12
Final			
Galway	0-13	Roscommon	1-10
Galway	3-16	Roscommon	0-14 (replay)

ALL-IRELAND QUALIFIERS

Derry	1-18	Louth	2-10
Carlow	1-17	Wicklow	1-12
Leitrim	0-12	Waterford	0-8
Limerick	2-6	Antrim	0-9
Longford	2-24	Down	3-17
Fermanagh	0-19	Wexford	1-11
Offaly	0-17	London	1-7
Laois	1-11	Armagh	1-10
Sligo	2-15	Leitrim	0-10
Longford	2-13	Monaghan	1-13
Cork	2-12	Limerick	0-10
Cavan	2-13	Carlow	0-12
Mayo	2-14	Fermanagh	1-12
Kildare	1-22	Offaly	2-14
Derry	1-14	Meath	1-11
Clare	0-14	Laois	1-10
Cork	2-9	Longford	1-6
Clare	2-17	Sligo	1-13
Derry	1-17	Cavan	0-18
Mayo	2-17	Kildare	0-14
Tipperary	1-21	Derry	2-17
Clare	2-12	Roscommon	1-9
Donegal	0-21	Cork	1-15
Mayo	3-15	Westmeath	1-14

ALL-IRELAND QUARTER-FINALS

Kerry	2-16	Clare	0-11
Tipperary	3-13	Galway	1-10
Mayo	0-13	Tyrone	0-12
Dublin	1-15	Donegal	1-10

ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINALS

Mayo	2-13	Tipperary	0-14
Dublin	0-22	Kerry	2-14

ALL-IRELAND FINAL

Mayo	0-15	Dublin	2-9
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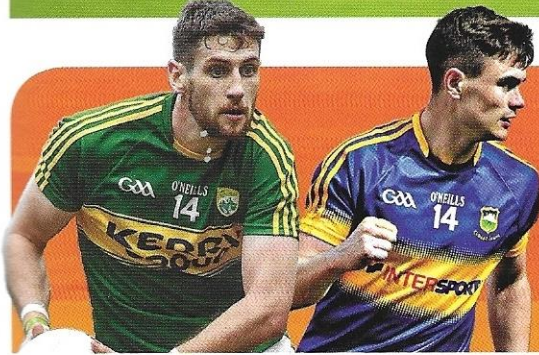
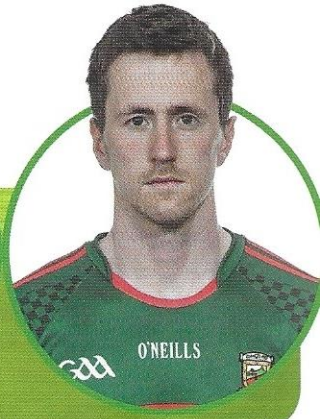
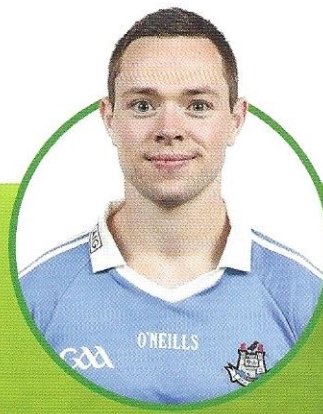


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TOP 5 SCORERS

OVERALL

DEAN ROCK (DUBLIN)	1-49
CILLIAN O'CONNOR (MAYO)	2-35
Michael Quinlivan (Tipperary)	2-27
Patrick McBrearty (Donegal)	0-29
Tomás Corrigan (Fermanagh)	0-29
Kevin O'Halloran (Tipperary)	1-26



FROM PLAY

PAUL GEANEY (KERRY)	3-13
Diarmuid Connolly (Dublin)	1-15
MICHAEL QUINLIVAN (TIPPERARY)	2-12
Conor Sweeney (Tipperary)	3-9
Peter Harte (Tyrone)	3-8

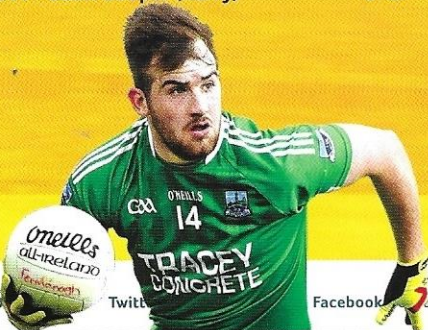
INDIVIDUAL MATCH

DONAL O'HARE (DOWN)	2-9	v LONGFORD – QUALIFIER ROUND 1
Dean Rock (Dublin)	1-10	v Laois – Leinster quarter-final
Dean Rock (Dublin)	0-12	v Kerry – All-Ireland semi-final
James Kielt (Derry)	1-9	v Louth – Qualifier Round 1
Patrick McBrearty (Donegal)	0-11	v Cork – Qualifier Round 4



OVERALL – LAST 5 YEARS

2015 SEÁN QUIGLEY (FERMANAGH)	3-36
2014 Cillian O'Connor (Mayo)	5-36
2013 Cillian O'Connor (Mayo)	6-22
2012 Colm McFadden (Donegal)	4-32
2011 Colm Cooper (Kerry)	2-27

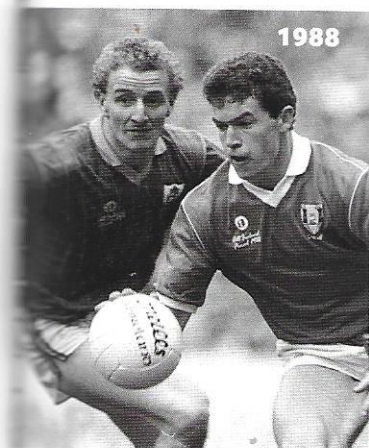


FINAL – LAST 5 YEARS

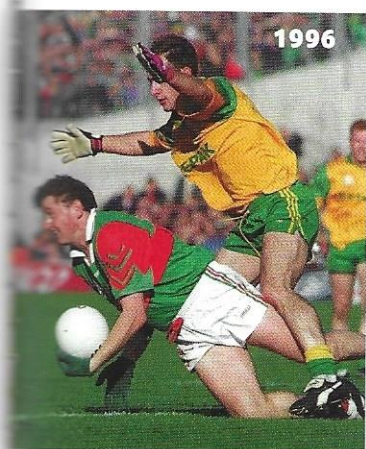
2015 James O'Donoghue (Kerry)	0-3
2014 Paul Geaney (Kerry)	1-2
Kieran Donaghy (Kerry)	1-2
2013 BERNARD BROGAN (DUBLIN)	2-3
2012 Michael Murphy (Donegal)	1-4
Colm McFadden (Donegal)	1-4
2013 Bernard Brogan (Dublin)	0-6
Colm Cooper (Kerry)	1-3



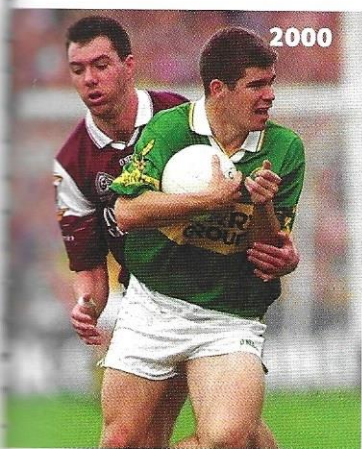
ALL-IRELAND FINAL DRAWS AND REPLAYS



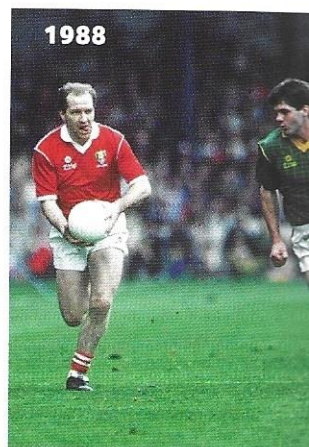
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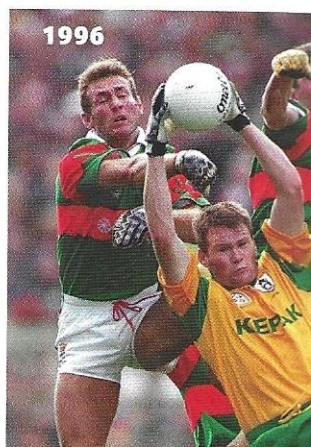
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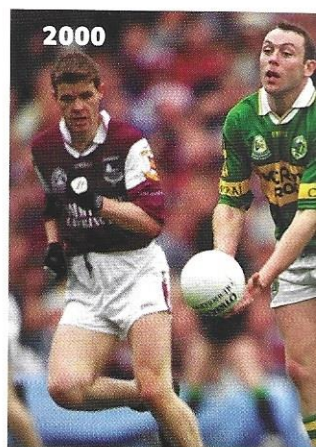
2000



1988



1996



2000

Dublin	0-6	Cork	1-1*
Dublin	0-5	Cork	1-2**

1914

Kerry	1-3	Wexford	2-0
Kerry	2-3	Wexford	0-6

1926

Kerry	1-3	Kildare	0-6
Kerry	1-4	Kildare	0-4

1937

Kerry	2-5	Cavan	1-8
Kerry	4-4	Cavan	1-7

1938

Galway	3-3	Kerry	2-6
Galway	2-4	Kerry	0-7

1943

Roscommon	1-6	Cavan	1-6
Roscommon	2-7	Cavan	2-2

1946

Kerry	2-4	Roscommon	1-7
Kerry	2-8	Roscommon	0-10

1952

Cavan	2-4	Meath	1-7
Cavan	0-9	Meath	0-5

1972

Offaly	1-13	Kerry	1-13
Offaly	1-19	Kerry	0-13

1988

Meath	0-12	Cork	1-9
Meath	0-13	Cork	0-12

1996

Meath	0-12	Mayo	1-9
Meath	2-9	Mayo	1-11

2000

Kerry	0-14	Galway	0-14
Kerry	0-17	Galway	1-10

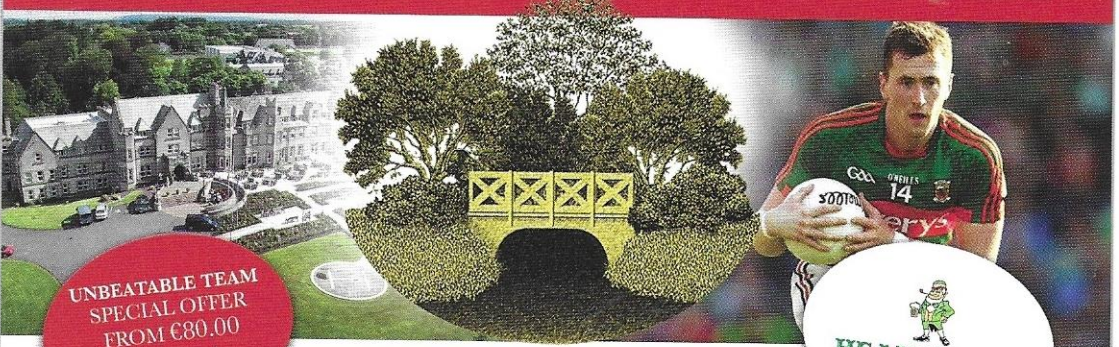
2016

Mayo	0-15	Dublin	2-9
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*goal equalled five points. ** unfinished – Dublin awarded title. Kerry (0-7) and Kildare (1-4) drew in the "Home" final in 1903 following a 1-4 to 1-3 Kingdom win which was objected to by the Lilywhites. Kerry won the third match by 0-8 to 0-2.

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KERRY 37

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DUBLIN 25

1891, 1892, 1894, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1942, 1958, 1963, 1974, 1976, 1977, 1983, 1995, 2011, 2013, 2015.

GALWAY 9

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

MEATH 7

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

CORK 7

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

WEXFORD 5

1893, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918.

CAVAN 5

1933, 1935, 1947, 1948, 1952.

DOWN 5

1960, 1961, 1968, 1991, 1994.

TIPPERARY 4

1889, 1895, 1900, 1920.

KILDARE 4

1905, 1919, 1927, 1928.

LOUTH 3

1910, 1912, 1957.

MAYO 3

1936, 1950, 1951.

OFFALY 3

1971, 1972, 1982.

TYRONE 3

2003, 2005, 2008.

LIMERICK 2

1887, 1896.

ROSCOMMON 2

1943, 1944.

DONEGAL 2

1992, 2012.

DERRY 1

1993.

ARMAGH 1

2002.

HALF-TIME EXHIBITION GAMES



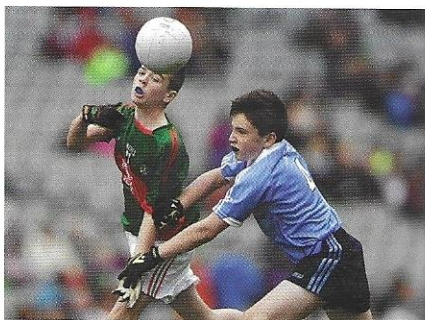
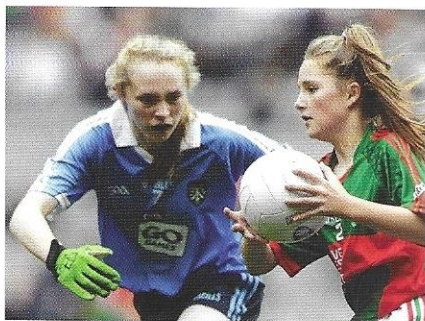
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While the focus of GAA followers and media outlets concentrates on the prospects of both teams in the GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship final replay, the dreams of 42 boys and girls will become a reality at half-time in today's game.

Whatever today's outcome, nothing will surpass the lifelong memory and the unexpected joy that a replay has presented those who play at our Respect Exhibition Go Games in Croke Park. Drawn as they are from

clubs and schools in Dublin and Mayo, and indeed elsewhere, these games bring to almost 300 the number of children who have participated in our All-Ireland series of half-time games in 2016.

Let us avail of today's games to also thank their parents who prepare them each week for their games and their teachers and club coaches who develop with them their football and hurling skills at school and club level. Gura fad buan sibh uilig.



Referees - Fionn Morna, The Downs NS, Mullingar, Westmeath and Ciara Conneely, The Downs NS, Mullingar, Westmeath

DUBLIN BOYS

2	DANIEL GOREY, Naomh Mearnóg GAA, Portmarnock, Dublin
3	RUADHÁN McCANN, Fingallians GAA, Swords, Dublin
4	CORMAC DIGNAM, St Vincent's GAA, Marino, Dublin
5	PARAIC KEHOE, O'Dwyers GAA, Balbriggan, Dublin
6	HARRY GORMLEY, Garristown GAA, Fingal, Dublin
7	CATHAL MARTIN, Naomh Jude GAA, Templeogue, Dublin
8	SEÁN HORAN, Hollypark BNS, Blackrock, Dublin
9	ANDRIÚ MAC GHIOLLA GEIMHRIDH, Gaelscoil Barra, Cabrach, Áth Cliath
10	ALEX DRYCHER, Bayside NS, Sutton, Dublin
11	OSCAR MAGUIRE, Griffith Barracks Multidenominational School, Dublin

MAYO BOYS

2	OISÍN IVERS, Kinvara GAA, Kinvara, Galway
3	MARTIN MULLARKEY, Belmullet NS, Belmullet, Mayo
4	OISÍN CRONIN, Craggagh NS, Kiltimagh, Mayo
5	LUCAS KENNY, Crimlin NS, Castlebar, Mayo
6	CIAN REDDINGTON, Carracastle NS, Carracastle, Mayo
7	IAN LAVELLE, Bohola NS, Bohola, Mayo
8	JACK ARMSTRONG, Ardnaree Sarsfields GAA, Ballina, Mayo
9	SHAY HENEZHAN, Kimaine NS, Kilmaine, Mayo
10	JACK KILBANE, SN Béal a'Bhulain Acla, Acaill, Maigh Eo
11	DYLAN McEVOY, Buffers Alley GAA, Wexford

DUBLIN GIRLS

2	LÍLE O'CONNOR, Fingallians GAA, Swords, Dublin
3	ELLA O'CONNELL, Cuala GAA, Dalkey, Dublin
4	SUZU LEHANE, Kilmacud Crokes GAA, Stillorgan, Dublin
5	GOLDEN AKPALOO, St. John The Evangelist N.S., Adamstown, Dublin
6	SÍOFRA KELLY, Scoil Naomh Pádraig, Ballyroan, Dublin
7	AISLING ROEBUCK, Round Towers GAA, Clondalkin, Dublin
8	ÁINE RAFTER, Loreto Primary School, Rathfarnham, Dublin
9	ELLIE COLLENDER, St Brigid's GNS, Palmerstown, Dublin
10	KIKI REN, Maynooth GAA, Maynooth, Kildare
11	CIARA DOYLE, Stars of Erin GAA, Glencullen, Dublin

MAYO GIRLS

2	MOLLY McMANAMON, Drumgallagh NS/Ballycroy, Ballycroy, Mayo
3	GRACE SHANNON, Melview National School, Longford
4	CHLOE McDONNELL, Binghamstown NS, Belmullet, Mayo
5	EMMA MURRAY, Fahy NS, Newport, Mayo
6	GRACE NAUGHTON, Curraggan NS, Knockmore, Mayo
7	DEIRBHILE HORKAN, Meelickmore NS, Claremorris, Mayo
8	NIKITA TIGHE, St Joseph's NS, Bekan, Mayo
9	AMY FORKAN, St Joseph's NS, Midfield, Mayo
10	MUIREANN COGAN, St Angela's NS, Castlebar, Mayo
11	KEVINA WALSH, St Attracta's NS, Charlestown, Mayo

GAA GAMES DEVELOPMENT

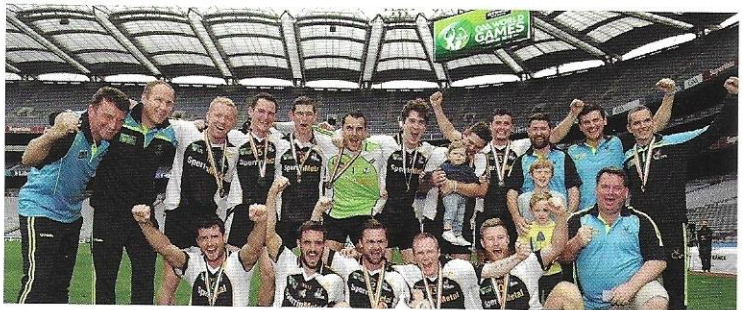
CELEBRATING THE CENTENARY - GROWING THE GAMES

1916 was an elemental year in the history of Ireland, the same can be said about 2016 from a National Games Development perspective. The key headline achievements in this context can be summarized as follows:



GAA WORLD GAMES 2016:

The staging of the GAA World Games took place from August 7-14, 2016 in Dublin. A total of 56 teams, male and female, took part in Irish-born and native-born



competitions, with 27 native-born teams participating in the games. The week-long event saw

254 games played with eight Grand Finals played in Croke Park.

NATIONAL GAMES DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, ABBOTSTOWN:

The new National Games Development Centre was officially opened at the National Sports Campus, Abbotstown on April 2, 2016. Since then it has hosted over 13,000 members of the Association with 60 per cent from our underage ranks.

The venue boasts the following facilities:

- Five pitches (four of them floodlit)
- Ball wall area
- Ten dressing rooms
- Meeting rooms.

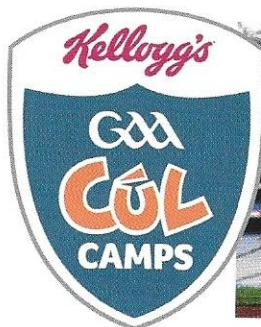
All codes, football, hurling and camogie are catered for. Highlights so far at the NGDC include the hosting of the 2016 All-Ireland Rounders finals, Regional Féile



finals in both hurling and football, the Camogie Interprovincial Series, Connacht club players training nights and underage blitzes.

KELLOGG'S CÚL CAMPS:

2016 saw the Kellogg's Cúl Camps break all participation records with a total attendance of 127,473 children across 1,200 camps held nationally during the months of July and August. Over 4,000 coaches (volunteers and full-time coaches) delivered camps nationally to children aged 6-13 years.



THE CELTIC CHALLENGE:



The inaugural winners were as follows:

CORN MICHAEL HOGAN

(Celtic Challenge Division 1 Final): OFFALY

The Celtic Challenge (U17 hurling) was introduced for the first time in 2016 in a developmental context. It pitted approximately 1,000 16 and 17-year-old hurlers from 38 teams across 31 counties against each other in a national competition. A total of 118 games

were completed and five finals were staged at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny on Saturday, June 18.

The trophies presented were named after five people, three of whom were children, who died on Bloody Sunday in Croke Park.

CORN JOHN SCOTT

(Celtic Challenge Division 2 Final): SOUTH WEXFORD

CORN JEROME O'LEARY

(Celtic Challenge Division 4 Final): WATERFORD CITY

CORN WILLIAM ROBINSON

(Celtic Challenge Division 3 Final): NORTH WEXFORD

CORN MICHAEL FEERY

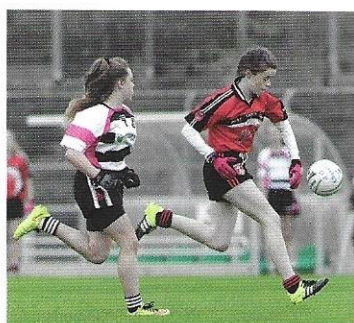
(Celtic Challenge Division 5 Final): WICKLOW



- 11,760 players participated in National Féile Competitions in 2016
- 1,164 games were played in National Féile Competitions in 2016
- 240 hurling teams participated in Féile na nGael in 2016
- 250 football teams participated in Féile na nÓg in 2016 (11 of which were visiting teams from overseas units)

NATIONAL FÉILE COMPETITIONS:

The National Féile Competitions (Féile na nGael - hurling) and (Féile Peile na nÓg - football) were staged in Munster - hurling (Tipperary and Waterford) and football (Kerry and Cork) during summer 2016 and recorded a significant increase in the numbers participating.



GAA GO GAMES:

GAA Go Games are Gaelic games for children aged six to 11 years. The "Go" means that every child should get an opportunity to play in the full game, in every game.

Go Games are played on a blitz basis with modified rules to suit the developmental needs of all players.

To launch the 2016 playing season 40,000 children participated in National Go Games Week (March 21-April 3); 15,000 children across Ireland played GAA Go Games as part of European Week of Sport 2016 (Sept. 10-18); over 10,000 children were given the opportunity to play Go Games in Croke Park. It is expected that 150,000 children will have participated across Ireland's schools and clubs in 2016.

SUPER GAMES CENTRES:

An increased growth in the GAA Super Games Centres was reflected in the fact that 89 centres were organized during 2015/2016. The basic premise underpinning the Super Games Centre is that all youth players who attend are guaranteed to get a game as reflected by one of the participant's feedback "everyone is good enough to get a game here".

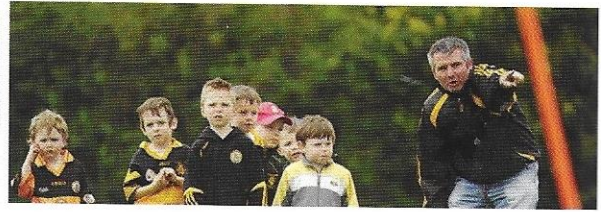
THE GAA LEARNING PORTAL

The GAA online learning portal has gone from strength to strength during 2016. The learning.gaa.ie site has been developed to provide better access to key resources for GAA members and those actively promoting Gaelic games.

To date there are 32,000 users registered on learning.gaa.ie. A key content feature of the site is the GAA Activity Planner which allows coaches to build their own hurling, football, rounders and handball coaching sessions. The GAA Activity Planner is part of the



GAA Learning Portal
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GAA Learning and Development Community Portal supporting coaches, players, referees and administrators to carry out their roles to the best of their ability.

Additional key content currently includes:

- GAA Games Development Conference 2016 videos and presentations. The 2016 GAA Games Development Conference was a sell-out with 800 attendees. The 2017 Conference is scheduled to take place on January 6 and 7 2017.
- Foundation Coach Education Award Programmes in hurling and football
- Cúl Camp Coaches Support Programme
- 'Gaelic 15' Injury Prevention Programme

GAA Coach Education and Training

To date 3,145 coaches have completed Foundation and Award 1 Level GAA Coaching courses in 2016.

GAA FUN AND RUN:

GAA Fun and Run has been developed as a new Games Development initiative with the aim of maximizing "universability" - catering for able

bodied and the disabled, while also ensuring that people are catered for in the most socially inclusive manner possible.

In addition, GAA Fun and Run can be structured to cater

for participants on a cross-generational basis. A showcase event which was organized with Culture Night on Friday September 16 on the cricket pitch in Trinity College Dublin proved to be very successful.

THE GAA MVA/COACH10 MODEL:



The GAA MVA/Coach10 Model continues to be the subject of International acclaim as reflected in the testimony of leading European Educationalist - John West Burham.

"The MVA/Coach10 Model is unique in my experience in the way in which it combines intellectual coherence with conceptual clarity and practical relevance and applicability. The Model is a synthesis of the most significant elements between learning, engagement

and enhanced performance. It also offers a deeply humanistic view of personal potential and the capacity of people to develop and achieve.

I believe that the programme has the potential to serve as an international benchmark for all such programmes and provide a significant resource to those who seek to combine successful practice with academic rigour."

*- John West-Burnham,
Professor of Education, St. Mary's University, Twickenham, London*

Games Development subscribes to the foundation principle that 'better people make better participants and that values optimise potential'. It gives practical expression to a player-centred, games-based, learner-led and fun-filled approach to training and development and welcomes contributions from people who are committed to this cause.

MENTAL FITNESS MAY DETERMINE WHERE SAM RESIDES

Let there be no more talk about a lack of resilience in this Mayo team. They displayed it in buckets two weeks ago.

Research has shown resilience to be one of the most significant qualities we can develop on our journey through life. It doesn't prevent hard times from occurring. But when they do, an adequate store of resilience

– combined with having meaningful relationships with friends and family that we can turn to – helps us overcome life's curveballs.

What does resilience look like? It's hard to say. A popular analogy, however, is bamboo. It's strong but flexible. So when life's storms are toppling even the mightiest of oaks standing upright in its field for hundreds of

years, bamboo survives because of its resilience and flexibility under pressure. It will bend. But it won't break. Just like resilient people, communities, and teams.

It isn't lacking with Dublin either. So who will show the greatest resilience and win today?

Whichever team wins, you can be sure the vanquished will bounce back again.



To find out more about the GAA's work in the area of mental fitness, visit www.gaa.ie/community

REPLAY ADDS SPICE TO SELECTION OF GAA/GPA OPEL ALL-STARS AWARDS



With Dublin and Mayo renewing their rivalry again today, it adds further excitement and debate to the eagerly awaited annual GAA/GPA All-Stars Awards, sponsored by Opel.

With All-Ireland champions Tipperary and runners-up Kilkenny likely to lead the way in hurling nominations, it will be interesting to see how two battles between Dublin and

Mayo will influence next week's nominations.

The All-Stars awards came into place in 1971 following an embryonic award scheme called the 'Cúchulainn Awards' which ran during the 1960s.

With Dublin football out of the limelight at the time and Offaly celebrating their first All-Ireland title, no Dublin player made that inaugural selection but Mayo's Johnny Carey was named at corner-back.

Dublin footballers didn't receive their first All-Stars awards until 1974– Paddy Cullen, Seán Doherty, Robbie Kelleher, Paddy Reilly, David Hickey and Jimmy Keaveney receiving honours.

2011 saw the GAA and Gaelic Players Association form a joint All-Stars scheme with the support of Opel Ireland and while journalists still select the two All-Stars teams, the annual Player of the Year Awards are chosen by the county players themselves.

IRELAND'S OLYMPIANS AND MORE AT THE GAA MUSEUM

The 'Ireland's Olympians' exhibition at the GAA Museum showcases and celebrates the sportsmen and sportswomen who have successfully represented Ireland at the Olympics.

The exhibition features medals and memorabilia from many of Ireland's Olympic medallists, including the medal won by Jack B Yeats at the 1924 Paris Games in the Arts and Literature Category for his painting 'The Liffey Swim'.

Also on display is Ireland's first boxing medal won by John McNally in Helsinki in 1952 and Michael Carruth's boxing gold from 1992. This unique exhibition is open daily until March 2017 and free entry to the GAA Museum is included with all Croke Park Stadium Tour and Etihad Skyline Tour tickets.

Both Croke Park Stadium Tours and Etihad Skyline Tours operate daily throughout the year and depart from the GAA Museum. Extra family activities are also

scheduled for the Halloween midterm break and a special visit from Santa Claus is planned for the festive season!

For further information on the Santa Experience at Croke Park or for ticket prices and tour times visit

www.crokepark.ie/gaa-museum



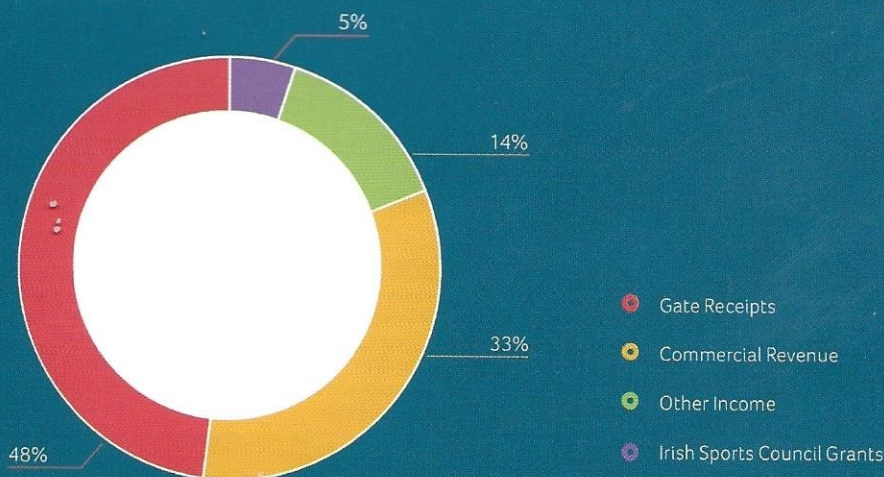
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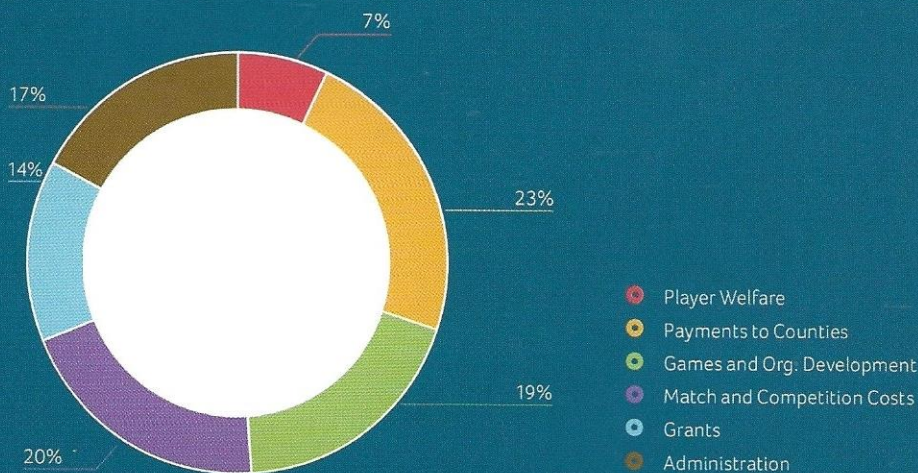
Whether it is supporting the ambitions of our Clubs, Counties and Provinces on and off the field, assisting Schools and Colleges, providing coaches to work with juveniles and backing Player Welfare - these are just some of the important initiatives that are greatly enhanced by the support we receive from our members who are the lifeblood of who we are.

At a time of unprecedented popularity for Gaelic games and with more Clubs than ever before operating overseas, the GAA is striving to ensure that Our Future is bright and filled with promise

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MARTIN BREHENY



DUBLIN 1-15

MAYO 1-14

ALL-IRELAND SFC FINAL REPLAY

FIRST to the facts, warm and comforting for the winners, cold and miserable for the losers. Dublin are All-Ireland champions for the 26th time and proud holders of two-in-a-row for the first time since 1977 after remaining unbeaten in 16 League and Championship games this season.

Mayo's wait for an All-Ireland title will continue into a 66th year as their dismal run in senior finals extended to no wins from 10 attempts since 1989.

Each of those finals brings its own painful memories but on a league table for misery, Saturday's setback is a prime contender for the No 1 slot.

Dislodging what may be the best team ever produced by Dublin was always going to be a massive challenge, but over the draw and replay Mayo proved they were ready for it.

Unfortunately for them, they also demonstrated an alarming capacity to self-destruct by committing a series of avoidable errors.

Three separate examples from Saturday evening illustrate the point. Firstly, they dropped David Clarke, favourite for the All-Star goalkeeping position; secondly, his replacement, Robert Hennelly had a dreadful evening; thirdly, Cillian O'Connor, normally the most reliable of place-kickers, missed a chance to level it up at the end.

RHYTHM

Was it the weight of history that made a man who had earlier pointed nine frees lose his rhythm as he lined up the crucial kick deep in stoppage-time?

Was it the fact that he hadn't played for Mayo since the Connacht semi-final defeat by Galway in mid-June that made Hennelly twitchy under a routine catch in the 41st minute? The side left Paddy Andrews with a clear goal chance, which was denied by a drag-down, leaving Hennelly facing dismissal.

Clarke did his best to get to Diarmuid Connolly's penalty kick but it was sufficiently well-placed to become the priceless goal which, in all probability, won the game for Dublin. What was going through Stephen Rochford's head as he watched that minute of madness play such an important role in the game? He explained afterwards that changing goalies was a judgement call, prompted by kick-out considerations.

Basically, management felt that Hennelly's deliveries would suit the occasion better. That's despite losing faith in him after the defeat by Galway and choosing Clarke for the six subsequent games, during which he established himself as odds-on favourite for the All-Star honour.

The gamble failed spectacularly. Hennelly's kick-outs were poor - one of them sucked Lee Keegan into trouble, which led to his black-card dismissal just before half-time - while the error which led to the penalty had a devastating impact on Mayo.

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The sides were level at the time, but Mayo had made the brighter start to the second half (they trailed 0-10 to 1-6 at half-time) and looked to be building up an impressive momentum. In fairness to them, Dublin's goal, and the circumstances which led to it, didn't demoralise Mayo but it greatly increased an already heavy workload.

And when they looked to the bench for back-up to help with the task, the quality didn't compare to what Jim Gavin was able to unleash.

He despatched Bernard Brogan, Michael Darragh Macauley and Cormac Costello into the action between the 47th and 56th minutes, a triple injection of poise, power and pace that had a significant impact.

Brogan, omitted from starting duty after an indifferent performance in the drawn game, increased Mayo's problems close to goal; Costello's pace stretched a tiring defence, enabling him to score three points, while Macauley's steaming runs also became an important factor.

And yet Dublin couldn't shake off gritty opponents, even when Costello's second point put the defending champions three clear on the hour mark.

As in the drawn game, Mayo's defiance intensified on the run-in and while they outscored Dublin 0-3 to 0-1 in that period, the chance to send the game to extra-time was squandered when O'Connor pulled the late free-kick wide.

Mayo's debrief will be painful. Their error count over the two games was too high, yet they came within a point of Dublin after 140 minutes of fascinating action.

The realisation that their own mistakes, rather than anything particularly special by Dublin, played such a central role in both games will be deeply frustrating.

All the more so since it comes after the misery of 2012, where early goals unhinged them against Donegal, the close call in 2013, when they lost the final by a point to Dublin, the disappointment of losing to Kerry in extra-time in 2014 and the heartbreak after being outgunned by Dublin in last year's replayed semi-final.

It's a horror pattern of such proportions that the more superstitious supporters really will believe that perhaps there is something to the famous 'curse' theory after all.

While Mayo reflect ruefully on the goalkeeping change and its serious consequences, Dublin are basking in the glory of an

achievement which was delivered without ever reaching full efficiency.

At no stage in either game did they display the command and control which enabled them to work through the severe difficulties they encountered against Kerry.

By dropping Brogan, Macauley and David Byrne from the starting line-up, Gavin showed that he had serious concerns after the drawn game.

His corrective measures worked, not least with Fitzsimons' introduction to defence, where he produced an outstanding performance.

Byrne didn't have long to wait for action, coming in for Jonny Cooper, who was dismissed on a black card in the 20th minute.

The change did not weaken Dublin to any obvious degree, unlike the in-pact Keegan's dismissal had on Mayo.

EMBELLISHED

Keegan was well on top in his battle with Connolly and further embellished an excellent opening half hour by firing in a smashing goal in the 18th minute.

His replacement, Stephen Coen, did well enough, without being anything like as difficult to handle as Keegan.

Maurice Deegan was technically correct on all three black cards but, as has become the norm this year, there were some other similar fouls which didn't draw the same sanctions.

It resulted in more misery, leaving them with a deep sense of dismay for the long winter months ahead.

SCORERS - Dublin: D Rock 0-9 (7fs), D Connolly 1-1 (1-0 pen), C Costello 0-3, K McManamon, B Brogan 0-1 each. **Mayo:** C O'Connor 0-9 (9fs), L Keegan 1-0, P Durcan 0-2, A Moran, K McLoughlin, D O'Connor 0-1 each.

DUBLIN - S Cluxton; P McMahon, J Cooper, M Fitzsimons; J McCarthy, C O'Sullivan, J Small; B Fenton, P Flynn; D Connolly, K McManamon, D Kilkenny; P Mannion, D Rock, P Andrews. **Subs:** D Byrne for Cooper (20 b/c), B Brogan for Andrews (47), MD Macauley for Mannion (52), C Costello for McManamon (56), E Lowndes for Small (60), D Daly for O'Sullivan (72). **MAYO** - R Hennelly, B Harrison, D Vaughan, K Higgins; L Keegan, C Boyle, P Durcan; S O Shea, T Parsons; K McLoughlin, A O'Shea, D O'Connor; J Doherty, A Moran, C O'Connor. **Subs:** S Coen for Keegan (35 b/c), C O'Shea for Vaughan (ht), D Clarke for Hennelly (41b/c), B Moran for A Moran (55), A Dillon for Doherty (60), C Barrett for Boyle (71).

REF - M Deegan (Laois)