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# **MAIGH EO v TIOBRAID ÁRANN**

**Electric Ireland GAA Football All-Ireland Minor Championship Semi-Final**  
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SIDELINE OFFICIAL:

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MAIGH EO



TIOBRAID ÁRANN

AN RÉITEOIR:

David Coldrick (An Mhí)

LINESMEN:

Ciarán Branagan (An Dún) (STANDBY REF),

Seán Hurson (Tír Eoghain)

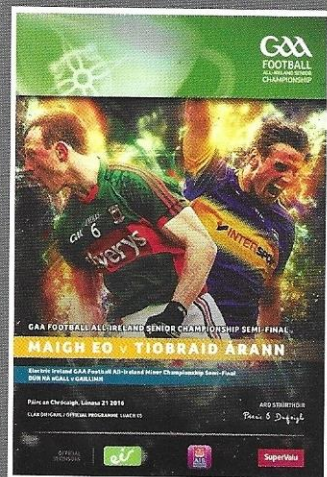
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## AN RÉITEOIR - MINOR

### JOHN HICKEY, CARLOW

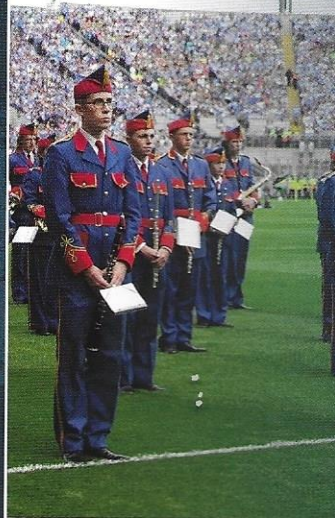
The latter stages of the Electric Ireland All-Ireland Minor Football Championship are familiar territory for the Fenagh clubman as last month John was the man-in-the-middle at Croke Park for the quarter-final between Kerry and Derry, and was also on duty 12 months ago for the Kerry-Sligo quarter-final at Tullamore. A member of the inter-county panel for four years, Hickey also had a Croke Park assignment earlier in the year for the AIB Intermediate Club final. Subsequently, the 43-year-old refereed three matches in the Allianz League while two matches in the EirGrid U21 Championship also came under his jurisdiction this spring.





# CLÁR AN LAE

## ARTANE BAND DAY



This year marks a very special occasion, as the Artane Band and the GAA celebrate the 130th anniversary of their first performance at a GAA match in 1886. Each year, the GAA and Artane School of Music celebrate 'Artane Band Day'. This is an opportunity to recognise the hard work of band members, parents and volunteers who work all year round to put a world famous band on the pitch in Croke Park every week. Today the Artane Senior Band will give extra performances both inside and outside the stadium.

- 13.08 **DÚN NA nGALL** amach ar an bpáirc
- 13.10 **GAILLIMH** amach ar an bpáirc
- 13.15 Oifigigh an chluiche amach ar an bpáirc
- 13.25 Coin toss
- 13.30 Tús an chluiche
- 14.02\* Leath-am
- 14.12\* Tús an dara leath
- 14.45\* Críoch an chluiche

*In the event of extra time in the Dún na nGall v Gaillimh game, Mayo v Tipperary throws-in at 15.45*

- 15.03 **MAIGH EO** amach ar an bpáirc
- 15.05 **TIOBRAID ÁRANN** amach ar an bpáirc
- 15.10 Oifigigh an chluiche amach ar an bpáirc
- 15.15 Coin toss
- 15.23 Parade
- 15.28 Amhrán na bhFiann – Artane Band
- 15.30 Tús an chluiche
- 16.08\* Leath-am
- 16.09\* Half-Time Exhibition Games
- 16.23\* Tús an dara leath
- 17.03\* Críoch an chluiche

\* Depending on 'added time'

## TALL TREES

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Mayo band Tall Trees have enjoyed runaway success in recent months and continue to make headway, playing some of Ireland's largest venues this month. The five band members formed while at secondary school in Swinford and will be entertaining us today at half-time in the senior game.

## AN RÉITEOIR - SENIOR

### DAVID COLDRICK, MEATH

Surprisingly for a referee who handled four matches at Croke Park last year including the AIB Club final and last September's All-Ireland final, this will be Coldrick's first outing in the primary role at GAA Headquarters this season. However, the 14-year veteran of the inter-county panel has already been assigned four matches in the premier competition this season the most recent of which was the Ulster final. Earlier in the year four matches in the Allianz League were part of his remit, while it was in that competition last year that he last oversaw matches involving both Mayo and Tipperary.







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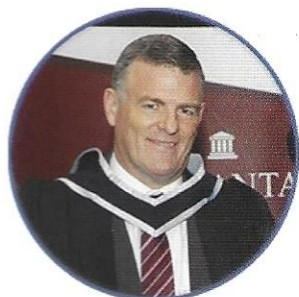
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# RÉAMHFHOCAL ÓN UACHTARÁN

**I**s pribhléid é dom an teachtaireacht seo a scríobh agus fáilte a chur romhaibh ar fad go Páirc an Chrócaigh.

It is a great privilege for me to be able to welcome you all here to Croke Park today for the first semi-final in the GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship.

Yet again the battle for the Sam Maguire has provided some great spectacles over the course of the summer and now that the great prize is on the horizon I fully expect the next few weeks to be very special.

**The road to September happens against the backdrop of the recently released Championship reform document from Ard Stiúrthóir Páraic Duffy.**

**It is a proposal that I fully endorse because it enhances the format that currently exists and would ensure that, not only would the best teams in a given year have to prove themselves against each other, but revenue from these games would be ring fenced to develop the game in less successful counties.**

A key element of this proposal is the fact that while there will be some extra games, these must be seen in the context of them taking place in a condensed inter-county season that would in turn leave more time for our club activity

which is something that I warmly welcome because we are committed to helping our clubs.

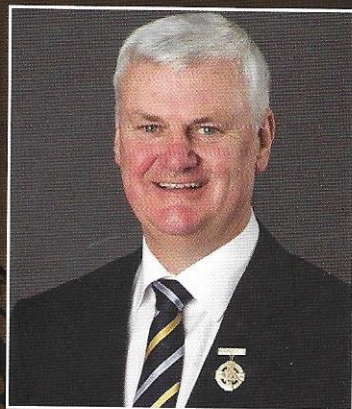
The Tipperary footballers have in many ways been the story of the summer with their stunning victories over Cork in Munster and especially Galway in the quarter-final. The manner in which they have embraced each challenge and have played the game has won admirers far and wide and this is a special day for all involved in Tipperary football.

Mayo have not won Connacht this year but they have used the qualifier route to regroup and recover and rejuvenate and they are in familiar territory as the yearning and quest for that first Sam Maguire since 1951 continues and they strive to deliver on their potential.

I want to acknowledge our supporters and assure you that your backing is something that the GAA values greatly.

It is worth remembering on big days like these at Croke Park that your support plays a crucial role in the work that is done year after year in funding coaches in your clubs and schools, financing county and club development projects and in securing the future of the GAA.

It is important too, that we acknowledge the support of our excellent football sponsors SuperValu, eir and AIB and I thank them for their backing at senior level. Similarly we



extend thanks to Electric Ireland who sponsor the All-Ireland Minor Football Championship which will see the gifted young men from Galway and Donegal meet in what is expected to be a high quality curtain raiser that gives us a glimpse into their rich futures this afternoon.

Finally, I want to recognise the commitment of our referees and match officials who, no more than our heroic players, make huge sacrifices of their own to make it to this stage.

Tá súil agam go mbaineann sibh taitneamh as cluichí an lae inniu agus go n-éirí libh ar fad idir foirne agus oifigigh chluiche.

Rath Dé ar an obair.

*Aogán Ó Fearghail*

Aogán Ó Fearghail  
Uachtarán  
Cumann Lúthchleas Gael





# TÁ CNÁMH DROMA SNA FIR SEO

**T**á an teacht-aniar ar thréith amháin atá thar a bheith láidir sna foirne a imreoidh a chéile i gCluiche Leathcheannais Sinsireach na hÉireann anseo inniu.

Faoin am a dtáinig lár mhí an Mheithimh bhí an gheim daingean a bhí acu ar Chraobh Chonnacht le 5 bliana roimhe scaoilte uathu ag Maigh Eo agus gan iad ábalta a scóráil ach an cúilín a fuair Cillian O'Connor sna 23 nóiméad deireanach sa teip sin in aghaidh na Gaillimhe

ar a bhfód féin i gCaisleán an Bharraigh.

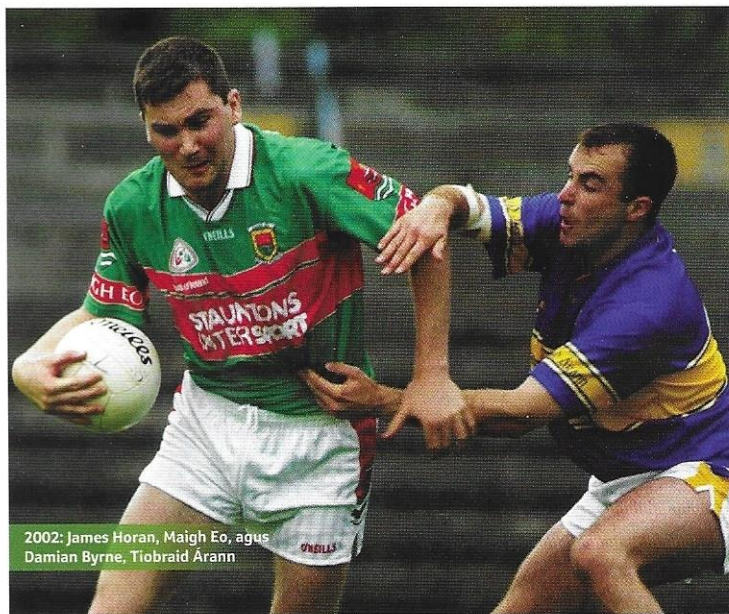
Anois agus iad ag brath ar na babhtaí cáilithe don chéad uair ó 2010, bhí droch-chuma ar chúrsaí agus iad 6 chúilín chun deireadh ar Fhear Manach ag leathama nuair a chuaigh siad chun páirce sna cluichí cáilithe sin ar an bpáirc chéanna, ach mar atá déanta ó shin acu, léirigh Maigh Eo misneach nuair ba ghéire a theastaigh a leithéid agus níor cheadaigh siad ach dhá chúilín d'Fhear Manach sa dara leath.

Faoin am a dtáinig an sos sna cluichí a lean, in aghaidh Chill Dara agus in aghaidh na hIarmhí, chinntigh foireann Stephen Rochford go raibh dóthain déanta faoin am a raibh leathama sroichte. Ceacht foghlamtha.

Ba sa bhabhta ceathrú ceannais in aghaidh Thír Eoghain anseo cúpla seachtain ó shin a throidedar an choimhlint ba fhíochmhaire. Agus 9 gcúl aimsithe acu go dtí sin, bhí sé thar a bheith deacair a theacht ar scóranna in aghaidh na dTuaisceartach – na foirne ar chomhscór trí huair sa gcéad leath agus 4 huair sa dara leath. Ceithre nóiméad a bhí fágtha an uair dheireanach a rabhadar amhlaidh, (0-12 an taobh), gur scóráil Lee Keegan an cúilín ciniúnach.

Bhí difríochtaí móra idir an dá bhua is iomráití a bhí ag Tiobraid Árann agus iad faoi bhealach chuig an lá stairiúil seo ag peileadóirí an chontae.

I gcluiche leathcheannais na Mumhan in aghaidh Chorcaigh bhí na Tiobraidigh 3-13, 1-10 chun cinn nuair a scóráil Brian Fox cúl dóibh agus beagán faoi bhun deich nóiméad fanta, ach díreach ina dhiaidh cheadaigh siad 1-6 dá gcéilí comhraic, a tháinig ar



2002: James Horan, Maigh Eo, agus Damian Byrne, Tiobraid Árann

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chomhscór leo nuair a fuair Paul Kerrigan cúilín sa 69ú nóiméad.

Ach chinntigh cic 45m a chuir Kevin O'Halloran thar an trasnán agus cic saor a thóg an fear céanna bua Thiobraid Árann 3-15, 2-16 agus d'fhág nach obair in aisce a bhí déanta ag a chomrádaithe roimhe sin.

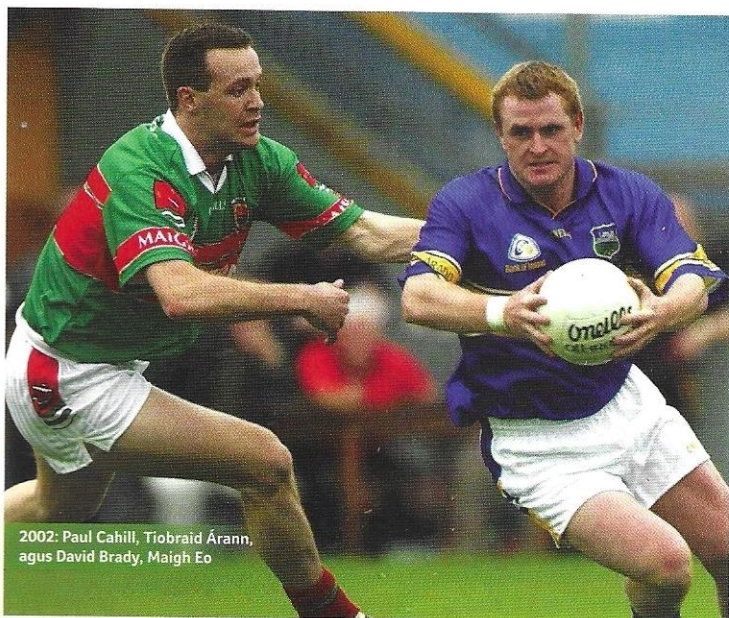
Anseo cúpla seachtain ó shin bhí Thiobraid Árann 9 gcúilín chun cinn ar Ghaillimh agus 40 nóiméad imeartha déanta i mbabhta ceathrú ceannais na hÉireann. Bhí a gceacht foghlaimthe acu siúd in aghaidh Chorcaigh agus in áit luí ar na maidí, scórail Conor Sweeney cúl eile agus ba é cúilín Robbie Kiely ón taobhlíne a chuir barr smais ar a mbua 3-13, 1-10.

Fáilte ar ais roimh Thiobraid Árann mar sin chuig Páirc an Chrócaigh, áit ar imir siad go deireadh i mbabhta leathcheannais i 1935, nuair a bhuaigh an Cábhán orthu 1-7, 0-8 – ba iad na Tiobraidigh a bhí chun cinn go bhfuair Hughie Reilly cúl lena dhorn agus an t-am caite.

Bhain Maigh Eo cluiche leatheannais na hÉireann amach an bhliain sin freisin, ach gur bhuaigh Cill Dara orthusan 2-6, 0-7.

Seo an 3ú huair ag Tiobraid Árann agus ag Maigh Eo a chéile a imirt i gCluiche Leathcheannais Shinsireach na hÉireann, cé go gcaithfidh tú dul siar beagnach 100 bliain lena n-aimsíú. Na Muimhnigh a bhuaigh an péire – cluichí leathcheannais 1918 agus 1920, (cé gur fhág cúrsaí cogaióchta go raibh sé bliain nó dhó níos deireanaí ná sin nuair a déanadh an imirt). Bhíodar lena chéile a imirt freisin i mbabhta leathcheannais 1921, ach chinn ar Thiobraid Árann foireann a chur chun páirce.

Seachas sin is é an cluiche sa dara babhta cáilithe i 2002 an t-aon uair ar imir siad a chéile sa Chraobhchomórtas. Ar Pháirc an Chíosogaigh in Inis, bhuaigh Maigh Eo 0-21, 1-14. Ba iad Declan Browne (0-7) agus Peter Lambert (1-4) ba mhí a rinne scórail do na cailteoirí. Scórail James Horan 0-5 do na buaiteoirí, an t-ionadaí Ciarán McDonald 0-4, David Brady 0-4, Stephen Carolan 0-3, Trevor Mortimer (0-2) agus James Gill, Brian Maloney agus Colm McManamon cúilín an duine.



2002: Paul Cahill, Tiobraid Árann, agus David Brady, Maigh Eo

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# HISTORY TELLS US TO EXPECT THE BEST IN SEMI-FINALS

**I**n the 1989 *Magill Magazine* feature on the Dublin team of the 1970s and their subsequent journeys through life over the decade that followed, a snippet of Mícheál Ó hEithir's commentary is recalled to invoke their most memorable 1977 All-Ireland semi-final with Kerry.

The action was still rolling when the legendary broadcaster momentarily paused to give context to how good it all felt.

"Twenty minutes of this left. Hallelujah!" he declared.

It may only have been the penultimate stage but it is undoubtedly the peak of, arguably, the greatest era of rivalry Gaelic football has known.

It is the starting point too for any discussion on greatest games, making just about every shortlist

irrespective of time or tastes.

Other games that make communal shortlists? You'll find a fair few All-Ireland semi-finals scattered through most, especially from the last decade or so.

How often has the 'greatest football game' catalogue been taken down off the shelf and pored over for the purpose of an update on the back of a modern day All-Ireland semi-final?

Straight away Tyrone's primal All-Ireland semi-final with Armagh in 2005 springs to mind, a game that scarcely offered up an item of possession at discounted rate.

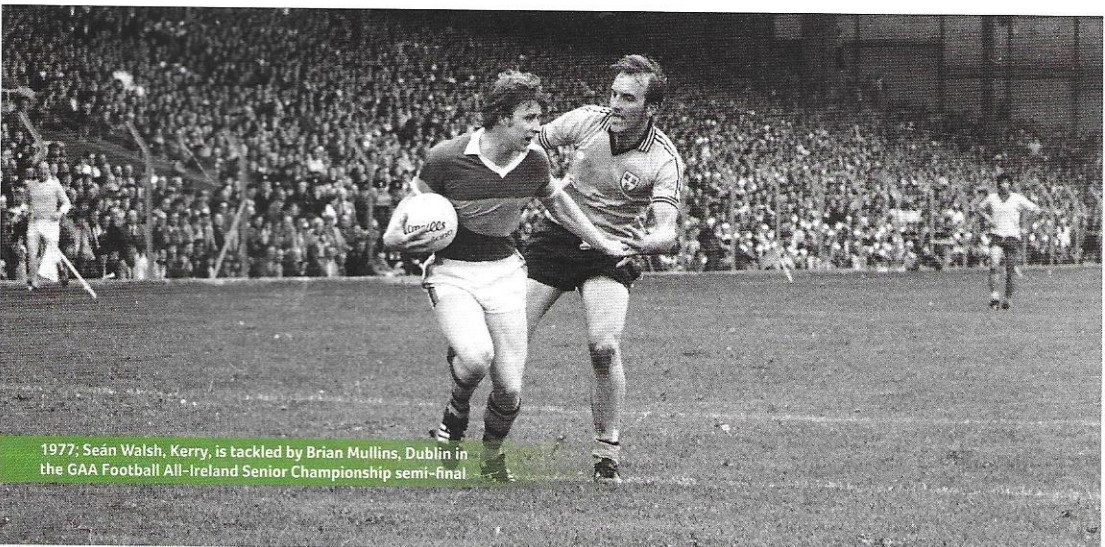
Every ball became a ferocious contest within a range of battles that fed into one of the most intense wars (should we just call it the most intense?) Croke Park has seen in the modern age.

Fittingly, it was decided by Peter Canavan's nerveless conversion from a free right at the death, the memory of Owen Mulligan handing the ball and responsibility over to him a reminder of the esteem in which Canavan, a substitute on the day, was held.

"Thank God the wee man stepped up to take it. I was never so glad to see him come running in all my life," quipped Mulligan afterwards.

The counties had engaged in quite a spiteful rivalry up to that point, their Ulster final replay at the same venue a month earlier producing so many distasteful flashpoints.

But come the occasion of an All-Ireland semi-final both sides just ditched the machismo and antagonism of the past and went at it to make for a most compelling spectacle.



1977: Seán Walsh, Kerry, is tackled by Brian Mullins, Dublin in the GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship semi-final.



A year later the 'greatest' file was being dusted down again, this time Mayo's last gasp victory over Dublin, courtesy of Ciarán McDonald's spectacular late winner after they had found themselves eight points down early in the second half.

The spark lit by Mayo's provocative occupation of the Hill 16 end for their warm-up rarely flickered and by the end, as McDonald coaxed over that kick from such an outrageous angle for a left-footer and Mark Vaughan's long-range free that followed failed to make the target to prise a draw for Dublin, the place was a blazing inferno.

For another renowned broadcaster, Mícheál Ó Muircheartaigh, that was the greatest game while former Meath footballer and TV and newspaper analyst Colm O'Rourke

declared that if he lived until 100 he wouldn't see better.

Yet O'Rourke had to wait just another seven years before that prediction had to be revised on the back of Dublin and Kerry's tantalising renewal of rivalry.

Kerry's blistering start was predicated on one of Colm Cooper's finest halves of football as his sublime vision created goals for Donnchadh Walsh and James O'Donoghue.

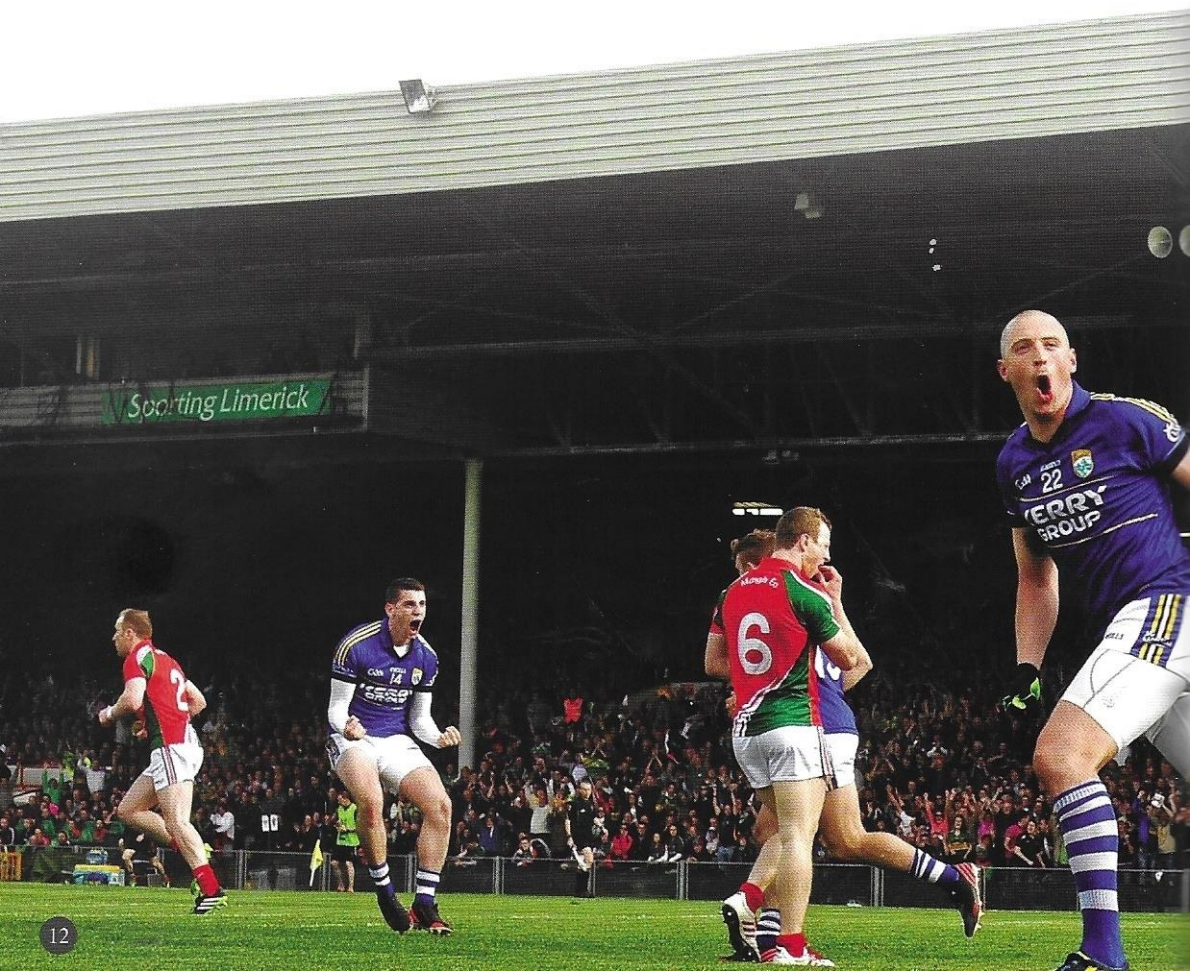
Cooper's step back and delivery for Walsh to create the O'Donoghue goal from play ranks right up there with any pass we've seen. But Dublin came roaring back each time and in the end surged clear with late goals from Kevin McManamon and Eoghan

O'Gara to win much less convincingly than the scoreline suggested.

This time it was Jimmy Keaveney providing the superlative to relegate that '77 game, in which he was a Dublin protagonist.

That 2013 instalment was the high point of a sequence of great All-Ireland semi-finals in this decade that have far eclipsed most of the cagey finals after and even quarter-finals before them.

In 12 semi-finals since 2010 you could make a case for most being memorable in their own right, the 0-8 to 0-6 Dublin/Donegal game in 2011 for different reasons than any other. But even that, for all the negative reaction, held its own brand of curiosity for so long.





Maybe the other 2011 and 2013 semi-final between Kerry and Mayo and Tyrone and Mayo respectively requires a few more pushes of the refresh button but the others hold their own in any company.

In 2012 it could be argued that the package of Donegal/Cork and Dublin/Mayo was the best there had been. Donegal were comfortable in the second half but the opening period had been tit-for-tat all the way until Mark McHugh's point before the break presented some slivers of daylight.

But within two years that package had been supplanted by perhaps the most engaging weekend of football there has been as Kerry engineered an extra-time replay win over Mayo

in the cauldron of Limerick's Gaelic Grounds on a hazy Saturday evening - the first football semi-final to be played outside Croke Park for 31 years - before Donegal 'shook up the world' with their stunning 3-14 to 0-17 win over Dublin the next day that remains Jim Gavin's only championship defeat as Dublin manager.

Like last weekend's hurling action it promotes the idea, something contained in the GAA's most recent document proposing championship reform, that having both semi-finals on the same weekend can work well.

What is it though about All-Ireland football semi-finals making great, maybe even the greatest, of games?

Obviously they, in theory and almost always in practice, put the four best teams in each other's company and traditionally the top level has contained anything between three and five teams.

And by this stage of the season peak performance needs to be reached so we're seeing the best of the best players.

But above all it's a mindset, a natural instinct to go for something with the finish line in sight and override structure and order, to throw off those inhibitions.

So we have every right to anticipate something special over the next two weekends if the decade so far is anything to go by. Semi-finals just have that appeal.

Kieran Donaghy, Kerry, celebrates after scoring his side's first goal in the 2014 GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship semi-final replay at the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick





# LIVING THE DREAM

**I**t is days like this that made the dreamer's dream. And the fact that these days remain a rarity happen to make the dreams more special.

Back at the start of this century when a major restructuring of the All-Ireland Football Championship took place there were many who believed it would open up a whole new vista. The opportunities provided by a second chance saloon offered up all sorts of possibilities for those who rarely ventured into the inter-county countryside after July.

Some did avail of the new opportunities. Teams embarked on journeys that brought them to destinations never before visited.

Croke Park became filled with accents previously only heard in provincial venues.

But, when it came to late August and the clashes of the last four, almost all the faces and colours were familiar, with those rare exceptions.

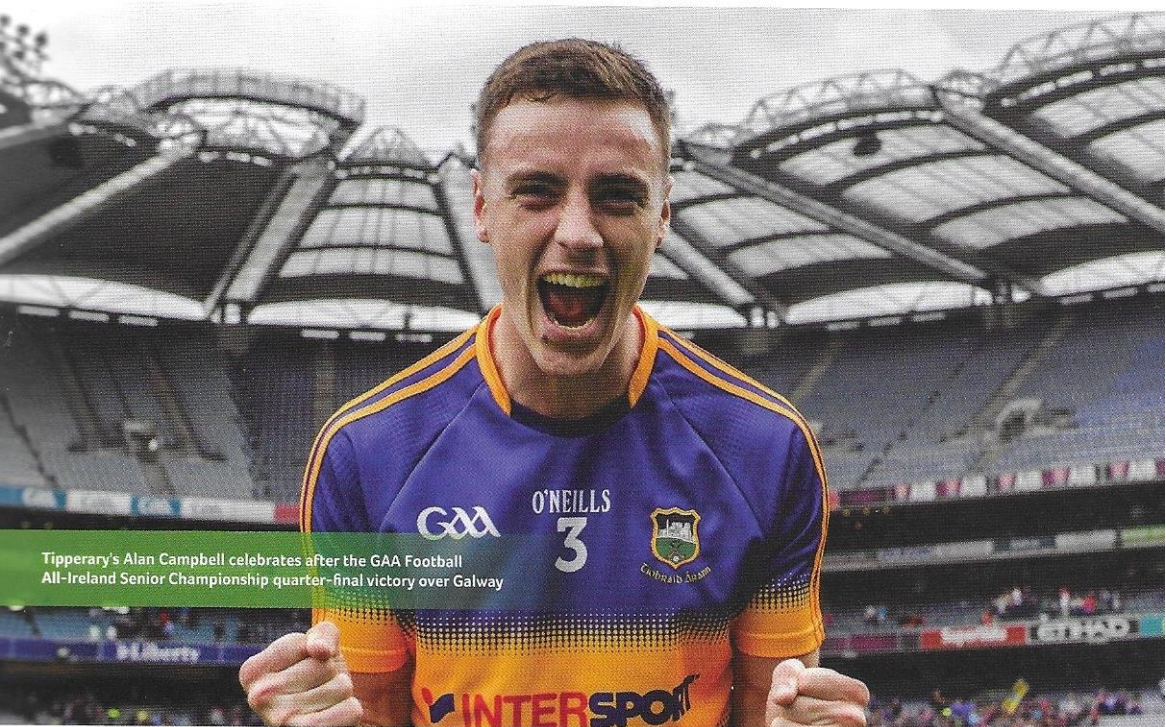
Today Tipperary are the rarity and the exception. They join a very short list, Fermanagh and Wexford being the other inclusions, of teams that have used the new structures to bridge massive gaps to their last appearances at the semi-final stage of the football championship.

Tipp's romance with this campaign also mirrors the

experiences of others in the pre-qualifier era who managed to escape the stranglehold of the traditional powers and bridged long gaps between appearances in the All-Ireland series.

Tipperary last performed at this altitude way back in 1935. They qualified then after beating Cork in the Munster final by 2-8 to 1-2 and newspaper reports on the game suggest that football then was not totally dissimilar to now.

Citing "finesse" as Tipperary's strong point that day the *Irish Press* reported: "How much this supremacy counted in Tipperary's favour can be judged from the fact that they did not bring the ball across midfield into their opponents' territory for



Tipperary's Alan Campbell celebrates after the GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship quarter-final victory over Galway



Wexford's Matty Forde in action against Tyrone in the 2008 GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship semi-final



the first quarter of an hour in the second half; still they scored two goals four points to Cork's one goal one point in that moiety."

Tipperary have shown much greater finesse under the stewardship of Liam Kearns this term and have embraced the qualifiers. That has not always been the way. Indeed, Tipperary was one of the counties that did not take advantage of the second chance until the new structures had been well established. They only won one game in the series before 2009.

Fermanagh were the trail-blazers. Despite never winning a provincial title, they contested their first ever All-Ireland semi-final against Mayo in 2004. Their first meeting ended in a draw, 0-9 each, before the genius that was Ciarán McDonald ended their hopes.

Their victory against Armagh in the quarter-final is one of the never-to-be-forgotten moments in their history. Fermanagh player Colm Bradley described the experience in the local *Herald* newspaper: "Last Saturday was something special. It's amazing how a white ball and 30 guys running about a pitch can cause so much raw passion and emotion. Fermanagh people have always been proud of their football and last weekend they had their day in the sun."

Historically Wexford could point to a proud football tradition but they had not reached an All-Ireland football semi-final since 1945 and modern generations would regard it as a hurling county. But under Jason Ryan they made huge progress and in 2008 they strolled through the back door with a swagger to reach the last four.

Heavily defeated by Dublin in the



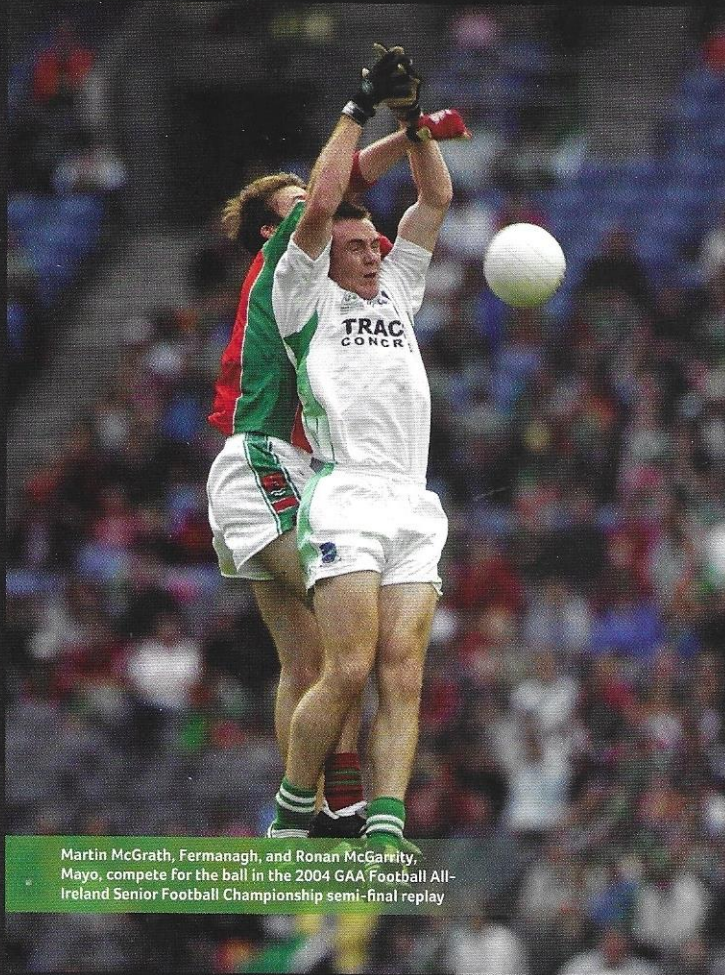
Leinster final they bounced back to beat both Down and Armagh before coming up against the might of Tyrone in the semi-final. And while that ended with a six-point defeat there were many who wondered what might have happened if ace forward Matty Forde had not missed the second half through injury.

One of those questioners was the *Independent's* Martin Breheny. "How much of a difference would Matty Forde have made in the second half? Wexford were getting more ball into their full-forward line than they did in the first half, but unfortunately for them, their best finisher had gone off injured."

The dynamic in the pre-qualifier era was naturally different. Then it required the often mammoth task of winning a provincial title to qualify for the All-Ireland stage. And such a rare achievement was (and still is) something special to celebrate wholly.

Few will forget the drama of Clare's Munster success in 1992 when goals by Colm Clancy and Martin Daly stunned mighty Kerry. It was their first provincial football success since 1917 and prompted the *Irish Press* to devote a section of its Editorial to the achievement. "Was there a dry eye in Clare last night? Will there be anyone in the county not nursing a celebration hangover this morning? The sporting shocks don't come any bigger than this – the David of the Gaelic football world slaying the Kerry Goliath.

"This was the stuff of which sporting dreams are made." When Kildare won the Leinster crown in 1998, their first since 1956, the celebrations went on for three days. An estimated 14,000 people lined the streets of Newbridge on the night after the



Martin McGrath, Fermanagh, and Ronan McGarrity, Mayo, compete for the ball in the 2004 GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Football Championship semi-final replay

final as the team made their way through the town on an open-topped bus.

They toured every club in the county the following day with the cup and there was a special media day held at the K-Club on the Wednesday.

The celebrations in Leitrim in 1994 were even more raucous when they captured the Nestor Cup for the first time since 1927. The emotions of that day were evident in the words of journalist Seán McGoldrick, a Leitrim native, then writing for *The Irish Press*.

After their victory over Mayo in the Connacht final he wrote: "For Mayo it was just another

Connacht final. But for Leitrim, five generations of emotional turmoil were crammed into 70 minutes of football. This success will do more for Leitrim's self confidence than the one million political promises they have heard over the past 60 years. Never did Larry Cunningham, with the rendition of 'Lovely Leitrim', sound so sweet as it did last night.

"Football may be only a game but it was a matter of life and death yesterday.

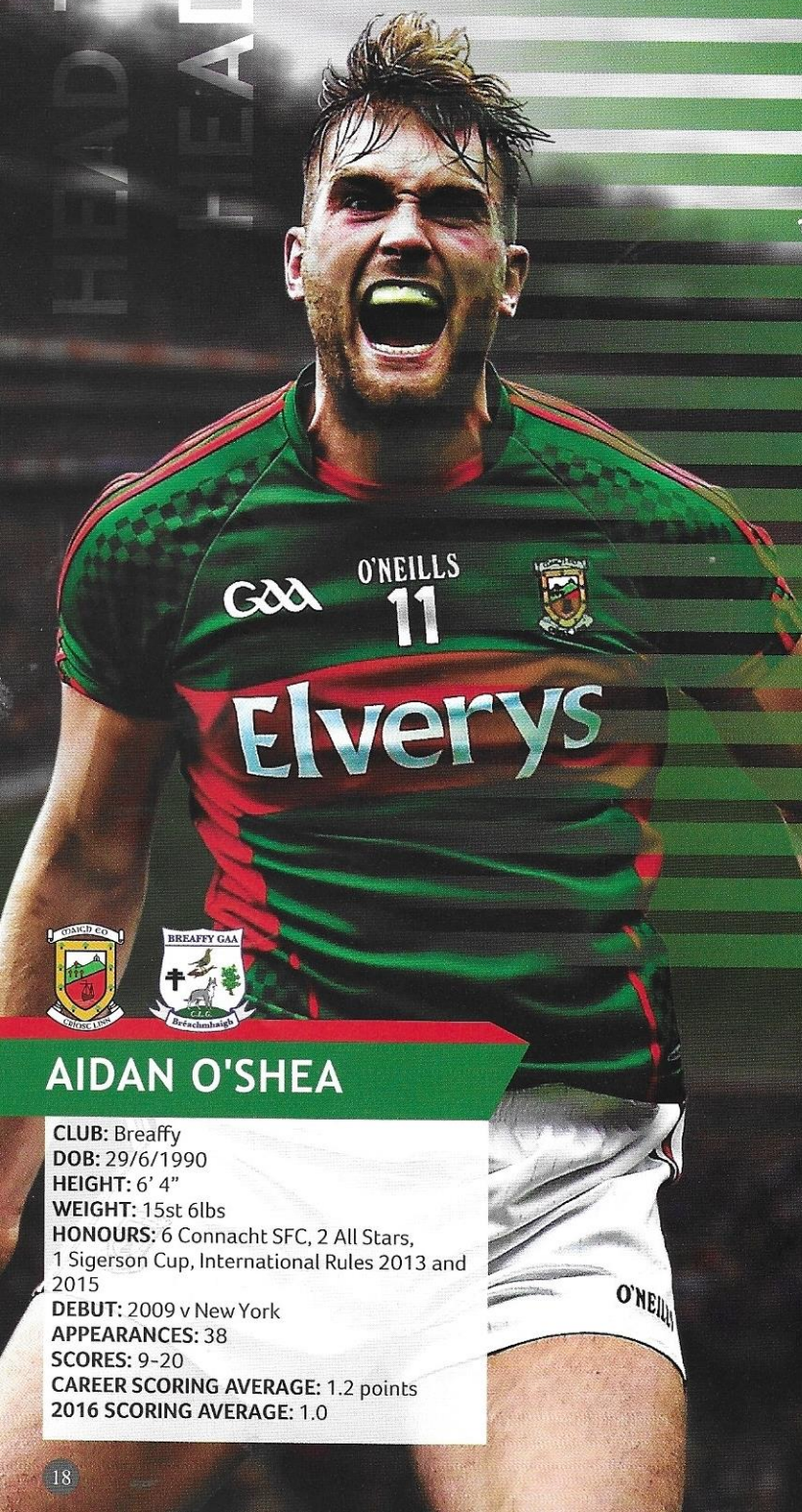
"We're happy to be alive."

The people of Sligo (1975), Monaghan (1979), Cavan (1997), Longford (1968), Donegal (1972) and Armagh (1977) will know exactly what he meant.



# STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF PERFORMANCE V TYRONE, AUGUST 6

HEAD TO HEAD



## AIDAN O'SHEA

**CLUB:** Breaffy  
**DOB:** 29/6/1990  
**HEIGHT:** 6' 4"  
**WEIGHT:** 15st 6lbs  
**HONOURS:** 6 Connacht SFC, 2 All Stars, 1 Sigerson Cup, International Rules 2013 and 2015  
**DEBUT:** 2009 v New York  
**APPEARANCES:** 38  
**SCORES:** 9-20  
**CAREER SCORING AVERAGE:** 1.2 points  
**2016 SCORING AVERAGE:** 1.0

27	TOTAL POINTS
26	TOTAL POSSESSIONS
9	POSSESSIONS IN PLAY
5	POSSESSIONS WON
14	POSSESSIONS LOST
13/13	HAND PASSES/SUCCESSFUL
6/6	KICK PASSES/SUCCESSFUL
2	POINT ATTEMPTS
1	POINTS SCORED
0	GOAL ATTEMPTS
4	POINTS FROM PLAY
1	WIDE POINTS
2/2	SOLO ATTEMPTS/SUCCESSFUL
3	LOSSES OF POSSESSION
6/3	CONTESTED CATCHES/SUCCESSFUL
1	INTERCEPTIONS
9/2	ATTEMPTED TACKLES/SUCCESSFUL
1	BLUES
3/2	FOULS COMMITTED

### CHAMPIONSHIP 2016

Connacht SFC v London: 0-1  
 Connacht SFC v Galway: 0-0  
 Round 2 v Fermanagh: 0-1  
 Round 3 v Kildare: 0-0  
 Round 4 v Westmeath: 1-0  
 Quarter-Final v Tyrone: 0-1  
**2016 Total: 1-3**



## STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF PERFORMANCE V GALWAY, JULY 31

PLAYS	25
SESSIONS	24
IN THE OPPOSITION 45	19
INSIDE OWN 45	0
MIDDLE THIRD	7
SUCCESSFUL HAND PASSES	9/9
SUCCESSFUL KICK PASSES	2/2
ATTEMPTS	11
SCORED	4
ATTEMPTS	3
ASSISTS	1
GOALS	1
SUCCESSFUL SOLOS	4/3
POSSESSION	3
SUCCESSFUL CATCHES	9/6
ATTEMPTS	0
SUCCESSFUL TACKLES	1/0
ATTEMPTS	0
FOULED/ FOULED	1/2

### CHAMPIONSHIP 2016

Munster SFC v Waterford: 0-4

Munster SFC v Cork: 1-3 (0-1f)

Munster SFC v Kerry: 0-3

Round 4 v Derry: 0-6 (0-4f)

Quarter-Final v Galway: 1-4 (0-1f)

2016 Total: 2-20 (0-6f)

## MICHAEL QUINLIVAN

**CLUB:** Clonmel Commercials

**DOB:** 15/2/1993

**HEIGHT:** 6'2"

**WEIGHT:** 13st 8lbs

**HONOURS:** 1 Munster MFC, 1 All-Ireland MFC  
1 Sigerson Cup, 2 Tipperary SFC, 1 Munster Club

**DEBUT:** 2012 v Kerry

**APPEARANCES:** 19

**SCORES:** 6-46

**CAREER SCORING AVERAGE:** 3.36

**2016 SCORING AVERAGE:** 5.2



# SEMI-FINALS 1995-2015



1995

<b>1995</b>	Tyrone	1-13	Galway	0-13
	Dublin	1-12	Cork	0-12
<b>1996</b>	Mayo	2-13	Kerry	1-10
	Meath	2-15	Tyrone	0-12
<b>1997</b>	Kerry	1-17	Cavan	1-10
	Mayo	0-13	Offaly	0-7
<b>1998</b>	Galway	0-16	Derry	1-8
	Kildare	0-13	Kerry	1-9
<b>1999</b>	Cork	2-12	Mayo	0-12
	Meath	0-15	Armagh	2-5
<b>2000</b>	Kerry	2-11	Armagh	2-11
<b>replay</b>	Kerry	2-15	Armagh	1-15
	Galway	0-15	Kildare	2-6
<b>2001</b>	Galway	1-14	Derry	1-11
	Meath	2-14	Kerry	0-5
<b>2002</b>	Kerry	3-19	Cork	2-7
	Armagh	1-14	Dublin	1-13
<b>2003</b>	Tyrone	0-13	Kerry	0-6
	Armagh	2-10	Donegal	1-9
<b>2004</b>	Mayo	0-9	Fermanagh	0-9
<b>replay</b>	Mayo	0-13	Fermanagh	1-8
	Kerry	1-17	Derry	1-11
<b>2005</b>	Kerry	1-19	Cork	0-9
	Tyrone	1-13	Armagh	1-12
<b>2006</b>	Kerry	0-16	Cork	0-10
	Mayo	1-16	Dublin	2-12
<b>2007</b>	Cork	1-16	Meath	0-9
	Kerry	1-15	Dublin	0-16
<b>2008</b>	Kerry	1-13	Cork	3-7
<b>replay</b>	Kerry	3-14	Cork	2-13
	Tyrone	0-23	Wexford	1-14
<b>2009</b>	Cork	1-13	Tyrone	0-11
	Kerry	2-8	Meath	1-7
<b>2010</b>	Cork	1-15	Dublin	1-14
	Down	1-16	Kildare	1-14
<b>2011</b>	Kerry	1-20	Mayo	1-11
	Dublin	0-8	Donegal	0-6
<b>2012</b>	Donegal	0-16	Cork	1-11
	Mayo	0-19	Dublin	0-16
<b>2013</b>	Mayo	1-16	Tyrone	0-13
	Dublin	3-18	Kerry	3-11
<b>2014</b>	Kerry	1-16	Mayo	1-16
<b>replay</b>	Kerry	3-16	Mayo	3-13
	Donegal	3-14	Dublin	0-17
<b>2015</b>	Kerry	0-18	Tyrone	1-11
	Dublin	2-12	Mayo	1-15
<b>replay</b>	Dublin	3-15	Mayo	1-14



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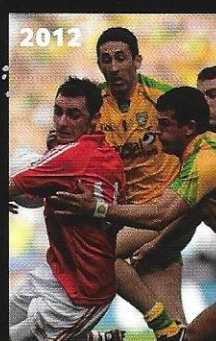
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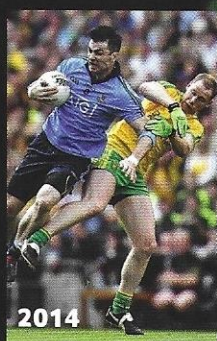
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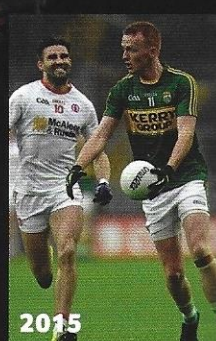
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# 2016 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SCOREBOARD

## 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

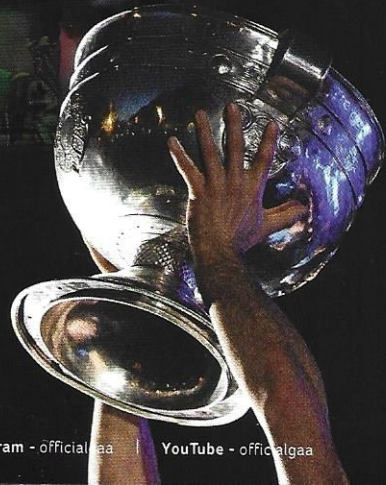
Roscommon	1-15	New York	0-17
Roscommon	1-21	Leitrim	0-11
Mayo	2-16	London	0-9
Roscommon	4-16	Sligo	2-13
Galway	1-12	Mayo	0-12
Final			
Galway	0-13	Roscommon	1-10
Galway	3-16	Roscommon	0-14 (replay)

## 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

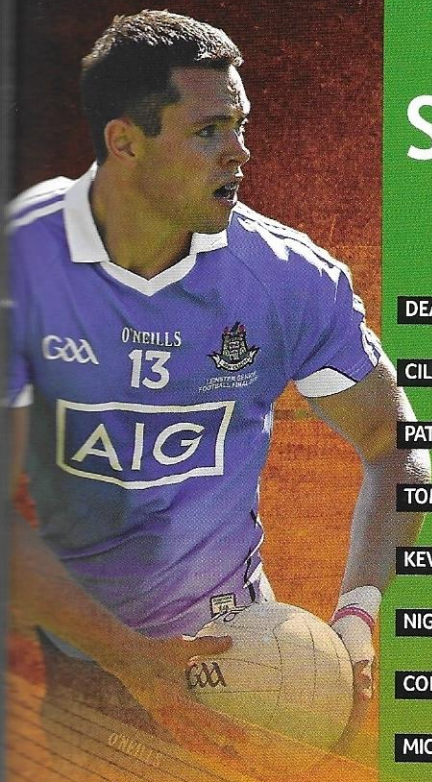




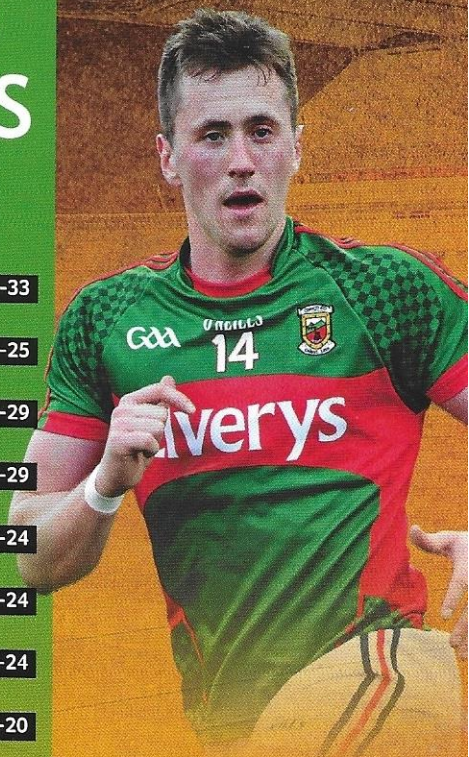
# TOP 10 SCORERS

## OVERALL

DEAN ROCK, DUBLIN	1-33
CILLIAN O'CONNOR, MAYO	2-25
PATRICK McBREARTY, DONEGAL	0-29
TOMÁS CORRIGAN, FERMANAGH	0-29
KEVIN O'HALLORAN, TIPPERARY	1-24
NIGEL DUNNE, OFFALY	1-24
CONOR McMANUS, MONAGHAN	1-24
MICHAEL QUINLIVAN, TIPPERARY	2-20
DAVID TUBRIDY, CLARE	2-20
CIARÁIN MURTAGH, ROSCOMMON	3-17



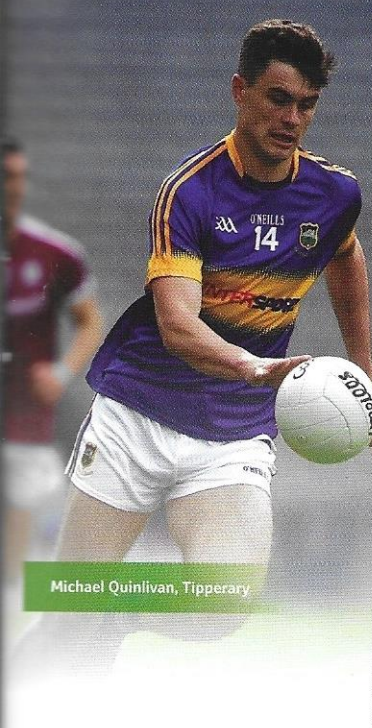
Dean Rock, Dublin



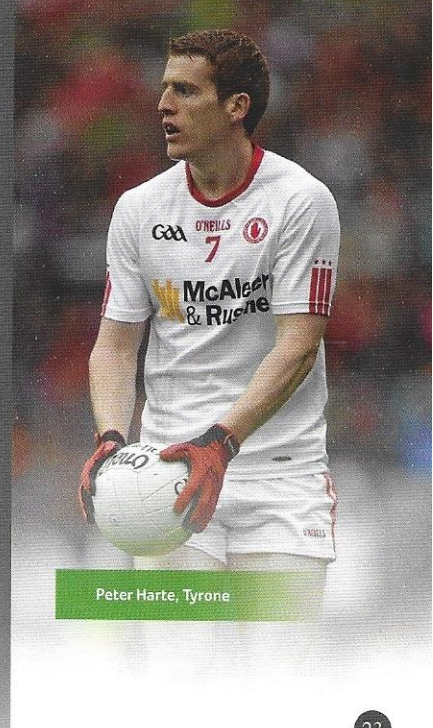
Cillian O'Connor, Mayo

## FROM PLAY

Michael Quinlivan, Tipperary	2-12
Peter Harte, Tyrone	3-8
Conor Sweeney, Tipperary	3-7
Paul Geaney, Kerry	2-9
Mark Collins, Cork	2-9
Patrick McBrearty, Donegal	0-14
Diarmuid Connolly, Dublin	1-11
Danny Cummins, Galway	2-8
Robbie Smyth, Longford	2-8
Mark Lynch, Derry	1-10
Paul Kerrigan, Cork	2-7
Odhrán Mac Niallais, Donegal	3-4



Michael Quinlivan, Tipperary



Peter Harte, Tyrone



# MAYO'S BEST YET TO COME?

**E**ventful' is probably the best word to accurately summarise Mayo's championship story so far this summer.

Dull moments have certainly been few and far between since Stephen Rochford and his team touched down in London for the start of their Connacht campaign back in May.

Little did they know what the future held as they signed autographs and posed for selfies as the carnival got into full swing on that balmy Sunday afternoon in Ruislip.

A 13 point victory over the Exiles had just got Mayo's defence of their Connacht title off to a solid (if not spectacular) start, and to the untrained eye they looked to be on course for a record-breaking sixth successive provincial title success.

But all was not as it seemed, and not long after Mayo returned from their London trip — which included a five-day training camp — things took a turn for the worse.

The 12 weeks since Mayo's summer started in England have gone by in a blur for the team and their followers with six matches ticked off already.

There have been five wins, a shock defeat to Galway, and no shortage of either drama or incident thrown in for good measure along the way.

Mayo fans — especially those 3,500 card-carrying members of the county's official supporters' club — have certainly got their money's worth!

Rochford and his management team have also had to deal with season-ending injuries to

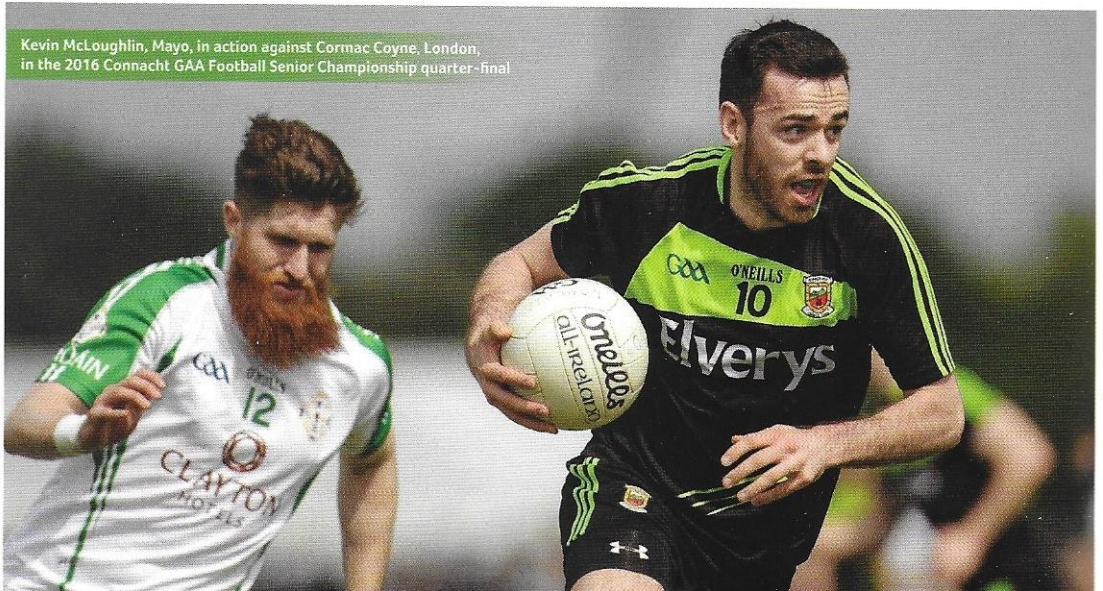
both Ger Cafferkey and Jason Gibbons, while Tom Parsons and Diarmuid O'Connor have both missed big games at crucial times with muscle tears and heavy knocks.

Six matches in 12 weeks has certainly helped to focus Mayo's minds and test their bodies to the limits, with a first-ever run through the Qualifiers to the All-Ireland semi-finals proof positive that they are nothing if not battle-hardened.

The long and winding road along the scenic route began after Mayo's surprise setback against Galway, the Tribesmen silencing their noisy neighbours on a Saturday evening that changed everything two months ago.

That loss was Mayo's first inside the Connacht boundaries for six years, and it cut their players, management and loyal supporters to the bone.

Kevin McLoughlin, Mayo, in action against Cormac Coyne, London, in the 2016 Connacht GAA Football Senior Championship quarter-final





To be truthful, nobody with a stake in Team Mayo's affairs was too sure what the future held as they trooped out of Elverys MacHale Park that evening. All bets were off.

The new management team had unveiled a new set-up against Galway in that semi-final; the main tenet of which involved deploying a sweeper (Kevin McLoughlin) to try and reduce the chances of conceding costly goals on big days.

The fact that Galway's win was partly shaped by a Tomás Flynn goal in the final quarter wasn't lost on anyone in the aftermath.

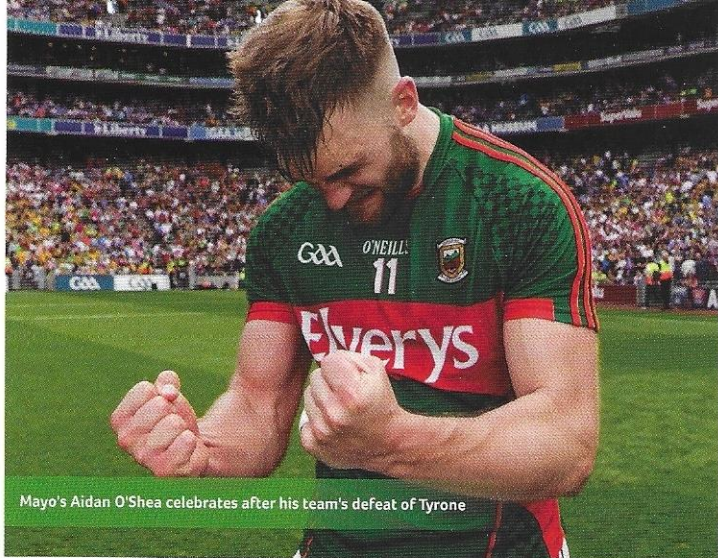
McLoughlin's execution of his new role, and Mayo's move towards playing a more possession-based game than in previous years, was analysed and examined from every possible angle. The team's critics had a field day.

A season that had promised so much for Mayo was now at a crossroads, and everybody inside their camp was under the spotlight.

Rochford and his coaching team of Tony McEntee, Donie Buckley and Seán Carey had three weeks to address the issues, and try to get the show back on the road.

Three straight victories in the All-Ireland Qualifiers over Fermanagh, Kildare and Westmeath did just that, with home draws for the first two matches definitely helping the healing process.

A number of Mayo players have spoken in recent weeks about how the training sessions and team meetings between their defeat to Galway and win over Fermanagh proved



Mayo's Aidan O'Shea celebrates after his team's defeat of Tyrone

to be instrumental in their renaissance.

There has been talk of 'skin and hair flying in practice games' and 'hard, brutal training sessions' as well as a strong sense that management and players spoke openly and honestly about the need for clarity and fine-tuning around their new system of play.

By the time the Fermanagh game rolled around at the start of July, the pressure on Mayo's players — from both inside and outside the group — was impossible to miss.

A crossroads had been reached and defeat was simply not an option.

The hysterical reaction to the penalty awarded to Aidan O'Shea during the second half of that Qualifier match against Fermanagh dominated the headlines afterwards, but there was only one thing that truly mattered to Mayo: the result.

A five-points win, allied to the fierce criticism that rained down on O'Shea from certain quarters, galvanised the group and helped to lay the foundation for their subsequent victories over both Kildare and Westmeath.

In all three of their outings in the Qualifiers, Mayo's performances were patchy and inconsistent. But they were still getting the job done.

"Those games were a means to an end really," remarked Stephen Rochford last week. "It was all about getting back to the quarter-finals."

That stage of the competition is where Mayo have done some of their best work in the last five years, and how they took down Tyrone two weeks ago was no different.

With some tactical innovation from management, a slicker implementation of their new system, a slice or two of good fortune, and some outstanding individual displays from the likes of Lee Keegan, Aidan O'Shea and Cillian O'Connor, Mayo edged the Ulster champions out after a titanic struggle.

And for the first time this summer, they delivered a display that suggested their best may be yet to come.

We will all be a little wiser by this evening.



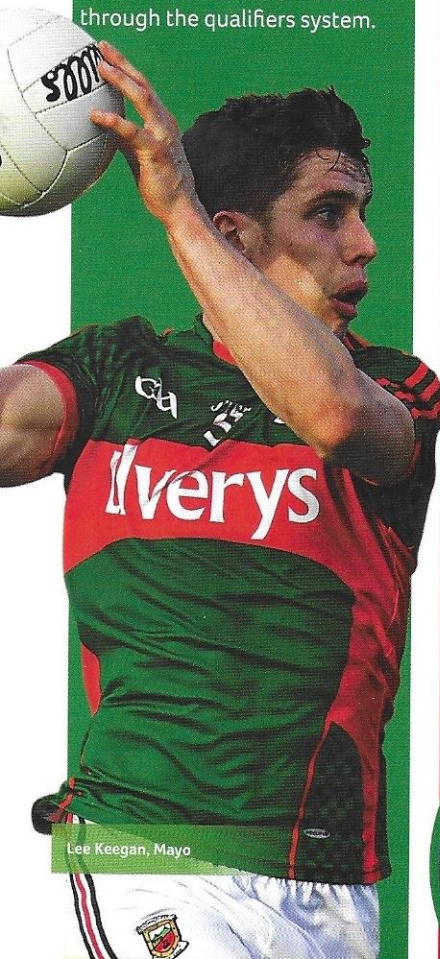
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## SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP STATISTICS



### DID YOU KNOW?

This is the first year since 2010 (when all four provincial champions were beaten in the quarter-finals) that two teams who have qualified through the back door of the All-Ireland series have met in an All-Ireland semi-final. With one of today's sides guaranteed to progress to the final, this year will also be the first since 2010, when Cork played Down in the final, that one of the finalists will not be the champions of their province and will instead have made it through the qualifiers system.



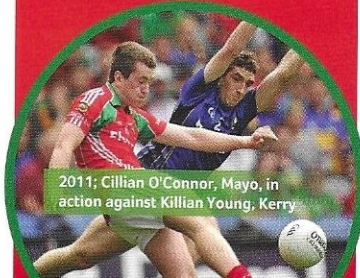
Lee Keegan, Mayo

### MAYO-BY THE NUMBERS

**6:** The number of All-Ireland semi-finals Mayo have reached in succession. The Westerners' current run started in 2011 and they have reached the last four in every season since then. Kerry have also been to every semi-final since 2011, but Dublin are out on their own and will contest their seventh successive semi-final next Sunday against the Kingdom.

**34:** The number of consecutive passes Mayo put together in one sequence late in the quarter-final against Tyrone as they defended a 0-13 to 0-12 lead. Mayo's decision to try and keep ball may have been a dangerous ploy, conceding late equalising chances to Cathal McCarron, Niall Morgan and Darren McCurry, but the policy paid dividends and the Westerners ultimately hung on for victory.

**44:** The number of plays man-of-the-match Lee Keegan made in the quarter-final defeat of Tyrone. As well as being the game's biggest influencer and shackling Tyrone dangerman Seán Cavanagh, the Westport dynamo kicked two key scores, including what proved to be the winner in the closing stages.



2011; Cillian O'Connor, Mayo, in action against Killian Young, Kerry

### HOUSE OF PAIN

Since Mayo embarked on their current run of success under James Horan in 2011, they have been regular visitors to Croke Park. In fact, today they are appearing at GAA Headquarters for the 23rd time in a six-year period, when you take into account Allianz League and Championship games.

While playing at Croke Park, other than in the three regulation Allianz League games against Dublin in this period, is usually an achievement in itself, the Jones' Road venue has, in general, been a relatively happy hunting ground for the Westerners, especially in the championship arena.

### CHAMPIONSHIP RECORD AT CROKE PARK 2011-2016

*Played 15, Won 9,  
Lost 4, Drew 2.*

### LEAGUE RECORD AT CROKE PARK 2011-2016

*Played 8, Lost 7, Won 1.*

### OVERALL RECORD AT CROKE PARK 2011-2016

*Played 23, Won 10,  
Lost 11, Drew 2.*



Conor Loftus, left, and Tom Parsons of Mayo celebrate after the victory over Tyrone





*We've really moved on from the Tyrone game and we are totally looking at Tipperary and the Michael Quinlivans and Conor Sweeneys of this world. That's where our focus is. It isn't above in Tyrone or Croke Park.*

**- STEPHEN ROCHFORD, MAYO MANAGER**



### PATH TO THE SEMI-FINAL

**DEFEATED** London 2-16 to 0-9  
**LOST TO** Galway 0-12 to 1-12  
**DEFEATED** Fermanagh 2-14 to 1-12  
**DEFEATED** Kildare 2-17 to 0-14  
**DEFEATED** Westmeath 3-15 to 1-14  
**DEFEATED** Tyrone 0-13 to 0-12  
**Scored 9-87, Conceded 3-73**

### SCORERS

Cillian O'Connor	2-25
Evan Regan	1-16
Diarmuid O'Connor	1-7
Jason Doherty	2-4
Aidan O'Shea	1-3
Andy Moran	0-5
Lee Keegan	0-5
Conor Loftus	1-2
Alan Freeman	1-1
Alan Dillon	0-3
Colm Boyle	0-3
Stephen Coen	0-2
Kevin McLoughlin	0-2
Keith Higgins	0-2
Patrick Durcan	0-2
Tom Parsons	0-2
Rob Hennelly	0-1
Conor O'Shea	0-1
Donal Vaughan	0-1

### SCORING BREAKDOWN

Play (71%)

Frees (21%)

Pens (5%)

45s (3%)

### TIMELINE

#### 2006:

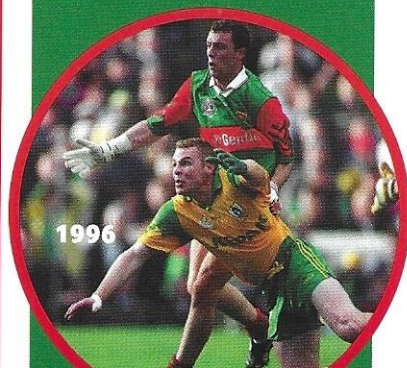
Mayo regained the Connacht title by defeating London, Leitrim and Galway. In the quarter-final Laois took them to a replay while Dublin also provided a stern test a round later, but their efforts to bridge the gap back to 1951 were ruthlessly dashed by Kerry in the final.

#### 1996:

Another gallant campaign from Mayo that just came up short. London, Roscommon, Galway and Kerry were all overcome and for an hour against Meath in the final Mayo looked certain victors. Alas the Royals rallied to earn a draw and won the replay by a point.

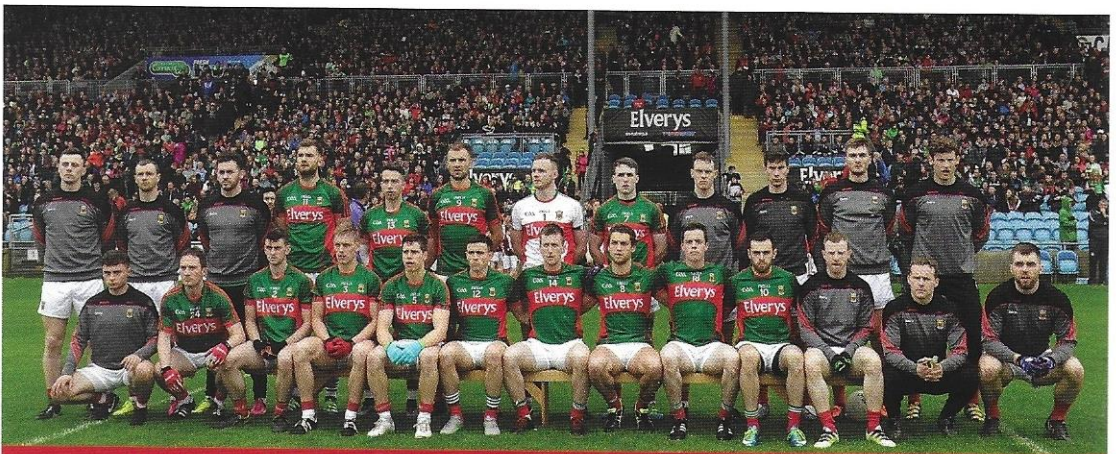
#### 1986:

Mayo's campaign was over by mid-June as an easy win over London was followed by a narrow loss to Roscommon at Castlebar. The combination of 17 wides from the hosts and Tony McManus' early goal saw the reigning provincial champions lose out by 0-12 to 1-11.

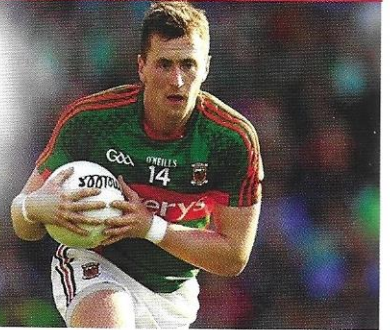
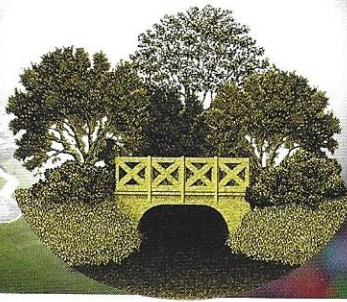
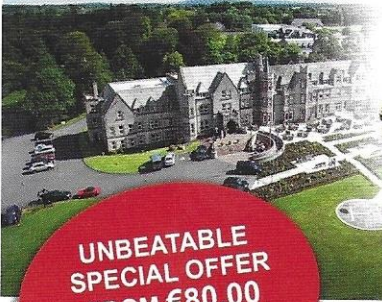


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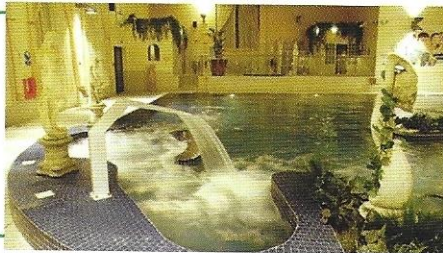
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### CILLIAN O'CONNOR

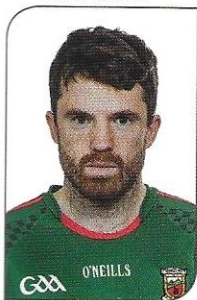


Club		Date of Birth	Height	Weight	C/ship Debut
Ballintubber		13/5/1992	6' 1"	13st 7lbs	2011

### AN CAPTAEN

	Club	Date of Birth	Height	Weight	C/ship Debut
<b>CHRIS BARRETT</b>	Belmullet	2/4/1987	5' 10"	13st	2010
<b>COLM BOYLE</b>	Davitts	29/7/1986	5' 9"	12st 8lbs	2008
<b>DAVID CLARKE</b>	Ballina Stephenites	27/11/1983	6' 2"	14st 2lbs	2005
<b>STEPHEN COEN</b>	Hollymount Carramore	11/12/1995	6' 1"	13st 3lbs	2015
<b>ALAN DILLON</b>	Ballintubber	28/9/1983	5' 11"	12st 2lbs	2003

**CHRIS BARRETT**



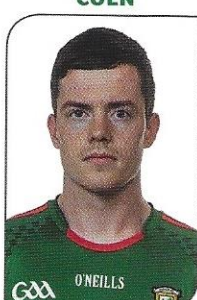
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**DAVID CLARKE**



**STEPHEN COEN**



**ALAN DILLON**





	Club	Date of Birth	Height	Weight	C/ship Debut
<b>JASON DOHERTY</b>	Burrishoole	21/11/1989	5' 11"	13st	2011
<b>PATRICK DURCAN</b>	Castlebar Mitchels	27/9/1994	6'	12st 13lbs	2015
<b>ALAN FREEMAN</b>	Aghamore	15/2/1989	6' 1"	14st	2010
<b>BRENDAN HARRISON</b>	Aghamore	21/10/1992	6'	12st	2014
<b>ROBERT HENNELLY</b>	Breaffy	8/3/1990	6' 1"	15st	2011

**JASON DOHERTY**



**PATRICK DURCAN**



**ALAN FREEMAN**



**BRENDAN HARRISON**



**ROBERT HENNELLY**



<b>KEITH HIGGINS</b>	Ballyhaunis	25/2/1985	5' 11"	12st	2005
<b>KEVIN KEANE</b>	Westport	3/9/1990	6'	13st 12lbs	2012
<b>LEE KEEGAN</b>	Westport	25/10/1989	5' 9"	13st 1lb	2011
<b>CONOR LOFTUS</b>	Crossmolina	8/7/1995	6'	12st	2016
<b>KEVIN McLOUGHLIN</b>	Knockmore	3/5/1989	5' 11"	13st	2009

**KEITH HIGGINS**



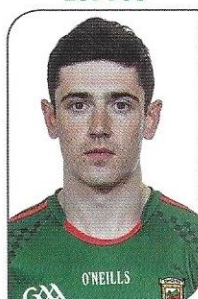
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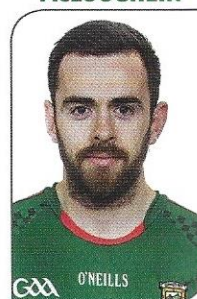
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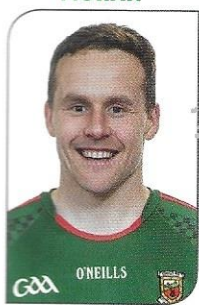
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	Club	Date of Birth	Height	Weight	C/ship Debut
<b>ANDY MORAN</b>	Ballaghaderreen	2/11/1983	5' 10"	13st 3lbs	2004
<b>BARRY MORAN</b>	Castlebar Mitchels	12/5/1986	6' 5"	15st	2005
<b>SHANE NALLY</b>	Garrymore	7/10/1990	6' 1"	13st 5lbs	2016
<b>DIARMUID O'CONNOR</b>	Ballintubber	10/1/1995	6' 1"	14st	2014
<b>AIDAN O'SHEA</b>	Breaffy	29/6/1990	6' 4"	15st 6lbs	2009

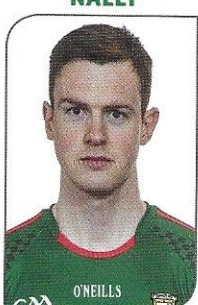
**ANDY MORAN**



**BARRY MORAN**



**SHANE NALLY**



**DIARMUID O'CONNOR**



**AIDAN O'SHEA**



<b>CONOR O'SHEA</b>	Breaffy	13/5/1993	6' 3"	14st	2014
<b>SÉAMUS O'SHEA</b>	Breaffy	17/3/1987	6' 2"	15st	2010
<b>TOM PARSONS</b>	Charlestown	20/2/1988	6' 3"	14st 2lbs	2008
<b>EVAN REGAN</b>	Ballina Stephenites	19/5/1993	5' 11"	13st 5lbs	2016
<b>DONAL VAUGHAN</b>	Ballinrobe	15/12/1988	6' 2"	14st 5lbs	2009

**CONOR O'SHEA**



**SÉAMUS O'SHEA**



**TOM PARSONS**



**EVAN REGAN**



**DONAL VAUGHAN**







# MAIGH EO

## FIR IONAIÐ

- 16. Riobearð Ó hlonnaile  
ROBERT HENNELLY  
*Breaiffy*
- 17. Criostóir Baróid  
CHRIS BARRETT  
*Belmullet*
- 18. Tomás Mac an Phearsúin  
TOM PARSONS  
*Charlestown*
- 19. Stiofáin Ó Cadháin  
STEPHEN COEN  
*Hollymount/Carramore*
- 20. Éimhín Ó Réigín  
EVAN REGAN  
*Ballina Stephenites*
- 21. Seán Mac an Fhailghigh  
SHANE NALLY  
*Garrymore*
- 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. Conchúr Ó Lachtáin  
CONOR LOFTUS  
*Crossmolina*

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

1st Half					
2nd Half					
Total	CUIL	CILINÍ	SEACHAI	15M	SADÍE CÍCFANNA



1

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

2

Breandán  
Ó Hearchai  
**BRENDAN HARRISON**  
*Aghamore*

3

Caoimhín  
Ó Caithain  
**KEVIN KEANE**  
*Westport*

4

Céit  
Ó hUiginn  
**KEITH HIGGINS**  
*Ballyhaunis*

5

Lee  
Mac Aogáin  
**LEE KEEGAN**  
*Westport*

6

Colm  
Baoill  
**COLM BOYLE**  
*Davitts*

7

Pádraig  
Ó Duarcáin  
**PATRICK DURCAN**  
*Castlebar Mitchels*

8

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

9

Donal  
Ó Beachain  
**DONAL VAUGHAN**  
*Ballinrobe*

10

Caoimhín  
Mac Lochlainn  
**KEVIN McLOUGHLIN**  
*Knockmore*

11

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

12

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

13

Iasán  
Dochartaigh  
**JASON DOHERTY**  
*Burrishoole*

14

Aindriú  
Ó Moráin  
**ANDY MORAN**  
*Ballagherreen*

15

Cillian  
Ó Conchúir (C.)  
**CILLIAN O'CONNOR**  
*Ballintubber*





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Mac Cumascaigh  
**EVAN COMERFORD**  
*Kilsheelan Kilcash*

**2**

Colm  
Ó Seachnasaigh  
**COLM O'SHAUGHNESSY**  
*Ardfinnan*

**3**

Ailéin  
Mac Cathmhaoil  
**ALAN CAMPBELL**  
*Moyle Rovers*

**4**

Ciarán  
Mac Dónaill  
**CIARÁN McDONALD**  
*Aherlow*

**5**

Liam  
Ó Meachair  
**BILL MAHER**  
*Kilsheelan Kilcash*

**6**

Roibeard  
Ó Cadhla  
**ROBBIE KIELY**  
*Carbery Rangers*

**7**

Séamus  
Ó Fiacháin  
**JIMMY FEEHAN**  
*Killenaule*

**8**

Peadar  
Acheson (C.)  
**PETER ACHESON**  
*Moyle Rovers*

**9**

Seoirse  
Ó hAnnagáin  
**GEORGE HANNIGAN**  
*Shannon Rovers*

**10**

Iósua  
Ó Céin  
**JOSH KEANE**  
*Golden Kilfeacle*

**11**

Mícheál  
Caoinealbháin  
**MICHAEL QUINLIVAN**  
*Clonmel Commercials*

**12**

Briain  
Ó Sionnaigh  
**BRIAN FOX**  
*Éire Óg Annacarty*

**13**

Caoimhín  
Ó hAllúráin  
**KEVIN O'HALLORAN**  
*Portroe*

**14**

Conchúr  
Mac Suibhne  
**CONOR SWEENEY**  
*Ballyporeen*

**15**

Pilib  
Mac Aibhistín  
**PHILIP AUSTIN**  
*Borrisokane*

16. Ciarán Mac Eanraic  
CIARÁN KENRICK  
*Moyle Rovers*
17. Aléin Ó Maoldhomhnaigh  
ALAN MOLONEY  
*Rockwell Rovers*
18. Seán Ó Laochdha  
SHANE LEAHY  
*Arravale Rovers*
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## PLAYER PROFILES

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### PETER ACHESON

Club  
Moyle Rovers



Date of Birth  
15/3/1990

Height  
6'

Weight  
13st 8lbs

C/ship Debut  
2010

### AN CAPTAEN

	Club	Date of Birth	Height	Weight	C/ship Debut
<b>PHILIP AUSTIN</b>	Borrisokane	8/12/1986	6'	13st 4lbs	2006
<b>ALAN CAMPBELL</b>	Moyle Rovers	9/10/1991	6' 2"	13st 5lbs	2012
<b>EVAN COMERFORD</b>	Killsheelan Kilcash	18/1/1994	6' 5"	13st 7lbs	2015
<b>MARTIN DUNNE</b>	Moyle Rovers	12/8/1986	6' 1"	13st 5lbs	2012
<b>IAN FAHEY</b>	Clonmel Commercials	29/6/1994	6' 4"	14st 9lbs	2013

**PHILIP AUSTIN**



**ALAN CAMPBELL**



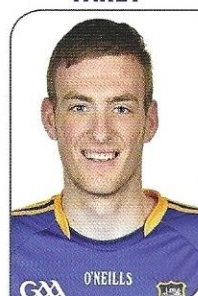
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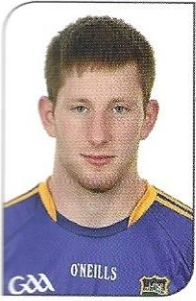
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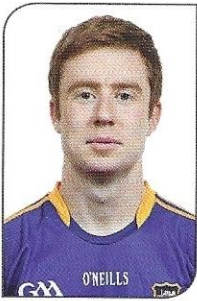


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<b>JIMMY FEEHAN</b>	Kilenaule	11/8/1995	6'	12st 9lbs	2015
<b>BRIAN FOX</b>	Éire Óg Annacarty-Donohill	19/7/1988	5' 10"	12st 4lbs	2009
<b>MARK HANLEY</b>	Aherlow	2/9/1991	5' 10"	13st 4lbs	2016
<b>GEORGE HANNIGAN</b>	Shannon Rovers	16/9/1987	6' 2"	14st 8lbs	2006
<b>BILLY HEWITT</b>	Ardfinnan	1/3/1992	5' 11"	13st 8lbs	2016

**JIMMY FEEHAN**



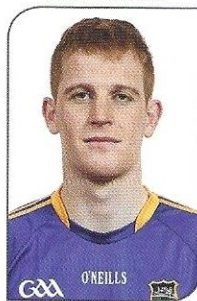
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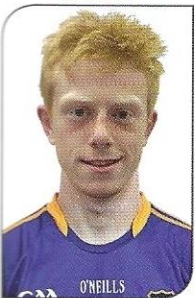


**BILLY HEWITT**



<b>JOSH KEANE</b>	Golden Kilfeacle	16/7/1995	6' 1"	13st 6lbs	2016
<b>CIARÁN KENRICK</b>	Moyle Rovers	22/11/1989	6' 1"	13st 2lbs	2015
<b>ROBBIE KIELY</b>	Carbery Rangers	16/12/1990	5' 10"	13st 3lbs	2011
<b>DONOUGH LEAHY</b>	Arravale Rovers	18/3/1992	5' 11"	14st 1lb	2012
<b>SHANE LEAHY</b>	Arravale Rovers	18/3/1992	5' 10"	13st 6lbs	2013

**JOSH KEANE**



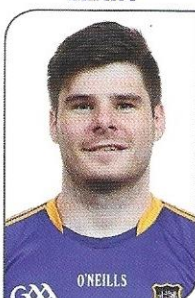
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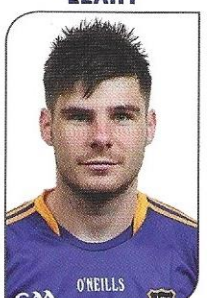
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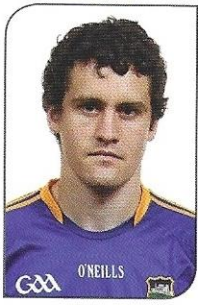
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<b>DONAL LYNCH</b>	Clonmel Commercials	7/2/1989	5' 11"	13st 4lbs	2012
<b>BILL MAHER</b>	Kilsheelan Kilcash	21/1/1994	5' 10"	12st 4lbs	2016
<b>CIARÁN McDONALD</b>	Aherlow	24/3/1989	6'	14st	2008
<b>ALAN MOLONEY</b>	Rockwell Rovers	31/3/1990	6' 4"	14st 2lbs	2009
<b>JOHN O'CALLAGHAN</b>	Ballyporeen	11/11/1992	6' 2"	13st 8lbs	2012

**DONAL LYNCH**



**BILL MAHER**



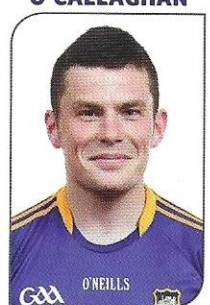
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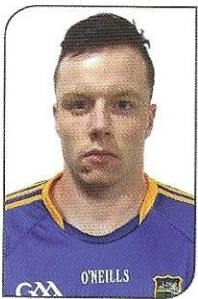


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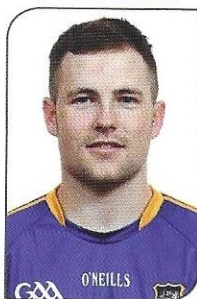


<b>NIALL DONOVAN</b>	Arravale Rovers	26/10/1991	6' 3"	14st 5lbs	N/A
<b>KEVIN O'HALLORAN</b>	Portroe	6/1/1994	5' 10"	11st 9lbs	2015
<b>COLM O'SHAUGHNESSY</b>	Ardfinnan	27/12/1996	5' 11"	12st 6lbs	2015
<b>MICHAEL QUINLIVAN</b>	Clonmel Commercials	15/2/1993	6' 2"	13st 8lbs	2012
<b>CONOR SWEENEY</b>	Ballyporeen	29/3/1990	6' 2"	13st 8lbs	2010

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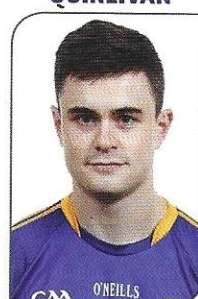
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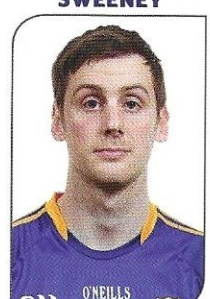
**COLM O'SHAUGHNESSY**



**MICHAEL QUINLIVAN**



**CONOR SWEENEY**





# TIOBRAID ÁRANN

## SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP STATISTICS



### DID YOU KNOW?

Links between Mayo and Tipperary are few and far between, but there is a firm playing connection between the two counties dating back 72 years. Prior to this year, the last time Tipperary beat Cork in the championship was in 1944, and Tipperary had a Mayo man in their side at full-back that day. Dick Winters, a Swinford native, described as a “powerfully built man who was steady as a rock under the high ball”, was working for the Sugar Co. in Thurles at the time. Many thanks to John O’Grady, who wrote a column for the *Tipperary Star* as ‘Cúlbaire’ from 1961-2013, for alerting us to the fact.

### TIPPERARY-BY THE NUMBERS

**14:** The number of years that have elapsed since Tipperary and Mayo last clashed in a competitive (Allianz League or championship) fixture. The sides’ last meeting was a Round 4 Qualifier in 2002, which Mayo won by 0-21 to 1-14 at Cusack Park in Ennis.

**42:** The staggering number of shots Tipperary had in their quarter-final defeat of Galway, yielding a scoring return of 3-13. Remarkably, 10 of those attempts were on goals, producing 3-2. Michael Quinlivan was the Premier County’s busiest forward with 14 attempts yielding a personal tally of 1-4.

**81:** The number of years since Tipperary last reached an All-Ireland SFC semi-final, in 1935. Tipperary were beaten by Cavan, the eventual champions, by 1-7 to 0-8 in Croke Park that day. Thirteen years earlier, in 1922, was the last time Tipperary contested hurling and football All-Ireland semi-finals at senior level in the same year.

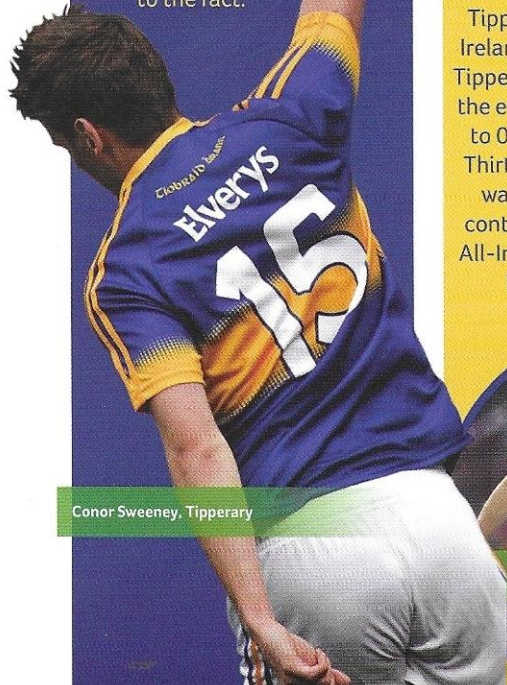
### TIPP IN THE QUALIFIER ERA

Reaching the semi-finals of the All-Ireland series (at least) this year is a monumental step forward for Tipperary football. Prior to the dawn of the qualifiers in 2001, their chances of progressing beyond Munster were restricted by the presence of Kerry and Cork in the provincial competition.

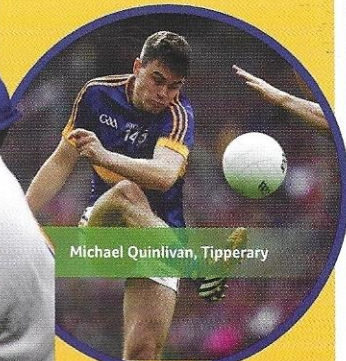
Since 2001, however, progress has been slow and this is the first year they have managed to make it to the All-Ireland series, despite coming close in 2002, 2012 and 2014.

### TIPPERARY’S QUALIFIERS RECORD 2001-2015

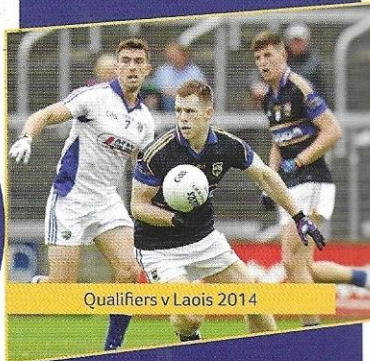
- Round 1:**  
2001, 2005, 2008, 2011, 2013
- Round 2:**  
2006, 2009, 2010
- Round 3:**  
2003, 2015
- Round 4:**  
2002, 2012, 2014
- Withdrew:**  
2004
- Tommy Murphy Cup:**  
2007



Conor Sweeney, Tipperary



Michael Quinlivan, Tipperary



Qualifiers v Laois 2014



*"We could do with a bigger band (of supporters), Tipperary is a big county and I hope the players will get the support they deserve in the semi-final because they are putting in a massive effort on behalf of the county."*

**- LIAM KEARNS, TIPPERARY MANAGER**

### PATH TO THE SEMI-FINAL

<b>DEFEATED</b>	Waterford 1-15 to 1-7
<b>DEFEATED</b>	Cork 3-15 to 2-16
<b>LOST TO</b>	Kerry 2-10 to 3-17
<b>DEFEATED</b>	Derry 1-21 to 2-17
<b>DEFEATED</b>	Galway 3-13 to 1-10

Scored 10-74, Conceded 9-67

### SCORERS

Kevin O'Halloran	1-24
Michael Quinlivan	2-20
Conor Sweeney	3-7
Peter Acheson	0-7
Brian Fox	1-3
Robbie Kiely	1-1
George Hannigan	0-3
Jimmy Feehan	1-0
Bill Maher	0-2
Josh Keane	0-2
Martin Dunne	0-1
Colm O'Shaughnessy	0-1
Ciarán McDonald	0-1
Alan Moloney	0-1
Philip Austin	0-1
Maurice O'Gorman (Waterford)	1-0og

### SCORING BREAKDOWN

Play (74%)

Frees (22%)

45s (4%)

### TIMELINE

#### 2006:

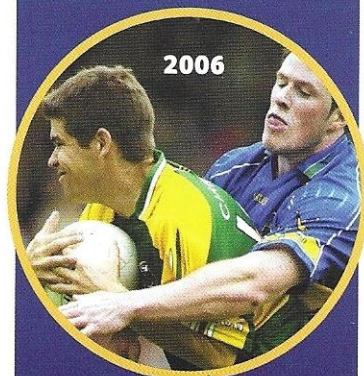
Tipperary's campaign opened against Kerry at Killarney. It looked ominous for Tipp as they conceded the first six scores but Robbie Costigan's goal helped them trail by just two at the break (1-3 to 0-8). Alas Kerry pulled clear after the restart to win by nine points. They were then well beaten by Longford in the Qualifiers.

#### 1996:

Another short campaign for Tipperary with again just a lone outing against Kerry as Páidí Ó Sé made his debut as manager. In dreadful conditions at Clonmel the hosts led at the break (1-4 to 0-5), but faded in the second period eventually succumbing by 1-7 to 2-15.

#### 1986:

At Clonmel, Tipp had an easy quarter-final win over Limerick (2-14 to 1-4), but the semi-final against Kerry at the same venue was a different proposition. The visitors, the reigning All-Ireland champions, scored five goals in the opening half on their way to a 5-9 to 0-12 victory.





# TIPPERARY FOOTBALL CREATING VIBRANT NEW CULTURE

**I**n the aftermath of Clonmel Commercials' late and dramatic Munster club final win against Nemo Rangers last November, Clonmel manager Charlie McGeever referred to a sense of history which had been building for close to a decade, and which had just been realised.

McGeever though, wasn't just speaking in isolation; Clonmel's journey had followed a similar path to the one forged by Tipperary football in recent years. "We have broken the mould," said McGeever. "We have mirrored ourselves on Tipperary in the sense that there are so many crossovers between the players. It shows the work that is being done. This is a win for Tipperary because nearly everybody that is contributing to Tipperary is contributing to Commercials."

The achievement was massive. Nemo were going for their 16th

Munster title. A Tipp club had never won the Munster club but Commercials' quality was a reflection of the potential within the county. That has completely been evident by the club's presence during the Tipperary underage football revolution over the last decade.

Commercials had four starters on the Tipp minor team which won the 2011 All-Ireland minor title, and three starters on the side which narrowly lost last year's All-Ireland U21 final to Tyrone. Two players from the club featured on the team which contested last year's All-Ireland minor final.

There is a clear correlation to Tipp's progress with the underage crusade Tipp have undertaken in the last decade. In that time, Tipp have contested seven Munster minor finals and seven Munster U21 finals, winning four titles from those 14 appearances. That record is even more impressive considering Tipperary only contested 15 provincial underage finals at minor and U21 in the preceding 77 years.

Some of those were breakthrough successes, with Tipp's first U21 title arriving in 2010. Tipp were a decent underage force from 1983 to 1987 when contesting four Munster finals, two minor and two U21. They won a minor title in 1984 before losing U21 finals to Cork and Kerry by one point in 1986 and 1987. That

success though, stemmed from one group of players whereas the current underage success has been far more sustained because the proper structures have been in place to facilitate that development and improvement.

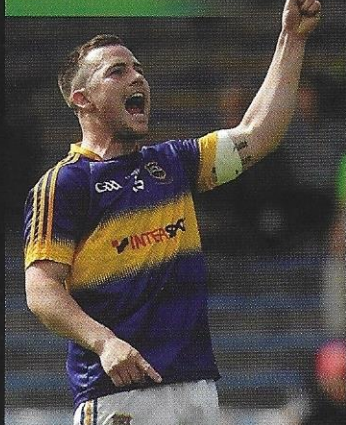
The biggest change has been the broad cultural spread of the game across the county. Three of last year's minor squad were from Drom & Inch, one of the strongest hurling clubs in the county. Eight of that Tipp squad also played in the All-Ireland minor hurling final two weeks before the football decider.

Kevin O'Halloran, who steered Tipp to victory over Cork in June, made it onto the Tipp team without ever having played club senior football. His club Portroe is a traditional hurling club in North Tipperary.

After playing well in a club U21 game against Shannon Rovers last year, O'Halloran got a call from Joe Hannigan, who is involved with 'Friends of Tipperary Football', asking him to come to U21 training that evening in Thurles. The call arrived at 6.40pm. Training was at 7.30. Hannigan picked up O'Halloran in Nenagh shortly afterwards and they didn't arrive in Thurles until 7.45pm. A few weeks later, O'Halloran was top scorer in the Munster U21 final win against Cork.

Tipp are absolutely maximising their resources but they've had to more than ever this year. When they played their first

Kevin O'Halloran, Tipperary





championship match against Waterford in May, Tipp were down 11 of the 21 players which featured in the same fixture 12 months earlier, including three young pillars around which new manager Liam Kearns would have been building his team; Colin O'Riordan, Steven O'Brien and Séamus Kennedy. O'Riordan is gone to the AFL with the Sydney Swans while Kennedy and O'Brien are with the senior hurlers.

The remainder of the absentee list was down to injury, travel, unavailability and retirement. Some of those injured players have returned but Kearns still had to mould a new structure in defence and midfield. Yet it also presented him, and the raft of U21s who came into the squad, with the opportunities to grow and develop those players. Jimmy Feehan is one who has really grasped that chance.

The overall development and progression though, has been fostered by the mindset of Tipperary footballers. Paul Galvin once said that he always felt Tipp never rated Kerry as highly as other counties did, which is why Kerry often took such satisfaction in beating them. Yet some of this generation have beaten Kerry at underage and the winning culture they have grown up in has only further strengthened their confidence and conviction as Tipperary footballers.

"They're not afraid of anybody," said Tipperary selector Tommy Toomey before the All-Ireland quarter-final. "They won't bow heads to anyone."

Tipperary football is creating a vibrant new culture. The mould at inter-county senior level hasn't been fully broken yet. But Tipp are getting there, smashing convention everywhere they turn.

Tipperary's Conor Sweeney and Michael Quinlivan (14) celebrate after their team's victory over Galway





# TIPPERARY ACHIEVEMENT SUMMONS GHOSTS OF THE PAST

"During slack moments of the game in every portion of the crowd, some intolerable bore could be heard relating obvious and uninteresting lies about his coolness on "Bloody Sunday," 1920. Croke Park will be cursed with the presence of these people for the next fifty years - one wonders how it held the million odd people who describe their adventures there on that fatal day..." - *Irish Independent*, September 10, 1923



TIPPERARY: MUNSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 1935

Back (L-R): Mick O'Sullivan, Mick Condon, Chris Allen, Tommy O'Keefe, N Scott, Jim Noonan, Kieran Holland, Tommy McDonald, Dick Power (capt.)  
Middle (L-R): Willie O'Dwyer (trainer), Bob McGann, Mick Morrissey, Dick Lonergan, Bill Purcell, Jim Williams, Walty Scott, Dick Allen.  
Front (L-R): Paddy Denny, Paddy O'Brien.

**T**he surrealness of finding Tipperary in an All-Ireland senior football semi-final is enhanced when we look back, deep into history, to the last times their football flame flickered to such an extent.

Tipperary last reached the senior semi-finals in both codes in the 1922 All-Ireland championships (played in 1923, due to the national tumult of the previous years). The above extract from the *Irish Independent* came the day after a double header in Croke Park, where the Tipperary footballers had lost to Sligo in the semi-final, and their hurlers had lost to Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final.

These were among the first games played in Croke Park in a free Ireland. In the story alongside the main report of the Tipperary double header, there is news of Ireland being accepted into the League of Nations. "Ireland will take her



Mick Cahill carried off the field after Tipperary's win over Kerry in Tipperary town in the 1928 Munster Football final

Photos  
Clare County Express

place amongst the other nations of the earth," the paper declares.

The next time Tipperary reached the All-Ireland football semi-final, 13 years later in 1935, was to be their last until this afternoon. They faced a fabled Cavan side on that occasion, and like they are against Mayo today, they were heavy outsiders.

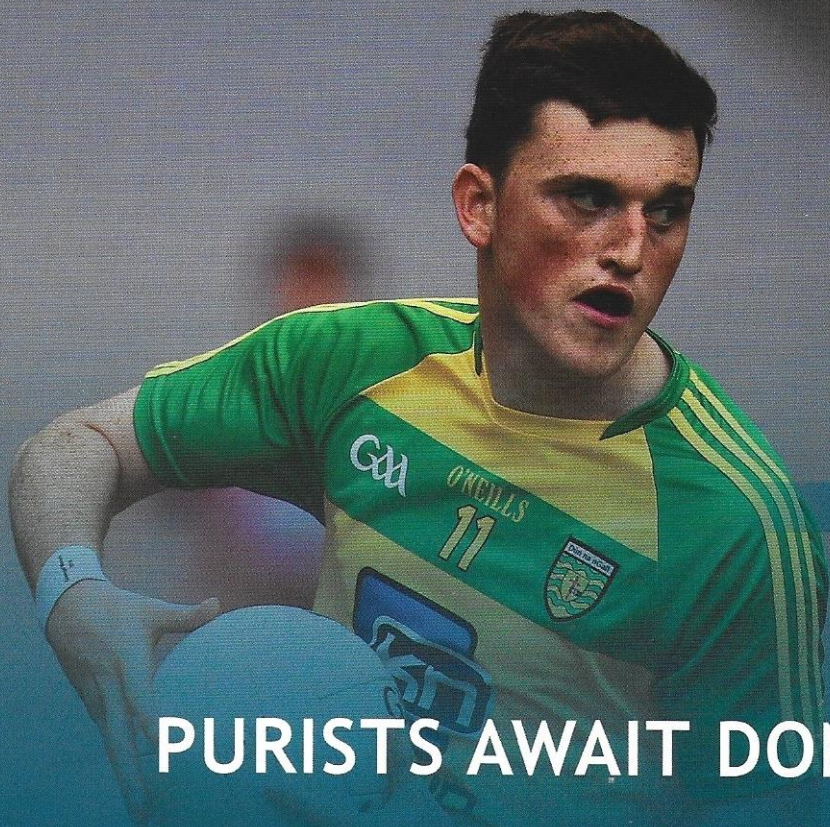
Yet they led for practically the entire game and it took a controversial last minute goal from Cavan to deny them on a 1-7 to 0-8 scoreline. The enigmatically named "Green Flag" wrote in the *Irish Press*: "...for most of the hour

the Ulstermen were struggling in the wake of a dashing lot of young Tipp footballers, who put up an extraordinary good show."

That wasn't quite the end of the affair. For several weeks afterwards, Tipperary objected vociferously to Cavan's win on several grounds, the main two relating to Cavan's goal and to the eligibility of Cavan talisman Jim Smith. The appeals ultimately failed and Cavan went on to beat Kildare in the All-Ireland final.

Such was the world and such were the ways when Tipperary last graced this stage.





Niall O'Donnell, Donegal

## PURISTS AWAIT DONEGAL

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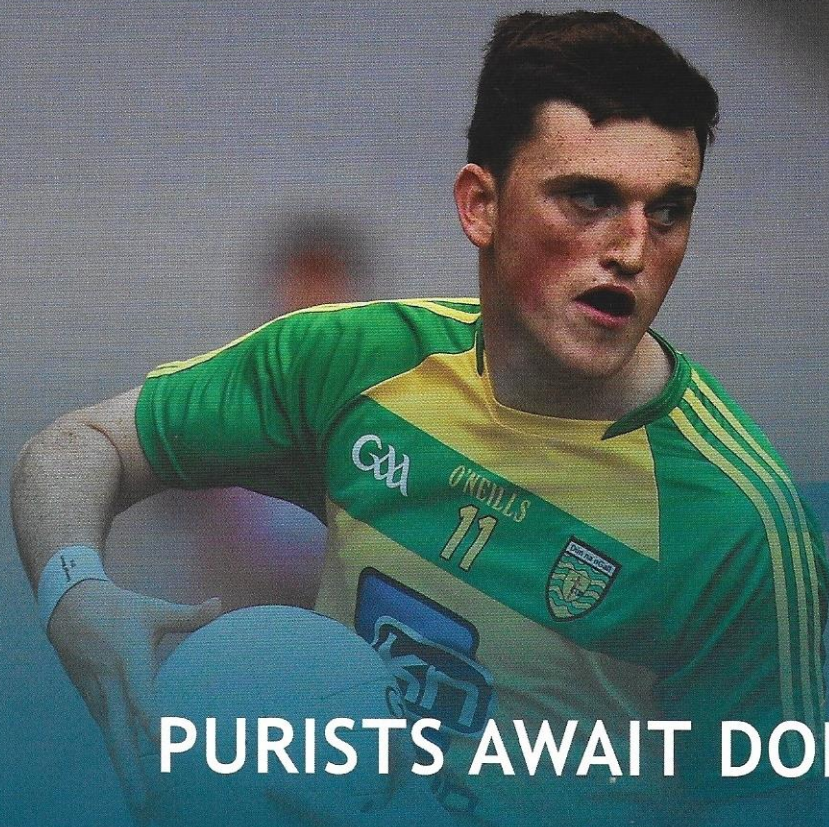
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Ryan Forde, Galway

## AND GALWAY ENCOUNTER

Like their county's senior side, Donegal are very well-organised and efficient. They have spread the scorers nicely this year and McGee, Mogan, McGettigan, Odhrán McFadden-Ferry and Aidan McLaughlin are all well capable of hitting the target at decisive times.

Their scorer-in-chief though is the exceptionally talented Niall O'Donnell, who has hit 1-18 (10 frees) in the four championship games to date. The St Eunan's man is highly regarded in Ulster, having starred at the last Ulster minor club championship hosted by the St Paul's club in Belfast. Donegal's physicality and tactical organisation will surely be tested by a slick Galway side that have yet to be really tested themselves this summer. Stephen Joyce's team retained their Connacht title with considerable ease, beating Roscommon (3-11 to 1-7) and

Mayo (1-9 to 0-6) to sweep to the crown.

They should have been tested more by Laois in the All-Ireland quarter-final three weeks ago, but the Leinster side's profligacy allowed Galway to coast to a 3-10 to 0-12 victory and into their first All-Ireland minor semi-final in five years.

Galway have scored very heavily so far this year. Including their Connacht minor league campaign, they have scored 19-97 in eight competitive matches, an average return of over 0-19 per game. Considering that Donegal have been relatively porous at the back in 2016, this is surely an element to be studied very carefully this afternoon.

In classic Galway tradition, Joyce's side possess a few killer forwards that have really caught the eye this summer. Evan Murphy

(Salihill-Knocknacarra) has been electric, hitting 3-9 in three games, nearly all of it from play. Still eligible for the minor grade next year, the Galway United soccer player is a serious prospect.

The number 11 is aided greatly up front by inside forwards Desmond Conneely and Robert Finnerty, who have hit 2-17 (2-11 of it from play) in their three outings this summer.

Finnian Ó Laoi and Ryan Forde, both survivors from last year's panel, are also key for Galway, who have been hit by injuries to Barry Goldrick (broken leg) and John Daly (cruciate knee ligament).

The winners of this game will face either Kerry or Kildare in the All-Ireland minor final, in itself a further nod to the traditionalists given that all four semi-finalists this year are champions of their provinces.



1st Half				
2nd Half				
Total	CUIL	CUILÍNÍ	SEACHAI	45M
				SAOR CICEANNA



# DÚN NA nGALL

## FIR IONAIÐ

16. Carl Ó Duinín  
CARL DUNNION  
*Seán Mac Cumhaill*
17. Seán Mac Craith  
SHANE McGRATH  
*Aodh Ruadh*
18. Odhrán Ó Siadhail  
ODHRÁN SHIELDS  
*Gaeil Fhánada*
19. Rian Ó Conchúir  
RYAN CONNORS  
*An Clochán Liath*
20. Gearóid Ó Maolmhuaidh  
GARY MOLLOY  
*Cill Chartha*
21. Briain Ó Domhnaill  
BRIAN O'DONNELL  
*Cill Chartha*
22. Stiofán Mac Giolla Cheara  
STEPHEN CARR  
*Gleann Fhinne*
23. Dónall Ó Laighin  
DANIEL LYONS  
*Cill Chartha*
24. Eoghan Mac Giolla Cheara  
EOGHAN CARR  
*Gael Fhánada*

ROGHNÓIRÍ:  
SEÁN PÓL Ó BAIRÉID  
(BAINISTEOIR),  
Lúcás Ó Bairéid,  
Noel Keaveney,  
Anthony Harkin

1

Gabhán  
Ó Maoilréana  
**GAVIN MULREANY**  
*Naomh Náille*

2

Seaghan  
Ó Fearraigh  
**SEAGHAN FERRY**  
*Gaoth Dobhair*

3

Aaron  
Mac Craith  
**AARON McCREA**  
*Na Ceithre Máistrí*

4

Marc  
Ó Curraín  
**MARK CURRAN**  
*An Clochán Liath*

5

Aaron  
Ó Dúibhne  
**AARON DEENEY**  
*Naomh Adhamhnáin*

6

SD  
Ó Baoill  
**JD BOYLE**  
*Naomh Conaill*

7

Aodhán  
Mac Lochlainn  
**AIDAN McLAUGHLIN**  
*Maigh*

8

Iasán  
Mac Aoidh (Joint C.)  
**JASON McGEE**  
*Cloich Cheann Fhaola*

9

Ciarán  
Ó Gallchóir  
**KIERAN GALLAGHER**  
*Naomh Conaill*

10

Nathan  
Ó Baoill  
**NATHAN BOYLE**  
*Aodh Ruadh*

11

Néill  
Ó Domhnaill (Joint C.)  
**NIALL O'DONNELL**  
*Naomh Adhamhnáin*

12

Éanna  
Mac Cormac  
**ENDA McCORMICK**  
*An Tearmainn*

13

Peadar  
Ó Mogan  
**PEADAR MOGAN**  
*Naomh Náille*

14

Eoghan  
Mac Eiteagain  
**EOGHAN McGETTIGAN**  
*Naomh Conaill*

15

Odhrán  
Mac Pháidín-Ó Fearraigh  
**ODHRÁN McFADDEN-FERRY**  
*Gaoth Dobhair*



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1st Half  
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Total

1

Cormac  
Ó hOsláin

**CORMAC HASLAM**

*Gleann na Madadh*

2

Eoghan  
Ó Dubhghiolla  
**EOGHAN DEELEY**

*Bóthar na Trá-Cnoc na Cathrach*

3

Seán  
Ó Maoilchiaráin  
**SEÁN MULKERRIN**

*Oileáin Arainn*

4

Eoin  
Mac Phaidín  
**EIOIN McFADDEN**

*Bóthar na Trá-Cnoc na Cathrach*

5

Adhamh  
Ó Cuirc  
**ADAM QUIRKE**

*Anach Cuain*

6

Ernán  
Mac Donncha  
**ERNÁN McDONAGH**

*Bearna*

7

Fionnán  
Ó Gairbhith  
**FIONNÁN GARVEY**

*Muine an Mhea-Mainistir*

8

Seán  
Ó Reachtaire  
**SEÁN RAFTERY**

*Gleann na Madadh*

9

Seán  
Ó Meachair  
**JOHN MAHER**

*Bóthar na Trá-Cnoc na Cathrach*

10

Finian  
Ó Laoi  
**FINIAN Ó LAOI**

*An Spidéal*

11

Éimhín  
Ó Murchú  
**EVAN MURPHY**

*Bóthar na Trá-Cnoc na Cathrach*

12

Riain  
Mac Giollarnáth  
**RYAN FORDE**

*Anach Cuain*

13

Roibeaird  
Ó Fiannachta  
**ROBERT FINNERTY**

*Bóthar na Trá-Cnoc na Cathrach*

14

Deasún  
Ó Conghaile (C.)  
**DESMOND CONNEELY**

*Maigh Chuilinn*

15

Barra  
Mac Gualraic  
**BARRY GOLDRICK**

*Baile Clár na Gaillimhe*



## GAILLIMH

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16. Séamus Ó Griallais  
JAMES GREALIS  
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ROSS MURPHY  
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JACK GAVIN  
*Naomh Breandán*
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21. Lia Ó Cionnaith  
LEE KENNY  
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22. Pádraig Ó Coisteala  
PÁDRAIG COSTELLO  
*Dun Mór-Mhic Éil*
23. Criostóir Ó Fathaigh  
CHRISTOPHER FAHY  
*Cill Choirín-Cluain Bheirne*
24. Cein Ó Dorchaidhe  
CEIN D'ARCY  
*Cathair Liosgreain*

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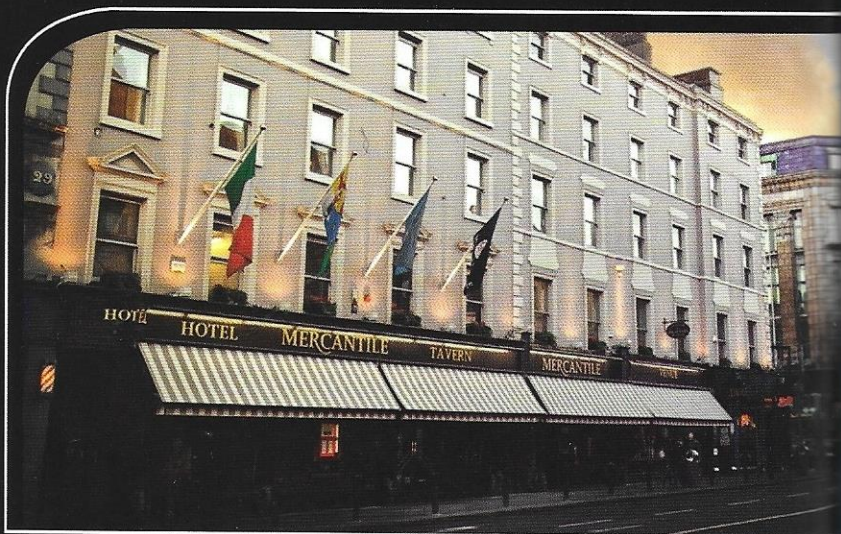




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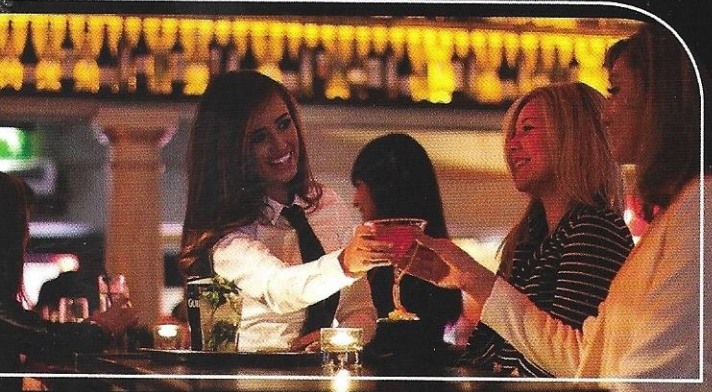
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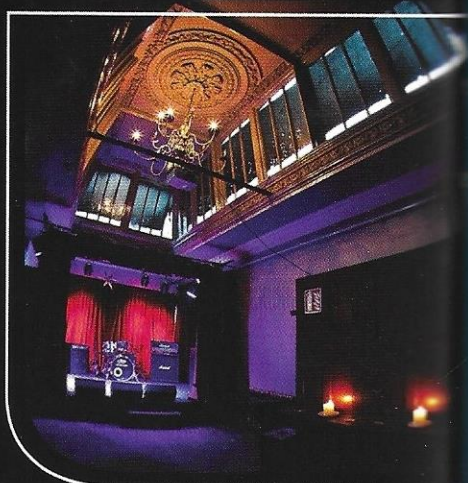
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# STARS FINALLY ALIGN FOR GALWAY AND DONEGAL

**A**fter Kerry defeated Donegal in the 2014 All-Ireland minor final, the Tom Markham Cup was decommissioned; inscribed on the old trophy, first presented in the inaugural year of the competition in 1929, were the names of the 18 different counties that had won the All-Ireland Minor Football Championship. Donegal was not one of them.

The battered old trophy was replaced by a shining new version in 2015 and Donegal had missed their chance to rewrite history and to place their name proudly on the old trophy as the last winners. Declan Bonner's talented young charges, the first Donegal side ever to reach an All-Ireland minor final, met a Kerry side intent on ending a 20-year drought at the level and were duly beaten.

Still, Donegal broke down the

barriers of history two years ago – their minor emergence, contrary to the standard narrative, arriving after Jim McGuinness's success with the seniors in 2012 – reaching an All-Ireland final after five successive semi-final defeats. Today, they can reach the national showpiece for the second time in three years.

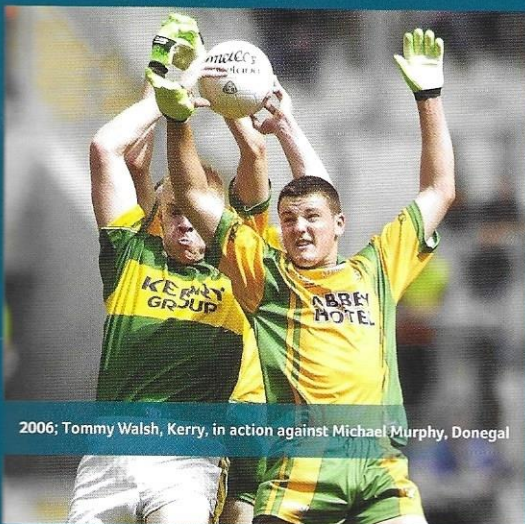
Standing in their way are Galway, six-time winners of the All-Ireland Minor Championship, though they are without a title since Paul Conroy led them to victory over Derry in 2007. Remarkably, today will be the very first meeting between the counties at minor level.

The fact that this is a maiden clash is not an indictment of either county – Galway have won 26 Connacht titles and Donegal have emerged from Ulster seven times, after all – and is mostly

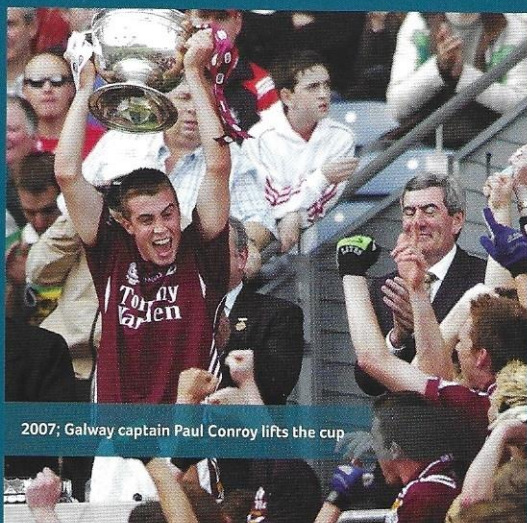
down to a quirk of fate. At minor level, Galway and Donegal have been ships in the night.

Take 2006 as a perfect example. Donegal, with a gilded group of players including a 17-year-old Michael Murphy, emerged from Ulster and met Kerry in the All-Ireland semi-final, but were outclassed by the Kingdom and clearly missed the ability and energy of centre-back Séamus Coleman, who had just signed a semi-professional contract with Sligo Rovers in January.

Galway won Connacht the previous four years and claimed the All-Ireland title the following year, but were beaten by Roscommon in the Connacht semi-final that summer. A pattern of near misses prevails when you dip into the history books, but today the stars have finally aligned for the minors of Galway and Donegal.



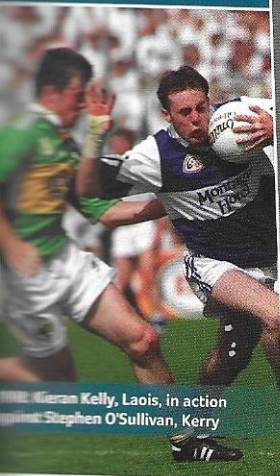
2006; Tommy Walsh, Kerry, in action against Michael Murphy, Donegal



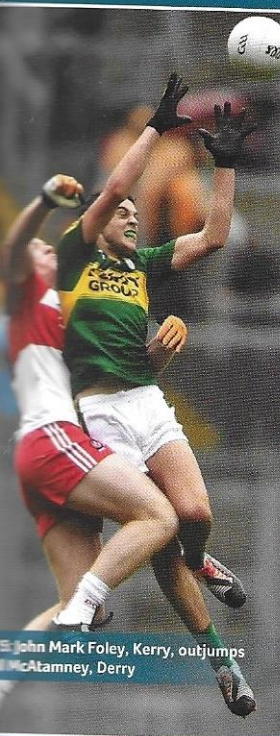
2007; Galway captain Paul Conroy lifts the cup



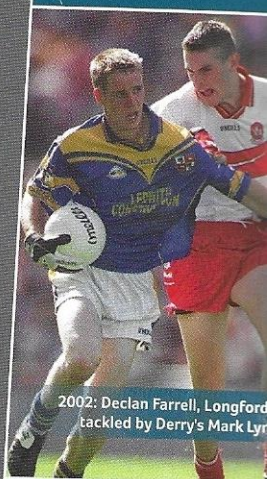
# MINOR SEMI-FINALS 1995-2015



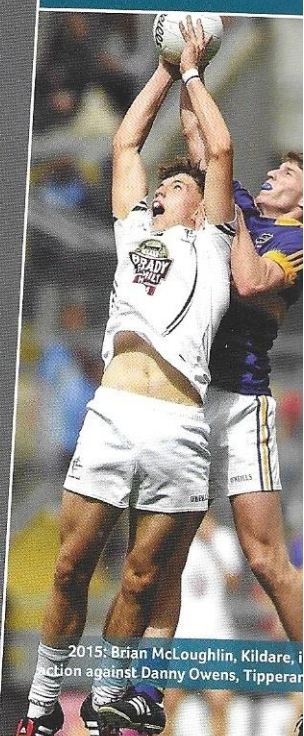
1995: Kieran Kelly, Laois, in action against Stephen O'Sullivan, Kerry



2004: John Mark Foley, Kerry, outjumps McAtamney, Derry



2002: Declan Farrell, Longford, tackled by Derry's Mark Lynn



2015: Brian McLoughlin, Kildare, in action against Danny Owens, Tipperary

1995	Derry	3-7	Galway	1-12
	Westmeath	1-14	Tipperary	0-10
1996	Kerry	1-8	Mayo	0-9
	Laois	2-8	Donegal	1-10
1997	Tyrone	1-11	Kerry	1-11
replay	Tyrone	0-23	Kerry	0-21
	Laois	3-8	Mayo	1-9
1998	Tyrone	1-14	Leitrim	1-3
	Laois	1-10	Kerry	2-5
1999	Mayo	1-19	Cork	2-9
	Down	0-13	Dublin	1-10
replay	Down	2-14	Dublin	1-9
2000	Cork	0-15	Dublin	0-14
	Mayo	1-9	Westmeath	1-9
replay	Mayo	0-7	Westmeath	0-6
2001	Tyrone	0-11	Mayo	0-8
	Dublin	2-13	Kerry	2-9
2002	Meath	2-13	Kerry	1-11
	Derry	3-13	Longford	1-3
2003	Laois	2-15	Kerry	2-10
	Dublin	1-18	Cork	1-9
2004	Tyrone	1-8	Down	1-7
	Kerry	1-10	Laois	1-8
2005	Down	1-15	Offaly	1-7
	Mayo	1-12	Kerry	0-14
2006	Kerry	2-13	Donegal	1-10
	Roscommon	1-10	Meath	0-9
2007	Galway	2-14	Kerry	0-17
	Derry	1-15	Laois	2-12
replay	Derry	4-7	Laois	1-11
2008	Mayo	1-7	Kerry	0-10
replay	Mayo	3-13	Kerry	1-9
	Tyrone	1-21	Meath	2-7
2009	Armagh	2-10	Kerry	0-10
	Mayo	2-9	Down	0-9
2010	Tyrone	3-10	Mayo	0-16
	Cork	3-15	Galway	5-8
2011	Tipperary	1-11	Roscommon	0-12
	Dublin	1-11	Galway	1-9
2012	Meath	2-10	Mayo	1-11
	Dublin	3-12	Kerry	1-10
2013	Mayo	3-19	Monaghan	1-12
	Tyrone	1-12	Roscommon	0-13
2014	Kerry	1-14	Mayo	2-7
	Donegal	1-12	Dublin	1-11
2015	Kerry	1-11	Derry	1-6
	Tipperary	0-11	Kildare	0-9



# 2016 MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP SCOREBOARD

## LEINSTER

Louth	1-14	Carlow	1-8
Westmeath	3-9	Longford	0-12
Kildare	2-16	Wicklow	0-7
Dublin	2-14	Offaly	1-7
Meath	0-11	Laois	1-6
Wexford	17-21	Kilkenny	0-1
Offaly	1-11	Longford	0-12
Laois	1-13	Carlow	1-4
Offaly	1-13	Wicklow	2-9
Meath	1-18	Dublin	2-5
Kildare	1-16	Westmeath	0-8
Laois	2-10	Louth	1-12
Offaly	0-19	Wexford	1-11
Laois	1-15	Offaly	0-6
Kildare	0-19	Meath	0-15
Final			
Kildare	1-16	Laois	0-10

## ULSTER

Antrim	4-10	Fermanagh	2-9
Derry	1-15	Tyrone	0-10
Armagh	2-14	Cavan	1-12
Monaghan	1-13	Down	0-11
Donegal	2-11	Antrim	2-7
Derry	1-17	Armagh	0-14
Donegal	3-15	Monaghan	2-12
Final			
Donegal	2-10	Derry	1-11

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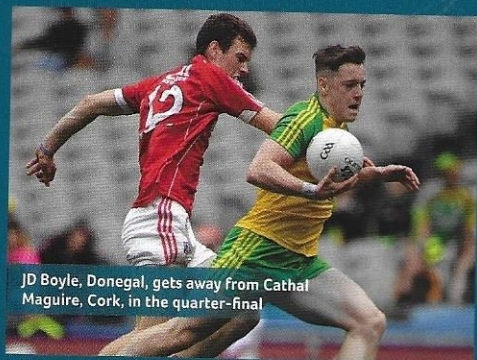
Cork	1-14	Tipperary	1-11
Kerry	2-21	Waterford	1-2
Clare	0-9	Limerick	1-5
Limerick	3-8	Tipperary	0-11
Limerick	1-13	Waterford	1-5
Kerry	1-13	Clare	1-6
Cork	1-19	Limerick	0-6
Final			
Kerry	3-14	Cork	3-8

## CONNACHT

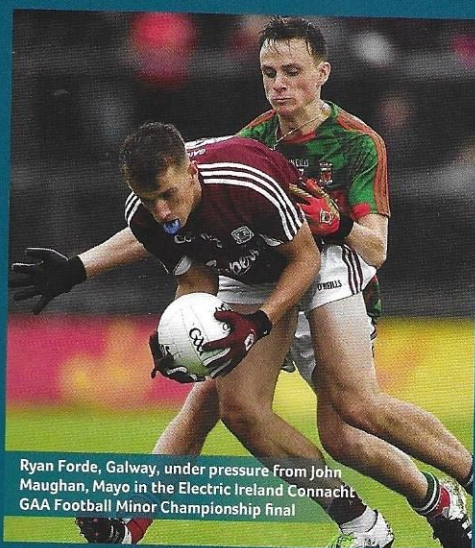
Roscommon	0-14	Sligo	2-7
Mayo	4-11	Leitrim	1-8
Galway	3-11	Roscommon	1-7
Final			
Galway	1-9	Mayo	0-6

## ALL-IRELAND QUARTER-FINALS

Galway	3-10	Laois	0-12
Donegal	2-13	Cork	0-13
Kerry	1-24	Derry	2-10
Kildare	2-14	Mayo	2-8



JD Boyle, Donegal, gets away from Cathal Maguire, Cork, in the quarter-final



Ryan Forde, Galway, under pressure from John Maughan, Mayo in the Electric Ireland Connacht GAA Football Minor Championship final



# GAA DISCOVER

GO GAMES  
WEEK  
37,808  
PARTICIPANTS

## CROKE PARK ACTIVITY DAYS

12 GO GAMES  
ACTIVITY DAYS WITH  
8,084 PARTICIPANTS

125  
GO GAMES  
REFEREE  
COURSES

## CLUB/ SCHOOL LINKS

2,290 LINKS –  
58% of all Primary  
Schools, a 7%  
increase on 2014

## SCHOOL GO GAMES

47% OF SCHOOLS PLAYED  
5 OR MORE HURLING  
GO GAMES BLITZES

68% OF SCHOOLS PLAYED  
5 OR MORE GAELIC  
FOOTBALL GO GAMES  
BLITZES

19%  
OF SCHOOLS  
PLAYED 13+  
GO GAMES  
HURLING  
BLITZES

21%  
OF SCHOOLS  
PLAYED 13+  
GO GAMES  
FOOTBALL  
BLITZES

84,850  
CHILDREN  
PLAYED AN  
AVERAGE OF 8  
GO GAMES  
BLITZES

## KELLOGGS GAA CÚL CAMPS

102,384 PARTICIPANTS  
1,100 CÚL CAMPS  
15% PARTICIPANT INCREASE  
ON 2014  
36% PARTICIPANT INCREASE  
ON 2006



## GO GAMES SCHOOL COACHING

77% OF ALL SCHOOLS  
RECEIVED 8 OR MORE  
COACHING SESSIONS

43% OF ALL SCHOOLS  
RECEIVED 15 OR MORE  
COACHING SESSIONS

1,513  
JUVENILE  
GAA CLUBS

3,964  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOLS  
NATIONALLY

707,973  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL PUPILS  
NATIONALLY

98,906  
REGISTERED  
GAA MEMBERS  
AGED 8-12

Roscommon  
26%

Waterford  
20%

Cork 12,967

Dublin 8,265

Galway 6,120

Kerry 4,500

Kildare 5,237

Mayo 4,600

Tipperary 4,568

Wexford 4,150

## CÚL CAMPS

6 COUNTIES  
WITH PARTICIPANTS  
INCREASE OF  
20% OR MORE

Cavan  
33%

Monaghan  
30%

Wexford  
34%

Louth  
20%

## COUNTIES WITH 4,000+ CÚL CAMP PARTICIPANTS





# HALF-TIME EXHIBITION GAMES



**T**oday 42 children representing their primary schools participate in the GAA/INTO Cumann na mBunscol Respect Exhibition Go Games.

These games take place during half-time of the senior football semi-final between Tipperary and Mayo.

We welcome these young players, their teachers and club mentors who have assisted in developing their football skills.

Based on the GAA Go Games and the GAA Respect initiative these half-time games are organised in partnership between Cumann na mBunscol and the GAA with the

welcomed support of the INTO and the GAA itself.

Tá an-fháilte roimh na cailíní agus buachaillí óga seo go Páirc an Chrócaigh, maraon lena muintir, agus gabhaimid buíochas le chuide dhuine a chuidigh leo an aistear stairiúil seo a bhaint amach.

Referees - Alex Adderley O'Brien, Kilcoole Primary School, Kilcoole, Wicklow and Cathal Mac Maoláin, Scoil Chulan, Bré, Wicklow

## MAYO BOYS

2	GAVIN MAC RAGHNAILL, Gaelscoil Liatroma, Leitrim
3	ADAM McGREAL, Creagh N.S., Ballinasloe, Roscommon
4	BRYAN O'CONNOR, St. Michael's & St. Patrick's N.S., Boyle, Roscommon
5	MARC HERAGHTY, Carns N.S., Grange, Sligo
6	JAMIE KENNEDY, St Johns N.S., Temple Street, Sligo
7	DONAL McSORLEY, Lacken NS, Ballinagh, Cavan
8	RONAN TRAINOR, St. Felim's, Ballinagh, Cavan
9	SHEA FEGAN, Holy Child P.S., Belfast, Antrim
10	RYAN GREENE, Mt St Catherine's PS, Windmill Hill, Armagh
11	MARK McDERMOTT, Crubany NS, Cavan

## TIPPERARY BOYS

2	BLAINE LYNCH, St. Patrick's P.S., Castlederg, Tyrone
3	RYAN DONNELLY, St. Patrick's P.S. Roan, Eglis, Dungannon, Tyrone
4	RICHARD DRAIN, Anahorish Primary School, Toomebridge, Derry
5	CONLON O'KANE, St Brigids, Knockloughrim, Derry
6	GERARD MALLIE, St Clates Abbey, Newry, Down
7	JOHN RYAN, Scoil Eoin Bosco, Navan Road, Dublin
8	DARAGH McCABE, St Joseph's Boys' N.S., Clondalkin, Dublin
9	RUADHRÍ O'KEEFFE, St Mary's PS, Newtownbutler, Fermanagh
10	KILLIAN CARRAGHER, Annyalla NS, Castleblayney, Monaghan
11	GERARD FINNEGAN, Lisdoonan NS, Carrickmacross, Monaghan

## MAYO GIRLS

2	MOLLIE TULLY, Quay NS, Ballina, Mayo
3	CAOIMHE NÍ CHLÉIRIGH, Gaelscoil Mhic Amhlaigh, Co. na Gallimhe
4	KATIE-ANNA PORTER, St. Josephs N.S., Woodford, Galway
5	BRONAGH McGUINNESS, St. Joseph's, Crumlin, Antrim
6	ORLEIGHA McGUINNESS, St Kieran's, Belfast, Antrim
7	EMMA CRAWLEY, St Brigid's Primary School, Newry, Down
8	NIAMH KING, St Malachy's PS, Castlewellan, Down
9	ELLEN SHIELDS, St Patricks PS, Hilltown, Down
10	JENNIFER HAMILL, St Patrick's GNS, Foxrock, Dublin
11	CHRISTINE DALY, St Brigids GNS, Glasnevin, Dublin

## TIPPERARY GIRLS

2	CAOIMHE MCCARTHY, Scoil Naoimh Iosef, Drumcolloger, Limerick
3	ALANNA LEONARD, St Michael's Clady, Mowhan, Armagh
4	NIAMH BROWN, Scoil Mhuire Glenties, Donegal
5	LIZZY BOYLE, Scoil Croine, Dungloe, Donegal
6	ABBI LEESON BYRNE, Allen N.S., Naas, Kildare
7	CAITLIN KENNEDY, Scoil Bhride, Kilcullen, Kildare
8	ÓRLAGH HENNESSY, St Colman's, Stradbally, Laois
9	DELLA MARIA DOHERTY, Portarlinton PS, Portarlinton, Laois
10	FLORENCE MAUGHAN, Loreto Junior School, St Stephen's Green, Dublin
11	LAUREN MacGUIRE, Colehill N.S., Colehill, Longford
12	EVA O'DWYER, Annacarty NS, Tipperary



# COLOURING CORNER

Tweet us a picture of your finished colouring of Mayo legend Ciarán McDonald using the hashtag #gaakidscorner



# CIARÁN MCDONALD

Illustration: yellowbelly.ie

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M	N	C	F	G	H	Y	K	I	L	P	C	V	R

## SEARCH FOR THE STARS

Can you find these hidden Tipperary and Mayo stars?

QUINLIVAN, OCONNOR, SWEENEY  
KEEGAN, MCDONALD, OSHEA

## SPOT THE BALL



Guess which grid the ball is in from the picture of the recent quarter-final between Tipperary and Galway.





# SCOREBOARD SCRAMBLE

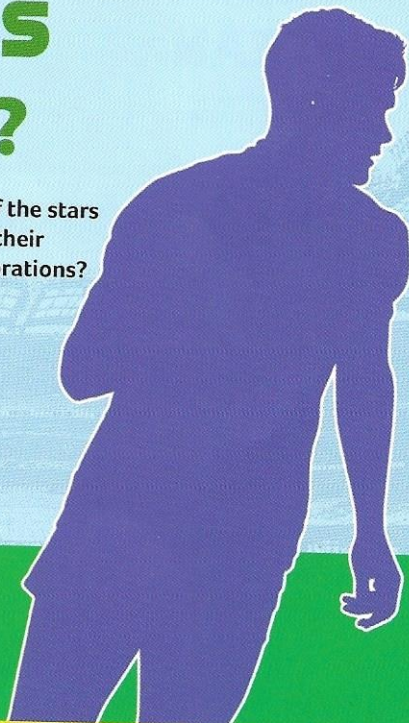
Can you unscramble two of the recent All-Ireland SFC quarter-final results? Tá ainmneacha na contaetha as Gailege. The names of the counties are in Irish.

SCOREBOARD A	
AGHIM DE	0-13
RTÍ NAEHGO	0-12

SCOREBOARD B	
DBIORATI NÁMAR	3-13
IGAHMLI	1-10

## GUESS WHO?

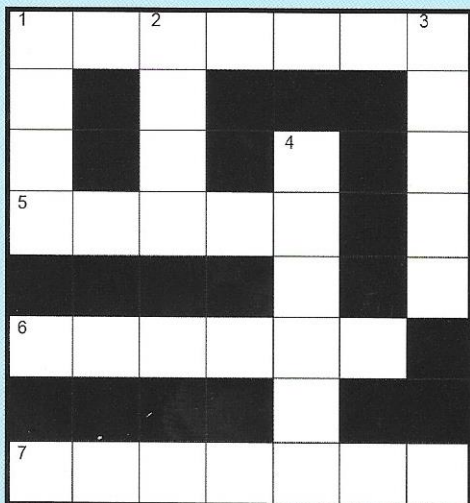
Can you name two of the stars on show today from their trademark goal celebrations?



ANSWERS  
SPOT THE BALL: Grid 3. SCOREBOARD SCRAMBLE: A. Maigh Eo 0-13 Tir Eoghain 0-12. B. Tibraid Arann 3-13 Gaillimh 1-10.  
GUESS WHO: Aidan O'Shea, Mayo and Michael Quinlan, Tipperary.



# LEATHANACH NA nÓG



## CROSFHOCAL

### TRASNA

1. Príomhscórálaí Mhaigh Eo (7,1,6)
5. An Cúige is faide ó dheas (5)
6. Féach 2 síos
7. Féach 1 Trasna

### síos

1. Ainm baiste an 'Gooch & duine de chosantóirí Thiobraid Árann (4)
2. Bainisteoir pheileadóirí Thiobraid Árann (5,6)
3. English agus Rackard (5)
4. An t-údar, Maidhc \_\_\_\_\_ Ó Sé. (5)

## CEISTEANNA

1. Ainmnigh an fhoireann ar buadh uirthi i gCluiche Ceannais Peile Chonnacht i mbliana?
2. Ainmnigh an fhoireann ar buadh uirthi i gCluiche Ceannais Peile Uladh?
3. Cé is mó a bhfuil cúil scórálte aige do Thiobraid Árann sa Chraobh Peile i mbliana?
4. Ainmnigh an bheirt a bhfuil dhá chúl an duine scórálte acu do Mhaigh Eo.
5. Cén bhliain ar bhuaigh Maigh Eo Craobh Mhionúir Peile na hÉireann go deireadh?
6. Cén bhliain ar bhuaigh Tiobraid Árann Craobh Mhionúir Peile na hÉireann go deireadh?
7. Cén club a bhuaigh Craobh Shinsear Peile Mhaigh don chéad uair i 2010?
8. Cén club a bhuaigh Craobh Shinsear Peile Thiobraid Árann don chéad uair i 2006 agus arís i 2010?
9. Ainmnigh an club lena raibh bhuaigh bainisteoir Mhaigh Eo Stephen Rochford ag imirt nuair a bhuaigh siad Craobh na hÉireann i 2001.
10. Cén contae lenar bhuaigh Liam Kearns bonn mionúir peile na hÉireann i 1980?



### FREAGRAÍ

CEISTEANNA: 1. Ros Comáin, 2. Dún na nGall, 3. Conor Sweeney, 4. Cillian O' Connor & Jason Doherty, 5. 2013, 6. 2011, 7. Baile an Tobair, 8. Eatharlach, 9. Crois Mhaoilfona, 10. Ciarraí.





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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**



# LITTLE THINGS CAN SHATTER THE SILENCE

**G**rowing up, the one statistic that always stuck with me was that one out of four people have depression. I never thought I would be that person but I was wrong.

I wish the 'Little Things' campaign was around back then because it recognises that we all have mental health and highlights positive ways we can manage our wellbeing and look out for others.

Becoming aware of my mental health, even when times are good, is hugely important. On bad days, things like going to the cinema with a friend instead of sitting in can help, as can going for food in an environment that allows

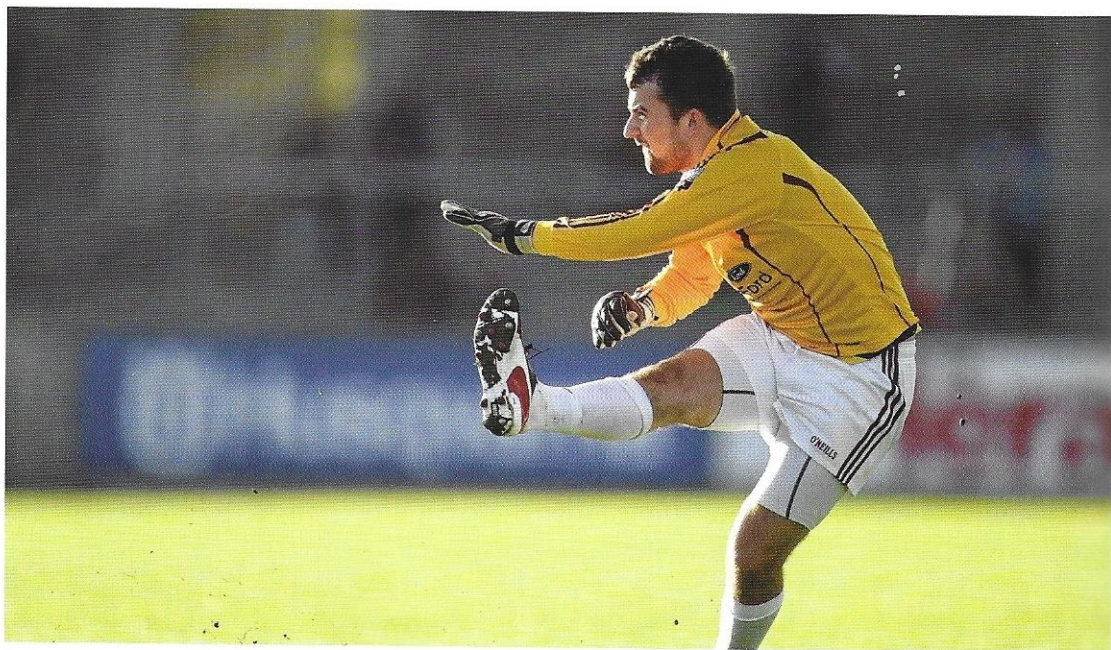
meaningful conversations with friends, as opposed to going to a noisy pub.

I have learned that being honest about my thoughts and feelings strengthens my relationships rather than make them more difficult. Help comes in different forms. It is a conversation with someone you trust like a parent or coach. It can be picking up the phone to the Samaritans (freephone 116123). It can be a visit to a supportive website like [SpunOut.ie](http://SpunOut.ie) or [YourMentalHealth.ie](http://YourMentalHealth.ie).

The GAA continues to be a leading light in the area of holistic wellbeing, and I would particularly like to complement

the Association's 'Healthy Club' initiative that is inspiring meaningful change in Ireland. Change doesn't happen by itself; we have to be the change. Start a revolution in your family, school, college or workplace. Be more open and compassionate. Shatter the silence. Our country needs you to break down the stigma and we can all do that one conversation at a time. Little things can make a big difference!

The GAA is an official supporter of the HSE's [#littlethings](https://www.littlethings.ie) wellbeing campaign and will roll out a special [#littlethings](https://www.littlethings.ie) themed All-Ireland semi-final in Croke Park on August 28. See [www.gaa.ie/community](http://www.gaa.ie/community) for more details.



Cavan footballer Alan O'Mara is a 'Little Things' Ambassador, the founder of 'Real Talks', and the author of 'The Best is Yet to Come' which will be published on September 1.



# GAA ROUNDERS



**C**uirimid fáilte roimh gach duine inniu go Páirc an Chrócaigh chun ár gcluiche corr bliantiúil a fheiceáil.

Today we welcome players from across the country for our annual GAA Rounders exhibition game at half-time in today's Electric Ireland GAA All-Ireland Minor semi-final.

Two years ago Recreational Rounders was launched in Croke Park, in order to cater for people who favour a non-competitive sporting atmosphere and in order to enjoy the fun elements of the

game and its inclusive nature.

Participants in today's exhibition matches come from all over the country, with the juvenile participants a selection of players from this year's Féile competitions, while the senior team is made up of Rounders All Stars from Carlow, Laois, Dublin, Monaghan, Galway, Limerick, Meath, Sligo and Cavan.

If you are inspired by what you see and would like to find out more about the game please make contact with the National Secretary at [secretary.rounders@gaa.ie](mailto:secretary.rounders@gaa.ie).



## GAA CLUB NEWSLETTER

**T**his is Your GAA and this is YOUR Club Newsletter!

All members of GAA clubs are reminded that every month there is a newsletter produced by the Communications Department in Croke Park especially for you.

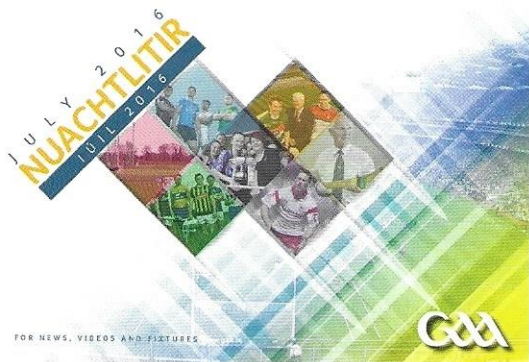
This monthly bulletin carries important information on everything to do with the GAA club and its members as well as news, features and updates on GAA initiatives.

The GAA Club Newsletter is made available each month on [gaa.ie](http://gaa.ie) and is also sent via email to every club secretary in the country with

the request that they make it available to their members.

It is an important publication so ensure that you are kept informed by getting your copy every month.

For further information on the GAA Club Newsletter, email: [clubnewsletter@gaa.ie](mailto:clubnewsletter@gaa.ie) or phone **01 8658616**





## GAA - ELECTRIC IRELAND ALL-IRELAND MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL

## Final bid for minors falls short

DONEGAL ..... 1-11  
GALWAY ..... 2-12

BY RYAN FERRY

THE DONEGAL minor team fell short in their bid to make the All-Ireland Minor Final on Sunday at Croke Park, as they lost out to a classy Galway team.

Shaun Paul Barrett's team was hoping to become only the second team ever from Donegal to reach the minor showpiece event, but they were very much second best against the Tribesmen.

Donegal started well, but Robert Finnerty's early goal soon put Galway into a commanding lead.

The Connacht champions were a slick outfit and they opened up Donegal at will in the first half, with Barrett's side fortunate to be only three points in arrears at the break.

Donegal never got into their stride but they kept battling and with ten minutes to go, they were still in contention. However, then Desmond Conneely hit the net to put Galway six points ahead.

Enda McCormick scored a wonderful goal for Donegal three minutes for time, which gave them some hope, but in truth, Galway never looked like losing the match.

Barrett's team came into the game in good form after beating Cork in their All-Ireland quarter-final, and they had an advantage over their opponents in that they had already played at Croke Park this season.

Donegal registered the first score of the game after two minutes when Niall O'Donnell converted a free, but they were fortunate not to concede a goal two minutes later, when Conneely dropped the ball when through on goal.

Eoghan McGettigan doubled Donegal's lead, but Galway's tactic of hitting long direct ball into the forward line was causing problems and they struck for a goal in the fifth minute.

Evan Murphy found Conneely with a long pass and while Donegal did manage to dispossess the full-forward, Finnerty swooped in and fired past Gavin Mulreany.

Murphy and Finnerty (free) tagged on points as Galway settled into the game much better than their opponents.

McGettigan notched a point for Donegal, but they were nervous at the back and Barry Goldrick got in for a goal chance but drilled his shot wide.

Finnerty was impressing in the Galway full-forward line and he notched two points, before fisting over after collecting Murphy's sideline ball.

Donegal were not playing with any fluidity and they were getting isolated in attack, and Galway's intensity in defence saw Barrett's team struggle to break through the tackle.

O'Donnell supplied a much needed point in the 24th minute, and they reduced their deficit to three points when Jason McGee pointed seconds

later

Connelly converted a free for Galway in the 26th minute, but JD Boyle popped over in injury-time to leave Donegal just a goal behind at the break, although they were dealt a blow when the influential Aidan McLaughlin was replaced before the break.

Donegal needed a good start to the second half, but Galway wing-back Fionnán Garvey fired over a super score 33 seconds after the restart.

They could have got a goal moments later, but Finian Ó Laoi shot wide when well positioned.

A trait of Donegal's season has

been their ability to get goals at crucial moments, and they almost rattled the net in the 34th minute, but O'Donnell was denied by a fantastic save from Cormac Haslam. However, Donegal did get something from the attack as Jason McGee floated over the resulting '45'.

Galway were playing with confidence and Conneely (free) and Barry Goldrick scored points to push their lead out to five.

Donegal encountered a setback when Seaghan Ferry was harshly black-carded, but Galway didn't kill off their opponents.

They kept going for goals when points would have sufficed and Peadar Mogan kept Donegal in the mix with two frees.

Barrett's side started to get on top, but they had bother penetrating the well-organised Galway defence.

Donegal had raised their game in the backline as well, and shut out Stephen Joyce's team for 13 minutes, but then disaster struck.

A long ball was played towards the right flank and there appeared to be little danger on.

However, Finnerty skipped past Aaron McCrea, and slipped the ball inside to Ó Laoi, who fed Conneely, and the Galway captain made no mistake with a cool finish.

Mogan and Finnerty exchanged points, before Donegal came back to within three points of Galway when they scored a stunning goal.

Enda McCormick combined excellently with Mogan, before rifling an unstoppable shot to the top corner.

Donegal needed to build on that score, but Galway substitute Ross Murphy got the next point.

Barrett's men didn't throw in the towel and they positioned McGee at full-forward for the closing exchanges.

They almost forced a goal but Gary Molloy was denied by a good stop from Haslam, and when the ball returned to the Kilcar clubman, his powerful drive was tipped over by the Galway goalkeeper.

The Tribesmen sealed their victory with a magnificent free from Murphy and they will now meet either Kerry or Kildare in the All-Ireland decider.

For Donegal it was bitter disappointment, but they can take some comfort from a good season in which they captured the Ulster Minor title.

Donegal: Gavin Mulreany; Seaghan Ferry, Aaron McCrea, Mark Curran; JD Boyle (0-1), Aaron Deeney, Aidan McLaughlin; Jason McGee (0-2, 1'45'), Kieran Gallagher; Nathan Boyle, Odhran McFadden-Ferry, Enda McCormick (1-0); Peadar Mogan (0-3, 2fs), Niall O'Donnell (0-2, 1f), Eoghan McGettigan (0-2). Subs: Odhran Shiels for McLaughlin (26 mins), Shane McGrath for Boyle (39 mins), Brian O'Donnell for S.Ferry (41 mins Black Card), Gary Molloy (0-1) for J.D Boyle (45 mins), Daniel Lyons for McCrea (53 mins).

Galway: Cormac Haslam; Sean Raftery, Sean Mulkerrin, Eoin McFadden; Adam Quirke, Ernán McDonagh, Fionnán Garvey (0-1); Cein D'Arcy, John Maher; Finian Ó Laoi, Evan Murphy (0-2, 1f), Ryan Forde; Robert Finnerty (1-5, 4fs), Desmond Conneely (1-2, 2fs), Barry Goldrick (0-1). Subs: Ross Murphy (0-1) for Maher (54 mins).

Referee: John Hickey (Carlow).

WITH RYAN FERRY  
IN CROKE PARK

## MAN OF THE MATCH

Robert Finnerty (Galway)

The Galway number 13 was superb throughout the match and proved to be a very effective target man for the Tribesmen. He finished his goal expertly after five minutes and added four points before the break. Finnerty didn't have quite the same impact in the second half but he still scored a free, and did superbly for Galway's second goal.

## THE WHISTLER

The referee John Hickey certainly didn't cost Donegal the match, but he did make the wrong decision in brandishing a black card to Seaghan Ferry for a tackle on Ryan Forde in the 40th minute. It should have been a booking but instead Donegal lost a key defender.

## TURNING POINT

Cormac Haslam's save from Niall O'Donnell in the 34th minute was a big moment as it could have sparked Donegal into life. To their credit, they managed to stay in contention in the game, and were enjoying a good spell of possession, when Conneely swooped for Galway's second goal in the 51st minute. That put Donegal six points behind and while Enda McCormick did score a goal late on, Barrett's men never looked like clawing back that deficit.



# Mayo do enough and no more as Tipp's odyssey runs out of road

No looking back for Connacht men after Doherty goal changes complexion of game

Mayo 2-13  
Tipperary 0-14



Malachy Clerkin  
at Croke Park

By now, Mayo have seen every sort of All-Ireland semi-final imaginable. They've come up short on epic days, fallen the right and wrong side of shootouts, dug out improbable wins against the head to squeeze the bellows under the blather of romance carrying them into finals. This was none of that.

It was about as epic as a lunch-time crossword. It carried all the romance of a plumber's invoice. Mayo gave Tipperary enough of a sniff to allow them imagine there might be some-

thing in the game before whipping the day away in the space of 10 minutes coming up to half-time. The best that could be said for the job is that it was done.

In the weeks to come, many and loud will be the pronouncements that this will suit Mayo going into an All-Ireland final. Politely, it's all guff. They played poorly, they're in the final. If they play well when they get there, it won't be because they limped over the line here.

No team in history has gone into an All-Ireland final under the radar. If and when one does, it won't be from Mayo.

For Tipperary, nothing that could have happened here would have diminished their status as the yarn of the summer. They headed back down the road carrying a few regrets but none so serious that a return trip next summer ought to be considered beyond them.

Some of this should sting, all the same. For such a free-scoring team, they only managed five points from play all day - offer that to Stephen Rochford before the game and he'd have broken your wrist. On the face of it,

Michael Quinlivan had the measure of Lee Keegan, continually getting out in front and drawing frees. But drill down and Quinlivan only took a single shot from play and Hawkeye waved it wide. Mayo would have been happy enough with that beforehand too.

All said and done, though, Tipp's chief regret will be the fact that they came up against a Mayo team that had an off-day and didn't give them enough of a fright. They were much the better side in the opening 25 minutes but only had a 0-6 to 0-3 lead to show for it.

## Wides

It should have been more. Tipp had four poor wides on the board inside the opening 15 minutes. Four of their first five wides came from defenders and the game was 25 minutes old before either Quinlivan or Conor Sweeney managed to take a shot from play. Mayo were struggling but Tipp weren't getting the ball to the players who could make them pay for it.

Their punishment was to have their own pockets turned inside-out. Raiding corner back Colm O'Shaughnessy dished off a loose pass around the Mayo 45 on 27 minutes and as soon as Keith Higgins intercepted, Tipp were taking on water. Higgins zipped through the middle of the pitch playing a

## By the numbers

Tipperary	Mayo
SCORES	
0-13	2-13
FROM PLAY	
0-5	2-10
FROM PLACED BALLS	
0-8	0-3
WIDES	
8	11
45s	
0	0
FREES CONCEDED	
20	27
YELLOW CARDS	
2	4
BLACK CARDS	
1	1
RED CARDS	
1	0
ATTENDANCE	
	53,212

one-two with Aidan O'Shea, danced around the Tipp cover and fed Jason Doherty for the first Mayo goal.

It was tough on Tipperary and especially tough on O'Shaughnessy who has been a revelation. Tipp had cause to wonder would Higgins have made such electric progress through the middle had centre back Robbie Kiely not been black-carded after eight minutes. Doherty's goal came on 27 minutes and the period from there to half-time was the winning of the game. For those

nine minutes, Mayo were irresistible.

They kicked seven of the next eight points. Diarmuid O'Connor, who had missed two regulation scores, now buzzed the black spot. Keegan and Aidan O'Shea landed a point each from the rafters. Andy Moran, who in fairness hadn't been as infected with the squanderlust of his teammates, tacked on three points from three shots that were the very model of inside-forward play.

It all totted up to a 1-10 to 0-7 half-time lead for Mayo. That nine-minute spell of awesomeness ended the game. Tipp didn't so much welcome half-time as hug it like a long-lost relative.

They came out the better for the interval. Mayo started the second half just as they had started the first - slow, hesitant, ponderous. Most of all, they played with a distinct lack of the authority that ought to have come naturally to them through bitter experience.

And so Tipperary kicked five of the first six points after the break. Mayo were second to the ball and careless in the tackle, coughing up fouls and watching Quinlivan kick his frees. Tipp needed a goal though and when Kevin O'Halloran played Josh Keane through in the 44th minute, a defter finish would have drawn them level. But Da-

Mayo's Conor O'Shea evades Tipperary defender Jimmy Feehan to score his side's second goal at Croke Park yesterday. PHOTOGRAPH: DONALL FARMER/INPHO

vid Clarke rushed from his goal to block and Mayo survived.

They shut the game down from there on. Tipp didn't score between the 45th minute and the 68th, Mayo managed to pox a second goal when Evan Regan's scuffed point attempt found Conor O'Shea alone in front of goal.

His finish didn't earn any style points but then it wasn't a style-points kind of day.

**MAYO:** David Clarke; Brendan Harrison; Barry Moran; Keith Higgins; Lee Keegan (0-1), Colm Boyle (0-1), Patrick Durcan; Seamus O'Shea, Donal Vaughan; Kevin McLoughlin (0-1), Aidan O'Shea (0-1), Diarmuid O'Connor (0-2), Jason Doherty (1-0), Andy Moran (0-4), Cillian O'Connor (0-3, frees). Subs: Tom Parsons for S O'Shea (53 mins), Conor O'Shea (1-0) for Doherty (58 mins), Evan Regan for Moran (62 mins), Chris Barrett for Boyle (67 mins), Alan Dillon for McLoughlin (69 mins), Conor Loftus for O'Connor (71 mins).  
**TIPPERARY:** Evan Comerford; Colm O'Shaughnessy; Alan Campbell; Ciaran McDonald; Bill Maher (0-1), Robbie Kiely, Jimmy Feehan; Peter Acheson; George Hannigan; Josh Keane; Michael Quinlivan (0-7, frees); Brian Fox; Kevin O'Halloran (0-2, one free), Conor Sweeney (0-3, one free), Philip Austin (0-1). Subs: Sheane Leahy for Kealy (bc, 10 mins), Alan Moloney for Leahy (32 mins), Shane O'Connell for O'Shaughnessy (56 mins), Ian Fahey for O'Halloran (67 mins), Martin Dunne for Keane (72 mins).  
**Referee:** David Coldrick (Meath)