



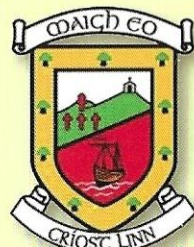
# ALLIANZ FOOTBALL LEAGUE



Division 1 - Round 3



Dún na nGall  
v  
Mayo



Dé Domhnach, 28ú Feabhra 2016 - 2.00 i.n.,  
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Ar son Bord na Condae CLG Dhún na nGall, ba mhaith liom fáilte a chur romhaibh go léir anseo inniu go Páirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you here this afternoon to Mac Cumhaill Park, Ballybofey to this third round game of the 2016 Allianz National Football League. I also extend a warm welcome to the Mayo panel of players, team manager Stephen Rochford and his backroom team, officials of CLG Mhaigh Eo and the huge number of Mayo supporters who travelled today for what promises to be a very lively and entertaining encounter.

On behalf of Bord na Condae, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our new Title Sponsor, the KN Group and our new Tier 1 Sponsor, the MCR Group for coming on-board with us for the next 3 years. In particular, I would like to thank Donagh Kelly, CEO of the KN Group and Donall Barrett, Sales Director of the MCR Group for their tremendous co-operation and support over the past 6 weeks and we now look forward to a mutually successful partnership between CLG Dhún na nGall and their respective companies until the end of the 2018 season and beyond.

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<b>3. Monaghan</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>4. Cork</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>5. Roscommon</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>6. Kerry</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>7. Mayo</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0</b>
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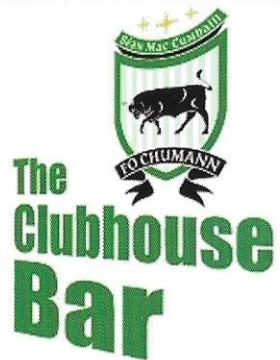
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## THE HOME RECORD

by Chris McNulty, Donegal News



WHEN JIM MCGUINNESS took over as the Donegal manager, he set about addressing the county's home form as one of his first priorities.

Derry, Antrim and Down had left Ballybofey with Championship victories in the previous three years and Sean MacCumhail's old magic had waned.

That 1-15 to 2-10 loss against Down, after extra time, in May 2010, was Donegal's last defeat in Ballybofey in League and Championship football.

Since then, 13 wins have been posted in succession.

A 2013 Dr McKenna Cup defeat to Monaghan did blot the copybook, but the personnel included on that afternoon – with Donegal fielding an under-21 team – mean it can be scratched from the record.

Last May, Tyrone came to town hoping to end the sequence, but Donegal rolled their sleeves up for a 1-13 to 1-10 win.

This afternoon, Mayo roll up for the latest installment of a rivalry that has been growing in recent times.

Donegal, with two wins from their two League games against Down and Cork, sit atop Division 1 going into the game with Mayo losing their opening two against Cork and Dublin.

With a possible home game in the Ulster Championship this June, Rory Gallagher, the Donegal manager is keen for his team to keep up their fine form by the Finn.

"There is no point hiding the fact that myself and the players prefer playing games in

Ballybofey," Gallagher says.

"We are one of the very few counties who play home games at three different venues, but we do prefer Ballybofey. It's the pitch, the surroundings, everything really – and it's where the big Championship games are played.

"A great starting point for any team is home form. You always get a bigger crowd following you for home games so it's nice to keep up the bargain at our end by producing something they can be proud of.

"Take this weekend, it's the next best thing to a Championship game we'll get in the League. It will be a severe test because Mayo are one of the top sides and it's great to get a big game here considering we could be at home in the Championship this summer.

"That familiarity is good. It means the boys are familiar with travel, eating times, the surroundings. You look at Monaghan with an exceptional record in Clones, Dublin in Croke Park and take Cork who haven't won in Killarney in years – these things do matter."

Gallagher has good memories of Ballybofey from his own playing days. It was here where he lobbed Tony Blake in June 2000 as Fermanagh scored a 1-12 to 0-13 win that was their first Championship win over Donegal since 1936.

In those days, teams feared coming to Ballybofey and the growing record suggests that those days are here again.

"We don't want to tempt fate, but the evidence is there," Gallagher says. "The onus is on us every day now to keep that going."

### Remaining Donegal National League Fixtures

Kerry	V	Donegal	Tralee	Sun 6th March
Donegal	V	Roscommon	Letterkenny	Sun 13th March
Dublin	V	Donegal	Croke Park	Sun 26th March
Monaghan	V	Donegal	Clones	Sun 3rd April

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## Eoin McHugh - making a huge impression

*Peter Campbell (Sports Editor, Donegal Democrat)*

Early last year when thinking of the year ahead, I was asked what young player might make the breakthrough in 2015.

My answer was that I felt Eoin McHugh had the ability to make the breakthrough. That prediction was derailed by a mixture of illness and injury. The young Kilcar man with a strong pedigree started the Allianz National League game against Dublin in Croke Park and while on the pitch showed that he was about to make the step up from minor, U-21 to a serious senior footballer.

But then illness struck, which robbed him of vital weeks, and when he recovered from that, injury almost completely wiped out the 2015 season.

Indeed, the next big game for Eoin came in the early days of 2016 when he played a very important role in Kilcar defeating St. Eunan's to take home the U-21 championship title. In that final he was one of the candidates for man of the match; three years earlier he dominated the minor final between the same teams to take home the cup and the man of the match award.

Big games and Eoin McHugh go hand in hand. And he didn't just lick it off the grass. The old saying that 'The apple didn't fall far from the tree' applies here. Was there ever a better pound for pound club footballer in Donegal than his dad, James McHugh? Maybe Barry McGowan for Killybegs at club level was a good rival. When it came to club football, James McHugh, for his size, was just a magnificent team player. He would be centre-field if



Kilcar had the wind in their backs and then at centre half-back if they were playing against the wind. Nowadays, in the top sports on television, they have player cams. It would have been interesting to have a player cam on James McHugh when he was in full flight to see just

how much action he saw in a given match. Much of that ability has been handed on and young Eoin is making the breakthrough at county level a lot earlier than James did. Remember James was overlooked for county football until he was well into his 20s; regarded as being too small to make the cut!

There are plenty of similarities in style between James and Eoin; that ability to be in the right place at the right time and the control and cutting pace which leaves opponents look flat footed.

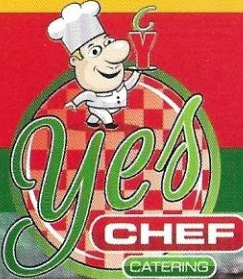
In the two games in the Allianz National Football League to date, Eoin has been superb. Today he will take his place against Mayo and hope to continue that learning



curve that the younger players are going through. We know that it is only the league, but given the ability shown by Eoin in the big games in his life so far, there is no doubt that he has all the attributes

to make the breakthrough in 2016. We have watched him do so well in the opening league games on a sod that is not to his liking. Hopefully, he will stay injury free and we will enjoy much more of his straight running when the summer days come around.

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## EUGENE GALLAGHER

### Spanning the generations, the changes and the currencies

BY CHRIS McNULTY (Donegal Sport Hub)

THE LANDSCAPE in Ballybofey has changed quite a bit since 1975.

Sean MacCumhaill Park's transformation since then outlines the changing world.

The four imposing floodlight pylons shine their lights on the new, floodlit era the GAA has embraced and the recent upgrade work to the stand is a further pointer to the passing of time.

Some things never change though.

Eugene Gallagher is the one constant in an otherwise different planet from '75.

In December, he was elected as the treasurer of the Sean MacCumhalls club for a 42nd consecutive year.

"I've just had to keep up with the times," he says.

1975: It was the year Queen topped the charts with 'Bohemian Rhapsody'; Margaret Thatcher was elected leader of the UK Conservative Party; Muhammad Ali defeated Joe Frazier at Manila; and Peter Sutcliffe 'The Yorkshire Ripper' committed his first murder.

The total income for Gallagher's first year as MacCumhalls treasurer was £8,567. In December he reported income of around €178,000 to club members at the AGM.

In 1975 you could get an All-Ireland final ticket for £2.50 and a weekend in Castlebar for 22 men cost a combined £193.

Gallagher was still a playing member when he was first elected to the executive.

He won Dr Maguire with the club in 1971, but a serious knee



injury had cut short his playing career by the time MacCumhalls defeated Gaioth Dobhair in 1977.

"It was great to win a senior medal with the club, but there were loads of good players at that time," says Gallagher, who was given a Lifetime Achievement award by the Donegal County Board in 2015.

Before hanging up the boots, he had already moved into administration. He served as club secretary for a couple of years and 1975 saw him appointed to a post that he has never relinquished since.

He was assistant treasurer to Charlie Faulkner and was involved with the County Fixtures Committee for a time.

MacCumhalls' oil bill for the year in '75 was £307; their travel cost £214; they paid an ESB bill of £199 and their levies to the County Board amounted to £46.35.

In 1977, MacCumhalls held a dinner dance in Kee's Hotel and an attendance of 122 paid £2.50 each for the privilege; while the Butt Hall held four fund-raising dances the previous year.



Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Eugene Gallagher of MacCumhalls Club for over forty years of service as Club Treasurer.

There, The Mainliners, The Champions, Brendan Shine and The Cotton Mill Boys made profits of £115, £32, £77 and £184 for the club.

The 17,500-capacity Sean MacCumhaill Park is a world apart from the venue that was in 1975.

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## Seán MacCumhaill and the origin of Gaelic Games in the Twin Towns

As we enter into the centenary anniversary of the Easter Rising of 1916 we reflect back on those turbulent times for our country and are thankful for the role those involved would play in shaping our nation. This year is also the 60th Anniversary of the Seán MacCumhaills Club. However, Gaelic Games existed in the Twin Towns long before the 1950's through various predecessor clubs.

Seán MacCumhaill was born to Daniel MacCumhaill a native of Derry and Mary Anne Sweeney from Stranorlar. His father was an engine driver at the Stranorlar Railway Station and from him he learned his native language and in his early years he went to St. Patrick's Training College in Dublin and he graduated as a Primary Teacher.

While attending college Seán MacCumhaill attended a game of football between Dublin and Tipperary in Croke Park in November 1920. The British Army and Police attacked the game after 15 minutes and killed 14 spectators and wounded 62 others. One of those who lost their lives was Tipperary player Michael Hogan. The Hogan Stand in Croke Park is named after him.

Many young men were lifted by the Police and Army for their political affiliations and one such man was Seán MacCumhaill who had taken the side of the Anti-Treaty IRA during the Civil War and was then confined in Drumboe Castle and later Co. Kildare. He escaped from prison and was on the run until the cease fire in 1923, around the same time that the execution of the Drumboe Martyrs took place.

In 1932 he gave an oration at Drumboe. There were a dozen bands there from all over the county. A roll of honour was read which included the Drumboe Martyrs among the list and Seán MacCumhaill began his oration by saying that the whole country would unite and move towards the goal for which these men gave their lives. He then read the Proclamation of 1916.

Arrested again in 1936 in Belfast with 12 others he was sentenced to 5 years imprisonment. He served his time and was released in 1941. Shortly after he was arrested again and sent to an internment camp in the Curragh Barracks. Seán MacCumhaill went on hunger strike which lasted for 49 days while also contesting a general

election. This had a devastating effect to his health. In 1942 Seán MacCumhaill was elected as the Chief of Staff of the IRA but was re-arrested in August of that year and sent back to Curragh until his release.

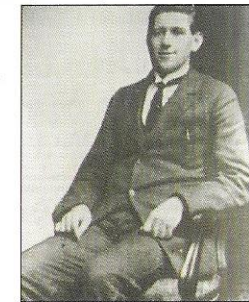
The book "Golden Memories – A History of Gaelic Games around the Twin Towns 1916-1966" by Joe Crawford and Dan MacCumhaill, established that our nation's games started in 1916 in the Twin Towns. Set against a troubled political backdrop under British Occupation life was tough. One of the first games noted was between Ballybofey and Stranorlar teams on the 16th of August 1916.

Both towns formed clubs of their own: Eire Ogs from Ballybofey in 1916 and Stranorlar Sarsfields in 1917. Eire Ogs from Ballybofey were competing for their first County Championship against Ardara on the 8th of April 1923 in Glenties. Ardara won the game 3 points to 1 point and Pat Spillane thought today's football was too defensive! Football died down a little after this and both Towns struggled to field teams.

Seán MacCumhaill suggested that they should amalgamate and form one team called "Erin's Hope". This was the name of the team that he played for while at St. Patrick's College in Drumcondra. Ben Griffin, former club chairman, and Seán MacCumhaill made an offer to buy a field which was within the town limits and eventually succeeded.

Seán MacCumhaill also served as secretary of the Donegal County Board from 1946 until his death in 1949. He died suddenly on the 1st of May 1949 after battle with illness. Soon after that it was decided that the new ground would be known as Seán MacCumhaill Park and Erin's Hope also renamed in his honour. On Sunday, 22 April 1956, MacCumhaill Park was officially opened by the President of the GAA, and a plaque to the memory of the late Seán MacCumhaill was unveiled at the main gate.

The crowds attending MacCumhaill's funeral packed the streets of Stranorlar. After the funeral service, his tricolour draped coffin was borne through Stranorlar to the old graveyard. "Seán MacCumhaill was an extraordinary man" said Fr. Gallagher at the funeral, "he never once flinched from the ideals he had set for himself, he was an honest, God fearing Irishman."



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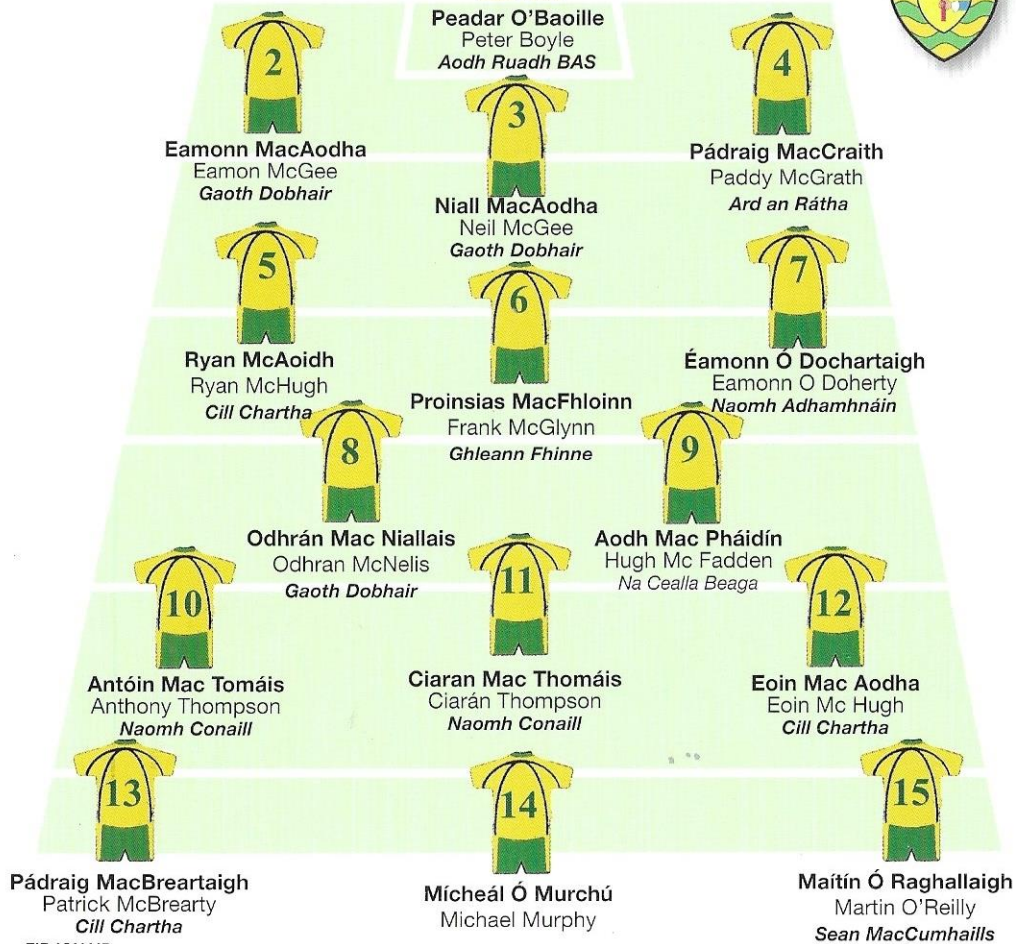
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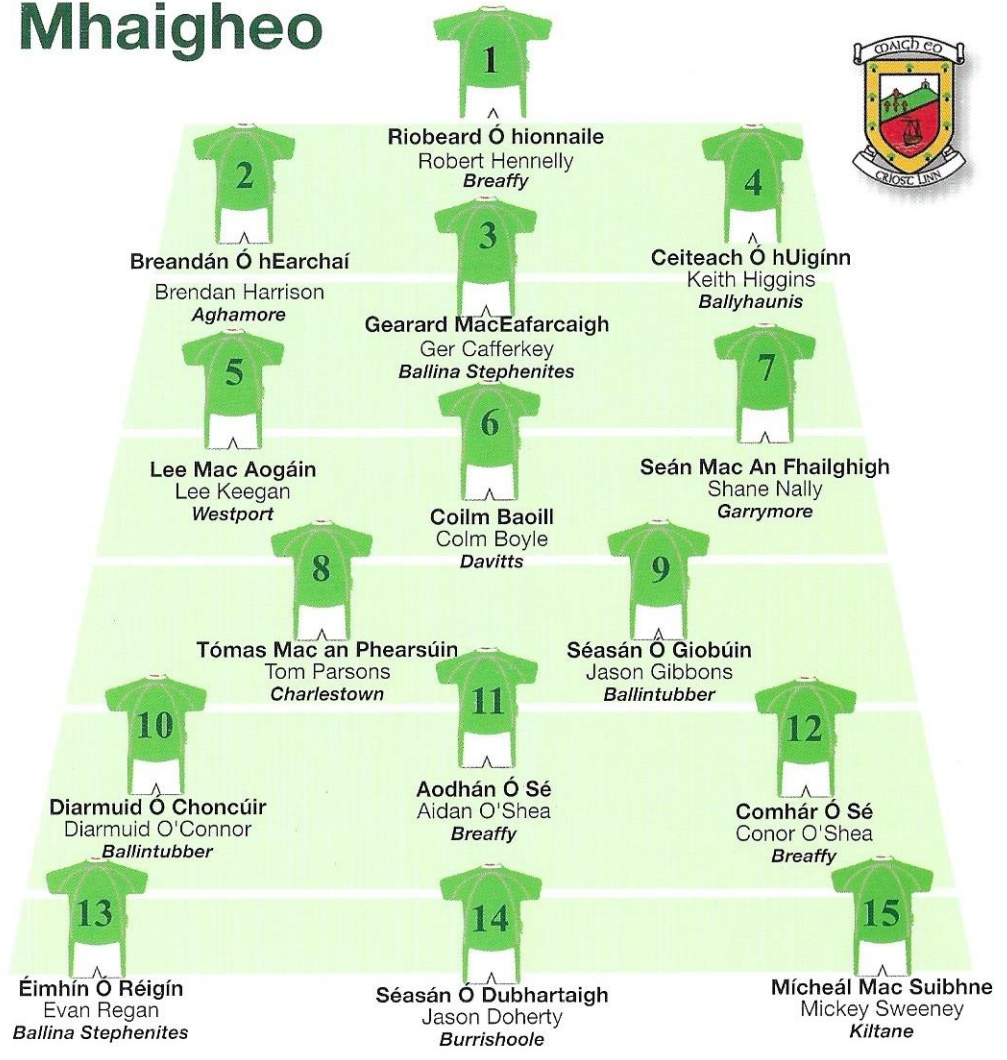
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## DOWN THE YEARS

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### 1933

It appears that Dún na nGall and Maigh Eo first met in the All-Ireland Junior Football Championship Home Final in Croke Park on October 8, 1933. Dún na nGall played brilliantly in the first half and led by 2-2 to 1-3 at half-time. Tom Diver and Neil Joe McGee were Dún na nGall's goalscorers with Ownie McFadden and the legendary John O'Donnell 'notching the minors', as they used to say in days of yore. The second half saw a complete transformation and a rampant Maigh Eo side held Dún na nGall scoreless and went on to win 2-15 to 2-2.

Maigh Eo went on to win their first All-Ireland Junior title by beating Londain 3-7 / 2-4 in the final. Their team was:

*T. Grier (capt.), J. O'Gara, P. O'Loughlin, P.J. Coffey, B. Frazer, P.J. Walsh, M. Raftery, P. Collins, T. Regan, J. Carney, P. Conboy, P. Laffey, H. O'Brien, T. Kelly, T. Culkin.*

The Dún na nGall team in Croke Park was:

*J. McEnhill (Donegal):*

*J. Lawn (Donegal) Teague Diver (Gaoth Dobhair) J.P. McGinley (Kilcar):*

*J. Gallinagh (Ballyshannon) B. O'Donnell (Dungloe) J. Brown (Carrick);*

*T. Gallagher (Ardara) and N. McGee (Falcarragh);*

*P. McManus (Bundoran) P. Clancy (Bundoran) J. O'Donnell (Dungloe);*

*K. Sweeney (Dungloe) T. McDermott (Ballyshannon) O. McFadden (Gaoth Dobhair).*

*Sub: Tom Diver (Gaoth Dobhair).*

### 1936

The official opening of the new Gaelic Park, Bundoran, marked the first appearance (as far as I know) of a Maigh Eo team in Dún na nGall. The Connacht Champions of 1936, Maigh Eo, beat the Leinster finalists of 1934-5, Lú, by 1-6 to 1-1 to capture the Star of the Sea Cup on 30 August 1936. Later on in the year, in a much-praised gesture, Maigh Eo presented the Cup to Coiste Chontae Dhún na nGall for their Minor Football Championship. The Minor Champions received the 'Mayo Cup' until it was replaced by Corn Chuimhneacháin Dhónaill Mhic a' Bhaird.

### 1939

The Senior Footballers of Dún na nGall and Maigh Eo met for the first time at the Official Opening of the Pearse Memorial Park, Ardara, on June 11, 1939. Maigh Eo won the Pearse Memorial Cup by beating Dún na nGall 3-8/1-4. Maigh Eo fielded seven of the Sam Maguire Cup-winning team of 1936 and five other first-fifteen regulars.

The **Maigh Eo** team was:

J. O'Shaughnessy

T. O'Regan

A. O' Toole

J. Carney (0-1)

G. Gorrell

T. Burke

P. Quinn

J. Poppenwell

P. Judge (1-0)

P. Moclair (1-3)

Purty Kelly:

M. Griffin:

J. Munnelly:

B. Mongey (0-1)

T. Hoban (1-3).

**Dún na nGall:**

J. Devlin

J. McGarvey

P. McGill

A. O'Gorman

D. Callaghan

H. McGuinness

T. Gallagher

P. Gill

H. Gallagher (1-2)

J. Bradley

McHugh (0-1)

E. Cannon:

A. Bradley:

C. McDyer:

D. Gillespie.

**Sub:** Jackie Gallagher (0-1).



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## 1940

On November 24, 1940, Dún na nGall and Maigh Eo met in a Senior competitive game for the first time. Maigh Eo beat Dún na nGall 1-10 /

0-5 in the National Football League in Ballina. The 'Derry Journal' report was:

It was a well-contested game. Donegal had a better share of the exchanges than the score would suggest.

Mayo opened with a point from a free by Ormsby, who repeated this performance shortly afterwards. Munnelly added a further point, and the Mayo defence, in which Winters was outstanding, repulsed a few Donegal raids. Mayo returned to secure another point per Laffey, and Kearney added two further points for Mayo. Then Laffey obtained a goal, and Judge a point. Donegal forwards missed several scoring chances before McGarvey had a point from a free just before the interval. Half-time score – Mayo, 1-8; Donegal, 0-1.

After the resumption Donegal broke away. Their forwards again missed several scoring opportunities. Despite the fact that Donegal had the balance of exchanges so far in this half, Mayo were the first to score. They went ahead with a point per Munnelly. Assuming the offensive, Donegal got two points per H. Gallagher, and a further point per McGarvey. Munnelly added another point for Mayo, but just before the whistle O'Neill had a point for Donegal.

The Donegal team comprised the following: - P. McNelis, J. Cassidy, J. Gallagher (Gweedore), H. O'Donnell, A. McBrearty, M. Melly, H. McGovern, C. McDwyer, J. McGarvey, J. O'Neill, H. Gallagher, J. Gallagher (Ballyshannon), M. Slevin, P. Gill, V. McHugh

## LEAGUE GAMES

The full list of past National League clashes is:

1.24 Nov 1940	Maigh Eo	1-10	Dún na nGall	0-5	Ballina
2.11 Nov 1984	Dún na nGall	1-13	Maigh Eo	1-5	Ballyshannon
3.27 Oct 1985	Dún na nGall	0-14	Maigh Eo	1-11	Ballyshannon
4. 6 Feb 1994	Dún na nGall	3-7	Maigh Eo	0-12	Ballybofey
5.13 Feb 2005	Maigh Eo	2-10	Dún na nGall	1-11	Ballina
6.12 Feb 2007	Dún na nGall	1-13	Maigh Eo	1-10	Ballybofey
7.22 Apr 2007	Dún na nGall	0-13	Maigh Eo	0-10	Croke Park (Final)
8.17 Feb 2008	Dún na nGall	2-11	Maigh Eo	0-16	Castlebar
9.14 Feb 2009	Dún na nGall	2-10	Maigh Eo	1-13	Letterkenny
10.18 Mar 2012	Dún na nGall	0-17	Maigh Eo	1-7	Ballyshannon
11.24 Mar 2013	Maigh Eo	1-10	Dún na nGall	0-9	Castlebar
12.5 Apr 2015	Maigh Eo	0-12	Dún na nGall	1-9	Castlebar

*Dún na nGall won 6, Maigh Eo won 3, with 3 draws*

## 1946

The great Paddy Prendergast played for Dún na nGall in the Dr. McKenna Cup, Ulster Senior Football Championship and National Football League (Dr. Lagan Cup).

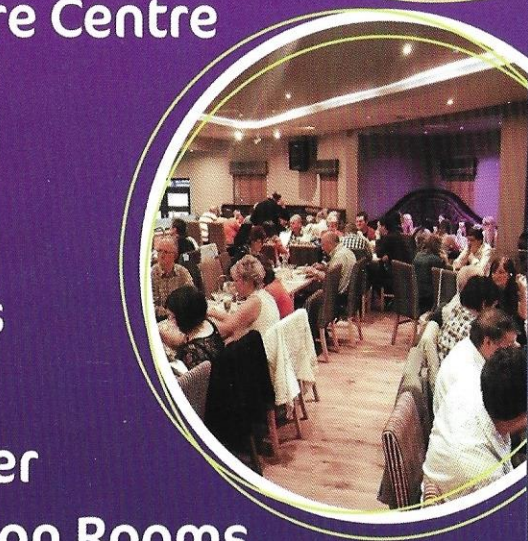
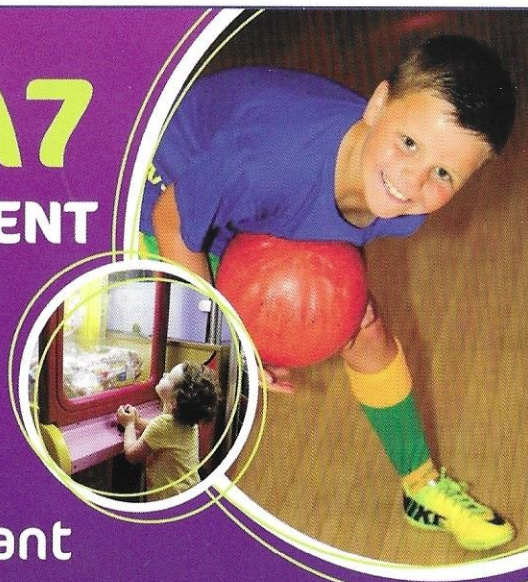
## 1954

On June 6 1954 the Dún na nGall –Maigh Eo bond was cemented by Maigh Eo playing at the official opening of Tírconnaill Park, Donegal Town. On that day Dún na nGall beat Liatroim 2-6 / 1-6 and Maigh Eo fell heavily to An Cabhán 5-8 /3-2. At the reception in the Technical School (no Abbey then!!) 'Mr. Paddy Prendergast, speaking on behalf of Mayo, said it was a very pleasant duty for him to thank all concerned. He had looked forward to the opening very much as it had a great significance for him, having played for Donegal before he played for Mayo. The park was in the most beautiful surroundings and in looking for alibis as to their defeat when they went home they could say that they were so engrossed by the lovely scenery that they got beaten.'

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On that day in Donegal Town Maigh Eo fielded nine of the team that had just won the National League –

*S. Wynne, J. Forde, P. Prendergast, S. Flanagan, F. Fleming, J. Nallen, P. Irwin, S. O'Donnell, and M. Flanagan.*

**1971**

Martin Carney makes the first of his 76 appearances for Dún na nGall (in the Championship against An Dún).

**1991**

Pádraig Brogan comes on as a substitute in each of Dún na nGall's three Championship matches.

### LAST MEETING HERE – 2007

Maigh Eo's last visit to Bealach Féich was on February 12, 2007. Although they led by 0-7/0-6 at half-time they were overtaken in the second half by Dún na nGall who won 1-13/1-10.

#### Dún na Gall

	Paul Durcan	
Thomas Donoghue	Paddy Campbell	Karl Lacey
Éamonn McGee	Barry Monaghan	Barry Dunnion (0-1):
	Kevin Cassidy & Neil Gallagher:	
Christy Toye (0-1)	Ciarán Bonner (0-2)	Brian Roper
Kevin McMenamin (0-4)	Brendan Devenney (0-4)	Ryan Bradley (1-0)

*Subs: Patrick McConigley, Frank McGlynn, Adrian Sweeney, Colm McFadden (0-1).*

#### Maigh Eo

	David Clarke	
Liam O' Malley	James Kilcullen	Keith Higgins:
David Heaney	Billy Joe Padden	Peadar Gardiner:
	David Brady & Pat Harte (0-1)	
Andy Moran (0-1)	Trevor Mortimer	Alan Dillon (0-2):
Conor Mortimer (0-4)	Kevin O'Neill	Austin O' Malley (0-2)

*Subs: James Nallen, Michael Conroy, Marty McNicholas, Ger Brady, Mark Ronaldson.*  
 Maigh Eo's goal was a Neil Gallagher own goal.

### SNIPPETS

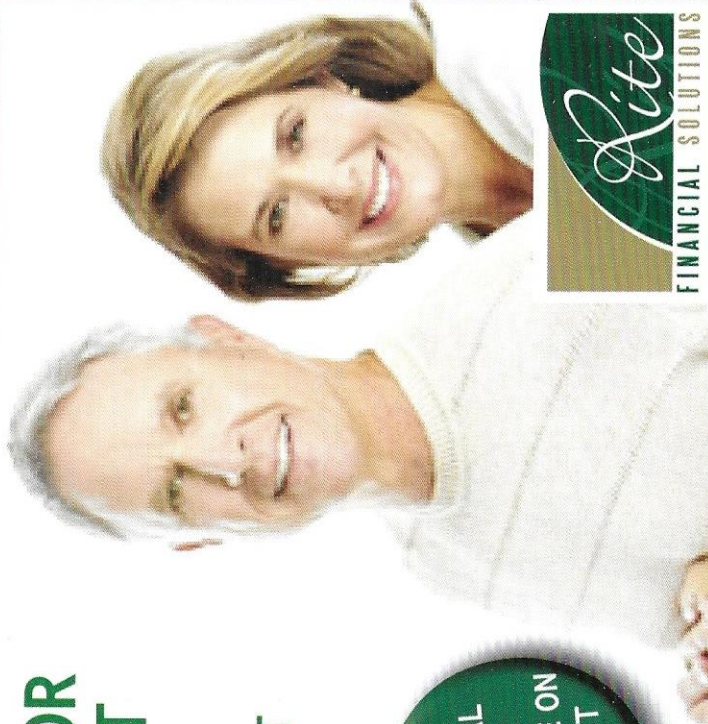
- Éamonn McGee and Colm McFadden have played in the last 8 Dún na nGall v Maigh Eo league games – 2005, 2007 (twice), 2008, 2009, 2012, 2013, 2015. They also played in the Championship games of 2012, 2013 and 2015. So they have played in the last 11 Dún na nGall v Maigh Eo competitive games – a remarkable record.
- Colm McFadden and Christy Toye played for the Dún na nGall team that beat Maigh Eo in the Ted Webb U-16 Cup final of 1999 (Dún na nGall beat Maigh Eo in the 1991 final also).
- It seems Dún na nGall and Maigh Eo haven't met in the U-21 or Minor Championships. Maigh Eo beat Dún na nGall in the 1933 All-Ireland Junior Football Championship final.
- Dún na nGall and Maigh Eo have met 4 times in the Senior Championship. Dún na nGall won in 1992 and 2012; Maigh Eo in 2013 and 2015.

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## If only the ground was a little better down west

Tom Comack (Donegal Democrat/Peoples Press)

If only the land was a bit better and the holdings a bit bigger in north Mayo. Michael Murphy who has been Donegal captain for the last five years, is the son of a Mayo native, and in the eyes of many, the best Gaelic footballer in the country. His father Mick, the son of farming stock in north Mayo, is a retired garda who hails from outside Ballina, close to the border with Sligo. Mick has spent all his working life here in Donegal and is an out and out GAA man. Since he retired from An Garda Siochana, Mick Murphy has been working as a full-time GAA Games Manager here in the county and has played a big part in the football revolution experienced in Donegal in recent years. But ever since Michael's thunderbolt goal after 2 minutes and 25 seconds in Donegal's 2012 All-Ireland final win over Mayo, the green and red followers have been bemoaning Mick Murphy's migration to the north west. Michael Murphy also posted four points and was captain in Donegal's 2-11 to 0-13 All-Ireland win that year. Donegal supporters will be hoping that come 3.45 pm this afternoon, their counterparts from the west will also bemoaning that the ground out around the Erris Peninsula was not a little more fertile too. Martin O'Reilly and Eamonn Doherty, both expected to feature this afternoon, Martin in the attack and Eamonn in the defence, are

both the sons of Mayo fathers. Martin is the son of Terry O'Reilly, from Glenara outside Belmullet. He has nailed down a regular place on the Donegal starting 15 during the last couple of seasons. Terry, also a retired member of An Garda Siochana, is a first cousin of the great Willie Joe Padden and a brother of Tom O'Reilly, a former All-Ireland minor winner with Mayo, and more recently, chairman of the Cavan county board. An ounce of breeding is worth a ton of feeding! Another brother of Terry's, Liam Reilly in Dungloe, is a legend of Donegal club football and the man credited with producing two of the finest forwards in the game over the last 25 years, Tony Boyle and Adrian Sweeney, both All-Star forwards. Flame-haired Eamonn Doherty is the son of another Belmullet native, P J Doherty, who also moved to the north west to serve his country as a member of An Garda Siochana, in the early 1970s. Eamonn, who like Michael Murphy and Martin O'Reilly before him, came up through Donegal's underage structure before graduating to the senior team last year. And like Michael and Martin, he is also another case of Mayo's loss being Donegal's gain, though Mary Doherty (nee Molloy), Mary Murphy (nee Hutchinson) and Lena O'Reilly (nee Marley) might not altogether agree.

### This weekends fixtures

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## JACK HANNIGAN

BY CHRIS McNULTY (*Donegal Sport Hub*)

HE'S JUST CELEBRATED his 102nd birthday, but Jack Hannigan is delighted to see the new football season in full swing.

Jack – who is the President of the Sean MacCumhaills club – was honoured by the Ulster GAA

Writers Association in November when they awarded him the John McAviney Award for Lifetime Services to the GAA.

Jack turned 102 in October and is best known for his role as the tunnel steward at his beloved Sean MacCumhaill Park.

"It has been a lifetime in MacCumhaill Park, Ballybofey," he said,. "I never quit. I always was in the tunnel keeping control."

Former Donegal County Chairman PJ McGowan collected the award on his behalf at the UGAAWA banquet at the Great Northern Hotel in Bundoran.

Jack played football in the Twin Towns alongside his three brothers – "We



weren't good boys either, mind you', he recalled – and was a close friend of Sean MacCumhaill, whom the club was named after in 1950.

There is rarely a ball kicked at the Finnside venue that he

misses.

"I never miss a game unless it's pouring from the heavens," he said.

"I take the car with me and drive up the banking to look through the wire. If there's a ball rattling at all I'll be there.

"As long as I'm here, I'll be there!"

Jack has his own personalised parking spot in the car park of St Mary's Church in Stranorlar and can be seen on a daily basis watching the world go by from the gate of Sean MacCumhaill Park.



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## “More misery for Mayo”

By Ryan Ferry - Donegal News

“More misery for Mayo” were the words uttered by RTE commentator Ger Canning in the aftermath of their defeat to Donegal in the 2012 All-Ireland final.

Mayo had put up a good fight against Donegal but in the end they lost by four points.

It was the second time they were defeated by Jim McGuinness's side that season as they also lost out in the league in Ballyshannon.

The TV camera zoomed in on the Sam Maguire Cup after the All-Ireland decider, and you could see the Donegal players in the corner celebrating, while the dejected Kevin McLoughlin trudged over towards the tunnel.

It was indeed a miserable day for Mayo, but while Donegal held the upper hand that day, the Westeners have held sway ever since.

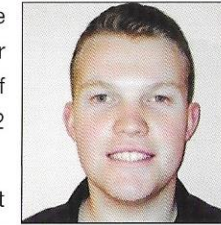
The sides met next in the league the following year, and Mayo prevailed on a scoreline of 1-10 to 0-9 at McHale Park.

It was a disappointing defeat from a Donegal perspective and they ended up being relegated to the second tier of the NFL.

The teams were paired together again later that year in the All-Ireland quarter-final.

Mayo were determined to banish memories of their final defeat 11 months earlier, and they did so in a ruthless manner, winning by 16 points.

The fist-pump from Mayo substitute Kevin Keane following a score when the game was long over as a contest, showed that it was a result that really mattered to the Connacht



side.

Those matches intensified the rivalry between the teams, and it was a feisty affair when the sides met again in the League in Castlebar last season.

Patrick McBrearty scored a super goal for Donegal, but they still trailed going into injury-time.

That was until Stephen Griffin curled over to rescue a draw for Donegal and send them into the semi-finals of the league at the expense of their opponents.

It wasn't quite a victory, but there were certainly more smiles in the Donegal camp after the match, than in the Mayo huddle.

However, it was the Mayo men who had the last laugh when they dumped Donegal out of the All-Ireland series last year, with goals from Aidan O'Shea and Lee Keegan helping them to a comfortable victory.

Today the sides meet again in the latest instalment of a fixture, which is now one of the most anticipated in the GAA calendar.

Donegal come into the game in good form, while Mayo - under the tutelage of new manager Stephen Rochford - are still searching for their first victory of the league.

On home turf, Donegal will be expecting to win, but Mayo have successfully managed to frustrate their rivals since that September afternoon in Dublin four years ago, and they will be hoping to repeat the trick again today.

# Donegal show character to get better of Mayo

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maintaining their recent good record against their opponents.

They certainly began with great intent and really pinned Donegal back in their own half early on and had three points to Donegal's one on the board inside eight minutes.

Evan Regan punished Donegal with two early close-in frees following fouls on Kevin McLoughlin and Aidan O'Shea.

McLoughlin was one of two changes Mayo made from the team announced earlier in the week. He replaced Jason Doherty in the attack. The other Mayo change saw All-Ireland minor winner, Michael Hall, replace Mickey Sweeney at corner-forward.

Donegal manager Rory Gallagher also made two changes from the team in the programme. Rory Kavanagh made his first start since the 2014 All-Ireland final defeat to Kerry.

The St Eunan's man lined up at midfield alongside Michael Murphy.

Kavanagh replaced Anthony Thompson. Gaoth Dobhair teenager Michael Carroll was the other Donegal alteration, replacing the injured Ciaran Thompson in the half-forward line.

Odhran MacNiallais, playing in an advanced role, opened Donegal's account seven minutes into the game.

But with Mayo continuing to dominate around the middle of the park, especially in broken play, Aidan O'Shea landed Mayo's third point from way out on the left for a



super score.

Michael Murphy responded for Donegal with the first of his five for the afternoon before Shane Nally, who exploited an opening on the right side of the Donegal defence, edged Mayo into a 0-4 to 0-3 lead by the end of the first quarter hour.

But skipper Murphy and Kavanagh responded with Kavanagh's 20 minute strike tying up the game for the first time.

Martin McElhinney replaced Michael Carroll and with his first touch the St. Michael's man blazed wide with only Robert Hennelly to beat after being sent through by superb cross field pass from Ryan McHugh.

The sides were level three times in the closing action packed ten minutes with Hennelly, and McBrearty and Lee Keegan and Ryan McHugh and Regan and Murphy trading points, before Brendan Harrison edged Mayo ahead in injury time, 0-8 to 0-7.

Ryan McHugh, superb at wing back, tied up the game on 0-8 each inside 20 seconds of the restart..

Regan and McBrearty traded points before MacNiallais with a trade mark strike kicked Donegal into the lead for the first time to lead

0-10 to 0-9 by the 40th minute.

But Donegal were reeling five minutes later when Diarmaid O'Connor converted from the penalty spot after Regan was tripped by Peter Boyle.

The game got scrappy for a period. Neil Gallagher replaced Hugh McFadden after the Killybegs man had been booked. The big Glenswilly man only lasted a minute before he was black carded for a trip on a Mayo player.

Murphy steadied the Donegal ship with a '45' to reduce the margin to two once more, 1-10 to 0-11. And with the intensity levels up a notch McBrearty from a 40 metre free made it a point game with a little over a quarter of an hour remaining.

And with Donegal back in the groove, the move of the match led to the Donegal goal. Anthony Thompson turned over Mayo just inside his own half before quickly transferring to Christy Toye, in the middle of the field. Toye carried before laying off to Kavanagh who in turn found the inrushing Leo McLoone, who carried and steadied before smashing past Hennelly for a super goal and the lead once more for Donegal.

Donegal leading 1-12 to 1-10 were not going to be caught as Murphy and McBrearty knocked over clinching points with Hennelly from a '45' and Seamus O'Shea from play

responding for the men from the west.

After a slow start and being under siege early one, Donegal regrouped well to deservedly win against a Mayo side that were up for a battle.

Donegal head to Kerry next weekend with full points from their three games and with an eye on a place in a league semi-final at least were much within their grasp

**Donegal:** P Boyle; E McGee, N McGee, P McGrath; R McHugh (0-2), F McGlynn, E Doherty; O MacNiallais (0-2), H McFadden; R Kavanagh (0-1), M Carroll, E McHugh; P McBrearty (0-4,3f), M Murphy (0-5,3f,45), M O'Reilly. Subs., M McElhinney for Carroll 18; A Thompson for E Doherty ht; N Gallagher for H McFadden 47; C Toye for Gallagher, beard 49; Leo McLoone (1-0) for E McGee 51; Caolan Ward for M O'Reilly 69

**Mayo:** R Hennelly (0-2,1,45); B Harrison (0-1), G Cafferkey, K Higgins; L Keegan (0-1), C Boyle, S Nally (0-1); T Parsons, J Gibbons; D O'Connor (1-0, pen), A O'Shea (0-1), C O'Shea; E Regan (0-4,4f), K McLoughlin, M Hall. Subs., C Loftus (0-1) for Higgins 21; Andy Moran for E Regan 50; Donal Vaughan for S Nally 53; Seamus O'Shea (0-1) for Gibbons 63; Jason Doherty for D O'Connor 69.

**Referee:** B Cassidy (Derry).

Donegal maintained their good start to the new season with a third straight win in yesterday's victory over Mayo in Sean Mac-Cumhaill Park.

Donegal ..... 1-14  
Mayo ..... 1-12

Just two points separated the sides at the finish in a cracking game played on a beautiful dry crisp day and before one of the biggest crowds seen in Ballybofey for many's the long year.

The official attendance was given as 11,000 and the large Donegal support went home happy after seeing their favourites with the two precious league points after been put to the pin of their collar by the Con-naught champions.

This was a most encouraging performance against a top side after their facile wins over Down and Cork in the opening two games. The win moves Donegal to six points and almost virtually assured of their top flight status again next year.

Mayo, who lost their opening two games but had not lost to Donegal since the 2012 All-Ireland final, came to Ballybofey intent on of





**Best of luck to Rory and the lads  
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