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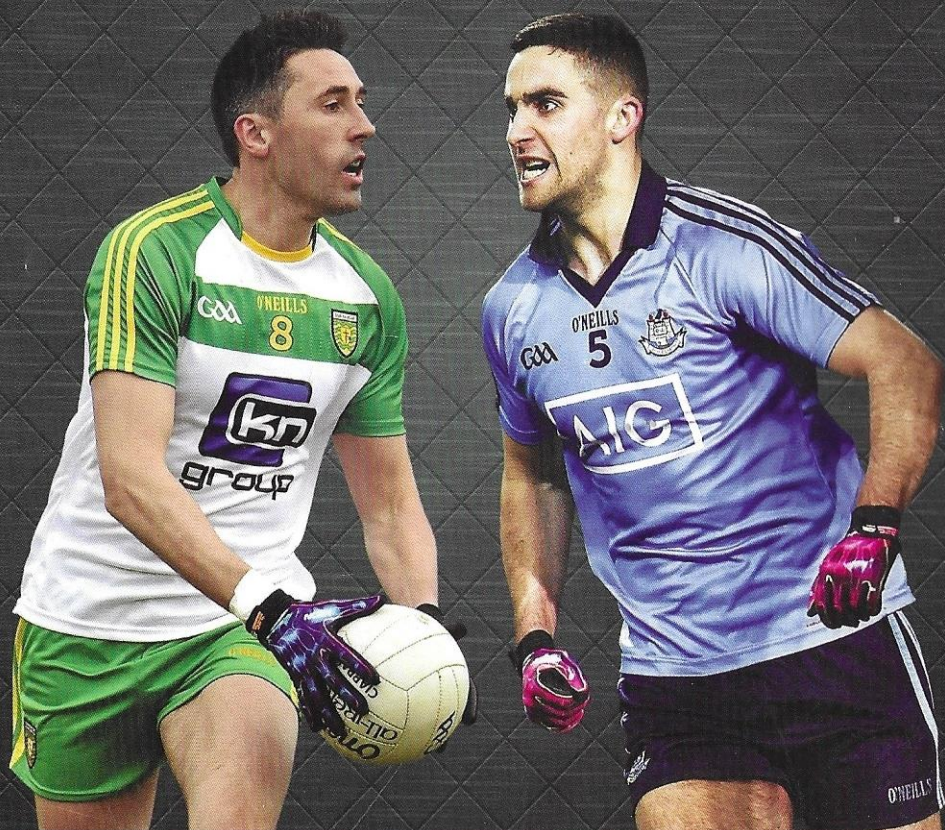
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ALLIANZ FOOTBALL LEAGUE 2016



DIVISION 1 ROUND 6



Ath Cliath *v* *Dún na nGall*



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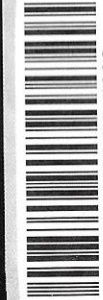
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Fáilte ón gCathaoirleach



Is cúis mór áthais dom ar son Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Átha Cliath fáilte a chur roimh gach éinne as Dún na nGall agus Áth Cliath go dtí Páirc an Chrócaigh tráthnóna. Tá súil agam go mbeidh cluiche thar barr le feiscint agus go mbainfidh gach éinne taitneamh agus sásamh as.

On behalf of the Dublin GAA Board I would like to welcome everyone to Croke Park this evening for our Round 6 Allianz League fixture against Donegal.

Our footballers continued their fine form last time out with an impressive win over Down in Newry, which ensures that Dublin qualify for the semi-finals. I am sure the team will be keen to keep the momentum going and so will be aiming for wins tonight and in Roscommon next week.

Donegal are currently in one of the semi-final spots but know they will likely need at least one more win to secure it. They will be anxious to atone for their recent reverse to Roscommon and get back on track with a win tonight.

Dublin enjoyed a five point win over Donegal in Round 2 of last year's competition and while it is very hard to predict the result of any match involving the two counties, a similar result tonight would be welcome.

Cork's Conor Lane and his officials will take charge of tonight's game and I want to thank them and acknowledge their dedication to our games.

I also want to acknowledge and thank our sponsors AIG. Our partnership has been hugely successful and of great benefit to Dublin GAA and I hope their representatives enjoy a great game tonight.

Finally, a word of thanks to you our supporters, on this very special holiday. Dublin is a unique place and as we celebrate the events of 100 years ago we can reflect on a proud history, a proud city and a proud people. I hope you enjoy the many events around our city this weekend – starting here in Croke Park tonight.

And may you all have a happy and peaceful Easter.

Seán Mac Seanlaioich
Cathaoirleach

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Hogan Stand Level 3:	Section 333
Cusack Stand Level 7:	Section 701
Davin/Cusack Stand Level 7:	Section 724
Dineen/Hill 16 Cusack Side:	Section A
Medical Centre:	Hogan Players Tunnel

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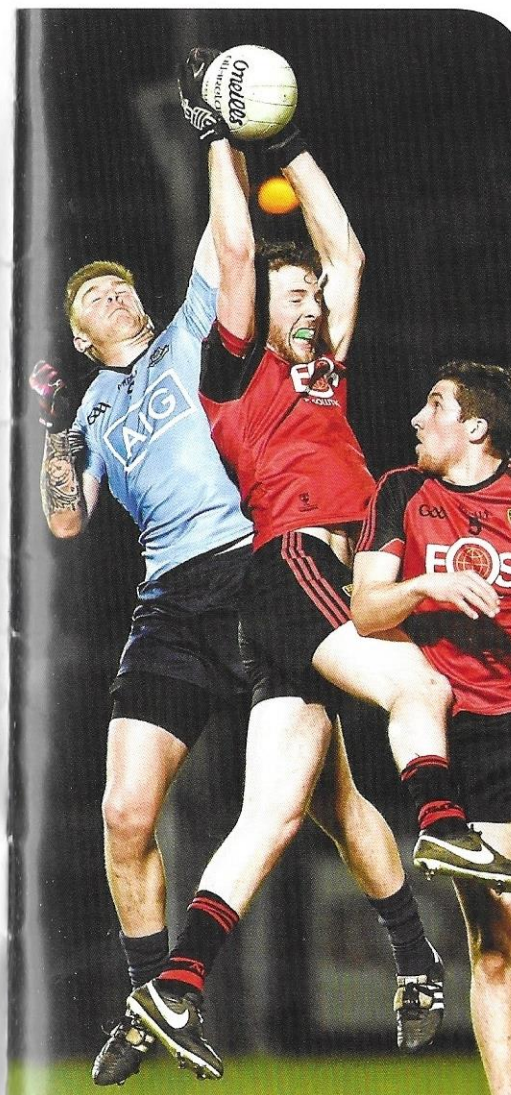
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Allianz Football League Current Standings



12 March 2016; Shane Carthy, Dublin, in action against Joe Murphy, Down. Allianz Football League, Division 1, Round 5, Down v Dublin. Páirc Esler, Newry, Co. Down. Picture credit: Oliver McVeigh / SPORTSFILÉ

ALLIANZ FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 1

Position	PI	W	L	D	F	A	Dif	Pts
1. Dublin	5	5	0	0	6-66	3-54	21	10
2. Roscommon	5	4	1	0	7-79	6-53	29	8
3. Kerry	5	3	2	0	4-72	3-56	19	6
4. Donegal	5	3	2	0	7-68	4-58	19	6
5. Cork	5	2	3	0	8-65	9-78	-16	4
6. Monaghan	5	2	3	0	4-64	5-65	-4	4
7. Mayo	5	1	4	0	3-56	5-66	-16	2
8. Down	5	0	5	0	1-37	5-77	-52	0

ALLIANZ FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 2

Position	PI	W	L	D	F	A	Dif	Pts
1. Tyrone	5	5	0	0	5-67	2-54	22	10
2. Cavan	5	3	2	0	6-69	2-54	27	6
3. Galway	5	2	1	2	6-69	6-60	9	6
4. Derry	5	2	2	1	11-59	6-76	-2	5
5. Fermanagh	5	2	3	0	2-58	5-51	-2	4
6. Meath	5	1	3	1	4-52	2-70	-12	3
7. Laois	5	1	3	1	3-69	10-68	-20	3
8. Armagh	5	1	3	1	2-58	6-68	-22	3

ALLIANZ FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 3

Position	PI	W	L	D	F	A	Dif	Pts
1. Kildare	5	4	1	0	8-57	4-54	15	8
2. Clare	5	3	2	0	5-61	2-50	20	6
3. Longford	5	3	2	0	2-67	6-51	4	6
4. Tipperary	5	2	1	2	8-46	3-59	2	5
5. Offaly	5	3	2	0	2-60	4-58	-4	6
6. Sligo	5	2	3	0	5-56	6-65	-12	4
7. Westmeath	5	1	3	1	4-56	5-53	0	3
8. Limerick	5	0	4	1	3-48	7-61	-25	1

ALLIANZ FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 4

Position	PI	W	L	D	F	A	Dif	Pts
1. Antrim	5	5	0	0	6-61	0-44	35	10
2. Wexford	5	4	1	0	8-76	6-49	33	8
3. Louth	5	4	1	0	7-60	3-43	29	8
4. Leitrim	5	2	3	0	3-58	5-58	-6	4
5. Carlow	5	2	3	0	5-53	7-69	-22	4
6. Wicklow	5	2	3	0	4-53	6-69	-22	4
7. Waterford	5	1	4	0	5-49	2-66	-8	2
8. London	5	0	5	0	3-48	12-60	-39	0

Football League 2016: *Results & Fixtures*

Division 1

- Rd 1: Dublin 2-14 Kerry 0-14; Donegal 3-15 Down 0-7; Cork 1-18 Mayo 0-12; Monaghan 2-10 Roscommon 1-9.
- Rd 2: Dublin 0-9 Mayo 0-7; Roscommon 0-14 Kerry 1-10; Donegal 2-14 Cork 1-7; Monaghan 0-13 Down 0-11.
- Rd 3: Dublin 1-14 Monaghan 0-16; Roscommon 4-25 Cork 3-10; Donegal 1-14 Mayo 1-12; Kerry 0-22 Down 0-6.
- Rd 4: Dublin 2-14 Cork 2-10; Roscommon 1-12 Down 0-6; Kerry 1-13 Donegal 1-8; Mayo 2-11 Monaghan 1-12.
- Rd 5: Dublin 1-15 Down 1-7; Cork 1-20 Monaghan 1-13; Kerry 2-13 Mayo 0-14; Roscommon 1-19 Donegal 0-17.
- **Rd 6: Mar 26: Dublin v Donegal; Mar 27: Cork v Down; Monaghan v Kerry; Roscommon v Mayo.**
- Rd 7: Apr 3: Kerry v Cork; Mayo v Down; Monaghan v Donegal; Roscommon v Dublin.
- Semi-finals: Apr 10: 1 v 4; 2 v 3.
- Final: Apr 24

Division 2

- Rd 1: Meath 1-10 Armagh 0-8; Tyrone 0-10 Cavan 0-8; Galway 3-12 Laois 1-10; Derry 3-13 Fermanagh 1-9.
- Rd 2: Laois 1-13 Armagh 0-15; Derry 1-12 Cavan 1-11; Tyrone 1-11 Galway 1-9; Fermanagh 0-10 Meath 0-6.
- Rd 3: Armagh 1-10 Fermanagh 0-12; Galway 1-18 Derry 2-12; Cavan 1-20 Meath 1-13; Tyrone 1-14 Laois 0-14.
- Rd 4: Cavan 3-18 Armagh 0-10; Tyrone 2-15 Derry 0-12; Galway 0-15 Meath 1-12; Fermanagh 1-17 Laois 0-10.
- Rd 5: Cavan 1-12 Fermanagh 0-9; Laois 1-22 Derry 5-10; Armagh 1-15 Galway 1-15; Tyrone 1-17 Meath 1-11.
- **Rd 6: Mar 26: Tyrone v Armagh; Mar 27: Cavan v Laois; Galway v Fermanagh; Derry v Meath.**
- Rd 7: Apr 3: Armagh v Derry; Cavan v Galway; Fermanagh v Tyrone; Laois v Meath.
- Final: Apr 24: 1 v 2

Division 3

- Rd 1: Clare 1-11 Sligo 0-7; Limerick 1-12 Tipperary 2-9; Offaly 0-12 Longford 0-10; Kildare 2-9 Westmeath 0-11.
- Rd 2: Kildare 1-12 Offaly 1-8; Longford 0-13 Limerick 1-8; Sligo 1-11 Westmeath 1-10; Tipperary 2-7 Clare 1-7.
- Rd 3: Kildare 2-11 Longford 0-10; Offaly 1-13 Sligo 0-14; Westmeath 0-11 Tipperary 1-8; Clare 1-14 Limerick 0-11.
- Rd 4: Tipperary 2-11 Offaly 0-12; Clare 1-18 Westmeath 0-10; Kildare 1-11 Limerick 1-10; Longford 1-17 Sligo 2-9.
- Rd 5: Westmeath 3-14 Limerick 0-7; Sligo 2-15 Kildare 2-14; Longford 1-17 Tipperary 1-11; Offaly 0-15 Clare 1-11.
- **Rd 6: Mar 27: Clare v Longford; Sligo v Limerick; Westmeath v Offaly; Tipperary v Kildare.**
- Rd 7: Apr 3: Kildare v Clare; Limerick v Offaly; Longford v Westmeath; Sligo v Tipperary.

Division 4

- Rd 1: Louth 2-9 London 0-9; Antrim 1-12 Carlow 0-10; Wexford 0-14 Leitrim 1-10; Wicklow 0-13 Waterford 1-8.
- Rd 2: Carlow 4-4 London 1-11; Antrim 1-8 Wexford 0-7; Louth 1-10 Waterford 1-9; Wicklow 0-10 Leitrim 1-6.
- Rd 3: Wexford 4-20 London 1-6; Antrim 2-14 Leitrim 0-10; Waterford 3-15 Carlow 0-15; Louth 0-15 Wicklow 1-2.
- Rd 4: Wexford 0-12 Waterford 0-11; Leitrim 0-16 Louth 2-9; Antrim 1-11 London 0-11; Carlow 0-17 Wicklow 0-14.
- Rd 5: Leitrim 1-16 London 1-11; Antrim 1-16 Waterford 0-6; Louth 2-17 Carlow 1-7; Wexford 4-23 Wicklow 3-14.
- **Rd 6: Mar 27: Waterford v London; Leitrim v Carlow; Louth v Wexford; Wicklow v Antrim.**
- Rd 7: Apr 3: Antrim v Louth; London v Wicklow; Waterford v Leitrim; Wexford v Carlow.

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Chasing pack battle to join Dubs in league semi-finals

Dublin (Division 1) and Tyrone (Division 2) have reached their first targets for the season with two rounds of the Allianz Football League still to be played. Having beaten Kerry, Mayo, Monaghan, Cork and Down, Dublin have booked a place in the semi-finals, with games against Donegal and Roscommon still to come.

Tyrone also won five games in Division 2 (10 points) and while Cavan and Galway are only four points behind Tyrone with two games to play, they play each other in the final round so both couldn't catch the leaders even if Mickey Harte's men lost their last two games. It guarantees that Tyrone will return to Division 1 at the first attempt, irrespective of how they fare against Armagh and Fermanagh over the final two rounds.

DIVISION 1: WHO WILL JOIN DUBLIN IN THE SEMI-FINALS?

Tonight: Dublin v Donegal, Croke Park, 7.0

Tomorrow: Cork v Down, Pairc Ui Rinn, 2.0; Monaghan v Kerry, Clones, 3.0; Roscommon v Mayo, Dr. Hyde Park, 3.30

Dublin have qualified for the Football League Division 1 semi-finals for a fourth successive year while there's quite a battle for the other three places, with Roscommon (8pts), Kerry (6pts), Donegal (6pts), Cork (4pts), Monaghan (4 pts) in the chasing pack. Mayo are on two points.

Down have lost all five games and are now virtually certain to return to Division 2 after one season in the top flight. They travel to Pairc Ui Rinn on Sunday to take on Cork, who have a very good record against the Ulster team.



12 March 2016; Ciarán Kilkenny, Dublin, in action against Peter Turley, Down. Allianz Football League, Division 1, Round 5, Down v Dublin. Páirc Esler, Newry, Co. Down. Picture credit: Oliver McVeigh / SPORTSFILE

Roscommon, who were promoted with Down this season, have climbed to second place behind Dublin, having beaten Kerry, Cork, Down and Donegal in their last four games. They lost to Monaghan in the opening round.

Roscommon's clash with Mayo will be one of the highlights of the weekend as the great Connacht rivals have different priorities after mixed fortunes so far. Mayo have won only one of five games, leaving them in danger of relegation while Roscommon are in with a great chance of reaching the semi-finals, which would be a huge achievement after coming up from Divisions 3 to 1 in successive seasons.

Roscommon and Mayo haven't met in the Allianz League for several years but did clash in the Connacht championship in 2014, when Mayo won by a point.

Dublin's win over Down in the last round extended their winning run to over a year and it's now a question of the position they occupy in the top four.

Monaghan made a good start to the Allianz League, beating Roscommon and Down in the opening two rounds but have since lost to Dublin, Mayo and Cork.

Kerry have gone in the other direction. They lost their first two games to Dublin and Roscommon but have since beaten Down, Donegal and Mayo.

Monaghan beat Kerry by four points in last year's Allianz Football League.

Dublin's win over Down in the last round extended their winning run to over a year and it's now a question of the position they occupy in the top four.



13 March 2016; Martin McElhinney, Donegal, in action against Niall Daly, Roscommon. Allianz Football League, Division 1, Round 5, Donegal v Roscommon. O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. Picture credit: Oliver McVeigh / SPORTSFILE

DIVISION 2: TYRONE ALREADY GUARANTEED PROMOTION

Tonight Tyrone v Armagh, Omagh, 7.0

Tomorrow: Cavan v Laois, Kingspan Breffni Park, 3.0; Derry v Meath, Owenbeg, 2.0; Galway v Fermanagh, Tuam Stadium, 3.0

Tyrone have already guaranteed themselves promotion after five rounds but can still play a major part in deciding who joins them on the route to Division 1 and who drops to Division 2. Tyrone's clash with Armagh is crucial for Kieran McGeeney's men, who find themselves bottom of the table on three points. Laois and Meath are also on three points but have a superior scoring difference to Armagh, while Fermanagh are a point ahead.

It all points to a desperate struggle to avoid the drop. Laois will be away to Cavan, who are second on the table (6pts), edging Galway (also on 6 pts) on scoring difference. Cavan beat Laois in last Allianz Football year's League.

Fermanagh travel to Tuam to take on Galway, who have picked up five of their six points on the road, beating Laois in Portlaoise, Derry in Celtic Park and drawing with Armagh in the Athletic Grounds. They lost to Tyrone and drew with Meath in Pearse Stadium. Derry, who are on five points, host Meath, who beat Armagh, drew with Galway and lost to Ulster trio Cavan, Fermanagh and Tyrone.

DIVISION 3: TWO POINTS SEPARATE TOP FIVE

Today: Tipp v Kildare, Sean Treacy Park, 2.0

Tomorrow: Clare v Longford, Ennis, 3.0; Sligo v Limerick, Markievicz Park, 3.0; Westmeath v Offaly, Cusack Park.

This is an extremely tight group with Kildare on eight points, followed by Clare, Longford, Tipperary and Offaly on six points and Sligo on four points. Westmeath (3) and Limerick (1) are currently in the relegation zone.

It's 1 (Kildare) v 4 (Tipperary) and 2 (Clare) v 3 (Longford) next weekend, games that will have a big impact on the promotion

race. Westmeath v Offaly is crucial for both as a win for Pat Flanagan's men would keep themselves firmly in the promotion race while Tom Cribbin's 2015 Leinster runners-up would be relegated if they lost and Limerick lost to Sligo. Limerick need to win to have any chance of avoiding relegation.

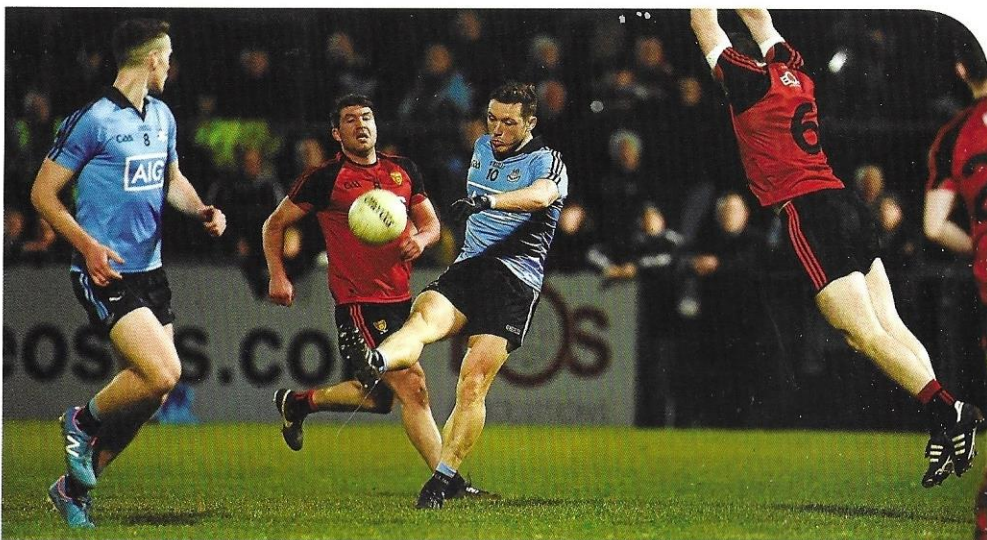
DIVISION 4: ANTRIM CLOSE TO PROMOTION

Today: Leitrim v Carlow, Carrick-on-Shannon, 2.0

Tomorrow: Waterford v London, Fraher Field, 1.0; Louth v Wexford, Drogheda, 3.0; Wicklow v Antrim, Aghrim, 3.0

Antrim, who together with Dublin and Tyrone are the only counties on full points across all the divisions, will be guaranteed promotion if they beat Wicklow in Aghrim.

The Ulstermen have ten points, two ahead of Louth and Wexford. They meet in Drogheda in a repeat of last year's Division 3 clash which Louth won. Leitrim, Carlow and Wicklow are all on four points, while London are the only team in the division without a point.



12 March 2016; Paul Flynn, Dublin, in action against Aidan Carr, Down. Allianz Football League, Division 1, Round 5, Down v Dublin. Páirc Esler, Newry, Co. Down. Picture credit: Oliver McVeigh / SPORTSFILE

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GAME BY GAME

ROUND 1, ST PATRICK'S PARK,
ENNISCORTHY: SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

WEXFORD 2-6 DUBLIN 0-12

SCORERS - Wexford: B Brosnan 1-1, A Flynn 1-1 (1-0 pen), K O'Grady, R Vallejo, K Rowe, PJ Banville 0-1 each. **Dublin:** D Rock 0-6 (0-2f), J Whelan, C Reddin, P Andrews, C Costello, C O'Callaghan, S Carthy 0-1 each.

WEXFORD: A Masterson; J O'Connor, N Rossiter, R Vallejo; B Malone, S Donohue, K Butler; G Malone, C Kehoe; K O'Grady, N Hughes, A Flynn; K Rowe, J Carty, B Brosnan. Subs: T Rossiter for G Malone (black card, 15), PJ Banville for Butler (43), S Ryan for Rowe (45), S Doyle for O'Connor (53), P O'Connor for Hughes (68).

DUBLIN: M Savage; E Culligan, J Curley, C Mullally; N Devereux, J Small, M Concarr; D Bastick, C Reddin; J Whelan, D Rock, S Carthy; C Costello, P Andrews, C O'Callaghan. Subs: G Hannigan for Devereux (inj, 11), P McMahon for Concarr (ht), J McCarthy for Bastick (ht), N Scully for Culligan (46), A Caffrey for McMahon (black card, 54), N Walsh for O'Callaghan (56), M Mac Donncha for Whelan (blood sub, 64).

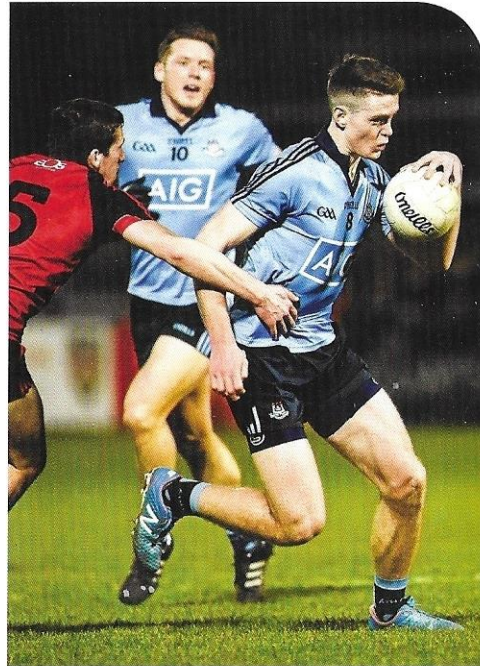
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ROUND 2, ST BRIGID'S GAA CLUB,
RUSSELL PARK: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

DUBLIN 3-24 IT CARLOW 2-8

SCORERS - Dublin: C Costello 2-6 (1-0 pen, 0-4f), P Andrews 1-3, M Deegan 0-5, T Brady, S Carthy, C McGuire, J Whelan 0-2 each, N Scully, P McMahon 0-1 each. **IT Carlow:** C Healy 1-3, M Sherry 1-0, K Ryan, C Conroy (0-2f) 0-2 each, N Kane 0-1.

DUBLIN: M Savage; E Culligan, J Curley, O Manning; N Scully, P McMahon, J Small;

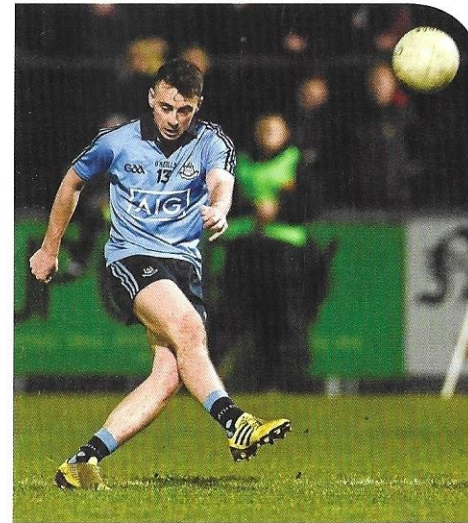


12 March 2016; Brian Fenton, Dublin, in action against Jonny Flynn, Down. Páirc Esler, Newry, Co. Down. Picture credit: Oliver McVeigh / SPORTSFILE

C Reddin, T Brady; J Whelan, M Deegan, S Carthy; C Costello, P Andrews, C McGuire. Subs: G Hannigan for Curley (ht), M Concarr for Small (ht), J McCarthy for Brady (ht), N Walsh for Carthy (ht), A Caffrey for Andrews (ht), J Cooper for Reddin (45).

IT CARLOW: R Sansom; I Ilunga, T Featherston, T O'Connell; A Dever, D Dunne, D Smyth; W Young, M Russell; C Conroy, K Ryan, E Buggie; C Healy, M Sherry, M Hurley. Subs: J Mitchell for Dunne (ht), N Kane for O'Connell (ht), S McGraynor for Young (53), D Aston for Russell (66), A O'Brien for Hurley (69).

REF: N Hand (Louth).



12 March 2016; Cormac Costello, Dublin, scores a free kick. Allianz Football League, Division 1, Round 5. Picture credit: Oliver McVeigh / SPORTSFILE

ROUND 3, PARNELL PARK: SUNDAY,
JANUARY 10

DUBLIN 1-16 DCU 1-12

SCORERS - Dublin: D Rock 0-6 (0-3f), C O'Callaghan 1-2, C Costello 0-3, S Carthy, P Andrews 0-2 each, J Whelan 0-1. **DCU:** S Carey 0-7 (3f), Enda Smith 1-3, M Quinn, D Byrne 0-1 each.

DUBLIN: M Savage; J Cooper, J Curley, C Mullally; N Scully, P McMahon, J Small; J McCarthy, D Bastick; T Brady, D Rock, S Carthy; C Costello, P Andrews, C O'Callaghan. Subs: J Whelan for Brady (ht), C Reddin for Bastick (43), D Daly for Mullally (49), M Deegan for Andrews (53), S Cunningham for McCarthy (59), E Culligan for Cooper (60).

DCU: P O'Donnell; Eoin Smith, K Feely, S Attridge; C Mulligan, C Moynagh, D Byrne; C McGonagle, S Carthy; R Connor, M Quinn, CBreheeny; C McHugh, Enda Smith, S Carey.

Subs: D Ward for Mulligan (32), S McCoy for Breheeny (ht), D Mannix for McHugh (ht), N Gavigan for Feely (43), P McKenna for Eoin Smith (46), Eoghan Smyth for Connor (53).

REF: A Nolan (Wicklow).

SEMI FINAL, GLENNON BROS PEARSE
PARK: SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

LONGFORD 1-12 DUBLIN 0-9

SCORERS - Longford: R Smyth 0-3 (0-3f), F McGee 0-3 (0-1f), L Connerton 1-0, M Hughes, B Farrell, J McGivney, D Gallagher, P McKeon, B McKeon (0-1f) 0-1 each. **Dublin:** D Rock 0-3 (0-2f), C Reddin 0-2, D Daly, P Andrews, T Brady, C Costello 0-1 each.

LONGFORD: P Collum; F Battrim, B Gilleran, CP Smyth; A Dalton, D Brady, D Masterson; M Brady, B Farrell; B McKeon, J McGivney, D Gallagher; R Smyth, F McGee, M Hughes. Subs: P McKeon for Hughes (46), D McElligott for Farrell (54), L Connerton for Smyth (60), C Shields for P McKeon (67, BC), P McGee for F McGee (69).

DUBLIN: S Cluxton; J Cooper, J Curley, P McMahon; J McCarthy, J Small, D Daly; C Reddin, D Bastick; T Brady, D Rock, S Carthy; C Costello, P Andrews, C O'Callaghan. Subs: N Scully for Bastick (41), P Ryan for O'Callaghan (50), C Mullally for Carthy (61), M Deegan for Andrews (66).

REF: J Hickey (Carlow).

O'Byrne Cup Scoring Chart

Dublin's footballers scored 4-61 and conceded 6-38 in their four games (v Wexford, IT Carlow, DCU, Longford) in the Bord na Móna O'Byrne Cup. Thirteen players contributed to the scoring tally.

- **Cormac Costello** 2-11 (1-0 pen, 0-4f)
- **Dean Rock** 0-15 (0-7f)
- **Paddy Andrews** 1-7
- **Michael Deegan** 0-5
- **Con O'Callaghan** 1-3
- **Shane Carthy** (St Vincent's) 0-5
- **Jason Whelan** 0-4
- **Tomás Brady, Ciarán Reddin** 0-3
- **Conor McGuire** 0-2
- **Niall Scully, Philly McMahon, Darren Daly** 0-1

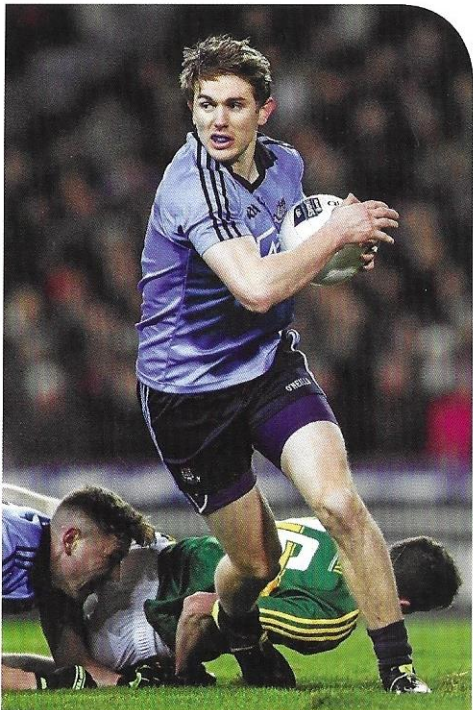
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE: GAME BY GAME

ROUND 1, CROKE PARK: JANUARY 30

DUBLIN 2-14 KERRY 0-14

SCORERS - Dublin: P Andrews 1-4, D Rock 0-7 (0-4f), D Connolly 1-0 (1-0 pen), T Brady, P Mannion, C Costello 0-1 each. **Kerry:** BJ Keane 0-4 (0-4f), D O'Sullivan 0-3, D Moran 0-2 (0-1f), T Walsh, J Buckley, D Walsh, S O'Brien, B O'Sullivan 0-1 each.

DUBLIN: S Cluxton; David Byrne, M Fitzsimons, J Cooper; Davy Byrne, C O'Sullivan, J Small; J McCarthy, D Bastick; T Brady, D Connolly, C Kilkenny; P Mannion, D Rock, P Andrews. **Subs:** J McCaffrey for Davy Byrne, E O Conghaile for Bastick, C Costello for Brady, C Reddin for Kilkenny, D Daly for O'Sullivan, C O'Callaghan for Mannion.



30 January 2016; Michael Fitzsimons, Dublin. Allianz Football League, Division 1, Round 1, Dublin v Kerry, Croke Park, Dublin. Picture credit: Ray McManus / SPORTSFILÉ

KERRY: B Kealy; S Enright, M Griffin, B O Beaglaoich; K Young, P Murphy, F Fitzgerald; D Moran, T Walsh; P O'Connor, J Buckley, D Walsh; BJ Keane, D O'Sullivan, S O'Brien. **Subs:** P Kilkenny for Griffin, J Lyne for D Walsh, B O'Sullivan for Buckley, P O'Connor for Fitzgerald, G O'Grady for Keane, C Cox for T Walsh. **REF:** E Kinsella (Laois).

ROUND 2, MacHALE PARK, FEBRUARY 6

MAYO 0-7 DUBLIN 0-9

SCORERS - Dublin: D Rock 0-4 (0-3f, 0-1 '45'), D Connolly, D Bastick, J McCarthy, C Costello, E O Conghaile 0-1 each. **Mayo:** E Regan 0-3 (0-2f), D O'Connor, R Hennelly (0-2 '45') 0-2 each.

DUBLIN: S Cluxton; M Fitzsimons, J Cooper, David Byrne; J McCarthy, P McMahon, J Small; D Bastick, E O Conghaile; T Brady, C Kilkenny, D Connolly; D Rock, P Mannion, P Andrews. **Subs:** J McCaffrey for P McMahon (BC, 4), S Carthy (Nh Mearnó) for D Bastick (ht), C Reddin for T Brady (46), C Costello for P Mannion (54), P Ryan for P Andrews (65), D Daly for J Cooper (BC, 71).

MAYO: R Hennelly; C Crowe, G Cafferkey, B Harrison; C Boyle, M Hall, S Nally; T Parsons, A O'Shea; D O'Connor, D Vaughan, C O'Shea; E Regan, J Doherty, M Sweeney. **Subs:** J Gibbons for T Parsons (ht), D Drake for D Vaughan (43, inj), K Higgins for M Hall (54), C Carolan for M Sweeney (58), D McHale for C O'Shea (67), S McHale for S Nally (71).

REF: P Hughes (Armagh).

ROUND 3, CROKE PARK: FEBRUARY 20

DUBLIN 1-14 MONAGHAN 0-16

SCORERS - Dublin: D Rock 0-7 (0-6f), D Connolly 1-0 (1-0 pen), P McMahon, C Costello 0-2 each, E O Conghaile, P Flynn, B Brogan 0-1 each. **Monaghan:** C McManus 0-12 (0-9f), O Duffy, D Hughes, K Hughes, K Duffy 0-1 each.

DUBLIN: S Cluxton; P McMahon, M Fitzsimons, D Byrne; J McCarthy, C O'Sullivan, J Small; D Bastick, E O Conghaile; P Flynn, D Connolly, T Brady; D Rock, P Andrews, C Costello. **Subs:** S Carthy for D Bastick (ht); B Brogan for P Flynn (blood sub 41, Flynn back on 52 mins); J Cooper

for M Fitzsimons (52); B Brogan for T Brady (55); P Ryan for D Rock (58); B Fenton for E O'Conghaile (60); SB Carthy for D Connolly (66)

MONAGHAN: R Beggan; C Walshe, D Wylie, R Wylie; K Duffy, F Kelly, C O'Connell; N McAdam, D Hughes; S Carey, D Malone, T Kerr; O Duffy, K Hughes, C McManus. **Subs:** D Mone for K Hughes (30); C Boyle for R Wylie (ht); B McAnespie for O Duffy (47); C McCarthy for D Malone (56); D McKenna for S Carey (68);

REF: P Hughes (Armagh).

ROUND 4, CROKE PARK: MARCH 5

DUBLIN 2-14 CORK 2-10

SCORERS - Dublin: C Costello 0-9 (0-8f), D Connolly 1-3 (0-1f, 0-1 '45'), J McCarthy 1-0, P Andrews 0-2. **Cork:** C O'Neill 1-3 (1-0 pen, 0-2f),

P Kelleher 1-0, B Hurley 0-2 (0-1f), P Kerrigan, C O'Driscoll, L Connolly (0-1f), R Deane, M Collins 0-1 each.

DUBLIN: M Savage; J Cooper, P McMahon, D Byrne; J McCarthy, C O'Sullivan E Lowndes; B Fenton, E O Conghaile; P Flynn, D Connolly, C Kilkenny; C Costello, P Andrews, B Brogan. **Subs:** J Small for Lowndes (ht), M Fitzsimons for Fenton (ht), S Carthy for O Conghaile (48), D Rock for Brogan (49), K McManamon for Andrews (65), SB Carthy for Flynn (71).

CORK: M Martin; J O'Sullivan, E Cadogan, K Crowley; T Clancy, B O'Driscoll, K O'Driscoll; S Kiely, I Maguire; M Collins, L Connolly, C O'Driscoll; C O'Neill, P Kelleher, P Kerrigan. **Subs:** D Goulding for O'Neill (44), K O'Hanlon for Kiely (50), B Hurley for K O'Driscoll (54), R Deane for Connolly (57), A O'Sullivan for Kelleher (67), M Collins (O'Donovan Rossa) for Kerrigan (70).

REF: P Neilan (Roscommon).

ROUND 5, PAIRC ESLER, NEWRY: MARCH 12

DUBLIN 1-15 DOWN 1-7

SCORERS - Dublin: C Costello 1-4 (0-4f), D Rock 0-3 (0-1f, 0-1 '45'), C Kilkenny, K McManamon, P Flynn 0-2 each, P Andrews, J Cooper 0-1 each. **Down:** D O'Hare 1-2 (0-2f), J Murphy 0-2, P Devlin, D O'Hanlon, M McKay 0-1 each.

DUBLIN: S Cluxton; D Byrne, M Fitzsimons, J Small; J McCarthy, P McMahon, J Cooper; B Fenton, S Carthy; P Flynn, D Connolly, C Kilkenny; C Costello, K McManamon, D Rock. **Subs:** SB Carthy for Flynn (43, BC), P Andrews for McManamon (46), E Lowndes for S Carthy (46), D Bastick for Fenton, T Brady for Costello (56), D Daly for Cooper (66).

DOWN: M Cunningham; G Collins, G McGovern, D O'Hagan; J Flynn, A Carr, D O'Hanlon; P Turley, M McKay; C Maginn, R Mallon, K McKernan; C McGovern, D O'Hare, B O'Hagan. **Subs:** J Murphy for McKernan (6, BC), P Devlin for Mallon (47), L Howard for Carr (51), C Harrison for O'Hagan (51), H Brown for McKay (57).

REF: D O'Mahony (Tipperary).

National League Scoring Chart

Dublin have scored 6-66 and conceded 3-54 in their five NFL Division 1 games to date (v Kerry, v Mayo, v Monaghan, v Cork, v Down). Fifteen players have contributed to the scoring tally.

- Dean Rock 0-21 (0-14f, 0-2 '45')
- Cormac Costello 1-17 (0-12f)
- Diarmuid Connolly 3-4 (2-0 pens, 0-1f, 0-1 '45')
- Paddy Andrews 1-7
- James McCarthy 1-1
- Paul Flynn 0-3
- Philly McMahon 0-2
- Emmett Ó Conghaile 0-2
- Ciarán Kilkenny 0-2
- Kevin McManamon 0-2
- Tomás Brady 0-1
- Paul Mannion 0-1
- Denis Bastick 0-1
- Bernard Brogan 0-1
- Jonny Cooper 0-1

O'TOOLE'S 1916-2016 COMMEMORATION

Cumann Uí Thuathail – O'Toole's Gaelic Athletic Club is celebrating the 1916 Centenary Anniversary this year through a series of events to commemorate the 80 plus members of Cumann Uí Thuathail who participated in the 1916 Rising, not least of which were two of the signatories to the 1916 Proclamation, Tom Clarke and Sean Mac Diarmada who were executed after the Rising.

The organising committee invites you to join us in the following events will be held over the week commencing the 8th April 2016 to the 16th April 2016:-

8th April '16 (Friday) – Introduction to the Commemorations.

7.45pm - A historical talk on O'Toole's involvement in 1916

This talk will be given by Jimmy Wren the Club's renowned North City Historian. Jimmy has been a long time member of O'Toole's and a playing member of both the Dublin Hurling Team and O'Toole's, winning a Dublin senior championship medal with the



club in 1969. His father, James Wren, was a member of the GPO Garrison during Easter Week 1916.

9.15pm - Unveiling of Jack Carey's Medals

The Jack Carey medal collection (donated by his son Dr. Tom Carey) will be unveiled and put on exhibition in the clubhouse. This medal collection ranges from a schools medal won in 1912, senior football championship medals with O'Toole's up to an All Ireland medal won in 1922.

9th April '16 (Saturday) – Exhibition Day

10.15am - 5.30pm Irish Volunteers Exhibition

O'Toole's have engaged one of the Irish Volunteers Commemorative Organisation members, Paul Callery (whose grand uncle, John Halpin was a Volunteer and founder member of O'Toole's) to stage an exhibition in our club house during our commemorative celebrations. This exhibition will contain letters, postcards, photographs, medals, rifles, and revolvers of the period, from both sides of the divide, i.e. from the insurgents and the Crown forces, as well as World War One kit.

The Lord Mayor, Ard-Mhéara Bhaile Átha Cliath Críona Ní Dhálaigh will open this exhibition at 10.15am.

8.30pm - Unveiling of Commemorative Plaque

A special commemorative plaque to mark the 100th anniversary of the 1916 Rising and especially the 80 plus members of O'Toole's who took part in the Rising will be unveiled in the clubhouse by the Club President, Brendan O'Donnell.



10th April '16 (Sunday) – Match Day

7.30pm – Commemorative Football Match

The club has, with the co-operation of the Dublin County Board organised a commemorative match that will be played on the O'Toole's senior pitch at 7.30pm. This match will be played between a Cumann Uí Thuathail team and an Áth Cliath selection. The Áth Cliath selection will be made up of players from the other 16 Clubs still in existence since 1916 and will be managed by the current Dublin manager, Jim Gavin. All players will wear specially designed traditional style and colour jerseys of the time. A commemorative medal struck for the event will be presented to each team member.

The "traditional style" jerseys may be ordered and subject to demand, will be provided for sale within the club.

14th/15th April '16 (Thursday/Friday) – Theatre Nights

8.00pm - Commemorative Play

This performance will consist of a specially commissioned piece based on extracts from Sean O'Casey's plays, (member of O'Toole's, who lived in the St. Laurence O'Toole Parish for many years), and music and images from the time. It will be performed by the Sean O'Casey Theatre Group, augmented by members of O'Toole's Gaelic Athletic Club and students from The Donahies. It will be

staged in the Sean O'Casey Theatre on St. Mary's Road, East Wall on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th April 2016. Tickets will cost €10.00 and because the Theatre has a capacity of 150, patrons are advised to book early to avoid disappointment.

O'Toole's memorabilia will be on display in the foyer of the theatre on the nights of the performance and it is hoped to have some commemorative merchandise and Jimmy Wren's latest book, "The GPO Garrison Easter Week 1916, A Biographical Directory" on sale there too.

16th April '16 (Saturday) – March, Mass and Traditional Night

6.00pm - Commemorative March to Seville Place

On this last day of the commemorative celebration week, O'Toole's will be re-engaging with the club roots in the North Inner City. O'Toole's members and friends and people from the St Laurence O'Toole Parish will be led by a piper in a march from Croke Park through the parish, marching by St. Canice's School, O'Connells School, St Laurence O'Toole's School and on to 100 Seville Place - site of the "old" clubhouse - and then on to St Laurence O'Toole's parish Church for 7.30pm Mass.

The celebrations will end with a night of traditional music/ballads in the Sheriff Street Community Hall. Entertainment will be provided by the South Union Ballad Group.

Organising Committee:

Des O'Brien, Paul Jennings, Jack Martin, Jimmy Wren, Peadar Nolan, Brendan Plunkett, Eamon Ryan Ned Fahey, Tom Brabazon, Kieran Coyle.

The Organising Committee wish to thank Dublin City Council which has provided grants to various activities of the week and to the Dublin County Board whose sponsorship of the commemorative match has helped to defray the cost of staging this event.



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ATH CLIAITH



Michael Savage
Mícheál Sabhaois
St Vincent's



Philip McMahon
Pilib Mac Mathúna
Ballymun Kickhams



John Cooper
Seán Ó Cúipéir
Na Fianna



David Byrne
Daibhéid Ó Broin
Naomh Olaf



James McCarthy
Seámas Mac Cárthaigh
Ballymun Kickhams



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John Small
Seán Ó Caoilte
Ballymun Kickhams



Brian Fenton
Brian Ó Fiannachta
Raheny



Denis Bastick
Donncha Bastic
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Paul Flynn
Pól Mac Floinn
Fingallians



Paddy Andrews
Pádraig Mac Aindriú
St Brigid's



Ciarán Kilkenny
Ciaran Mac Giolla Choinnigh
Castleknock



Cormac Costello
Cormac Mac Coisdealbha
Whitehall Colmcille



Kevin McManamon
Caoimhín Mac Meanman
St Jude's



Bernard Brogan
Bernard Ó Brógáin
St Oliver Plunkett's/Eoghan Ruadh

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| 16. Lorcan Molloy St Anne's | 22. Conor McHugh Na Fianna |
| 17. Tomás Brady Na Fianna | 23. Conor Mullally Cuala |
| 18. David Byrne Ballymun Kickhams | 24. Kevin O'Brien Naomh Mearnóg |
| 19. Shane B. Carthy St Vincent's | 25. Emmet Ó Conghaile Lucan Sarsfields |
| 20. Darren Daly Fingal Ravens | 26. Dean Rock Ballymun Kickhams |
| 21. Michael Fitzsimons Cuala | |

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Neil Mc Gee
Niall Mac Aoidh
Gaoth Dobhair



Eamon McGee
Eamon MacAoidh
Gaoth Dobhair



Ryan McHugh
Rian MacAodha
Cill Chartha



Anthony Thompson
Antóin Mac Tomáis
Naomh Conaill



Cieran Gillespie
Cieran Mac Giolla Easpaig
Gaoth Dobhair



Rory Kavanagh
Ruairí Caomhánach
Naomh Adhamhnáin



Neil Gallagher
Niall Ó Gallchobhair
Glenn Súilf



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Seán Mac Cumhaill



Leo Mc Loone
Leo Mac Giolla Úain
Naomh Conaill



Odhran Mac Niallais
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Gaoth Dobhair



Patrick McBrearty
Pádraig MacBreartaigh
Cill Chartha



Michael Murphy
Mícheál Ó Murchú
Glenn Súilf



Eoin Mc Hugh
Eoin Mac Aodha
Cill Chartha

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| 16. Peter Boyle Aodh Ruadh BAS | 22. Hugh Mc Fadden Na Cealla Beaga |
| 17. Karl Lacey Na Ceithre Máistrí | 23. Caolan Ward Naomh Adhamhnáin |
| 18. Eamonn Doherty Naomh Adhamhnáin | 24. Mark McHugh Cill Chartha |
| 19. Martin McElhinney Naomh Michael | 25. Christy Toye Naomh Micheal |
| 20. Eoghan "Ban" Gallagher Na Cealla Beaga | 26. Stephen Mc Brearty Cill Chartha |
| 21. Michael Carroll Gaoth Dobhair | |

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Congratulations

BALLYBODEN ST ENDA'S

AIB All-Ireland senior football club champions 2016



- They say defences wins championships and forwards by how much and Ballyboden's defence proved that point by conceding just two goals in their ten games. Bernard Brogan and Paul Cahillane being the only players to breach the St Enda's rearguard.
- In total, Ballyboden scored 12-110 over the course of their campaign with Andrew Kerin proving their scorer-in-chief as he amassed 6-38 in total with four of those goals coming from the penalty spot.
- In total, sixteen players contributed to that tally with dual star Shane Durkin joining

the list by virtue of kicking two superb points in their All-Ireland triumph against Castlebar Mitchells.

- Ballyboden became the fourth team from the Dublin Senior Football Championship to claim national honours, following in the footsteps of UCD, St Vincent's and Kilmacud Crokes.
- In total, those four teams have claimed the Andy Merrigan Cup on eight occasions with Dublin also providing losing finalists in the form of Thomas Davis, St Vincent's, Erin's Isle, Na Fianna and Ballymun Kickhams.



17 March 2016; Shane Durkin, Michael Darragh Macauley and Darragh Nelson, Ballyboden St Endas, celebrates their side's victory. AIB GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Club Championship Final, Croke Park, Dublin. Picture credit: Stephen McCarthy / SPORTSFILE

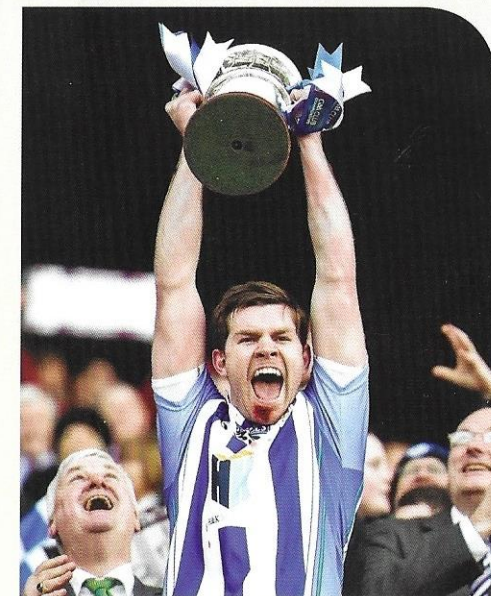


17 March 2016; Ballyboden St Endas players and management celebrate their victory. AIB GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Club Championship Final, Croke Park, Dublin. Picture credit: Stephen McCarthy / SPORTSFILE

Ballyboden's Scoring Chart:

Dublin, Leinster, All-Ireland club Series (ten games)

- Andrew Kerin 6-38 (0-23f, 4-0 pen)
- Conal Keaney 0-20 (0-11f)
- Colm Basquel 3-7
- Sam Molony 2-7
- Ryan Basquel 0-13 (0-2f)
- Michael Darragh Macauley 1-3
- Bob Dwan 0-4
- Darren O'Reilly 0-4
- Stephen O'Connor 0-3
- Aran Waters 0-2
- David O'Callaghan 0-2
- Darragh Nelson 0-2
- Shane Durkin 0-2
- Stephen Hiney 0-1
- Seán Gibbons 0-1
- Declan O'Mahony 0-1



17 March 2016; Darragh Nelson lifts the Andy Merrigan cup. Picture credit: Stephen McCarthy / SPORTSFILE

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DUBLIN MINOR FOOTBALL

LEAGUE TITLE

Dublin minor footballers capture Leinster MFL title



Dublin's minor footballers continued their Leinster MFC preparations when capturing the Leinster MFL title last Saturday when they defeated Laois, 1-15 to 0-9, in Parnell Park.

Paddy Christie's side put in an encouraging 60 minutes based on hard work to prevail by nine points.

Dublin opened brightly with points from wing-back Jack Rowe and corner-forward David Lacey before Diarmuid Whelan responded for the O'Moore County.

Conor Lennon and Cormac Howley slotted over to extend Dublin's lead before Laois battled back with points from Alan Kinsella, clipping over after Evan Comerford had initially made a great save, and James Kelly to leave it 0-4 to 0-3 to the Dubs.

David Lacey added a free before Laois enjoyed their best passage of play with scores from Alan Kinsella (two, one free) and Diarmuid Whelan put them ahead 0-6 to 0-5.

In the 25th minute David Lacey cannoned a shot off the butt of the post when through on goal following a purposeful run by Cormac Howley.

However, Dublin finished the half on the up with a fine Kevin Lillis point and a Cormac Howley goal which edged Dublin into a 1-6 to 0-6 lead just before half-time.

Five points in-a-row inside the opening 14 minutes of the second half put Dublin 1-11 to 0-6 clear with keeper Evan Comerford converting a '45' before Tom Keane, Dan O'Brien and Conor Hynes (two) pointed.

Laois had their moments too but the Dublin defence retained good concentration to hold the O'Moore County.

In their earlier rounds Dublin defeated Meath in the Leinster MFL semi-final having beaten Wexford and a Kildare selection (entered two teams into competition) as well as drawing with Cork during the group stages.

Dublin face Offaly in the Leinster MFC first round on Saturday, April 16 in Parnell Park.



LEGEND OF THE BALL

It's Q&A with recently retired Dublin legend Alan Brogan

FAVOURITES

Ground: Croke Park.

Footballer: Ciarán Kilkenny.

Food: Fillet Steak.

Film: It's not a film, but 'House of Cards' is my favourite viewing.

Holiday Destination: Dubai.

Past-time: Time with my family.

BEST/WORST (in Dublin camp during your intercounty career):

• DRESSER

Best: Paul Flynn

Worst: Philly McMahon

• DANCER

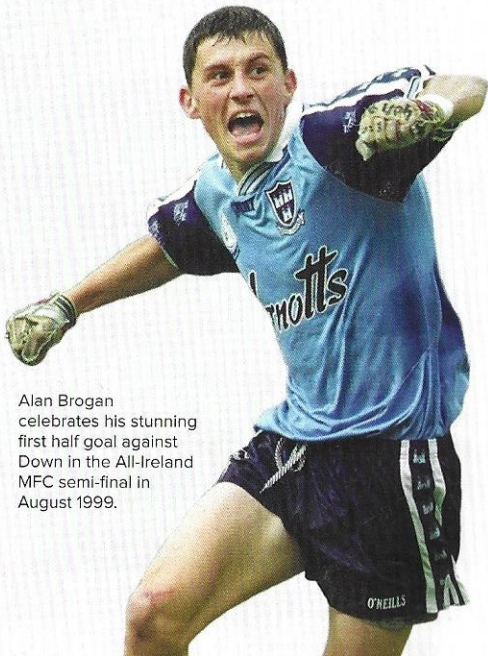
Best: Eamonn Fennell

Worst: Bernard Brogan

• TASTE IN MUSIC

Best: Cormac Costello

Worst: Michael Darragh Macauley



Alan Brogan celebrates his stunning first half goal against Down in the All-Ireland MFC semi-final in August 1999.

Who was the joker in the pack?: Senan Connell

Who was the grumpiest: Clucko (aka Stephen Cluxton)!

Best player ever played with and why?: Bernard Brogan – for his ability to get scores when things were going against us.

Best player ever played against and why?: As a defender Conor Gormley (Tyrone) in his prime was a master at reading situations in front of him, he always seemed to get a hand in!

Best footballing memory and why?: Clucko's free sailing into the Hill in 2011 All-Ireland SFC final (v Kerry).

Best advice you've ever received and why?: "One can only trade off their preparation".

Biggest regret of career, if any?: Losing All-Ireland semi to Mayo in 2006. That team deserved to play in an All-Ireland final.

If your Dublin career was to be turned into a movie who would play role of Alan Brogan?: Colin Farrell - he's from close by to me in Castleknock!

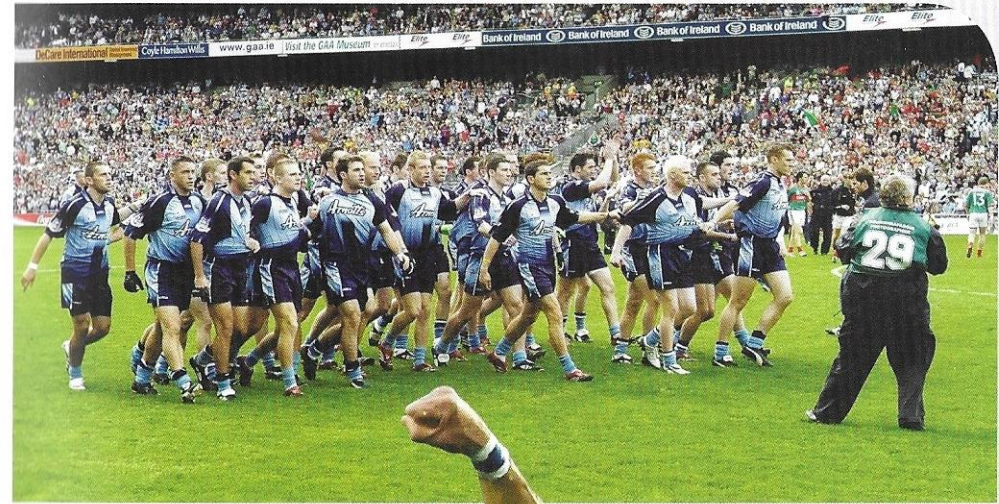
Name your 1-15 best Dublin team from your own era:

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| 1. Stephen Cluxton | 9. Michael Darragh Macauley |
| 2. Paul Griffin | |
| 3. Rory O'Carroll | 10. Paul Flynn |
| 4. Philly McMahon | 11. Ciarán Kilkenny |
| 5. James McCarthy | 12. Diarmuid Connolly |
| 6. Bryan Cullen | 13. Jason Sherlock |
| 7. Barry Cahill | 14. Bernard Brogan |
| 8. Ciarán Whelan | 15. Tomás Quinn |

Who would captain the side?: Bryan Cullen

Go on, add a few 'impact subs': Kev McManamon, Denis Bastick, Jack McCaffrey, Ger Brennan, Johnny McNally.

27 August 2006; Dublin players march as one to salute the Dublin supporters in Hill 16.



CRYSTAL BALL FOR 2016:

Who will win Leinster SFC?: Dublin

Who will win Ulster SFC?: Tyrone

Who will win Munster SFC?: Kerry

Who will win Connacht SFC?: Roscommon

All-Ireland champions?: Dublin

Footballer of the Year?: Diarmuid Connolly

Young Footballer of the Year?: Cormac Costello.

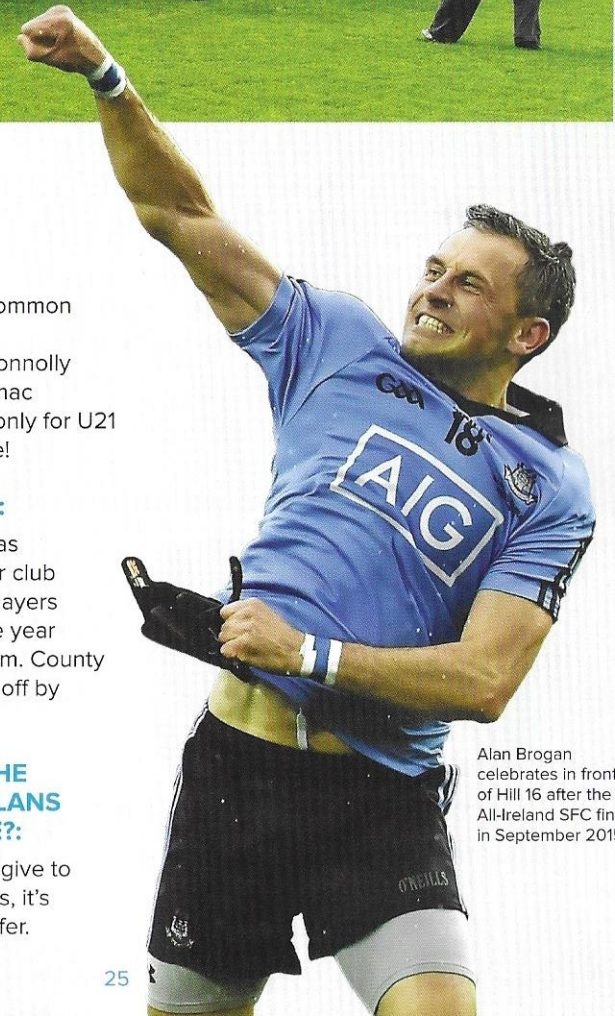
Not strictly eligible, as it's only for U21 footballers, but he'd still get my vote!

SHOULD SFC BE REVAMPED?:

I'd be happy with structure if final was brought back to afford more time for club championships to be run off. Club players deserve to know at the outset of the year what weekends are allocated to them. County championships shouldn't be played off by running four rounds in four weeks.

WHAT'S 'THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM' FOR THE GAA AS IT PLANS AND PLOTS FOR THE FUTURE?:

The amount of time players have to give to be a top class intercounty footballer, it's inevitable that other areas of life suffer.



Alan Brogan celebrates in front of Hill 16 after the All-Ireland SFC final in September 2015.



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Dublin U21 footballers face Kildare in Leinster decider



19 March 2016; The Dublin team pose for a photograph before the game. EirGrid Leinster GAA Football U21 Championship, Semi-Final, Dublin v Laois, Parnell Park, Dublin. Picture credit: Sam Barnes / SPORTSFILE

Dublin's under-21 footballers set up a provincial decider against Kildare following their strong semi-final showing when outcoming Laois by 12 points in Parnell Park last Saturday.

Dessie Farrell's young Dubs will face a highly-rated Kildare side next Saturday afternoon in Páirc Tailteann, Navan (2.0).

The Lilywhites had no difficulty in overcoming in their provincial semi-final and after winning two of the last three Leinster MFC semi-finals are considered front-runners in the province.

Fresh from their All-Ireland club success with Ballyboden St Enda's both Colm Basquel and Shane Clayton were introduced off the bench in the second half of last Saturday's Leinster U21FC semi-final to telling effect as the boys in blue surged clear in the second half.

Colm Basquel made an immediate positive impact with a goal and finished the game with 1-3, all from play, to his credit.

LEINSTER U21FC: *Roll of Honour*

Dublin: (12) - 1974, 1975, 1980, 1984, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2015.

Kildare: (10) - 1965, 1966, 1967, 1972, 1976, 1983, 1992, 2004, 2008, 2013.

Laois: (8) - 1964, 1969, 1982, 1987, 1994, 1998, 2006, 2007.

Meath: (8) - 1985, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1996, 1997, 2001.

Offaly: (8) - 1968, 1971, 1973, 1977, 1979, 1986, 1988, 1995.

Louth: (3) - 1970, 1978, 1981.

Westmeath: (2) - 1999, 2000.

Wexford: (1) - 2011.

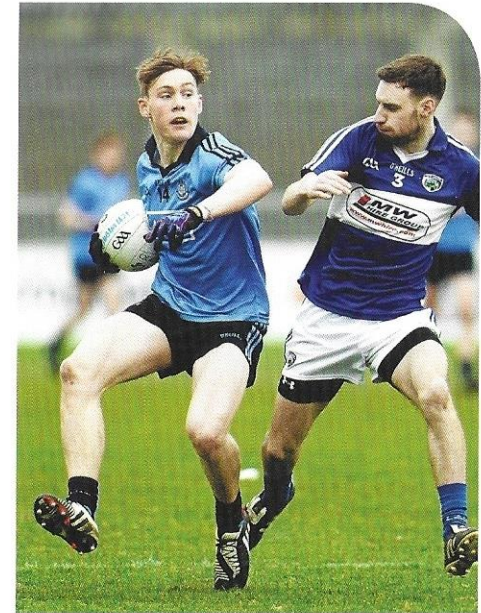
The fact that Dublin had eight different scorers reflects the team work of this side and they will need to be at the best in the provincial final.

Dublin started well to open up a 0-5 to 0-1 lead inside the opening 13 minutes with the impressive Glenn O'Reilly starting the scoring before Martin Cahilan, Michael Deegan and two Con O'Callaghan frees afforded the Dubs a great start.

However, a terrific individual goal from Laois senior Evan O'Carroll cut the deficit by the 15th minute but Dublin responded in the best possible fashion when Declan Monaghan initiated a move that culminated with Con O'Callaghan putting Chris Sallier into the clear and he struck clinically to the Laois net as Dublin led 1-8 to 1-4 at the break.

Colm Basquel's introduction strengthened the Dublin attack and his goal kept the visitors at arm's length before a Tom Shiels goal gave Laois fresh hope as they trailed 2-10 to 2-5 by the 46th minute.

But it was to be Dublin's day as they powered to the finishing line with seven unanswered points including one from impressive defender Seán McMahon.



19 March 2016; Con O'Callaghan, Dublin, in action against Adam Camplon, Laois. EirGrid Leinster GAA Football U21 Championship, Semi-Final, Dublin v Laois, Parnell Park, Dublin. Picture credit: Sam Barnes / SPORTSFILE

DUBS U21s TAKE PART IN **'PURPLE RUN'**

The Dublin U21 football panel, management and backroom staff including Conor Clifford, Mick Galvin, Alan 'Nipper' McNally, Philip McElwee, Cathal Ó Torna and manager Dessie Farrell, joined Down Syndrome Ireland (DSI) last Sunday in the Phoenix Park to take part in DSI's inaugural 'Purple Run' to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day.

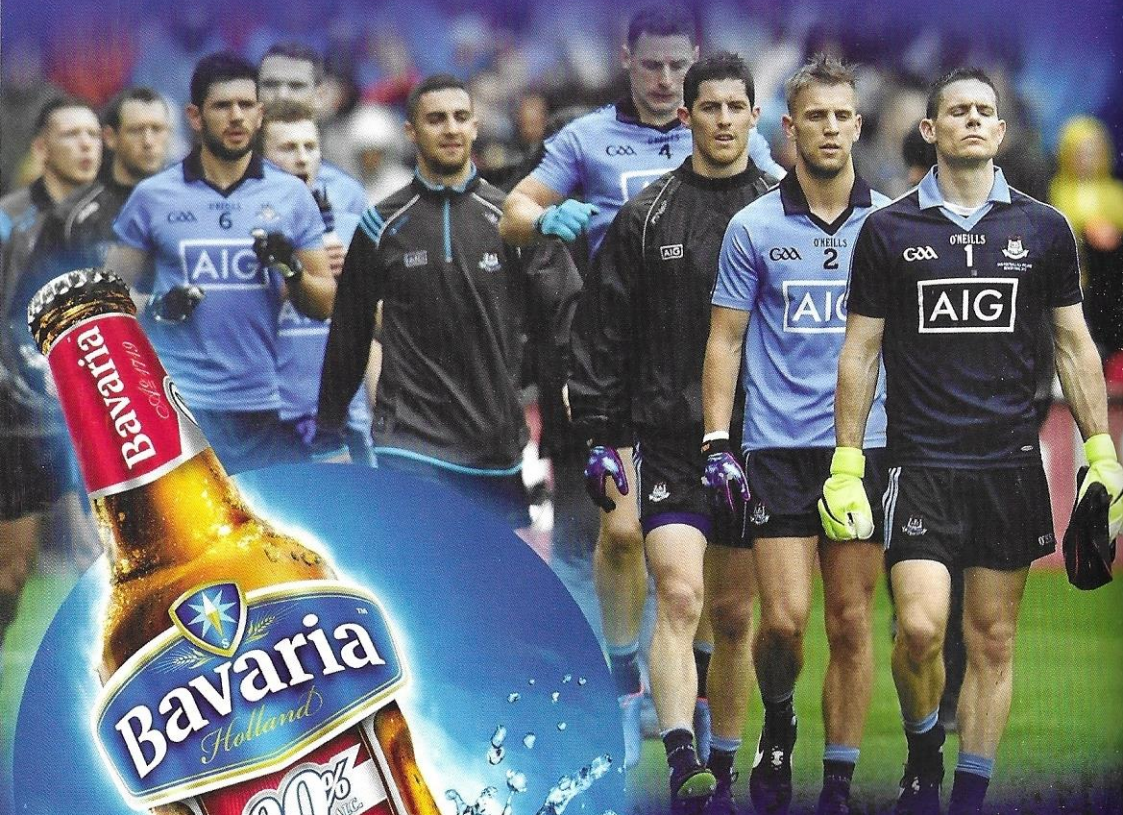
The event was organised to help the organisation celebrate the ability of people with Down Syndrome.

The Dubs had defeated Laois the previous afternoon but there were no 'walking wounded' the following morning as they represented the county for such a good cause.



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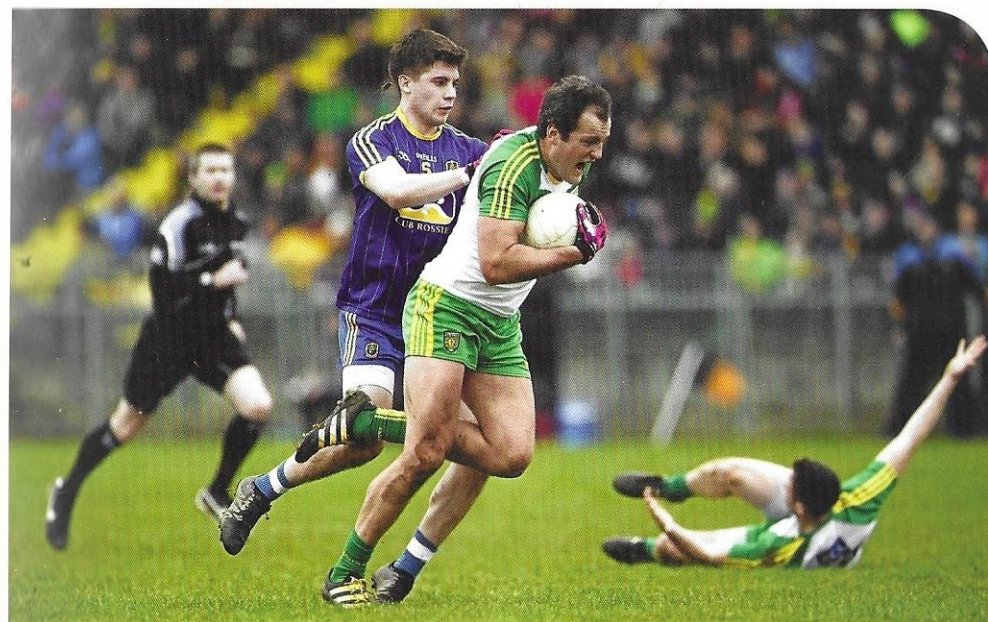
MIXED LUCK FOR DUBS HANDBALLERS IN KINGSCOURT CO CAVAN

- A festival of handball was served up in Kingscourt on Friday the 18th Saturday the 19th and Sunday the 20th March with Dublin in 5 Finals.
- The over 70A Final Ned Flynn from Na Fianna was going for A Three in a row but was unlucky to be beaten by Antrim
- Seamus Graham on a scoreline of 15-21, 15-21.
- The over 65A Final was won by St Brigids Eugene Kennedy in beating Martin Cronin Mayo 21-11, 21-4.
- The over 50A Final was won by Egin Jensen from Na Fianna on a scoreline of 21-15, 21-8.

- The over 45 Final Christy Donnelly from Na Fianna lost to Michael Ginly from Mayo 21-11, 21-16.
- The over 40 Final Ciaran McCallum from St Brigids lost to Shane Bruen 19-21, 21-18, 16-21.

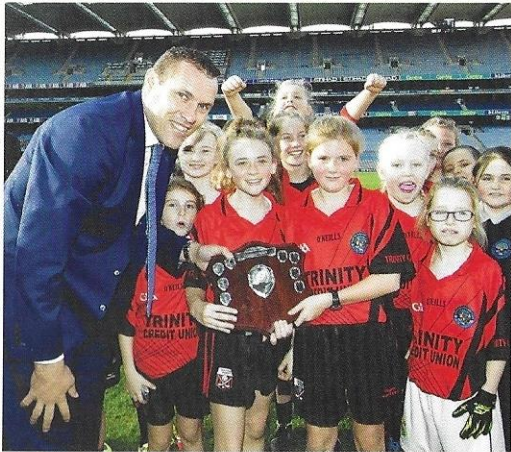
UPCOMING FIXTURES

- Tuesday 22nd 8pm Ballymore Eustace Kildare, LJBD Meadhbh Ni Dhalaigh, Lisa McKenna Na Fianna take on Kilkenny in the Leinster Final.
- Sat 26th 4pm Cian O Dalaigh, Michael Carrie Na Fianna take on Kilkenny in the Leinster Junior Final.
- Friday 25th Frank Daly, Egin Jensen Na Fianna take on Tipp in the All Ireland Over 50A Doubles Semi Final in Leixlip Co Kildare 5pm.



13 March 2016; Michael Murphy, Donegal, in action against Conor Daly, Roscommon. Allianz Football League, Division 1, Round 5, Donegal v Roscommon. O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. Picture credit: Oliver McVeigh / SPORTSFILE

Allianz Cumann na mBunscol



Cumann na mBunscol is grateful to Allianz and, in particular, to Ciarán Whelan, for generous support, once again in 2016, for the promotional work of Cumann na mBunscol.

Allianz sponsorship makes a considerable contribution to the development of Gaelic games in Dublin's primary schools.

The Dublin schools' organisation is now in its 87th year and numbers continue to grow.

Pic: Ciarán Whelan presenting medals at the Allianz-Cumann na mBunscol finals in Croke Park.

Get on the roof with Allianz and the GAA Museum

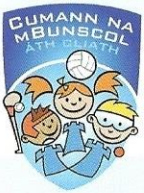
It's 'Follow The Dubs' time again and excitement has been building all week in primary schools ahead of tonight's clash of Donegal and the All-Ireland champions. Over 300 schools have received posters showing all the season's football and hurling fixtures. They also received 'Guess The Score' sheets to record children's estimates of scores in all the games with the prospect of winning a prize in the classroom on Monday mornings. All this is courtesy of our generous sponsors Allianz. Also back for 2016, thanks to Allianz and Niamh McCoy in the GAA Museum, is the scrapbook competition for 5th and 6th class children [details opposite]. Last season's competition drew a record entry and a class from St. Cholmcille BNS in Swords climbed to the top of Croke Park for a wonderful and unforgettable experience thanks to a brilliant winning project submitted by Cianan Markey. Cumann na mBunscol players and referees will be centre-stage at all the Spring Series fixtures here in Croke Park and in Parnell Park throughout the season.



- The lucky children who will meet the captains before tonight's game are Molly McNally, Ryan Murphy, St. Fiachra's NS and Holly Cregan, Corpus Christi NS.
- The children playing in the half time Respect Go Games are from a selection of Dublin Primary Schools.
- Cumann na mBunscol is also grateful to O'Neill International Sport for again generously supporting 'Follow The Dubs'. Míle Buíochas.

Allianz-Cumann na mBunscol
Follow the Dubs 2016

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Etihad Skyline Tour

Great Prize to be won for a whole class!

It's easy to Talk the Talk but now you'll have the opportunity to Walk The Walk 17 storeys high on the roof of Croke Park - Ireland's most famous sporting arena. That's the prize for the Allianz Follow The Dubs competition for the 2016 Allianz National Leagues which is open to 5th and 6th class children in Dublin's Cumann na mBunscol primary schools.

What You Have To Do: Compile a scrapbook of your experience of the Allianz football and hurling league games 2016 which begin with the Dublin v Kerry football clash in Croke Park on January 30th. Your scrapbook might include match reports of any games you attend, newspaper clippings, photos of yourself with your favourite players, your drawings or paintings and anything else you think is important. Use your imagination. The judges will be looking for good content, creativity and originality. The winning child will be able to bring his/her entire class and the teacher on the famous Etihad Skyline Tour to view the famous landmarks to be seen from 17 storeys up and to learn about Ireland's sporting and cultural heritage. It's an amazing 1.5 hour experience that you can read more about at www.crokepark.ie/Etihad-skyline. The prize also includes a visit to newly refurbished GAA Museum where the class will learn about the history of Gaelic Games and have fun testing their skills in the interactive games area!



 **Send your entries to:** Allianz-Cumann na mBunscol Skyline Competition, Holy Trinity School, Grange Road, Donaghmede, Dublin 13.

 **Note:** children must be 1.2 metres or taller to take part in the tour.

 The competition will be judged by an **independent panel of adjudicators**.



The Closing Date is: 20th May 2016

Further details on the Cumann na mBunscol website: www.cnmb.ie

Léirmheas Imreoir Scoile Shooting Star



Aimn: Grace Finnegan **Age:** 12 **School:** Rush NS
Club: St. Maur's **Position On Field:** Goalkeeper
Fav Players: Helen Cosgrave, Alan Nolan **Fav Food:** Steak
Fav Music: Pop **Fav Film:** Mrs Brown's Boys D'Movie **Fav Book:** Wonder – Rawuel J Palacio **Fav Colour:** Red **Fav School Subject:** Maths **Fav County Other Than Dublin:** Kilkenny **Fav Computer Game:** FIFA 16 **Best Sporting Advice:** 'If you enjoy what you're doing, then you're doing it right'.



SCOIL FAOI LEITH: St. Brigid's GNS, Blanchardstown

St. Brigid's GNS, Blanchardstown, has been to the fore in Cumann an mBunscol activities for many years. Their 320 children come from 39 different nations and 6 were represented in their most recent camogie team to reach an Allianz- Cumann an mBunscol final, including three sisters Mariam, Simbiat and Tairat who come from Nigeria. The other nations represented were Philippines, India, Kurdistan, Lithuania and Ireland. Ms. Aisling Kelly, one of the teachers in charge, is a past pupil of the school and played for Scoil Bhríde in Croke Park. She is a current player with St. Brigid's GAA Club.



Léirmheas Imreoir Scoile Shooting Star



Name: Tom McVeigh **School:** St. Joseph's, Terenure **Age:** 12 **Club:** Faughs **Position On Field:** Centre-Back **Fav Players:** Joe Canning/Iarla Tannion **Fav Food:** Pasta Bake **Fav Music:** Babel **Fav Film:** Captain Phillips **Fav TV:** Family Guy **Fav Book:** Cherub Series **Fav Colour:** Orange **Fav School Subject:** PE **Fav County Other Than Dublin:** Kerry **Fav Computer Game:** FIFA 16



Halftime Honours

Donal Bollard from Allianz made presentations to two stars of the most recent Allianz/Cumann na mBunscol finals at halftime in the Dublin v Cork game. Anthony Hanney starred for Scoil Uí Chonaill while Róisín Ní Chathasaigh was outstanding for Gaelscoil Thaobh Na Coille from Stepaside. **Pictured:** Dónal Bollard with Anthony Hanney and Róisín Ní Chathasaigh.



Top Honour For Tom

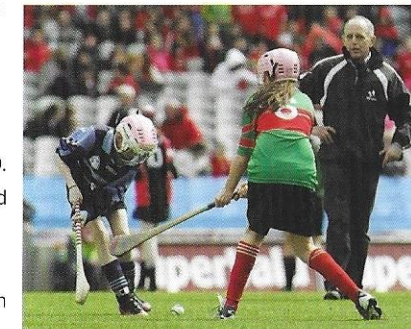
Cumann na mBunscol Rúnaí, Tom Fitzpatrick, was the deserved recipient of Gradam An Uachtaráin – the GAA President's award to GAA activists for outstanding service – in Croke Park last Friday night in a ceremony broadcast live on TG4. Tom is currently GAA Promotion Officer in St. Patrick's teacher training college in Drumcondra, where his influence has had a dramatic effect on Gaelic games promotion and development throughout the country.



Tom was Deputy Principal of St. Joseph's NS in Terenure. He was an active member of Faugh's GAA Club, a referee for many years and has served in several roles in Cumann na mBunscol, Ath Cliath. He is also on the executive of Cumann na mBunscol, Laighean. He is very involved in referee training at national level.

JOHN RING – SAD LOSS TO FAMILY, EDUCATION AND THE GAA.

The recent sad passing of John Ring is a major loss to his family, Divine Mercy NS in Balgaddy, where he was Principal, Naomh Barróg GAA club and to his many friends, past pupils, and colleagues in Cumann na mBunscol. The Ring family are highly-respected in Kilbarrack and John joined the staff of Scoil Lorcáin when he qualified as a teacher in 1979.



John Ring on the sideline in Croke Park in 2012 when his school camogie team appeared in an Allianz-Cumann an mBunscol final.

He was a gifted teacher and a role model and friend to many pupils. He led many Scoil Lorcáin teams to Croke Park finals over the years and was heavily involved with the Naomh Barróg GAA Club. John played hurling and football with the club and was on the 1990 Intermediate Championship winning team that won the club promotion to senior status for the first time. He also coached camogie in the club.

In recent years, John was Principal of Divine Mercy NS in Balgaddy, where he shared his gifts and talents with a multinational school community that was truly child-centred and modeled on his own superb qualities and inspirational leadership. To his wife Clare, his mother Claire, son Niall – a teacher in Belgrove NS, Clontarf - and to Conor, Cathy and the extended Ring family, Cumann na mBunscol sends deepest sympathy as they deal with their sad loss. Ar dheis Dé go raibh sé.

ALLIANZ-DUBLIN Primary Whistlers

Mark Sheridan, Scoil Mhuire, Howth and Lucy O'Hanlon, Holy Trinity, Donaghmede [Naomh Barrog], enjoyed being clapped onto the field by the Kerry team before the first Allianz Spring Series game in January.



Donegal suffocate the life out of Easter as traditionalists choke on their eggs

McManamon provides the guile as patient Dublin pass Donegal test

Champions finally wear the visitors's defensive set-up down in the second half

McMahon's well-worked late goal effectively ends Donegal's resistance

Dublin 1-10
Donegal 0-7



Seán Moran
at Croke Park

There were further signs at Croke Park on Saturday that Dublin footballers are becoming more resistant to the tactics of ultra-defence. They certainly got a strong inoculation from Donegal, who reprised the ap-

proach of the 2011 All-Ireland semi-final by keeping virtually everyone behind the ball in front of a crowd of 23,340.

So pronounced was this pattern that at one stage 29 players were within one of the 45s and just before half-time Ryan McHugh sprang onto a turnover ball and streaked away only to find none of his team-mates were within 50 metres of him.

Impressive game

Dublin recorded a sixth win in as many outings despite resting such important front-liners as Diarmuid Connolly, Cian O'Sullivan and captain Stephen Cluxton, whose understudy Michael Savage had an impressive game, directing his kick-outs with assurance and producing a fingertip save to deny Eoin McHugh a second-minute goal.

Dublin won because they showed the patience necessary to absorb Donegal's best shots and create enough space for scores. They led narrowly ahead at the break having played into a strong wind, and ultimately wore the opposition down in a final half-hour that saw the holders outscore the visitors by 1-5 to 0-1.

Dublin manager Jim Gavin was asked did he think it had been entertaining viewing.

"No. I wouldn't say it's a pretty game to watch at all," he said. "It's not the way we play the game, not by choice. There is no right and wrong way to play Gaelic football. Teams decide on it themselves. We've a particular way of playing football in Dublin. It's expressive and creative..."

His Donegal counterpart Rory Gallagher denied that they had deliberately set out to turn the match into a crowd scene with a lavish budget.

"If defenders are pushing up - we don't set out to have 15 back. Yes we'd a few men back and Patrick and Leo were inside and ended up chasing their own men back. Dublin committed 15 into our half and it's not

as if we're going to leave their men free."

The match turned away from Donegal in the 51st minute when Michael Murphy was sent off for a second yellow card after a sliding tackle on Ciarán Kilkenny. James McCarthy joined him for his role in the melee that followed.

Video of the Dublin player's hand making contact with the eye area of Martin McElhinney provided the main talking point although Murphy was also seen making contact with a lower

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but also sensitive area of McCarthy's anatomy in the preceding incident.

Dublin will anxiously await the report of referee Conor Lane to see if McCarthy received his second yellow for the McElhinney incident - in which case it will be deemed to have been dealt with - or if Croke Park's CCCC decide the matter

warrants further investigation.

"We need to have a look on tape," said Gavin when asked about the sending-off."

Gallagher said that there had been no reaction to the incident in the Donegal dressing-room. "I didn't see anything and none of our players are complaining about anything. Definitely not."

McCarthy has been playing well this season but Donegal lost more in the dismissals, losing their talisman Murphy.

Familiar speed

As the play loosened, Dublin hit their stride. Man of the Match Kevin McManamon whose familiar speed across the turf was complemented by quick thinking, excellent decision making and accurate shooting - he scored 0-3 from play and provided assists for 1-2, including a perfect fist pass for Philip McMahon to run onto and maintain his status as the game's most prolific corner back.

That 66th-minute goal effectively ended the contest, as Donegal had struggled despite Patrick McBrearty's efforts and the relentless running of Ryan McHugh to chase the three-point leads that Dublin

■ **Dublin's James McCarthy clashes with Donegal's Martin McElhinney during the Allianz League Division One game at Croke Park.** PHOTOGRAPH: DONALL FARMER/INPHO

had twice built.

Dublin can be pleased with performances of Brian Fenton at centrefield, who broke through to point a definite goal chance in the 55th minute, and Ciarán Kilkenny who played an energetic role at both ends in his side's cause.

DUBLIN: M Savage; P McMahon (1-0), J Cooper, D Byrne, J McCarthy, E Lowndes, J Small; B Fenton (0-1), D Bastick (capt.), P Flynn, K McManamon (0-3), C Kilkenny (0-1), C Costello (0-3, two frees), P Andrews (0-1), B Brogan. Subs: D Rock (0-1) for Brogan (41 mins), E Ó Conghaile for Bastick (45 mins), SB Carthy for Lowndes (53 mins), M Fitzsimons for Small (53 mins), T Brady for Costello (58 mins), D Daly for McManamon (70 mins).
DONEGAL: MA McGinley, P McGrath, E McGee (0-1), C Gillespie, M O'Reilly, R McHugh, A Thompson; M Murphy (capt; 0-1), O Mac Niallais (0-1), R Kavanagh (0-1), K Lacey, E McHugh; P McBrearty (0-3, one free), L McLoone, H McFadden. Subs: M McHugh for McGrath (41 mins), M McElhinney for McLoone (45 mins), EB Gallagher for Thompson (59 mins), C Toye for H McFadden (59 mins), C McFadden for Lacey (65 mins), M Carroll for Kavanagh (73 mins).
Referee: C Lane (Cork).

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