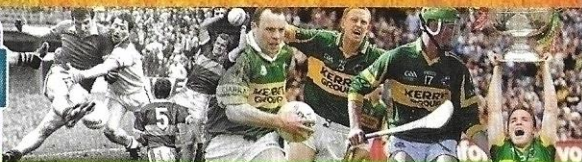


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ALLIANZ HURLING LEAGUE - ROINN1B – BÁBHTA 3

CIARRAÍ v LOCH GARMAN

12:35 i.n. Reiteoir: JOHN O'BRIEN (Tiobraid Árann)



ALLIANZ FOOTBALL LEAGUE - ROINN 1 - BÁBHTA 4

CIARRAÍ v DÚN NA nGALL

2:30 i.n. Reiteoir: EDDIE KINSELLA (Laois)

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FÁILTIÚ AN CHATHAOIRLIGH



Is cúis áthais dom fíor fáilte a fhearadh romhainm go dtí Páirc Aibhistín De Staic. Fáilte speisialta roimh imreoirí, oifigigh agus lucht leanúna Loch Garman agus Dún na nGall agus roimh na réiteoirí agus a gcuide oifigigh.

I am delighted to welcome you all today to the reopening of Austin Stack Park. The ground was closed a

year ago to enable the laying of a new sand carpet pitch surface and to carry out the essential improvements that you see today. Next Wednesday night the new floodlights will be switched on for the Munster U21 Football Championship quarterfinal between Kerry and Tipperary, the 2015 Munster Champions and All-Ireland Finalists.

I welcome especially today the senior hurling teams from Kerry and Wexford and the senior football teams from Kerry and Donegal, their mentors and supporters to this afternoon's games in the Allianz Hurling and Football Leagues. Welcome also to the referees, their umpires and linesmen.

This afternoon's games provide a rare opportunity for the Kerry Senior Hurling and Football teams to play in a double fixture at the same venue. In the first game today the Kerry hurlers are hoping to record their second win of the league. Kerry had a huge confidence boosting win in their first round game against Laois and in the second round a week later they had a remarkable comeback in the second half against Limerick to lose by just four points at the finish. Wexford after two defeats against table toppers Limerick and Clare are hoping for a change of fortune this afternoon.

Last Sunday in Newry the Kerry Senior Football team had their first win of the league against Down. Donegal after last week's win against Mayo are joint table toppers with Dublin and are hoping to consolidate that position here today. From a Kerry perspective our performances and results in our first two games of this year's league were disappointing. Everybody connected with the team, share that disappointment with the loyal Kerry supporters. With the strong winning tradition of Kerry football we hope last Sunday's win is indicative of the players meeting the expectations of living up to that proud tradition.

AUSTIN STACK PARK

This ground has a great history and we are proud to welcome you all today to the newly upgraded facilities here. The refurbishment, maintenance, upkeep and upgrading of the facilities is necessary in order to maintain its status as one of our two major grounds. The financial estimates for the refurbishment required that it needed the support and commitment of the business community in the town. Thanks to Councillors Jim Finucane & Pat Daly and to John Drummy & Liam Lynch of Tralee Chamber and to former County Secretaries, Tony O'Keefe and Eamonn O'Sullivan for their commitment to Austin Stack Park and as a result of their intervention the financial backing of the business community in the town was secured to support the essential upgrading of the facilities.

This ground has seen a lot of the proud history of Kerry GAA unfold in the great games and great players who have played here. The venue has undergone major redevelopment work in the past and the present phase of redevelopment is a strong commitment by Kerry GAA to the town of Tralee. The clubs and the players in Tralee and the clubs in the adjoining parishes and in particular the hurling clubs in North Kerry deserve no less. We hope that the remaining redevelopment work when completed will serve their needs.

It is an important priority that Kerry GAA has a strong presence in Tralee, a town that has given so much to the tradition that is synonymous with the county's success. Our facilities must reflect our position as one of the leading Counties in the Association.

Thanks to Development Officer, Tim Murphy, who headed the project team with Eamonn O'Sullivan and Tony O'Keefe. We are most fortunate to have Tim in charge of not alone this project but also the development of the Centre of Excellence at Currans which will be completed later this year. Two major development projects place a very big commitment on a County Board Development Officer. I congratulate him for his tremendous work in bringing these important development projects to fruition. Thanks also to Groundsman Vincent Linnane, Austin Stack Park Chairman Teddy O'Sullivan, Chief Steward Brendan McCarthy and everybody who contributed in any way to make today's reopening possible.

Slán abhaile,

Padraic Ó Suilleabháin

PATRICK O'SULLIVAN, Cathaoirleach Choiste Chontae Chiarraí

TODAY'S OFFICIALS

IOMÁINT: Ciarraí v Loch Garman

Reiteoir: John O'Brien (Tiobraid Árann); **Standby**

Referee: Fergal Horgan (Tiobraid Árann);

Linesman: Nathan Wall (Corcaigh); **Sideline**

Official: John McCormack (Tiobraid Árann).

PEIL: Ciarraí v Dún na nGall

Reiteoir: Eddie Kinsella (Laoise); **Standby**

Referee: Rory Hickey (An Clár); **Linesman:**

Anthony Nolan (Cill Mhantáin); **Sideline Official:**

John Ryan (Corcaigh).

BUÍOCHAS

My thanks to all who contributed to today's Programme. Proceeds of today's programme go to the Austin Stack Park Committee.

John O'Leary, PRO Coiste Co. Chiarraí

THE SPORTSFIELD/AUSTIN STACK PARK- A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

> The main entrance archway constructed in 1944 to honour Kerry's victorious All Ireland winners



All Photos: Kerry's Eye

- > Generally known as the Sportfield it was first owned by the County Kerry Amateur Athletic and Cricket Club
- > In 1887 the third and in 1891 the seventh GAA Annual Athletics Championships were held in the Sportsfield
- > In 1903 the trustees rented the Sportsfield to a

- committee consisting of all GAA members and among them Austin Stack
- > At that time the pitch was oval shaped and surrounded by a 440 yards sloping cinder track considered to be the finest in Ireland
- > In the 1927 All Ireland Semi Final Kerry (1-7) v Cavan (2-3) played in the

- Sportsfield, carrier pigeons were used to release news of the game
- > The County GAA Board purchased the grounds in 1929 spending about £5,000 on the purchase and improvements and the necessary finance raised included £500 raised on a Kerry team trip to the USA in 1931
- > The original Trustees of the Austin Stack Park were John Joe Sheehy, Sean McCarthy, Paddy Paul Fitzgerald, and Co. Board Joint Treasures Con Clifford and John Moran
- > In 1932 the Sportsfield was officially named the Austin Stack Memorial Park



> Kerry and Dublin parade before the national League meeting in 1976

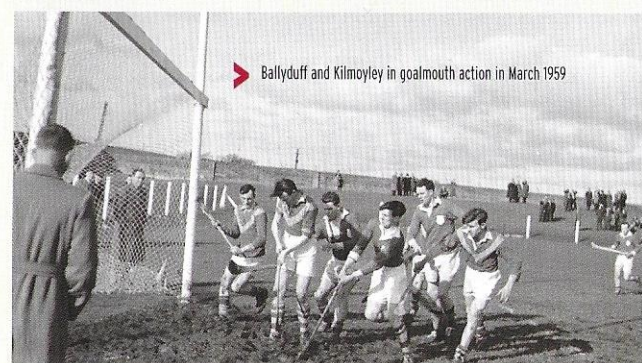
- > In 1934 the pitch was converted into a rectangular pitch to host the 1934 All Ireland Semi Final against Dublin. This led to the demise of the famous cinder track. A new stand was built and new embankments were added and 21,438 attended the game which Dublin won. This was the largest crowd to have attended an All Ireland Semi Final by that time



> A view of the old stand before the Pavilion was built in 1967. Sheep can be seen grazing the field today before the tractor mower became popular

association with the Festival of Kerry, the James Last Orchestra

development was completed including a new stand and terracing and redeveloped County Board offices. The opening was performed by Jack Boothman GAA President

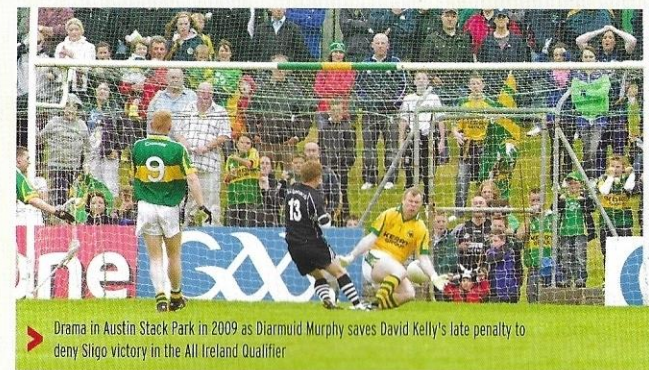


> Ballyduff and Kilmoyley in goalmouth action in March 1959

- > In 2001 Floodlighting was installed and the Interprovincial game Munster v Leinster played in Austin Stack Park was the first Central Council competition played under lights.
- > In 2015/16 further improvements including a sand based pitch, extra terracing and additional floodlighting were installed in Austin Stack Park.

- > In 1943/4 £3,576 was spent on improvements and a boundary wall was erected. An archway was constructed to honour Kerry's victorious All Ireland winners
- > In 1967 the Pavilion was opened and County Board meetings were held there
- > In 1972 Part of the grounds were sold to Kerry County Council to facilitate a new road in the town now called the John Joe Sheehy Road
- > In 1983 and 1985, in

- played concerts in the Austin Stack Park
- > In 1985 Kerry County Board opened its Office in the Pavilion
- > In 1994 a new



> Drama in Austin Stack Park in 2009 as Diarmuid Murphy saves David Kelly's late penalty to deny Sligo victory in the All Ireland Qualifier



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AUSTIN STACK PARK REDEVELOPMENT

Coiste Chontae Chiarraí are currently in the process of implementing a programme of refurbishment and upgrade works to bring Austin Stack Park up to a modern day stadium standard. Austin Stack Park has and will continue to be the headquarters of the GAA in Kerry but it needs significant investment to safeguard its future. The completion and success of this project is in the best interest of everyone and when complete will reflect the best traditions and proud history of Kerry GAA and the town of Tralee. The programme of works is as follows:



Overview - How Austin Stack Park will look after the current proposed redevelopment

WORKS	STATUS AS AT 06/03/16
1. Installation of new Drainage system and Sand Carpet Pitch	Completed
2. Upgrading of the existing Pitch Lighting System	Completed
3. New capping beam & Stadium type Fence to the perimeter of the Playing Pitch including gates.	Complete
4. Complete Concrete Terrace to Western end including installation of Roofed Canopy.	Terrace Complete, Roof to Follow
5. Implementing the recommendations of the Slattery Report relating to Health and Safety issues to increase the capacity of the Austin Stack Park up to its maximum.	Part Completed
6. Upgrading the Entrance to the Front Carpark including enhancements to the Facade and front of the Pavilion.	Medium Term Plan
7. Provision of an enclosed Utility yard / Area to the Rear of the open Terrace.	Medium Term Plan
8. Reconfiguration of the South Western Corner of the Grounds to include a new exit gate and new stiles	Medium Term Plan
9. Proposed new Precast Concrete open terrace on the southern side of the existing stand with Referee, Medical Room & Ticket Office	Medium/Long Term Plan
10. Provision of a new Media facility in the existing Stand.	Medium Term Plan
11. Remedial Concrete and regrading Works to the Eastern Terrace including installation of Crush Barriers	Short/Medium Term Plan
12. Internal Alterations and upgrade of Pavilion	Medium/Long Term Plan

THE TOTAL COST OF PROPOSED WORKS WILL BE IN THE ORDER OF €1M PLUS.
 Kerry CLG see these improvement works in Austin Stack Park as a Strategic investment underpinning the Status of the Venue not only as a premier playing surface but one which will be recognisable as the headquarters of the GAA in Kerry.

ALLIANZ LEAGUE 2016 RESULTS & FIXTURES - DIVISION 1B



ALLIANZ HURLING LEAGUE ROINN 1B

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1	Limerick	2	2	0	0	51	33	4
2	Clare	2	2	0	0	45	29	4
3	KERRY	2	1	1	0	45	42	2
4	Offaly	2	1	1	0	35	42	2
5	Laois	2	0	2	0	35	47	0
6	WEXFORD	2	0	2	0	29	47	0

KERRY'S 2016 ALLIANZ LEAGUE RECORD

ROUND 1: Kerry 1-24 Laois 2-14;
ROUND 2: Limerick 1-19 Kerry 1-15
Average Scored: 1-20 **Average Conceded:** 2-15
Average Winning Margin: 2 points
SCORERS: Shane Nolan (0-12), John Egan (0-8), Mikey Boyle (2-1), Michael O'Leary, Jack Goulding (0-4), Colum Hartly, Patrick Kelly (0-3), Philip Lucid (0-2), John Griffin, Jordan Conway (0-1)

WEXFORD'S 2016 ALLIANZ LEAGUE RECORD

ROUND 1: Limerick 2-23 Wexford 0-15;
ROUND 2: Clare 0-18 Wexford 1-11;
Average Scored: 1-12 **Average Conceded:** 1-21
Average Winning Margin: 9 points
SCORERS: Harry Kehoe (0-12), Andrew Shore (0-3) Mark Fanning (1-0), Ian Byrne, David Dunne, Lee Chin (0-2), Eoin Moore, Shaun Murphy, Liam Óg McGovern, Podge Doran, Matthew O'Hanlon (0-1)

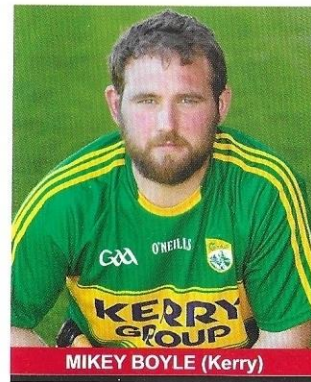
• REMAINING FIXTURES •

DATE	TIME	HOME	AWAY	VENUE
ROUND 4				
12 Mar 2016	5pm	LIMERICK	V LAOIS	Gaelic Grounds
13 Mar 2016	1pm	WEXFORD	V OFFALY	Wexford Park
13 Mar 2016	2pm	CLARE	V KERRY	Cusack Park
ROUND 5				
20 Mar 2016	2pm	OFFALY	V KERRY	Birr
20 Mar 2016	2pm	LAOIS	V WEXFORD	Portlaoise
20 Mar 2016	2pm	CLARE	V LIMERICK	Cusack Park
RELEGATION PLAYOFF				
2/3 Apr 2016	TBC	5th TEAM 1B	V 6th TEAM 1B	TBC
9 Apr 2016	TBC	LOSERS 1B	V 2A WINNERS	TBC
QUARTER FINALS				
2/3 Apr 2016	TBC	TOP TEAM 1A	V 4th TEAM 1B	TBC
2/3 Apr 2016	TBC	2nd TEAM 1A	V 3rd TEAM 1B	TBC
2/3 Apr 2016	TBC	3rd TEAM 1A	V 2nd TEAM 1B	TBC
2/3 Apr 2016	TBC	4th TEAM 1A	V Top TEAM 1B	TBC

SEMI FINALS ON 17TH APRIL, FINAL 1ST MAY.

Ciarraí v Loch Garman - AHL Preview

By DAMIAN STACK *The Kerryman*



MIKEY BOYLE (Kerry)

They were disappointed, genuinely disappointed not to have taken something from the game. Considering the quality of the opposition on view in Fitzgerald Stadium just a couple of weeks ago that's saying something. It's saying that Kerry hurling has come a long way in a short time. The Kingdom are the typical overnight success story years in the making.

Several managers - John Meyler, Tom Howard, Eamonn Kelly and now Ciarán Carey - have helped bring the Kingdom to this point and, more importantly even than those guys, underage coaches at county and club level have done much to nurture the game in the county.

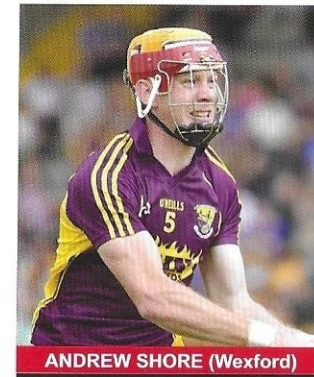
Hurling in Kerry is in a pretty good place right now and we don't just mean Division 1B, impressive and all as that is. Real success for Kerry isn't getting to Division 1B, it's staying there. It's not producing a fine team for a season or two, it's sustaining it over the long haul, it's about producing players to supplement and replace those who have gone before.

Even this year, we've seen evidence that Kerry can still continue to grow.

Young Jordan Conway was a leading light for the Kingdom in the Munster hurling league and Jack Goulding has been hugely impressive in both league games to date. The production line hasn't ground to a halt just yet clearly. It's healthy to see a squad change over time, even if gradually. Nobody can think their place is safe. There's genuine competition for places. Even somebody like last year's captain John Griffin isn't guaranteed a start, he had to rely upon the late withdrawal of Darren Dineen through injury to take the centre-back berth against Limerick. Once in the side he was his usual tidy and efficient self, an invaluable bulwark against Limerick in the second half in particular. He hurled his way into that game, much the same way as the team as a whole did.

Kerry played with quality and ambition. There was none of the hit and hope stuff you might have expected them to revert to when the pressure came on. Carey's charges dealt really well with the intensity Limerick brought to bear and played their own game. That's the thing that was most impressive about the Limerick game. Making the step up from Tier 2 to Tier 1 hurling the pace of the game was always likely to catch Kerry out, so far, however, they'd coped with it really well.

Time, then, for Wexford to worry? Certainly it is. They will be and - by all accounts - are wary of the trip to Tralee this weekend. Granted they improved radically from their first game against Limerick to their second against Clare (on home turf), Kerry will fancy their chances in this one nevertheless.



ANDREW SHORE (Wexford)

Wexford have been rocked in recent weeks by the news that Jack Guiney has called it quits from inter-county hurling at the age of 22. Guiney is a player around whom manager Liam Dunne would have hoped to build his side.

Without him they're verifiably weaker up front, a situation not helped by injuries to Shane Tompkins, Paul Morris and Conor McDonald. In the game with the Banner, Dunne even tried Lee Chin for a time at centre-forward in an effort to increase their options up front.

If Kerry could limit the yellow bellies to a similar tally to the one they scored against Clare - 1-11 - or against Limerick - 0-15 - then it's certainly within the Kingdom's capabilities to get something from this game. Thinking about the game right now we'd rate it as 50/50 (a remarkable thing in itself). Wexford have tradition and a greater wealth of experience of top class hurling to call upon. Kerry have the momentum - boosted not detracted from by the Limerick game - and home advantage.

Rule nothing out.

Player Profile

Michael O'Leary
Ciarraí

Date of Birth: 29-3-1996

Club: Abbeydorney

Height: 6' 6"

Weight: 16 stone

Occupation: Student

When and where did you first play hurling:

Back garden at home

Childhood Heroes: Batman!

Inter county experience: Minor, Under 21, Senior

Sporting Achievements to date:

2 Minor B All Irelands, 2 Div. 2 Allianz Leagues, 1 Christy Ring

Any superstitions before matches: Not really - get in and get on with it!

Favourite venue: Abbeydorney

Biggest influence on your sporting career to date: My Father

Most memorable sporting moment to date:

Beating Antrim in League play off last year

Biggest sporting disappointment: Losing 2015 U21 County Final

In ten years time I hope to be: A Millionaire!

If there was a transfer market in GAA who would you buy: T J Reid

The best invention ever: I phone

What skill do you think is most important in hurling: First Touch

What do you like most about the GAA: Brings everyone together

How would you improve the GAA: Pay the Players

Hobbies: Greyhound racing, watching TV

Favourite Food: Steak and Chips **Drink:** Coke

Favourite Music: Jazz

Favourite Film: The Green Mile

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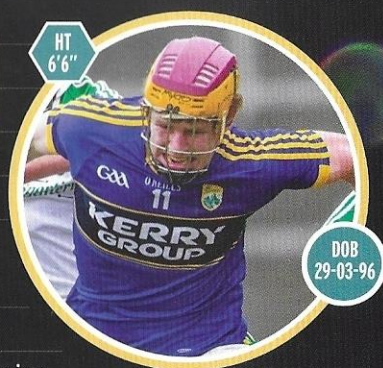


Photo: Kerry's Eye

AN CHUIMHIN LEAT...? SRAITH NÁISIÚNTA IOMÁNA 1979

LOCH GARMAN 2-7 CIARRAÍ 0-2

Kerry has met Wexford on a number of occasions in the National Hurling League, one of which was in 1979 when Kerry had been promoted to Division 1B. Other teams in the Division were Waterford, Antrim, Laois, Kildare and Dublin. At that time the competition commenced in October and 4 rounds were played before Christmas and the remainder in the Spring of the following year. The game between the sides in that league was played at Ardferd on Sunday, 4th November in wet, muddy conditions. Wexford were short a number of players as the replay of their county final between Faythe Harriers and Rathnure [winners] was fixed for the following Sunday. In Kerry, the new

county champions were Causeway who had won their first title since 1932. The Wexford centre forward was Martin Casey, a native of Causeway, whose nephew, Tommy, plays for Kerry today.

Conditions were so bad that the referee considered abandoning the game after 20 minutes but both sides wished to continue the game. As a result it was a tough dour encounter. The match up between Cyril Nolan and the great Tony Doran was one of the highlights while the performances of Kerry half backs John Fitzgerald and Joe McElligott were noteworthy. Kerry found Wexford a step too far. Tony Doran opened the Wexford scoring after 5 minutes and Kerry replied via Mossie O'Sullivan on 13 minutes. Martin Casey added 2 Wexford points before Sean Kinsella pointed a free and scored a rather fortunate goal after 23 minutes to leave it 1 - 4 to 0 - 1. Sean Flaherty pointed a 26th minute free to add Kerry's second point and final score of the game! Wexford led by 1 - 4 to 0 - 2 at half time. Kerry was unable to add to their tally during the second half and Wexford won comfortably by 11 points, 2 - 7 to 0 - 2, the second goal coming after 40 minutes from John Fleming.

D'imir na foirne seo leanas sa cluiche: **CIARRAÍ:** Johnny Conway (Lixnaw), Mike O'Carroll (Ballyduff), Cyril Nolan (Crotta O'Neill's), Maurice Leahy (Causeway), Joe McElligott (Crotta O'Neill's), John Fitzgerald (St. Brendan's), D.J. Leahy (Causeway), P.J. Houlihan (Ballyduff), Dick Spring (Crotta O'Neill's), Todd Nolan (Crotta O'Neill's), Joe Kelly (Lixnaw), James Sheehan (Crotta O'Neill's), Mossie O'Sullivan (Ballyduff) 0-1, Pat Moriarty (Causeway), Sean Flaherty (Lixnaw) 0-1. Subs.: Denis McElligott (Lixnaw) for D. Spring, John O'Carroll (Ballyduff) for C. Nolan.

LOCH GARMAN: Henry Butler, Pat Boggan, C. Quinn, Jim Prendergast, Mick Butler, Mick Jacob, Colm Doran, Podge Courtney, John Fleming 1-0, John Murphy, Martin Casey 0-2, Sean Kinsella 1-2, B. O'Connor, Tony Doran, Declan Rowsesome. James O'Connor 0-2 for J. Murphy. **Réiteoir:** Pat Byrne (Luimneach).



➤ Foireann Iomána Sinsir Chiarráí 1979 a d'imir in aghaidh Loch Garman: (Cúl) Pat Moriarty (Causeway), P.J. Houlihan (Ballyduff), John Fitzgerald (St. Brendan's), Cyril Nolan (Crotta O'Neill's), Dick Spring (Crotta O'Neill's), Maurice Leahy (Causeway), (Tosaigh) Todd Nolan (Crotta O'Neill's), D.J. Leahy (Causeway), Joe Kelly (Lixnaw), Mike O'Carroll (Ballyduff), Seán Flaherty (Lixnaw), Joe McElligott (Crotta O'Neill's), Mossie O'Sullivan (Ballyduff), James Sheehan (Crotta O'Neill's).



CIARRAÍ



LOCH GARMAN



FIR IONAD:

- (16) A. MacCába
AIDAN McCABE
Kilmoyley
- (17) B. Ó Brosnacháin
BRENDAN BROSAN
Lixnaw
- (18) S. Ó Buáchalla
JOHNNY BUCKLEY
Lixnaw
- (19) M. Milner
MICHAEL MILNER
Dr. Crokes
- (20) J. Ó Conbhuí
JORDAN CONWAY
Crotta O'Neills
- (21) J. Ó Duiginn
JASON DIGGINS
Causeway
- (22) D. Ó Duinnín
DARREN DINEEN
Causeway
- (23) D. Fitzell
DOUGIE FITZELL
Kilmoyley
- (24) P. Ó Luasaigh
PHILIP LUCID
Ballyheigue
- (25) S. Ó Conchúir
JAMES O'CONNOR
Abbeydorney
- (26) B. Ó Laoire
BRENDAN O'LEARY
Abbeydorney

(1)
M. de Stacapúl
Martin Stackpoole
Lixnaw

(2)
S. Mac an Mhaoir
Sean Weir
Crotta O'Neills

(5)
D. Ó Coileain
Daniel Collins (c)
Kilmoyley

(8)
P. Ó Ceallaigh
Patrick Kelly
Clarecastle

(10)
S. Ó Nualláin
Shane Nolan
Crotta O'Neills

(13)
S. MacAogáin
John Egan
St. Brendans

(3)
B. Ó Murchú
Bryan Murphy
Causeway

(6)
T. Ó Cáthasaigh
Tommy Casey
Causeway

(11)
M. Ó Laoire
Michael O'Leary
Abbeydorney

(14)
M. Ó Baoighill
Mikey Boyle
Ballyduff

(4)
C. Ó Cearmada
Keith Carmody
Causeway

(7)
T. Ó Murnáin
Tom Murnane
Kilmoyley

(9)
S. Ó Griffin
John Griffin
Lixnaw

(12)
C. Ó hArtaigh
Colum Harty
Causeway

(15)
S. Mac Gabhláin
Jack Goulding
Ballyduff

BAINISTEoir: Ciaran Carey (Patrickswell)
COACH/SELECTOR: Mark Foley (Adare). **TREANÁLAÍ:** Damien Ryall (Abbeydorney)
ROGHNÓIRÍ: James McCarthy (Kilmoyley), Michael Conway (Lixnaw)

CIARRAÍ	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaí	65m	Saor Ciceanna
1 adh leath					
2 adh leath					
IOMLÁN					

(1)
M. Ó Fainín
Mark Fanning
Glynn Barntown

(2)
L. Ó Riain
Liam Ryan
Rapparees

(5)
A. Shore
Andrew Shore
Parnells (Dublin)

(8)
L. Chin
Lee Chin
Faythe Harriers

(10)
E. Mac Eochaidh
Harry Kehoe
Cloughbawn

(13)
C. Mac Dónaill
Conor McDonald
Naomh Eanna

(3)
M. Ó hAnluain
Matthew O'Hanlon (c)
St. James

(6)
P. Ó Foiliú
Paudie Foley
Crossabeg/Ballymartin

(11)
S. Mac Tóimicín
Shane Tomkins
Askamore/Kilrush

(14)
P. Ó Deoráin
Podge Doran
Oylegate/Glenbrien

(4)
E. Ó Mordha
Eoin Moore
Oulart the Ballagh

(7)
A. Ó Ceannaigh
Andrew Kenny
Buffers Alley

(9)
E. Ó Conraoi
Eoin Conroy
Naomh Eanna

(12)
A. Ó Nualláin
Aidan Nolan
Half Way House/Bunclody

(15)
L. Óg Mc Giobheanaigh
Liam Óg McGovern
St. Anne's

FIR IONAD:

- (16) C. Ó Laoghaire
CONOR O'LEARY
Oulart The Ballagh
- (17) S. Ó Concubhair
JACK O'CONNOR
St. Martins
- (18) A. Mac Mhadóg
AARON MADDOCK
St. Martins
- (19) E. Ó Broin
IAN BYRNE
Ferns St. Aidans
- (20) D. Ó Caoimh
DIARMUID O'KEEFFE
St. Annes
- (21) C. Mac Daibhéid
CONOR DEVITT
Ballyfad
- (22) C. Dunbarra
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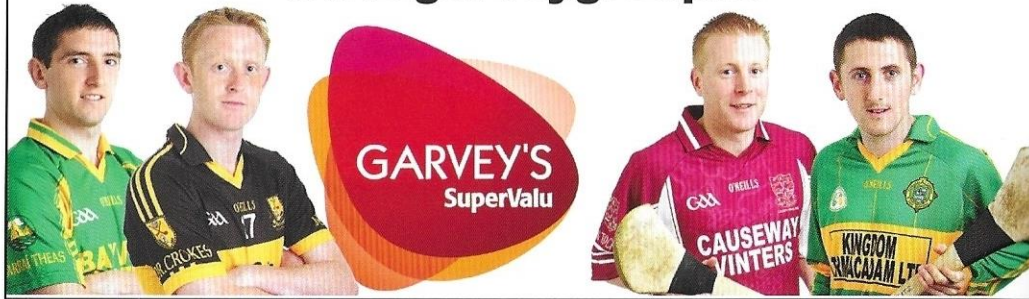
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ROGHNÓIRÍ: Ger Cush, Aidan O'Connor, Tom Foley.

LOCH GARMAN	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaí	65m	Saor Ciceanna
1 adh leath					
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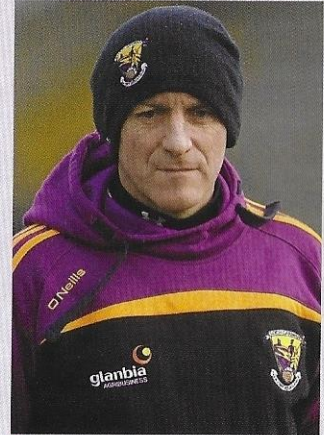
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THERE IS A BEAUTY TO BEHOLD WHEN YOU SEE THE PURPLE AND GOLD

By Sylvester Hennessy, Kerry's Eye

It's very much a case of mixed feelings for me today as we welcome my native county to Austin Stack Park. I spent the first 13 years of my life in Wexford and while I now consider myself a true Kerry man my love for Wexford will always be strong. My connections with this Wexford team are even stronger this year. My cousin Tom Foley is a Wexford selector. Tom's father Hughie was my first trainer all those years ago under the Blackstairs Mountain in a small village called Rathnure. We used to stand in lines at the age of 9 playing ground hurling, back and forth and back and forth. Nicky Rackard Park was the setting and Rathnure is a club steeped in the traditions of Wexford hurling. That's where my cousin Tom and I gained our love of the GAA. My father and uncle hurled with the Rackards, my grandfather was a manger and selector and all these years later as cousins we are still very much involved in the GAA in different ways. Rathnure still hold the record of most senior titles, 20, and the famed Rackards and Quigleys wore the club's black and amber hoops. Alongside my cousin Tom on the

sideline is another man that I am very familiar with, Wexford manager Liam Dunne. It's more than thirty years ago that we faced each other, Rathnure v Oulart the Ballagh at u14 level. Back then Liam was a tiny centre back, he was so small that you were afraid that he might get hurt but such was his skill levels that he danced rings around opponents. As he progressed of course he played at centre back at the height of 5ft 8". Just think about it 5ft 8" in the pivotal position of centre back in hurling. He won 3 All Stars and is rightly regarded as a true Wexford great. One of the things that I have learned in Kerry is that second best is never good enough in this county. The fever and passion for All Ireland glory is insatiable. Since I was born in 1969, Kerry have won 17 All Ireland football titles while Wexford have just one All Ireland hurling title, in 1996. It makes you really value the constant success that we achieve in this county. I can vouch for Wexford supporters here. They are passionate, they love their hurling and in 1996 they pointed practically everywhere Purple and Gold.



➤ Wexford Manager Liam Dunne well wrapped up in the game against Clare

They wrote songs - 'There is a beauty to behold when you see the purple and gold'. They adore their county every bit as much as we do here in Kerry. On this occasion they are meeting a rising force in hurling in this new look Kerry side. This time round I expect Wexford to be a little too good for Kerry but probably for the only time at this brilliant venue I am a winner before a ball is thrown in.

FOCUS ON: Kerry coach - Mark Foley

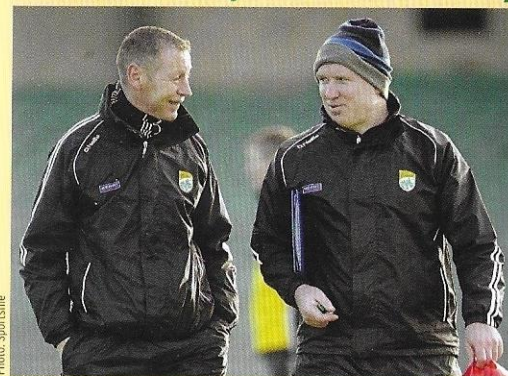


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➤ Kerry Hurling Coach Mark Foley (Right) shares a light-hearted moment with manager Ciaran Carey

For 2016 Kerry are coached by former Limerick hurler and All-Star, Mark Foley, a former star player with Adare and since 2012 a member of the Castletown/Ballyagran club - with whom he won a South Limerick junior hurling championship medal in 2013. Mark runs a pub business in Ballyagran.

As a Limerick player he won 2 Munster senior hurling championship medals [1994 & 1996] and 2 All-Star awards [1996 & 2001] during a senior inter county playing career that stretched from 1994 to 2009.

He was involved in 3 All-Ireland senior finals but was unlucky to be with the teams that lost to Offaly in 1994, to Wexford in 1996 and Kilkenny in 2007. Mark won a National Hurling League medal in 1997 and a Railway Cup medal with Munster in 1997.

He won 4 Limerick senior hurling championship medals with Adare [2001, 2002, 2007 & 2008].

Player Profile

LEE CHIN
Loch Garman



HT
6'1"

DOB
08-10-92

Club: Faythe Harriers

Date of Birth: 08/10/1992

Height: 6ft 1" **Weight:** 93KG

Occupation: Student

When and where did you first play

Hurling? Kennedy Park National School,
Wexford Town 2001/2002

Childhood Heroes: Tommy Walsh

Inter County Experience: Minor/U21/Senior Hurling
& Football

Any Superstitions before a match? None

Sporting Achievements to date: Hurling – County U21 Premier 2012, 2013
Leinster U21, New York Co. Championship, 2014 Inter Provincial.

Favourite Venue: Croke Park

Biggest influence on your sporting career to date:

Past and Present team mates

Most memorable sporting moment as a player?..

2014 Championship V Waterford in Nowlan Park

Biggest Sporting Disappointment:

Losing to Antrim in U21 All Ireland semi final in 2013

In ten years' time I hope to be...

Successful and happily married with 15 children!

If there was a 'transfer market' in GAA who would you buy? TJ Reid

The best invention ever: Mobile phone

What skill do you think is the most important in Hurling? First touch

Favourite sport other than Hurling? Gaelic Football

What do you like most about the GAA? Friendships with people

Hobbies: Golf, going to gym and spending time with family & friends

Favourite Food? Traditional Chinese food

Favourite Music: Appreciate all music **Favourite Film:** Lord of the Rings

Facebook or Twitter? Twitter

WEXFORD QUENCH THE TIPPERARY FIRE TO WIN THEIR FIRST LEAGUE TITLE IN 1956

By TOM MORRISON

LOCH GARMAN 5-9 TIOBRAID ÁRANN 2-14

It would be fair to say that this was one of the greatest comebacks in the history of the League competition. In the first half Tipperary played with purpose, drive and motivation to enjoy a discernible edge against a Wexford combination that were in all sorts of trouble with the score standing at 2-10 to 0-1. Tipp had the advantage of an almost hurricane wind and had the edge in sharpness, understanding and support play. Indeed the big attendance of 45,902 had every reason to believe that the trophy would stay in the Premier County when they led by 15 points after thirty minutes of play. Once Paddy Kenny pointed after one minute it all began to happen and a series of wonderful points followed from the likes of Liam Devaney, Theo English and Pat Stakelum. A victory looked a distinct probability when Paddy Kenny, who scored 2-7 overall, whipped in two goals before the teams went in at the break. It was an early second half goal by Nicky Rackard that transformed the purple and amber from a laboured, disjointed outfit into a vibrant hungry side that suddenly exploded into action in devastating style. Tipperary had little answer to the silken skills of Bobby Rackard, Nick O'Donnell and Mick Morrissey in defence and up front, Nicky Rackard and Tom Dixon were the destructors-in-chief with two goals each. Tom Tyan's goal – made by Nicky Rackard – had a huge psychological bearing on the outcome as it arrived quickly after Rackard's first major. With ten to go Tipp still held a four point advantage but minors from Podge Kehoe and Nicky Rackard and Tom Dixon's second goal with four minutes to go helped to emphasise Wexford's dominance and as the match drew to a close, the towering Nicky Rackard thundered a great shot to the Tipperary net to complete a miraculous recovery. Wexford went on to defeat Cork and retain their All Ireland title on a score of 2-14 to 2-8.

LOCH GARMAN: Art Foley, Bobby Rackard, Nick O'Donnell, Mick O'Hanlon, Jim English (Capt), Billy Rackard, Jim Morrissey, Seamus Hearne, Mick Morrissey, Podge Kehoe, Ned Wheeler, Tim Flood, Tom Ryan, Nicky Rackard, Tom Dixon. Subs: Chris Casey, Paddy Kehoe, Ted Bolger, Ted Morrissey, Martin Codd, Dominick Aherne.

TIOBRAID ÁRANN: T. Reddin, M. Byrne, Ml. Maher, John Doyle, J. Finn, P. Stakelum, A Wall, J. Hough, S. O'Meara, L. Devaney, L. Skelly, T. English, P. Kenny, W Quinn, S. Bannon.

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DÚN NA nGALL



FIR IONAD:

- (16) B. Ó Caolaí
BRENDAN KEALY
Kilcummin
- (17) P. Ó Conchúir
PADRAIG O'CONNOR
Killarney Legion
- (18) A. Breathnach
AIDAN WALSH
St. Mary's
- (19) C. Cuipéir
COLM COOPER
Dr. Crokes
- (20) B.S. Ó Catháin
BARRY JOHN KEANE
Kerins O'Rahillys
- (21) P. Mac Giolla Chainnigh
PA KILKENNY
Glenbeigh/Glencar
- (22) B. Ó Suilleabháin
BRENDAN O'SULLIVAN
Valentia
- (23) S. Ó Buáichalla
JOHNNY BUCKLEY
Dr. Crokes
- (24) S. Sherwood
JACK SHERWOOD
Firies
- (25) P. Ó Conchúir
PHILIP O'CONNOR
Cordal
- (26) C. Mac an Choilligh
CONOR COX
Listowel Emmets

- (1) B. Ó Ceallaigh
Brian Kelly
Killarney Legion
- (2) M. Ó Sé
Marc Ó Sé
An Ghaeltacht
- (3) M. Ó Griffin
Mark Griffin
St. Michaels-Foilmore
- (4) S. Mac Ionrachaigh
Shane Enright
Tarbert
- (5) P. Ó Cruaigh
Peter Crowley
Laune Rangers
- (6) A. Ó Mathúna
Aidan O'Mahony
Rathmore
- (7) F. Mac Gearailt
Fionn Fitzgerald
Dr. Crokes
- (8) C. Mac Donnchaidh
Kieran Donaghy
Austin Stacks
- (9) B. Ó Siócháin
Bryan Sheehan (c)
St. Mary's
- (10) D. Ó Dalaigh
Denis Daly
St. Mary's
- (11) P. Ó Murchú
Paul Murphy
Rathmore
- (12) D. Breathnach
Donnchadh Walsh
Cromane
- (13) D. Ó Suilleabháin
Darran O'Sullivan
Glenbeigh/Glencar
- (14) A. MacGearailt
Alan Fitzgerald
Castlegregory
- (15) S. Ó Briain
Stephen O'Brien
Kenmare

BAINISTEOR: Eamonn Fitzmaurice (Finuge)
ROGHNÓIRÍ: Diarmuid Murphy (Dingle), Mikey Sheehy (Austin Stacks), Padraig Corcoran (Dingle), Liam Hassett (Laune Rangers).

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FIR IONAD:

- (1) P. Ó Baoille
Peter Boyle
Aodh Ruadh BAS
- (2) E. MacAoidh
Eamon McGee
Gaoth Dobhair
- (3) N. MacAoidh
Neil McGee
Gaoth Dobhair
- (4) P. MacCraith
Paddy McGrath
Ard an Ratha
- (5) R. MacAodha
Ryan McHugh
Cill Chartha
- (6) A. MacTomáis
Anthony Thompson
Naomh Conaill
- (7) E. Ó Dochartaigh
Eamonn Doherty
Naomh Ádhamhnáin
- (8) R. Caomhánach
Rory Kavanagh
Naomh Ádhamhnáin
- (9) A. MacPháidin
Hugh McFadden
Na Cealla Beag
- (10) L. Mac Giolla Úain
Leo McLoone
Naomh Conaill
- (11) O. MacNiallais
Odhran MacNiallais
Gaoth Dobhair
- (12) P. MacFhloinn
Frank McGlynn
Gleann Fhinne
- (13) P. MacBreartaigh
Patrick McBrearty
Cill Chartha
- (14) M. Ó Múrchu
Michael Murphy (c)
Gleann Súilí
- (15) M. Ó Raghallaigh
Martin O'Reilly
Séan MacCumhailís

BAINISTEOR: Rory Gallagher
ROGHNÓIRÍ: Jack Cooney, Brendan Kilcoyne, Maxi Curran.

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An Clochán Liath
- (17) C. Mac an Bháird
CAOLAN WARD
Naomh Ádhamhnáin
- (18) E. (Bán) Ó Gallchobhair
EOGHAN (BÁN) GALLAGHE
Na Cealla Beaga
- (19) E. MacAoidh
EOIN MCHUGH
Cill Chartha
- (20) C. Ó Tuathaigh
CHRISTY TOYE
Naomh Michael
- (21) C. MacConaigle
CAOLAN MCGONAGHL
BunCranacha
- (22) M. Mac Giolla Chainnigh
MARTIN MCELHINNEY
Naomh Michael
- (23) M. MacAodha
MARK MCHUGH
Cill Chartha
- (24) M. Ó Cearrúil
MICHAEL CARROLL
Gaoth Dobhair
- (25) S. MacBreartaigh
STEPHEN MCBREARTY
Cill Chartha
- (26) N. Ó Gallchobhair
NEIL GALLAGHER
Gleann Súilí

ALLIANZ LEAGUE 2016 RESULTS & FIXTURES - DIVISION 1



ALLIANZ FOOTBALL LEAGUE ROINN 1

	P	W	D	L	For	Against	+/-	Points
DONEGAL	3	3	0	0	6-43	2-26	29	6
DUBLIN	3	3	0	0	3-37	0-37	9	6
ROSCOMMON	3	2	0	1	5-48	6-30	15	4
MONAGHAN	3	2	0	1	2-39	2-34	5	4
KERRY	3	1	0	2	1-46	2-34	9	2
CORK	3	1	0	2	5-35	6-51	-19	2
MAYO	3	0	0	3	1-31	2-41	-13	0
DOWN	3	0	0	3	0-24	3-50	-35	0

KERRY'S 2016 ALLIANZ LEAGUE RECORD

ROUND 1: Dublin 2-14 Kerry 0-14; **ROUND 2:** Kerry 1-10 Roscommon 0-14; **ROUND 3:** Kerry 0-22 Down 0-6.

Average Scored: 0-16 **Average Conceded:** 1-10

Average Winning Margin: 3 points

SCORERS: Barry John Keane (0-12), Darran O'Sullivan (0-7), Bryan Sheehan (0-6), Stephen O'Brien (1-3), Johnny Buckley, Alan Fitzgerald, Brendan O'Sullivan, Colm Cooper (0-3), Tommy Walsh, David Moran (0-2) Conor Cox, Donnchadh Walsh (0-1)

DONEGAL'S 2016 ALLIANZ LEAGUE RECORD

ROUND 1: Donegal 3-15 Down 0-7; **ROUND 2:** Donegal 2-14 Cork 1-7; **ROUND 3:** Donegal 1-14 Mayo 1-12.

Average Scored: 2-14 **Average Conceded:** 1-8

Average Winning Margin: 9 points

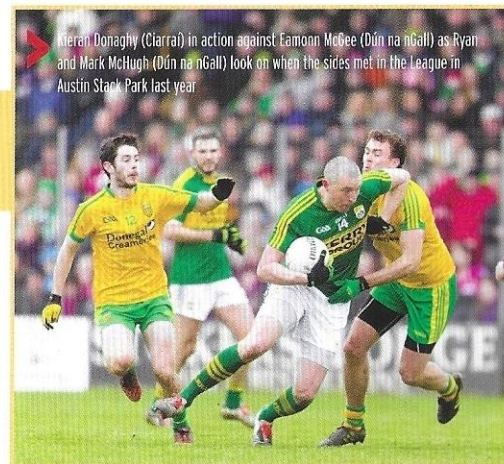
SCORERS: Paddy McBrearty (1-11), Michael Murphy (0-14), Odhrán MacNiallais (1-6), Ryan McHugh (2-2), Leo McLoone (1-2), Martin O'Reilly (1-1), Ciarán Thompson (0-3), Frankie McGlynn (0-2), Anthony Thompson, Rory Kavanagh (0-1)

● REMAINING FIXTURES ●

DATE	TIME	HOME	AWAY	VENUE
ROUND 5				
12 Mar 2016	7pm	DOWN	v DUBLIN	Pairc Esler
13 Mar 2016	2pm	CORK	v MONAGHAN	Páirc Uí Rinn
13 Mar 2016	2:30pm	MAYO	v KERRY	McHale Park
13 Mar 2016	3pm	DONEGAL	v ROSCOMMON	Letterkenny
ROUND 6				
26 Mar 2016	7pm	DUBLIN	v DONEGAL	Croke Park
27 Mar 2016	2pm	CORK	v DOWN	Páirc Uí Rinn
27 Mar 2016	2pm	ROSCOMMON	v MAYO	Dr Hyde Park
27 Mar 2016	2pm	MONAGHAN	v KERRY	Clones
ROUND 7				
3 Apr 2016	2pm	MAYO	v DOWN	McHale Park
3 Apr 2016	2pm	KERRY	v CORK	Tralee
3 Apr 2016	2pm	ROSCOMMON	v DUBLIN	Dr Hyde Park
3 Apr 2016	2pm	MONAGHAN	v DONEGAL	Clones

AFL PREVIEW - CIARRAÍ v DÚN NA nGALL

By
 Jason O'Connor



Kieran Donaghy (Carraroe) in action against Eamonn McBee (Dún na nGall) as Ryan and Mark McHugh (Dún na nGall) look on when the sides met in the League in Austin Stack Park last year.

51 weeks after they were at the same venue, Donegal return to the Kingdom for an Allianz League encounter that will serve as a good barometer for where both teams stand in terms of the latter stages of the campaign. Are Kerry in a relegation battle or are they capable of getting enough points to reach the last four in the last four games? Can we think of Donegal being possible title contenders having a 100% record so far? Not that it will mean much to the people of Tir Chonaill travelling down today but Austin Stack Park is officially open for business again with a much wanted and long overdue redevelopment complete.

Donegal lost to Kerry in last year's fixture in Tralee but it was not the Kingdom's footballers last fixture at the venue prior to the redevelopment, that being the subsequent game with Monaghan at the end of March which the Kingdom lost meaning they needed that draw on the last day against Tyrone in Omagh to stay up. Much has been made of another poor start to the League by Kerry nationally, even a suggestion of disrespect in some quarters. Such sentiments really don't grasp the reality of the difficulties Kerry face however when it comes to starting the year afresh. Remember All-Ireland Finalists are precluded by rule from resuming training for a full 12 weeks after an All-Ireland Final meaning it's nearly into provincial pre-season competition time before they can gather again for the new campaign.

Because of the local fixture list that is barely finishing before Christmas time in recent years, it means team holidays are only really viable over the festive period in Kerry's case. After the hard slog of making it to the third Sunday in September and maybe even a harder slog for players in giving back to their clubs and districts thereafter, who would begrudge the players a bit of downtime? Everyone in the county knows the serious business will not be decided until much later in the calendar year so not much sleep will be lost by the county due to a 'bad' League campaign. In the post 'Famine' (1986-97) period Kerry have won four National League titles ('97, '04, '06 and '09) to go

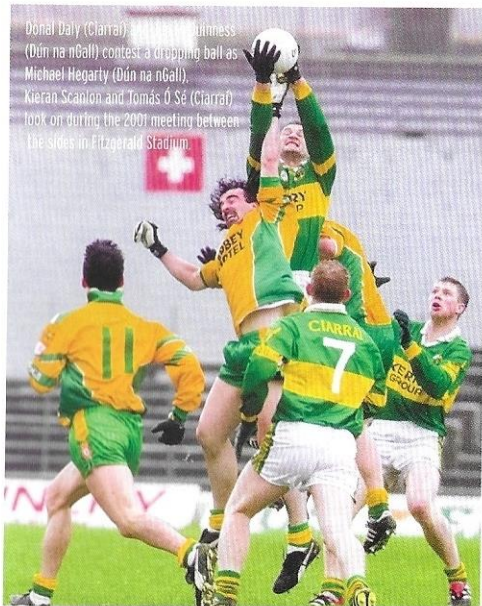
with All Ireland successes in the same year. However certainly you can make the argument that Eamonn Fitzmaurice maybe doesn't have his best artillery at his disposal in the way Paidí Ó Sé or Jack O'Connor did with the increasing demands there are now on players meaning they have to be prioritised for more important fixtures down the line.

Looking solely at today, Kerry have maybe a bit more chance to catch breath with last Sunday's victory in Newry. Maybe the bigger story against Down was how poor the hosts were as opposed to how good Kerry played but in a results driven business they certainly weren't two points to be sniffed at. 22 points is great scoring in the modern game but you sense the Kerry defence is going to be asked bigger questions today by a Donegal side that has scored a combined total of 6-43 in their three wins over Down, Cork and Mayo thus far. Rory Gallagher's side share top spot in the table with Dublin at present and while it is early to judge them in an overall context, there appears to be a lot more purpose about this year's side from the one that exited the All-Ireland Championship rather tamely against Mayo at the Quarter-Final stage last year.

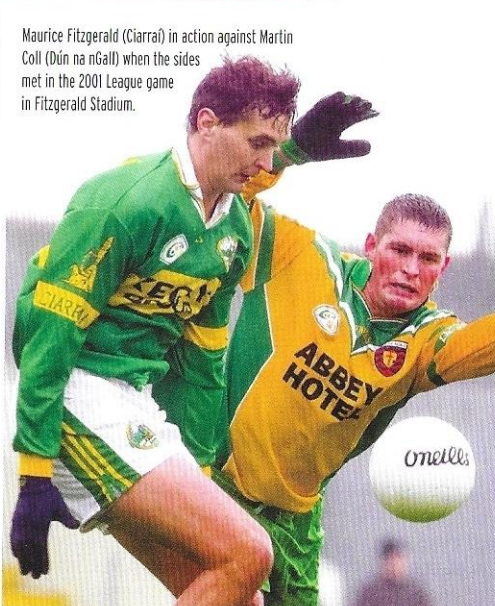
The tough nature of their win over Mayo last weekend makes them arguably the more battle ready of the two sides prior to throw-in. However Kerry will know that playing at home brings its own challenges from supporters' expectations as much as anything else. Whatever about an outright win, a result is perhaps what is most needed by Kerry to prevent next week's trip to Castlebar becoming an encounter that could be classed as a relegation battle!

AN CUIMHIN LEAT....?

Sraith Náisiúnta Peile 2001 CIARRAÍ 0-14 DÚN NA nGALL 0-9



Dónal Daly (Ciarraí) and Jim Guinness (Dún na nGall) contest a dropping ball as Michael Hegarty (Dún na nGall), Kieran Scanlon and Tomás Ó Sé (Ciarraí) look on during the 2001 meeting between the sides in Fitzgerald Stadium.



Maurice Fitzgerald (Ciarraí) in action against Martin Coll (Dún na nGall) when the sides met in the 2001 League game in Fitzgerald Stadium.

Photos: Kerry's Eye

Round 6 of the 2001 National Football League pitted Kerry against Donegal. Imríodh an cluiche i Staid an Ghearltaigh i gCill Airne ar an Domhnach, 8ú Aibreán. The respective managers were Kerry's Páidí Ó Sé (since 1995) and former Derry player, Mickey Moran, for Donegal. Over 5,000 spectators attended. It was a tough, sometimes over robust affair, not helped by the wet, slippery and muddy conditions. Scores, in particular in the first half were hard to come by with the sides level at the short whistle at 6 points each. Kerry corner back, Mike Hassett, put Kerry into the lead for the first time within 3 minutes of the re-start but Donegal went back ahead with points from Paul McGonigle and Noel McGinley and they were still ahead by the 55th minute, 8 points to 7. However a storming Kerry finish and points from Tomás Ó Sé to level matters and 3 from Maurice Fitzgerald steadied Kerry and they eventually won with 5 points to spare. Reporter for The Kerryman newspaper, Eamon Horan, made the following observations on 2 players - 'Maurice Fitzgerald's three points were worth the admission charge alone and it was good to see the St. Mary's star revelling in the heavy conditions. Obviously, a promise of even better things to come from him in the future' and on Jim McGuinness who 'for a while looked as if he might be Kerry's tormentor in chief with his dashing runs through the middle'.

D'imir na foirne seo leanas sa cluiche: **CIARRAÍ:** Declan O'Keefe (Rathmore), Mike Hassett (Laune Rangers) 0-1, Seamus Moynihan (Glenflesk), Mike McCarthy (Kilcummin), Tom O'Sullivan (Rathmore), Tomás Ó Sé (An Ghaeltacht) 0-1, Kieran Scanlon (Currow), Darragh Ó Sé (An Ghaeltacht), Dónal Daly (Firies), Denis O'Dwyer (Waterville) 0-1, Maurice Fitzgerald (St. Mary's) 0-3, Noel Kennelly (Listowel Emmett's) 0-1, Mike Frank Russell (Laune Rangers) 0-1, Dara Ó Cinnéide (An Ghaeltacht) 0-4, Aodán MacGearailt (An Ghaeltacht) 0-2. Subs.: Mossie Lyons (Castleisland Desmonds) for M. McCarthy; William Kirby (Austin Stacks) for D. Daly; Eoin Brosnan (Dr. Crokes) for A. MacGearailt. **DÚN NA nGALL:** Tony Blake, Patrick Campbell, Eamon Doherty, Noel McGinley 0-1, Mark Crossan, Martin Coll, Shane Carr, Jim McGuinness, Paul McGonigle 0-1, Michael Hegarty, John Gildea, Brian Roper 0-1, Andrew Gallagher 0-1, Adrian Sweeney 0-4, Brendan Devenney. Subs.: Noel Hegarty 0-1 for M. Coll; Johnny McCaffrey for B. Devenney; Michael Doherty for B. Roper; Raymond Sweeney for M. Crossan. **Réiteoir:** Paddy Russell (Tiobraid Árann).

Focus on

New Kerry Captain **BRYAN SHEEHAN**

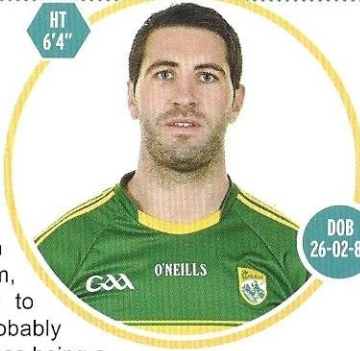
"If you want a job done, give it to a busy man" so the old saying goes and in gaelic football terms, none has been busier than new Kerry captain Bryan Sheehan. The Cahersiveen man it will be recalled, had a hectic playing schedule since suffering the disappointment of losing the All Ireland Final to Dublin back on September 20th last. Including that game, Sheehan played in 11 championship games on successive weekends for both County, Club and Divisional teams. There was a silver lining at the end of that September cloud however as the St Marys club man put the Croke Park disappointment behind him and went on to capture County and Munster Intermediate medals with StMarys and topped that by captaining South Kerry to the County Championship title after a replayed victory over Legion. Sheehan's 7 points in the drawn game was bettered only by his 1-5 in the replay – the goal a superb effort that was followed by a pointed free from all of 60 yards as he almost singlehandedly dragged his side back from a seven point deficit. Just a few short weeks ago, Sheehan added an All Ireland Intermediate medal to the Junior one he won back in 2011.

So after all his on field exertions, is he feeling the strain? Not a bit of it! "I don't feel it [mentally fatigued] at the moment, touch wood, I am actually loving it. I'm loving the challenge. I'm enjoying my football, I'm loving it and the big thing is that I'm not injured or I'm not carrying injuries".

Sheehan previously captained Kerry in 2010 when defeat to Down at the quarter final stage brought an end to a sequence of nine final appearances in a row for the Kingdom and he is in no doubt as to the magnitude of the honour bestowed on him; "Obviously it's a massive privilege, a massive honour, it's something that I'm not afraid of, it's something I'm actually looking forward to. It's something that's going to bring the best out of me. I was lucky enough in 2010 I was only 25/26 at the time so I was probably relatively young. I have played a lot of football between then and now. A lot of leaders have left that team, the likes of Darragh Ó Sé and Declan [O'Sullivan] and a couple of others have



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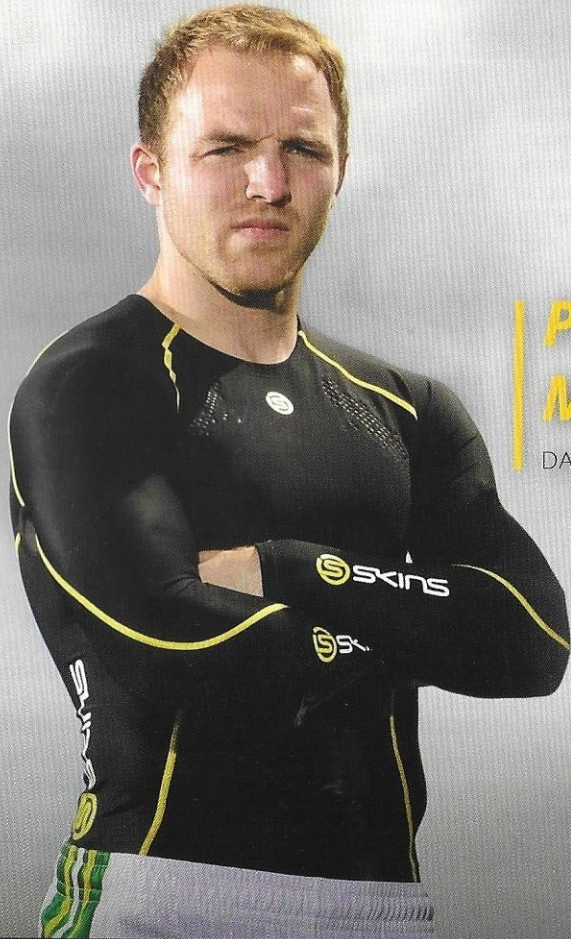
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moved on. They were all leaders on that team, from there to now I probably see myself as being a leader. I'm thirty years of age. I'm there nearly twelve years playing senior football, so I should be able to do these things and be comfortable with them, be comfortable talking in the dressing room in front of fellas and more so having had the experience on the field to bring it onto the field this time around". Sheehan certainly has a wealth of experience that should stand him in good stead for the task ahead; "I've been involved in Kerry senior since I was eighteen years of age, last September was my ninth All Ireland, I'd like to think I've enough experience going through. All you can do then is make every contribution you can. I see myself as an established county player, a time must come when you wake up and get on with it and be a leader".

Bryan Sheehan certainly carries the best wishes of all Kerry folk as he carries on the proud tradition of captaining his county.

Bryan Sheehan - FACTFILE

- Club:** St. Mary's **DOB:** 25/8/85
- Height:** 6ft 3" **Weight:** 14st 4
- Championship Debut:** v Tipperary 2005
- Championship Appearances:** 60
- Championship Scores:** 6-153
- League Appearances:** 58
- League Scores:** 6-204
- Occupation:** Quantity Surveyor
- 1st League game for Kerry:** v Offaly 2005
- Minor experience with Kerry:** 2001 & 2002 (Goalkeeper) 2003 (Forward)
- U21 experience with Kerry:** 2003, 2004, 2005 & 2006



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DIN JOE CROWLEY – A TRIBUTE

The recent passing of Din Joe Crowley came as a shock to all Kerry GAA followers. Here, Mick Gleeson, a friend and former playing colleague of Din Joe's at both Divisional and County level, pays tribute to the two-time All Ireland winner.

On Monday the 22nd of February, in glorious Spring sunshine, the mortal remains of Din Joe Crowley were interred in Birdhill graveyard, Co Tipperary. From near and far neighbours, friends and former playing colleagues came to say a quiet prayer and bid a fond farewell to a man who for seventy years had enriched this world with friendship, warm embrace and laughter. From the day that he was called from the Stand in the Fitzgerald Stadium to make his Kerry debut in a Whitsunday Tournament until his retirement in the early 1970's he wore the county jersey with rare pride and distinction. He may have first been selected for his physical strength and fielding ability but gradually much more was revealed. Following defeat by Down in the 1968 All Ireland final the selectors realised that Din Joe was far too constrained by the full forward position.

In the year 1969 Din Joe was selected to play at midfield and he grew into a colossus. Cork fell in the Munster final and Mayo were narrowly defeated in the semi final. The final against Offaly had Kerry wearing the blue of Munster but there was nothing 'sad' about Din Joe's play. He gave a masterful display of high fielding, determined running and accurate kicking. Two supreme points were

inspirational scores that ensured victory. His was a Man of the Match performance. He had become the first man from Rathmore parish to win a senior All Ireland.

Kerry were victorious again in the 1970 final against Meath. The game will for ever be remembered for the famous goal by Din Joe. Having taken a pass about 55 yards from the opposition goal he set off on his trademark solo run. When he was about 18 yards from the goal he unleashed an unstoppable shot. Victory was assured. The man from Gortnaglough had once more graced the hallowed Croke Park sod and brought honour to his beloved Kingdom. He now had two All Ireland senior medals to add to his three senior County Championship triumphs with East Kerry. Not bad for one who was unheard of in secondary school football or at under age county level. Now that he has left us, we fondly recall his many outstanding displays for Rathmore, East Kerry and Kerry but most of all we are enriched to have known a man whose smile and hearty laugh brightened our days and lifted our spirits.

Ár mBuíochas leat Din Joe agus Guímid Solas na bhFlaitheas ar do anam uasal, dílis.

Mícheál Ó Glasáin.



The Kerryman's former Staff Photographer Kevin Coleman's iconic photograph of D J Crowley's goal four minutes from time at the Canal End that prompted the Sunday Mirror to carry a double page spread on the following Sunday declaring it "The Goal of the Century". Kerry's Brendan Lynch and Pat Griffin look on in admiration as Meath Captain Jack Quinn tries in vain to block Crowley's powerful shot.

Player Profile

Leo McLoone
Dún na nGall

Club: Naomh Conaill

Date of Birth: 21/3/1989

Height: 6'1 **Weight:** 13.5st

Occupation: School Teacher

When and where did you first play

Football: Davy Brennan Memorial
Park Glenties, Aged 6

Childhood Heroes: Maurice Fitzgerald

Inter County Experience:

Minor: 2006-07, U21: 2008-09-2010

Senior Champ Debut: V Carlow 2009

League Debut: V Mayo 2008

Sporting Achievements to date: 2012 All Ireland Senior, Minor Ulster
Championship 2006, Under 21 Ulster Final 2010, AFL Div. 2 2011
Donegal SFC Medals 2005, 2010, 2015.

Any Superstitions before a match: Same seat on the Bus

Favourite Venue: Davy Brennan Memorial Park, Glenties

Biggest influence on your sporting career to date: My Father

Most memorable sporting moment as a player: 2015 county SFC as
Captain of my club, followed by 2012 All Ireland Senior final.

Biggest Sporting Disappointment: 2010 U21 All Ireland final loss to Dublin

If there was a 'transfer market' in GAA who would you buy :

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The best invention ever: Mobile Phone /Ipad

What skill do you think is the most important in Football: Kicking

Advice for young players: Work on both feet

Favourite sport other than Football: Soccer

What do you like most about the GAA ? Building friendships and
Community element

How would you improve the GAA?

Structuring of County and Club Fixtures so player is available for both

Name 2 Sports People you would invite to Dinner: Roy Keane, Messi

Hobbies: Darts & Cards (25)

Favourite Food: Steak

Favourite Music: Anything recent

Favourite Film: Men on Fire

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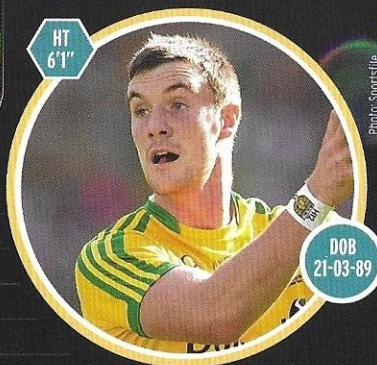
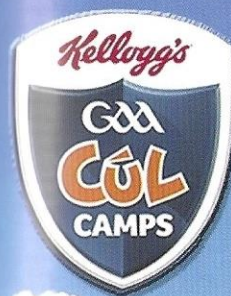


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Sneem	Football
Castlegregory 1	Football
Foilmore	Football
Causeway	Hurling

WEEK 2 JULY 11th - 15th

Killorglin	Football
Castleisland	Football
Glenflesk	Football
Milltown Castlemaine	Football
Ardfert	Football
Kilgarvan	Football
Waterville	Football
Ballylongford	Football
Lispole	Football
Templenoë	Football
Lixnaw	Hurling
Ballyduff	Hurling

WEEK 3 JULY 18th - 22nd

Dingle	Football
Farranfore	Football
Ballybunion	Football
Rathmore	Football
Knocknogoshel	Football
Kilcummin	Football
Fossa	Football
Dromid	Football
Valentia	Football
Ballyheigue	Hurling
Kenmare	Hurling

WEEK 4 JULY 25th - 29th

Beaufort	Football
Caherciveen	Football
Moyvane	Football
Currow	Football
Gallarus	Football
Keel	Football
Lixnaw	Football
Ballymacelligott	Football
Cromane	Football
Ardfert	Hurling
Fitzgerald Stadium Killarney	Hurling

WEEK 5 AUG 1st - 5th

Kenmare	Football
Glenbeigh	Football
Annascaul	Football
Portmagee	Football
St Senans	Football
Spa Killarney	Football
Abbeystown	Hurling

WEEK 6 AUG 8th - 12th

St Pats Blennerville	Football
Duagh	Football
Churchill	Football
Castlegregory 2	Football
Renard	Football
Causeway	Football
Gneeveguilla	Football
Crotta O Neills	Hurling

7 AUG 15th - 19th

Fitz Stadium	Football
Tarbert	Football
Scartaglin	Football
Ballydonoghue	Football
Ballinskelligs	Football
Kilmoyley	Hurling
Tralee Parnells(Caherslee)	Hurling

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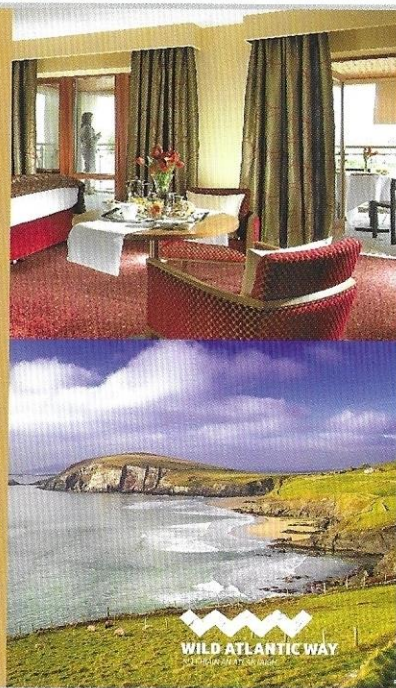
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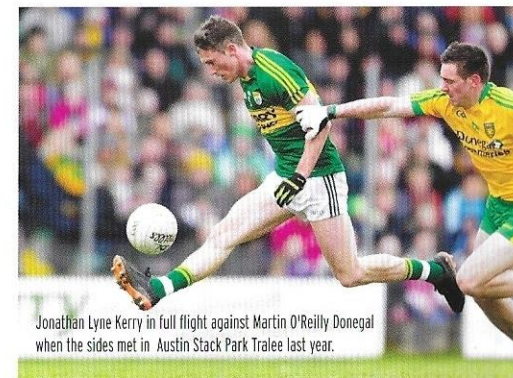
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STRONG BENCH A SOURCE OF COMFORT FOR DONEGAL

By Michael Clifford

The strength of Donegal's pulse was best gauged last weekend in Ballybofey by a rare moment of distress. Neil Gallagher's departure 40 seconds after coming on in the 47th minute after he was shown a black card could have been a defining moment in a tight contest with Mayo, but Rory Gallagher dipped back into his bench to calm the nerves. Christy Toye made his first bow of the new season to replace Gallagher but then their bench had been a source of endless comfort all afternoon. After half-time, Anthony Thompson was introduced to successfully to tighten the ring of steel around Aidan O'Shea, while at the end of the third quarter Leo McLoone joined the party with such great effect that he would come off Rory Kavanagh's shoulder to clip in the match-winning goal. Kavanagh, by the way, just also happened to be making his first start since his decision to come out of retirement – he came off the bench in the wins over Down and Cork. Oh, and did we mention that someday very soon Karl Lacey and Colm McFadden will stir themselves again.

All of that is a reminder that Donegal's sense of well-being as they head for Tralee today extends far beyond their place at the top of the Allianz League as they seek to protect their perfect start. That has merely been the bonus but the growing sense is that Gallagher, in his second season in charge, is cultivating the kind of depth which was not there when they won the All-Ireland back in 2012. There were a number of reasons back then why a lot of observers were convinced that Donegal would be around for a good timer rather than a long time. The intensity with which they prepared and a panel where the cloth was cut so tight that they effectively leaned heavy on a group that appeared no bigger than 18 was used in evidence against them. If too much was made of the former, there is little doubt that the latter came back to haunt in subsequent seasons. In the aftermath of the 2014 All-Ireland final defeat to Kerry, one of the sticks used to beat Jim McGuinness was that he had failed to pick his strongest team. Shy of a bench that could match Dublin and Kerry for impact, there was a sense that he had sought to manufacture one by holding Paddy McBrearty in reserve, and the latter's contribution in the final when he kicked two quick-



Jonathan Lyne Kerry in full flight against Martin O'Reilly Donegal when the sides met in Austin Stack Park Tralee last year.

fire points only added to that. It was there too last year, when Gallagher found that his options were stripped to the bone when he struggled to counter the toll that injuries, loss of form and dipping energy levels brought.

'I think that was something that really caught up with us last year, not having a strong enough bench,' admitted Gallagher recently. That is a place where he is determined that he will not be caught short again. He had countered with a mix of the old, the new and the familiar. Thompson and McLoone were both part of his panel last summer but were shadows of their previous selves for a reason – the former had spent a chunk of the year based in England while the latter only returned to the squad prior to the Ulster final. Getting Kavanagh to return on top means that he effectively has a fifth of an All-Ireland winning team back. The new have in the main leapt off the 2014 minor production line, which has gifted the likes of Michael Carroll, Eoin 'Ban' Gallagher, Danny Rogers and Stephen McBrearty, although they have all been left in the shade by the impact of Ciaran Thompson.

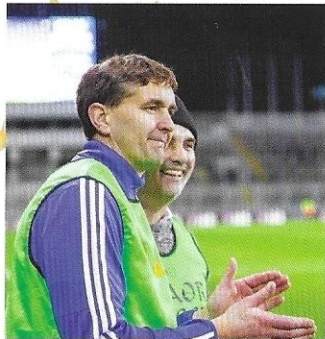
While among the familiar are Eoin McHugh – who was in the panel last year - goalkeeper Peter Boyle and Marty O'Reilly, who after half a decade in the panel has enjoying sustained game-time this spring. That means that this time they are built to go harder for longer.

And that makes them more than just dangerous.

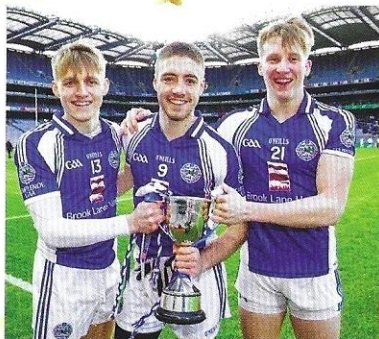
Michael Clifford, a Kerry man domiciled in Donegal, is GAA Columnist with the Irish Daily Mail

ALL IRELAND CLUB TITLES - ON THE DOUBLE FOR KERRY!

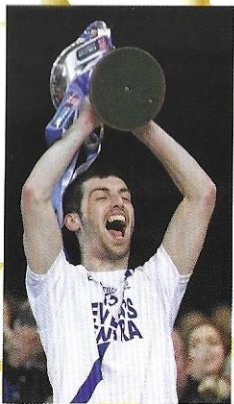
For the second year in a row, Kerry Clubs have returned home triumphantly from Croke Park with the All Ireland Intermediate and Junior Club Football titles safely in their possession. St Marys, Cahersiveen (Intermediate) and Templeoe (Junior) had thus emulated the feat of Ardfert and Brosna last year and St Michaels-Foilmore and Skellig Rangers in 2015.



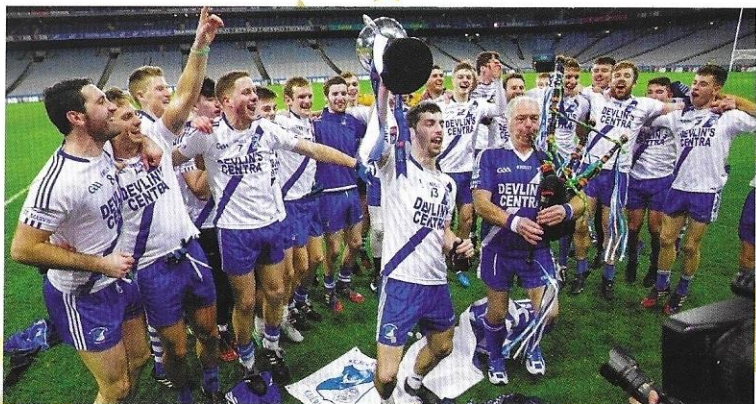
St Mary's Manager Maurice Fitzgerald is happy with his side's performance!



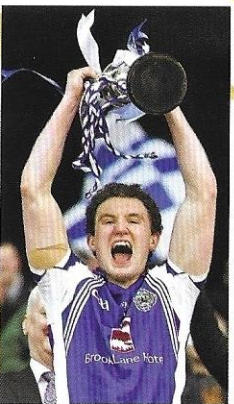
The three Spillanes, Killian, Adrian and Pat, celebrate Templeoe's victory in the Junior Final



St Mary's Captain Sean Courneane lifts the Intermediate Cup



Piper Dermot Walsh leads the St Mary's celebrations after the Intermediate Final



Tadhg Morley salutes Templeoe's victory in the Junior Final



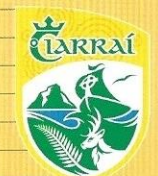
That Winning Feeling! Templeoe - All Ireland Junior Champions

KERRY v DONEGAL PREVIOUS LEAGUE MEETINGS

Compiled by Tim Slattery

DATE	KERRY	DONEGAL	VENUE
11/04/65	KERRY 3-10	DONEGAL 1-08	Croke Park (semi final)
20/11/88	KERRY 0-11	DONEGAL 1-10	Tralee
19/11/89	KERRY 0-10	DONEGAL 0-11	Ballyshannon
25/11/90	KERRY 0-12	DONEGAL 1-12	Ballyshannon
13/03/94	KERRY 0-11	DONEGAL 0-09	Tralee
19/03/95	KERRY 0-14	DONEGAL 0-10	Ballyshannon
02/04/95	KERRY 1-10	DONEGAL 1-08	Tuam (Play Off)
26/11/95	KERRY 1-11	DONEGAL 0-06	Ballyshannon
24/11/96	KERRY 2-09	DONEGAL 2-07	Tralee
26/03/00	KERRY 2-16	DONEGAL 0-14	Ballyshannon
04/02/01	KERRY 0-14	DONEGAL 0-09	Killarney
09/03/03	KERRY 1-12	DONEGAL 0-08	Ballyshannon
03/03/05	KERRY 1-09	DONEGAL 1-10	Ballybofey
05/03/07	KERRY 0-13	DONEGAL 1-15	Letterkenny
02/02/08	KERRY 1-07	DONEGAL 1-08	Ballybofey
01/02/09	KERRY 2-13	DONEGAL 0-11	Tralee
11/03/12	KERRY 2-16	DONEGAL 1-8	Fitzgerald Stadium
10/03/13	KERRY 0-6	DONEGAL 1-12	Ballybofey
15/03/15	KERRY 2-13	DONEGAL 2-11	Tralee

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Date	Football	(F) Intercounty	(H) Intercounty	Hurling	Backdoor
Wed June 15				Div 3 SHL Rd 2	
Thrs June 16				Nth Ky Cham Final	
Fri June 17	U17 Final		Felle na nGael		U17 Final
Sat June 18	Felle na Gael		U17 Celtic Challenge		Felle na Gael
Sun June 19	SFL Rd 6		LHC S/Finals	SHL Rd 6	SFL Rd 6
Mon June 20				MHL Rd 1	
Tue June 21					
Wed June 22	U21 Rd 1/U16 League			Div 3 SHL Rd 3	U21 Rd 1/U16 League
Wed June 22					
Thrs June 23	Dis MFL Rd 1				Dis MFL Rd 1
Fri June 24		Felle na nOg			
Sat June 25		Felle na nOg			
Sun June 26		Felle na nOg		SHC Rd 1	
Mon June 27				MHL Rd 2	
Tues June 28				IHC Prel. Rd	
Wed June 29				Div 2 SHLS/Finals	
Wed June 29	U21 Rd 2	Mun Jun Football Final		Div 3 SHL Rd 4	U21 Rd 2
Fri July 1		U16 InterCounty			
Sat July 2		Qualifier Rd 2a			
Sat July 2	SFL Rd 7		SHC Rd 1. Qualifier		SFL Rd 7
Sun July 3		Munster Final			
Mon July 4				MHL Rd 3	
Tues July 5				IHC Qtr Finals	
Wed July 6				Div 3 SHL Rd 5	
Wed July 6	MFC Rd 1				MFC Rd 1
Thurs July 7					
Fri July 8	JFL Finals				JFL Finals
Sat July 9		Qualifier Rd 2b-3a	SHC Rd 2 Qualifier		
Sun July 10	SFC Rd 3/Club Cham		Munster Final	SHC Rd 2	SFC Rd 3/Club Cham
Mon July 11					
Tues July 12	MFC Rd 2				MFC Rd 2
Wed July 13				Div 3 SHL Rd 6	
Thurs July 14	U21 Qtr Finals				U21 Qtr Finals
Fri July 15	MFC Rd 3				MFC Rd 3
Sat July 16		Qualifier Rd 3b			
Sun July 17	SFL Rd 8			SHL Rd 7	SFL Rd 8
Mon July 18				MHL Finals	
Tues July 19				IHC S/Finals	
Wed July 20	U16 League			Div 3 SHL Final	U16 League
Sat July 23		Qualifier Rd 4a			
Sat July 23		Junior Football S/F			
Sun July 24	SFL Rd 9			SHC Rd 3	SFL Rd 9
Mon July 25					
Tues July 26				Nth Ky IHC Rd 1	
Wed July 27	U21 S/Finals/U16 Leag				U21 S/Finals/U16 Leag
Fri July 29					
Sat July 30			Min B Q/F Ky v Kildare		
Sun July 31		All-Ire Qtr Finals		SHL S/Finals	
Mon Aug 1				Nth Ky U21 Rd 1	
Tues Aug 2				Nth Ky IHC S/F	
Wed Aug 3	U16 League				U16 League
Thurs Aug 4	MFC Qtr/Finals				MFC Qtr/Finals
Fri Aug 5	U21 Final				U21 Final
Sat Aug 6		Junior Football Final	U21 B Q/Finals	MHC Rd1	

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Sun Aug 7		All-Ire Qtr Finals			
Mon Aug 8				Nth Ky U21 S/F	
Tues Aug 9	MFC S/Finals				MFC S/Finals
Wed Aug 10	U16 League				U16 League
Fri Aug 12					
Sat Aug 13			Minor B S/Finals		
Sun Aug 14	SFL Rd 10			SHC S/F	SFL Rd 10
Tues Aug 16				IHC Final	
Wed Aug 17	U16 Cham				U16 Cham
Thurs Aug 18				Nth Ky IHC Final	
Fri Aug 19	Junior Cups Rd 1				
Sat Aug 20			U21 B S/Finals	MHC Rd 2	Junior Cups Rd 1
Sun Aug 21	U16 Cham Rd 2	Senior S/Final (C v U)			U16 Cham Rd 2
Fri Aug 26	Junior Cups Rd 2				
Sat Aug 27				SHL Final	Junior Cups Rd 2
Sun Aug 28		Senior S/Final (L v M)		Nth Ky U21 Final	
Fri Sept 2	Junior Cups Rd Rd 3				Junior Cups Rd Rd 3
Sat Sept 3			Minor B Final		
Sun Sept 4			All-Ireland Final		SFL Rd 11
Fri Sept 9	Junior Cups Rd S/Finals				Junior Cups Rd S/Finals
Sat Sept 10			U21 B Final	U21 Cham Rd 1	
Sun Sept 11				SHC/MHC Final	SFC Qtr Finals
Fri Sept 16	Junior Cups Finals				Junior Cups Finals
Sat Sept 17					
Sun Sept 18		All-Ireland Final			
Sat Sept 24				U21 Cham Rd 1	
Sun Sept 25	SFL Rd 11			SHC Final	SFC S/Finals
Sat Oct 1				U21 Cham Rd 1/SF	
Sun Oct 2	SFC Qtr Finals				
Sun Oct 9	SFC S/Finals			U21 Cham S/F or Final	SFC Final
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Sun Oct 30		Club IFC Tipp v Kerry	Club IHC W'ford v Ky		
Mon Oct 31					
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Sun Nov 6		Club JFC Ky v W'ford			
Sun Nov 13		Club SFC S/Finals	Club JHC S/Final		
Sun Nov 13		Club IFC S/Final			
Sun Nov 20		Club JFC S/Final	Club IHC Final		
Sun Nov 27		Club IFC Final			
Sun Nov 27		Club SFC Final			
Sat Dec 3					
Sun Dec 4		Club JFC Final	Club JHC Final		
Sun Dec 4	District Board Finals				District Board Finals
Sat Dec 10		Railway Cup S/F		Railway Cup S/F	
Sun Dec 11		Railway Cup Finals		Railway Cup Finals	
Sun Dec 18					

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First league defeat as Donegal lose out to Kerry

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Donegal's wait for a league win in Kerry goes on as they went down by five points in a feisty affair in Austin Stack Park, Tralee yesterday.

The game was not for the faint hearted with two red cards in the opening half; two black cards within 30 seconds for Kerry and a number of unseemly melees.

The first of these came about after a hop ball after six minutes with players rolling around on the ground.

Then away from that action, a red card was shown to Kerry full-forward Alan Fitzgerald after a tussle with Neil McGee. The Donegal full-back had to go off with a suspected broken nose but returned after half-time.

The second red came after another melee on 20 minutes which ended with Leo McLoone being given his marching orders. At the same time Michael Murphy was dragged to the ground without any Kerry player being punished.

It was that sort of game, and referee Eddie Kinsella had plenty on his plate.

The game was not helped also by

a gale force breeze which Kerry had at their backs in the opening half. They were in front after a minute when Donnchadh Walsh worked his way through to fist the opening point.

Bryan Sheehan, one of the Kerry players lucky to stay on the field after the melees, had a second point from a '45' before Michael Murphy pointed after Leo McLoone was fouled.

Donnchadh Walsh fist a second point but Murphy replied after a foul on Ryan McHugh.

Kerry then moved five clear with Bryan Sheehan showing his full array of place kicking, finding the range from all distances to extend the lead to 0-7 to 0-2 by the 28th minute.

Double black card

There was a double black card for Kerry on 25 minutes, Shane Enright and Denis Daly sent to the bench within seconds of each other; Enright for a tackle on the 45m line while Daly was reported for a third man tackle on Ryan McHugh, who was trying to make a run.

Donegal hit back with a Patrick McBrearty point from a free and they were unlucky to see the ball come back off an upright on two occasions from Rory Kavanagh and Hugh McFadden.

HALF-TIME: DONEGAL 0-3, KERRY 0-7.

Donegal introduced Neil Gallagher and Martin McElhinney at half-

time and they had a blistering opening to the second half hitting four points inside seven minutes to level matters at 0-7 each.

It started with Patrick McBrearty taking a long delivery from Neil Gallagher to fire towards goal but his effort was deflected for a '45'. Michael Murphy converted the '45' and then Patrick McBrearty (free), Neil Gallagher and McBrearty again from a free, pointing.

But they were not able to push on and they were cut open for the Kerry goal on 56 minutes. A quick free found Kieran Donaghy in space and he found Peter Crowley driving through to fire past Peter Boyle.

Three points

Kerry, with the initiative, hit the next three points from two Sheehan frees and another fist effort from Donnchadh Walsh to open the gap to 1-10 to 0-7.

Donegal were given hope again when an Eoin McHugh sideline was fielded by Michael Murphy, who turned and drove to the roof of the net.

Murphy added a free after Christy Toye was fouled on 60 minutes but that was to be their last score.

In the final minutes Kerry added further points from Sheehan (free), another fist point from Barry John Keane and their only score from play from Colm 'Gooch' Cooper in the 72nd minute.

Overall, Kerry were the better side, but Donegal had a brief chance



Neil McGee of Donegal is helped from the action after suffering a
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when they got level, but then their discipline was suspect as they stood too close to frees, which were moved on. This was a feature of the game, not just in the second half.

The defeat, their first of the cam-

paign, will give them plenty to ponder on before the visit of high flying Roscommon on Sunday next.

Roscommon kept their excellent run of results going yesterday with a home victory over Down.

Dublin are now the only side in Division One with a 100 per cent record when they came from behind to beat Cork on Saturday night in Croke Park.

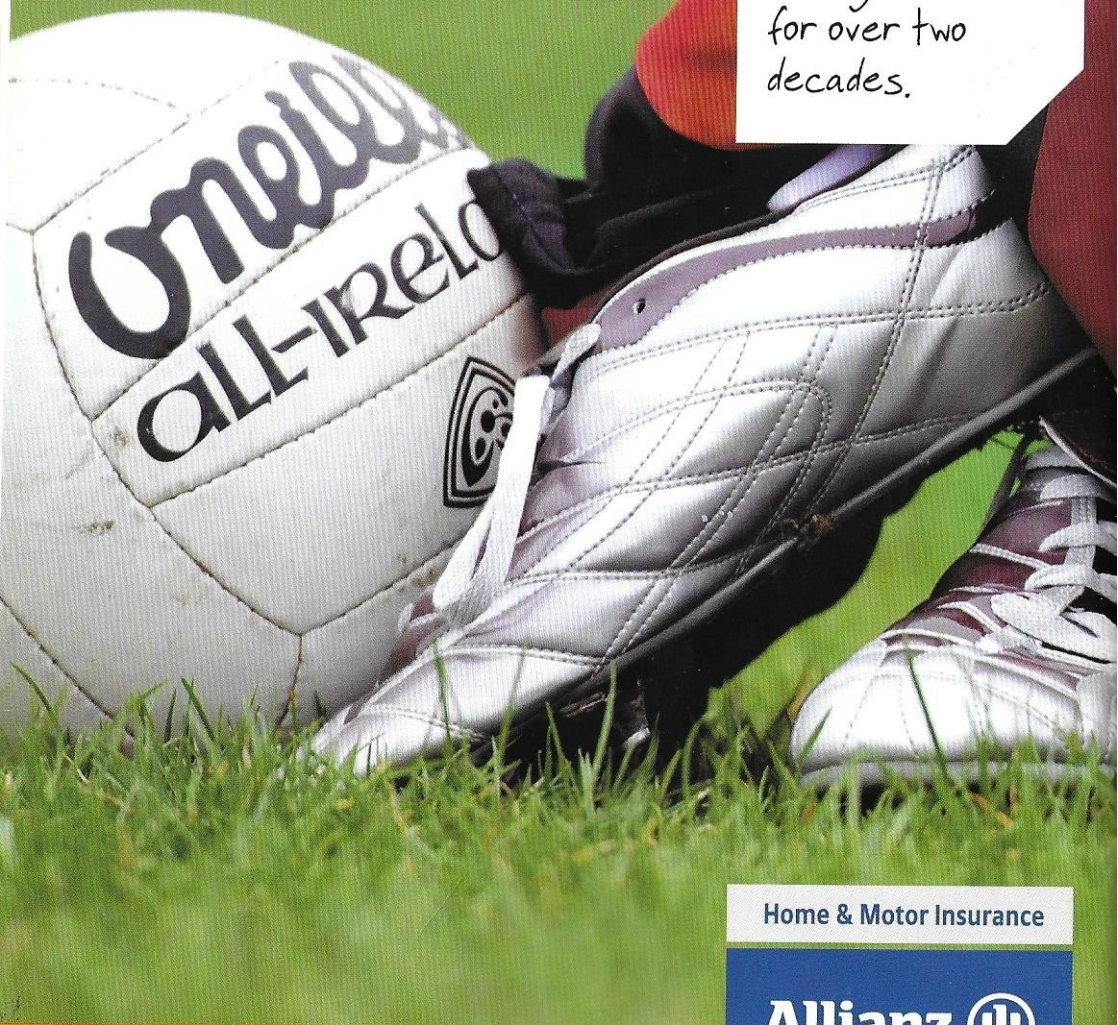
Donegal: Peter Boyle; Eamonn Doherty, Neil McGee, Paddy McGrath; Eoghan Ban Gallagher, Ryan McHugh, Anthony Thompson; Rory Kavanagh, Michael Murphy (1-4,3f,45); Leo McLoone, Hugh McFadden, Eoin McHugh; Patrick McBrearty (0-3,2f), Odhran MacNiallais, Martin O'Reilly, Subs., Neil Gallagher (0-1) for H McFadden; Martin McElhinney for Doherty, both ht; Christy Toye for Thompson 54.

Kerry: Brian Kelly; Marc O Se Mark Griffin, Shane Enright; Peter Crowley (1-0), Aidan O'Mahony, Fionn Fitzgerald; Kieran Donaghy, Bryan Sheehan (0-8,7f,45); Denis Daly, Paul Murphy, Donnchadh Walsh (0-3); Darran O'Sullivan, Alan Fitzgerald, Stephen O'Brien, Subs., Colm Coopere (0-1) for Daly; Pdraig O'Connor for Enright, both black cards 27; Johnny Buckley for Donaghy; Barry John Keane (0-1) for O'Brien, both 58; Brendan O'Sullivan for Crowley 67; Aidan Walsh for D O'Sullivan 70. Referee: Eddie Kinsella (Laois)



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