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PÁIRC AN CHRÓCAIGH 2.00 PM

CORCAIGH v DÚN NA nGALL

An Réiteoir: Jerome Henry (Maigh Eo)

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Umpires: Liam Conlon, Philip Heneghan, Tom Ryder, John Heneghan

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PÁIRC AN CHRÓCAIGH 4.00 PM

CORCAIGH v DÚN NA nGALL

An Réiteoir: Paddy Neilan (Ros Comáin)

Linesmen: David Gough (An Mhí) (STANDBY REFEREE),
Fergal Kelly (An Longfort)

Sideline Official: Fergal Barry (Cill Dara)

Umpires: Kieran Hughes, James Murray, Michael Neilan, Paul Daly

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PÁIRC AN CHRÓCAIGH 6.00 PM

AN IARMHÍ v MAIGH EO

An Réiteoir: Rory Hickey (An Clár)

Linesmen: David Coldrick (An Mhí) (STANDBY REFEREE),
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The arrival of post-provincial championship football at Croke Park can only mean one thing at this time of the year – we are inching towards the eagerly-awaited latter stages of the season. The prize on offer for today's senior teams is a return ticket back to the same venue a week later against the waiting provincial champions of either Dublin or Tyrone. However the immediate challenges facing them today should preoccupy their thinking given the quality of players and teams involved.

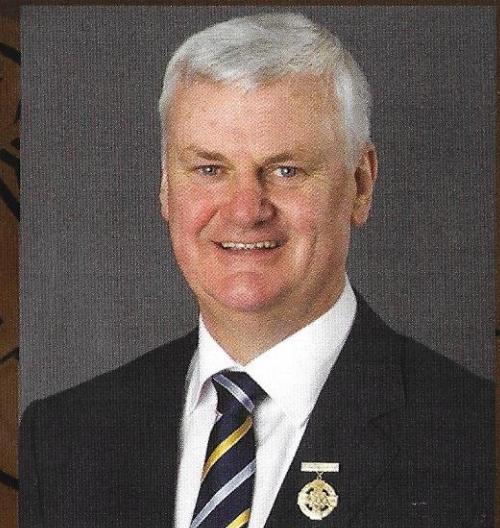
Donegal arrive in the capital looking to atone for their Ulster final defeat. They will try to do so against a Cork side that has generated momentum with qualifier successes over Limerick and Longford.

Our other encounter sees a similar clash between Westmeath and Mayo. Stephen Rochford's side have also availed of the backdoor route claiming the scalps of Fermanagh and Kildare since their reversal to Galway. Whether they can add Leinster runners-up Westmeath to that list remains to be seen.

The minor stars of Cork and Donegal also start the day off and with both sides being serious contenders in the Electric Ireland All-Ireland Minor Championship, I am certain we will see an excellent exhibition of football.

All told, it makes for an intriguing afternoon – Guím gach rath ar na foirne, lucht tacaíochta, foirne bainistíochta is riarthóirí. Míle buíochas do gach duine a chuidíonn chun na cluichí a reachtáil.

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Finally I'd like to acknowledge the role of our match officials whose task is all important in our games, not least on days such as this; táimid an-bhuíoch.

Rath Dé ar an obair,

Aogán Ó Fearghail

Aogán Ó Fearghail
Uachtarán
Cumann Lúthchleas Gael



AG TABHAIRT FAOI THURAS

Le Mártaín Ó Ciardha

Ón mbliain 2001 tá 75 Cluiche Cáilithe imeartha eatarthu ag peileadóirí na hIarmhí, Dhún na nGall, Chorcaigh agus Maigh Eo. Fós níor tharla sé ach in aon cheann amháin acu sin gur imir péire de na foirne sin a chéile.

Ba sa chéad bhliain den chóras nua a thit sin amach nuair ab éigin am-breise a imirt ar Pháirc de Híde i gcluiche i mBabhta 4 idir an Iarmhí agus Maigh Eo.

Bhí fir an Iarthair chun cinn go luath sa dara leath, ach chuir teacht Dessie Dolan (a bhí gortaithe) chun páirce athrú mór ar chúrsaí. Fós, bhí na foirne gob-ar-ghob nó gur thug cúilíní a scóráil Ger Heavin agus Paul Conway am-breise i gceist.

Faoin am a dtáinig leathama san am-breise sin, bhí farasbarr dhá chúilín arís ag Maigh Eo. Laghdaigh Heavin an bhearna, chothromaigh an Dólánach as cic taobhlíne agus ba é Damien Gavin, captaen fhoireann mionúir 1995 a bhuaigh Craobh na hÉireann, a fuair cúilín an bhua. An Iarmhí 1-14, Maigh Eo 0-16.

Den cheithre fhoireann atá ag dul chun páirce inniu is ag an Iarmhí is mo atá cluichí imeartha sna Babhtaí Cáilithe – 26 ar fad.

Tá 13 acu sin buaite acu, 12 cailte agus chríochnaigh siad féin agus Loch Garman ar chomhscór i 2001 (tar éis am breise) sa gcéad chluiche dá chineál a mb'éigin athimirt a dhéanamh air.

Ar an taobh eile den scéal os rud é go bhfuil Craobh Chonnachta buaite acusan 6 huair le seacht mbliana, níor imir peileadóirí Mhaigh Eo aon chluiche cáilithe ón mbliain 2010 go bhfuair siad an ceann ab fhearr ar Fhear Manach agus ar Chill Dara le cúpla seachtain. San iomlán níl imeartha acusan ach 12 Cluiche Cáilithe le 16 séasúr.

Cliseadh, in aghaidh Longfoirt, ab ea an cluiche cáilithe deireadh sin i 2010 agus bhí seachtar a d'imir an lá sin ar an bpáirc ag Maigh Eo nuair a thosaigh an cluiche in aghaidh Chill Dara coicís ó shin – David Clarke, Keith Higgins, Séamus agus Aidan O'Shea, Dónal Vaughan, Kevin McLoughlin agus Andy Moran. Tháinig Alan Dillon, Barry Moran agus Alan Freeman isteach mar ionadaithe agus dar ndóigh bhí Tom Parsons agus Chris Barrett gortaithe.

Fágann Craobh na Mumhan a bheith buaite acu féin 5 huair agus iad a bheith ina dtáinistí 7 n-uair ón mbliain 2001 nach bhfuil imeartha ag Corcaigh ach 14

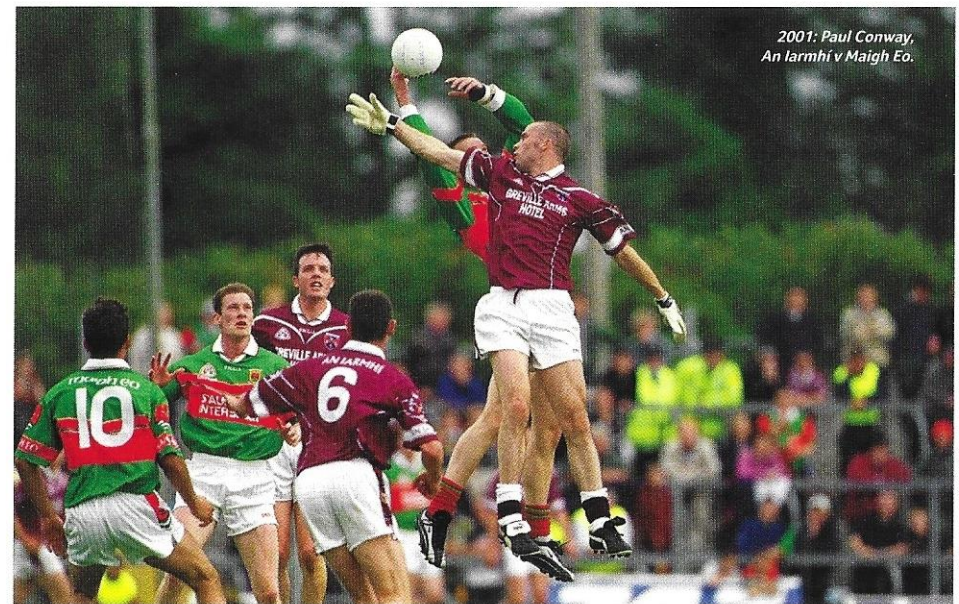
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Le blianta beaga d'imir Corcaigh agus Dún na nGall a chéile i gCluichí Leathcheannais (2012) agus Ceathrú Ceannais (2009) na hÉireann, ach seo an chéad uair acu a chéile a imirt i mBabhta cáilithe.

Inniu an 24ú cluiche acu sin imeartha ag na Conallaigh. Nuair a d'imir siad an chéad

cheann riamh acu ar an 16ú Meitheamh 2001 ba é an chúis ba mhó ar thug siad an bua leo as Páirc Brewster ná gur bhfuair príomhscórálaí na craobhe i gCúige Uladh i 2000, 01' & '02 ach dhá chúilín d'Fhear Manach. Rory Gallagher ab ainm dó, is é atá ina bhainisteoir inniu orthu.

Níor buadh ar Dhún na nGall i gcluiche cáilithe ó fuair Ard Mhacha an ceann ab fhearr orthu i gCrois Mhíche Linnáin i mBabhta 1 sa bhliain 2010. Fágann an rath atá orthu i gCúige Uladh nach bhfuil imeartha acu ach péire ó shin – in aghaidh na Gaillimhe anseo anuraidh agus in aghaidh Laoise i gCora Droma Rúisc i 2013.



2001: Paul Conway, An Iarmhí v Maigh Eo.

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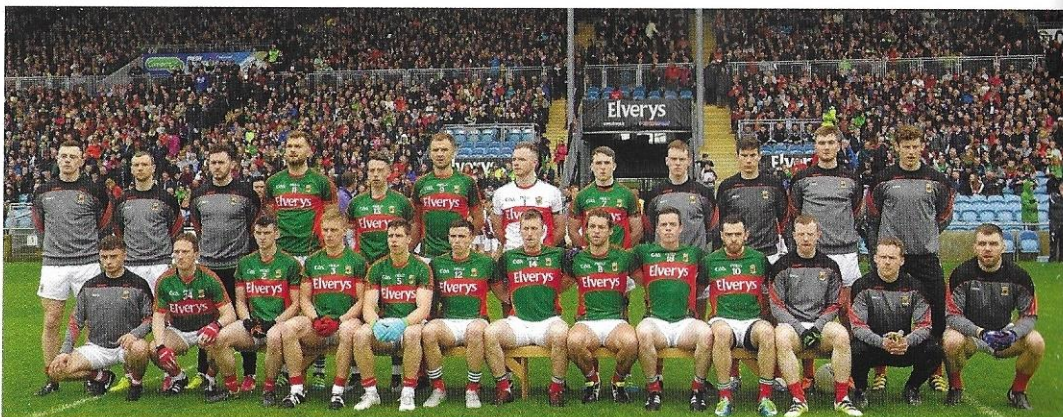
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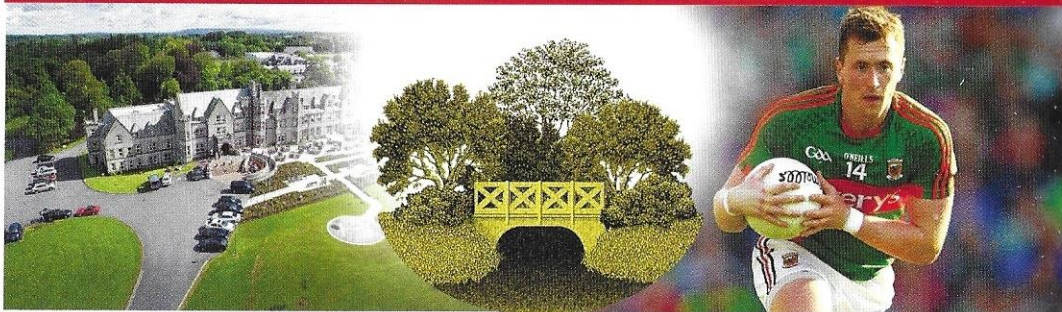
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NA RÉITEOIRÍ



Cork v Donegal (Minor)
Jerome Henry, Mayo

It's been just under a year since Henry last took charge of an Electric Ireland Minor Championship fixture which was the All-Ireland semi-final between Kerry and Derry at Croke Park last August. However, the Castlebar Mitchels man (who's been a member of the inter-county panel for six years) had a more recent assignment at GAA Headquarters which was in April when he handled the Allianz League Division IV final between Louth and Antrim. That match was one of four games the 35-year-old was assigned in that competition this year while he also had an outing in the EirGrid Connacht U21 Championship.



Cork v Donegal (Senior)
Paddy Neilan, Roscommon

This will be Neilan's second championship assignment with Cork this season as the St Faithleach's whistle-blower was in charge of the Leesiders' match against Tipperary at Thurles last month. The 35-year-old also has an outing in the qualifiers under his belt as he controlled the Derry-Meath Round 2A fixture at Owenbeg three weeks ago. In his fifth year as a member of the inter-county panel, this will be his first match involving Donegal, although Paddy is no stranger to Croke Park and was the man-in-the-middle for the Dublin-Cork Allianz League tie at the venue back in March.



Mayo v Westmeath
Rory Hickey, Clare

A member of the Éire Óg club in Ennis, Hickey is an experienced referee who has been on the inter-county panel for 12 years. This will be the 39-year-old's third championship outing at Croke Park this year as the Kildare versus Wexford and Dublin against Meath Leinster ties came under his jurisdiction. Earlier in the year the Banner whistler handled three matches in the Allianz League, one of which was Mayo's game against Kerry at MacHale Park, Castlebar. His last assignment featuring Westmeath was back in 2013 when the Lake County hosted Fermanagh in the opening round of the qualifiers.



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May 14, Portlaoise	Louth	2-24	Carlow	3-11
May 14, Portlaoise	Laois	3-16	Wicklow	0-18
May 15, Tullamore	Offaly	2-21	Longford	2-13
May 21, Croke Park	Kildare	0-9	Wexford	0-8
June 4, Kilkenny	Dublin	2-21	Laois	2-10
June 12, Parnell Park	Meath	0-20	Louth	1-13
June 12, Mullingar	Westmeath	0-13	Offaly	0-12
June 26, Croke Park	Westmeath	1-12	Kildare	1-11
June 26, Croke Park	Dublin	0-21	Meath	0-11
FINAL - JULY 17, CROKE PARK	Dublin	2-19	Westmeath	0-10

ULSTER

May 15, Enniskillen	Fermanagh	1-12	Antrim	0-9
May 22, Celtic Park	Tyrone	3-14	Derry	0-12
May 29, Cavan	Cavan	2-16	Armagh	0-14
June 5, Clones	Monaghan	2-22	Down	0-9
June 12, Ballybofey	Donegal	2-12	Fermanagh	0-11
June 19, Clones	Tyrone	0-16	Cavan	3-7
June 25, Cavan	Monaghan	0-14	Donegal	1-11
July 2, Cavan	Donegal	0-17	Monaghan	2-10 (replay)
July 3, Clones	Tyrone	5-18	Cavan	2-17 (replay)
FINAL - JULY 17, CLONES	Tyrone	0-13	Donegal	0-11

MUNSTER

May 29, Dungarvan	Tipperary	1-15	Waterford	1-7
May 29, Gaelic Grounds	Clare	0-16	Limerick	0-13
June 12, Thurles	Tipperary	3-15	Cork	2-16
June 12, Killarney	Kerry	2-23	Clare	0-17
FINAL - JULY 3, KILLARNEY	Kerry	3-17	Tipperary	2-10

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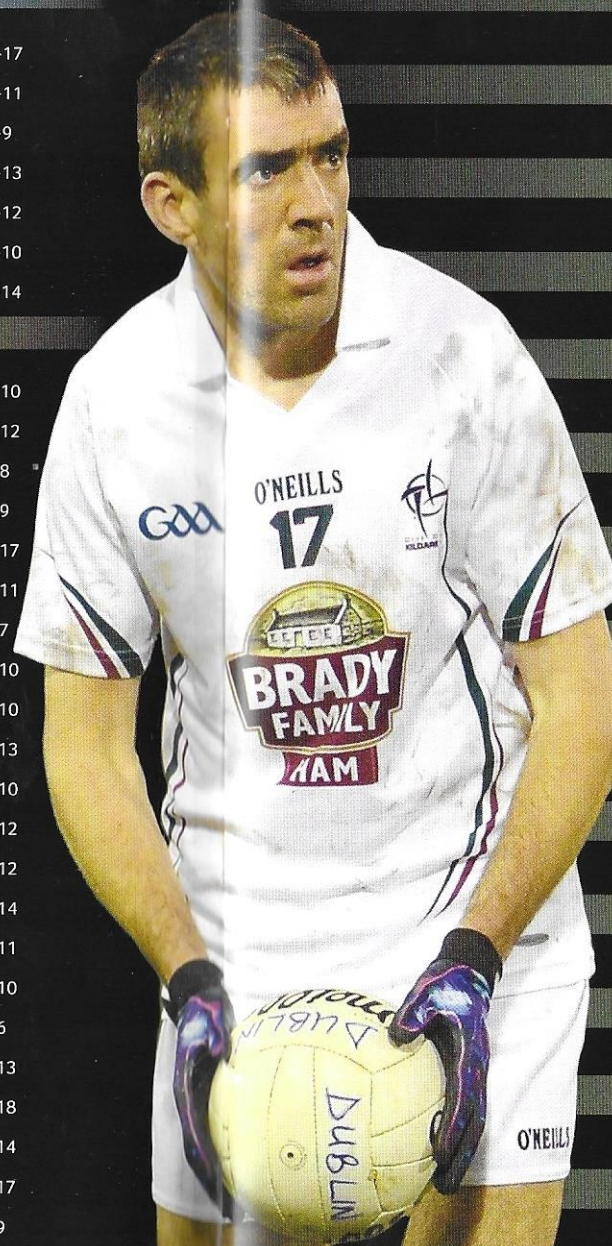
May 1, New York	Roscommon	1-15	New York	0-17
May 22, Carrick-on-Shannon	Roscommon	1-21	Leitrim	0-11
May 29, Ruislip	Mayo	2-16	London	0-9
June 12, Roscommon	Roscommon	4-16	Sligo	2-13
June 18, Castlebar	Galway	1-12	Mayo	0-12
FINAL - JULY 10, GALWAY	Galway	0-13	Roscommon	1-10
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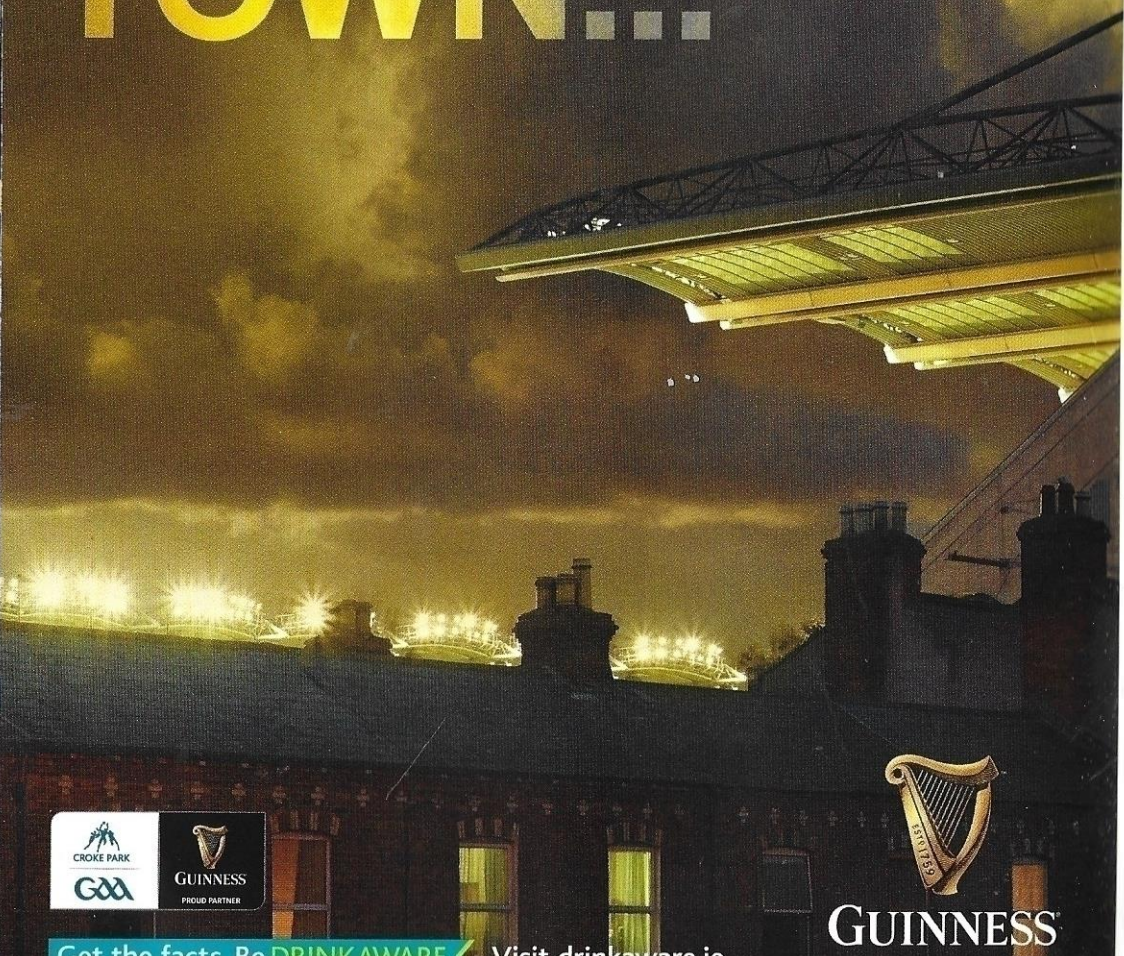
June 18, Owenbeg	Derry	1-18	Louth	2-10
June 18, Carlow	Carlow	1-17	Wicklow	1-12
June 19, Carrick-on-Shannon	Leitrim	0-12	Waterford	0-8
June 25, Belfast	Limerick	2-6	Antrim	0-9
June 25, Newry	Longford	2-24	Down	3-17
June 25, Wexford	Fermanagh	0-19	Wexford	1-11
June 25, Tullamore	Offaly	0-17	London	1-7
July 2, Portlaoise	Laois	1-11	Armagh	1-10
July 2, Sligo	Sligo	2-15	Leitrim	0-10
July 9, Clones	Longford	2-13	Monaghan	1-13
July 9, Thurles	Cork	2-12	Limerick	0-10
July 9, Cavan	Cavan	2-13	Carlow	0-12
July 9, Castlebar	Mayo	2-14	Fermanagh	1-12
July 9, Newbridge	Kildare	1-22	Offaly	2-14
July 9, Owenbeg	Derry	1-14	Meath	1-11
July 10, Ennis	Clare	0-14	Laois	1-10
July 16, Longford	Cork	2-9	Longford	1-6
July 16, Sligo	Clare	2-17	Sligo	1-13
July 16, Cavan	Derry	1-17	Cavan	0-18
July 16, Castlebar	Mayo	2-17	Kildare	0-14
July 23, Cavan	Tipperary	1-21	Derry	2-17
July 23, Salthill	Clare	2-12	Roscommon	1-9

QUALIFIER TOP SCORERS

	SCORE	TOTAL
Johnny Doyle (Kildare)	8-118	142
Paddy Bradley (Derry)	8-99	123
Brian Kavanagh (Longford)	3-70	79
Steven McDonnell (Armagh)	6-60	78
Seán Cavanagh (Tyrone)	3-65	74
Ross Munnelly (Laois)	4-60	72
Matty Forde (Wexford)	4-59	71
Paul Barden (Longford)	4-57	69
Benny Coulter (Down)	9-42	69
Dessie Dolan (Westmeath)	0-68	68
Ian Ryan (Limerick)	4-56	68
Jamie Clarke (Armagh)	11-34	67
Paul Finlay (Monaghan)	0-65	65
Tommy Freeman (Monaghan)	4-51	63
Mark Breheny (Sligo)	1-57	60
Niall McNamee (Offaly)	4-48	60
Ciarán Lyng (Wexford)	3-49	58
Seán McCormack (Longford)	0-57	57
Darren Clarke (Louth)	2-51	57
Brendan Devenney (Donegal)	4-43	55
Mark Lynch (Derry)	1-51	54
Eoghan O'Flaherty (Kildare)	1-51	54
Michael Murphy (Donegal)	3-45	54
Seánie Furlong (Wicklow)	6-34	52
Donie Kingston (Laois)	2-45	51
Darren McCurry (Tyrone)	0-50	50
Colm McFadden (Donegal)	1-47	50
Seán Quigley (Fermanagh)	4-38	50



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SONG REMAINS THE SAME FOR CORK AND DONEGAL

By Éamonn Murphy, Evening Echo

Of the eight counties that reached the last round of the qualifiers this summer, only two have lifted Sam Maguire in the modern era.

Those teams collide this afternoon in Croke Park hoping to make inroads on September, without being rated as serious contenders. Despite their flaws, Mayo are considered more likely champions than Cork or Donegal.

The Rebels' status has fallen to the degree that a win would not only be an upset but a highlight of the past four seasons. While they should have beaten Kerry in last year's drawn Munster final, they haven't defeated top-class opposition in the championship since 2012.

Donegal, of course, have taken their share of scalps in the interim, most notably Dublin's in 2014, while reaching a creditable six Ulster finals in a row. The issue is they've lost three of the past four provincial deciders and were soundly beaten after by Mayo in the 2013 and 2015.

There's a feeling in Donegal, Cork and beyond that for many of their talented players the opportunity to collect a second All-Ireland medal has gone.

In Donegal's case that chance was the 2014 decider against a Kerry outfit lacking the self-confidence you'd associate with the county. For Cork you've to go back to 2012 when they had the beating of Donegal in the first half of that year's All-Ireland semi-final, and the momentum of Munster and league victories.

Who knows how many more trips to Croker

the likes of Alan O'Connor, Colm McFadden, Christy Toye, Pa Kelly, Donncha O'Connor and Neil Gallagher will make, or whether their fitness or form will even hold up on this occasion.

Of course any Mayo man would bite your hand off for an All-Ireland medal. Yet elite sportspeople are by their nature greedy, and you can be sure members of the Cork and Donegal camp often rue their failure to nail down their legacies with second Celtic Crosses.

Could a major display today spark an unlikely triumph? Tyrone were the last team to do it, back in 2008, but if you had to pick dark-horses now they'd surely be preferable to Cork or Donegal.

It's a mystery in keeping with the enigma that is Cork football, how gifted athletes who shone at U21, like Mark Collins – Cork's player of the year to date – Ian Maguire and Brian Hurley, who is sadly out injured for the summer, haven't lit up GAA Headquarters. Managers have been blamed, especially Brian Cuthbert though Peadar Healy is now copping the same flak. And the degree to which dual demands are a distraction can be seen by the presence of two hurlers in the training panel, Aidan Walsh and Alan Cadogan, since the loss to Wexford.

Yet the song remains the same. Cork's problems are more complex and the history of football on Leaside is one of underachievement and missed opportunities.

Only a win here and at the very least an



impressive quarter-final showing, if not another victory, would change the tune.

There's no doubt that Donegal have more key players at their peak. Michael Murphy turns 27 shortly, Paddy McBrearty is only 23 in early August, while Ryan McHugh is just 22.

McHugh has been electric this summer again and his incisive runs, tireless energy and ability to split the posts from distance offers hope to all young footballers who don't fit the 'rugby league' mould we're told is critical for the modern game. With speed and a neat sidestep he's able to avoid tackles while others plough into contact.

If Donegal fulfil their billing as bookies' favourites expect McHugh's contribution on and off the ball to be match-winning.

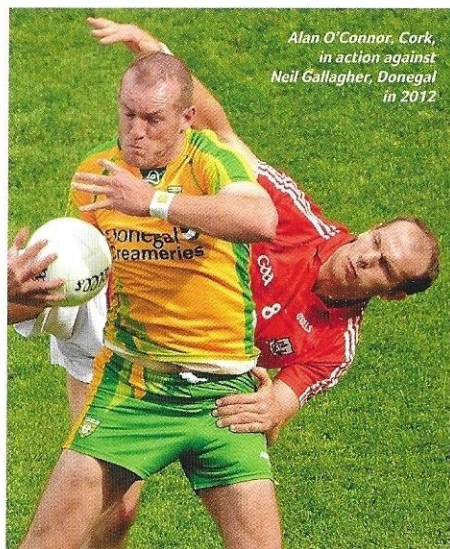
Murphy and McBrearty are more than capable of hitting the decisive scores against a Cork rearguard that was leaky in the league and in the loss to Tipp but tightened up in the qualifiers. This was down to the weaker opposition, the selection of a natural corner-back in Noel Galvin, and the team's increased work-rate. It'll be a different sceal today you feel.

You'd imagine Michael Murphy in particular will relish a break from the cauldron in Clones, even if Eoin Cadogan has shackled him before. Murphy only managed three points from play in six Ulster finals, but he's too often asked to be the N'Golo Kanté of the Donegal midfield when he should be their Jamie Vardy.

It hasn't reached Joe Canning levels, but there has been an ongoing debate about Michael Murphy's best position. A goal and a couple of points from play today against Cork would be huge, provided Odhrán Mac Niallais can be the linkman at centrefield.

There are two major factors that will swing what should be a fascinating contest.

Firstly, the desire and sharpness of the veterans. Cork wouldn't have even beaten



Alan O'Connor, Cork, in action against Neil Gallagher, Donegal in 2012

Longford without the power and aerial dominance of Alan O'Connor and the nous and deliveries of Pa Kelly.

Injuries have plagued Kelly, but there were flashes the last day of his Pirlo-esque playmaking, the sort which guided Ballincollig to a longshot county title two years ago. Colm O'Neill, whose edge has been blunted by three cruciate knee injuries, was Cork's other impact sub against Longford and he remains a goal-poacher supreme.

In Donegal's case they'll be looking for a season's best from the McGee brothers in the full-back line, and Frank McGlynn and Karl Lacey raiding from deep. Colm McFadden could also pilfer a score from the bench, especially in a squad that clearly lacks depth.

Cork don't have significant resources either anymore, hence the call-ups for Cadogan and Walsh. Cadogan is less known than two-time football All Star Walsh, but he won three successive Munster U21 medals, first as an elusive wing-forward then as a deadly No. 13.

He might provide the X-factor today, though it seems Donegal have a more stable, coherent team and system than Cork.



HEAD-TO-HEAD CORK v DONEGAL



**2006 – ALL-IRELAND QUARTER-FINAL
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CORK 1-11
A Quirke, M Prout, D Kavanagh, K O'Connor, M Shields, G Spillane (0-2), A Lynch, P O'Neill (0-1), N Murphy (0-1), S O'Brien (0-1), F Goold (0-1), K McMahon (0-1) J Masters (0-4), S O'Connor, J Hayes (1-0).
Subs: G Murphy for Prout, C McCarthy for Goold, K O'Sullivan for Hayes, D Goulding for McMahon.

DONEGAL 1-10
P Durcan, K Lacey, E McGee, N McGee, T Donoghue, B Monaghan (0-1), B Dunnion (0-1), N Gallagher, B Boyle, C Toye (1-0), M Hegarty, C Bonner (0-1), R Kavanagh (0-1), M Doherty (0-3), L Thompson (0-2).
Subs: C Kelly (0-1) for Hegarty, S McHugh for Kavanagh, S McDermott for Boyle, A Sweeney Thompson.

**2009 – ALL-IRELAND QUARTER-FINAL
AUGUST 2, CROKE PARK**

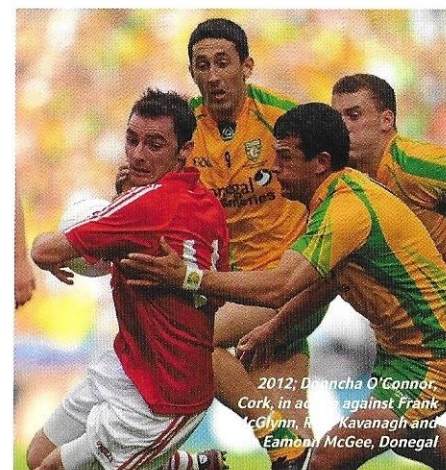
CORK 1-27
A Quirke, R Carey, M Shields, K O'Connor, N O'Leary, G Canty (0-1), J Miskella (0-4), A O'Connor, N Murphy, P Kerrigan (1-4), P O'Neill (0-2), P Kelly (0-2), D Goulding (0-3), C O'Neill (0-2), D O'Connor (0-4).
Subs: F Goold (0-3) for O'Connor, F Lynch for O'Neill, M Cussen for Murphy, P Kissane (0-2) for Miskella, J Hayes for Kerrigan.

DONEGAL 2-10
M Boyle, F McGlynn, N McGee, K Lacey, B Dunnion, B Monaghan (0-1), E McGee (0-1), B Boyle, K Cassidy, R Kavanagh (1-0), B Roper (0-1), L McLoone, C Dunne, M Murphy (0-6), C McFadden.
Subs: D Walsh for McLoone, S Griffin (1-0) for Roper, D Gallagher for Boyle, A Hanlon (0-1) for Dunne, E Wade for E Magee.

**2012 – ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINAL
AUGUST 26, CROKE PARK**

DONEGAL 0-16
P Durcan, P McGrath, N McGee, F McGlynn (0-1), E McGee, K Lacey (0-2), A Thompson (0-1), N Gallagher, R Kavanagh (0-1), R Bradley, L McLoone, M McHugh (0-1), P McBrearty, M Murphy (0-3), C McFadden (0-5).
Subs: David Walsh (0-1) for Bradley, M McElhinney (0-1) for Kavanagh, Declan Walsh for McGlynn, D McLaughlin for McBrearty

CORK 1-11
A Quirke, N O'Leary, M Shields, E Cadogan, P Kissane, G Canty, F Goold, A O'Connor, A Walsh (0-1), C Sheehan (0-3), P Kelly (0-1), P Kerrigan (0-2), C O'Neill (1-3), D O'Connor, D Goulding (0-1).
Subs: P O'Neill for Goold, D O'Sullivan for A O'Connor, N Murphy for D O'Connor



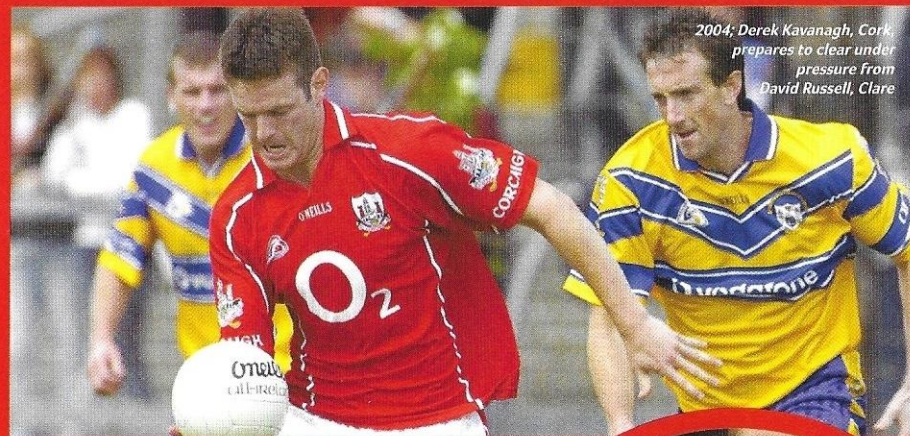
2012: Donncha O'Connor, Cork, in action against Frank McGlynn, R Kavanagh and Eamonn McGee, Donegal

MATCHES 3
CORK WINS 2
DONEGAL WINS 1

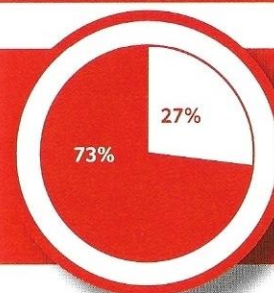
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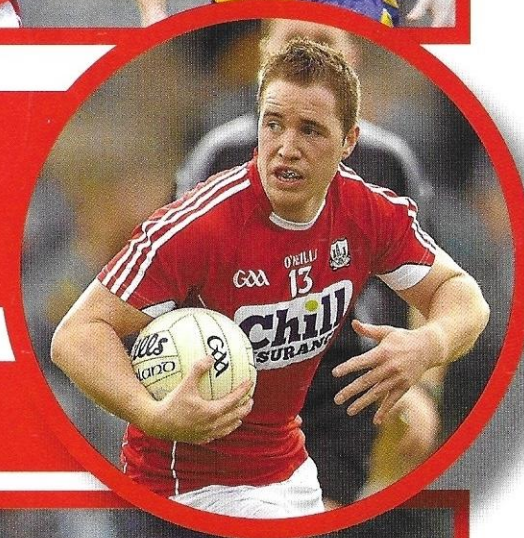
2001	July 22, Croke Park	Galway	1-14	Cork	1-10
2003	June 7, Roscommon	Roscommon	0-14	Cork	1-10
2004	July 3, Ennis	Cork	0-15	Clare	0-11
	July 17, Croke Park	Fermanagh	0-18	Cork	0-11
2005	July 30, Portlaoise	Cork	3-13	Sligo	0-11
2007	July 21, Portlaoise	Cork	0-16	Louth	0-14
2010	July 10, Páirc Uí Chaoimh	Cork	1-19	Cavan	0-4
	July 18, Wexford	Cork	0-12	Wexford	0-5
	July 24, Gaelic Grounds	Cork	0-16	Limerick	1-11
2011	July 23, Croke Park	Cork	2-20	Down	0-14
2013	July 27, Croke Park	Cork	1-17	Galway	1-16
2014	July 26, Tullamore	Cork	0-21	Sligo	1-11
2015	July 25, Thurles	Kildare	1-21	Cork	1-13
2016	July 9, Thurles	Cork	2-12	Limerick	0-10
	July 16, Longford	Cork	2-9	Longford	1-6



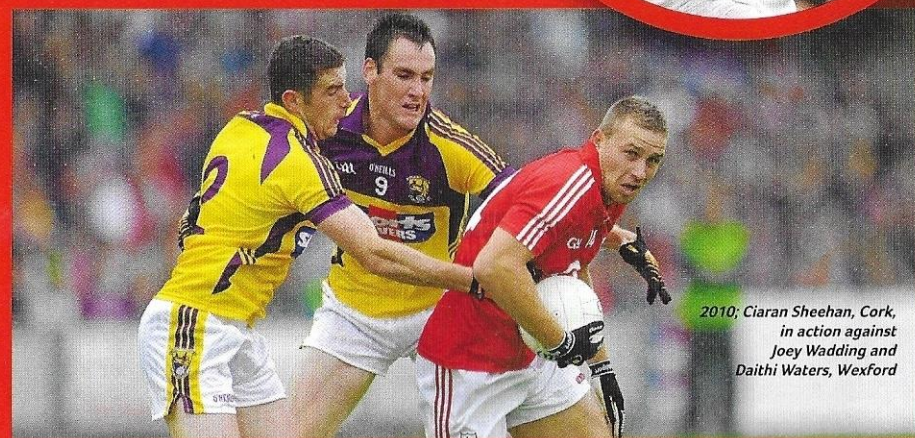
2004: Derek Kavanagh, Cork, prepares to clear under pressure from David Russell, Clare



WON - 11
LOST - 4



TOP SCORERS
COLM O'NEILL 2-22
DANIEL GOULDING 0-24
COLIN CORKERY 0-20

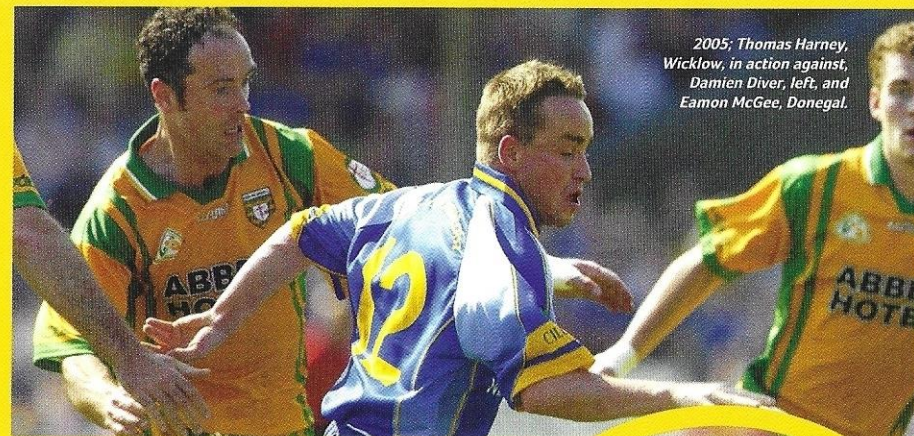


2010: Ciaran Sheehan, Cork, in action against Joey Wadding and Daithi Waters, Wexford

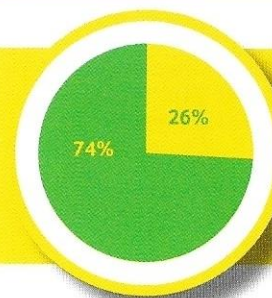
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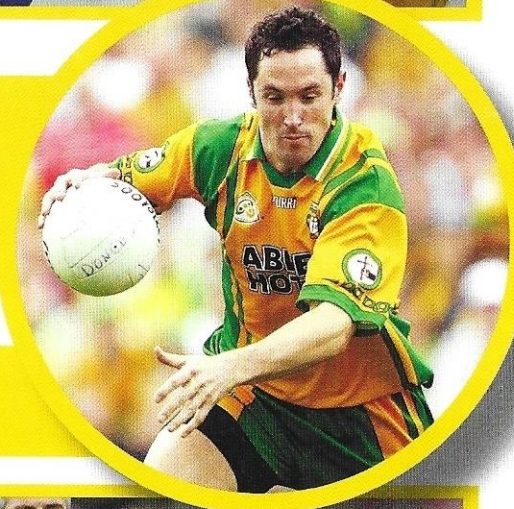
2001	June 16, Enniskillen	Donegal	0-15	Fermanagh	1-6
	June 30, Newbridge	Kildare	1-17	Donegal	1-16
2002	July 21, Croke Park	Donegal	1-13	Meath	0-14
2003	June 7, Ballybofey	Donegal	1-17	Longford	1-11
	June 22, Ballybofey	Donegal	0-16	Sligo	0-11
	July 5, Croke Park	Donegal	2-19	Tipperary	0-15
	July 26, Clones	Donegal	3-15	Down	2-10
2004	July 24, Clones	Fermanagh	1-10	Donegal	0-12
2005	June 26, Aughrim	Donegal	0-16	Wicklow	0-12
	July 2, Cavan	Cavan	1-11	Donegal	1-10
2006	July 30, Enniskillen	Donegal	0-11	Fermanagh	0-8
2007	July 7, Carrick-on-Shannon	Donegal	1-16	Leitrim	1-14
	July 14, Mullingar	Donegal	1-13	Westmeath	1-8
	July 28, Omagh	Monaghan	2-12	Donegal	1-7
2008	July 19, Ballybofey	Donegal	3-11	Roscommon	1-9
	July 26, Ballybofey	Monaghan	0-16	Donegal	0-15
2009	July 4, Ballybofey	Donegal	2-13	Carlow	1-6
	July 11, Ballybofey	Donegal	0-13	Clare	1-7
	July 18, Ballybofey	Donegal	2-13	Derry	0-18
	July 25, Sligo	Donegal	0-14	Galway	0-13
2010	June 26, Crossmaglen	Armagh	2-14	Donegal	0-11
2013	July 27, Carrick-on-Shannon	Donegal	0-14	Laois	0-8
2015	August 1, Croke Park	Donegal	3-12	Galway	0-11



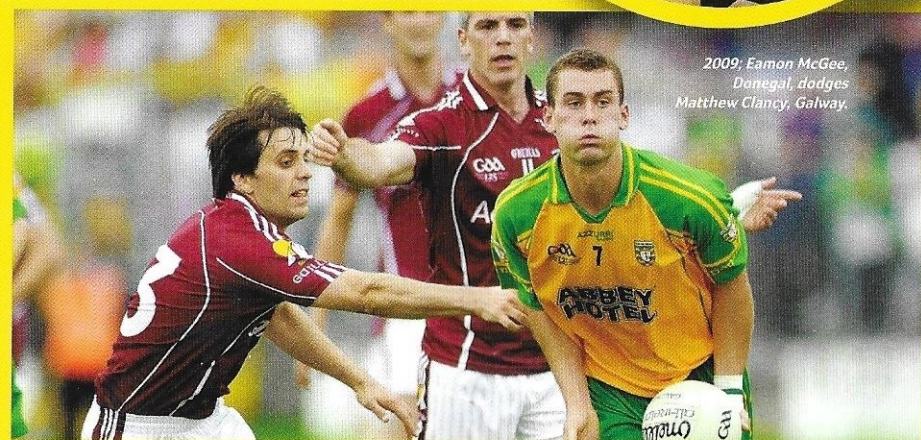
2005; Thomas Harney, Wicklow, in action against, Damien Diver, LeR, and Eamon McGee, Donegal.



WON - 17
LOST - 6



TOP SCORERS
BRENDAN DEVENNEY 4-43
MICHAEL MURPHY 3-45
COLM McFADDEN 1-47



2009; Eamon McGee, Donegal, dodges Matthew Clancy, Galway.



CORCAIGH



CÚIL	CÚILÍNÍ	45M	SAOR CICEANNA	
				1st HALF
				2nd HALF
				TOTAL

ROGHNÓIRÍ: Peadar Healy (Bainisteoir), Eamonn Ryan, Morgan O'Sullivan, Eoin O'Neill, Paudie Kissane

1 Riain Prís
RYAN PRICE
O'Donovan Rossa

2 Colm Ó Drisceoil
COLM O'DRISCOLL
Tadhg Mac Cárthaigh

3 Eoghan Ó Ceadagáin
EOIN CADOGAN
Douglas

4 Stiofán Ó Croinín
STEPHEN CRONIN
Nemo Rangers

5 Tomás Mac Lannchaidh
TOMÁS CLANCY
Fermoy

6 Briain Ó Drisceoil
BRIAN O'DRISCOLL
Tadhg Mac Cárthaigh

7 Caoimhín Ó Drisceoil
KEVIN O'DRISCOLL
Tadhg Mac Cárthaigh

8 Ailein Ó Conchubhair
ALAN O'CONNOR
St. Colum's

9 Ian Mag Uidhir
IAN McGUIRE
St. Finbarr's

10 Pól Ó Ciaragáin (C.)
PAUL KERRIGAN
Nemo Rangers

11 Pádraig Ó Ceallaigh
PADDY KELLY
Ballincollog

12 Marc Ó Coileáin
MARK COLLINS
Castlehaven

13 Colm Ó Neill
COLM O'NEILL
Ballyclough

14 Peadar Ó Ceilleachair
PETER KELLEHER
Kilmichael

15 Mícheál Ó hUrthuile
MICHAEL HURLEY
Castlehaven

FIR IONAIÐ

16. Mícheál A Ó Mairtín
MÍCHEÁL A MARTIN
Nemo Rangers

17. Ailéin Ó Ceadagáin
ALAN CADOGAN
Douglas

18. Tomás Mac Lannchaidh
TOM CLANCY
Clonakilty

19. Niall Ó Caochlaoidh
NIALL COAKLEY
St. Jude's

20. Ciarán Ó hOistín
KIERAN HISTON
Cobh

21. Conchur Ó Dornáin
CONOR DORMAN
Bishopstown

22. Fiontán de Gúl
FINTAN GOOLD
Macroom

23. Donncha Ó Conchubhair
DONNCHA O'CONNOR
Ballydesmond

24. Seán Ó Ruairc
JOHN O'ROURKE
Carbery Rangers

25. Seán Powder
SEÁN POWTER
Douglas

26. Aodhán Breatnach
AIDAN WALSH
Kanturk

	CÚIL	CÚILÍNÍ	45M	SAOR CICEANNA
1st HALF				
2nd HALF				
TOTAL				

ROGHNÓIRÍ: Rory Gallagher (Bainisteoir), Maxi Curran, Brendan Kilcoyne



DÚN NA nGALL

1 Marc Antaine Mac Fhionnghaile
MARK ANTHONY MCGINLEY
Naomh Mícheál

2 Pádraig Mac Craith
PADDY McGRATH
Ard an Ratha

3 Niall Mac Aoidh
NEIL MCGEE
Gaoth Dobhair

4 Ciarán Mac Giolla Easpaig
CIARAN GILLESPIE
Gaoth Dobhair

5 Riain Mac Aodha
RYAN McHUGH
Cill Chartha

6 Carl De Lása
KARL LACEY
Na Ceithre Máistrí

7 Proinsias Mac Fhloinn
FRANK MCGLYNN
Gleann Fhinne

8 Ruairí Ó Caomhánach
RORY KAVANAGH
Naomh Adhamhnáin

9 Mairtín Mac Giolla Chainnigh
MARTIN McELHINNEY
Naomh Mícheál

10 Antoin Mac Thomáis
ANTHONY THOMPSON
Naomh Conaill

11 Odhrán Mac Niallais
ODHRÁN MAC NIALLAIS
Gaoth Dobhair

12 Eoin Mac Aodha
EOIN McHUGH
Cill Chartha

13 Pádraig Mac Breartaigh
PATRICK McBREARTY
Cill Chartha

14 Mícheál Ó Murchú (C.)
MICHAEL MURPHY
Gleann Súilí

15 Mairtín Ó Raghallaigh
MARTIN O'REILLY
Seán Mac Cumhaill

FIR IONAIÐ

16. Peadar Ó Baoill
PETER BOYLE
Aodh Ruadh B.A.S.

17. Éamonn Mac Aoidh
EAMONN MCGEE
Gaoth Dobhair

18. Cristóir Ó Tuathaigh
CHRISTY TOYE
Naomh Mícheál

19. Leo Mac Giolla Úain
LEO McLOONE
Naomh Conaill

20. Colm Antoin Mac Pháidín
COLM A. McFADDEN
Naomh Mícheál

21. Éamonn Ó Dochartaigh
EAMONN DOHERTY
Naomh Adhamhnáin

22. Aodh Mac Pháidín
HUGH McFADDEN
Na Cealla Beaga

23. Marc Mac Aodha
MARK McHUGH
Cill Chartha

24. Ciarán Mac Thomáis
CIARAN THOMPSON
Naomh Conaill

25. Eoghan Bán Ó Gallchóir
EOGHAN BÀN GALLAGHER
Na Cealla Beaga

26. Mícheál Ó Cearbhaill
MÍCHEÁL CARROLL
Gaoth Dobhair



WHAT CONSTITUTES A GOOD SUMMER?

By Malachy Clerkin, *The Irish Times*

I have a friend who I often think believes it is his mission in life to be the first to declare a major soccer tournament to be of such damnably poor quality that it offends his very eyes.

He is not a soccer hater by any means; rather, his love for the game is so ardent and so pure as to make him mortally offended by the first dull 10-minute spell in a nondescript group game.

The absolute apogee of this tendency of his came a mere three days into the 2010 World Cup in South Africa. Australia were playing Germany and nothing was happening – as you might expect from such a fixture between a favourite and an outsider in the opening game of their tournament. And yet, sure as eggs is eggs, the phone beeped with a text shortly after half-time: “Brutal World Cup.”

It was the seventh game of the tournament! Half the teams hadn't even played yet. No Spain, no Brazil, no Holland had passed across our screens. Yet there it was, so certain, so dismissive. Brutal World Cup, my man says so.

We do this quite a bit in the GAA too. From early May, you can feel your antennae twitching for the first grumbles at the horror

of it all. Often even before that, in fact. It used to be you'd get to mid-June before someone would say the championship could do with a good game. Not now – how often over the past few years have we seen the league end with the blithe declaration that, apart from a few Ulster Championship games, there'll be nothing to see this side of August?

Well, here we are on the last weekend this side of August and already the football championship has seen the following: New York coming within a kick of a ball of their first-ever win; Tipperary beating Cork for the first time in 72 years; Galway beating Mayo for the first time in eight years (you had to go back to the 1950s for a winless stretch of that magnitude); Westmeath making consecutive Leinster finals for the first time in their history; two drawn Ulster semi-finals and an Ulster final decided by outlandish scores in injury-time; Clare and Tipperary making their first-ever appearances in All-Ireland quarter-finals.

Ah yeah, says you. Novelty is all very well but the football has been rank. Has it, though? How are we measuring that? If we're talking about scoring, well, the excellent Rob Carroll of Gaelic Stats has some news for you. This has been the second-highest-scoring

championship ever – at an average of 34 points per game. It's running a full 7–10 points per game ahead of the championships of the mid-1980s and 6–8 ahead of the 2000s.

That's not down to a preponderance of one-sided games either – or at least no more than usual. Of the 55 games so far, 42 have ended with less than 10 points between the sides. The average margin of victory stands at 5.85 points per game – which is more or less what it was in 1950, 1960, 1970, 2000 and 2010.

Defensive football is a scourge, goes the cry. Yet we've just seen the highest-scoring game in the history of the Ulster Championship. Across the board – and especially since the dawn of the ultra-counter-attacking style in 2011 – scoring has spiked in a manner never seen before. And still we complain.

Sometimes it's hard to know what people want from the championship. Beyond the obvious ache for your own crowd to do well, what constitutes a good summer? Close matches? Of the 15 games it took to decide the provincial semi-finals and finals, eight

were in the balance (a goal or less between the teams) in injury-time. Take out Kerry and Dublin and that number becomes eight out of 11.

Good football? Well, surely that's down to your own personal taste, predilections and perversions. If you don't like the heavy blanket defence stuff, you'll be happy to know that seven of the nine Ulster teams are gone. If you do, then Tyrone and Donegal are still standing, ready to pit the best of what they do against the best of what the rest do. Styles make fights, and all that.

So here we are, August bank holiday weekend and no closer to knowing what to do with ourselves. We can be reasonably sure there's no great team this year – Dublin without Jack McCaffrey, Rory O'Carroll and now, by all accounts, James McCarthy are still pretty good but, by definition, they will hardly be great. So we're left with an open enough All-Ireland series in prospect, one that arguably has more serious contenders now than we would have given it credit for at the start of the summer.

Like my friend with the soccer, we have little to be giving out about.



AN IARMHÍ



CÚIL	CÚILÍNÍ	45M	SAOR CICEANNA	
				1st HALF
				2nd HALF
				TOTAL

ROGHNÓIRÍ: Tom Cribbin (Bainisteoir), Emmett McDonnell, John Doran, Pierce Corroon, Mark Kavanagh

1 Darragh Ó Cuinn
DARREN QUINN
Tyrrellspass

2 Caoimhín Mag Uidhir
KEVIN MAGUIRE
Caulry

3 Prionsais Ó Baoil
FRANCIS BOYLE
Killucan

4 Cillian Ó Dálaigh
KILLIAN DALY
Mullingar Shamrocks

5 Séamus Gonoud
JAMIE GONOU
Tyrrellspass

6 Daithí Ó Loinsigh
DAVID LYNCH
St. Malachy's

7 Séamus Ó Dúlain
JAMES DOLAN
Garrycastle

8 Darragh Ó Dálaigh
DARRAGH DALY
Mullingar Shamrocks

9 Gearóid Mac Aodhagáin
GER EGAN
Tyrrellspass

10 Seán Mac Aodhagáin
JOHN EGAN
Athlone

11 Pól Mac Searraigh
PAUL SHARRY
St. Loman's Mullingar

12 Ciarán Ó Máirtín
KIERAN MARTIN
Maryland

13 Callum Mac Cormaic
CALLUM McCORMACK
Maryland

14 Seán Ó hEislín
JOHN HESLIN
St. Loman's Mullingar

15 Seán Ó Conalláin
JOHN CONNELLAN
Athlone

FIR IONAIÐ

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| 16. Daithí Mac Braoin
DAVID BRYAN
Killucan | 18. Pádraig Ó Faogáin
PADDY FAGAN
Mullingar Shamrocks | 21. Dean Mac Niocláis
DEAN McNICHOLAS
Tyrrellspass | 24. Roibeárd Ó Gormáin
ROB GORMAN
Moate All Whites |
| 17. Ailéin Ó Maolchuiche
ALAN STONE
Castledaly | 19. Donnchadh MacCanghamhna
DENIS CORROON
Mullingar Shamrocks | 22. Seán Ó Flannagáin
SHANE FLANAGAN
Milltownpass | 25. Seán Ó Corcoráin
SHANE CORCORAN
Tyrrellspass |
| | 20. Ronán Ó Foghlú
RONAN FOLEY
Coralstown Kinnegad | 23. Sam Ó Donnacháin
SAM DUNCAN
Milltownpass | 26. Daire Ó Conbhui
DAIRE CONWAY
Shandonagh |



	CÚIL	CÚILÍNÍ	45M	SAOR CICEANNA
1st HALF				
2nd HALF				
TOTAL				



MAIGH EO

ROGHNÓIRÍ: Stephen Rochford (Bainisteoir), Tony McEntee, Donie Buckley, Seán Carey

1 Daithí Ó Cléirigh
DAVID CLARKE
Ballina Stephenites

2 Breandan Ó Hearchaí
BRENDAN HARRISON
Aghamore

3 Caoimhín Ó Caithain
KEVIN KEANE
Westport

4 Ceit Ó hUiginn
KEITH HIGGINS
Ballyhaunis

5 Lee Mac Aogáin
LEE KEEGAN
Westport

6 Coilm Ó Baoil
COLM BOYLE
Davitts

7 Pádraig Ó Dhuarcáin
PATRICK DURCAN
Castlebar Mitchels

8 Séamus Ó Sé
SÉAMUS O'SHEA
Breaffy

9 Donal Ó Beachain
DONAL VAUGHAN
Ballinrobe

10 Caoimhín Mac Lochlainn
KEVIN McLOUGHLIN
Knockmore

11 Aodhán Ó Sé
AIDAN O'SHEA
Breaffy

12 Diarmuid Ó Conchúir
DIARMUID O'CONNOR
Ballintubber

13 Éimhín Ó Réigín
EVAN REGAN
Ballina Stephenites

14 Aindriú Ó Moráin
ANDY MORAN
Ballaghaderreen

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

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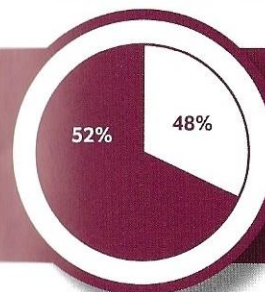
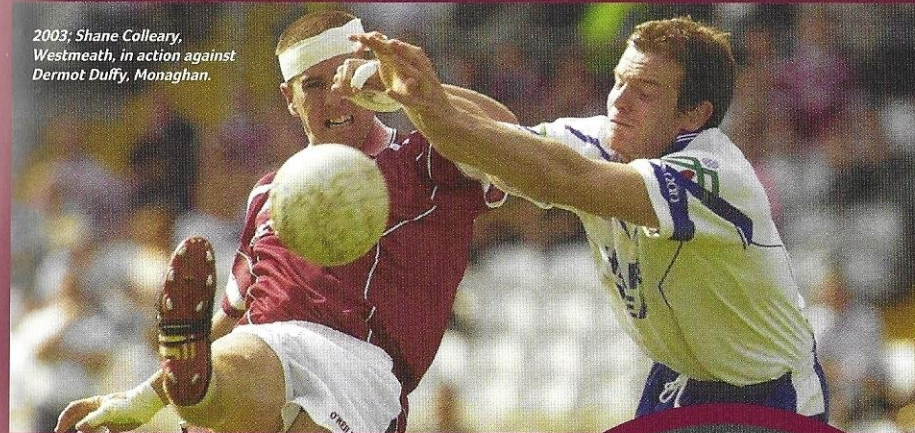
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| 16. Riobeard Ó hIonnaile
ROBERT HENNELLY
Breaffy | 18. Tómas Mac an Phearsúin
TOM PARSONS
Charlestown | 21. Seán Mac An Fhailighigh
SHANE NALLY
Garrymore | 24. Seasún Ó Dochartaigh
JASON DOHERTY
Burrishoole |
| 17. Críostóir Baróid
CHRIS BARRETT
Belmullet | 19. Stiofáin Ó Cadháin
STEPHEN COEN
Hollymount/Carramore | 22. Ailéin Diolún
ALAN DILLON
Ballintubber | 25. Ailéin Mac an tSaoir
ALAN FREEMAN
Aghamore |
| | 20. Barra Ó Moráin
BARRY MORAN
Castlebar Mitchels | 23. Conchúir Ó Sé
CONOR O'SHEA
Breaffy | 26. Conchúir Ó Lachtnáin
CONOR LOFTUS
Crossmolina |

WESTMEATH

QUALIFIER RECORD

2001	June 9, Wexford	Westmeath	1-19	Wexford	1-19
	June 16, Mullingar	Westmeath	1-16	Wexford	1-8 (replay)
	June 23, Gaelic Grounds	Westmeath	0-17	Limerick	0-7
	July 7, Navan	Westmeath	1-13	Louth	0-13
	July 21, Roscommon	Westmeath	1-14	Mayo	0-16
2002	June 8, Casement Park	Westmeath	0-14	Antrim	1-10
	June 22, Mullingar	Fermanagh	0-14	Westmeath	0-7
2003	June 14, Clones	Monaghan	0-14	Westmeath	1-9
2005	June 25, Thurles	Westmeath	0-12	Tipperary	1-8
	July 2, Ennis	Clare	0-12	Westmeath	0-9
2006	June 18, Mullingar	Westmeath	0-20	London	0-8
	July 2, Mullingar	Westmeath	0-13	Limerick	1-9
	July 15, Sligo	Westmeath	1-12	Sligo	0-14
	July 29, Salthill	Westmeath	1-8	Galway	0-10
2007	July 7, Mullingar	Westmeath	0-18	Longford	0-9
	July 14, Mullingar	Donegal	1-13	Westmeath	1-8
2008	July 19, Ardfinnan	Westmeath	0-15	Tipperary	0-6
	July 26, Omagh	Tyrone	0-14	Westmeath	1-7
2009	July 11, Mullingar	Meath	1-15	Westmeath	1-5
2010	July 10, Mullingar	Derry	0-13	Westmeath	1-7
2011	June 25, Casement Park	Antrim	0-16	Westmeath	1-7
2012	June 30, Mullingar	Westmeath	1-15	Louth	0-12
	July 15, Mullingar	Kerry	2-10	Westmeath	1-12
2013	June 29, Mullingar	Fermanagh	3-10	Westmeath	1-15
2014	June 28, Cavan	Cavan	1-15	Westmeath	1-14
2015	July 25, Cavan	Fermanagh	1-13	Westmeath	0-7

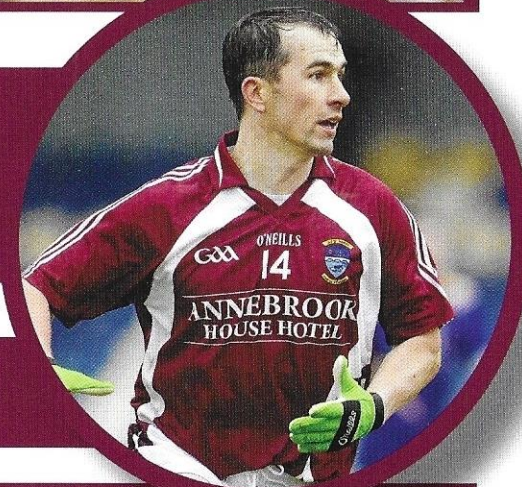
2003; Shane Colleary, Westmeath, in action against Dermot Duffy, Monaghan.



WON - 13
LOST - 12
ONE DRAW

TOP SCORERS

DESSIE DOLAN	0-68
DENIS GLENNON	0-35
GER HEAVIN	1-24

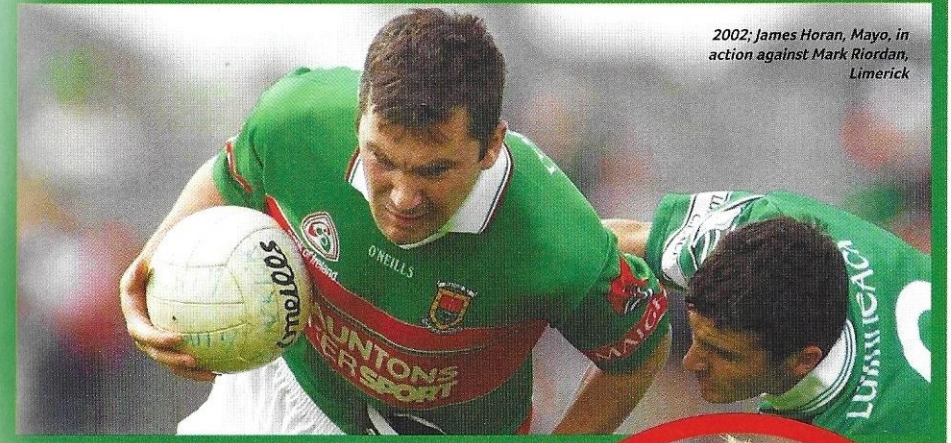


2014; Kieran Martin, Westmeath, in action against Rory Dunne, Cavan.

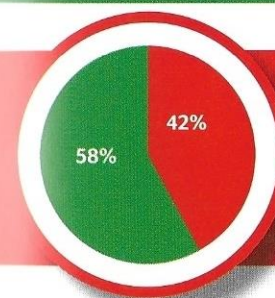
MAYO

QUALIFIER RECORD

2001	July 21, Roscommon	Westmeath	1-14	Mayo	0-16
2002	June 23, Castlebar	Mayo	0-20	Roscommon	2-8
	July 14, Roscommon	Mayo	0-13	Limerick	1-9
	July 28, Ennis	Mayo	0-20	Tipperary	1-14
2003	July 19, Sligo	Fermanagh	0-12	Mayo	1-8
2005	July 30, Roscommon	Mayo	0-11	Cavan	0-8
2007	July 7, Castlebar	Mayo	1-19	Cavan	3-7
	July 14, Celtic Park	Derry	2-13	Mayo	1-6
2008	August 2, Croke Park	Tyrone	0-13	Mayo	1-9
2010	June 26, Longford	Longford	1-12	Mayo	0-14
2016	July 9, Castlebar	Mayo	2-14	Fermanagh	1-12
	July 16, Castlebar	Mayo	2-17	Kildare	0-14



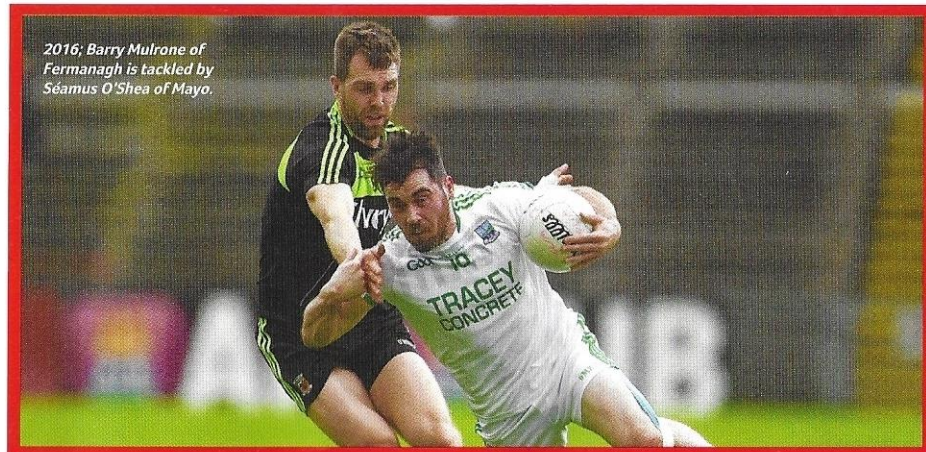
2002; James Horan, Mayo, in action against Mark Riordan, Limerick



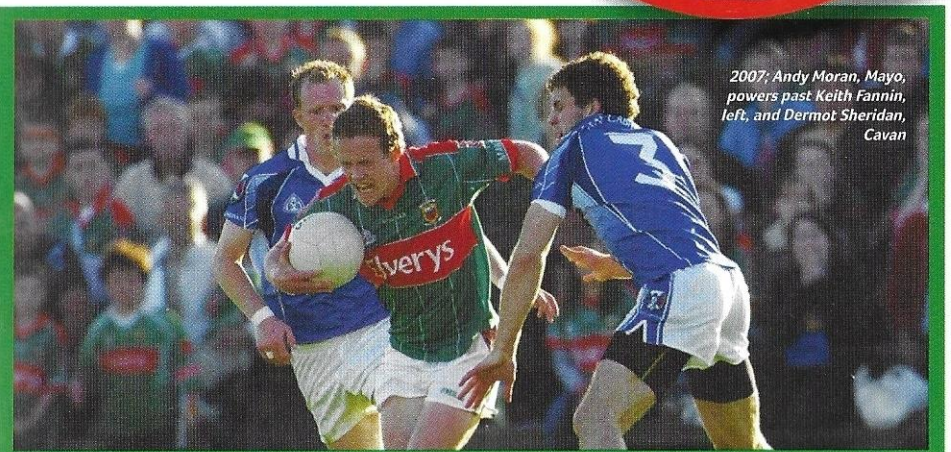
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TOP SCORERS
CONOR MORTIMER 1-24
ALAN DILLON 0-15
TREVOR MORTIMER 1-11



2016; Barry Mulrone of Fermanagh is tackled by Séamus O'Shea of Mayo.



2007; Andy Moran, Mayo, powers past Keith Fannin, left, and Dermot Sheridan, Cavan



HEAD-TO-HEAD MAYO v WESTMEATH



**2001 – ALL-IRELAND QUALIFIER
JULY 21, DR. HYDE PARK**

WESTMEATH 1-14

C Mullin, J Keane, D Mitchell, F Murray, B Morley, D Murphy, D Healy (0-1), R O'Connell, D O'Shaughnessy, F Wilson (0-1), P Conway (0-2), M Ennis (1-0), J Fallon (0-1), M Flanagan (0-1), G Heavin (0-5).

Subs: J Brennan for Wilson, D Gavin (0-1) for Morley, D Dolan (0-2) for Fallon, C Keane for Brennan, D Hughes for Keane.

MAYO 0-16

P Burke, R Connelly, K Cahill, G Ruane, A Roche (0-1), J Nallan, N Connelly, C McManamon (0-1), D Brady, J Gill (0-1), D McDonagh, T Mortimer (0-4), M Sheridan (0-4), K McDonald (0-4), S Carolan (0-1).

Subs: D Nestor for Carolan, P Fallon for McDonagh, M Moyles for Gill, A Higgins for Moyles, D Heaney for Mortimer.

**ALLIANZ LEAGUE MEETINGS SINCE LAST
CHAMPIONSHIP ENCOUNTER**

2004 – Round 7

April 4, Mullingar
Westmeath 2-16 Mayo 2-10

2005 – Round 7

April 3, Castlebar
Mayo 3-16 Westmeath 1-8

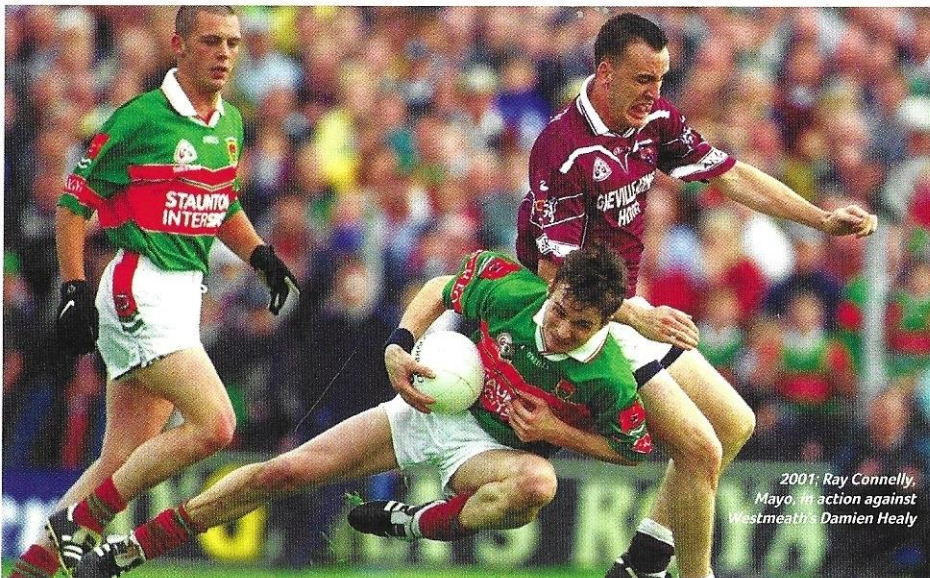
2009 – Round 3

March 8, Charlestown
Mayo 1-13 Westmeath 0-8

2014 – Round 4

March 9, Mullingar
Mayo 2-17 Westmeath 3-9

MATCHES	1
WESTMEATH WINS	1
MAYO WINS	0



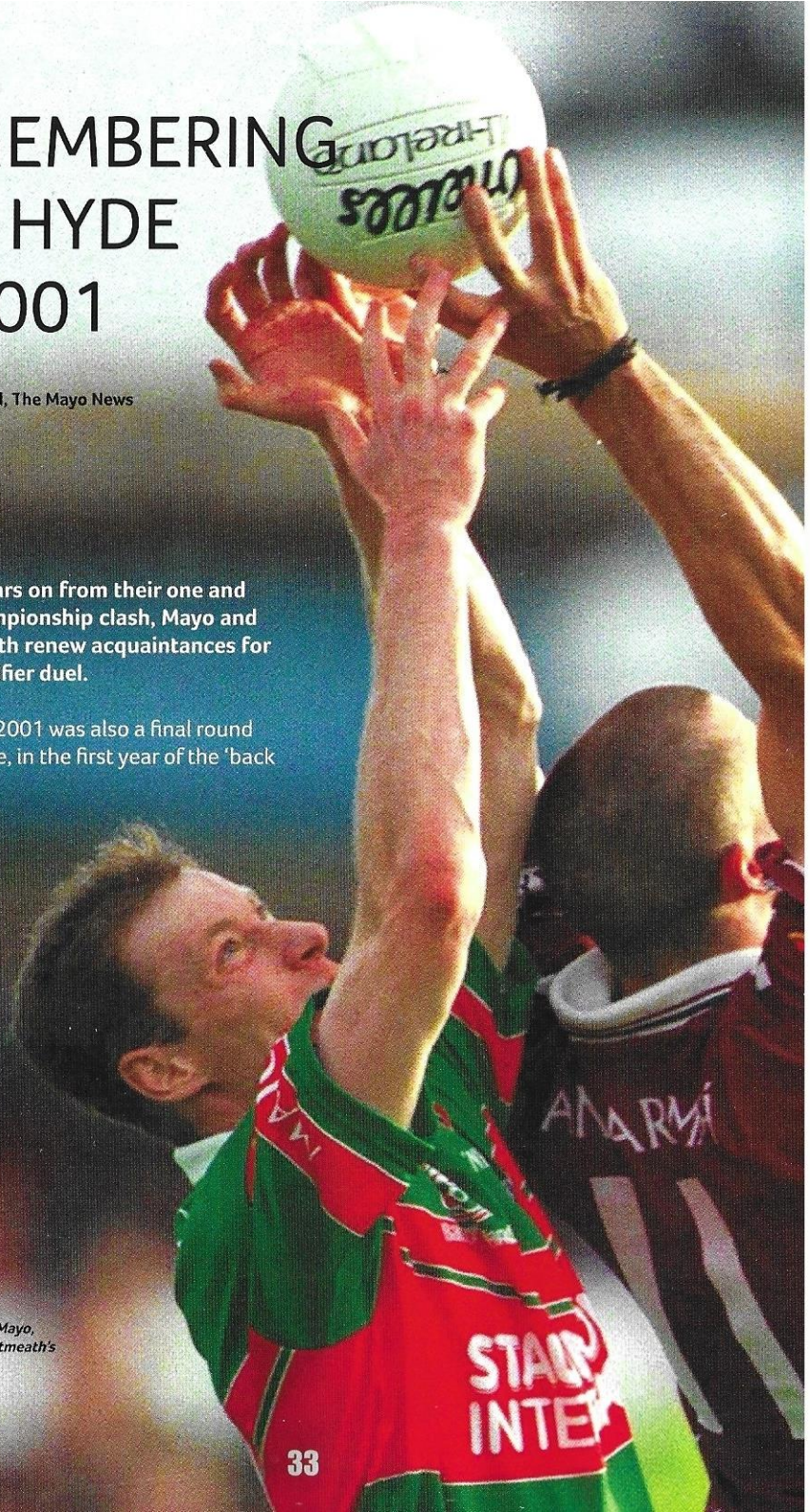
2001: Ray Connelly, Mayo, in action against Westmeath's Damien Healy

REMEMBERING THE HYDE IN 2001

By Edwin McGreal, The Mayo News

Fifteen years on from their one and only championship clash, Mayo and Westmeath renew acquaintances for another Qualifier duel.

That game in 2001 was also a final round Qualifier tussle, in the first year of the 'back door' system.



2001: James Nallen, Mayo, goes up against Westmeath's Paul Conway

Then it was Westmeath who triumphed, 1-14 to 0-16, after an extra-time thriller in Dr. Hyde Park in Roscommon.

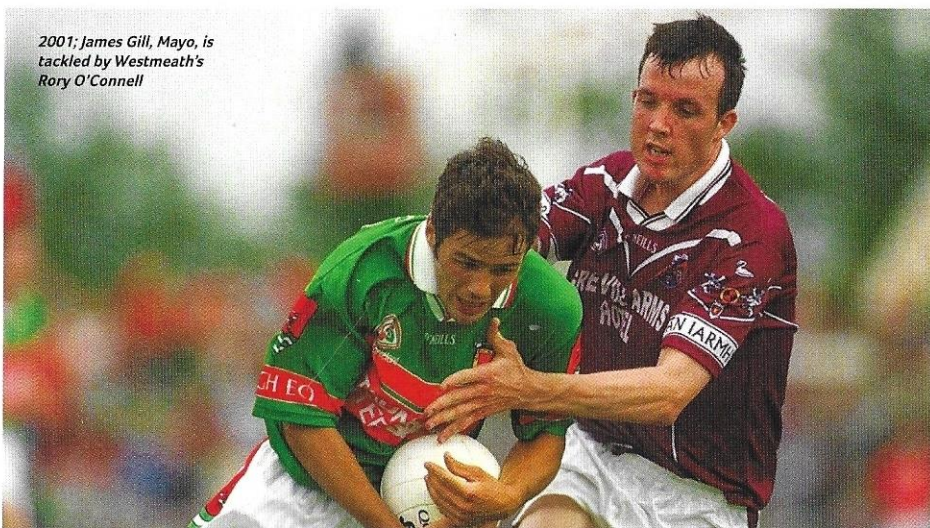
It was one of the many upsets in that year's championship. Mayo had won the Allianz Football League Division I final earlier that spring by beating a Galway team that went on to win the All-Ireland title that September.

Both those counties came unstuck in their Connacht campaigns against a Roscommon team that won the most competitive Connacht Championship in living memory.

They beat Mayo in a dramatic final in Dr. Hyde Park which left Mayo facing the Qualifiers if they wanted to kick-start their year.

They were drawn against a Westmeath side looking to deliver on All-Ireland minor and U21 successes in 1995 and 1999 respectively.

It would be another three years before their most famous breakthrough, their first-ever Leinster senior football title win, in 2004, so where Westmeath were at as a senior outfit was still uncertain.



2001; James Gill, Mayo, is tackled by Westmeath's Rory O'Connell

They had been eliminated from Leinster by their near perennial conquerors Meath by just one point in the quarter-finals and looked in serious trouble when trailing Wexford in their Round 1 Qualifier game. But they rallied, drew the game and won out comfortably in the replay. Subsequent wins over Limerick and Louth gave them considerable momentum going into Round 4 but few predicted they would topple the Allianz League champions.

A sizeable crowd of 22,473 flocked to Roscommon for the game - an impressive attendance by today's standards - to see which team could find their way into the quarter-finals.

In what is regarded as one of his finest ever performances, Rory O'Connell led by example at midfield for the Lake County. He would end the year as his county's first-ever All Star.

The game went into extra-time and though Mayo led coming near the end, a marvelous sideline from Westmeath substitute Dessie Dolan (who did not start due to injury) drew the game.

With just two minutes on the clock another sub, Damien Gavin, raced forward to fist over a wondrous winner to give Westmeath arguably their biggest win in senior football history up to that point.

It secured them a place in the closing stages of the All-Ireland Championship for the first time ever.

But fate was not to be kind. They were yet again drawn to face their old nemesis, Meath, and could not reverse their Leinster defeat, with Seán Boylan's men winning by five.

Then and now.

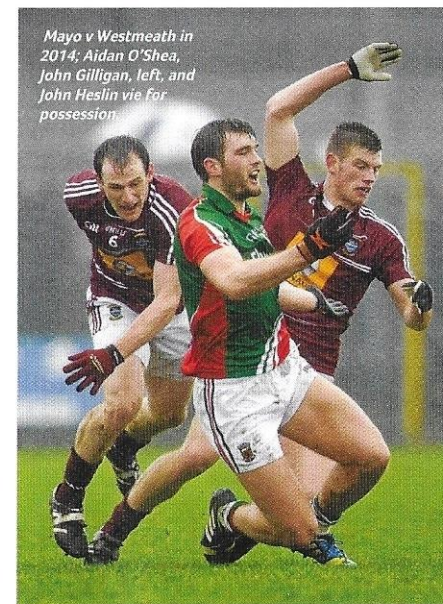
This time around the roles have been somewhat reversed. While Mayo still go in as favourites, it is Westmeath who are the provincial final losers looking to bounce back while Mayo have the succour of a run through the Qualifiers to find themselves after a shock Connacht semi-final defeat to Galway.

Mayo manager Stephen Rochford will be hoping this run through the Qualifiers, their first time in the 'back door' since 2010, will allow his side the chance to get back on their feet.

With the nature of Dublin's dominance in Leinster, Westmeath finding themselves in the Qualifiers after that game is not the same hammer blow as it might be for other provincial losers.

Tom Cribbin's men earned their passage to the Leinster final with wins over Offaly and Kildare, with the nature of their comeback from six points down against the latter earning them plenty of admirers.

Mayo could do worse than ignore the fact that Westmeath are in Division IV next year. After all they have contested two successive Leinster finals, beating five different counties to reach those two deciders, including a



Mayo v Westmeath in 2014; Aidan O'Shea, John Gilligan, left, and John Heslin vie for possession

historic and dramatic first-ever win over Meath in last year's Leinster semi-final.

It cannot be forgotten either that it was as recently as 2014 that Mayo and Westmeath met in Division I. That game took on a life of its own. Mayo led by nine early on only for Westmeath to be a point in front at the break. Mayo, thanks largely to the returning Cillian O'Connor, eventually won by five.

Brothers Séamie and Aidan O'Shea both lined out for Mayo that day but if life had turned out differently they could have been wearing the maroon and white of Westmeath.

They both spent their first years in Mullingar where their father, Jim, worked as a bank official.

However, when Jim's work eventually took him to Mayo in 1993, their county allegiance was sealed.

Mayo will go in as very strong favourites today given their form in recent years. But a similar situation prevailed in 2001 too only for their dreams to be dashed in Dr. Hyde Park.

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CORK AND DONEGAL MEET IN MINOR CURTAIN RAISER

By a kind twist of fate, Cork and Donegal meet in both minor and senior games this afternoon at Croke Park, rendering this Electric Ireland All-Ireland minor quarter-final the ideal curtain raiser to the senior game.

To the Ulster champions first and Shaun Paul Barrett, in his debut season as Donegal minor manager, has continued the fine work of predecessor Declan Bonner. Donegal swept all before them in Ulster this year, winning the Ulster Minor League back in April before an impressive Ulster Championship campaign.

Wins over Antrim (2-11 to 2-7), Monaghan (3-15 to 2-12) and in the final against Derry two weeks ago (2-10 to 1-11) saw them reclaim the provincial crown last won in 2014, a season in which they also reached the All-Ireland final.

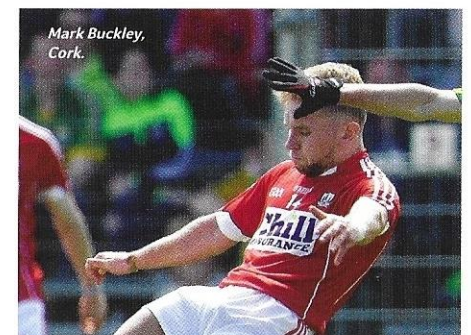
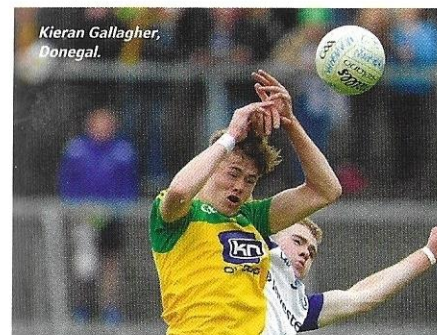
So far this summer, Donegal's stand-out talents have been midfielders Kieran Gallagher and Jason McGee, both of whom were outstanding in the win over Monaghan. Niall O'Donnell and Eoghan

McGettigan have performed well up front while half-backs JD Boyle and Aidan McLaughlin possess notable attacking spirit.

Munster runners-up Cork are managed by Dunmanway native Brian Herlihy, and today's game is their first since losing the provincial final to Kerry (3-14 to 3-8) back on July 3.

Cork haven't won a Munster minor title, or indeed an All-Ireland minor quarter-final tie, since 2010 but they have two championship wins under their belt so far this year. They defeated Tipperary - last year's All-Ireland runners-up - back in April (1-14 to 1-11) and routed Limerick in the Munster semi-final in May (1-19 to 0-6).

The defeat to Kerry has understandably dented morale but this group of young Rebels, managed by Herlihy at development level for the past four years, have plenty of quality, particularly in attacking duo Mark Buckley and Damien Gore. Between them, they have scored an impressive 2-29 in three games.





CÚIL	CÚILÍNÍ	45M	SAOR CICEANNA	
				1st HALF
				2nd HALF
				TOTAL

ROGHNÓIRÍ: Brian Herlihy (Bainisteoir), Noel O'Leary, Michael Comyns, Donal McCarthy, Bernie Collins, Alan Quirke

1 Marc de Faoite
MARK WHITE
Clonakilty

2 Ailéin Mac Cárthaigh
ALAN McCARTHY
St. Finbarr's

3 Aodhán de Brún
AIDAN BROWNE
Newmarket

4 Liam Ó Donnabháin
LIAM O'DONOVAN
Clonakilty

5 Seán Ó Muineachán
SEÁN MINIHAINE
Ilen Rovers

6 Nathan Breatnach (C.)
NATHAN WALSH
Douglas

7 Rúairí Ó Drisceoil
RORY O'DRISCOLL
Garnish

8 Cathal Ó Foghlú
CATHAL FOLEY
Kilmichael

9 Tadhg Ó Corca
TADHG CORKERY
Cill na Martra

10 Críostóir Óg Mac Seoin
CHRIS ÓG JONES
Iveleary

11 Colm Ó Ceallacháin
COLM O'CALLAGHAN
Éire Óg

12 Cathal Mac Uidhir
CATHAL MAGUIRE
Castlehaven

13 Damien de Gaor
DAMIEN GORE
Kilmacabea

14 Marc Ó Buachalla
MARK BUCKLEY
Dohenys

15 Seán Ó Súilleabháin
SEÁN O'SULLIVAN
Mitchelstown

FIR IONAIÐ

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| 16. Caoimhín Mac Mathúna
KEVIN McMAHON
Kilshannig | 18. Jason Ó Tuama
JASON TWOMEY
Éire Óg | 21. Seán Ó Riain
JACK RYAN
Ballymartle | 24. Riain Ó Fuallaigh
RYAN FOWLEY
Buttevant |
| 17. Lorcán Ó Finn
LORCAN FINN
Mitchelstown | 19. Lucas Ó Fathaigh
LUKE FAHY
Ballincollig | 22. Caoimhín Ó Donnabháin
KEVIN O'DONOVAN
Nemo Rangers | |
| | 20. Seán Ó Riain
SEÁN RYAN
Ballinascarthy | 23. Cathail Ó Mathúna
CATHAL O'MAHONY
Mitchelstown | |

	CÚIL	CÚILÍNÍ	45M	SAOR CICEANNA
1st HALF				
2nd HALF				
TOTAL				



DÚN NA nGALL

ROGHNÓIRÍ: Seán Pól Ó Bairéid (Bainisteoir), Lúcas Ó Bairéid, Noel Keaveney, Anthony Harkin

1 Gabhan Ó Maoilréana
GAVIN MULREANY
Naomh Náille

2 Seaghan Ó Fearraigh
SEAGHAN FERRY
Gaoth Dobhair

3 Aaron Mac Craith
AARON McCREA
Na Ceithre Máistrí

4 Marc Ó Curraín
MARK CURRAN
An Clochán Liath

5 Odhrán Ó Síadhail
ODHRÁN SHIELS
Gaeil Fhánada

6 S D Ó Baoill
J.D. BOYLE
Naomh Conaill

7 Aodhán Mac Lochlainn
AIDAN McLAUGHLIN
Maigh

8 Seasún Mac Aoidh (JC.)
JASON McGEE
Cloich Cheann Fhaola

9 Ciaran Ó Gallchóir
KIERAN GALLAGHER
Naomh Conaill

10 Nathan Ó Baoill
NATHAN BOYLE
Aodh Ruadh

11 Niall Ó Domhnaill (JC.)
NIALL O'DONNELL
Naomh Adhamhnáin

12 Éanna Mac Cormac
ENDA McCORMICK
An Tearmainn

13 Peadar Ó Mogan
PEADAR MOGAN
Naomh Náille

14 Eoghan Mac Eiteagáin
EOGHAN McGETTIGAN
Naomh Conaill

15 Odhrán MacPháidín-Ó Fearraigh
ODHRÁN McFADDEN-FERRY
Gaoth Dobhair

FIR IONAIÐ

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| 16. Carl Ó Duinín
CARL DUNNION
Seán Mac Cumhaill | 18. Aaron Ó Dúibhne
AARON DEENEY
Naomh Adhamhnáin | 21. Briain Ó Domhnaill
BRIAN O'DONNELL
Cill Chartha | 24. Eoghan Mac Giolla Cheara
EOGHAN CARR
Gael Fhanada |
| 17. Seán Mac Craith
SHANE McGRATH
Aodh Ruadh | 19. Rian Ó Conchúir
RYAN CONNORS
An Clochán Liath | 22. Ciarán Mac Fhionnaghaile
KIERAN McGINLEY
Naomh Mícheál | |
| | 20. Gearóid Ó Ludhóg
GARY MOLLOY
Cill Chartha | 23. Dónall Ó Laighin
DANIEL LYONS
Cill Chartha | |

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NICKNAMES

Do you know the nicknames of these current and former footballers?

1. Colm '_____' Cooper
2. Pádraic '_____' Collins
3. Owen '_____' Mulligan
4. Jason '_____' Sherlock
5. Colm '_____' Parkinson
6. Kieran '_____' Donaghy



FREE KICK KING

One of the game's best free takers is in action today. Mayo's Cillian O'Connor.

Watch him closely and practice your technique at home and in training to improve your skills.

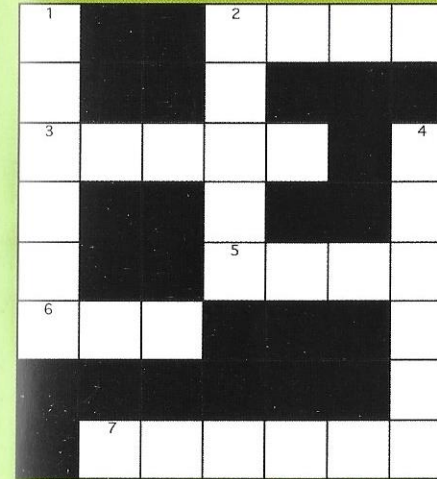
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EYE ON THE BALL

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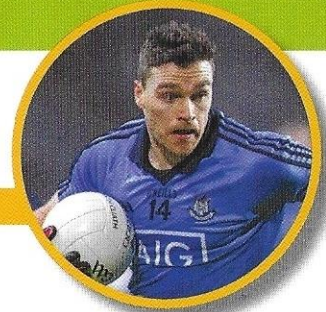
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3. Féach 2 síos.
5. (Féach 1 síos) .As Cill Chártha dó. Imríonn a dhearthair do Dhún na nGall freisin (4,6)
6. 'Preab' i nGaeilge. '_____' sa Bhéarla. (3)
7. Bíonn fonn cainte air ar an Sunday Game. (6)

SÍOS

1. Féach 5 trasna
2. Peileadóir Rua Thír Eoghain. Uimhir 7 go hiondúil. (5,5)
4. Féach 2 trasna.

CEISTEANNA

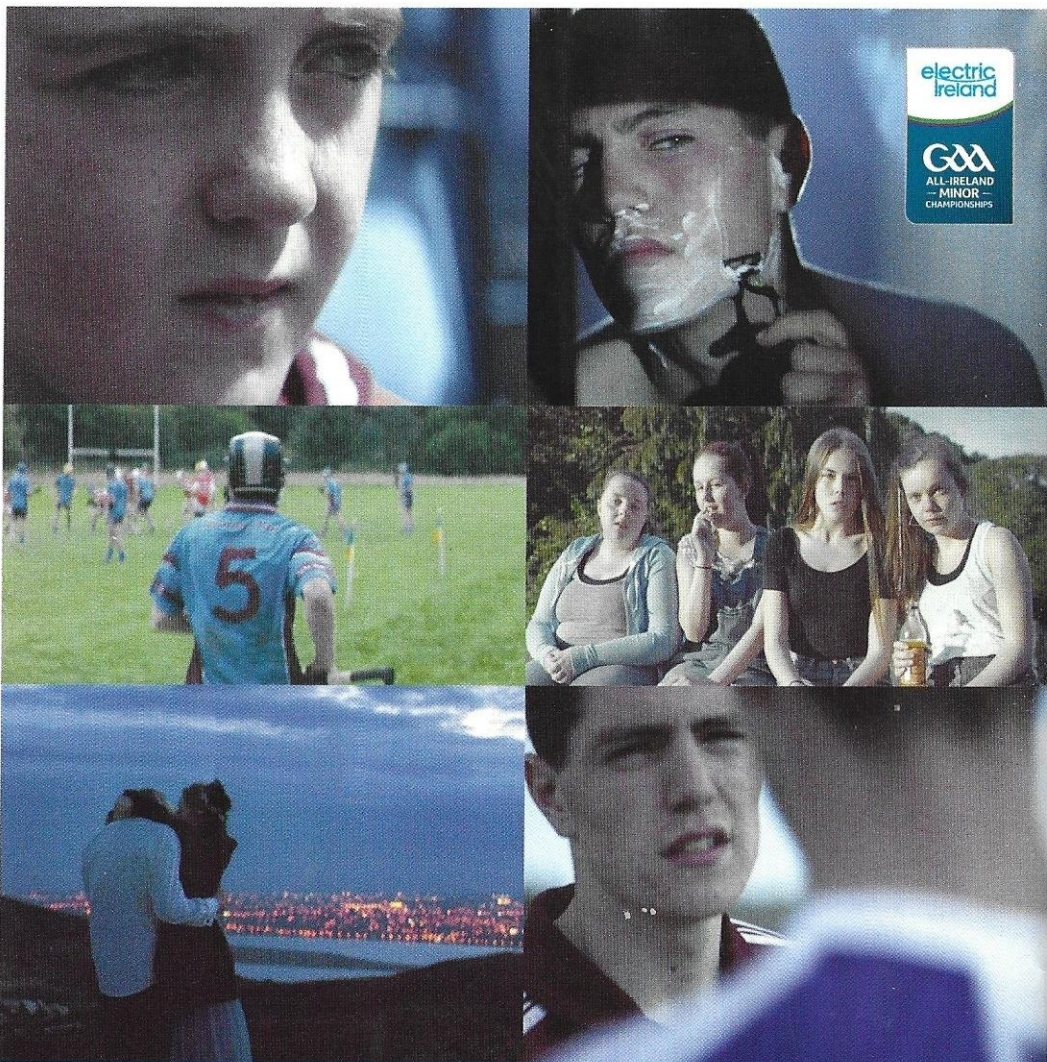
1. Cén baile ina bhfuil Páirc Naomh Tiarnach ?
2. Cén contae lena n-imríonn an peileadóir Paddy Andrews ?
3. Ainmnigh an dá dhath atá ar gheansaithe Mhaigh Eo.
4. Cén contae lena n-imríonn an t-íománaí David Burke ?
5. Cé a bhí ina chaptaen ar pheileadóirí Áth Cliath nuair a bhuaigh siad Craobh Peile na hÉireann 2015 ?
6. Ainmnigh bainisteoir pheileadóirí na Gaillimhe.
7. Cén abhainn a shníonn thar Pháirc Uí Chaoimh ?
8. Cé a bhuaigh Sraith Náisiúnta Iomána Allianz i mbliana ?
9. Cén dath a bhíonn ar an mbratach a ardaítear nuair a scóráiltear cúilín ?
10. Ainmnigh an comórtas lena mbaineann Corn Tom Markham.



CEISTEANNA: 1. Chuan Eois 2. Áth Cliath 3. Dearg agus Glas 4. Gaillimhe 5. Stephen Cluxton 6. Kevin Walsh 7. An Laoi 8. An Clár 9. Bán 10. Craobh Peile na Mionúir

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IN FOOTBALL, OR LIFE, IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS THAT COUNT

In football, it's the inches that count.

Little things can have a huge impact on the outcome of a game. Al Pacino's oft-quoted speech from the classic American Football movie 'Any Given Sunday' really brings this home.

"The inches we need are everywhere around us," Pacino reminds his team before they enter the fray. The inches and the little things that we all need to give us an edge in the game of life are also all around us.

That is the message that the GAA wants its members to take from the Association's partnership with the HSE's #littletings positive mental health and wellbeing campaign. The three take-away messages from the campaign, which is part of 'Connecting for Life', Ireland's new National Strategy for Suicide Prevention in Ireland 2015-2020, are:

- We all experience life's storms – the day-to-day difficulties that are an ordinary,

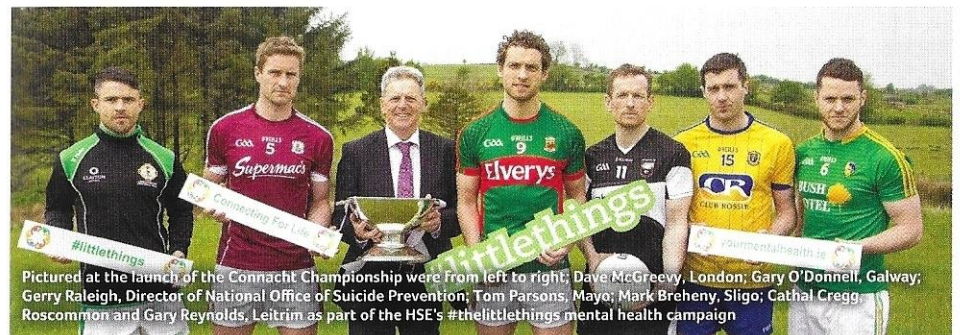
everyday part of life. Things like stress, grief, and feeling down, worried or anxious.

- There are things that you can do for yourself and others that will have a positive impact on how you feel and how you cope.
- You can find out more about the #littletings and about mental wellbeing on www.yourmentalhealth.ie

These little things include easy to remember mantras such as:

- 'Boost your mood with healthy food'
- 'The more you move the better your mood'
- 'Do things with others, there's strength in numbers', or in our native tongue 'Ní neart go cur le chéile'.

They seem so simple....but so does hurling when you're sitting in the stand. When you're in the midst of a championship battle, or one of life's storms, the necessary skills come readily to hand only if you have practised them as part of your routine. So what little thing are you going to practise to support your wellbeing today?

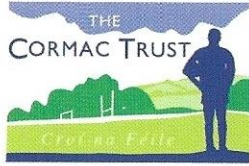


Pictured at the launch of the Connacht Championship were from left to right; Dave McGreevy, London; Gary O'Donnell, Galway; Gerry Raleigh, Director of National Office of Suicide Prevention; Tom Parsons, Mayo; Mark Breheny, Sligo; Cathal Cregg, Roscommon and Gary Reynolds, Leitrim as part of the HSE's #littletings mental health campaign

Find out more at www.gaa.ie/community and www.yourmentalhealth.ie and watch out for the special #littletings themed All-Ireland semi-final in Croke Park on August 28th.

Each year, five charities representing a range of different causes are selected to be GAA charity partners, with each of the designated charities receiving a €20,000 donation. Two of this year's designated charities are the Cormac Trust and Shabra Charity Foundation - we welcome both to Croke Park today to feature pitchside and on the big screen at the half-time intervals.

CORMAC'S LEGACY



Cormac McAnallen, the great young Tyrone player who sadly passed away in 2004, having won almost every award in Gaelic football, was an inspiration to countless people.

Many awards and honours commemorate him; but his greatest legacy has been two organisations; Campa Chormaic which has used his talents and values during life to teach thousands of young people; the other, the Cormac Trust, to combat the condition from which Cormac died, SADS, (Sudden Adult Death Syndrome.) The Cormac Trust, since created in 2005, is combatting SADS by:

Raising Awareness: The Cormac Trust has raised awareness of SADS by visits to many places throughout the country, and by working with the media.

Screening for SADS: They have also advised

countless individuals, families and groups on screening. They have created a network of patients, families, and medical professionals to advise and counsel people.

Training and Defibrillators: They have donated at least 90 defibrillators and training in CPR and defibrillators, and provided another 150 and training at low cost for thousands of people in many communities.

Research: The Cormac Trust has donated at least €100,000 to genetic research and screening at the Mater and Tallaght Hospitals.

First Responders: The Trust is currently setting up seven First Responders groups to give emergency First Aid.

SHABRA CHARITY



Shabra Charity Foundation is a fully registered charity in Ireland (CHY 19130), co-founded by Rita Shah and the late Oliver Brady.

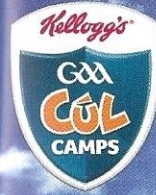
During his short treatment at the Mater Private, Oliver promised the Mater (Public) Hospital through Shabra Charity, to fundraise and supply much needed Specialist Genomic DNA Gene Sequencing Equipment, which could help the people in Ireland who are dying due to lack of DNA Gene facilities. The cost of this equipment is approx. €770,000.

Rita is determined to help Oliver to keep his last promise to the Mater Hospital by redoubling The Shabra Charity fundraising

efforts in order to provide this much needed equipment to the Mater (Public) Hospital as soon as possible, in his honour and memory. All proceeds from this event will be used towards the purchase of the much needed equipment.

Shabra Charity Foundation believe in 100 percent transparency and does not have any paid staff whatsoever - all our charity work is carried out by volunteers who with true generosity work tirelessly giving their valuable time at no cost to raise monies for worthy causes.

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GAA - ALL-IRELAND MINOR QUARTER FINAL

Donegal minors power into All-Ireland semi-final

DONEGAL 2-13
CORK 0-13

BY GERRY MCLAUGHLIN

Goals win matches as a somewhat mercurial Donegal side showed when they eventually disposed of the Cork challenge in a classic game of two halves.

The winners found the net when they badly needed to, against a Rebel side that dominated for long periods of the first half, but were rocked by a superb solo goal from towering Tir Chonail midfielder Jason McGee in the 26th minute.

McGee's strike, totally against the run of play, hauled a shaky looking Donegal back into the match as Cork led by 0-6 to 1-1.

But the real heartbreaker for the Rebels was Donegal's second killer goal from substitute Shane McGrath who coolly drilled the ball low to the net after he was superbly by Donegal's talismanic Niall O'Donnell in

the 54th minute.

By that stage Cork were reduced to 14 men as corner back Alan McCarthy was lined for two yellow cards.

However this was a thoroughly deserved victory for the winners who recovered from a nervous opening half and outscored their opponents by 1-10 to 0-3 in the second half.

But they will be concerned with hitting 14 wides to Cork's eight in a match where they were also awarded 25 frees to 15 for the young Rebels.

Donegal took a firm grip on proceedings in that half as Cork were forced to rely on sporadic raids.

The young Rebels relied excessively on the tiny but extremely

talented full-forward Mark Buckley who finished with a creditable 0-5.

He gave Donegal full back Aaron McCrea a most uncomfortable half hour but substitute Aaron Deeney fared much better on the elusive Buckley.

Cork settled quicker with Damian Gore coolly slotting a 30 metre free after a swift move that opened the Donegal defence after just five minutes.

That set the tone for the entire half as the young Rebels dealt easily with Donegal's towering midfield duo of Jason McGee and Kieran Gallagher and attacked with great profit down the left wing.

Scores were at a premium in the early stages, until Donegal centre-back J D Boyle was fouled after tearing through the Rebel rearguard and Peadar Mogan levelled matters at 0-1 each.

But that was as near as Donegal were able to get to the rampant Rebels as electrifying full-forward Mark Buckley punched holes in the Tir Chonail rearguard and the points flowed from Buckley, Tadhg Corkery and Gore.

And Cork was not unduly fazed by the loss of keeper Mark White who was involved in accidental collision with a Donegal player in the 11th minute.

Donegal looked tentative and nervous with the usually accurate Neil O'Donnell hitting a few uncharacteristic wides.

McGee's goal turned a one-sided affair into a real contest, but the losers were well worth their half-time lead 0-10 to 1-3 half-time lead.

O'Donnell had left it at one point game from a free in the 26th minute.

But Buckley and Co pulled away again as seven minutes extra time was played at the end of the opening half.

However O'Donnell brilliantly led the charge for the winners in the third quarter as they carved out a valuable victory in an impressive second half display.

But, they will have some legitimate concerns about their second sluggish start on the trot and those 14 wides, many of who were from pretty scorable positions.

They now meet Galway in three weeks time in the All-Ireland semi-final.

DONEGAL: Gavin Mulreany, Seaghan Ferry, Aaron McCrea, Mark Curran; Odhran Shiels, J D Boyle, Aidan McLaughlin (0-2); Jason McGee (1-0) Kieran Gallagher; Nathan Boyle, Niall O'Donnell (0-6f), Enda McCormick (0-2); Peadar Mogan (0-2f), Eoghan McGettigan (0-1), Odhran McFadden-Ferry. Subs; Aaron Deeney for Aaron McCrea (36), Shane McGrath (1-0) for Odhran Shiels (half-time) Brian O'Donnell for J D Boyle (52), Gary Molloy for Odhran McFadden-Ferry (62)

CORK: Mark White, Alan McCarthy, Aidan Browne, Liam O'Donovan; Sean Minihan, Nathan Walsh, Rory O'Driscoll; Cathal Foley, Tadhg Corkery (0-1); Chris Og Jones, Colm O'Callaghan (0-1), Cathal Maguire (0-1); Damien Gore (0-3,2f), Mark Buckley (0-62f, 1,45), Sean O'Sullivan. Subs; Kevin McMahon for Mark White (11 inj), Sean Ryan for Sean Minihan (half-time), Cathal O'Mahoney (0-1,45), for Cathal Maguire (43), Jason Twomey for Rory O'Driscoll, Ryan Fowley for Sean O'Sullivan (49), Luke Fahy for Chris Og Jones (52),

Referee: James Henry (Mayo)

MAN OF THE MATCH Neil O'Donnell

The classy joint vice captain was at the hub of all that was good about Donegal. He set up Shane McGrath for the killer goal and was his usual accurate self from frees although he might be a wee bit disappointed with some of his efforts. But he is truly the oil in the engine of this fine minor team.