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## Teachtaireacht o Cathaoirleach an Choiste Chondae

Is cuis mor athas dom ar mo shon fein, agus ar son an Choiste Chondae, failte a chur roimh gach einne as Maigh Eo agus Dún na nGall go dti Páirc Mhic Éil inniu. Tá suil agam go mbeidh cluiche thar bharr le feiscint agus go mainfidh gach einne taitneamh agus sasamh astu.

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to Elverys MacHale Park today, and in particular I want to extend a warm welcome to Donegal and their supporters.

So after six games, over the last two months, and trips all round the country for both Mayo and Donegal, the regular league season comes to an end today. Both teams have lots to play for, which should make for an interesting encounter between the two western seaboard counties who have become regular opponents in both league and championship in recent times. This reflects the relative success of both counties, and their standing among the top counties in the game in modern times. It is hard to believe that Mayo and Donegal met for only the second time in either league or championship as recently as 1984.

Mayo go into today's game following a morale boosting victory in Tyrone last weekend. While we could still make a league final with a big victory and results elsewhere going our way, the focus today will be on winning the game, and building on that as we head into the championship. While results in our league campaign so far have been mixed, three wins and three defeats, thirty players have seen game time during the current campaign, with some more experienced players still to return. A number of new faces have emerged, and these will be determined to nail down a place in the championship panel. This augurs well for the year ahead, and a win today would boost morale further.

Many people felt that Donegal would struggle in this year's league, following a number of high profile retirements of stalwarts of recent years over the winter. However, the opposite has been the case, and following a first round defeat to Kerry, they have remained unbeaten and enter today's game on the verge of a place in this year's Allianz League final. They have been bolstered by an infusion of young blood from good recent underage teams, and they come in confident mood to Elverys MacHale Park this afternoon.

Good luck to both teams this afternoon and in their championship campaigns ahead. Because of what is at stake, I am sure that we are in for an entertaining and enjoyable afternoon. Enjoy the day.

I want to thank all who have assisted in making arrangements for today's game, and indeed for all the games played in Elverys MacHale Park over the past couple of months, in what was a very busy period for us. Without their help we would not be able to stage fixtures such as this. Mayo County Board appreciates all the voluntary help we get, and we thank those who give this to us so willingly and freely.

Too I want to thank the local press and radio for the coverage that they give to our games all year round, both at intercounty and club level.

Tá me cinnte go mbeidh cluiche iar mhaith again inniu, agus go mbeidh an bua ag an foireann is fearr.

Micheal O Conghaile,

#### Cathaoirleach



#### AMHRÁN NA BHFIANN

Sinne Fianna Fáil, atá faoi gheall ag Éirinn, Buíon dár slua thar toinn do ráinig chugainn, Faoi mhóid bheith saor Seantír ár sinsear feasta, Ní fhágfar faoin tíorán ná faoin tráill. Anocht a théam sa bhearna baoil, Le gean ar Ghaeil, chun báis nó saoil, Le gunna scréach faoi lámhach na bpiléar, Seo libh canaídh amhrán na bhfiann

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## Plenty of twists and turns left on the road yet

It's never simple for Mayo is it, come full-time today we could be looking to a trip to face Louth in Drogheda in the league next season, or by a guirk of results – be heading to Croke Park to contest the Allianz League final next weekend.

Following Mayo is rarely drab or dreary, the swing from highs to lows is something that we've become used to, its ingrained in our souls at this stage. It might not be good for the heart, but it sure does keep things interesting.

So, that brings us to this afternoon in Elverys MacHale Park and the visit of Donegal, with everything on the line when it comes to the National Football League. While the league for many a year, was seen as something you'd to get over before the real serious business of the championship came around in summer time, the last decade or so has seen that change dramatically.

Winning the league might not be the high water mark of a season, but playing every few weeks over a three month period in the Spring against the seven other best teams in the country, is something that has whetted the appetite of the Mayo supporters for many a year. Just look at the crowds that have come to Castlebar and on further away fields over this season. Supporting Mayo is not something that comes around when the sod is firm and the hay has to be saved, it's a 12 month pilgrimage.

That's why a positive result is so important for Mayo today, it's as simple it can be when it comes to the most important result, staying in division one for next season. Any sort of affirmative result for Mayo, a win or a draw will take care of the base objective for Stephen Rochford and his team. But if Mayo can't achieve that then, it's all about how things go down elsewhere around the country and relying on other people is something that this group of Mayo players have shown us over the past six years is something they don't want anything to do with. They do it by themselves, for themselves and us who will them on every single day they don the green and red.

When Cavan walked out of here with two points in their back pocket a few weeks ago, it looked like the game could be up for Mayo, with two tough games against Ulster opposition coming up and no guarantee that any points would come from them. It got even ropier looking when at half time in Mayo's game against Tyrone that Cavan had drawn with Kerry and put a further spike into Mayo's chances of remaining in the league.

But as they have done so many times over the recent past, this group of players dug deep and dragged themselves over the line to come home from Healy Park with a hard fought and vital one point win. Not giving their all is something that can be levelled at this Mayo team and they showed that again last weekend.

Donegal come to Castlebar this weekend, looking for the win that will book them a place in the final of the competition. Rory Gallagher's men had looked like a side that were going to struggle this year, with a number of high profile retirements over the winter. But Gallagher has put his faith in youth and has been richly rewarded by that decision so far. Last weekend against Monaghan they were pegged back at the death by a Conor McManus penalty, in the latest chapter of one of the most fascinating rivalries in the modern game their second draw in this campaign, to go along with holding Dublin to a stalemate thanks to a late Michael Murphy free on the second last day of February.

Of course we've had our fair amount of tussles with the Tir Chonaill men over recent years, we'll skip over the 2012 September meeting, this time. Last years league clash saw our guests record a two point win in MacCumhaill Park (1-14 to 1-12), that saw just six of the players who started last Sunday for Mayo - starting that game. That's the nature of the league in the early rounds- those who aren't regular starters, but are almost permanent members of the squad get their chance to show what they have to offer. While we all know that everyone involved with Mayo bring their own qualities to the team, the Mayo faithful here today will be looking for Stephen Rochford to put his firmest foot forward to ensure that the road trips next Spring are to places like Clones and Ballybofey rather than Drogheda or Ennis, nice and all as they are.

## Colm Gannon

#### Sports Editor, The Mayo Advertiser







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### **Brendan Harrison Profile**

Name: Brendan Harrison Date of Birth: 21/10/92 Club: Aghamore Height: 6ft Weight: 78kg Occupation: Production Manager

When and where did you first play Football? Aged 5 in Aghamore Childhood Heroes: Ciaran McDonald / Brian O'Driscoll

Sporting Honours to date:

3 Connacht Senior titles; 1 All-Star

Any Superstitions before a match? Socks folded Perfect

Favourite Venue: Croke Park

Biggest influence on your sporting career to date: Family

Most memorable sporting moment as a player?

Running out on All-Ireland Final Day **Biggest Joker in the squad:** Barry Moran

Biggest Moaner in the squad: Andy Moran

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

Brian Fenton

The best invention ever: Wifi

What skill do you think is the most important in Football?

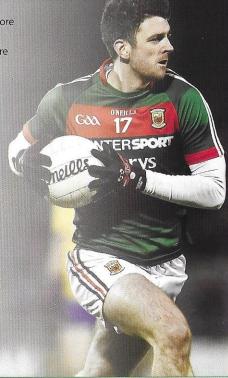
Being able to read the ball

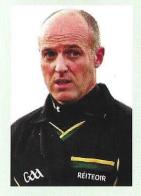
Favourite sport other than Football? Rugby Hobbies: Fishing Favourite Food? Steak

Favourite TV Show? Fr. Ted Favourite Music: The High Kings

Favourite Film: Brave heart

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## Referee - Cormac Reilly (Meath)

The referee for today's game is Meath official Cormac Reilly. Cormac is a very experienced official, having commenced his refereeing career in 2000. In 2008 he was in charge of the 2008 All-Ireland Minor Final replay between Mayo and Tyrone, which was played in Pearse Park, Longford.

On the national stage Cormac, refereed the 2014 Allianz League Division 1 final between Dublin and Derry, and he was also in charge of the 2011 All-Ireland Club final between Crossmaglen Rangers and St Brigids. In 2014, he took charge of the Mayo v Kerry All-Ireland semi-final replay in the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick.

In the current campaign, Cormac refereed the Kildare v Cork Division 2 tie, in addition to last weekend's Division 1 meeting of Dublin and Roscommon.

## On this date ...

Amazingly, despite the fact that Mayo have played many league games in April over the years, they have only once played on the 2nd April. And that was all of 84 years ago, when they overcame Leitrim by 4-9 to 1-5 in Carrick-on-Shannon in the 1932/33 campaign.



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## 2012 Allianz Football League

The 2012 staging of the National League was the 81st staging of the event. The League consisted of four Divisions, with eight teams in Divisions 1, 2 & 3, and 9 in Division 4 as

Division 1: Armagh, Cork, Donegal, Down, Dublin, Kerry,

Division 2: Derry, Galway, Kildare, Louth, Meath, Monaghan, Tyrone & Westmeath.

Division 3: Antrim, Cavan, Longford, Offaly, Roscommon, Sligo, Tipperary & Wexford.

Division 4: Carlow, Clare, Fermanagh, Kilkenny, Leitrim, Limerick, London, Waterford & Wicklow,

The top two in each Division were promoted, with the bottom two teams being relegated. There were also separate Divisional finals. At the end of the League phase of the competition, the following were the relegation/ promotion outcomes:

Division 1 Armagh & Laois relegated. Tyrone & Kildare promoted: Division 2 Meath & Monaghan relegated. Division 3 Longford & Wexford promoted; Tipperary & Offaly relegated. Fermanagh & Wicklow promoted.

In Division 1, Kerry, Cork, Down & Mayo qualified for the semi-finals, with the following results:

	Cork	2-17	Down	1-12		
	Mayo	2-15	Kerry	1-17	<b>AET</b>	
nal	Cork	2-10	Mayo	0-11		

The other Divisional finals had the following results:

Division 2	Kildare	0-16	Tyrone	0-11
<b>Division 3</b>	Longford	1-12	Wexford	0-13
<b>Division 4</b>	Wicklow	2-16	Fermanagh	1-11

Mayo played 9 games (plus another half) on their way to reaching the 2012 Allianz League Division 1 Final, with the following results:

1-11 Laois

Mayo

Mayo	1-14	Armagh	0-11	Athletic Grounds
Down	1-13	Mayo	0-11	Elverys MacHale Parl
Donegal	0-17	Mayo	1-7	Ballyshannon
Cork	0-14	Mayo	0-13	Elverys MacHale Parl
Mayo	0-20	Dublin	0-8	Elverys MacHale Parl
Kerry	1-12	Mayo	1-12	Tralee
Mayo	2-15	Kerry	1-17	Croke Park (S-F AET)
Cork	2-10	Mayo	0-11	Croke Park (Final)

The half game arose when the original Mayo Dublin fixture in Elverys MacHale Park in Round 2 was abandoned due to fog at half-time, with the Dubs to the good on the scoreboard by 0-8 to 0-5.

#### In total Mayo used 29 players in their 9 games, with 7 playing a part in all nine games as follows:

9: Lee Keegan (Westport) (0-1); Keith Higgins (Ballyhaunis) (0-2); Donal Vaughan (Ballinrobe) (0-4); Alan Dillon (Ballintubber) (0-13); Conor Mortimer (Shrule-Glencorrib) (0-37); Andy Moran (Ballaghaderreen) (1-6); Jason Doherty (1-2). 8: David Clarke (Ballina Stephenites) (0-2); Ger Cafferkey (Ballina Stephenites); Barry Moran (Castlebar Mitchels) (0-2). 7: Kevin McLoughlin (Knockmore) (0-5); Kevin Keane (Westport); Michael Conroy (Davitts) (0-7). 6: Richie Feeney (Castlebar Mitchels) (0-1); Pat Harte (Ballina Stephenites) (1-0); Enda Varley (Garrymore) (1-6); Danny Geraghty (Ballintubber); Cillian O' Connor (Ballintubber) (0-14). 5: Peadar Gardiner (Crossmolina); Seamus O' Shea (Breaffy); Alan Freeman (Aghamore) (1-10); Colm Boyle (Davitts) (1-1). 4: Aiden O'Shea (Breaffy) (0-1); Jason Gibbons (Ballintubber).

3: Shane McHale (Knockmore); Aiden Campbell (Swinford). 2: Eoghan Reilly (Castlebar Mitchels). 1: Robert Hennelly (Breaffy); Evan Regan (Ballina Stephenites).



2012 NFL Final Programme



David Clarke, Mayo



Donal Vauahan, Mayo



Seamus O'Shea, Mayo



Ballyshannon native Pauric McShea was one of the stars of the Donegal team that made the breakthrough in Ulster in the early 1970s. Following some impressive championship campaigns during the 1960s that saw the Tír Chonaill county reach Ulster Senior finals in 1963 and 1966, Donegal finally made the breakthrough, winning Ulster titles in 1972 and 1974. Indeed many consider the 1972 team unlucky to lose to eventual All-Ireland champions Offaly at the semi-final stage. Pauric was an integral part of both teams, manning the full-back position, and captaining them to their 1974 Angle Celt Cup success.

However it was as a forward that the young Pauric McShea first showed promise. A student at De La Salle Ballyshannon, Pauric starred on college teams that competed well in the McLarnon Cup (B Division) in Ulster. He was also an underage star with Aodh Ruadh in Ballyshannon, and his form with them saw him earn selection on the Donegal Minor team for five successive years. In 1964 he won an Ulster Vocational Schools medal with Donegal, and although Pauric did not enjoy any success at Minor level, he did help Donegal to win an Ulster Under-21 championship in 1966.

By 1965, Pauric was a regular on the Donegal Senior team, lining out in the forward line as they took reigning champions Cavan to three games in the Ulster championship before the Breffnimen prevailed. A year later saw a losing Ulster final appearance against Down, and Pauric continued to line out in the forward line as the

decade progressed. An injury crisis early in 1972 saw the Aodh Ruadh man relocated to the edge of the square, and he was to star in the No 3 jersey for the remainder of his career. Such was his impact in the position that he won an All Star replacement award in 1973, earning a trip to the Wembley Games in the process, and he was selected on the Donegal Team of the Millennium at full-back, in the company of fellow Aodh Ruadh clubmates Martin Carney and Mickey McLoone. Pauric also represented Ulster for five successive years in the early 1970s, captaining them in 1975. In addition to his two Ulster medals, Pauric also won a McKenna Cup medal and three Lagan Cup medals.

At club level Pauric enjoyed great success. At the time, Ballyshannon and Bundoran amalgamated under the St Josephs banner, and they won seven Donegal Senior championship between 1965 and 1976, appearing in every county final during that run apart from 1972. On three occasions they won the Ulster Club championship, in 1966 and 1967 when it was unofficial, and again in 1975, when they beat Castleblayney Faughs in the final. Indeed they remain the only Donegal club to have won this title so far. Furthermore in 1968, St Josephs won an unofficial All-Ireland club title, beating Dunmore MacHales of Galway over two legs in the final. Pauric was honoured with the Aodh Ruadh Hall of Fame award in 2007.

After his playing career ended, Pauric continued to be involved in the game, and he served as a selector with Ulster for a number of years. He was also a noted golfer, and he served as captain of Bundoran Golf Club.



Donegal 1972 Ulster Champions for the first time Back: Anthony Gallagher; Brian McEniff; Pauric McShea; Michael McMenamin; Alan Kane; Seamus Bonnar; Donal Monaghan; Declan O'Carroll. Front: Joe Winston; Martin Carney; Michael Sweeney; Andy Curran; Frankie McFeely (Capt); Seamus Granaghan; Anton Carroll. Other 1972 panel members not in photo included Peter Barry; Enda Bonner; John Boyce; Josie Boyle; Donal Britton; Michael Crossan; Michael Doherty; Mickey Griffin; John Hannigan; Hugh McClafferty; Danny McGeehin; Tommy McMenamin; Thomas Quinn; Ray Sheerin (An All-Ireland U21 medal winner with Roscommon in 1966).

When Ireland take on Australia later in 2017 in the International Ruls, it will mark fifty years of engagement between the GAA and Australian Rules.

In 1967, the Ron Barassi captained Galahs as they were known came to Ireland to take on reigning All-Ireland champions Meath in Croke Park. The rules used were the same as for gaelic football at the time, except that the Australians were allowed to hop the ball repeatedly when on a solo run. As such it was confidently expected that the All Ireland champions would prove too strong for the visitors. This did not prove to be the case. Employing superior fitness, athleticism and stamina, and also a dazzling combination of short handpassing and long punting, they destroyed the All-Ireland champions, winning on a scoreline 3-16 to 1-10.

The Australians then went to London for a midweek exhibition game, and a second game was organised for Croke Park the following Saturday against Mayo. After their resounding win over Meath, it was expected that they would deal easily with the challenge of their Connacht opponents, but this did not prove to be the case. Inspired by Jim Fleming, John Morley and Johnny Carey in defence, PJ Loftus who was outstanding at midfield, and John Gibbons and John Nealon, who threatened in the forward line, Mayo took the game to their much vaunted opponents from the start.

A well worked goal from John Gibbons in the 3rd minute, was cancelled out by Australia immediately. However John Nealon then finished a Joe Langan delivery to the net, and Mayo had regained their advantage. They continued to take the game to the Aussies, and while the semi-professionals got on top as the game progressed through their superior fitness and stamina, they were never fully in control of the game, as Mayo gave as good as they got. Joe Corcoran, Johnny Farragher and substitute Seamus O'Dowd scored points, and it took a great save by corner

back lan Law to prevent John Nealon scoring another goal for Mayo as the game entered its closing stages.

In the end, the Galahs prevailed, but not before Mayo had restored GAA pride, following the mauling that Meath had suffered a week earlier.

Mayo: Malachy Gallagher; Johnny Carey; Jim Fleming; Seamus O'Connor; Jimmy Ryan; John Morley; Willie Loftus; PJ Loftus; Jimmy Langan; John Gibbons; Joe Langan; Joe Corcoran; John Nealon; Johnny Farragher; Tom Fitzgerald. Subs: Seamus O'Dowd for Jimmy Langan; Eugene Rooney; Martin Flatley; Des Bruen; M J Ruddy.

Australia: Don Williams; Ian Law; Barry Davis; Graeme Chalmers; Roger Dean; John Dugdale; John Jillard; John Nicholls; Ron Barassi; Hassa Mann; Ken Fraser; Alex Jesaulenko; Bob Skilton; Royce Hart; Bob Keddle.

Subs: Bill Barrot; Laurie Dwyer; Stewart Magee; Norm Brown; Paddy Guinane; Herb Matthews; Peter Body.

Referee: Paul Kelly (Dublin)

We hear a lot today about player burnout, but fifty years ago 9 of the players above played in the Mayo senior semi-finals on the following day – Malachy Gallagher, Willie Loftus, John Nealon and Seamus O'Dowd for Ballina Stephenites, Eugene Rooney, Jim Fleming, John Morley and Tom Fitzgerald for East Mayo, and Jimmy Ryan for Burrishoole. And it didn't seem to affect their clubs, as Ballina and East Mayo qualified for the final.

Australian substitute Stewart Magee was the first Irish born player to make an impression in Australian Rules football. Born in Belfast in 1943, his family moved to Australia in his youth. He played 245 games between 1962 and 1977, and it was only in more recent times that the likes of Sean Wight (Kerry), the late Jim Stynes (Dublin), ZacTuohy (Laois) and Pearse Hanley (Mayo) have matched his record.



Jim Flemming



John Gibbons



Johnny Farragher



Ron Barassi



Royce Hart





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2ND HALF					
TOTAL					

	Robert Hennelly
16	Riobeard Ó hIonnaile
	Breaffy

#### **Donie Newcombe**

17 Donal Ó Nis Castlebar Mitchels

## **Caolan Crowe**

18 Caolán Mac Conchradha Garrymore

#### Stephen Coen

19 Stíofain Ó Cadháin Hollymount/Carramore

#### **Donal Vaughan**

20 Donal Ó Beachain Ballinrobe

#### Conor O'Shea

21 Choncuir Ó Sé Breaffy

#### **Jason Doherty**

22 Séasáon Dochartaigh

#### Burrishoole **Conor Loftus**

23 Conchúr Ó Lachtnáin Crossmolina

#### **Evan Regan**

24 Éimhín Ó Réigín Ballina Stephenites

#### Aidan O'Shea 25 Aodhán Ó Sé

Breaffy

#### **David Drake**

26 Daithi Drach Ballaghaderreen

#### Bainisteoir Stephen Rochford



Maor Foirne Tony McEntee

#### Roghnóiri Donie Buckley Peter Burke

**David Clarke** Daithí Ó Cléirigh Ballina Stephenites **Brendan Harrison** Breandan Ó Hearchaí

**Keith Higgins** Ceit Ó hUigínn **Ballyhaunis** 

Colm Boyle Coilm Baoill Davitts

Aahamore

Knockmore

Lee Keegan Laoi Mac Aogáin Westport

#### **Danny Kirby** Dónall Ó Ciarba Castlebar Mitchels

Charlestown

**Tom Parsons** 

**Shane Nally** Seán Mac An Fhailghigh Garrymore

Cillian O'Connor Cillian Ó Choncuir Ballintubber

Kevin McLoughlin Caoimhín MacLaughlainn

Tómas Mac an Phearsúin

**Andy Moran** Aindriú Ó Moráin Ballaghaderreen

Fergal Boland

**Chris Barrett** 

Críostóir Baróid

Patrick Durcan

Castlebar Mitchels

Pádraig Ó Dhuarcáin

Belmullet

Fearghal Ó Beolláin Aghamore

Diarmuid O'Connor Diarmuid Ó Choncuir Ballintubber

GOALS POINTS WIDES **FREES** 1st HALF 2ND HALF TOTAL



#### **DÚN NA NGAI**

**Peter Boyle** 16 Peadar Ó Baoill

Frank McGlynn

Aodh Ruadh BAS

17 Proinsias MacFhloinn

Gleann Fhinne

Karl Lacey

Mark Anthony McGinley Marc Antaine MacFhionnghaile Naomh Micheál

Paddy McGrath Pádraig MacCraith Ard an Ratha

Neil McGee Niall MacAoidh Gaoth Dobhair

Éamonn Ó Dochartaigh Naomh Adhamhnáin

DÚN NA NGALL

**Eoghan Ban Gallagher** Eoghan Bán Ó Gallchóir Na Cealla Beaga

Ciaran Gillespie Ciaran Mac Giolla Easpaig Gaoth Dobhair

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**Ciaran Thompson** Ciarán Mac Thomáis Naomh Conaill

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**Hugh McFadden** Aodh MacPháidin Na Cealla Beaga

**Eamonn Doherty** 

Caolan Ward

Caolan Mac an Bháird

Naomh Adhamhnáin

18 Karl de Léis

Na Ceithre Máistir Martin McElhin

19 Máirtín Mac Giolla Chainn Naomh Micheál

**Brendan McCol** 

20 Breandán Mac Comhaill Naomh Naille

Mark McHugh Marcas Mac Aodha 21 Cill Charta

Patrick McBrea 22 Padraig MacBreartaigh

Cill Chartha **Conor Gibbons** 

Conchúr Ó Giobúin 23 Naomh Adhamhnáin

Michael Langar

24 Mícheál Ó Longáin Naomh Micheál

**Paul Brennan** 25 Pól Ó Braonáin Real na Mara, Bun Dobhrái

Stephen McBre 26 Stiofán MacBreartaigh

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## Allianz League Permutations

As we enter the final day of competition in this year's Allianz League, it is interesting to look at the different scenarios that might unfold across all four Divisions, as we approach final whistles around the country sometime after 3.30pm this afternoon.

#### Division 1

The only certainty in this Division is that Roscommon will be relegated to Division 2, and they will be joined by either Cavan or Mayo. Kerry's positive scoring difference should keep them safe. Cavan must win against Roscommon, and hope that Mayo lose, otherwise they are relegated. At the other end, one of Dublin or Monaghan who meet in the last round will be in the league final, and they could be joined by either Donegal or Kerry. Mayo could still reach a league final, but they need to beat Donegal by 11 points more than Kerry win by and hope Dublin beat Monaghan. If Tyrone beat Kerry and Monaghan and Donegal lose, they will make the final.

#### Division 2

Kildare are promoted, and a Galway win or draw will see them go up also. If Galway lose, and Meath win against Clare, then the Royal county will be promoted. The relegation issue rests between Derry, Fermanagh, Down and Clare. The loser of Derry and Fermanagh will go down, and they are likely to be joined by either Down if they lose to Cork, or Clare if they lose to Meath and Down win. Draws could complicate matters and bring scoring difference into play.

#### Division 3

Louth are promoted for the second successive season, and the either Armagh or Tipperary will join them. At the other end, the losers of Offaly v Laois and Antrim v Longford are likely to go down.

#### Division 4

This is already decided, Westmeath and Wexford go up to Division 3 for 2018.

## **Allianz League Division 1 Results**

Round 1						
Monaghan	1-1	1	١	Иауо		0-12
Kerry	2-1	7		1-17		
Tyrone	0-1	8	F	1-9		
Dublin	0-1	8		Cavan		0-11
Round 2						
Dublin	0-1	0	Т	yrone		1-7
Mayo	0-1	5	k	Cerry		1-10
Monaghan	0-7	'		Cavan		0-7
Donegal	0-1	6	F	Roscom	mon	2-9
Round 3						
Mayo	1-1	9	F	Roscom	mon	0-14
Donegal	2-5		Ε	Dublin		1-8
Monaghan	2-8		K	Cerry		1-10
Tyrone	0-1	9		avan	1-9	
Round 4						
Dublin	1-1	6	٨	Лауо	0-7	
Donegal	1-1	6	C	0-11		
Tyrone	0-1		V			
Kerry	1-1	9	R	loscom	mon	1-13
Round 5						
Dublin	0-1		K	erry		0-13
Donegal	0-1			yrone		0-6
Cavan	1-1			1ayo		0-15
Monaghan	2-1	7	R	oscom	mon	1-13
Round 6						
Dublin	2-2			oscom	mon	0-14
Cavan	1-1			erry		0-13
Mayo	1-1		T	0-12		
Donegal	1-1	1	Λ	1onagh	an1-11	
Division 1 Ta	ble					
	P	W	D	L	Pts	Pts Diff
Dublin	6	3	3	0	9	+40
Donegal	6	3	2	1	8	+12
NA I	-	2	2	4	0	

	Р	W	D	L	Pts	Pts Diff
Dublin	6	3	3	0	9	+40
Donegal	6	3	2	1	8	+12
Monaghan	6	3	2	1	8	+6
Tyrone	6	3	1	2	7	+10
Mayo	6	3	0	3	6	-5
Kerry	6	2	2	2	6	+6
Cavan	6	1	2	3	4	-20
Roscommon	6	0	0	6	0	-49

Mayo Scorers: Cillian O'Connor 1-27; Andy Moran 0-7; Kevin McLoughlin 0-€ Tom Parsons 1-3; Evan Regan 0-5; Danny Kirby 0-4; Conor O' Shea 0-4; Let Keegan 0-4; Fergal Boland 0-4; Conor Loftus 0-2; Brendan Harrison 0-2; Shant Nally 0-2; Patrick Durcan 0-2; Alan Freeman 0-1; Donal Vaughan 0-1; Diarmuic O'Connor 0-1; Jason Gibbons 0-1; Colm Boyle 0-1; Stephen Coen 0-1.

Donegal Scorers: Michael Murphy 1-18; Ciaran Thompson 0-17; Eoir McHugh 1-7; Paddy McBrearty 0-8; Ryan McHugh 1-4; Jason McGee 1-1 Michael Carroll 1-1; Jamie Brennan 0-4; Martin O' Reilly 0-4; Hugh McFadder 0-3; Darach O' Connor 0-2; Frank McGlynn 0-2; Mark McHugh 0-1; Eoghar Ban Gallagher 0-1; Paddy McGrath 0-1; Paul Brennan 0-1; Conor Gibbons 0-1 Cian Mulligan 0-1.



## Comhairle na nÓg

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- Lauren McNicholas
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- Julianne Coen
- Tara Ryan
- Niamh Ryan Ciara Kennedy
- Lauren Deely
- Eva Sloyan
- Rachel Healy

#### Tooreen NS - White Jerseys

- Roisin Lynskey **Emer Delaney**
- Kate Dovle
- Meadbh Monaghan
- Caoimhe Delaney
- Geri Maye Henry
- Alice Curran
- Aoibhinn Lynskey
- Anna Murray
- Rebecca Klein

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- Rory Johnston (Banner Holder)
- 14. Colin Hastings
- 15. Brian Durkan
- 17. Tom Hastings
- 18. Cormac Lyons
- 19. Conor Feehan
- 20. Rian Kilcovne
- 21. Cian O Brien
- 22. Darragh Slattery
- 23.
- Gavin Mulchrone
- 24. Adam O Grady
- 25. Evan O Donnell
- 26. Ross Nolan

#### Breaffy NS Castlebar -- White Jerseys

- Raivis Pavlovs
- 13. Niall Clarke
- Niall McDermott 14.
- 15. Tom Comerford
- 16. Cian Benson
- 17. Callum O'Connor
- 18. Aidan Cunningham
- 19. Oisin O'Connell
- 20. Declan Ruane
- 21. Niall Heneghan
- 22. Mark Ward
- 23. Shea McAtamney
- 24. Ben Doyle



## Mayo Donegal – Previous **League Meetings**

#### **Electric Ireland Connacht** Minor Football Championship

Sat 29th April Mayo v Galway in Castlebar Wed 28th June Mayo/Galway v Roscommon Sun 9th July Connacht Final

#### Connacht Under-17 Football Championship

Sun 21st May Mayo v Sligo in Castlebar Galway v Mayo/Sligo in Salthill Sun 11th June Roscommon v Leitrim in Hyde Park Sun 18th June Sat 8th July Connacht Final

#### **Connacht Senior Football Championshipp**

Sun 21st May Mayo v Sligo/New York in Castlebar Galway v Mayo / Sligo / New York Sun 11th June in Salthill

Sun 18th June Roscommon v Leitrim / London

in Hyde Park

Sun 9th July Connacht Senior Football Final

#### **Christy Ring Cup**

Sat 22nd April Mayo v Kildare Sat 29th April Round 2A & 2B Sat 6th May Quarter-Finals Sat 20th May Semi-Finals Final Sat 10th June

24th Nov 1940 Mayo Donegal 0-5 11th Nov 1984 Donegal 1-13 Mayo 1-5 Ballyshannon Donegal 0-14 27th Oct 1985 Mayo 1-11 Ballyshannon 6th Feb 1994 Donegal 3-7 Mayo 0 - 12Ballybofey 13th Feb 2005 Mayo 2-10 Donegal 1-11 Ballina 11th Feb 2007 Donegal 1-13 Mayo 1-10 Ballybofey 22nd April 2007 Donegal 0-13 Mayo 0-10 Croke Park (Fina 17th Feb 2008 Donegal 2-11 Mayo 0-16 Castlebar Mayo Letterkenny 14th Feb 2009 Donegal 1-13 2-10 18th March 2012 Donegal 0-17 Mayo 1-7 Ballyshannor 24th March 2013 Mayo 1-10 Donegal 0-9 Castlebar 5th April 2015 0 - 121-9 Castlebar Mayo Donegal 28th Feb 2016 Donegal 1-14 Mayo 1-12 Ballybofey

Apart from the initial meeting in 1940, all the other games between th two counties have taken place since 1984, reflecting the increased rivalr between the western seaboard counties in recent times. Donegal hol the upperhand with 7 victories to Mayo's 3, with draws in 1985, 2009 an 2015.

Seven of the thirteen meetings have taken place in Donegal, Ballyshannon (4), Ballybofey (2), with one meeting in Letterkenny. Tw games have been played in Ballina, while the other three home game for Mayo were played in Elverys MacHale Park. The 2007 final meeting was played in Croke Park.

## **Smallest Populations**

In this year's Allianz League, three of the smallest counties in the country, population wise, operated in Division 1. As per the 2016 Census, Monaghan ranks 29th (61,273), Roscommon 27th (64,436), and Cavan 25th (76,092). The efforts of Monaghan are particularly noteworthy, as they will enter their fourth consecutive year in the top flight in 2018. In addition they won Ulster titles in 2013 and 2015, as well as reaching All-Ireland Quarter-Finals in 2013, 2014 and 2015. While Cavan and Roscommon look like they will be returning to Division 2 for 2018, their efforts too deserve recognition, as both counties have invested heavily in underage in recent years to give themselves a platform to build on. This may yield further dividends in the years ahead.

Mayo, who interestingly had home games against these three counties in 2017, rank 17th with a population of 130,425. This is Behind the populations of the counties that have been their most consistent rivals in recent years – Dublin, Cork, Kerry, Donegal, Tyrone. Again this reflects well on their efforts on the national stage, they have consistently been in the top three or four counties since the start of the current decade.

As an aside, only one county with a population of less than 100,000 has reached an All-Ireland Football Semi-Final since the introduction of the qualifiers in 2001. That was Fermanagh in 2004, when they lost in a replay to Mayo.

#### **PROGRAMME PLUS**

Programme Plus is a monthly information bulletin for collectors of GAA match programmes, histories, yearbooks, magazines, photographs, etc. It is distributed via e-mail on the last Friday of every month and is free of charge, with its sole aim being to highlight all aspects of collecting for enthusiasts. In order to be added to the mailing list, please forward your e-mail address to Alan'Aherne who is compiling the information bulletin at the following email address: alanahernesars@gmail.com







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M001	Parke	03/07/2017	07/07/2017	Pat McHale	0876420151
M002	Achill	03/07/2017	07/07/2017	Michael Joyce	0863845382
M003	Killala	03/07/2017	07/07/2017	Eddie Walsh	0872931636
M004	Garrymore	03/07/2017	07/07/2017	Ger McHugh	0860568192
M005	Ballina	03/07/2017	07/07/2017	Barry Murphy	0876258721
M006	Moy Davitts	03/07/2017	07/07/2017	Mark Howley	0874113248
M007	Breaffy	03/07/2017	07/07/2017	Martin Golden	0879378175
M017	Aghamore	03/07/2017	07/07/2017	Jon Finn	0879188709
M008	Louisburgh	10/07/2017	14/07/2017	Sean McLoughlin	0871255088
M009	Kiltane	10/07/2017	14/07/2017	Vincent Carey	0863579265
M010	Castlebar	10/07/2017	14/07/2017	Noelle Murphy	0879600370
M011	The Neale	10/07/2017	14/07/2017	Donal Costello	0876298090
M012	Lahardane	10/07/2017	14/07/2017	Enda Coyne	0860886008
M013	Charlestown	10/07/2017	14/07/2017	Paddy Brehony	0863629994
M014	Cill Chomain	10/07/2017	14/07/2017	Michelle Deane	0864075057
M015	Balla	10/07/2017	14/07/2017	Franny Glynn	0877422428
M016	Ballyhaunis	17/07/2017	21/07/2017	Kevin Henry	0872243836
M018	Ballinrobe	17/07/2017	21/07/2017	Martin O'Connor	0879221412
M019	Westport (1)	17/07/2017	21/07/2017	Sean O'Connor	0876187143
M020	Bonniconlon	17/07/2017	21/07/2017	Michael McKenzie	0851742399
M021	Ballintubber	17/07/2017	21/07/2017	Michael McHale	0879438513
M022	Shrule-Glencorrib	17/07/2017	21/07/2017	Declan Byron	0852258900
M023	Ardmoy	17/07/2017	21/07/2017	Anthony Gallagher	0872431306
M041	Ballycroy	17/07/2017	21/07/2017	Eoin Sweeney	0863798576
M032	Kiltimagh	17/07/2017	21/07/2017	Eugene Lavin	0863998434
M024	Swinford	24/07/2017	28/07/2017	Billy McNicholas	0872497407
M025	Claremorris	24/07/2017	28/07/2017	John Hession	0878514662
M026	Kilmeena	24/07/2017	28/07/2017	Mickey Carney	0868125320
M027	Belmullet	24/07/2017	28/07/2017	Joe Earley	0879454791
M028	Knockmore	24/07/2017	28/07/2017	Tom Burke	0866694051
M029	Kilmovee	24/07/2017	28/07/2017	Padraic Hughes	0876094440
M030	Islandeady	24/07/2017	28/07/2017	Pat Ryan	0872704718
M043	Westport (2)	24/07/2017	 28/07/2017	Sean O'Connor	0876187143
M033	Clare Island	31/07/2017	04/08/2017	Padraic O' Malley	09826987
M034	Ballaghaderreen	31/07/2017	04/08/2017	Dermot Dillon	0866010759
M035	Crossmolina	31/07/2017	04/08/2017	Michael Hegarty	0872046722
M036	Burrishoole	31/07/2017	04/08/2017	Brian McLoughlin	0868228758
M037	Ardnaree	31/07/2017	04/08/2017	Sean Lynch	0872887402
M038	Davitts	31/07/2017	04/08/2017	Darina Daly	0879578934
M040	Mayo Gaels	31/07/2017	04/08/2017	Noel Commons	0871601033
M042	Tuar Mhic Eadaigh		04/08/2017	Patti Egan	0876297974
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M034	Westport	10/07/2017	14/07/2017	Stephen Gallagher	0876749907
M039	Ballaghaderreen (Caiseal Gaels)	17/07/2017	21/07/2017	Dermot Dillon	0866010759
M031	Tooreen	31/07/2017	04/08/2017	Dom Greally	0879398617

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## **Top Scorer Allianz League Division 1 2017**

As we head into the final round of games in this year's Allianz League, with only the final to come after today, it appears that the leading scorer accolade will go to either Dean Rock or Paul Geaney. The Dublin sharpshooter enjoys a one point lead over the Kingdom star, with Mayo's Cillian O'Connor seven points behind in third place. With Rock the more likely of the three to feature in a league final, he is favoured to lead the standings at the end of this year's league.

Cillian is the only Mayo player to feature in the top twenty, while today's visitors to Elverys MacHale Park Donegal have three players included. Michael Murphy is their top scorer with 1-18, while newcomer Ciaran Thompson with 0-17 and Eoin McHugh with 1-7 also make the top twenty, which is listed below.







1	Dean Rock	Dublin	0-37	(37)
2	Paul Geaney	Kerry	3-27	(36)
3	Cillian O'Connor	Mayo	1-27	(30)
4	Jack McCarron	Monaghan	2-20	(26)
5	Ciaran Murtagh Conor McManus	Roscommon Monaghan	2-16 1-19	(22) (22)
7	Gearoid McKiernan Michael Murphy	Cavan Donegal	2-15 1-18	(21) (21)
9	Peter Harte	Tyrone	0-18	(18)
10	Ciaran Thompson	Donegal	0-17	(17)
11	Donie Smith	Roscommon	0-13	(13)
12	Seanie Johnston Barry John Keane Conor McHugh	Cavan Kerry Dublin	0-12 1-9 1-9	(12) (12) (12)
15	Sean Cavanagh	Tyrone	0-11	(11)
16	James O' Donoghue Eoin McHugh Paul Flynn	Kerry Donegal Dublin	0-10 1-7 1-7	(10) (10) (10)
19	Conor Devaney Dara McVeety	Roscommon Cavan	1-6 1-6	(9) (9)





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  - The Ground Management reserves the right to refuse admission or to eject any person



- who refuses to be searched by a member of An Garda Siochana.
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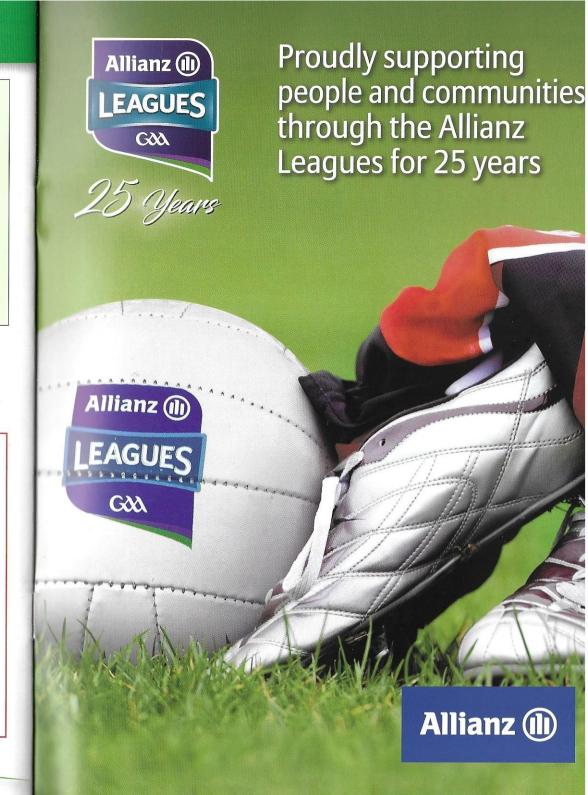


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# Donegal magnificent in first half, but are well and truly beaten in disastrous second half

## **CIAN MULLIGAN HITS THREE POINTS**

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Donegal lost their way in the second half as Mayo got the win that kept them in the top flight. Results elsewhere mean that Donegal will not be in the league final, which will be contested by Dublin and Kerry.

Mayo							1-12
Donegal							

It was a game that Donegal could have won, but they only managed two Cian Mulligan points in the second half with the wind at their back.

That was after a superb opening half. But a fracas on 52 minutes seemed to be the turning point as Donegal lost their discipline and also had Eamonn Doherty red carded.

The turning point coincided with the introduction of Aidan O'Shea for Mayo. O'Shea got involved in a lot of physical stuff and it seemed to lift the Mayo crowd. This in turn influenced referee, Cormac Reilly, who seemed to give the home side handy frees, which Cillian O'Connor





gratefully accepted.

A draw would have been enough to secure a league final. Indeed, Donegal will point to the late goal a week previously which deprived them of their place in the final.

The throw-in was delayed by ten minutes due to the huge crowd of 14,102 in Elverys McHale Park.

Donegal had Frank McGlynn and Jason McGee back on the starting team, but for the first time in a long time there was no Kilcar player on the first fifteen. They also had Karl Lacey in as Kieran Gillespie suffered a twinge in the warm-up.

Donegal were superb in the opening half, playing against the stiff breeze. They had two points on the board inside three minutes, Eoghan Ban Gallagher and Cian Mulligan from the Mayo kick-out.

But they were rocked seconds later when a cross from Kevin McLoughlin saw Donegal 'keeper Mark Anthony McGinley penalised for a push on Cillian O'Connor just inside the 'square'. From the spot O'Connor made no mistake to put Mayo in front.

The home side had their best period of the half in the following minutes as they added three points from Andy Moran, Cillian O'Connor and Danny Kirby to stretch 1-3 to 0-2 clear with less than eight minutes on the clock.

Donegal gradually got their game going again and they had two points inside a minute from Michael Murphy and Ciaran Thompson; Murphy after a foul on the influential Eoghan Ban Gallagher and a typical effort from Thompson.

Shane Nally had a long distance point for Mayo on 13 minutes but they would have only one other score in the half in the 33rd minute.

Donegal really took over with Michael Murphy (free), Ciaran Thompson, Jamie Brennan, Martin O'Reilly, Michael Murphy ('45' and a free) all scoring to go three clear.

Even after Colm Boyle had Mayo's fifth point, Donegal hit back with Michael Murphy setting up Frank McGlynn for the final score of the half as Donegal went to the dressing rooms ahead by 0-11 to 1-5.

Mayo almost had a goal after 40 seconds of the restart, Kevin McLoughlin bursting through and Lee Keegan's effort was touched over by the 'keeper.

Almost immediately Cian Mulligan hit back with a great point for Donegal. And he added another from near the sideline on 40 minutes.

There was the usual skirmish on 52 minutes and afterwards four yellow cards were issued, three to Donegal (Murphy, Jason McGee and Ciaran Thompson) with Aidan O'Shea of Mayo also carded.

When things settled Keith Higgins pointed from play but Cillian O'Connor was wide from a free. But Donegal then lost Eamonn Doherty to a red card, after being accused of kicking out after he was fouled by Aidan O'Shea.

O'Connor, from another free, put just one between them with nine minutes of normal time left and Lee Keegan levelled almost immediately with a great effort with his left.

O'Connor then completed the task and Mayo were safe in the top flight.

#### **MATCH FACTS**

MAYO: David Clarke; Brendan Harrison, Keith Higgins (0-1), Chris Barrett; Colm Boyle (0-1), Lee Keegan (0-2), Patrick Durcan; Tom Parsons, Danny Kirby (0-1); Shane Nally (0-1); Cillian O'Connor (1-5, pen,4f), Fergal Boland; Kevin McLoughlin, Andy Moran (0-1), David Drake.

Subs., Diarmuid O'Connor for Boland; Stephen Coen for Boyle, both ht; Aidan O'Shea for Kirby 45; Jason Doherty for Moran 59; Donal Vaughan for Drake 65: Conor O'Shea for Nally 73

DONEGAL: Mark Anthony McGinley; Paddy McGrath, Neil McGee, Eamonn Doherty; Eoghan Ban Gallagher (0-1), Karl Lacey, Frank McGlynn (0-1); Jason McGee, Michael Murphy (0-4,3f,'45'); Michael Carroll, Martin O'Reilly (0-1), Cian Mulligan (0-3); Jamie Brennan (0-1), Hugh McFadden, Ciaran Thompson (0-2).

Subs., Eoin McHugh for H McFadden 49; Patrick McBrearty for Lacey 59; Mark McHugh for McGlynn 65; Martin McElhinney for P McGrath 68; Michael Langan for J McGee 69;

REFEREE: Cormac Reilly (Meath)

FREE: Donegal 18 (12 in first half). Mayo 11 ..., WIDES: Donegal 8 (4). Mayo 12 (6)

45s: Donegal 1. Mayo 0

YELLOW CARDS: Donegal: Ciaran Thompson, Michael Murphy, Jason

McGee, Frank McGlynn

Mayo: Andy Moran, Aidan O'Shea. RED CARDS: Donegal: Eamonn Doherty

#### **REF WATCH**

For 52 minutes, Cormac Reilly had a good game, but then when Aidan O'Shea came in to cause mayhem, it seemed that Donegal were punished more.

#### MAN OF THE MATCH

If you were giving the award at half-time, it would have been hard to pick one Donegal player. All of them were excellent, especially Eoghan Ban Gallagher. But overall, Cian Mulligan gets the nod, thanks to his three great points.