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Round 4A

Páirc Markievicz, Sligeach

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Iúil 22 PÁIRC MARKIEVICZ, SLIGEACH 5.00 PM

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An Réiteoir: Kevin Brady (An Lú)

Linesmen: Aidan Ferguson (Fear Manach) (STANDBY REFEREE), Eddie Óg Nash (Doire)

Sideline Official: Aaron Clogher (Ros Comáin)

Umpires: Michael Boyle, John Kerr, Brian Brady, Martin Myles

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GAA FOOTBALL ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND 4A



Iúil 22 PÁIRC MARKIEVICZ, SLIGEACH 7.00 PM

DÚN NA nGALL v GAILLIMH

An Réiteoir: Anthony Nolan (Cill Mhantáin)

Linesmen: Maurice Deegan (Laois)(STANDBY REFEREE), Marty Duffy (Sligeach)

Sideline Official: Eamon O'Grady (Liatroim)

Umpires: Damien Byrne, Donal O'Keefe, Peter Case, Patrick Doyle

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AN RÉITEOIR

Anthony Nolan (Wicklow)

Today's match is the Baltinglass member's fourth of the 2017 championship following assignments at O'Moore Park (Laois v Longford), Dr. Hyde Park (Roscommon v Leitrim) and last weekend's Leinster final. Nolan's last All-Ireland qualifier match was at Markievicz Park as he blew the whistle when Sligo hosted Clare in Round 3 just over a year ago. In his fifth season of inter-county panel duty, Nolan was assigned five matches in this year's Allianz League including the Division 3 final. The 38-year-old's last match with Galway was in May 2015 for their Connacht quarter-final against Leitrim. Nolan hasn't previously handled a match featuring Donegal.

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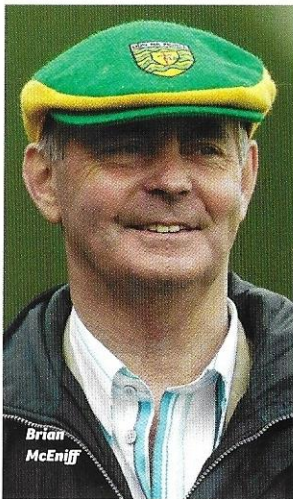
Ní minic gur tharla sé i stair Chumann Lúthchleas Gael go mbíonn bainisteoir idirchontae ag imirt ar an bhfoireann chomh maith. Gan aithreas ar bith is é Brian McEniff as Bun Dobhráin an té is cáiliúla a rinne an cúram sin.

Bhí geansaí uimhir 5 ar dhroim McEniff agus é freisin ina bhainisteoir nuair a bhuaigh Dún na nGall ar an Dún agus ar an gCabhán (in athimirt) i gCraobh Uladh 1972 agus scóráil sé dhá chúilín in aghaidh Thír Eoghain sa chluiche ceannais i gCluain Eois a d'fhág Corn an Anglo Celt ag a chontae don chéad uair riamh.

Bhuaigh Uíbh Fhailí orthu i gCluiche Leathcheannais na hÉireann, ach bhailigh Brian gradam All Star ag deireadh na bliana.

Tar éis dó éirí as an imirt

chaith Mac Con Duibh ceithre thréimhse eile ina bhainisteoir ar a chontae dúchais agus ar ndóigh fiche bliain tar éis dóibh Craobh Uladh a thabhairt leo don chéad uair, ba é Brian a bhí post nuair a thug siad Corn Sam Maguidhir leo don chéad uair freisin, 26 bliain tar éis dó a chéad chluiche craoibhe a imirt do Dhún na nGall.



Ba i 1966 freisin a d'imirt Billy Morgan do Chorcaigh don chéad uair agus chaith peileadóir Raonaithe Nemo 17 séasúr ina chúl báire ag an gcontae.

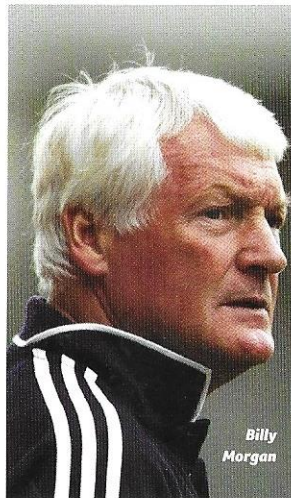
Bhí sé mar bhainisteoir orthu freisin an séasúr deireanach acu sin agus murach cúplá sábháil den scoth a rinne sé ar iarrachtaí de chuid Pat Spillane i gCluiche Ceannais na Mumhan 1981, bheadh bearna níos mó ná a bhí idir iad féin agus Ciarraí (1-11,0-3).

Faoin am ar ceapadh Morgan ina bhainisteoir arís i 1986 agus é éirithe as an imirt, bhí 11 as an 12 cluiche ceannais sa gcúige sin buaite ag Ciarraí, ach chuir foireann Billy deireadh lena gceannas nuair a bhuaigh siad craobh an chúige in athimirt.

Faoin am ar éirigh Morgan as mar bhainisteoir i 1996, bhí Craobh na hÉireann buaite faoi dhó ag Corcaigh (1989 & '90) agus an babhta ceannais sroichte acu trí huair eile.

Tá Michael Daly as an gCreagán-Maigh Locha ag imirt sa chraobh do Ghaillimh don chéad uair an séasúr seo, rinne a athair, Val Daly, amhlaidh nuair a d'imirt an contae in aghaidh Liatroma sa gcéad bhabhta i gConnacht - i 1981 agus gan é ach 19 bliain d'aois.

Bhuaigh Val cúig craobh



cúige ina dhiaidh sin agus d'imirt i gCluiche Ceannais na hÉireann 1983.

Ba é a bhí ina bhainisteoir ar Ghaillimh freisin an bhliain deireanach dó a bheith ag imirt (1997) agus scóráil cúilín nuair a bhuaigh Maigh Eo orthu sa gcéad bhabhta craoibhe ar Pháirc Iarfhatha Naofa i dTuaim.

Bliain amháin a chaith an Dálach i mbun an chúraim nuair a tugadh an post do John O' Mahony.

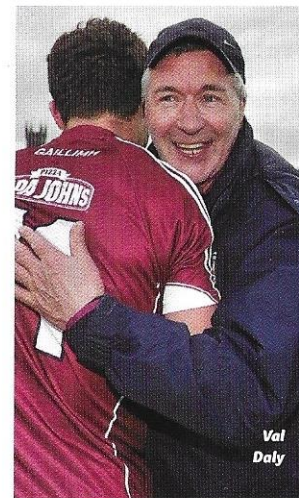
Chomh fada agus is eol dom ní dhearna peileadóir a bhí freisin ag imirt bainistiú ar fhoireann Mhaigh Eo riamh, ach sa mbliain 1985 agus Liam O' Neill i gceannas, bhí Billy Fitzpatrick as an nGarraí Mór mar roghnóir ar an bhfoireann agus é fós mar dhuine den phainéal - 20 bliain tar éis dó imirt dá chontae don chéad uair.

Bhuaigh Maigh Eo ar Ros Comáin i gCluiche Ceannais Chonnacht i 1985 agus i mbabhta leathcheannais na

hÉireann in aghaidh Átha Cliath, ba é Fitzpatrick an dara cúilín deireadh den cluiche comhscóir (1-13, 1-13) agus é 41 bliain d'aois.

D'imirt Billy san athimirt freisin trí seachtaine dar gcionn nuair a chuir dhá chúl a scóráil Ciarán Duff deireadh le haistear Mhaigh Eo, 2-12, 1-7.

Dála an scéil, ba é bainisteoir Ros Comáin inniu, Kevin McStay an Connachtach ba mhó a d'aimsigh scóranna i gCraobh Peile na hÉireann 1986 - fuair sé 0-19 ar fad.



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DON'T RISK THE ODDS

Insider gambling can have a devastatingly harmful impact on sport. Players, team management as well as match officials are prohibited from betting on games in which they are involved.

International research indicates that athletes – and especially those engaged in team sports – are an ‘at risk’ group when it comes to gambling addiction, and the need for the GAA to protect both the integrity of its games and the wellbeing of its members comes into sharp focus.

It is hoped that the motion passed at this year’s Congress in Croke Park – and now in force – will go some way to achieving both. But only if everyone abides by it and knows the consequences of failing to do so.

The new Rule (1.18 – Betting – in the Official Guide Part 1) states that: ‘A player, a team, a member of a team management or a match official involved in a game is strictly prohibited from betting on the outcome of any aspect of the game concerned.’

Any breach of the rule shall be penalised in accordance with Rule 7.2 (e) – Misconduct considered to have discredited the Association carries a minimum eight-week suspension while debarment and expulsion from the Association may also be considered for either individuals or entire teams/units.

To assist in the policing of this new rule, which now applies to all games carried out under the GAA’s auspices, the Association has entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Betfair and is currently in discussions to consider a similar relationship with the Irish Bookmakers Association. The MOU allows for both parties to share relevant information should a suspected breach of rules or regulations have taken place.

To support clubs and counties in educating their players, coaches, and officials on the topic of gambling awareness, the Community & Health department in Croke Park is developing a workshop that will be made available to interested units through their network of County Health & Wellbeing committee tutors towards the end of 2017.

For more information on the GAA’s work concerning gambling awareness go to gaa.ie/my-gaa/community-and-health/gambling-alcohol-drug-education



ATLANTIC QUARTET SEEKING CALMER WATERS

Devotees of the Wild Atlantic Way might feel their hearts rise at the sight of this evening’s Round 4A schedule. Cork, Donegal, Galway and Mayo have always shared much in common, not least their geography, shaped as it has been by the Atlantic Ocean.

This quartet – the four largest counties in Ireland – will rank high on any visiting tourist’s list of places to visit but for

those more compelled by football than flora and fauna, what is of particular interest this evening is the similar state of each county’s 2017 championship season.

They are bound by history as well. Recent and ancient. A loose but persistent theory about sport in Ireland is that those regions closest to the water – particularly the harsher waters and

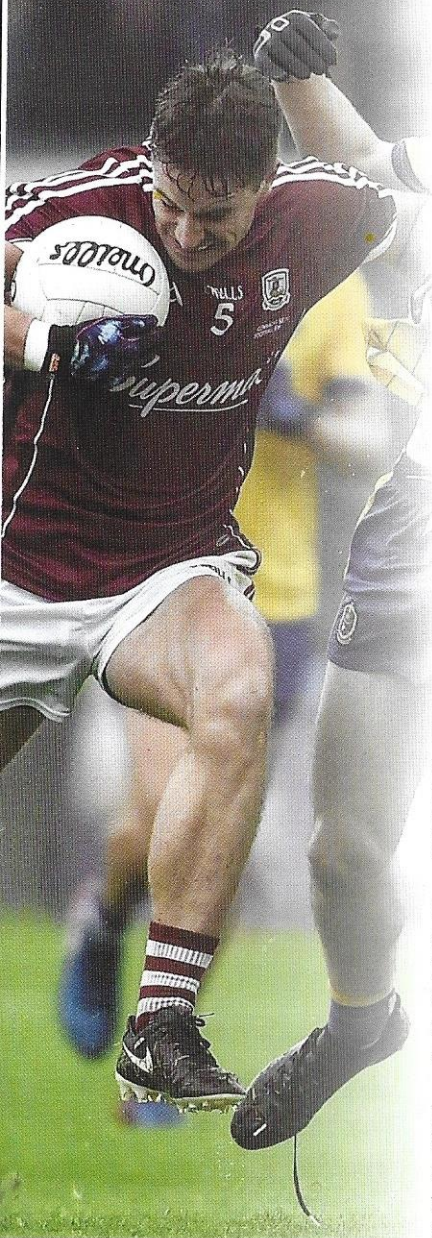
winds of the Atlantic – are infinitely more hard-wired for Gaelic football than any other code. That is certainly applicable in the case of the four counties involved this evening.

All four counties have reached at least two All-Ireland finals in the 2000s, 12 between them in total. Cork, Donegal and Galway all won one each with Mayo losing all five of their finals, as if they need reminding.



2012: Colm McFadden and his Donegal teammates, celebrates with the Sam Maguire Cup

Gary O'Donnell of Galway tussles with Brian Stack of Roscommon.



Collectively, these four have occupied a curiously similar terrain in the modern era of the game.

This evening, at the Gaelic Grounds and in Markievicz Park, all four are looking to extend what have so far been notably unfulfilling and occasionally turbulent summer campaigns.

Each county has its own tale to tell, but there has been a symmetry to their struggles. Which of the four have enough fight left in them to kick back?

Cork and Mayo meet in Limerick having both suffered unpalatable losses in their provinces to their fiercest rivals.

Mayo were at least competitive in their 0-15 to 1-11 defeat to Galway on June 11 whereas Cork looked worryingly adrift from Kerry in the Munster final three weeks ago.

Mayo, having lost in a semi-final rather than a final, have enjoyed the considerable advantage of playing two games since their defeat.

Their wins over Derry and Clare were laboured and unspectacular yet they were impressive in their own way.

The Westerners, with all the attendant baggage they carry from their multiple All-Ireland final defeats, must have been in a dark place after that Galway game. Yet they have weathered the storm, just as they did last year when they entered the qualifiers.

Their 2016 experience is clearly serving them well. Cork carry their own burdens. Whereas Mayo's loss in Connacht was something of a surprise, the Rebels weren't given much hope against Kerry and the deflating manner of the defeat only added to the swirls of negativity currently affecting Peadar Healy's men. As the county's hurlers march on, inevitably bringing the masses with them, the footballers stand lonely and unregarded.

Recovering sufficiently from the Kerry loss to beat Mayo is a big ask and Cork's recent record in Round 4 is not auspicious – they lost at this stage to Donegal and Kildare in the last two seasons, while their wins over Sligo and Galway in 2014 and 2013 were less than convincing.

It is their fifth Round 4 encounter in-a-row, so

at least experience is on their side. In Markievicz Park, the dynamic is similar.

Donegal – like Mayo – were ignominiously dumped out of the provincial campaign by their nearest rivals and left badly wounded.

Yet they have stayed alive. To say they were unimpressive in their qualifier wins over Longford and Meath would be an understatement but like Mayo, they did just enough and remain in the hunt. Also like Mayo, they have very happy recent memories of Round 4 – they beat Cork at this stage last year, and Galway at this point in 2015. For what it's worth, that win over Galway was extremely convincing, 3-12 to 0-11.

Galway travel to Sligo under a similar kind of cloud to the one looming over Cork in Limerick. Their Connacht final defeat to Roscommon a fortnight ago was something of a historic low – their heaviest defeat in a Connacht final since they lost by 16 points to the great Mayo team of 1951, their heaviest ever Connacht final defeat to

Roscommon and their first championship loss to their neighbours since 2001.

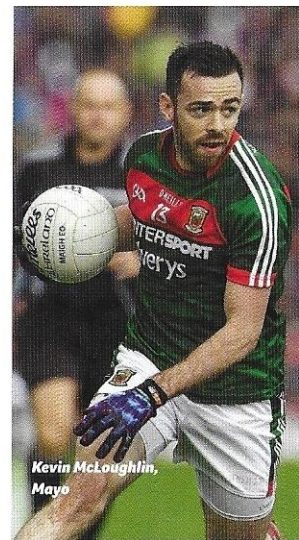
The similarities between Galway's collapse at Pearse Stadium and the one they suffered in last year's All-Ireland final quarter-final defeat by Tipperary are striking, and Kevin Walsh's primary task with the players over the past two weeks will surely have been one of psychological restoration, much like the one faced by Healy in Cork.

And like the Rebels, they must contend with the fact that their hurlers are the county team in clover at the present time.

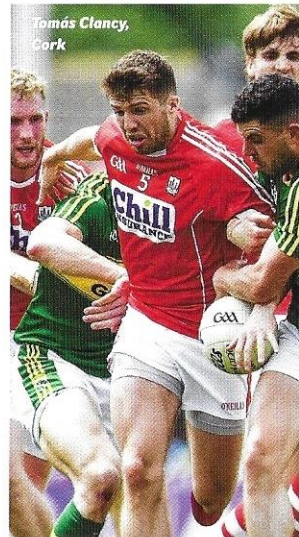
All four counties in action this evening have had their travails this summer. Mayo and Donegal have dusted themselves down somewhat on the comeback circuit but questions remain.

Nonetheless, they both hold the advantage this evening. The burden of proof resides with Galway and Cork – their recent miseries will not be lightly vanquished against such opponents. Then there is the other great structural reality of Round 4. In 16 years of the qualifiers, the beaten provincial finalist has won just 37% of the time.

It's clear therefore that Galway and Cork are grappling with particularly choppy waters this evening, although both Mayo and Donegal have a long way to go before its plain sailing for them this summer.



Kevin McLoughlin, Mayo



Tomás Clancy, Cork

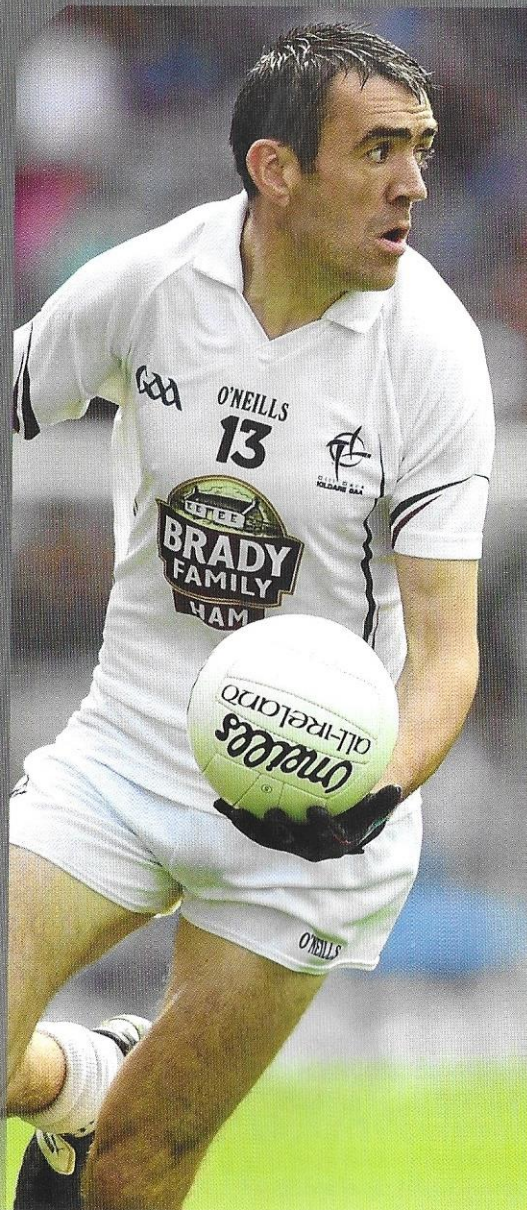
QUALIFIER TOP SCORERS

Johnny Doyle

(Kildare)

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Paddy Bradley (Derry)	8-99	(123)
Brian Kavanagh (Longford)	4-74	(86)
Mark Lynch (Derry)	3-70	(79)
Steven McDonnell (Armagh)	6-60	(78)
Seán Cavanagh (Tyrone)	3-65	(74)
Jamie Clarke (Armagh)	12-38	(74)
Ross Munnely (Laois)	4-61	(73)
Ian Ryan (Limerick)	4-60	(72)
Mattie Forde (Wexford)	4-59	(71)
Donal Kingston (Laois)	3-60	(69)
Paul Barden (Longford)	4-57	(69)
Benny Coulter (Down)	9-42	(69)
Dessie Dolan (Westmeath)	0-68	(68)
Paul Finlay (Monaghan)	0-65	(65)
Ciarán Lyng (Wexford)	3-56	(65)
Mark Breheny (Sligo)	1-61	(64)
Michael Murphy (Donegal)	3-55	(64)
Tomás Freeman (Monaghan)	4-51	(63)
Niall McNamee (Offaly)	4-50	(62)
David Tubridy (Clare)	3-52	(61)
Seán McCormack (Longford)	0-57	(57)
Darren Clarke (Louth)	2-51	(57)
Eoghan O'Flaherty (Kildare)	1-53	(56)
Brendan Devenney (Donegal)	4-43	(55)
Seáníe Furlong (Wicklow)	6-37	(55)
Adrian Marren (Sligo)	0-54	(54)
Seán Quigley (Fermanagh)	4-40	(52)
Conor Sweeney (Tipperary)	5-37	(52)
James Kielt (Derry)	2-45	(51)
Darren McCurry (Tyrone)	0-50	(50)
Colm McFadden (Donegal)	1-47	(50)



GALLAGHER AND DONEGAL LOOK TO AVAIL OF SECOND CHANCE

By CHRIS McNULTY, Donegal Daily

Rory Gallagher is prepared for the long haul as he tries to shape Donegal's future.

It was not in the master plan, but Gallagher knew deep down that, armed with a fledgling squad finding its feet in the toughest battleground of all - Ulster - he may have had to go to Plan B.

Donegal have not been to the qualifiers as early as this year since the dark

days before 2011 when silverware was a speck in a future so distant many believed they'd never see it.

The Donegal boss has spoken before about the bus journey back from the 2016 All-Ireland quarter-final loss to Dublin and how he sensed the guard would be changing once they bid Francie Marley, the bus driver, their farewells that night.

So it proved.

Nine men who were on that bus didn't board it again this year and Gallagher, given a new four-year contact for this term, knew that replicating the six successive Ulster senior finals would be a big ask.

"When we set out last October, I knew the qualifiers were a real possibility," Gallagher says. Donegal are down the considerable experience of the likes of Eamon McGee, Colm McFadden,



Donegal manager, Rory Gallagher

Christy Toye, Rory Kavanagh and Neil Gallagher - they were all centurions, playing 773 games between them for Donegal.

With Anthony Thompson, Leo McLoone and Odhrán Mac Niallais, three who would have been in or very close to the starting XV, pulling out of the squad and David Walsh also retiring, it left Gallagher in a pickle.

His task was always looking challenging as he headed into 2017 without some of Donegal's greatest ever players, but it was perhaps one of the reasons that he fought for a new four-year deal as manager in September.

Gallagher drafted 11 new players into his panel, most of them still U21s, and didn't enter his senior squad in the Dr McKenna Cup.

The Donegal boss, who was number two to Jim McGuinness from 2011-2013, is hopeful that a new batch of stars will emerge from the shadows.

Gallagher still has his gaze on a lasting championship run for Donegal but knows that the knives are out now following their exit from the Ulster race.

He says: "The biggest challenge after Tyrone was getting a run.

"I was aware of that. It is possibly a wee bit harder for us to make peace with the fact that we're in the qualifiers. The league went better than most people expected. We were very pleased with the level of performances that we reached in the qualifiers." Now, they stand one game, one win away from Croke Park again.

Against Antrim in May, Gallagher gave out a total of six championship debuts in Ballybofey, with seven players starting a championship contest for the first time.

The difference between them and previous newcomers is that, from underage level they have been accustomed to being on winning teams.

However, the heat of Tyrone proved too intense and the inferno of the Red Hands was where Donegal burned in Ulster.

For the first time since 2010, the green and gold bunting was absent from the lampposts of Tír Chonaill for the Ulster final weekend.

At five apiece, the day was

as finely poised as might have been expected. Eoin McHugh shot wide with a goal chance at one end - and then the cards collapsed.

From nowhere in that semi-final, Tyrone pulled off a Royal Flush. 0-12 to 0-5 they led at the interval and when Tiernan McCann drilled in a goal early in the second half, the curtain could be drawn. Michael Carroll goalied for Donegal later but the 1-21 to 1-12 final score tasted bitter.

The manner of it stung hard.

"There is no doubt the first couple of days back were difficult," Gallagher says. "It took a few days to digest where it went wrong. We knew that it would be exceptionally difficult against Tyrone, but we played well below the standard that was expected of us - that was the biggest disappointment.

"We cannot forget the quality of the performance against Tyrone. We had to analyse it. We knew that we'd played poorly but what we had to do was find out why we were so poor. We have comfort now in knowing that.

"There is a wild, instinctive

feeling after a defeat like that where you'd love a game the next week to get going, but it's better to digest it. Until you get a win again, the mood doesn't really lift."

Since then, Longford and Meath were beaten. Unconvincing, they might have been, but they've given Donegal a chance again.

They were put to the pin of their collar at Páirc Tailteann before they managed to get by.

Gallagher says: "Our morale has been good. We have a real good team spirit.

"Look, it's been difficult when you lose. We have been accustomed to being in Ulster finals.

"We were always aware that it was going to be difficult to beat Tyrone given the level of inexperience we have, but we showed a lot of character.

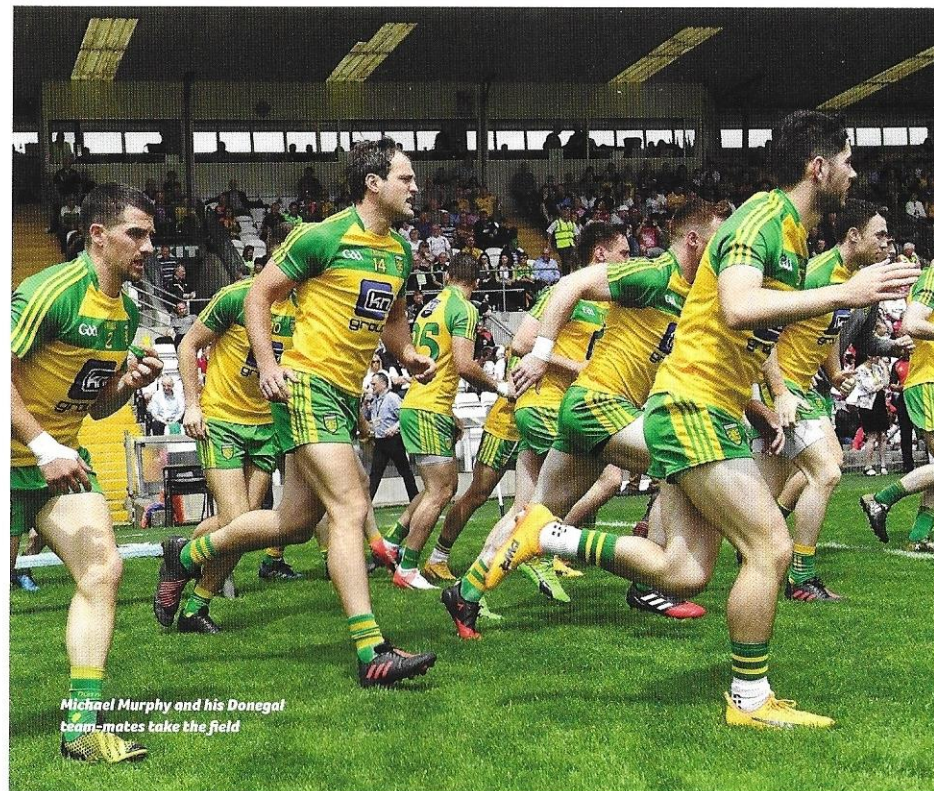
"We haven't played the best football; we have been edgy at times and we need

to sharpen up in front of goal.

"We showed a lot of inexperience, but at the same time we showed a lot of character.

"We have played 11 games this year. We have only lost three of them. We would be pleased with the direction we are going. Yes, we are not the finished article, far from it.

But if we take our chances we would make life easier for ourselves."



QUALIFIER RECORD

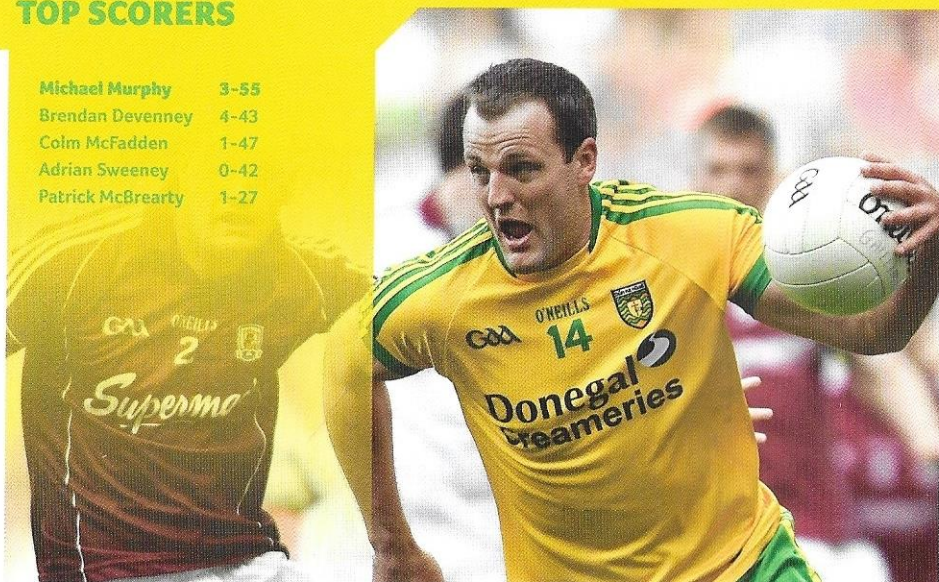
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	Kildare	1-17	1-16	Donegal	2008	Donegal	3-11	1-9
2002	Donegal	1-13	0-14	Meath	Monaghan	0-16	0-15	Donegal
2003	Donegal	1-17	1-11	Longford	2009	Donegal	2-13	1-6
	Donegal	0-16	0-11	Sligo	Donegal	0-13	1-7	Clare
	Donegal	2-19	0-15	Tipperary	Donegal	2-13	0-18	Derry
	Donegal	3-15	2-10	Down	Donegal	0-14	0-13	Galway
2004	Fermanagh	1-10	0-12	Donegal	2010	Armagh	2-14	0-11
2005	Donegal	0-16	0-12	Wicklow	2013	Donegal	0-14	0-8
	Cavan	1-11	1-10	Donegal	2015	Donegal	3-12	0-11
2006	Donegal	0-11	0-8	Fermanagh	2016	Donegal	0-21	1-15
2007	Donegal	1-16	1-14	Leitrim	2017	Donegal	0-12	0-7
	Donegal	1-13	1-8	Westmeath	Donegal	1-15	1-14	Meath

DONEGAL

WON - 20 LOST - 6

TOP SCORERS

Michael Murphy	3-55
Brendan Devenney	4-43
Colm McFadden	1-47
Adrian Sweeney	0-42
Patrick McBrearty	1-27



WINS OVER GALWAY

FIRST... DONEGAL 0-14 GALWAY 0-11

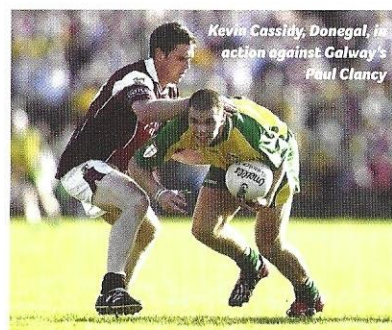
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Venue: MacHale Park, Castlebar

Stage: All-Ireland quarter-final replay

Referee: P Russell (Tipperary)

Half-time score: Donegal 0-9 Galway 0-6



Kevin Cassidy, Donegal, in action against Galway's Paul Clancy



DÚN NA nGALL

1	T BLAKE	3	R SWEENEY	4	D DIVER
2	N MCCREADY	5	S CARR	6	B MONAGHAN
7	K CASSIDY	8	J GILDEA	9	B BOYLE
10	C TOYE (0-3)	11	B ROPER	12	P MCGONIGLE
13	M HEGARTY (0-2)	14	A SWEENEY (0-4)	15	B DEVENNEY (0-5)

Subs- J Haran, C McFadden, K Rafferty, J McGuinness

AND LAST... DONEGAL 3-12 GALWAY 0-11

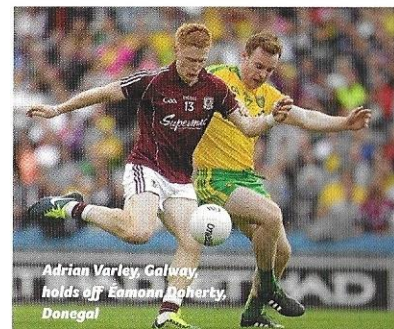
Date: August 1 2015

Venue: Croke Park

Stage: All-Ireland SFC Round 4

Referee: E Kinsella (Laois)

Half-time score: Donegal 1-4 Galway 0-7



Adrian Varley, Galway, holds off Eamonn Doherty, Donegal



DÚN NA nGALL

1	P DURKIN	3	E MCGEE	4	P McGRATH
2	N MCGEE	5	E DOHERTY	6	F MCGLYNN
7	R MCHUGH (1-0)	8	N GALLAGHER	9	M MURPHY (0-3)
10	H MCFADDEN	11	O MAC NIALLAIS (0-3)	12	M MCHUGH
13	M O'REILLY	14	P MCBREARTY (1-2)	15	C MCFADDEN (0-4)

Subs- A Thompson, M McElhinney, D Walsh, L McLoone, C Toye(1-0)



DÚN NA nGALL

ROGHNÓIRÍ: Ruairí Ó Gallachóir (Bainisteoir),
Marcas Ó Curráin, Breandán Mac Giolla Chaoin

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 *Caolán Mac an Bháird*
CAOLAN WARD
Naomh Adhamhnáin

5 *Riain Mac Aodha*
RYAN McHUGH
Cill Chartha

6 *Ciarán Mac Giolla Easbuig*
KIERAN GILLESPIE
Gaoth Dobhair

7 *Eoghan Bán Ó Gallchóir*
EOGHAN BÁN GALLAGHER
Na Cealla Beaga

8 *Jason Mac Aoidh*
JASON MCGEE
Cloch Cheann Fhaola

9 *Ciarán Mac Thomáis*
CIARÁN THOMPSON
Naomh Conaill

10 *Mairtín Ó Raghallaigh*
MARTIN O' REILLY
Seán Mac Cumhaill

11 *Proinsias Mac Fhloinn*
FRANK McGLYNN
Gleann Fhinne

12 *Eoin Mac Aodha*
EOIN McHUGH
Cill Chartha

13 *Pádraig Mac Breartaigh*
PATRICK McBREARTY
Cill Chartha

14 *Mícheál Ó Murchú (C.)*
MICHAEL MURPHY
Gleann tSúilf

15 *Aodh Mac Pháidín*
HUGH McFADDEN
Na Cealla Beaga

FIR IONAIÐ

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

17. *Séamus Ó Braonáin*
JAMIE BRENNAN
Realt na Mara, Bundobhráin

18. *Carl de Léis*
KARL LACEY
Na Ceithre Máistirí

19. *Marc Mac Aodha*
MARK McHUGH
Cill Chartha

20. *Pól Ó Braonáin*
PAUL BRENNAN
Realt Na Mara, Bundobhráin

21. *Mairtín Mac Giolla Chainnigh*
MARTIN McELHINNEY
Naomh Mícheál

22. *Mícheál Ó Longáin*
MICHAEL LANGAN
Naomh Mícheál

23. *Cian Ó Maolagáin*
CIAN MULLIGAN
Gaoth Dobhair

24. *Darrach Ó Conchubhair*
DARRACH O'CONNOR
Bun Crannacha

25. *Éamonn Ó Dochartaigh*
EAMONN DOHERTY
Naomh Adhamhnáin

26. *Dónal Mac Lochlainn*
DANIEL McLAUGHLIN
Naomh Mícheál



GAILLIMH

ROGHNÓIRÍ: Kevin Walsh (Bainisteoir),
Brian Silke, Séan Conlon

1 *Ruairí Ó Maolábhaill*
RUAIRÍ LAVELLE
Rinn a'Mhaoil

2 *Eoghán Ó Ceirín*
EOGHAN KERIN
Anach Cuain

3 *Deaglán Ó Cadhain*
DECLAN KYNE
An Fhairche

4 *Cathal Mac Suibhne*
CATHAL SWEENEY
Cill Ainnín

5 *Garraí Ó Domhnaill (C.)*
GARY O'DONNELL
Realta Thuama

6 *Gearóid Breadseach*
GARETH BRADSHAW
Maigh Cuilinn

7 *Liam Ó Síoda*
LIAM SILKE
Corafinne

8 *Pól Ó Conraoí*
PAUL CONROY
Naomh Séamus

9 *Séan Ó hÉanna*
JOHNNY HEANEY
Cill Ainnín

10 *Tomás Ó Fhloinn*
THOMAS FLYNN
Baile Átha'n Rí

11 *Mícheál Ó Dalaigh*
MICHAEL DALY
An Creagán/Magh Locha

12 *Eamon Ó Brannagáin*
EAMONN BRANNIGAN
Naomh Mícheál

13 *Donal Ó Coimín*
DANNY CUMMINS
Baile Clár na Gaillimhe

14 *Damien Ó Ciaragáin*
DAMIEN COMER
Anach Cuain

15 *Sheadhna Breathnach*
SHANE WALSH
Cill Chloirín/Cluain Bheirne

FIR IONAIÐ

16. *Bernaird dé Paor*
BERNARD POWER
Corafinne

17. *Daithí Ó Gaoitín*
DAVID WYNNE
Maigh Cuilinn

18. *Daithí Breathnach*
DAVID WALSH
Cill Ainnín

19. *Cillian Mac Daibheid*
CILLIAN McDAID
Muine Mheá/Mainistir

20. *Mícheál Ó Fearachair*
MICHAEL FARRAGHER
Corafinne

21. *Éanna Ó Tiarnaigh*
ENDA TIERNEY
Uachtar Ard

22. *Ian dé Búrcha*
IAN BURKE
Corafinne

23. *Seán Ó Labhraí Traem*
SEÁN ARMSTRONG
Bóthar na Trá/Cnoc na Cathair

24. *Garraí Ó Saighneas*
GARY SICE
Corafinne

25. *Mícheál Ó Míocháin*
MICHAEL MEEHAN
Cealltrach

26. *Ronán Mac Eachaidh*
RONAN STEEDE
Corafinne



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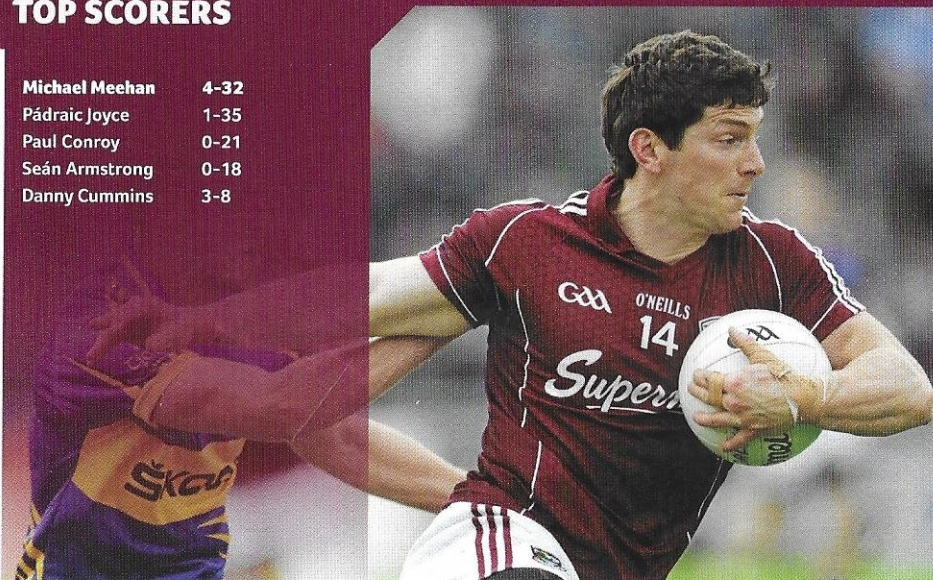
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	Galway	1-14	1-10	Cork		Galway	1-12	0-14	Waterford
2004	Galway	2-8	0-9	Louth		Galway	1-11	0-9	Armagh
	Tyrone	1-16	0-11	Galway		Cork	1-17	1-16	Galway
2006	Westmeath	1-8	0-10	Galway	2014	Galway	4-17	4-12	Tipperary
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2009	Donegal	0-14	0-13	Galway		Galway	1-11	0-8	Derry
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2011	Meath	0-11	0-10	Galway					

GAILLIMH

WON - 10 LOST - 9

TOP SCORERS

Michael Meehan	4-32
Pádraic Joyce	1-35
Paul Conroy	0-21
Seán Armstrong	0-18
Danny Cummins	3-8



WINS OVER DONEGAL

FIRST... GALWAY 3-13 DONEGAL 1-14

Date: August 18 1974

Venue: Croke Park

Stage: All-Ireland semi-final

Referee: P Collins (Westmeath)

Half-time score: Galway 2-7 Donegal 1-6



Galway in action in 1974



GAILLIMH

1	G MITCHELL	4	M GERAGHTY
2	J DILLON	3	J COSGRAVE
3	J COSGRAVE	4	M GERAGHTY
5	L O'NEILL	6	TJ GILMORE
6	TJ GILMORE	7	J HUGHES
8	W JOYCE (0-1)	9	M ROONEY
10	T NAUGHTON (0-2)	11	J DUGGAN
11	J DUGGAN	12	J BURKE
13	C McDONAGH (1-1)	14	L SAMMON (0-3)
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Subs- P Sands, M Hughes

AND LAST... GALWAY 1-12 DONEGAL 1-11

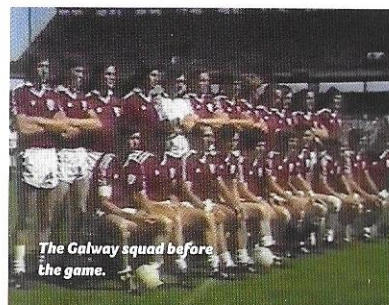
Date: August 14 1983

Venue: Croke Park

Stage: All-Ireland semi-final

Referee: A Fogarty (Kerry)

Half-time score: Donegal 1-6 Galway 0-6



The Galway squad before the game.



GAILLIMH

1	P COYNE	4	M COLEMAN
2	J HUGHES	3	S KINNEAVY
3	S KINNEAVY	4	M COLEMAN
5	P O'NEILL	6	P LEE (0-1)
6	P LEE (0-1)	7	S McHUGH
8	B TALTY	9	R LEE (0-1)
10	P KELLY	11	V DALY (1-1)
11	V DALY (1-1)	12	H O'DONNELL (0-2)
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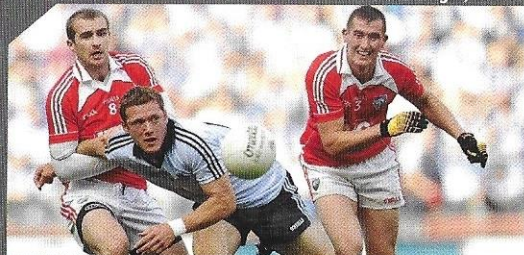
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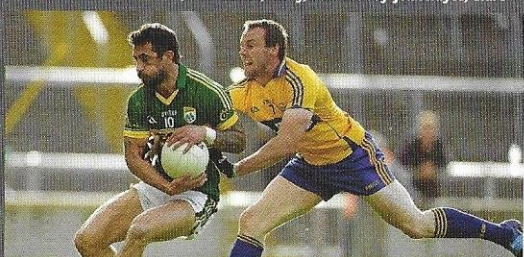
2010	Dublin 2-14	0-13	<i>Louth</i>
	Cork 0-16	1-11	<i>Limerick</i>
	Kildare 1-15	1-11	<i>Monaghan</i>
	Down 3-20	0-10	<i>Sligo</i>
2011	Cork 2-20	0-14	<i>Down</i>
	Limerick 1-18	1-17	<i>Wexford</i>
	Kildare 0-19	0-13	<i>Derry</i>
	Tyrone 3-19	1-14	<i>Roscommon</i>
2012	Kerry 2-22	1-6	<i>Clare</i>
	Kildare 0-13	0-4	<i>Sligo</i>
	Down 1-13	0-11	<i>Tipperary</i>
	Laois 1-15	1-12	<i>Meath</i>
2013	Cavan 1-17	1-8	<i>London</i>
	Cork 1-17	1-16	<i>Galway</i>
	Donegal 0-14	0-8	<i>Laois</i>
	Tyrone 0-17	2-9	<i>Meath</i>
2014	Cork 0-21	1-11	<i>Sligo</i>
	Galway 4-17	4-12	<i>Tipperary</i>
	Armagh 0-18	0-13	<i>Meath</i>
	Monaghan 2-16	2-14	<i>Kildare</i>
2015	Fermanagh 1-13	0-7	<i>Westmeath</i>
	Kildare 1-21	1-13	<i>Cork</i>
	Tyrone 0-21	0-14	<i>Sligo</i>
	Donegal 3-12	0-11	<i>Galway</i>
2016	Clare 2-12	1-9	<i>Roscommon</i>
	Tipperary 1-21	2-17	<i>Derry</i>
	Donegal 0-21	1-15	<i>Cork</i>
	Mayo 3-15	1-14	<i>Westmeath</i>

Provincial Runners-Up in italics

2010: Paul Flynn, Dublin, in action against Paddy Keenan and Dessie Finnegan, Louth



2012: Paul Galvin, Kerry, is hassled by John Hayes, Clare



2016: Paul Kerrigan of Cork faces off against Donegal's Patrick McBrearty and Leo McLoone



CAN GALWAY SUMMON THE REQUISITE ANSWERS?

By CIAN O'CONNELL, GAA.ie

A couple of hours after the last gleeful Roscommon soul had left Pearse Stadium, a bitter sense of disappointment lingered in Salihill for the smattering of locals, who were cleaning the venue. Galway had been soundly beaten, this particular Connacht SFC Final defeat cut deeply. How Galway respond matters hugely.

It was supposed to be the afternoon in which Galway reaffirmed their

status as being a relevant championship team.

Ultimately that is what every county craves: respect from the serious competitors. Dealing with the heavy burden of expectancy has been an issue for Galway.

Kevin Walsh has repeatedly spoken about achieving consistency - a word, which continues to dominate the agenda Corribside.

Galway's journey in the past 18 months hasn't been without turbulence; the 2016 All-Ireland quarter-final reversal to Tipperary a sharp reminder about the distance that still has to be travelled.

Despite the Roscommon and Tipperary matches encouraging nuggets have been located during this adventure. A first Connacht title in eight years, promotion to

2016: Damien Comer of Galway in action against Brian Fox, left, Josh Keane and Bill Maher of Tipperary



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Liam Silke of Galway in action against Mayo

Division 1 of the Allianz Football League, two championship wins over old foes Mayo.

Walsh's charges have scratched a few itches, but the manner of the Roscommon loss ensures the tussle against Donegal will be a revealing encounter.

After the win over Mayo in June some members of the Galway camp insisted that their campaign wouldn't be defined by the clash with the green and red. It was about making an impact in the overall scheme of things. Now that chance arrives in the north west.

Following the progress of 2016 when Galway reached the last eight the target is to return to that stage, at least. Anything else will be deemed as a setback so the stakes are undoubtedly high for the maroon and white brigade under the shadow of Ben Bulben.

The prize is massive for whoever advances; a day out in Croke Park. Delivering a victory in an intense knockout match is precisely what Galway need to do following the Roscommon roasting. Donegal endured a miserable afternoon of their own last month in

the Ulster semi-final. Tyrone's victory was a blow, but Donegal have subsequently eked out a couple of triumphs over Longford and Meath. Rory Gallagher's charges have survived, but they need to thrive for the remainder of the championship.

Ahead of the 2016 drawn Connacht decider against Roscommon Walsh spoke openly about his own introduction to the inter-county game as a player. Similar to the majority of the current crop Walsh had enjoyed underage success with Galway.

To illustrate his point Walsh stressed Galway's record in the province following his own senior debut. "When I joined the Galway panel after 11 years I had only won one before 1998," Walsh reflected. "That wasn't a very good innings for that time either."

Walsh acknowledged that Galway's strike rate needed improving. "You'll have your lull periods that just goes back to the sustainability again," Walsh remarked. "How do we ensure that doesn't happen, it is something you have got to look at in a big county like this.

"Structures, environments, cultures and stuff all over the county is vital. It is vital for every county looking to stay at the top." In the league Galway's return to the top flight in 2018 will be hugely important for the development of the panel.

Out of the 19 Galwegians who featured against Roscommon, just five had featured in a Division 1 Allianz Football League fixture.

Within a month of Galway's last game in Division 1 back in 2011 the Tribesmen earned an All-Ireland U21 title. Further glory followed at that level in 2013, while a defeat in this year's decider was another reminder of the potential which exists.

Pedigree and promise will always be available in Galway, but Walsh is trying to prepare his panel for the daunting challenges of the contemporary game.

Walsh was a central figure when Galway came thundering through to claim Sam Maguire in gloriously unexpected fashion in 1998. That was a different era when a bolter could make a

bid for national honours. The landscape has altered dramatically. Being exposed to Division 1 fare will aid Walsh's process, but before then Galway must make a statement in Sligo.

Gary O'Donnell, Gareth Bradshaw, Paul Conroy, and Gary Sice, who were all around during Galway's last stint at the top table occupy valuable roles in the current set-up. Michael Meehan and Seán Armstrong's return to the panel added to Galway's options.

Those who served during the 2011 and 2013 U21 winning campaigns proved that they can produce in the company of high class opponents. While the Connacht final hurt,

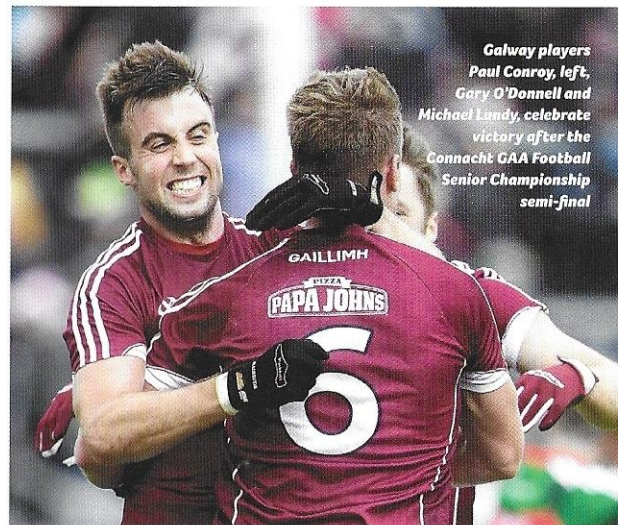
signs of recovery must be exhibited against Donegal.

Any team containing the dynamic Damien Comer certainly has a fighting chance. Walsh is seeking to ensure Galway can adequately cope in a demanding environment.

During his tenure Walsh has raised hopes, but there is no disguising the relevance of the impending 70 minutes for Galway, who need to mine a victory.

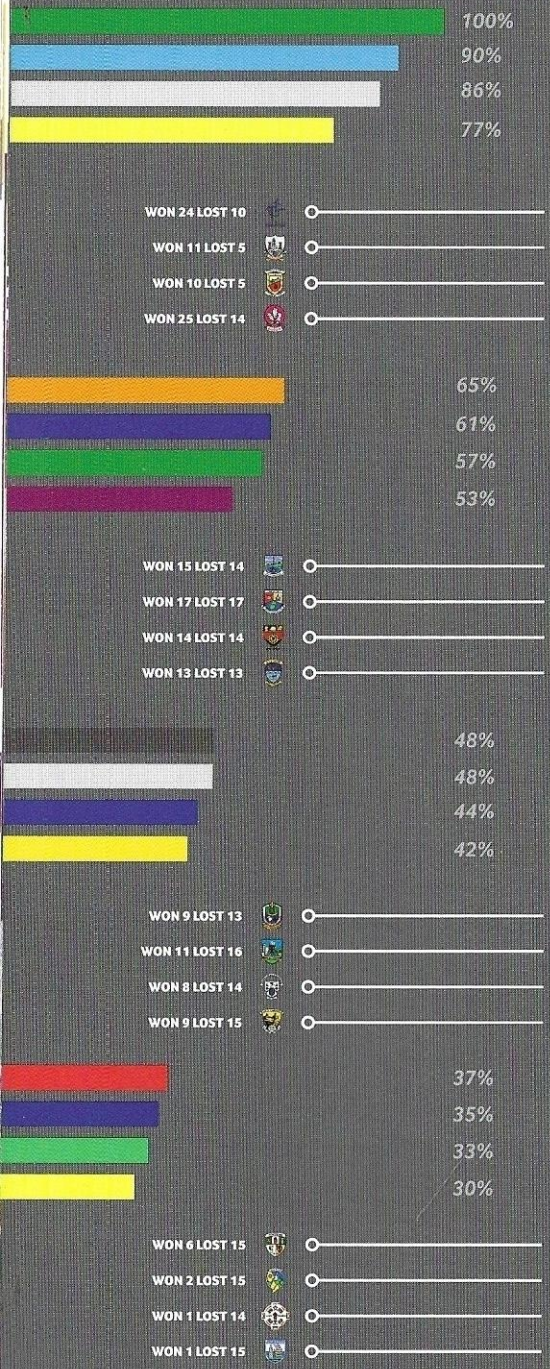
Getting back to GAA headquarters for the last eight was one of the chief aims when Galway set their 2017 targets. It is still attainable, but a tough test beckons.

Can Galway summon the requisite answers?



Galway players Paul Conroy, left, Gary O'Donnell and Michael Lundy, celebrate victory after the Connacht GAA Football Senior Championship semi-final

QUALIFIER RECORDS



KERRY	100%	WON 11 LOST 0
DUBLIN	90%	WON 9 LOST 1
TYRONE	86%	WON 24 LOST 4
DONEGAL	77%	WON 20 LOST 6
KILDARE	71%	WON 17 LOST 9
CORK	69%	WON 20 LOST 13
MAYO	67%	WON 17 LOST 13
DERRY	64%	WON 10 LOST 9
ARMAGH	65%	WON 13 LOST 14
LAOIS	61%	WON 11 LOST 12
MEATH	57%	WON 12 LOST 15
GALWAY	53%	WON 10 LOST 14
FERMANAGH	52%	WON 9 LOST 13
LONGFORD	50%	WON 11 LOST 16
DOWN	50%	WON 8 LOST 14
WESTMEATH	50%	WON 9 LOST 15
SLIGO	48%	WON 6 LOST 15
MONAGHAN	48%	WON 2 LOST 15
CAVAN	44%	WON 1 LOST 14
TIPPERARY	42%	WON 1 LOST 15
ROSCOMMON	41%	WON 6 LOST 15
LIMERICK	41%	WON 2 LOST 15
CLARE	36%	WON 8 LOST 16
WEXFORD	37%	WON 6 LOST 15
LOUTH	37%	WON 10 LOST 17
WICKLOW	35%	WON 8 LOST 15
OFFALY	33%	WON 8 LOST 16
CARLOW	30%	WON 6 LOST 15
ANTRIM	29%	WON 10 LOST 17
LEITRIM	12%	WON 8 LOST 15
LONDON	7%	WON 8 LOST 16
WATERFORD	6%	WON 6 LOST 15

GAA SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SCOREBOARD

Louth	1-19	1-14	Wicklow	Westmeath	0-10	0-10	Offaly
Laois	4-15	0-16	Longford	Westmeath	3-17	0-15	Offaly ®
Carlow	2-17	2-13	Wexford	Kildare	2-16	0-13	Meath
Meath	0-27	3-9	Louth	Dublin	4-29	0-10	Westmeath
Kildare	1-21	1-7	Laois	Dublin	2-23	1-17	Kildare
Dublin	0-19	0-7	Carlow				

LEINSTER

Sligo	1-21	1-13	New York	Galway	0-15	1-11	Mayo
Mayo	2-14	0-11	Sligo	Roscommon	2-23	1-9	Leitrim
Leitrim	3-10	0-16	London	Roscommon	2-15	0-12	Galway

CONNACHT

Monaghan	1-20	1-11	Fermanagh	Tyrone	1-21	1-12	Donegal
Tyrone	0-22	0-11	Derry	Down	1-14	0-15	Monaghan
Donegal	3-19	1-9	Antrim	Tyrone	2-17	0-15	Down
Down	0-15	2-7	Armagh				
Monaghan	1-15	0-15	Cavan				

ULSTER

Clare	1-13	1-12	Limerick	Cork	1-10	1-9	Tipperary
Cork	1-12	1-11	Waterford	Kerry	1-23	0-15	Cork
Kerry	1-18	1-12	Clare				

MUNSTER

Derry	1-17	0-13	Waterford	Donegal	0-12	0-7	Longford
Longford	2-15	1-10	Louth	Meath	0-14	1-9	Sligo
Laois	2-16	3-10	Wicklow	Tipperary	2-15	0-18	Cavan
Sligo	0-22	3-7	Antrim	Carlow	2-14	0-13	Leitrim
Wexford	0-12	0-11	Limerick	Monaghan	3-23	1-11	Wexford
Carlow	0-13	0-12	London	Armagh	1-12	1-7	Westmeath
Cavan	1-17	0-16	Offaly	Mayo	2-14	0-13	Clare
Armagh	0-20	0-11	Fermanagh	Donegal	1-15	1-14	Meath
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Mayo	2-21	1-13	Derry	Monaghan	1-12	1-7	Carlow

ALL-IRELAND



DÚN NA nGALL

ROGHNÓIRÍ: Tomás Ó hAonghusa (Bainisteoir),
Eamonn McCauley, Kevin O'Loughlin, Seán McVeigh

1 *Tomás de Cleir*
TOM CLARE
Bun Cranncha

2 *Séamus de Bhaird*
JAMIE DE WARD
Seán Mac Cumhaill

3 *Aodhán Stoc*
AIDAN STOKES
Bun Cranncha

4 *Ciarán Rami*
CIARÁN RAMI
Aodh Rua Baile/S

5 *Conchubhar Ó Gráda*
CONOR O'GRADY
Naomh Adhamhan

6 *Seán Ó Lochlainn*
JACK OLOUGHLIN
Bun Cranncha

7 *Caolán Mac Diarmaida*
CAOLAN McDERMOTT
Beart

8 *Somhairle Ó Dochartaigh*
SAM DOHERTY
Bun Cranncha

9 *Seán Ó Anderson*
SEÁN ANDERSON
Setanta

10 *Seán O Corráin*
SHAUN CURRAN
Seán Mac Cumhaill

11 *Oisín Ó Ruanaidh*
OISÍN ROONEY
Aodh Rua Baile/S

12 *Pól Mac Neighill*
PAUL NELSON
Bun Cranncha

13 *Eamonn Ó Lionsigh*
EDDIE LYNCH
Aodh Rua Baile/S

14 *Aaron Mac Amhlaoibh*
AARON McCAULEY
Sean MacCumhaill

15 *Seán Ó Cearúlláin*
JOHNNY CARLIN
Setanta

FIR IONAID

- 17.** *Cathal Ó Dochartaigh*
CATHAL DOHERTY
Carndomhnaigh
- 18.** *Cian Dúraic*
CIAN DURACK
Naomh Adhamhan
- 19.** *Beircheart Ó Dochartaigh*
BEN DOHERTY
Bun Cranncha

- 20.** *Conchubhar Ó Ceallaigh*
CONOR KELLY
Naomh Adhamhan
- 21.** *Seán hAilmhic*
SEÁN HALVEY
Naomh Adhamhan
- 22.** *Caomhin Ó Caollai*
KEVIN KEALY
Naomh Adhamhan
- 23.** *Fiachra Mac Lochlainn*
FIACHRA McLAUGHLIN
Bun Cranncha

- 24.** *Stiofán Ó Dochartaigh*
STEPHEN DOHERTY
Naomh Adhamhan
- 25.** *Saerbhreathach Mac Giolla Bhríde*
JUSTIN McBRIDE
Setanta
- 26.** *Conchubhar Ó Cinnéide*
CONOR KENNEDY
Aodh Rua Baile/S

SLIGEACH

ROGHNÓIRÍ: Declan Loughnane (Bainisteoir),
Brendan Kenny, Michael Burke

1 *Fionn Ó Muireasa*
FIONN MORRISEY
Cúil Irra/Leathros

2 *Seosamh Ó Móráin*
JOE MORAN
Tobar an Choire

3 *Gabháin Ó Ficheallaigh*
GAVIN FEELY
Tuarloistreáin

4 *Cathal Mac Shúirtáin*
CATHAL JORDAN
Naomh Eoin Iomáint

5 *Caoimhín Ó Bruacháin*
KEVIN BANKS
Cúil Irra/Leathros

6 *Rónán Réamoinn*
RONAN REDMOND
Cúil Irra/Leathros

7 *Finin Mac Amhlaoibh*
FINNIAN CAWLEY
Naomh Fearnain

8 *Antaine Ó Ceallaigh-Loinsigh*
TONY O'KELLY-LYNCH
Naomh Eoin Iomáint

9 *Pól Mac Giolla Chaoin*
PAUL KILCOYNE
Naomh Eoin Iomáint

10 *Gearóid Ó Ceallaigh-Loinsigh*
GERARD O'KELLY-LYNCH
Naomh Eoin Iomáint

11 *Micheál Mac Mhuirneacháin*
MIKEY GORDON
Iascaigh

12 *Eamonn Mac Giolla Ghannain*
EAMONN KILGANNON
Naomh Fearnain

13 *Niall Ó Fithcheallaigh*
NIALL FEEHILY
Naomh Eoin Iomáint

14 *Seosamh Mac Aodha*
JOE McHUGH
Iascaigh

15 *Ciarán Mac an Phríora*
KIERAN PRIOR
Cúil Irra/Leathros

FIR IONAID

- 16.** *Lúcás Comartún*
LUKE COMERFORD
Cúil Irra/Leathros
- 17.** *Seán Ó Ceallacháin*
SEÁN CALLAGHAN
Cúil Irra/Leathros
- 18.** *Gearóid de Poire*
GERARD PERRY
Tobar an Choire

- 19.** *Tomás Ó Móráin*
THOMAS MORAN
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DIARMUID BRENNAN
Tuarloistreáin
- 21.** *Daithí Mac Giolla Riathail*
DAVID KILREHILL
Cúil Irra/Leathros
- 22.** *Seán Ó Braonain*
SHANE BRENNAN
Cúil Irra/Leathros

- 23.** *Seán Mac an Bheatha*
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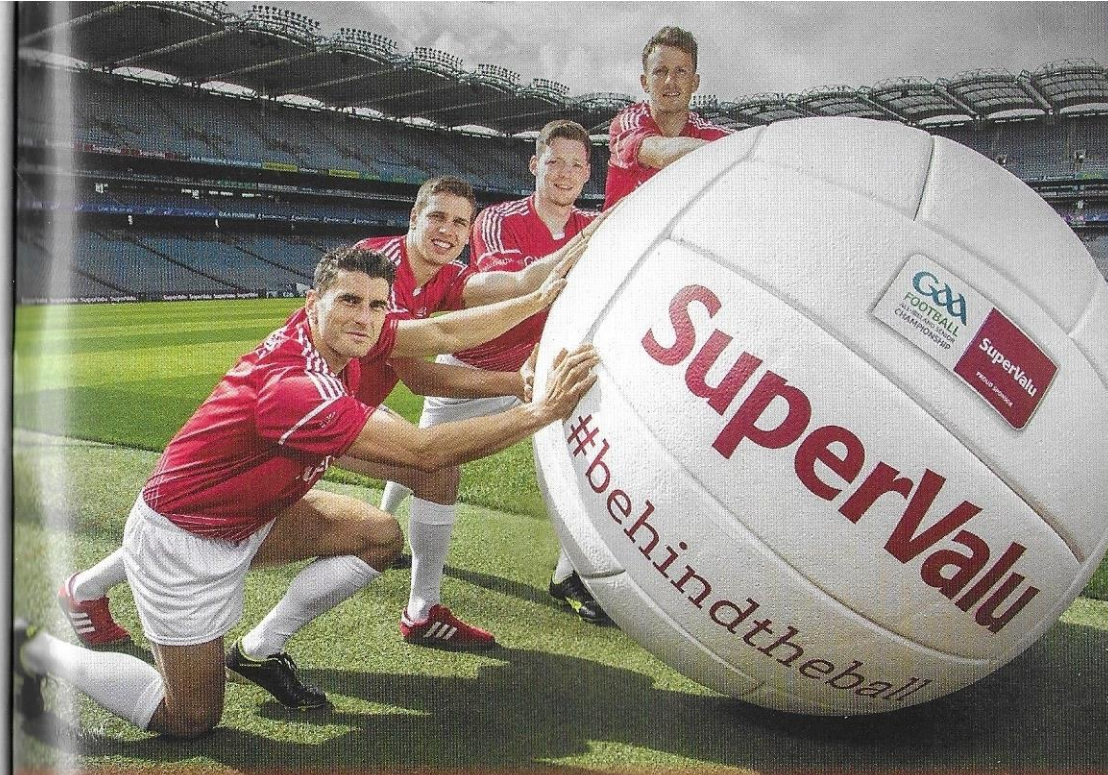
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