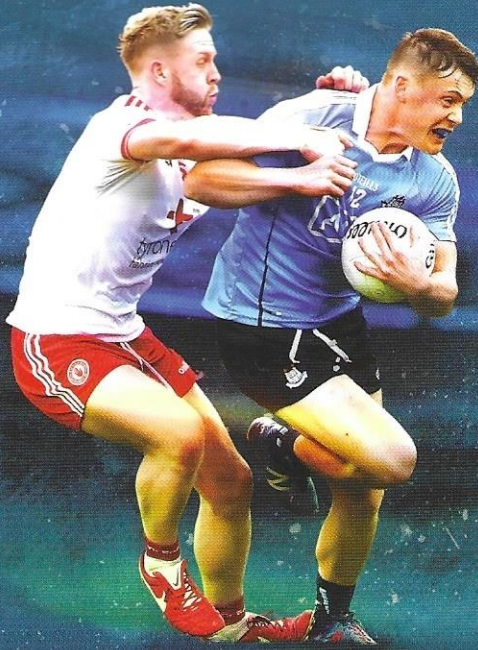




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## Electric Ireland GAA Football All-Ireland Minor Championship Final

1.00 PM

# CIARRAÍ v GAILLIMH

AN RÉITEOIR: SEÁN HURSON, GALBALLY PEARSES (TÍR EOGHAIN)

LINESMEN: Derek O'Mahoney, Ardfinnan (Tiobraid Árann) (STANDBY REF),  
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HAWKEYE OFFICIAL: Noel O'Donoghue (Áth Cliath)

*In the event of a draw, extra-time will be played*



## GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship Final

3.30 PM

# ÁTH CLIATH v TÍR EOGHAIN

AN RÉITEOIR: CONOR LANE, BANTEER/LYRE (CORCAIGH)

LINESMEN: David Gough, Slane (An Mhí) (STANDBY REF),  
Paddy Neilan, Kiltewan (Ros Comáin)

SIDELINE OFFICIAL: Seán Laverty, St Ergnats Moneyglass (Aontroim)

UMPIRES: John Joe Lane, Banteer/Lyre (Corcaigh), DJ O'Sullivan, Banteer/Lyre (Corcaigh)  
Ray Hegarty, Bride Rovers (Corcaigh), Pat Kelly, Kilshannig (Corcaigh)

HAWKEYE OFFICIAL: Dickie Murphy (Loch Garman)

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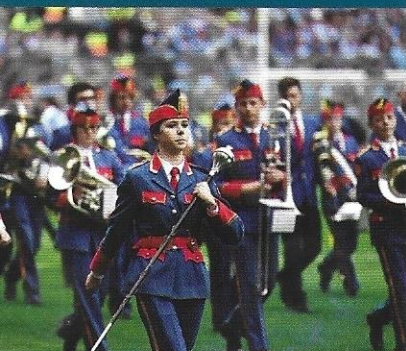
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12.39	Ciarraí amach ar an bpáirc	14.20*	Winning minor team lap of honour	15.15	Club mascots make their way to the red carpet
12.41	Gaillimh amach ar an bpáirc	14.30	Jubilee Team Doire 1993 *Moved to half-time in senior final if minor final goes to extra-time*	15.17	Players and Match Officials make their way to the red carpet
12.43	Oifigigh an Chluiche amach ar an bpáirc		<i>If minor final goes to extra-time</i>	15.18	Uachtarán na hÉireann introduced - accompanied by Uachtarán CLG
12.45	Coin toss	14.24	Coin toss	15.19	Uachtarán na hÉireann agus Uachtarán CLG meet the teams followed by Respect handshake
12.49	Lineout announcement	14.25	Start of extra-time 1st half	15.22	Paráid na fóirne
12.53	Introduction of Uachtarán CLG, agus Eirleamh CLG	14.36*	End of extra-time 1st half Teams remain on the pitch	15.28	Amhrán na bhFiann
12.56	Introduction of An Taoiseach leis an tArd Stúirthóir	14.40*	Start of extra-time 2nd half	15.30	Tús Chluiche Peile Sínear na hÉireann 2018
12.57	Respect handshake	14.51*	End of extra-time 2nd half (Replay required if still level)	16.07*	Leath-am (Jubilee Team Doire 1993 - If minor final goes to extra-time)
13.00	Tús Chluiche Peile Mhionúir na hÉireann 2018	14.53*	Presentation of cup by Uachtarán CLG	16.22*	Tús an dara leath
13.32*	Leath-am	14.55*	Winning minor team lap of honour	17.00*	Críoch an cluiche
13.39*	GAA Cumann na mBunscol INTO/ Respect Exhibition Go Games	14.59	Áth Cliath amach ar an bpáirc	17.03*	Presentation of cup by Uachtarán CLG
13.42*	Tús an dara leath	15.01	Tír Eoghain amach ar an bpáirc	17.15	Lap of honour by winning team
14.15*	Críoch an cluiche	15.03	Oifigigh an chluiche amach ar an bpáirc		* Depending on 'added time'
14.17*	Presentation of cup by Uachtarán CLG	15.10	Coin toss		

# Entertainment

## THE ARTANE BAND

The Artane Band will be adding colour, pomp and stadium-rousing music to proceedings today and are delighted to be in attendance at the GAA Football All-Ireland Championship Finals. The band is comprised of male and female members - mostly secondary school students from all over the northside of Dublin who share their passion for music while attending the Artane School of Music for rehearsals. As well as the band system (students can join the band from eight years of age), the Artane School of Music offers private tuition lessons in a variety of instruments, as well as music theory and Leaving Cert Class.



## CARBERY RANGERS SENIOR BALLAD GROUP

We look forward to the sweet-sounding melodies of Carbery Rangers Senior Ballad Group who are performing at half-time in the Electric Ireland GAA Football All-Ireland Minor Championship final.

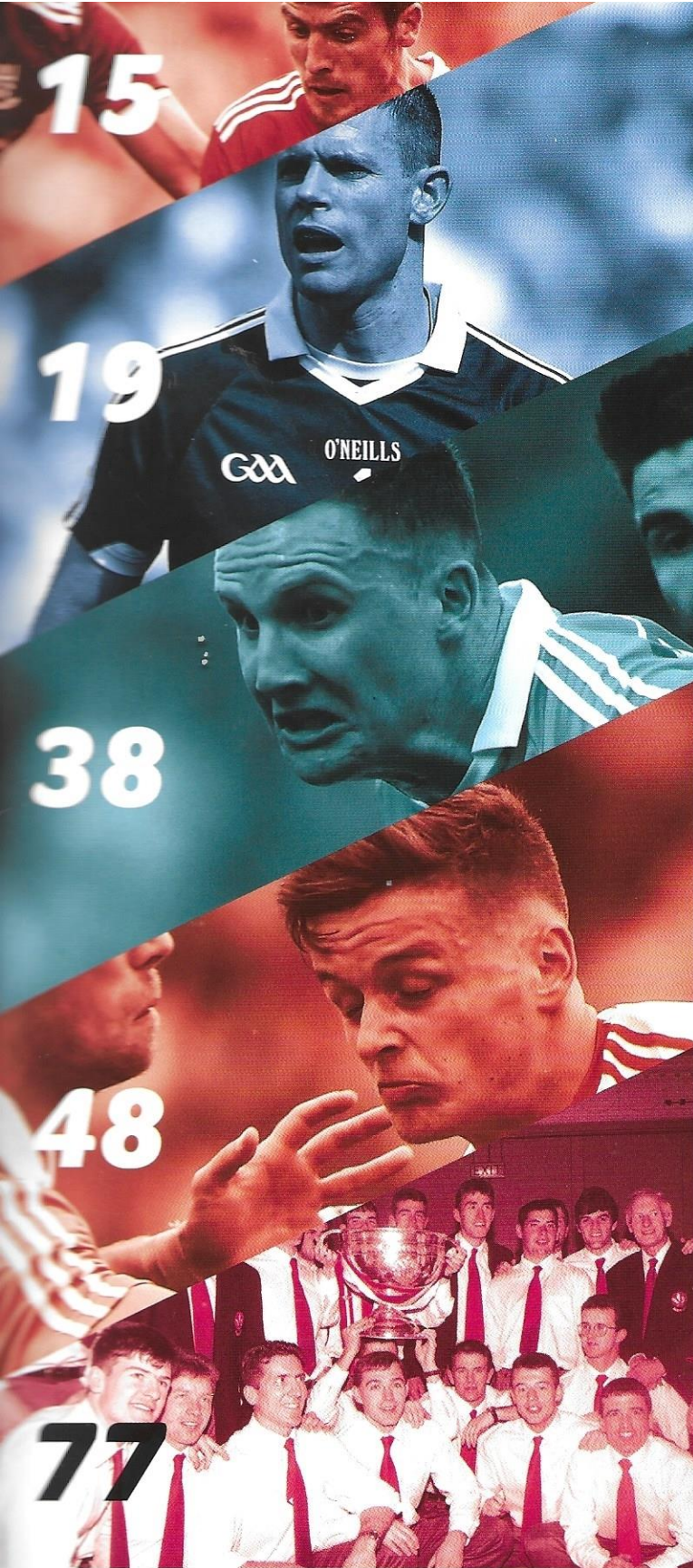
The year 2017/'18 has been a phenomenal year for Carbery Scór, with ultimate honours going to the Carbery Rangers club, one of the most active clubs since the foundation of Scór. Both senior and junior ballad groups returned with All-Ireland titles this year, an outstanding success for GAA in Cork.



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# RÉAMHFHOCAL ÓN UACHTARÁN

**A** rdaíonn sé mo chroí an deis seo a bheith agam fáilte speisialta a chur romhaibh go léir ar lá mór na peile agus na tíre.

It is a great honour for me to welcome you all here to Croke Park for the auspicious occasion that is the GAA Football All-Ireland Finals Sunday.

This has been the most talked about football championship in many years, and it has produced no shortage of thrills and spills and ultimately has left us with the two best teams in the country ready to duel for the iconic prize that is the Sam Maguire.

These are heady times for the footballers of Dublin and their followers. Today they seek a sixth title since their 2011 breakthrough.

Throughout this time, they have been the yardstick for football excellence and have done much to promote the game in the capital. Jim Gavin's men stand on the cusp of something truly special if they manage the incredible four in-a-row feat today. Either way, they have been fantastic ambassadors for their clubs and county.

In their path is a man who is no stranger to September Sundays at Croke Park. Mickey Harte won a minor title here as manager of a Tyrone team in 1998, taking that group of players forward to U21 success and later landing the Red Hand's first-ever Sam Maguire in 2003.

Adding more glory in 2005 and 2008 cemented his place in Tyrone GAA folklore and he deserves enormous credit for the way in which he has rebuilt the county into a force again. Victory here means he would join Jim Gavin, Seán Boylan and Mick O'Dwyer as part of a select group

of All-Ireland winning managers to win four or more in the modern game. Regardless of the result, his service to Tyrone GAA over so many seasons will stand the test of time.

The provincial campaigns gave us plenty to savour such as Carlow's great run, which eventually fell to a fine Laois side that would appear in a first Leinster final in 11 years. Fermanagh toppled a fancied Monaghan to make the Ulster final and Galway v Mayo in Connacht was a fine contest while Kerry's scoring prowess in Munster made headlines.

This has been a year of significant changes in Gaelic football and the focus was always going to fall on those new changes.

Although we are only in the first of our three-year trial on the new quarter-final play-off format, already we have seen it provide many of the highlights of the season courtesy of Tyrone v Dublin, Donegal v Tyrone and Galway v Monaghan in matches played at local venues.

There's been a debate around the scheduling of these matches and we have given a commitment to reviewing this. But overall, the concept of ensuring the best teams in the championship fight it out for the concluding stages of the Sam Maguire has been a success and I would urge everyone to give this trial its full three years before we make definitive pronouncements on its impact.

The game of Gaelic football itself continues to evolve and this has provoked a much wider debate within the Association.

Gaelic football is a game of immense skill. Aside from the athleticism and strength required; fielding, kicking, tackling and shooting are the pillars and it is only right that the Association

takes a strong view of how the game is developing as a sport to be played, coached and watched.

Over the coming months a sub-committee chaired by David Hasson will look at the possibility of trialling experimental rules that develop Gaelic football.

Despite reservations expressed by some, the introduction of the mark has protected and promoted high fielding and we have seen some fantastic exponents of this art throughout the summer, with Tyrone's Colm Cavanagh and Dublin's Brian Fenton prominent.

The black card has led to a dramatic reduction in cynical tackling.

Any discussion on the game will require the input of players, coaches and referees at club and county level. Any long-term sustainable changes need to be applied in juvenile club matches as easily as they are at Croke Park.

We have a great game, and this should be viewed as an opportunity to make it better.

Clubs will be the key to its success and it is timely that there will be a major national gathering for clubs taking place at Croke Park in November. We were delighted to see more than 800 clubs fill out and submit responses to a survey on a wide range of club-related issues.

The agenda and content at the National Club Forum will be influenced by this feedback.

One of the key elements of the new championship quarter-final format was to provide additional time for club activity to take place in more counties than before. In previous years we had 16 counties still involved in the All-Ireland Senior Football Championship when we reached July. This year, and for the next two years, that will be cut to eight.

It's clear that some counties have been better than others at utilising this new schedule. Again, it is the first year of this three-year trial and our hope is that lessons have been learned. Equally the condensing of the national fixture plan has brought challenges which may need to be addressed.

Our commitment to assisting clubs remains of paramount importance.

On the red carpet today we will parade children in the club colours of the starting teams from Dublin and Tyrone – recognition of the fact that the intercounty stars we have before us have come from and will return to be club players – the product of thousands of hours of coaching and mentoring unselfishly invested in them by parents, teachers and club volunteers.

The day begins with the Electric Ireland All-Ireland minor final where Kerry continue their excellent run of form at this level and meet a talented Galway side making their own waves. As ever, it's an occasion for us to view the emerging stars of the future and we wish these young footballers, their families and clubs all the very best.

It's a big day for referees Conor Lane and Seán Hurson and their team of match officials for the senior and minor games. More matches have placed more demands on referees and I want to thank all those on our national panel, and the administrators assisting them, for guiding us through the games so well. Like the players, Conor and Seán are here on merit, selected on the basis of their previous good form and I wish them a successful afternoon.

This year is the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the Irish National Teachers' Organisation. I want to pay tribute to the role that teachers everywhere have played, and continue to play, in selflessly nurturing the development of our games.

Our senior sponsors eir, SuperValu and AIB and minor championship sponsors Electric Ireland have played a crucial role in allowing us to grow our games and I thank them for their partnership.

For so many people the GAA Championships are an integral part of their summer. We value and appreciate their loyalty and passion for our games and both

in this match programme and on the big screen during the day we will illustrate our efforts to ensure that the backing received from our supporters is invested into the continued development of the GAA.

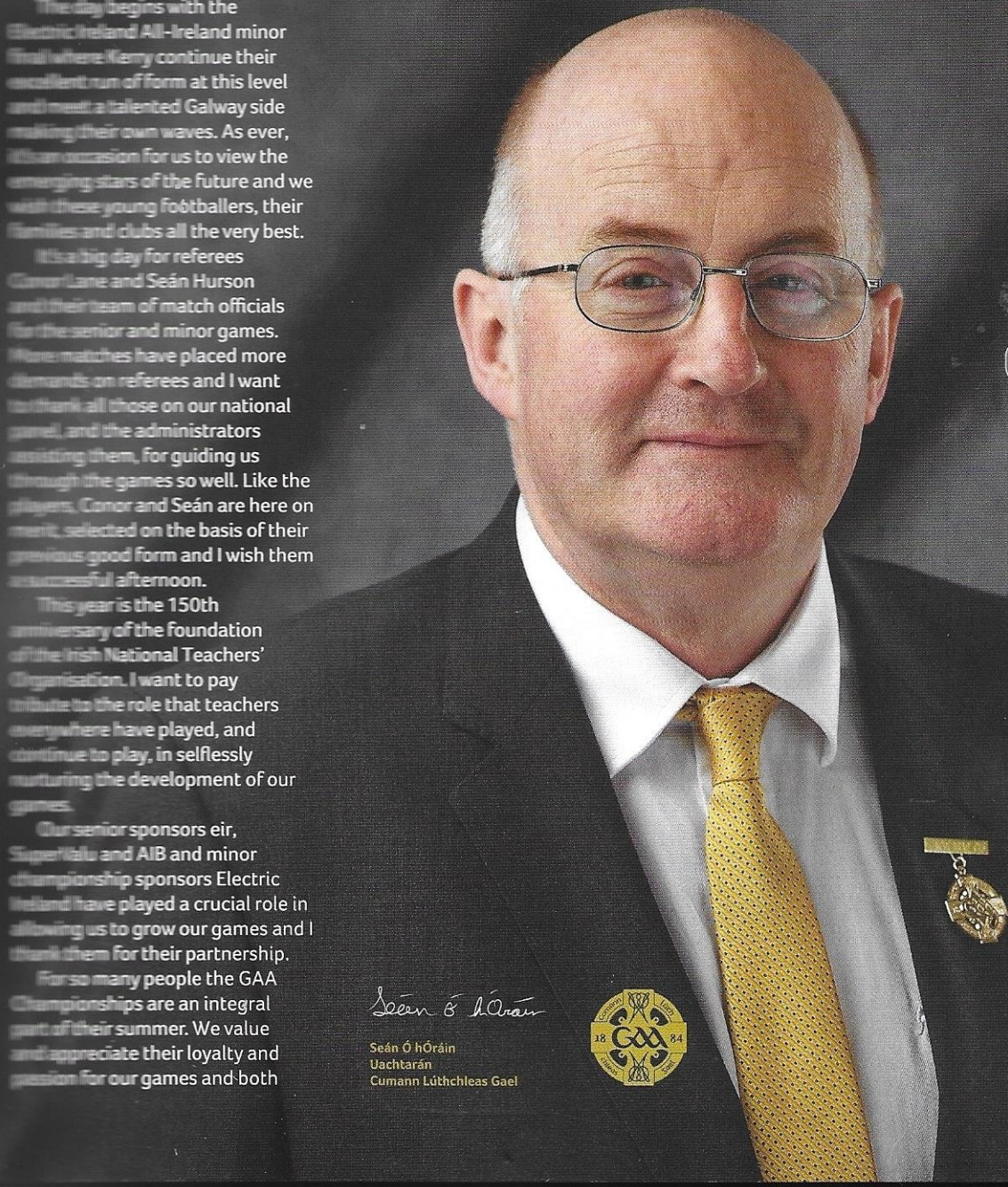
Ultimately this day belongs to the players. The footballers of Dublin and Tyrone represent the very best of the football class of 2018 and represent all those who took the field in this campaign. We salute their efforts and the

dedication that they, the coaches and backroom teams have played in being the best they can be.

This will be the 90th anniversary of the very first presentation of the Sam Maguire Cup – a prized piece of silverware dedicated to a great GAA man and a great Irish man. I look forward to a great occasion on this most special day in Irish sport.

Ta síúl agam go mbainfidh sibh taitneamh as an lá.

Rath Dé ar an obair.



*Seán Ó hÓráin*

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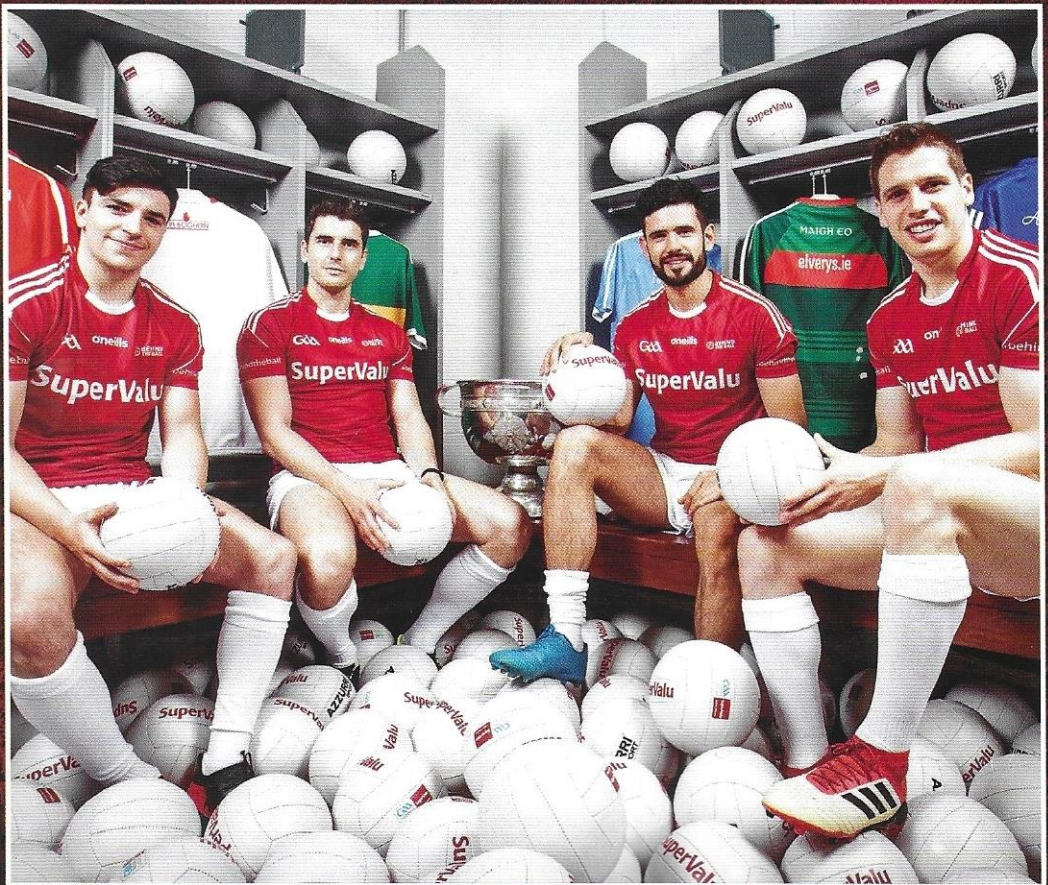
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# MESSAGE FROM THE SPONSORS



CAROLINE LENNON  
Chief Executive  
Officer, eir

To supporters of Dublin, Tyrone, Kerry and Galway, on behalf of everyone at eir, a massive welcome to Croke Park today for the biggest day of Gaelic football's calendar. We hope you enjoy what is a very special day in Irish sport and one which connects Irish people all over the globe. At eir we are all about connecting people. It's at the heart of what we do. Today, as we express a major part of our cultural identity through sport, that connection is stronger than ever. Today the Irish diaspora all over the world will focus their eyes on Croke Park. At eir we are proud of helping strengthen those connections. And who would not want to be connected to today's All-Ireland finalists? Dublin are on the verge of a record equalling four in-a-row while Tyrone are looking to bridge a ten-year gap since they last lifted Sam Maguire. The very best of luck to both teams and also, good luck to today's minor finalists. It is also a huge day in their young lives. At eir, we firmly believe that the story of the football championship isn't solely about what happens on the pitch. As the GAA's Official Telecoms Partner, we know that you the fans want to be able to keep right up to speed with all the most up-to-date information around today's games. We are constantly working with the GAA to find innovative new tautology to help you stay connected with the games. Enjoy the matches today and safe travelling home afterwards. No matter where your destination, we're all connected on this special day.



TOM WINKELLA  
Chief Marketing  
Officer, AIB

It is a privilege to be here with you in Croke Park today as a sponsor of the GAA All-Ireland Senior Football Championship on what is one of the great days in the GAA calendar. The senior football championship is a very important sponsorship to us here at AIB, as is our sponsorship of the AIB GAA and Camogie Club Championships, and we are delighted to be once again "Backing Club and County." While the routes have been contrasting it is clear the two best teams have reached what we expect to be a really intriguing final. As Dublin and Tyrone take to the field, I would like to wish both sets of players, management and fans the very best of luck. The work and commitment that these players and management have put in over the last number of months, indeed years, is monumental, and the spectacle they produce for their fans is testament to this. This is our fourth season backing both club and county, and we are delighted to continue our support of GAA at all levels after this year announcing a further five-year extension of our 27-year partnership with the GAA. The hard work and perseverance during the autumn and winter months at club level fuels the county competition and seeing these players here today representing their families, clubs and communities at county level is something very special. On behalf of AIB, I would like to congratulate Dublin and Tyrone on reaching the GAA All-Ireland Senior Football Final and we wish both teams the very best of luck.



MARTIN KELLEHER  
Managing Director  
SuperValu

On behalf of SuperValu, I would like to warmly welcome you all to Croke Park today to see these two great sporting counties battle it out, in what is sure to be a great All-Ireland final. As proud sponsors, I would like to commend the players from both Dublin and Tyrone, their loyal supporters and all those who worked hard to bring both teams here today. At SuperValu, we are passionate about being local and nothing represents this more than the GAA, with its strong heritage which is deeply rooted in every community across Ireland. I would like to acknowledge Peter Keane, the Kerry football manager and his football team, that are taking to the field in the minor final today. Peter, together with his wife Siobhán manages and owns SuperValu Killorglin. Similar to the GAA, our independent retailers strive to build vibrant local communities by supporting local clubs and counties. Peter is a prime example of this with his dedication to Kerry football. SuperValu will help to inspire future generations, through our Behind the Ball campaign. This year, we will donate 55,000 GAA footballs to clubs across the country. This is an ambitious initiative and was designed to get children as young as eight playing football and exercising regularly. This year, SuperValu stores have contributed over €2.6 million to grassroot GAA clubs nationwide. We have witnessed an exciting display of skill and determination throughout the season and I have no doubt that today's game will be just as fantastic with both teams so close to the ultimate prize. I would like to wish both teams, their management and all the fans, the best of luck in today's All-Ireland football final.

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*Ballymun Kickhams*
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**PADDY ANDREWS**  
*St. Brigid's*
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**DARREN DALY**  
*Fingal Ravens*
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**MICHAEL FITZSIMONS**  
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**TIERNAN McCANN**

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**CATHAL McSHANE**

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**MATTHEW DONNELLY**

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**NIALL SLUDDEN**

*An Droim Mór*



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**KIERAN McGEARY**

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**RICHARD DONNELLY**

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**CONNOR McALISKEY**

*Cluain Eo*

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16. Micheál Ó Néill  
**MICHAEL O'NEILL**

*Cluain Eo*

17. Lee Ó Braonáin  
**LEE BRENNAN**

*Trí Leac*

18. Ruairí Ó Braonáin  
**RORY BRENNAN**

*Trí Leac*

19. Mícheál Ó Caiside  
**MICHAEL CASSIDY**

*Ard Bó*

20. Anraí Ó Luachráin  
**HARRY LOUGHRAN**

*An Mhaigh*

21. Conál Mac Cana  
**CONALL McCANN**

*Coill an Chlochair*

22. Deaglán Mac Giolla Uir  
**DECLAN McCLURE**

*Cluain Eo*

23. Aodhán Mac Ruairí  
**AIDAN McCORRY**

*Aireagal Chiaráin*

24. Aodh Pádraig Mac Gadhra  
**HUGH PAT McGEARY**

*Cabhán a'Chaortainn*

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**CONOR MEYLER**

*An Ómaigh*

26. Ronán Ó Néill  
**RONAN O'NEILL**

*An Ómaigh*



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# FOOTBALL REFEREE STATISTICS 2018

RESEARCH CARRIED OUT BY AIDAN BRADY, SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE, DUBLIN CITY UNIVERSITY IN COLLABORATION WITH THE GAA AND THE IRISH RESEARCH COUNCIL

NUMBER OF REFEREES ON THE SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP PANEL: 18  
NUMBER OF CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES: 67

INFORMATION ON SPEED AND DISTANCE OF GAELIC FOOTBALL MATCH OFFICIALS DURING THE 2018 SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

## TOTAL DISTANCE COVERED DURING A GAME



AVERAGE: 9.7 km  
MAX: 11.1 km  
AVERAGE (LINESMAN): 5.5 km  
MAX (LINESMAN): 6.0 km

## DISTANCE BREAKDOWN

(TOTAL DISTANCE IS DIVIDED INTO 5 SPEED ZONES)



WALKING: 2634 m  
JOGGING: 2536 m  
LOW INTENSITY RUNNING: 2055 m  
MODERATE INTENSITY RUNNING: 1524 m  
HIGH INTENSITY RUNNING: 904 m

## SPEED



MAX SPEED: 28.3 km/h  
AVERAGE SPEED: 8.3 km/h

## SCORES



AVERAGE SCORES PER GAME  
GOALS: 2 per game  
POINTS: 31 per game

## FOUL PLAY

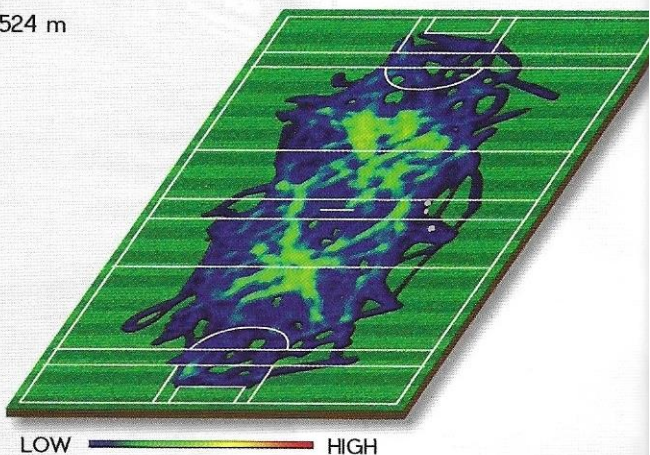


YELLOW CARDS  
TOTAL: 340  
AVERAGE: 5.1 per game

RED CARDS  
TOTAL: 33  
AVERAGE: 0.5 per game

BLACK CARDS  
TOTAL: 62  
AVERAGE: 0.9 per game

ACTIVITY HEAT MAP OF REFEREE DURING ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINAL



LOW HIGH

# NA RÉITEOIRÍ

SENIOR FINAL REFEREE

## CONOR LANE (CORCAIGH)

The Banteer/Lyre clubman has been a member of the intercounty panel since 2011 and this afternoon takes charge of his second All-Ireland senior final having blown the whistle at the Dublin-Mayo decider two years ago. Both Dublin and Tyrone featured among his championship assignments this season as the Rebel ref oversaw the Red Hand's Round 2 Qualifier against Carlow at Netwatch Cullen Park and the 'Metropolitans' quarter-final phase 1 match against Donegal, which incidentally was his most recent outing at Croke Park. The most recent of his six matches in the premier competition this season was the Galway-Monaghan quarter-final phase 3 game at Pearse Stadium, Salthill. Although the 40-year-old has a final and four quarter-finals under his belt, Lane has still yet to take charge of a match at the penultimate stage of the competition while Dublin and Tyrone featured in two of the three Allianz League ties that came under his jurisdiction in the spring.

2017 – Joe McQuillan (Cavan), 2016 – Maurice Deegan (Laois) replay, Conor Lane (Cork) draw, 2015 – David Coldrick (Meath), 2014 – Eddie Kinsella (Laois), 2013 – Joe McQuillan (Cavan).

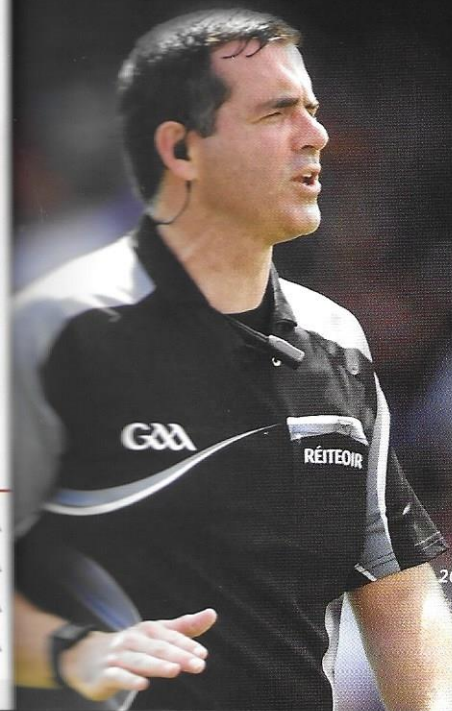


MINOR FINAL REFEREE

## SEÁN HURSON (TÍR EOGHAIN)

A Galbally Peares club member, this will be the Red Hand referee's first outing on the minor stage since 2014 when he was in charge of the Kerry-Mayo All-Ireland semi-final. The 39-year-old has been a member of the intercounty panel since 2013 and has already been on duty at Croke Park this season for the Allianz League Division 2 final between Cavan and Roscommon. That was one of five fixtures the Tyrone official was assigned in that competition, while in the senior championship campaign Hurson was on duty at Glennon Brothers Pearse Park for the Longford-Meath Leinster quarter-final, at Markievicz Park for the Sligo-Armagh Round 2 qualifier, and most recently at St Conleth's Park, Newbridge for the phase 2 quarter-final clash of Kildare and Galway.

2017 – Anthony Nolan (Wicklow), 2016 – Ciarán Branagan (Down), 2015 – David Gough (Meath), 2014 – Fergal Kelly (Longford), 2013 – Conor Lane (Cork).



# CIARRAÍ



ROGHNÓIRÍ - PETER KEANE (BAINISTEoir), Tommy Griffin, James Foley, Chris Flannery, Pádraig Murphy

**1** Marc Ó Ceileachair  
**MARC KELLIHER**  
Gleann Fleisce

**2** Conchúir Ó Flannúra  
**CONOR FLANNERY**  
Daingean Uí Chúis

**3** Eoghan Mac Gearailt  
**OWEN FITZGERALD**  
Gniomh Go Leith

**4** Daithí Ó Mangáin  
**DAVID MANGAN**  
Fánuithe na Leamhna

**5** Colm Ó Muircheartaigh  
**COLM MORIARTY**  
Abha na Scáil

**6** Donal Mac Cárthaigh  
**DAN MCCARTHY**  
An Neidín

**7** Donal Ó Mhurchú  
**DAN MURPHY**  
Ráth Mhór

**8** Dara Ó Rathaille  
**DARRAGH RAHILLY**  
Ráth Mhór

**9** Darragh Ó Laighin  
**DARRAGH LYNE**  
An Leigiún

**10** Pól Breathnach  
**PAUL WALSH**  
Brosnach

**11** Pól Ó Sé (C.)  
**PAUL O'SHEA**  
Cill Cuimín

**12** Cillian Ó Faibhe  
**KILLIAN FALVEY**  
Abha na Scáil

**13** Dylan Ó Géibheannaigh  
**DYLAN GEANEY**  
Daingean Uí Chúis

**14** Pádraig Ó Dorchaí  
**PATRICK D'ARCY**  
Gleann Fleisce

**15** Michéal Ó Lionacháin  
**MICHAEL LENIHAN**  
Dr. Chrócaigh

## FIR IONAD

16. Ceiteach Ó Laoire  
**KEITH O LEARY**  
Cill Cuimín

17. Ruaidhrí Ó Beaglaóich  
**RUaidhrí Ó BEAGLaoíCH**  
An Ghaeltacht

18. Ciarán Ó Donnchú  
**KIERAN O'DONOGHUE**  
An Leigiún

19. Seán Ó Chonchúir  
**JACK O'CONNOR**  
Lios an Phúca

20. Séamus Mac Cárthaigh  
**JAMES MCCARTHY**  
An Neidín

21. Seán Ó Chionnfhaola  
**JACK KENNELLY**  
Baile Uí Donnachú

22. Seán Ó Cuiltéir  
**SEÁN QUILTER**  
Aibhistín De Staic

23. Daithí Ó Dúinnín  
**DAVID DINEEN**  
Ráth Mhór

24. Marc Cúipéir  
**MARK COOPER**  
Dr. Chrócaigh



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1

Donal Ó hAllúrain

**DONIE HALLORAN**

*Seamróige Cortúin*

2

Ethan Breathnach

**ETHAN WALSH**

*Seamróige Cortúin*

3

Seán Mac Ghiolla Dhuibh

**SEÁN BLACK**

*An Clochán*

4

Cian Ó Duibhne

**CIAN DEANE**

*Maigh Cuilinn*

5

Rian Ó Manacháin

**RYAN MONAHAN**

*Uachtar Ard*

6

Antaine Mac Giolla Íosa

**TONY GILL**

*Corafinne*

7

Cathal Mac Suihbne

**CATHAL SWEENEY**

*Bóthar na Trá/Cnoc na Cathrach*

8

Pól Ó Ceallaigh

**PAUL KELLY**

*Maigh Cuilinn*

9

Conchúir Ó Raifteirí (C.)

**CONOR RAFTERY**

*Gleann a'Mhadaidh*

10

Liam Mac an Bhreithimh

**LIAM JUDGE**

*Cathair Liosgréin*

11

Aodhán Ó hAllúrain

**AIDAN HALLORAN**

*Bóthar na Trá/Cnoc na Cathrach*

12

Seán O hÓrcáin

**SEÁN HORKAN**

*Naomh Gabriel*

13

Éoin Mac an tSionnaigh

**EOGHAN TINNEY**

*Bóthar na Trá/Cnoc na Cathrach*

14

Dónal Mac an Choiligh

**DANIEL COX**

*Maigh Cuilinn*

15

Maitiú Mac Cúille

**MATTHEW COOLEY**

*Corafinne*

## FIR IONAIÐ

16.

Conchúir Ó Cearúill

**CONOR CARROLL**

*ÓránMór/Mearaí*

17.

Ódhrán Ó Dubhlaioich

**ODHRAN DOOLEY**

*Beal Átha na Slua*

18.

Conchúir Ó Halbaird

**CONOR HALBARD**

*Corafinne*

19.

Cian Ó hIarnáin

**CIAN HERNON**

*Bearna*

20.

Oisín Ó Garmaile

**OISÍN GORMLEY**

*Bearna*

21.

Oisín Mac Cormaic

**OISÍN McCORMACK**

*Beal Átha na Slua*

22.

Tomás Ó Cathláin

**TOMO CULHANE**

*Clane, Contae Cill Dara*

23.

Éanna Mac Cormaic

**ÉANNA McCORMACK**

*An Cheathru Rua*

24.

Néill Ó Cuinneagáin

**NIALL CUNNINGHAM**

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# DUBLIN TYRONE

# TOTAL FOOTBALL(ERS)

**W**hat was surely an unprecedented statistic emerged ahead of the second All-Ireland football semi-final last month when the Tyrone and Monaghan teams were released. Every player named had scored at least once in this year's championship.

Even when the obligatory late changes came in the hour before throw-in, that still held firm. Every one of them, right down to Tyrone goalkeeper Niall Morgan who had planted his first of the season in Ballybofey just a week earlier and Monaghan's hard-working Dermot Malone who had done

similar in Salthill the night before, had been on the mark at some stage in the summer of 2018.

There are many clear pointers to a changing Gaelic football landscape. But what could illustrate the shifting sands more than the breadth of scorers now available to every squad.

Even when the substitutes were rolled out during that Tyrone/Monaghan semi-final, only Tyrone's Conall McCann had a blank beside his name. That was one out of 39 players involved, Kieran Hughes coming off the bench to contribute his first scores of the campaign in the second half.

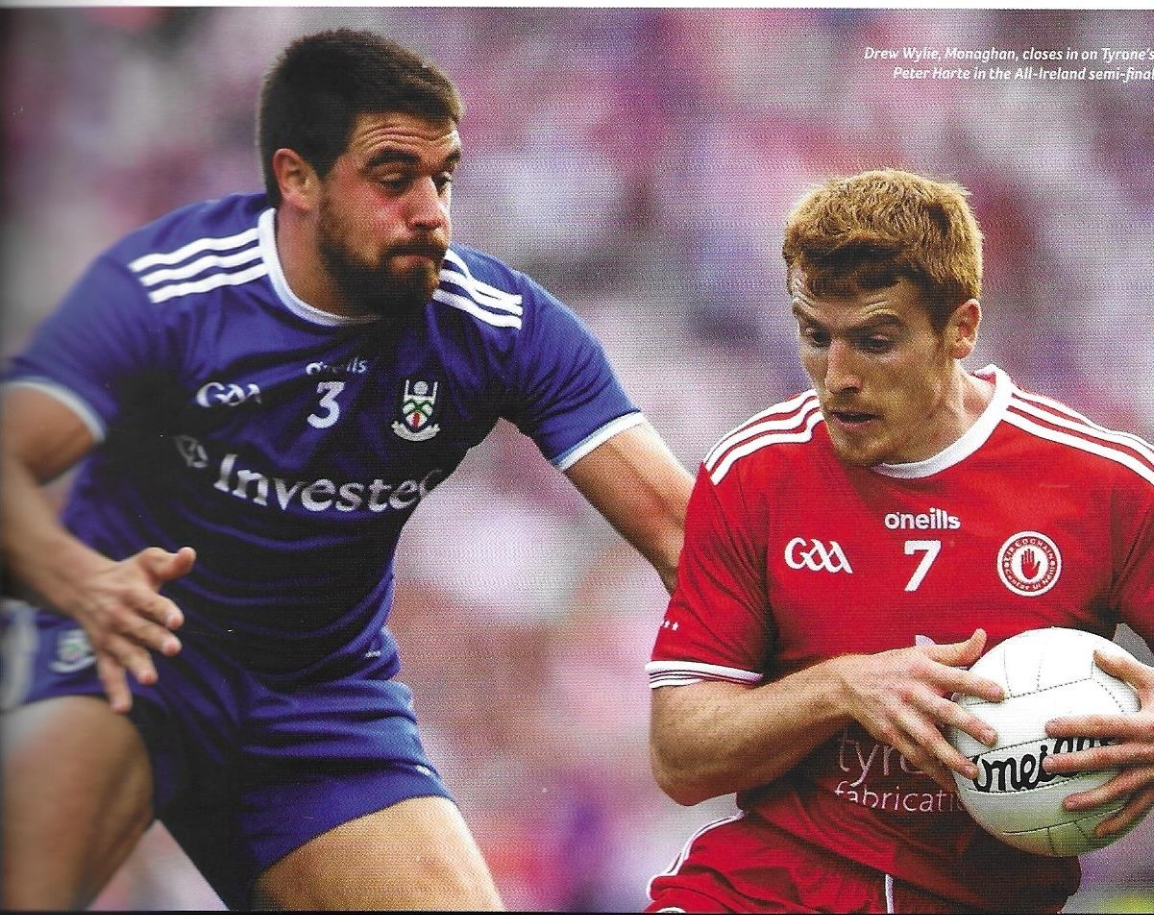
Describing it as 'total football'

is a stretch but 'total footballers' makes a better point.

Being comfortable kicking a point may not be an absolute requirement of today's intercounty footballer but with the change in natural environment for so many players in a more fluid, less position-fixed game, it helps a lot.

Let's examine the attacking work this year of some of the most hardened defensive gatekeepers to develop the point. Like climate change, it has led to some unusual trends.

When Monaghan's Drew Wylie kicked the last point against Tyrone it was his fourth of the campaign.



*Drew Wylie, Monaghan, closes in on Tyrone's Peter Harte in the All-Ireland semi-final*

Wylie has cultivated a solid reputation as the strongman of the Monaghan defence, generally assigned to the more onerous physical tasks.

Pushing beyond the halfway line just hadn't been his thing and, in five previous seasons, he had just one point - against Kildare in a 2012 fourth-round qualifier - to his credit.

But when he cut in beyond Tyrone's 20-metre line the last day to leave just the minimum between them he was composed and assured in his execution. Put it this way, no one looked at the number on his back and thought, at that moment, he should hand it over.

In Ballybofey a week earlier Donegal had surged four points clear midway through the second

half courtesy of a Paddy McGrath kick.

Throughout much of this decade McGrath, like Wylie, went about his business quietly, a protector rather than a creator who went so far on one of those trademark runs but dared not go any further.

But last year he popped up against Antrim for a goal and this year landed a point in the Ulster final against Fermanagh from deep in 'nosebleed' territory.

Galway's 'no nonsense' full-back Declan Kyne followed suit against Kerry a few weeks later in Croke Park when he landed his first-ever championship point.

The defensive ecosystem, it seems, has been turned on its head.

And it has fuelled a spike in

the spread of scorers across the championship landscape.

The common view is that Monaghan are wholly dependent on Conor McManus and, to some extent, there is truth in that. What team wouldn't look to him if they had him? When he delivers those mesmeric scores the impact is obvious.

But how does that square with their 22 scorers this year? From Wylie to his brother Ryan, Kieran Duffy, Vinny Corey, Colin Walshe, who has scored a point in four of their nine championship games, and Karl O'Connell, who has plundered 1-7, the spread is greater than any other team in this year's championship.

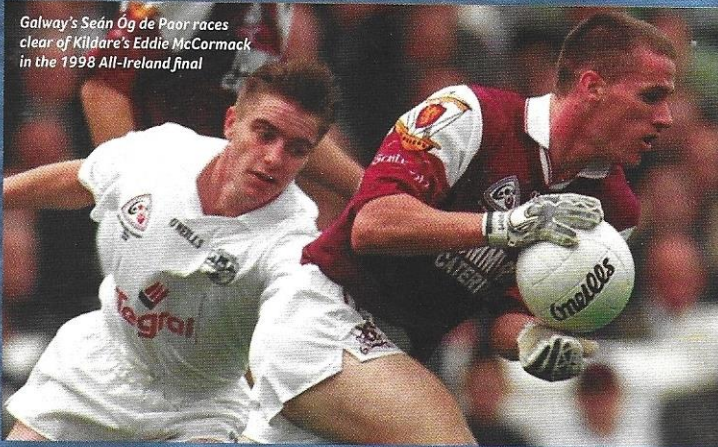
And in goalkeeper Rory Beggan they have their second highest scorer with 18 points from placed balls.

Today's opponents, Dublin and Tyrone, are just behind on 21 each, while Donegal exited an eight-match championship programme with the same number of finishers, Neil Magee and goalkeeper Shaun Patton the only absentees from their list of regular-starters. Likewise, Kildare who have drawn scores from every defensive source with the exception of Mick O'Grady in the course of their eight-match trek.

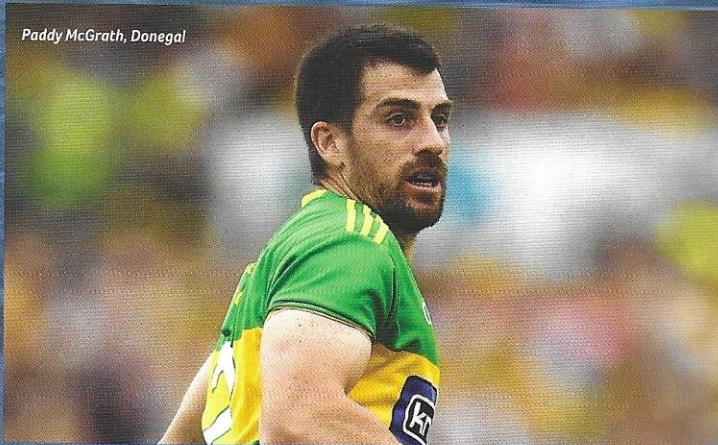
There are a few variables, more championship games with the introduction of the All-Ireland quarter-final series for those who make it that far, the increase in the number of substitutes since the introduction of the black card and the capacity for players to run faster for longer, making a trip into enemy territory a far less physical ordeal.

But nothing like the impact that a change of mindset brings. Players are less restrained by position and defenders are more

Galway's Seán Óg de Paor races clear of Kildare's Eddie McCormack in the 1998 All-Ireland final



Paddy McGrath, Donegal



inclined to make runs in an effort to pull the defensive shells out of positions.

Look through the teams today and the distinction between who or what constitutes a defender or an attacker is as blurred as ever.

Peter Harte? Mattie Donnelly? Frank Burns? Kieran McGeary? Conor Meyler? And for Dublin Brian Howard, Niall Scully, even Jack McCaffrey who moves so fast these days he appears to have mastered the art of bi-location!

Ironically Dublin, the market leaders under any heading this decade, didn't source a score from the 25 they mined against Galway from any of their named defenders and, so far this season, Cian O'Sullivan, Stephen Cluxton, Jonny Cooper, Mick Fitzsimons and Eoin Murchan have yet to contribute at the other end.

But Dublin have still managed close to an average of 10 scorers per game in racking up their impressive totals, ahead of Tyrone who have averaged nine. In one of their qualifier games Monaghan had 15 different scorers contributing.

Contrast that with some of the All-Ireland finals of recent years. Thirty years ago, when Meath drew with Cork they had just two scorers. Seven years later Peter Canavan's 11-point haul against Dublin was supplemented by one from Jody Gormley as they lost by a point to Dublin.

Defenders pushing up to make and take important scores is far from a new phenomenon in Gaelic football. Kevin Foley scored one of the most famous goals ever to settle the four-game Meath/Dublin Leinster Championship first-round series in 1991, telling reporters afterwards that he never missed from two yards out! Foley had never ventured so far forward.

Two years later half-back Johnny McGurk kicked largely similar points in the All-Ireland

semi-final and final against Dublin and Cork respectively that were pivotal in guiding Derry to their first ever triumph.

And Galway could only draw breath in 1998 when Sean Óg de Paor hurtled clear for his second point of the day against Kildare to land them their first title in 32 years.

You could pick any year, any successful odyssey and identify a defender who had come away from their comfort zone to make an important scoreboard intervention.

It became much more systematic with Mickey Harte's Tyrone, Jim McGuinness' Donegal and James Horan's Mayo through the next two decades.

When Tyrone beat Wexford

in the 2008 All-Ireland semi-final, their half-back line alone contributed more than a quarter (six out of 23 points) of all their scores, just less than a third when the four points from frees were omitted.

In 2012 Donegal defenders, including their dedicated sweeper Mark McHugh, scored 1-17 from play but by the following year, Mayo had trumped that with 2-17, an average of 4.6 points per game which was double the rate that Donegal, at their peak, were coming in at.

Now it has surged again, not so much in volume but in the variety of scoring threats that a modern team presents. Low numbers on the back of a jersey no longer carry the same hazard warning.

Jack McCaffrey, Dublin



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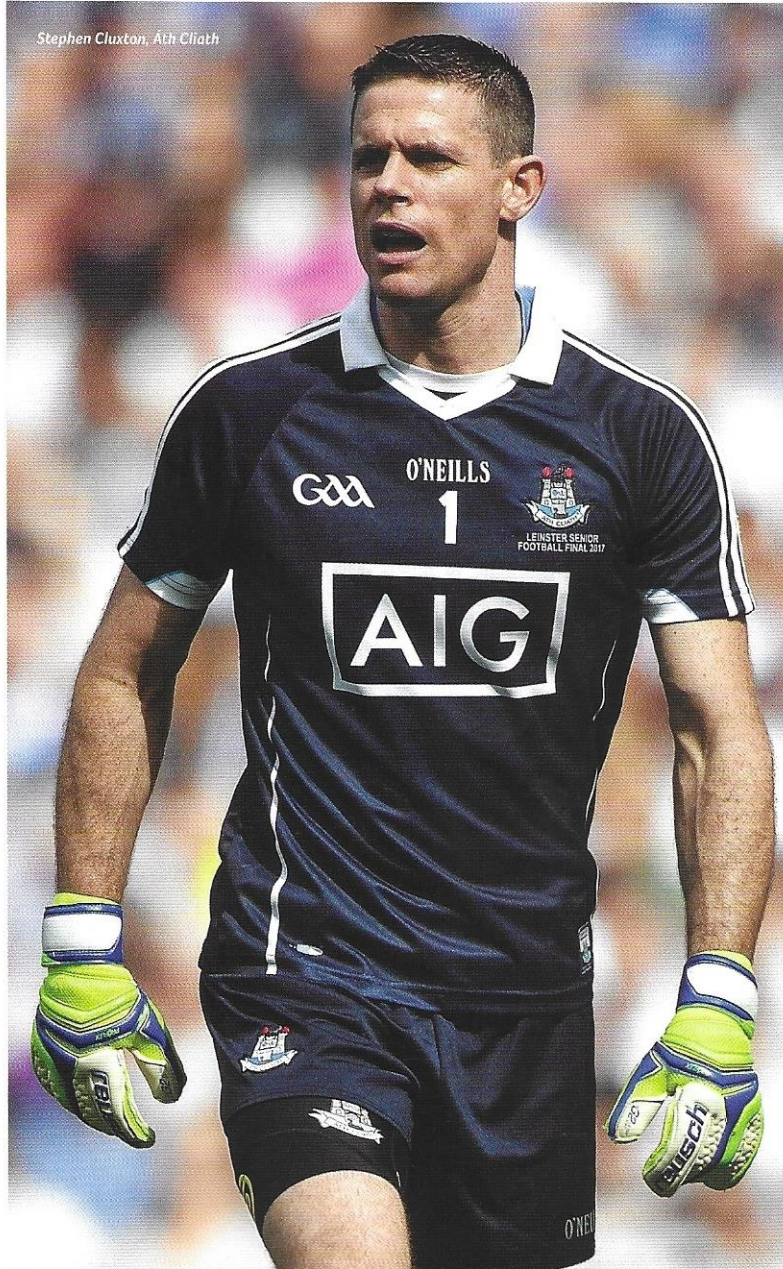
deireadh tráthnóna le Craobh Shinsearach Peile CLG 2018 beidh áit faoi leith ag cúl báire Chumann Parnell i stair na gCluichí Gaelacha – an chéad duine go dtí seo a bhí mar chaptáen ar fhoirne a bhuaigh an comórtas sin ceithre huairé as a chéile.

Tuigeann mádraí an bhaile anois go ndearna Loch Garman agus Ciarraí an ghaisce faoi thrí an céad seo caite, ach ina gcásanna siúd ba dhaoine éagsúla a chroch an corn.

Ba é Seán O’Kennedy as Ros Mhic Thriúin a bhí ina chaptáen ar Loch Garman nuair a bhuaigh siadsan ar Chiarraí, Maigh Eo agus ar Chontae an Chláir i 1915, 1916 agus 1917- fear a thaisteal 22 míle ar rothar cúpla uair sa tseachtain chun traenála.

Bhíothas i bhfoisceacht seachtain den Nollaig nuair a himríodh na trí chluiche

Stephen Cluxton, Ath Cliath



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ceannais agus níor himríodh ceann 1918 go dtáinig Feabhra na bliana dar gcionn nuair ab é Jim Byrne as cumann an 'Ghorm agus Bán' a bhí mar chaptaen ar Loch Garman.

Bhí seachtar captaein i gceist nuair a rinne Ciarraí an ghaisce faoi dhó (1929-32 agus 1978-81). Ba é Joe Barrett as Cumann Aibhistín de Staic a bhí ina chaptaein i '29 agus i '32, idir eatarthu ba iad John Joe Sheehy na Mistéalach agus Con Brosnan as Maigh Mheáin a d'ardaigh an corn.

Ba cheathrar ar leith a d'ardaigh 'Sam' idir '78 agus '81. Denis Ógie Moran as Béal, Tim Knelly as Eimitigh Lios Tuathail, Ger Power as na Stacaigh agus Jimmy Deenihan as an bhFionnóg.

Lasmuigh den dá chontae sin ar éirigh leo an '4 Craobh as a Chéile' a bhuanach, is suimiúil gur iad Áth Cliath amháin a chuaigh chomh fada le Cluiche Ceannais a thug an deis dóibh déanamh amhlaidh iad féin – bhí '3 as a Chéile' ag Gaillimh théis 1966, ach buadh i gCraobh Chonnacht orthu i 1967.

Sa bhliain 1924 a tháinig an seans sin i mbealach na Dubs. Ar chlubanna cosúil le Naomh Muire agus St. Lawrence O'Tooles a bhí lonnaithe timpeall ar an Trá Thuaidh (North Strand), buailte ar Pháirc an Chrócaigh, a bhí foirne na linne sin bunaithe – cé go raibh Larry Stanley as Cill Dara ag imirt leo nuair a bhuaigh siad an 3ú craobh as a

chéile in aghaidh Chiarraí i 1923. Bhí Stanley ina chaptaen ar Chill Dara nuair a bhuaigh siadsan Craobh na hÉireann i 1919.

Bhuaigh Áth Cliath Chraobh Shinsearach Peile na hÉireann sna blianta 1921, 1922 agus 1923, ach bhuaigh Ciarraí d'aon chúilín amháin orthu i '24 agus iad ag tabhairt faoin ngaisce chéanna agus atá foireann an lae inniu.

Fearacht Stephen Cluxton, ba laoch mór de chuid an lucht leanúna é cúl báire thús na 1920' idir freisin – fear a raibh Johnny McDonnell mar ainm air agus a mba nós leis hata beag dubh a chaitheamh agus é ina sheasamh idir na postaí. Bhí a dhearthair Paddy ar na foirne freisin mar a bhí a gcomrádaithe as Cumann Uí Thuathail – dearthaireacha eile, John Josie agus Stephen Synott.

Bhí an chuid is mó de na daoine atá luaite agam ag imirt freisin i gCluiche Ceannais na

hÉireann 1920 nuair a bhuaigh Tiobraid Árann orthu. Ba iad na foirne céanna dar ndóigh a bhí ar an bpáirc arís níos deireanaí an bhliain sin nuair a tharla Domhnach na Fola ar an Domhnach 21 Samhain.

Sa leabhar 'The Bloodied Field' a scríobh Michael Foley faoi eachtraí an lae sin a tháinig sé chun solais go raibh baint ag Johnny McDonnell leis an luíochán ina maraíodh oifigigh de chuid Airm na Breataine níos luaithe an mhaidin sin.

Bhí McDonnell ar dhuine de na himreoirí a bhí coinnithe ina bpríosúnaigh faoi bhéal an ghunna sna seomraí feistis ag fórsaí na Corónach san eachta inar mharaigh siadsan aon nduine déag idir lucht féachana agus an t-imreoir Micheál Ó hÓgáin i bPáirc an Chrócaigh - d'éirigh le John Synnott éalú thar an mballa, shnámh sé trasna na canálach agus bhain an baile i bPlás Seville amach.



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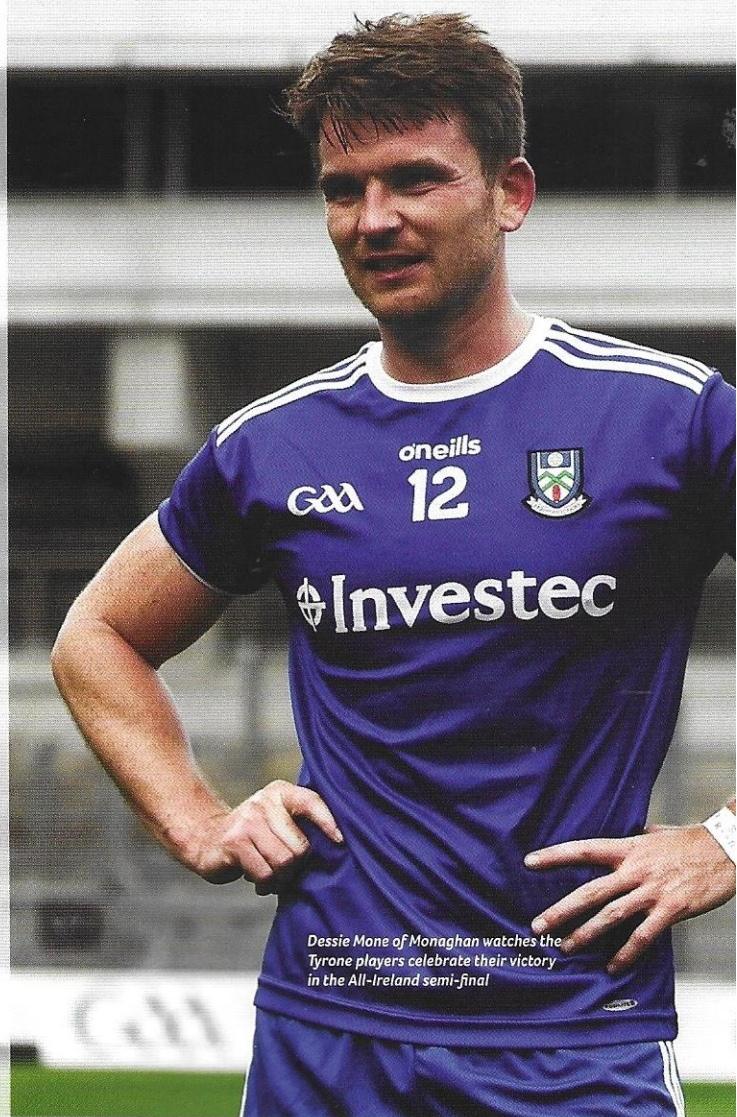
# ALL-IRELAND FINAL DAYS BELONG TO EVERYBODY

**W**ell over an hour had elapsed since referee, Anthony Nolan, sounded the final whistle and Croke Park had fallen largely silent, except for noisy seagulls skimming for the leftovers from the 48,496 crowd.

The second of the All-Ireland football semi-finals had been decided, lining up Tyrone to take on Dublin, winners over Galway on the previous day.

Already, attention was switching to the final and the intriguing question of whether Dublin would win the four in-a-row would Tyrone intervene and take the Sam Maguire Cup for the first time in a decade.

Losing semi-finalists are always quickly forgotten as thoughts turn to the final. Not so for Monaghan people, including the small group of players who wandered up the tunnel and onto the pitch. They still had other things on their mind. Water bottles in hand, some of them sat down on the grass while others meandered about near



*Dessie Mone of Monaghan watches the Tyrone players celebrate their victory in the All-Ireland semi-final*



the sideline, lost in their private thoughts.

They had returned to the scene of huge disappointment, still trying to absorb what had happened earlier. Losing an All-Ireland semi-final by a point is as frustrating as it gets, combining the misery of a desperately close call with the realisation that the chance to play in the final has passed for another year at least. In many cases, it's for a lot longer.

Every kick, pass, slip, misjudgement, borderline refereeing decision – indeed just about everything that happens in the game – becomes magnified after a one-point defeat. It's the ultimate in 'what if' territory, complete with regrets that add to the sense of desolation.

There's nothing that can be done about them, but that doesn't make them go away. As the Monaghan players took one final look around Croke Park after the defeat by Tyrone, they may well have been thinking, 'when will we be here again'?

It may even have been even more specific than that. Indeed, it's doubtful if they were able to ignore the nagging question: 'will we be here again for an All-Ireland semi-final'?

Now, it's quite possible that they will be back next year, but there are certainly no guarantees. They were the first Monaghan team to reach the semi-finals for 30 years, so it's not exactly a regular occurrence for the county.

Monaghan drew with and lost to Kerry in the 1985 semi-final and lost to Cork three years later, so there was no obvious reason to suspect it would be 30 years before they next made the last four. But it was.

And when they got there, they were denied the chance to become Monaghan's first representatives in the final for 88 years by the narrowest of margins, having led for the first and only time just past the hour mark. How heart-breaking was that?

As the players left Croke Park that evening, they knew that their dejection was mirrored all across the county. Qualifying for the final would have launched Monaghan into an emotional orbit, the likes of which the county had never previously witnessed.

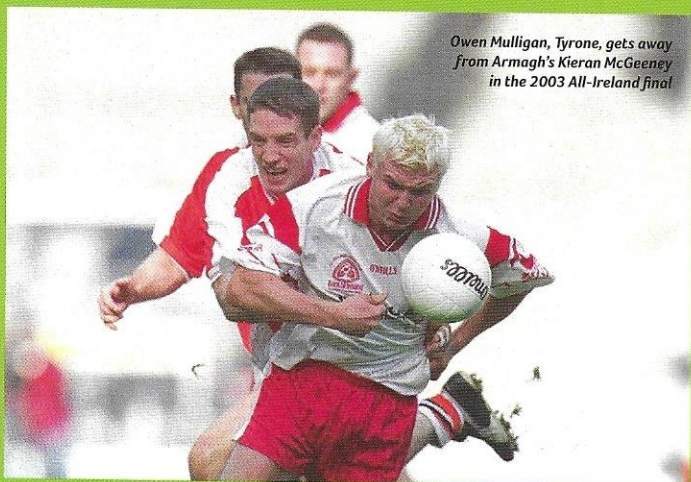
With due respects to the 1930 team, qualifying for the All-Ireland final back then wasn't anything like the big deal it is nowadays. Getting there this year would have been completely different, prompting three weeks of massive excitement and anticipation, all geared towards the possible fairytale ending of a first All-Ireland triumph.

And it wouldn't just involve people in Monaghan, but also wherever Farney men and women gather overseas.

It wasn't to be and now Monaghan have to start all over again – as indeed they will. So too with many other counties, who have come to regard All-Ireland final day as an occasion for others, rather than them.

There are the regulars for whom missing out on the final sparks serious soul-searching as to why they didn't make it. Others reach it on a reasonably frequent basis, some qualify infrequently but, unfortunately, many never get to enjoy the special feeling – in either football or hurling – of direct involvement in All-Ireland final day.

It's just the way things are, something that people from those counties accept as the norm. You wonder though if people from counties whose



Owen Mulligan, Tyrone, gets away from Armagh's Kieran McGeeney in the 2003 All-Ireland final

*Tyrone players stand for the National Anthem before the 2003 All-Ireland final*

teams feature regularly in All-Ireland finals fully appreciate it. One taken for granted?

As a native of Galway, I have seen the maroon and white in Croke Park for 29 All-Ireland senior hurling and football finals. Contrast that with two other Connacht counties, Leitrim and Sligo, who have never reached an All-Ireland senior final.

They are not alone in that category, yet the GAA passion and desire within such counties runs just as deep as it does in Galway, Dublin, Kerry, Cork, Wiltshire, Tipperary and others who experience it regularly.

Then, there are the counties who go a long time without winning an All-Ireland. When the breakthrough finally comes, it's almost akin to a first-ever success, as highlighted by the joy in Limerick when they ended a 45-year wait for All-Ireland hurling glory two weeks ago.

It's only ten years since Tyrone were last in the football final, yet it probably feels like a whole lot longer. That's because expectations were raised after three appearances – and wins – in 2003, 2005 and 2008, a golden era which the county had always yearned for, even if many had grown fearful that it would never arrive. Obviously, 2003 was the most special, the first time Tyrone had won the title.

"I walked up the steps of the Hogan Stand and put my hand on the Sam Maguire Cup. I lifted it over my head. There was no sense of 'what have we just done?' We were simply fulfilling the wishes of these young

men," wrote Mickey Harte in his autobiography.

Joe Kernan had his own personal take on it after leading Armagh to their first All-Ireland title a year earlier.

"For a few seconds, I felt as if I was on my own, surrounded solely by a serene ocean of relief," wrote Kernan in his autobiography.

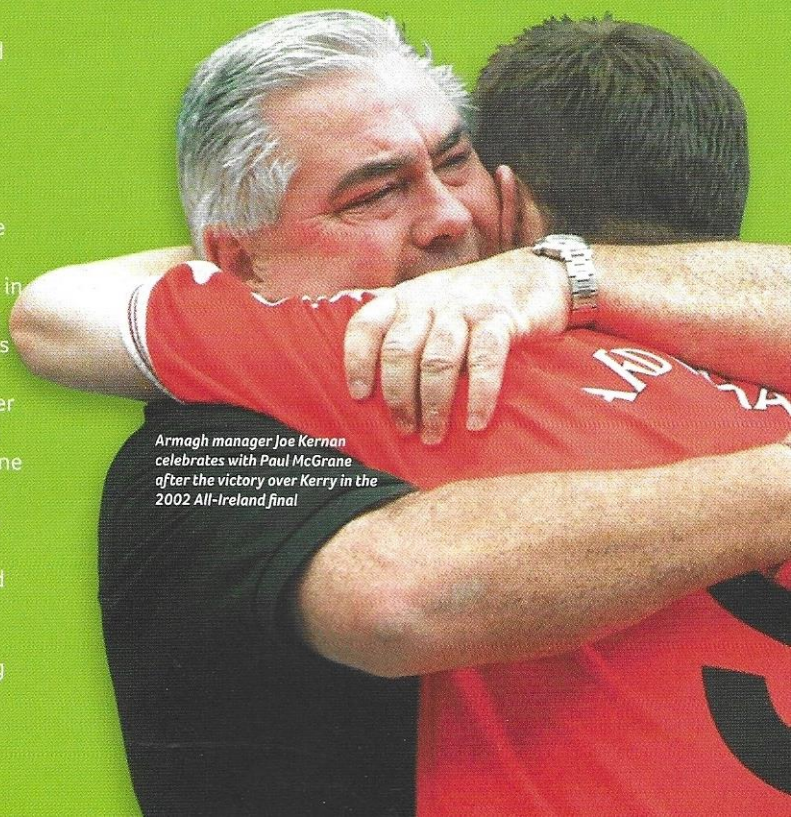
No county has won the All-Ireland for the first time since then, nor has any county won a title after a multi-decade barren spell, although Cork in 2010 and Donegal in 2012 (20 years each) would have felt the wait was far longer than it should have been.

Mayo had a stronger case than anyone for wanting to end their

long-time misery (no All-Ireland win since 1951) but it didn't happen despite five appearances in finals in 2012, 2013, 2016 (draw and replay) and 2017. Still, the search will begin all over again next year.

The same goes for counties with less chance of landing the big prize. It's what keeps them going and even if it doesn't happen, the sense of hope is never extinguished.

All-Ireland final days belong to everyone, yet not everyone gets to enjoy seeing their county in action. For those who do, it's something to savour. And for those who haven't yet experienced it, never let the dream die.



*Armagh manager Joe Kernan celebrates with Paul McGrane after the victory over Kerry in the 2002 All-Ireland final*

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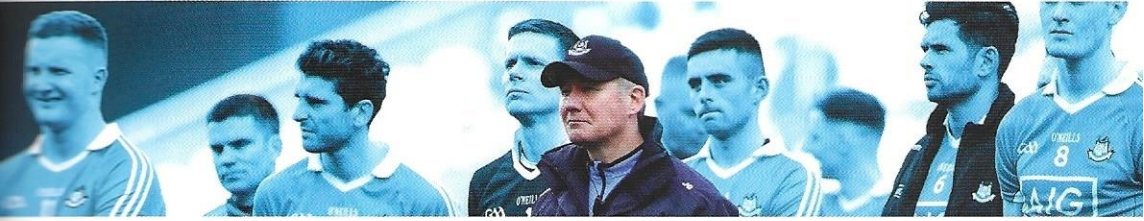
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# ADDING TO THEIR LEGACIES



**T**radition dictates that in the raucous aftermath of a big championship win, the vanquished manager will appear in the winners' dressing-room and say a few words.

In 1998, it was caught on camera, the fervent celebrations being shushed as Mick O'Dwyer, beaten Kildare bainisteoir, spoke from the heart to the winning Galway players and mentors, beginning, almost poetically, with the words "I know what winning is about... I know what losing is about."

Five years later, there was another breakthrough All-Ireland when Tyrone beat Armagh. Into the Red Hands' dressing-room that day came Joe Kernan, the Orchard manager. "Enjoy the moment, boys," 'Big Joe' – who had guided his team to glory the previous year – warned, "because from here on in, everyone wants your title."

Kernan was right, of course. It gets harder every year. To win

just once, as the song says, would be enough for some but for the greats, for the Mickos and Mickey Hartes and Jim Gavins, it's not nearly enough at all.

What drives these men? There are a couple of paragraphs at the end of *Kicking Down Heaven's Door*, Harte's story of the 2003 season, which are instructive.

"I want to be inspired," he writes, channelling the philosopher George Zalucki. "I want to shake the world with passion. I want to be committed. I need to be committed. To keep developing, to keep improving."

Harte may sometimes present a prickly image to the media but he has always been a leader and an innovator, from his days as a schoolteacher, through coaching underage teams and, eventually, leading Tyrone to their All-Ireland breakthrough at senior level.

"Shaking the world with passion", though, is not an accusation that could, on the face of it, be easily levelled at Gavin. Yet, why not? Scratch the surface and both men have an awful lot more in common than

the casual onlooker may think.

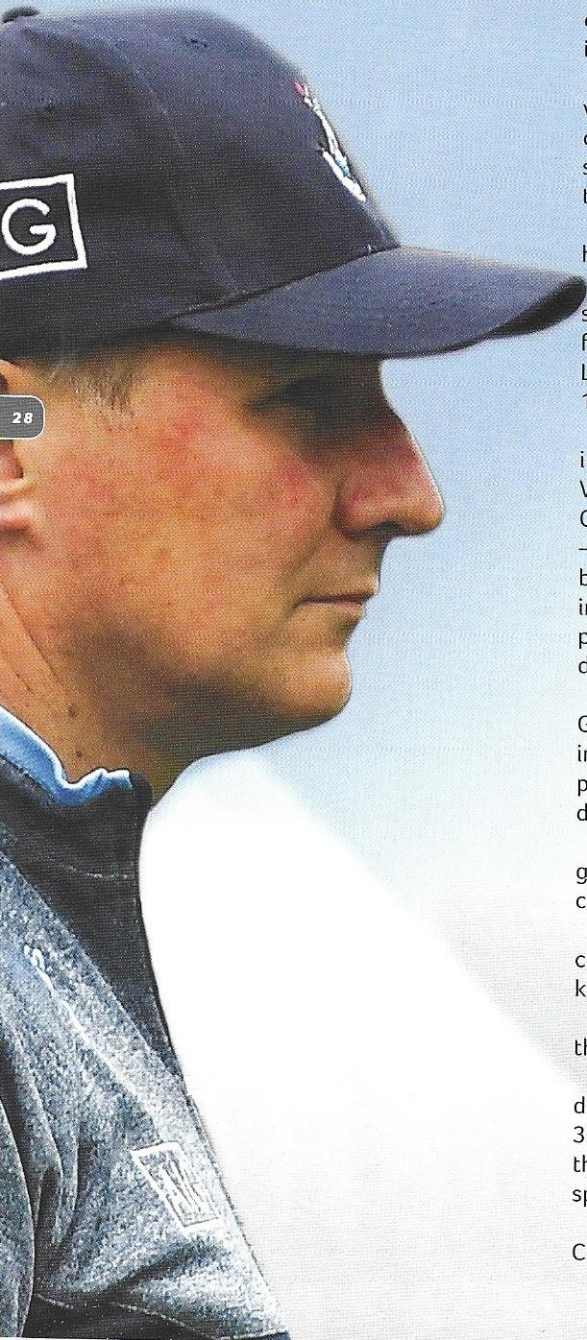
Both are products of their environments and learned to lose long before they became serial winners.

When Harte reached adulthood, Tyrone football was beginning to rise but winning senior All-Irelands was someone else's business. As a teenager, he had played corner-forward on a Tyrone minor team beaten in the 1972 All-Ireland final; the semi-final against Meath was his first trip to Croke Park.

Harte struck a goal in that final but it wasn't enough, despite the presence of Frank McGuigan and the fact that the Red Hands bagged 2-11, a record-losing tally in a minor final. It was a familiar hard luck story.

The following year, when he was overage, Tyrone won the minor All-Ireland while the Ballygawley man captained Omagh CBS to defeat in a MacRory Cup final. Having stepped away from the county senior squad to concentrate on his A Levels, Harte could only watch as they went on and won Ulster. It was cruel luck.





In all, the Red Hands would win six Ulster MFC crowns in eight years between 1971 and 1978 but it took until 1986 before the senior team made their first All-Ireland final, blowing a seven-point lead against Kerry. By then, Mickey had packed it in.

That was the way it was for Tyrone.

"There was no sense of process or improvement. Generally, the best players always won matches, not the best team," Harte wrote.

Off the field, he was also caught up in the split in Ballygawley parish and the attempts by what he termed "these bearded rebels from Glencull" to form their own club. He and others protested at county board meetings, organised fundraisers and travelled to the west to implore the then-GAA President to intervene.

Eventually, the impasse was solved and from it was born the Errigal Ciaráin club. But that experience coloured Harte's approach to football and life and that streak of resilience and defiance has run through all of his teams.

When he took charge of Tyrone minor and U21 sides, he was determined to learn the lessons of the past.

Gavin grew up 100 miles down the road but there are strong parallels between both men. Both were corner-forwards who learned how to lose long before they won. Like Harte, Gavin also lost an All-Ireland minor final (in 1988).

The Dublin football scene Gavin grew up immersed in was a different universe to what we know today. When Gavin – whose love of the game was fostered at Clonburris NS, where he excelled in football and hurling – first began making Dublin minor squads, players would be notified via a small column in the *Evening Herald*, informing that they had been selected and would be picked up at Liberty Hall at a certain time on a certain day. No fuss, no fanfare. Simple as that.

Unlike Harte, who has penned a couple of books, Gavin reveals very little. He grants precious few in-depth interviews and presents a somewhat sanitised public persona otherwise, with the result that the general public doesn't really know him.

That creates mystery, an enigmatic quality. The glimpses we have received hint at a deeply interesting character.

At a Sport Ireland-organised High-Performance conference two years ago, Gavin, a qualified pilot, was the keynote speaker and enthralled the crowd.

"My classroom was in the sky, not on the ground, but the environment is the same," he said.

"That posed its own communication challenges – how do you talk to a guy when you're flying upside down at 300 miles an hour and he isn't feeling too well? So, all the communication challenges that every coach in every sport faces, certainly I would have learned from that."

In 1992, Gavin watched the first round of the Leinster Championship against Offaly from a bank of ground on

the hospital side of the stadium in Tullamore. The following year, he was playing.

There was a view at the time that Dublin had a soft underbelly ("I flatly reject the insinuation that I have lost my nerve, that I no longer have the bottle to go for the gap when a half-chance presents itself," Barney Rock had written in his *Sunday Independent* column) and were under-achievers.

While they were dominant in Leinster, they had blown the All-Ireland in '92 when they were hot favourites and would do so again two years later against Down.

In the meantime, Gavin had arrived on the scene, making his debut in a league match against Louth in Croke. He settled in well. By the end of the competition, the Dubs were in the final, a revenge mission against Donegal. Gavin's thinking, pre-match, is revealing in hindsight.

"I'll be doing my best to make sure Dublin win, especially for the fans on Hill 16," he told a reporter.

"That's where I was at last year's All-Ireland and there'll be a lot of friends there on Sunday so I don't want to let them down."

Dublin won that league – in a replay – but it wasn't until 1995 that Gavin and his team-mates achieved their ultimate goal.

It was the summer of Jayo but Jim was not far behind, in his understated way. Against Laois in Navan in the Leinster semi-final, Sherlock, minus his right boot, thumped an iconic goal to the net.

What is forgotten is that it was Lieutenant Jim Gavin, a week after his 24th birthday and in his prime, who delivered the inch-perfect pass to create the chance.

In the final, they met Tyrone and even a stunning performance from Peter Canavan – shades of Frank McGuigan 23 years earlier – wasn't enough. Of the Dublin team, all bar Gavin, Sherlock and Keith Galvin had taken their place behind the band on the big day before but the new faces thrived.

It was a day where graft was more highly prized than craft. "Jim Gavin dropped deep to carry ball upfield," reported the *Irish Independent*.

"It was an 'all hands on deck' plea and it saw them through the dark moments."

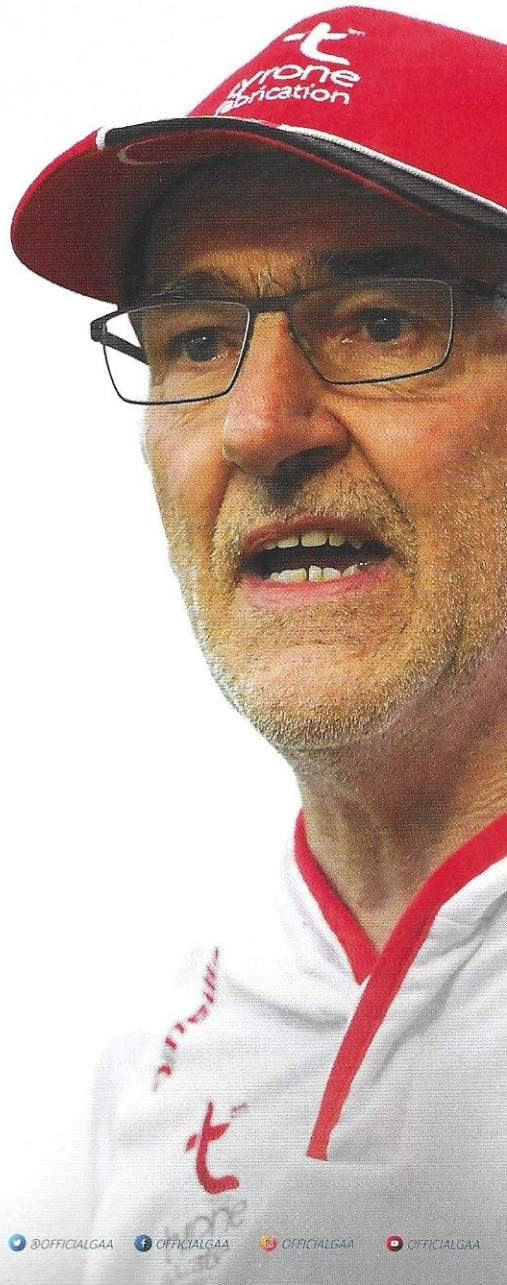
Harte, of course, was there that afternoon too and he knew that something was stirring in his own county.

Within two years, his Tyrone minors were back on the big day. Like '72, they lost; like '73, the following year they won it.

And in 2003, the seniors kicked down heaven's door. Fast forward another decade and a half, then, and here we are.

Mickey and Jim, Jim and Mickey. Each seeking to add to their legacies, each facing their own challenges. As Micko said, they know what winning is about, know what losing is about, too.

Way the best man win.





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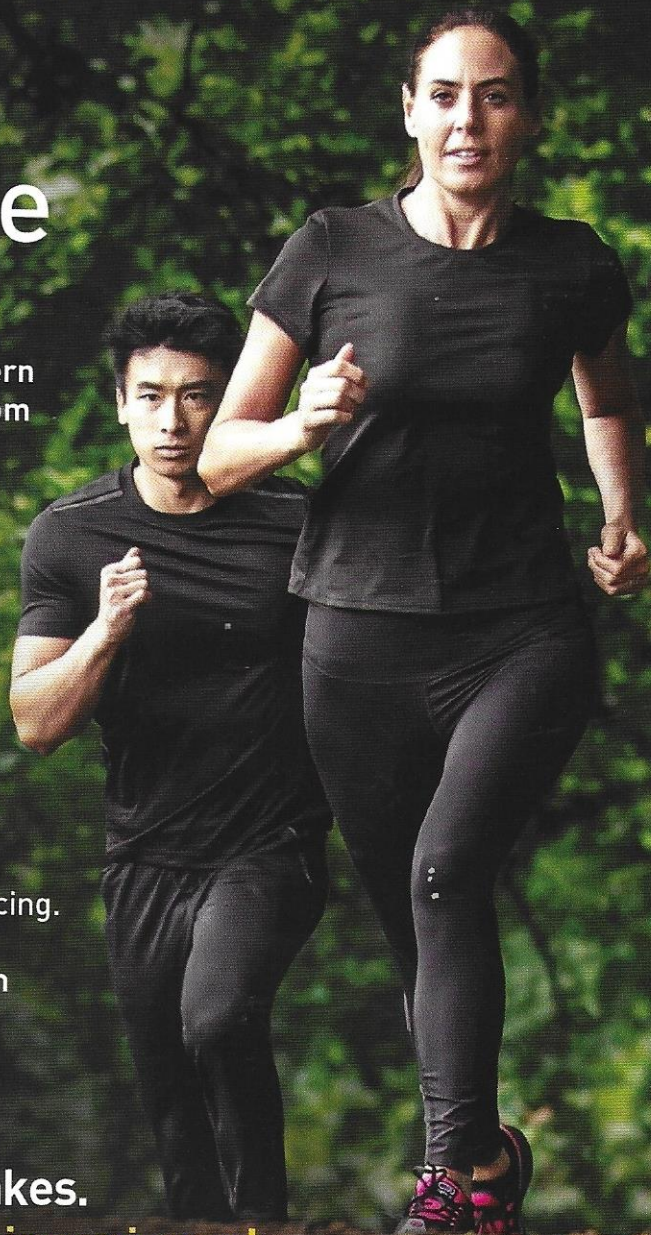
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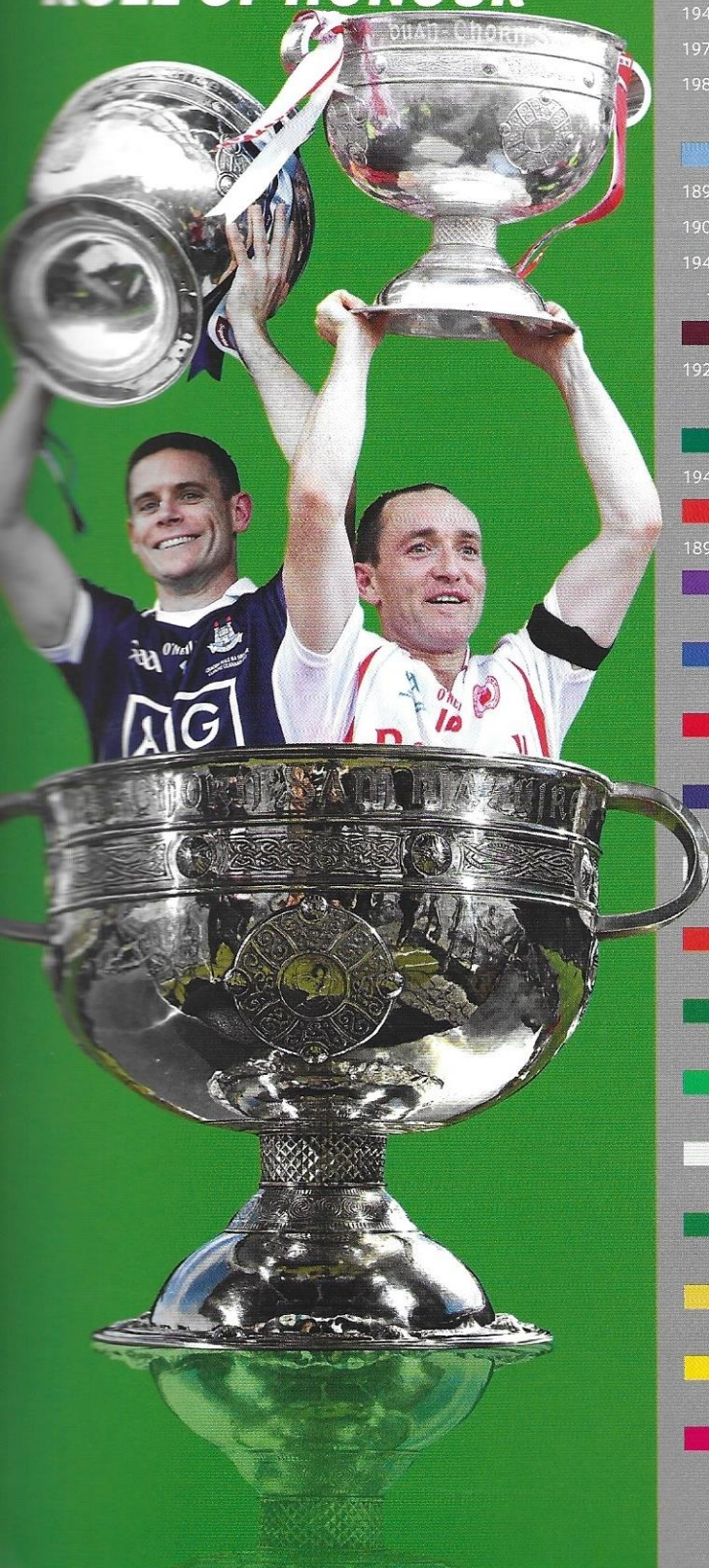
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# COMETH THE HOUR, COMETH THE MEN

It is a little-known fact that the phrase “cometh the hour, cometh the man” was popularised as late as the 1940s by a sportsman, an English cricketer named Cliff Gladwin, after he had scored the winning run in a Test match against South Africa.

His self-praise was not entirely welcomed by the establishment then and it would not be so now. The emphasis in team sports has always been on the collective rather than the individual; you know the old saying “there is no ‘I’ in team.”

What Gladwin’s phrase really meant was that individual brilliance is a necessary

ingredient in the mix that creates team success. And supporters of Dublin and Tyrone will be looking towards their favourite players today to provide the individual inspiration that will lead either Stephen Cluxton or Mattie Donnelly up the steps of the Hogan Stand.

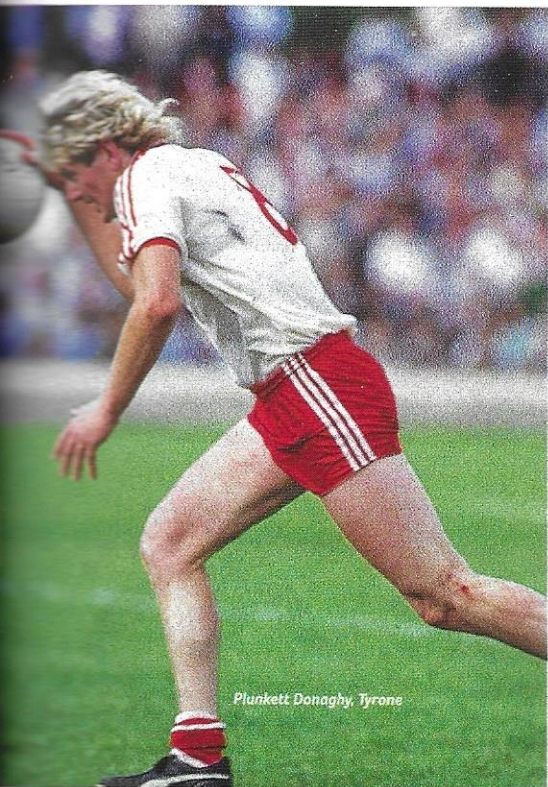
Of course, outstanding displays by particular individuals in finals are not always a guarantee of success, as Tyrone supporters of a certain vintage will attest. Their team of 1986 was liberally sprinkled with brilliant footballers – Ciarán McGarvey and Eugene McKenna, despite injury, played superbly against Kerry in a hugely

entertaining All-Ireland final.

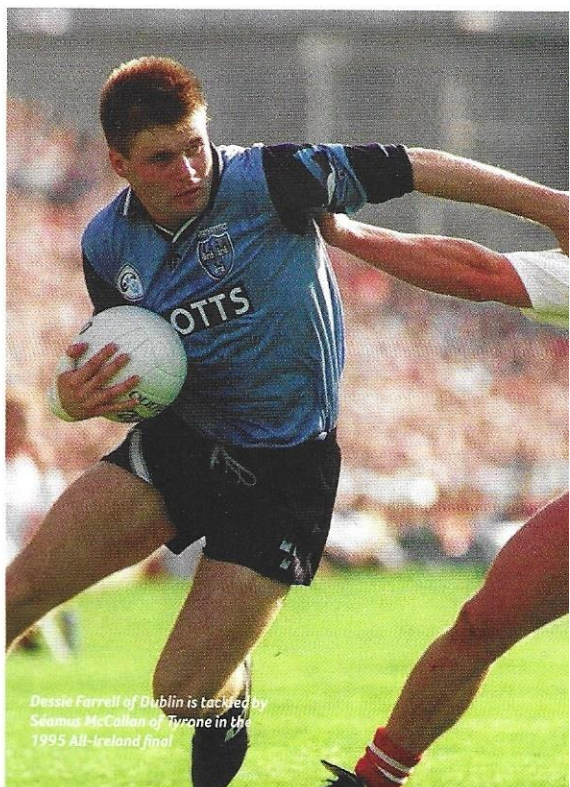
Arguably the man-of-the-match was Tyrone’s blonde bombshell Plunkett Donaghy. “Donaghy had a towering game,” wrote Peadar O’Brien in the *Irish Press* and lavished further praise when describing the player as “brilliant”. Alas, Tyrone went home empty-handed.

Nine years later a young Peter Canavan kicked 11 of Tyrone’s 12 points against Dublin and had an equalising point controversially disallowed when referee Paddy Russell judged that he had touched the ball on the ground.

On that afternoon another player stood out. Dessie Farrell had soldiered for Dublin through



Plunkett Donaghy, Tyrone



Dessie Farrell of Dublin is tackled by Seamus McCallan of Tyrone in the 1995 All-Ireland final

bad and good days and this was one of the best. Leading the applause after his virtuoso display was celebrated sports journalist and former Olympic middle-distance runner Tom O'Riordan.

In the pages of the *Irish Independent* O'Riordan wrote; "For the past three years Dessie Farrell has struggled to make an impact with the Dublin team but yesterday he crowned a great season with his best ever performance in the blue jersey... a performance which was decisive in the Sam Maguire Cup returning to the capital after a gap of 12 years.

"Farrell, often seen as the man who grafted and won the ball for others to score, yesterday showed himself in a truer light with four points which hit Tyrone at crucial stages, none more so than the one he sent flying between the uprights early in the second half to stop the momentum of the Ulster champions."

When eventually Tyrone returned to Croke Park in 2003 and faced a familiar foe, Armagh, in a unique final pairing, there were a number of great displays and one moment of individual magic that ensured Tyrone would be added to the illustrious list of All-Ireland winners.

Midfielder Kevin Hughes produced his "best display of the year" according to the *Strabane Chronicle* and earned the man-of-the-match award. But that was only part of the story.

As the tension-filled game reached its end the drama was continuing to unfold. Armagh kept pressing and four minutes

from the end Steven McDonnell got possession in front of the Tyrone goal. The stadium expected to see the net billow, but Conor Gormley spectacularly dived towards the attacker, stuck out his hands and brilliantly blocked the kick that would have levelled the game. It was a game-changer.

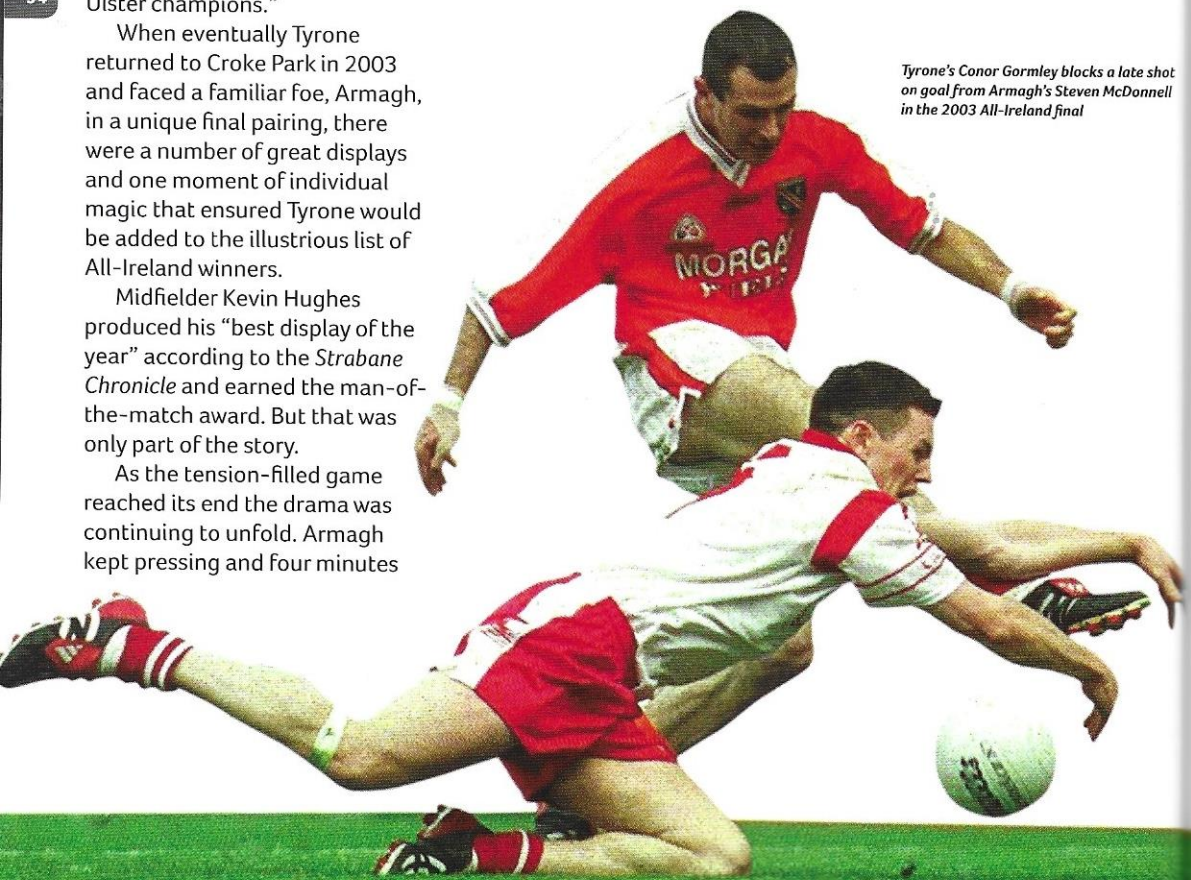
Prior to the 2005 final where Tyrone's modern rivalry with Kerry was revived, all the talk was about the forwards – that was not surprising given the presence of some of the greatest forwards in the history of the modern game. Kerry's Colm Cooper found himself marked by Ryan McMenamin and it proved to be one of the most absorbing and intense contests in the history of All-Ireland finals. Both players emerged with reputations enhanced.

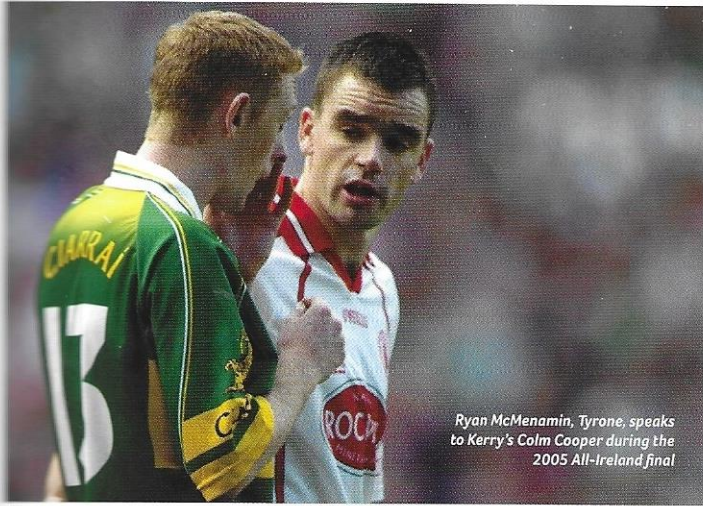
Peter Canavan's contribution was restricted by injury but his manager and friend, Mickey Harte, used him cleverly bringing him in and out of the game in a timely fashion, allowing him to provide the inspiration on and off the field.

But at the end of the day all the talk was about a defender. Throughout his career Philip Jordan earned a reputation as Mr. Consistency but he went above and beyond that description against Kerry. He made a number of crucial interceptions and added an attacking theme to his game that caused huge problems for Kerry.

Seán Cavanagh generated many highlights during his time in the Tyrone colours but his teammates agree that his performance in the 2008 final against Kerry was inspirational.

Tyrone's Conor Gormley blocks a late shot on goal from Armagh's Steven McDonnell in the 2003 All-Ireland final





*Ryan McMenamin, Tyrone, speaks to Kerry's Colm Cooper during the 2005 All-Ireland final*

His captain Brian Dooher summed up the feelings of the players. "Seán was today as he was for us all year," said Dooher after the final.

"He has been exceptional. You can play him anywhere and he pops up with vital scores whenever we need them. He did that today. He took the game by the scruff of the neck. With a player like Seán you are always going to be in with a shout,"

When Dublin finally returned to the big stage in 2011 and faced a powerful Kerry team they needed big displays and they got them. Kevin Nolan, whose intercounty career would be blighted by illness and injury, was brilliant in defence and goalkeeper Stephen Cluxton consolidated his legendary status when converting the winning free with the last play of the game.

However, it was a player who lined out for just 19 minutes who produced the defining performance. Kevin McManamon exploded from the bench and ran the Kerry defence ragged, scoring the all-important goal as Dublin ended a 16-year drought. "I love him," said Bernard Brogan. "He was always going to go at players. He has been unbelievable this

year and I am delighted for him, He's just a legend."

Brogan himself would feel the love of his fellow players and Dublin's supporters during and after the 2013 victory over Mayo. He poached his first goal in the 16th minute, scored another in the second half and added two points to his tally in one of the great final contributions.

One of the big moments of the 2015 clash between Dublin and Kerry which launched the team's period of dominance that continues, was captured in the match report in the *Kerryman* newspaper, written by Paul Brennan. "Philly McMahon had the number 4 on the back of his blue jersey; Colm Cooper had 13 on his. Imagine then the sight of Cooper trying to chase McMahon along the tramline on the Hogan Stand side of the pitch, unable to prevent the Dublin corner-back from thumping over a superb point à la Gooch. If Kerry's scrambling gameplan was to be distilled to one moment, that was it."

As Dublin put together their three in-a-row there were other memorable contributions. Michael Fitzsimons worked his way back into the team for the 2016 final and won universal praise. Mayo's Cillian O'Connor had been heroic in earning Mayo a draw on day one.

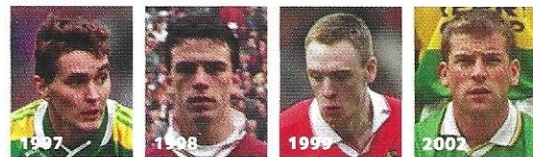
And a year ago Con O'Callaghan announced his arrival as a player of stature with a goal after two minutes; Lee Keegan was majestic for Mayo, but the match-winner was Dean Rock, emulating the achievement of his father Barney a quarter of a century earlier.



*Bernard Brogan celebrates scoring the first Dublin goal against Mayo in the 2013 All-Ireland final*

# TOP SCORERS IN FINALS 1980-2017

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1981	<b>Mikey Sheehy (Kerry)</b>	0-4	v Offaly
	<b>Matt Connor (Offaly)</b>	0-4	v Kerry
1982	<b>Matt Connor (Offaly)</b>	0-7	v Kerry
1983	<b>Barney Rock (Dublin)</b>	1-6	v Galway
1984	<b>Barney Rock (Dublin)</b>	1-5	v Kerry
1985	<b>Jack O'Shea (Kerry)</b>	1-3	v Dublin
	<b>Joe McNally (Dublin)</b>	2-0	v Kerry
1986	<b>Pat Spillane (Kerry)</b>	1-4	v Tyrone
	<b>Mikey Sheehy (Kerry)</b>	1-4	v Tyrone
1987	<b>Brian Stafford (Meath)</b>	0-7	v Cork
1988	<b>Brian Stafford (Meath)</b>	0-8	v Cork
	<b>Larry Tompkins (Cork)</b>	0-8	v Meath
1989	<b>Michael Fitzmaurice (Mayo)</b>	0-7	v Cork
1990	<b>Brian Stafford (Meath)</b>	0-6	v Cork
1991	<b>Bernard Flynn (Meath)</b>	0-6	v Down
1992	<b>Manus Boyle (Donegal)</b>	0-9	v Dublin
1993	<b>Enda Gormley (Derry)</b>	0-6	v Cork
1994	<b>Mickey Linden (Down)</b>	0-4	v Dublin
	<b>Charlie Redmond (Dublin)</b>	0-4	v Down
1995	<b>Peter Canavan (Tyrone)</b>	0-11	v Dublin
1996	<b>Trevor Giles (Meath)</b>	1-4	v Mayo
1997	<b>Maurice Fitzgerald (Kerry)</b>	0-9	v Mayo
1998	<b>Pádraic Joyce (Galway)</b>	1-2	v Kildare
1999	<b>Philip Clifford (Cork)</b>	0-5	v Meath
2000	<b>Pádraic Joyce (Galway)</b>	0-6	v Kerry
2001	<b>Pádraic Joyce (Galway)</b>	0-10	v Meath
2002	<b>Dara Ó Cinnéide (Kerry)</b>	0-5	v Armagh
	<b>Oisín McConville (Armagh)</b>	1-2	v Kerry
2003	<b>Peter Canavan (Tyrone)</b>	0-5	v Armagh
2004	<b>Dara Ó Cinnéide (Kerry)</b>	0-8	v Mayo
	<b>Colm Cooper (Kerry)</b>	1-5	v Mayo
2005	<b>Colm Cooper (Kerry)</b>	0-5	v Tyrone
2006	<b>Kevin O'Neill (Mayo)</b>	2-0	v Kerry
2007	<b>Colm Cooper (Kerry)</b>	1-5	v Cork
2008	<b>Colm Cooper (Kerry)</b>	0-6	v Tyrone
2009	<b>Colm Cooper (Kerry)</b>	0-6	v Cork
2010	<b>Daniel Goulding (Cork)</b>	0-9	v Down
2011	<b>Bernard Brogan (Dublin)</b>	0-6	v Kerry
	<b>Colm Cooper (Kerry)</b>	1-3	v Dublin
2012	<b>Michael Murphy (Donegal)</b>	1-4	v Mayo
	<b>Colm McFadden (Donegal)</b>	1-4	v Mayo
2013	<b>Bernard Brogan (Dublin)</b>	2-3	v Mayo
2014	<b>Paul Geaney (Kerry)</b>	1-2	v Donegal
	<b>Kieran Donaghy (Kerry)</b>	1-2	v Donegal
2015	<b>James O'Donoghue (Kerry)</b>	0-3	v Dublin
2016	<b>Dean Rock (Dublin)</b>	0-9	v Mayo*
	<b>Cillian O'Connor (Mayo)</b>	0-9	v Dublin*
2017	<b>Dean Rock (Dublin)</b>	0-7	v Mayo
	<b>Cillian O'Connor (Mayo)</b>	0-7	v Dublin



# CONDUCTOR OF THE SKY BLUE ORCHESTRA

**T**oday Dublin will come to the Croke Park cauldron looking to boldly go where no team clad in sky blue has ever ventured before – into the pantheon of greats, the enclosure reserved for those teams who have succeeded in annexing four consecutive All-Ireland football titles.

It will be a staggering achievement if it comes to pass and one man who will have a bigger say than most in the push for four is Ciarán Kilkeny.

Kilkenny's influence on the Dublin team and their system has

grown with each passing year and this will come as no surprise to anyone who has followed his ascent.

He has become the de facto conductor of Dublin's sky-blue orchestra, dictating the play and tempo and patiently probing for incisions with his incredible ball-retention skills – and that's before mention of his eye for a score.

In many ways he is the quintessential footballer possessing all of the traits needed for the modern-day game – potential and talent that was spotted long ago by Aussie Rules scouts who lured him Down

Under for a successful trial before the call of home became too loud in his ear, cutting short the experiment before it had really begun.

The Castleknock clubman lives in the here and now and is eager to milk this astonishing period for Dublin GAA for everything he can.

He fully acknowledges the productive period he is playing and living through.

"The last few years have been special and the memories we have are great" he says.

"The influence and impact you can have on communities in Dublin on the back of what we have achieved is phenomenal.





"These years are probably going to be amongst the best of my life with the friendships and memories I've made.

"It's essentially the bond we've created – regardless of how we are going on the field – I know I have made friends for life and that's what's most valuable to me.

"I went to games when I was younger – I was very much a GAA supporter – and I've looked at games on YouTube and Dublin were not lucky enough to contest All-Ireland finals for years.

"We have to recognise that this is a special group and we want to keep this going for as long as we can.

"This year there have been a number of younger lads who have broken into the team and the lads who have been finishing out games are also putting their hands up as well and we're in a good place.

"Hopefully we can inspire the next generation and bring on the next crop of players."

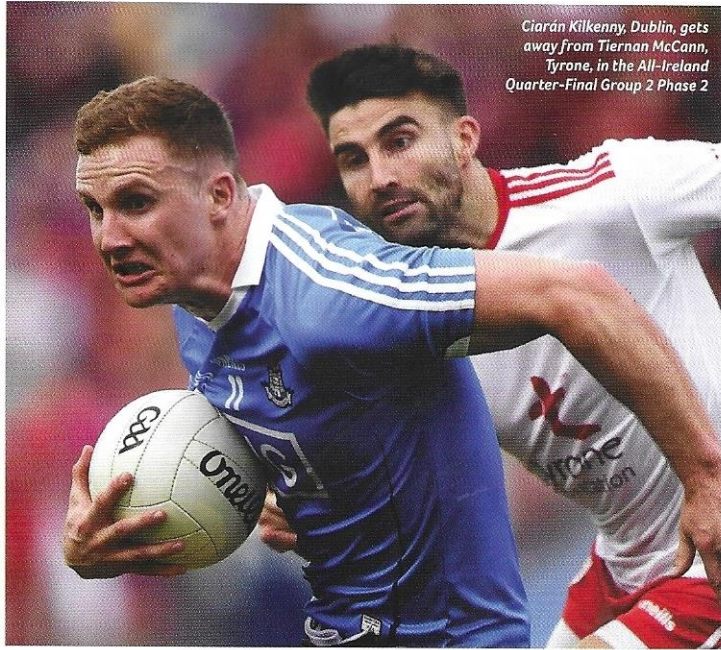
It's not so long since Kilkenney himself was being touted as the next great white hope of Dublin GAA – not just Dublin football.

His prowess as a hurler is well known but there was no hesitation when the call came from Jim Gavin to challenge to be a main cog in the Dublin machine.

While he, Brian Fenton and Jack McCaffrey have flourished in recent seasons, the mantle of promising youngsters has long been passed onto a group that now includes the likes of Brian Howard, Con O'Callaghan and Eoin Murchan.

The influential and versatile centre-half forward has watched the emergence of the new talent this year and has not been surprised.

He has been more than happy to assume a leadership role within the group, something that



Ciarán Kilkenney, Dublin, gets away from Tiernan McCann, Tyrone, in the All-Ireland Quarter-Final Group 2 Phase 2

evidently comes easy to him if his exploits on the field are anything to go by.

He added: "They haven't surprised me. I've seen the ability they have in training. The really inspiring thing is how they've grown into leaders in such a short space of time – some of them have only been in the squad a year or two and yet are making massive plays at big moments in games.

"Within the set-up they have been vocal too and it's really encouraging to us and it's great to have that blend of youth and the middle-aged guys like me and the older lads too.

"You'd always like to think of yourself as being a leader within the group. As you get older and more experienced it's a natural progression that you assume more responsibility within the group as you mature and other players move on.

"You try and set a good example for the younger lads and drive each other on, being honest with each other determined to give something back. You can't ask for more than that. That's our

philosophy on it."

Kilkenney and his colleagues will be in the team bubble today, focusing on routine and ritual and playing out another game – albeit with a bigger prize on offer at the end.

Regardless of what bookend is applied to the 2018 season today, Kilkenney has given the new football format his seal of approval.

"It was interesting," he added. "It has been a fascinating championship and it has been exciting for the players.

"Going to Omagh to play in the quarter-final, and the buzz and atmosphere that went with it, was incredible.

"It was something different for the players and the fact that we had more games was great.

"Having to play week in, week out, was challenging but exciting.

"You're getting games every week which is what players want and it has been a breath of fresh air.

"The fact that the final is in the first few days in September will be different and novel too and we're all excited by it."

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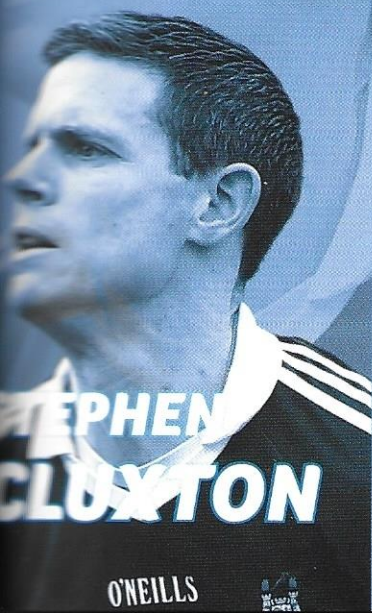
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# PIVOTAL PLAYERS: ÁTH CLIATH

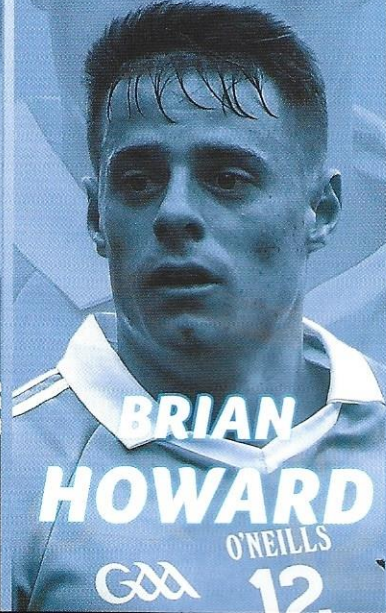
The longest-serving intercounty footballer in the game since the retirement of Ryan McCluskey, we have been watching Stephen Cluxton for a long time. Yet longevity is only one of the things that makes Parnells clubman Cluxton - who made his championship debut in 2001 - special. His varied skills as a goalkeeper, from his revolutionary style of distribution to his set-piece kicking, make him one of the most influential players of all time. His list of garlands is as long as his list of public utterances is short. A five-time All-Ireland winner (four as captain), Cluxton has won five All-Stars (the first in 2002) and with almost a century of championship appearances to his name, he is comfortably clear on the all-time list. A long unbroken run of appearances came to an end when he missed this year's Leinster final through a rib injury, but he returned for the All-Ireland quarter-final group stage.

Diarmuid Connolly tipped young Raheny man Brian Howard for big things in 2018 and he has been proven absolutely right. Howard made his senior championship debut for Dublin as a substitute against Westmeath in 2017, but since the start of the 2018 Allianz League, he has been an established starter for Jim Gavin. Howard has started all but two of Dublin's league and championship games in 2018 and is firmly in line for an All-Star after an outstanding season. Comfortable all around the middle third, Howard generally operates as a half-back but often lines out as a half-forward. A star performer for the All-Ireland winning Dublin U21 side last year, Howard is a powerful athlete, extremely skilled under a high ball and a highly disciplined defensive presence. He is also well capable of hitting the target, having scored in all six of his championship appearances in 2018.

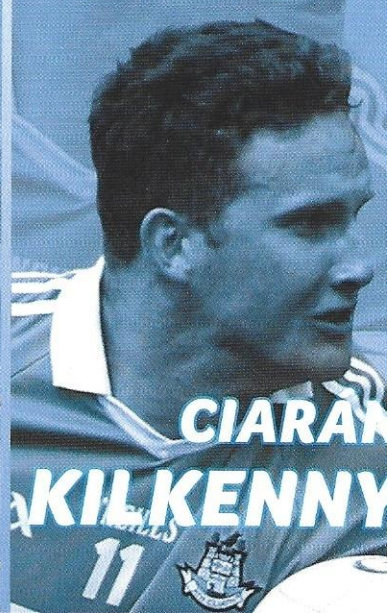
Few players exemplify the excellence of modern Dublin quite like Ciarán Kilkenny. The Castleknock clubman is regarded as the All-Ireland champions' key linkman, a perennial recycler of possession, and yet his scoring stats indicate an attacking talent of utterly elite proportions. In 13 league and championship appearances for Dublin in 2018, Kilkenny has scored a remarkable 4-39 (2-18 in the league, 2-21 in the championship) - and all of it from open play! Should the 25-year-old deliver a solid display this afternoon, he will be close to unassailable in the race for 2018 Footballer of the Year honours, if he isn't already. Kilkenny is the ultimate all-rounder and how Dublin must thank their lucky stars that he returned from a brief spell with AFL side Hawthorn when he did. Since opting for GAA in January 2013 he has won four All-Ireland senior medals and two All-Stars. On his day, he is arguably the best player in the country.



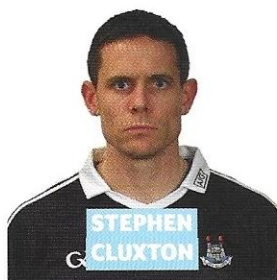
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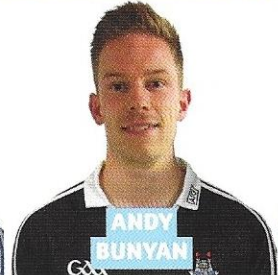
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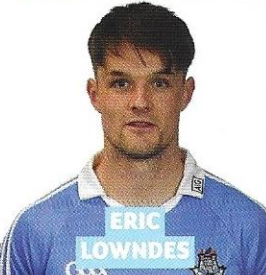
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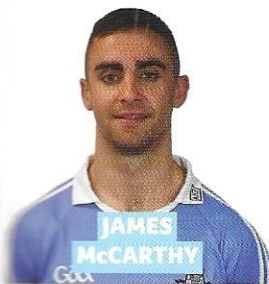


**ERIC LOWNDES**



**BRIAN FENTON**

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<b>STEPHEN CLUXTON</b>	36	Parnells	6' 1"/12st 8lbs	2001	6	0-0
<b>PHILIP McMAHON</b>	30	Ballymun Kickhams	6'/13st 8lbs	2008	6	0-4
<b>CIAN O'SULLIVAN</b>	30	Kilmacud Crokes	6' 1"/13st	2010	5 (1)	0-0
<b>MICHAEL FITZSIMONS</b>	30	Cuala	6'/13st	2010	7 (2)	0-0
<b>JONNY COOPER</b>	28	Na Fianna	6'/12st	2013	6	0-0
<b>ANDY BUNYAN</b>	29	Scoil Uí Chonaill	6' 3"/14st	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>JOHN SMALL</b>	25	Ballymun Kickhams	6'/13st 10lbs	2015	4 (1)	0-1
<b>ERIC LOWNDES</b>	24	St Peregrine's	5' 11"/13st	2015	5 (1)	0-0
<b>BRIAN FENTON</b>	25	Raheny	6' 4"/14st 2lbs	2015	6	1-11



JAMES  
McCARTHY



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KILKENNY



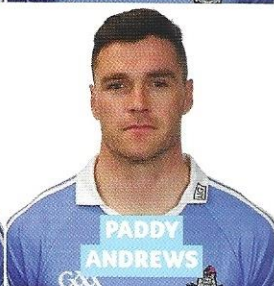
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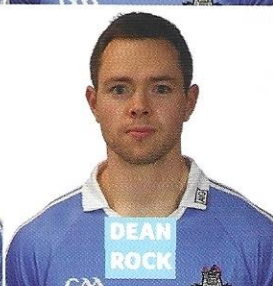
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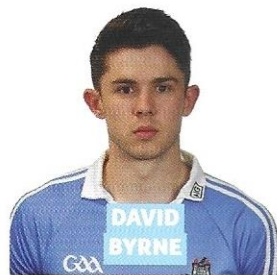
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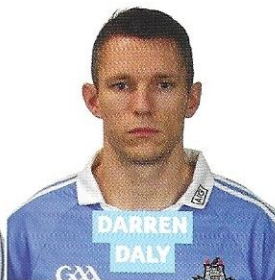
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JAMES McCARTHY	28	Ballymun Kickhams	6' 1"/13st 3lbs	2010	6	1-2
CIARÁN KILKENNY	25	Castleknock	6' 1"/13st 8lbs	2012	6	2-21
CON O'CALLAGHAN	22	Cuala	5' 11"/12st 12lbs	2016	6	2-10
JACK McCAFFREY	24	Clontarf	6'/12st 10lbs	2012	6 (2)	0-1
PAUL MANNION	25	Kilmacud Crokes	6' 2"/13st 5lbs	2013	6	1-8
PADDY ANDREWS	30	St Brigid's	5' 11"/13st 5lbs	2009	4	0-8
DEAN ROCK	28	Ballymun Kickhams	6' 1"/13st 5lbs	2013	6	2-34
EVAN COMERFORD	20	Ballymun Kickhams	6'/11st 11lbs	2018	2 (1)	0-0
BERNARD BROGAN	34	St Oliver Plunketts/ER	6'/13st 2lbs	2007	(1)	0-0



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BYRNE



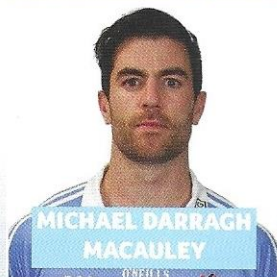
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MICHAEL DARRAGH  
MACAULEY



KEVIN  
McMANAMON



EOGHAN  
O'GARA



NIALL  
SCULLY



	AGE	CLUB	HEIGHT/WEIGHT	DEBUT	2018 CHAMPIONSHIP APPEARANCES	SCORES
DAVID BYRNE	24	Naomh Olaf	5' 11"/13st 5lbs	2015	N/A	N/A
DARREN DALY	31	Fingal Ravens	5' 11"/12st 2lbs	2013	7 (6)	0-0
PAUL FLYNN	32	Fingallians	6' 1"/14st 7lbs	2008	7 (6)	1-7
BRIAN HOWARD	21	Raheny	6'/13st	2017	6	0-7
MICHAEL DARRAGH MACAULEY	31	Ballyboden St Enda's	6' 3"/14st 7lbs	2010	7 (2)	1-2
KEVIN McMANAMON	32	St Judes	6'/13st 10lbs	2010	6 (5)	0-6
EOGHAN O'GARA	32	Templeogue Synge St.	6' 2"/13st 12lbs	2010	1	2-2
NIALL SCULLY	24	Templeogue Synge St.	6'/12st 2lbs	2017	6	2-2



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COSTELLO



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McHUGH



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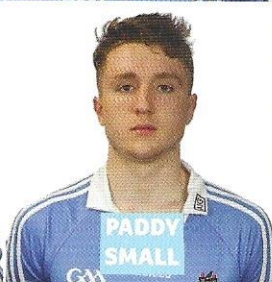
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MURCHAN



MARK  
SCHÜTTE



ANDREW  
McGOWAN



PADDY  
SMALL

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	AGE	CLUB	HEIGHT/WEIGHT	DEBUT	2018 CHAMPIONSHIP APPEARANCES	SCORES
COLM BASQUEL	22	Ballyboden St Enda's	5' 11"/13st 5lbs	2018	4 (3)	0-3
CORMAC COSTELLO	24	Whitehall Colmcille	5' 11"/12st 4lbs	2013	5 (4)	0-16
CONOR McHUGH	24	Na Fianna	6'/12st 4lbs	2017	(3)	0-4
CONOR MULLALLY	23	Cuala	5' 11"/12st	2018	(1)	0-0
EWIN MURCHAN	22	Na Fianna	5' 10"/11st 11lbs	2018	4 (1)	0-0
MARK SCHÜTTE	26	Cuala	6' 3"/13st 12lbs	2017	(1)	0-1
ANDREW McGOWAN	21	Kilmacud Crokes	6' 1"/12st 4lbs	2018	(1)	0-0
PADDY SMALL	20	Ballymun Kickhams	6' / 13st 5lbs	2018	(1)	0-1



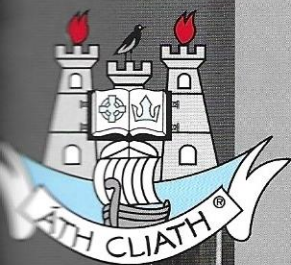
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## HEAD-TO-HEAD



1984

August 19 1984

All-Ireland semi-final

**DUBLIN 2-11 TYRONE 0-8**

Top Scorer *Barney Rock* 1-7

September 17 1995

All-Ireland Final

**DUBLIN 1-10 TYRONE 0-12**

Top Scorer *Peter Canavan* 0-11

August 13 2005

All-Ireland quarter-final

**TYRONE 1-14 DUBLIN 1-14**

Top Scorer *Tomás Quinn* 1-7

August 27 2005

All-Ireland quarter-final replay

**TYRONE 2-18 DUBLIN 1-14**

Top Scorer *Owen Mulligan* 1-7

2005

August 16 2008

All-Ireland quarter-final

**TYRONE 3-14 DUBLIN 1-8**

Top Scorer *Seán Cavanagh* 1-2

July 31 2010

All-Ireland quarter-final

**DUBLIN 1-15 TYRONE 0-13**

Top Scorer *Bernard Brogan* 0-9

2008

August 6 2011

All-Ireland quarter-final

**DUBLIN 0-22 TYRONE 0-15**

Top Scorer *Diarmuid Connolly* 0-7

August 27 2017

All-Ireland semi-final

**DUBLIN 2-17 TYRONE 0-11**

Top Scorer(s) *Dean Rock* 0-5/*Con O'Callaghan* 1-2

July 21 2018

All-Ireland quarter-final (phase 2)

**DUBLIN 1-14 TYRONE 0-14**

Top Scorer *Dean Rock* 0-6

2017

2011

**PLAYED 9 – DUBLIN 6, TYRONE 2 (ONE DRAW)**  
**SCORED – DUBLIN 10-125 (155), TYRONE 6-119 (137)**

# WITHIN TOUCHING DISTANCE IN DEBUT YEAR

**A**s first seasons go Michael McKernan may have to pinch himself as he arrives at Croke Park today.

However, he may do so safe in the knowledge that the 2018 journey has yet to conclude and could get even better before the day is out.

The Tyrone defender in many ways epitomises the latest rebuilding job being overseen by Tyrone manager Mickey Harte.

If the legendary Meath boss Seán Boylan carved out a reputation for team rebuilds between the years of 1987 and 1999 with four All-Ireland successes, Harte is in similar territory with three successes from three and a possible fourth, 70 minutes away.

While the wins of 2003,

2005 and 2008 had overlap in personnel, the connections with 2018 are less obvious on the playing field.

True, Harte, Stephen O'Neill, Peter Donnelly and Gavin Devlin all connect the management team with past glories but only Colm Cavanagh and Cathal McCarron survive from the playing ranks.

To McKernan who finds himself at the opposite end of the spectrum as the newest of fresh faces making waves in the latest Tyrone challenge, it's all new territory.

He debuted for the senior team in competitive action in the first round of the Allianz League against Galway in Tuam and has impressed in the games that followed.

It's been an eventful seven months that leaves him within touching distance of the ultimate

prize and one he has embraced fully.

He said: "The Galway game in the league was my first competitive game and I was in and out of the team thereafter because of my involvement with the Sigerson Cup.

"It's been a surprise. I was talking to Pádraig Hampsey and he had to wait for his third year to break into the team. I come from the same club as him and we'd be talking and he said 'you might just have to wait and do what I did' and he advised not to be annoyed with things if that was how it worked out.

"It's been a question of being in the right place at the right time and doing your best in every training session. You can't have an off day because there are so many who could take your place.

"The training was probably the biggest step up – especially if it was three nights in-a-row.

"It's more than club and although the U21s helped me to get used to it, it's a lot more physical – everyone is bigger. You have to believe in your ability but I was expecting to have to take a year to get used to playing at this level.

"Thankfully it just happened and I'm happy with how it's gone and I wouldn't have it any other way."

What a difference a year makes.

Roughly 12 months ago he was located in the lower Hogan Stand as the same two teams did battle albeit at the semi-final stage of the same competition.

What unfolded was not expected but instead of setting

Michael McKernan, Tyrone, tries to go past Paul Mannion, Dublin in the All-Ireland Senior Quarter-Final Group 2 Phase 2.



the Tyrone project back, they've rebounded from that defeat and gone one better this year to reach the final availing of a qualifier tour of Ireland to find momentum and improvement.

The third year Jordanstown Finance and Investment Management student saw Dublin at their best from the stands on that forgettable day but got to see them at closer quarters in their quarter-final clash at Healy Park this summer when the Dubs rolled into town, a game he scored an audacious point in.

You can't play Gaelic football and not know what Dublin will bring to the party today.

McKernan acknowledges that but is enthused by the challenge and mindful of the

role the wider Tyrone panel will play in what is increasingly becoming a 21-man game.

He added: "They've won three in-a-row and are going for four and while Tyrone have a good record in finals you have to look at their record too.

"The intensity they bring to the game is on a different level. They bossed the game in Omagh for maybe 60 minutes or so but after that we raised intensity and the subs like Kieran McGeary came on and bring extra energy to the team and we need that from the start this time around if the result is to be different.

"Lee and Rory Brennan, the two brothers, came on against Donegal and Kieran again. The bench is just as important as

who starts – possibly more so."

McKernan won't be alone in the team's youthful stable.

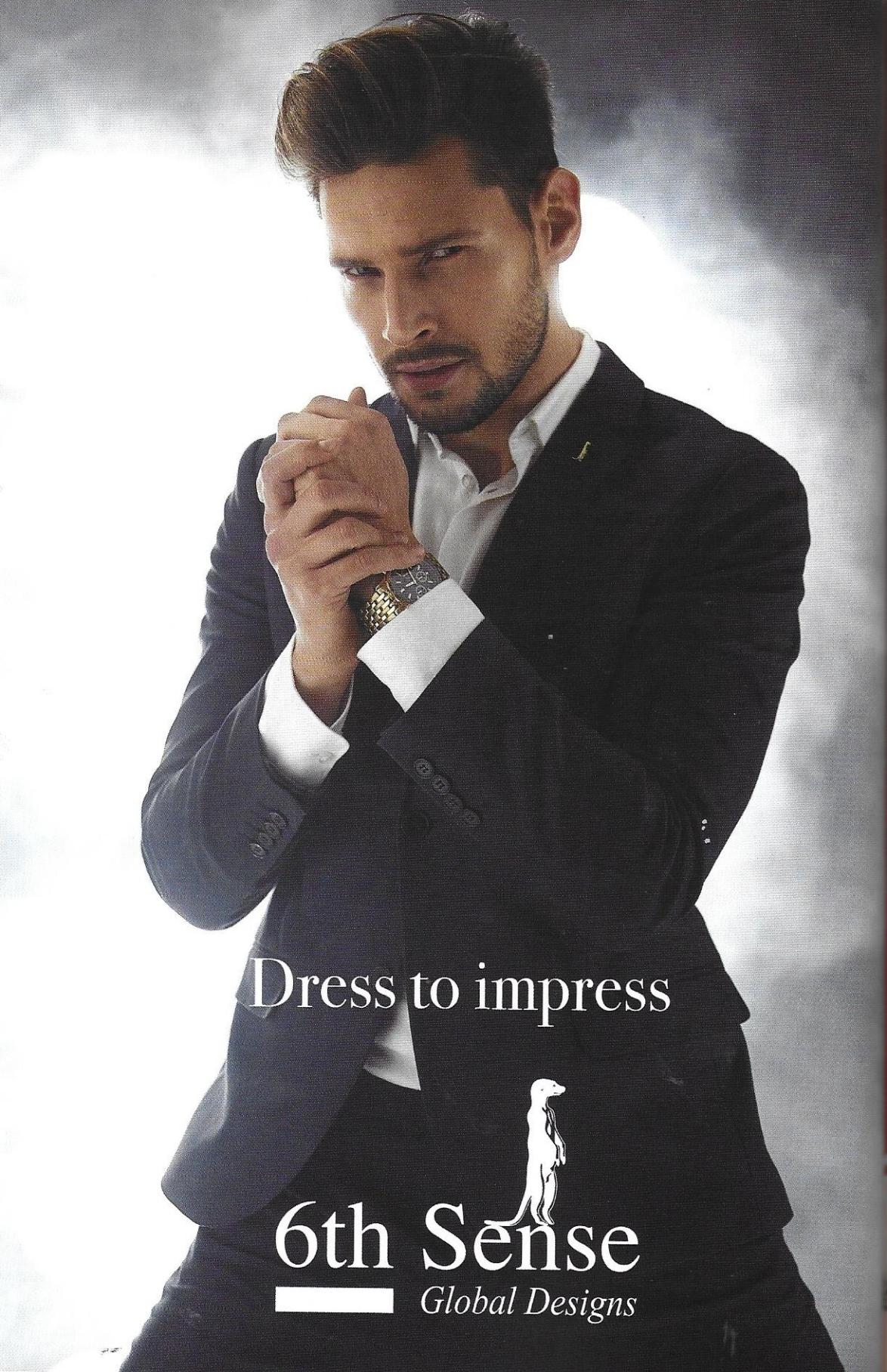
He's confident that the mixed aged profile of the team will allow them to make the most of the occasion.

"It's more excitement than nervous," adds the Coalisland Na Fianna clubman referring to the build-up. "You have to try and enjoy it and not let the nerves take over.


"In addition to the more experienced older players, this team is made up of lads who won an U21 All-Ireland – players like Kieran, Frank (Burns) and Cathal McShane – age doesn't matter if you're good enough."

Never a truer word was spoken, and few will encapsulate that better than McKernan.





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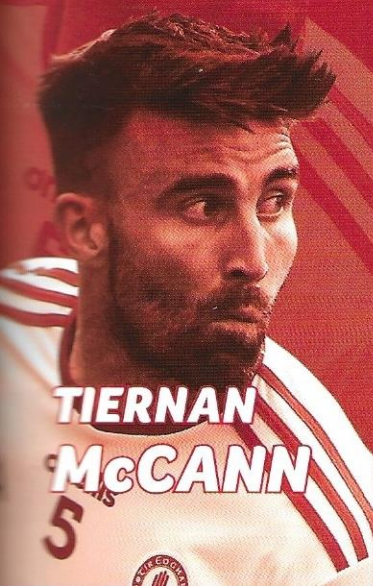
Killyclogher's Tiernan McCann is one of the rocks around which Mickey Harte has built his Tyrone side over the last few seasons. The attacking wing-back is now in his fifth season on the Red Hands' senior panel, having made his championship debut in 2014. McCann suffered a broken kneecap this spring and missed the final four Allianz League rounds as a result of that serious injury. However he battled back in time for the championship opener against Monaghan and has started eight of Tyrone's nine games this summer. Every weekend since he returned he has grown stronger, hitting a particularly rich vein of form in the last few months. He has been an ever-present for Tyrone's last six games, popping up with 0-6 during that period. A two-time Ulster senior winner, McCann comes from a footballing family. His father Terry was a well-known Tyrone footballer while his brother Conall is on the senior panel with him at present.

As the only man left on the Tyrone panel to have played in one of Tyrone's three All-Ireland final wins of the 2000s, Colm Cavanagh brings a special kind of experience to bear for the Red Hands this afternoon. For a decade, Cavanagh played alongside his fabled brother Seán for the county but since the latter's retirement last year, Colm's experience of playing in the 2008 All-Ireland final win against Kerry sets him apart.

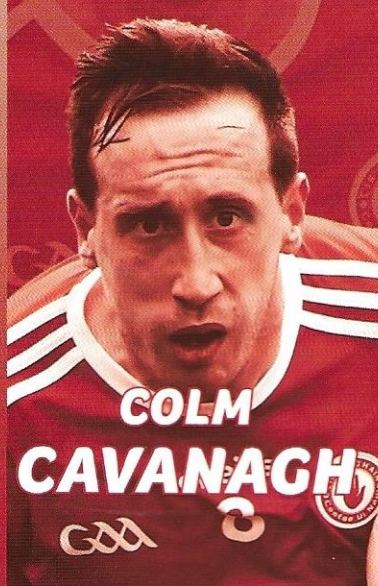
As well as being the most experienced player on the Tyrone panel, the towering Moy midfielder is also one of the squad's most able operators. Man of the match in Tyrone's semi-final win over Monaghan, Cavanagh is often deployed as a sweeper-midfielder, bringing a high degree of intelligence to the role. He played in just three of Tyrone's league games this year but his importance has been emphasised this summer - he has started all nine of Tyrone's championship games, scoring 0-3.

Connor McAliskey's career arc with Tyrone is an illustration of the meticulous way that Mickey Harte has put his latest Tyrone side together. The Clonoe man was evidently teeming with talent when he made his championship debut for Tyrone against Donegal five years ago, but it has taken time for him to develop into the accomplished attacker he is today.

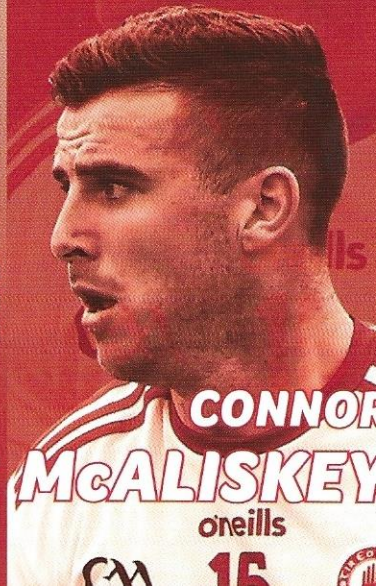
His route was also interrupted severely in 2017, when a cruciate knee ligament injury picked up in January ruled him out for the entire season. The long road to recovery evidently steered him for 2018, for it has been his finest season to date. His league form was solid if a little patchy. He scored 0-12, most from frees, and was withdrawn early in a few games. However, he has undoubtedly been Tyrone's best forward this summer. Starting all nine of their championship games, he has scored 2-38 with an impressive 2-13 coming from open play. To boot, he is clinical on both frees and '45s.



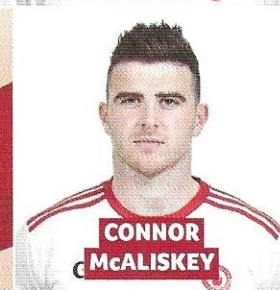
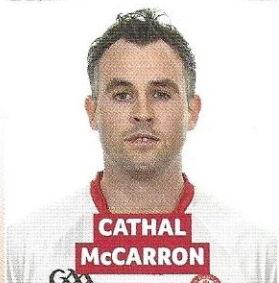
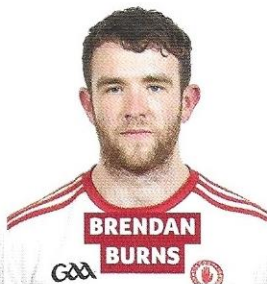
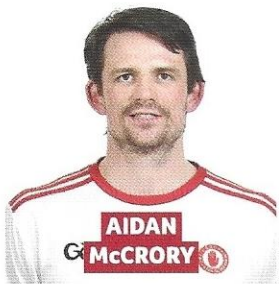
TIERNAN  
McCANN



COLM  
CAVANAGH



CONNOR  
McALISKEY



NAME	AGE	CLUB	HEIGHT/WEIGHT	DEBUT	2018 CHAMPIONSHIP APPEARANCES	SCORES
AIDAN McCRORY	30	Errigal Ciarán	5'11"/12st 11lbs	2012	(3)	0-0
BEN McDONNELL	22	Errigal Ciarán	6'2"/13st	N/A	N/A	N/A
BRENDAN BURNS	25	Pomeroy	5'8"/11st 13lbs	N/A	N/A	N/A
CIARÁN McLAUGHLIN	24	Omagh	5'9"/13st 1lb	N/A	N/A	N/A
CATHAL McCARRON	30	Dromore	6'/12st 13lbs	2010	5 (1)	0-0
CATHAL McSHANE	22	Eoghan Ruadh	6'2"/13st 2lbs	2015	9	0-13
COLM CAVANAGH	31	Moy	6'4"/13st 12lbs	2007	9	0-3
CONALL McCANN	25	Killyclogher	6'2"/12st 11lbs	2015	(6)	0-0
CONNOR McALISKEY	26	Clonee	5'10"/12st 11lbs	2013	9	2-38



**CONOR MEYLER**



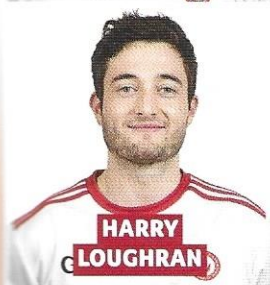
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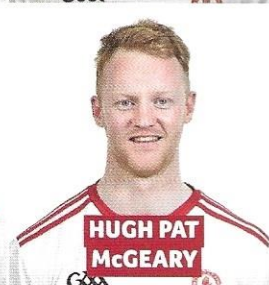
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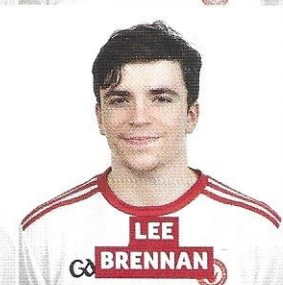
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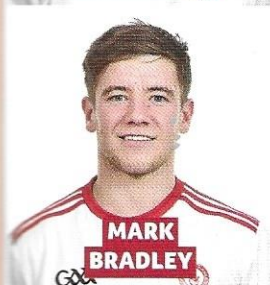
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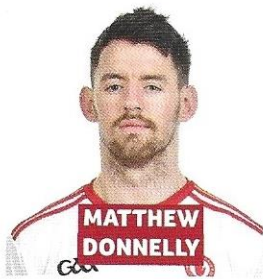
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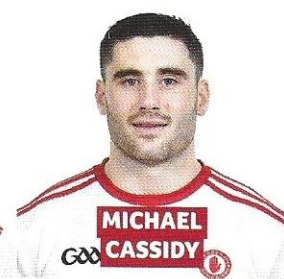
**MARK BRADLEY**

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	AGE	CLUB	HEIGHT/WEIGHT	DEBUT	2018 CHAMPIONSHIP APPEARANCES	SCORES
CONOR MEYLER	23	Omagh	5'11"/12st 10lbs	2015	8	1-2
DAVID MULGREW	20	Ardboe	6'/12st 6lbs	2017	N/A	N/A
DECLAN McCLURE	25	Clonoe	6' 3"/13st 12lbs	2017	8 (6)	1-2
FRANK BURNS	23	Pomeroy	6' /13st 2lbs	2017	9	0-10
HARRY LOUGHRAN	24	Moy	6' 1"/12st 12lbs	2018	(5)	2-1
HUGH PAT McGEARY	26	Pomeroy	6' /13st	2018	4 (2)	0-0
KIERAN McGEARY	23	Pomeroy	5' 11"/12st 9lbs	2016	9 (8)	0-3
LEE BRENNAN	21	Trillick	5' 9"/11st 9lbs	2017	3 (1)	0-8
MARK BRADLEY	24	Killyclogher	5' 7"/11st 5lbs	2015	6 (4)	1-4



**MATTHEW DONNELLY**



**MICHAEL CASSIDY**



**MICHAEL McKERNAN**



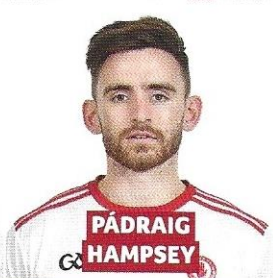
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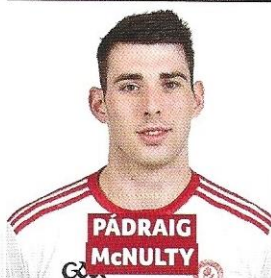
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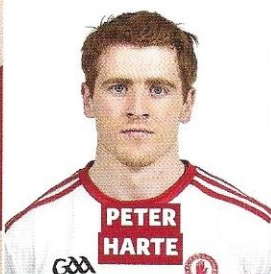
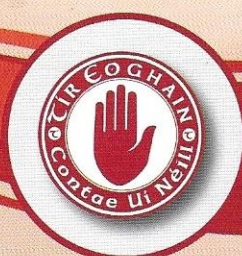
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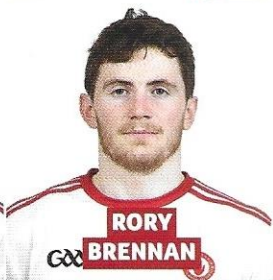
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**PETER HARTE**

	AGE	CLUB	HEIGHT/WEIGHT	DEBUT	2018 CHAMPIONSHIP APPEARANCES	SCORES
<b>MATTHEW DONNELLY</b>	27	Trillick	6'13st 11lb	2012	9	0-9
<b>MICHAEL CASSIDY</b>	24	Ardboe	6' 1"/12st 13lbs	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>MICHAEL McKERNAN</b>	20	Coalisland	6'12st 12lbs	2018	9 (1)	1-4
<b>MICKEY O'NEILL</b>	29	Clonoe	6' 2"/13st 5lbs	2014	2	0-0
<b>NIALL MORGAN</b>	27	Clonoe	6' 1"/13st 11lb	2013	7	0-1
<b>NIALL SLUDDEN</b>	26	Dromore	5' 11"/12st 11lbs	2016	9	3-13
<b>PÁDRAIG HAMPSEY</b>	24	Coalisland	6' 1"/13st	2016	9	0-3
<b>PÁDRAIG McNULTY</b>	26	Dungannon	6' 4"/13st 7lbs	2015	2 (1)	0-0
<b>PETER HARTE</b>	27	Errigal Ciarán	5' 11"/12st 10lbs	2010	8	2-14





# IMREOIRÍ

	AGE	CLUB	HEIGHT/WEIGHT	DEBUT	2018 CHAMPIONSHIP APPEARANCES	SCORES
<b>RICHARD DONNELLY</b>	26	Trillick	6' 2" / 13st 3lbs	2015	8	2-8
<b>RONAN McHUGH</b>	22	Aghyaran	6' 1" / 12st 11lbs	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>RONAN McNABB</b>	28	Dromore	5' 11" / 12st 9lbs	2012	(1)	0-0
<b>RONAN McNAMEE</b>	27	Aghyaran	6' 1" / 12st 13lbs	2012	9	0-2
<b>RONAN O'NEILL</b>	26	Omagh	5' 10" / 12st 11lbs	2013	(8)	1-5
<b>RORY BRENNAN</b>	24	Trillick	6' / 12st 11lb	2015	(6)	0-1
<b>RUAIRÍ SLUDDEN</b>	23	Dromore	5' 10" / 12st	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>TIERNAN McCANN</b>	27	Killyclogher	6' 1" / 12st 13lbs	2014	8	0-6

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# 2018 SENIOR SCOREBOARD

## CONNACHT

### Quarter-finals

Leitrim	0-19	1-15	New York
Sligo	1-21	1-11	London
Galway	1-12	0-12	Mayo

### Semi-finals

Roscommon	0-24	0-10	Leitrim
Galway	4-24	1-12	Sligo

### Final

Galway	0-16	2-6	Roscommon
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## LEINSTER

### Round 1

Laois	2-21	1-18	Wexford
Carlow	2-17	0-12	Louth
Wicklow	1-20	1-15	Offaly

### Quarter-finals

Laois	4-13	1-12	Westmeath
Carlow	2-14	1-10	Kildare
Dublin	4-25	1-11	Wicklow
Longford	0-16	0-14	Meath

### Semi-finals

Laois	0-12	0-8	Carlow
Dublin	2-25	0-12	Longford

### Final

Dublin	1-25	0-10	Laois
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## MUNSTER

### Quarter-finals

Tipperary	0-20	0-9	Waterford
Clare	1-22	0-14	Limerick

### Semi-finals

Cork	1-17	0-9	Tipperary
Kerry	0-32	0-10	Clare

### Final

Kerry	3-18	2-4	Cork
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## ULSTER

### Preliminary Round

Donegal	2-20	1-15	Cavan
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### Quarter-finals

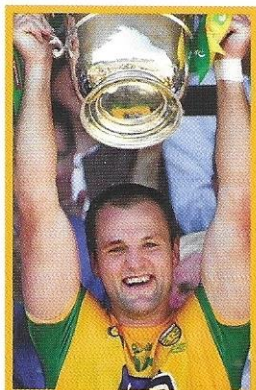
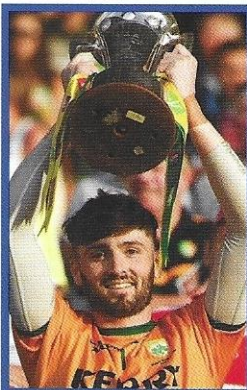
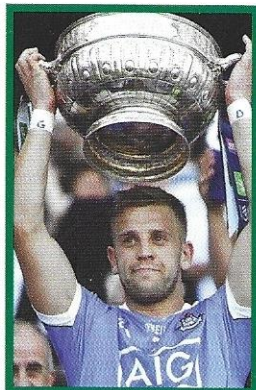
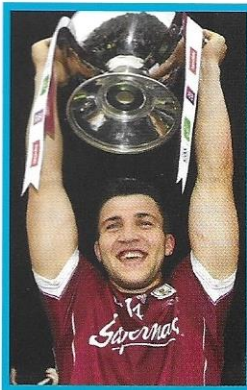
Fermanagh	0-12	0-7	Armagh
Monaghan	1-18	1-16	Tyrone
Down	1-18	0-14	Antrim
Donegal	2-16	0-16	Derry

### Semi-finals

Fermanagh	1-8	0-10	Monaghan
Donegal	2-22	1-12	Down

### Final

Donegal	2-18	0-12	Fermanagh
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## ALL-IRELAND QUALIFIERS

### Round 1

Waterford	3-14	1-18	Wexford
Kildare	2-22	2-14	Derry
Tyrone	2-14	0-19	Meath
Cavan	2-16	1-5	Wicklow
Offaly	2-20	1-15	Antrim
Mayo	5-19	3-7	Limerick
Armagh	3-16	1-11	Westmeath
Louth	2-26	1-19	London

### Round 2

Monaghan	5-21	0-9	Waterford
Tyrone	3-14	1-10	Carlow
Cavan	1-14	0-15	Down
Mayo	1-19	1-11	Tipperary
Armagh	1-19	1-13	Sligo
Leitrim	0-25	1-12	Louth
Kildare	1-16	1-13	Longford
Clare	1-19	2-14	Offaly

### Round 3

Monaghan	1-19	0-9	Leitrim
Armagh	2-16	1-15	Clare
Tyrone	0-18	1-12	Cavan
Kildare	0-21	0-19	Mayo

### Round 4

Roscommon	2-22	1-19	Armagh
Tyrone	3-20	0-13	Cork
Kildare	3-20	0-18	Fermanagh
Monaghan	0-19	1-11	Laois

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## ALL-IRELAND QUARTER-FINAL GROUP STAGE

### Group 1 Phase 1

Galway	1-13	1-10	Kerry
Monaghan	0-15	1-10	Kildare

### Group 1 Phase 2

Galway	0-19	0-16	Kildare
Monaghan	1-17	1-17	Kerry

### Group 1 Phase 3

Kerry	3-25	2-16	Kildare
Monaghan	0-16	0-8	Galway

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Monaghan	3	2	1	0	5
Galway	3	2	0	1	4
Kerry	3	1	1	1	3
Kildare	3	0	0	3	0

### Group 2 Phase 1

Tyrone	4-24	2-12	Roscommon
Dublin	2-15	0-16	Donegal

### Group 2 Phase 2

Dublin	1-14	0-14	Tyrone
Donegal	0-20	0-13	Roscommon

### Group 2 Phase 3

Dublin	4-24	2-16	Roscommon
Tyrone	2-17	1-13	Donegal

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Dublin	3	3	0	0	6
Tyrone	3	2	0	1	4
Donegal	3	1	0	2	2
Roscommon	3	0	0	3	0

## ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINALS

Dublin	1-24	2-12	Galway
Tyrone	1-13	0-15	Monaghan

# Matches 67

Goal-less games: **10**

0-3 goals: **44**

4+ goals: **13**

Biggest Winning Margin: **27pts**

Monaghan 5-21  
Waterford 0-9

Highest Aggregate Score: **58pts**

Dublin 4-24  
Roscommon 2-16

Lowest Aggregate Score: **19pts**

Fermanagh 0-12  
Armagh 0-7

Top scorer (overall)

**Conor McManus (Monaghan) 2-47**

Top scorer (from play)

**Ciarán Kilkenny (Dublin) 2-21**

Top scorer (single match)

**Cillian O'Connor (Mayo) 3-9 v Limerick**

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# SAM MAGUIRE... AN AUSPICIOUS ANNIVERSARY



If today's winning captain is stuck for a line or two during his acceptance speech he could do worse than wish the silverware he's holding aloft a happy birthday.

Today's final marks an auspicious anniversary – the 90th time the Sam Maguire Cup will be awarded to the winners of the All-Ireland Football Championship.

The cup itself might be better known than the man it's named after, but it's fitting that in such a landmark year that Sam Maguire himself has really emerged from the shadows.

As part of its own 20th

birthday celebrations, last June the GAA Museum's Summer School held a seminar entitled 'Sam Maguire – The Man and the Trophy' that gave a fascinating insight into the man the GAA's most iconic trophy is named after.

Historians Dr. William Murphy, Dr. Richard McElligott, Dr. Darragh Gannon, and Dr. Ida Milne gave presentations on various aspects of Maguire's life and the cultural and political influences that shaped it.

A member of the Church of Ireland, Maguire was a pivotal figure in both the fight for Irish

freedom and the formative years of the GAA.

Born in 1877 in the townland of Mallabraga near Dunmanway in West Cork, he moved to London at the turn of the last century to take up a position as a civil servant in the Post Office.

It was in London that he became heavily involved in the GAA, as he captained the London Hibernians in the All-Ireland Football Finals of 1900, 1901, and 1903.

At that time the All-Ireland Final was contested by clubs who won their county championships, with the winner of the 'home

final' then playing the London champions in an 'All-Ireland Final'.

Maguire was on the losing team in all three All-Ireland Finals he played against Tipperary (Clonmel Shamrocks), Dublin (Isle of the Sea), and Kerry (Tralee Mitchels).

In 1907, he moved from the playing pitches to administration when he became the Chairman of the London County Board.

Coincidentally, the Vice-Chairman of the London County Board at the time was none other than Liam MacCarthy who would himself give his name to the cup awarded to the All-Ireland hurling champions.

Maguire was a regular delegate to the GAA's Annual Congress and would eventually be appointed a trustee of Croke Park.

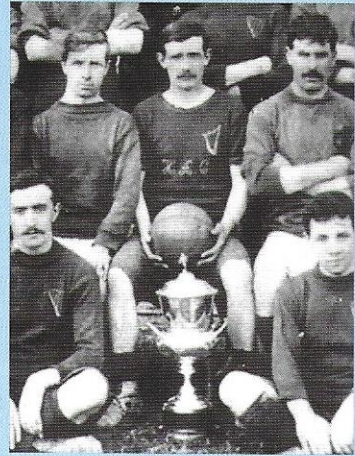
By that time he was also heavily involved in politics having been sworn into the Irish Republican Brotherhood (IRB) in 1902, rising eventually to the rank of Lieutenant of the IRB and Director of Intelligence in Britain.

In 1909 he swore Michael Collins into the IRB, and the two would become close confidants.

During the 1916 Rising and the subsequent Irish War of Independence, Maguire's main role was to intercept British government and military letters and telegrams through his position in the Post Office.

He was also heavily involved in procuring weapons and smuggling them to Michael Collins in Dublin, who by now was Director of Intelligence of the Irish Republican Army.

Maguire eventually moved to Dublin in 1923 to take up a job in



the newly established Irish Civil Service but was dismissed in 1924 on suspicion of being part of an Army mutiny plot.

Sadly, Maguire would die in 1927 of tuberculosis aged just 49, and was buried in the cemetery of St. Mary's Church, in his native Dunmanway.





The following year a group of Maguire's friends raised €300 to have the Sam Maguire Cup cast in his memory, which is roughly equivalent to €20,000 today.

Modelled on the Ardagh Chalice, it was made by the Dublin silversmith Matthew J. Staunton and hand-beaten from a single flat piece of silver.

Kildare were the first county to win the Sam Maguire Cup in 1928 when they defeated Cavan by 2-6 to 2-5 in the All-Ireland Final.

The original Sam Maguire Cup was retired in 1988 when the GAA commissioned an exact replica from Kilkenny silversmith Desmond A. Byrne.

Meath were both the first team to win the new cup and last team to win the old cup thanks to their back-to-back All-Ireland victories over

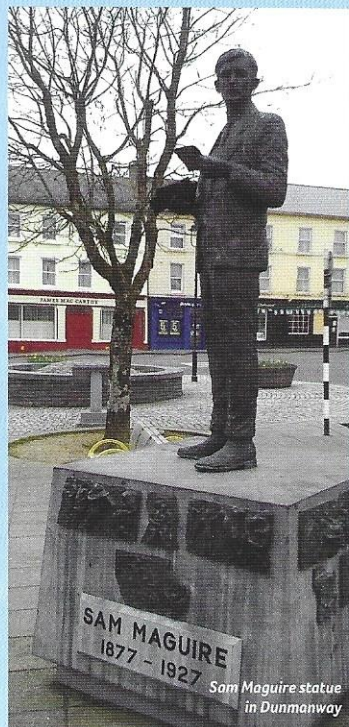
Cork in 1987 and 1988.

The original cup can now be viewed in the GAA museum in Croke Park, but it's not the only significant cultural artefact that bears Maguire's name.

Last year the Sam Maguire Community Bells were installed at St. Mary's Church in Dunmanway where Maguire is buried.

Thanks to the 'Sam Maguire Visitor Experience', you can now visit the church and learn about Maguire's life as well as ring the bells that are named after him. To find out more; visitdunmanway.ie

His influential role in a defining era for Irish sport and politics is often underappreciated, but every year his cup is raised and every day his bells are rung, Sam Maguire is remembered.



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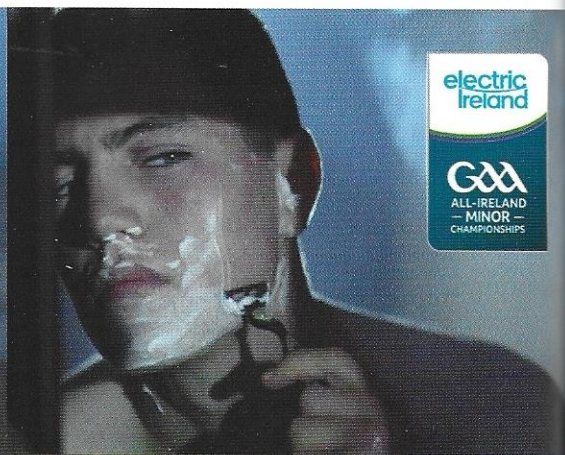
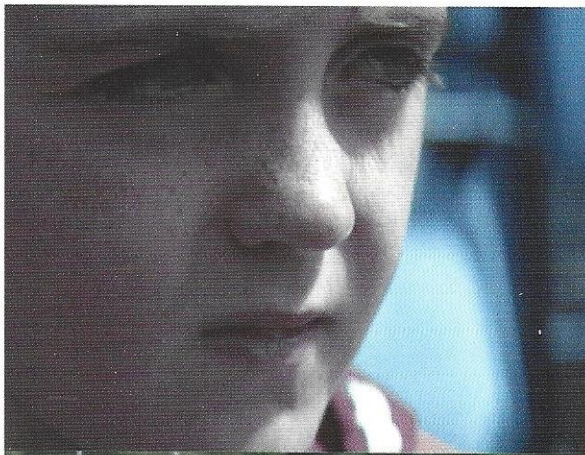
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Over the past six years, Electric Ireland, through the #GAATHisMajor campaign, has helped portray that there's nothing minor about playing minor and has shown that the championships are in fact a major milestone for all involved. To further celebrate this, the Electric Ireland Minor Star Awards were introduced last year and are due to be held again this September. The awards recognise the effort of not only the minor players but also those behind the scenes, from their

coaches and clubs to their families and friends. Make sure to keep an eye out for all the activity on the Electric Ireland social channels in the coming weeks.

The minor football championship began several months ago, with every county hoping to reach the same goal, to become All-Ireland champions. Today, that title will be decided as two fantastic teams battle it out. While today's final will be familiar territory for Kerry, as they aim for a record extending five in-a-row, the Tribesmen will be hungry to secure a minor double this year after the success of their hurlers.

On behalf of Electric Ireland, I would like to congratulate Kerry and Galway. Wearing your county colours and reaching an All-Ireland final are major achievements in themselves and it has been an honour to support both teams on the journey here today. Best of luck and enjoy the day.



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# MINOR ROLL OF HONOUR

## KERRY 15

1931, 1932, 1933, 1946, 1950, 1962, 1963, 1975, 1980, 1988, 1994, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017.

## DUBLIN 11

1930, 1945, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1958, 1959, 1979, 1982, 1984, 2012.

## CORK 10

1961, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1972, 1974, 1981, 1991, 1993, 2000.

## TYRONE 8

1947, 1948, 1973, 1998, 2001, 2004, 2008, 2010.

## MAYO 7

1935, 1953, 1966, 1971, 1978, 1985, 2013.

## GALWAY 6

1952, 1960, 1970, 1976, 1986, 2007.

## DERRY 4

1965, 1983, 1989, 2002.

## DOWN 4

1977, 1987, 1999, 2005.

## ROSCOMMON 4

1939, 1941, 1951, 2006.

## MEATH 3

1957, 1990, 1992.

## LAOIS 3

1996, 1997, 2003.

## CAVAN 2

1937, 1938.

## LOUTH 2

1936, 1940.

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# A MINOR FINAL TO SAVOUR

**A**midst all the hand-wringing and crawl-thumping about the supposed demise of Gaelic football, the All-Ireland Minor Championship has delivered a final pairing that even the most ardent of big ball detractors could not fail to get excited about.

As the traditional purveyors of Gaelic football in its purest form, there will be big expectations on the young shoulders of Kerry and Galway's starlets to serve up something very appetising ahead of the main event this afternoon.

After Galway's disappointing semi-final exit to Dublin in the senior competition and all the navel-gazing and rancour Kerry's failure to emerge from the quarter-final round-robin precipitated, the hopes of two proud counties rest with their U17s today.

The sides have contested three previous All-Ireland minor finals (1970, '90 and 2016) down through the years, with the Kingdom securing a 3-7 to 0-9 win in the most recent decider.

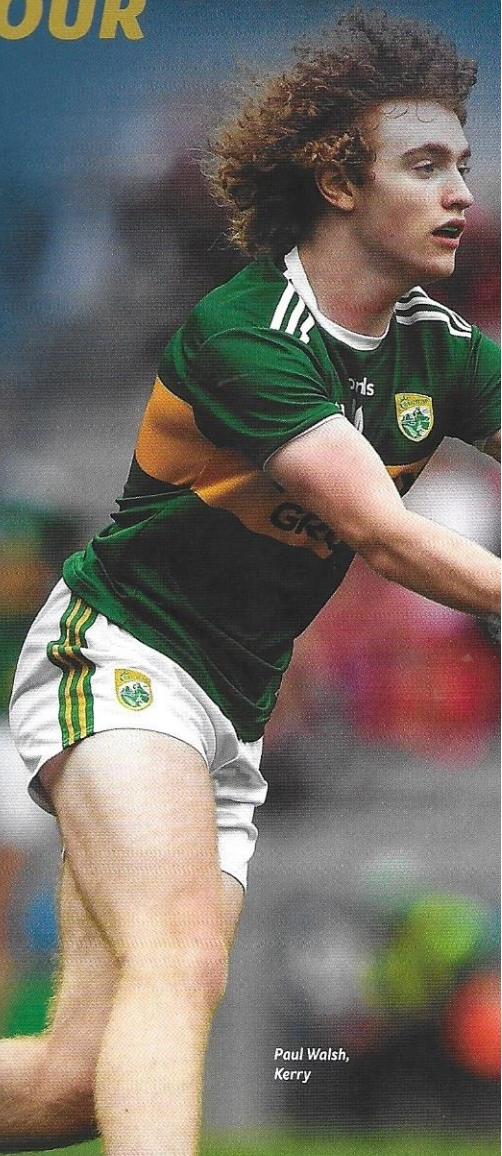
Following their minor hurling success a fortnight ago, Galway are aiming to become just the third county (after Cork and Dublin) to win the minor football and hurling double in the same year, while Kerry are the undisputed princes of the minor grade, narrowing in on an unprecedented five-in-a-row.

Kerry's narrow defeat of Monaghan in the semi-final was their 29th in succession in the minor grade, a remarkable winning run that dates all the way back to August 2013, when they lost an All-Ireland quarter-final to Tyrone.

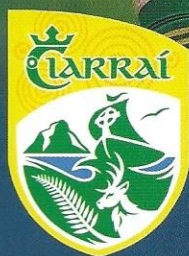
The Kingdom have not looked unimpeachable this year, however, as they needed a 62nd minute point from substitute Jack O'Connor to maintain their winning run in the Munster semi-final against Cork. They were given an almighty fright in their semi-final a fortnight ago, when having built up a nine-point lead early in the second half, they conceded an unanswered 2-2 to fall a point down with time running out.

However, with man-of-the-match Paul O'Shea in imperious form, Kerry fought back and hit the final three points of the game, including two from the supremely talented Paul Walsh to edge over the line.

Walsh (Brosna), inspirational all year at wing-



Paul Walsh,  
Kerry





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forward, is the team's top scorer with 3-21, including scoring 0-5 and setting up two goals in the nine-point quarter-final win over Roscommon. Midfielder O'Shea (Kilcummin) looks to have the same class and supreme physique as his first cousin, David Clifford, who captained last year's successful minor side.

Corner forward Dylan Geaney, who netted 2-2 in the Munster final, is the younger brother of Kerry's 2015 minor winning captain, Conor. Geaney and Ruaidhrí Ó Beaglaoich, who was the top scorer in the 2018 Corn Uí Mhuirí final, were the star players on the Pobalscoil Chorca Dhuibhne side that lost the Hogan Cup final in March.

Kerry are managed by Peter Keane, who has been in charge for the All-Ireland wins of 2016 and 2017, having taken over in the role from Jack O'Connor.

Galway claimed their fourth successive Connacht title in July, but have not converted any of those wins into a national

title. Without an All-Ireland minor title since 2007, Donal Ó Fatharta's charges have every right to believe they can change the course of that disappointing run today.

Galway romped to four wins from four in the group stages of the Connacht Championship, beating Roscommon (4-18 to 0-8), Sligo (3-15 to 0-10), Mayo (0-15 to 1-9) and Leitrim (4-17 to 1-11) and finishing top of the table with a stunning points difference of +54.

The Tribesboys made it four Connacht titles in-a-row with a 2-13 to 2-9 win over Roscommon in the provincial final, with captain Conor Raftery scoring the all-important goal and attacker Matthew Cooley kicking five points from play.

Remarkably, Galway trailed Clare by 0-7 to 0-0 after 25 minutes in their All-Ireland quarter-final before pegging the Banner back. Inspired by Raftery and substitute

Oisín Gormley, who made a big contribution with 0-3 in the second half, Galway staged an impressive comeback to record an 0-18 to 0-11 win in Tullamore.

Galway underlined their credentials as a force to be reckoned with following a 3-13 to 2-9 semi-final win over a fancied Meath side in the semi-final. Trailing by five early in the second half, centre-forward Aidan Halloran made a huge impression with a number of superb scores from play before centre-back Tony Gill nailed an important goal and Raftery, Halloran and Tomo Culhane added the finishing touches to a hugely impressive win.

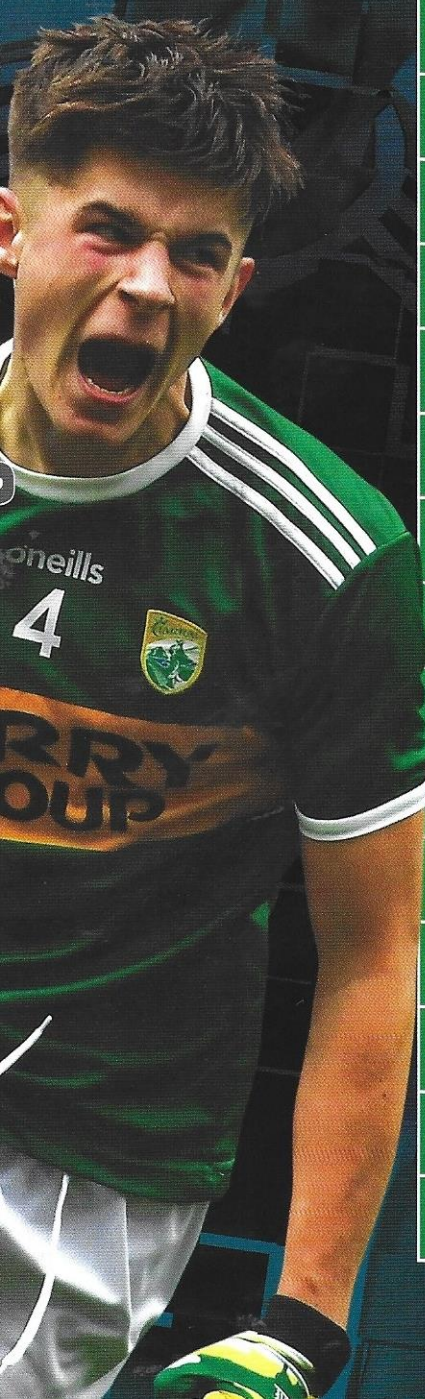
The 2018 All-Ireland Minor Championship has got the final pairing it deserves, and whether we get an unprecedented five-in-a-row (Kerry) or Galway's first-ever minor football and hurling double, the winners can lay claim to being the very best of a hugely talented bunch.

Eoghan Tinney,  
Galway





David Mangan



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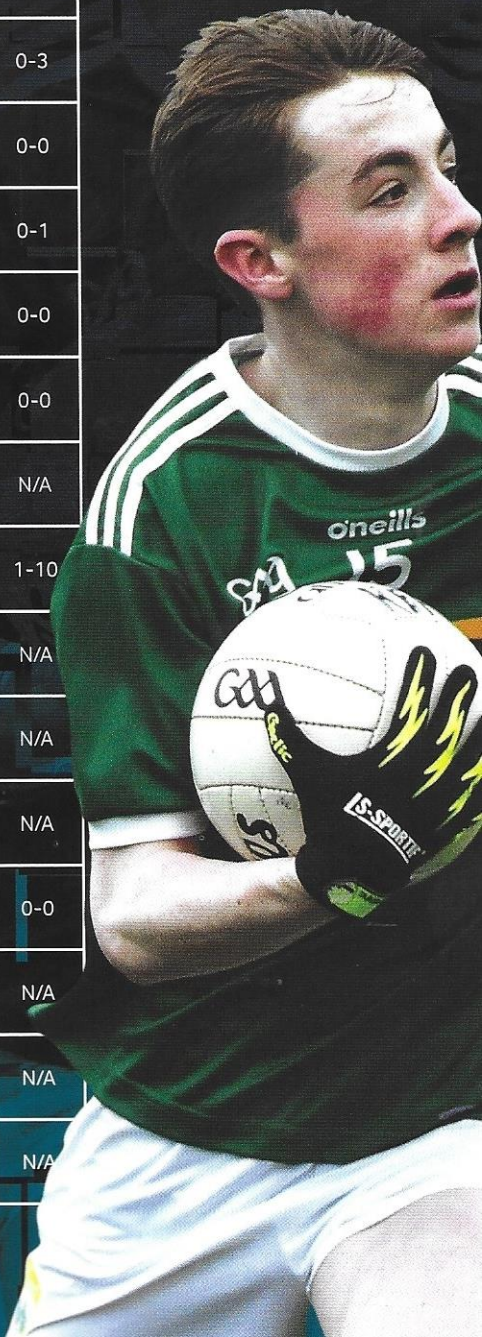
<b>MARC KELLIHER</b>	Glenflesk	5	0-0
<b>CONOR FLANNERY</b>	Dingle	5	0-0
<b>OWEN FITZGERALD</b>	Gneeveguilla	4	0-0
<b>DAVID MANGAN</b>	Laune Rangers	5 (1)	1-0
<b>COLM MORIARTY</b>	Annascaul	5	0-0
<b>DAN McCARTHY</b>	Kenmare	5	0-5
<b>DAN MURPHY</b>	Rathmore	5	0-0
<b>DARRAGH RAHILLY</b>	Rathmore	5	0-8
<b>DARRAGH LYNE</b>	Killarney Legion	5	0-2
<b>PAUL WALSH</b>	Brosna	5	3-21
<b>PAUL O'SHEA</b>	Kilcummin	5	0-5
<b>KILLIAN FALVEY</b>	Annascaul	5	1-3
<b>DYLAN GEANEY</b>	Dingle	4 (1)	2-11
<b>PATRICK D'ARCY</b>	Glenflesk	4	0-4
<b>MICHAEL LENIHAN</b>	Dr. Crokes	3 (1)	0-2
<b>KEITH O'LEARY</b>	Kilcummin	N/A	N/A



# IMREOIRÍ

NAME	CLUB	2018	
		APPS	SCORES
<b>JACK O'CONNOR</b>	Beaufort	5 (4)	0-4
<b>KIERAN O'DONOGHUE</b>	Killarney Legion	4 (2)	0-0
<b>JACK KENNELLY</b>	Ballydonoghue	5 (3)	0-3
<b>JAMES McCARTHY</b>	Kenmare	(3)	0-0
<b>SEÁN QUILTER</b>	Austin Stacks	(4)	0-1
<b>DAVID DINEEN</b>	Rathmore	(4)	0-0
<b>MARK COOPER</b>	Dr. Crokes	(1)	0-0
<b>PÁDRAIG WHITE</b>	John Mitchels	N/A	N/A
<b>RUAIDHRÍ Ó BEAGLAOICH</b>	An Ghaeltacht	4 (1)	1-10
<b>JAMIE McVEIGH</b>	Listowel Emmets	N/A	N/A
<b>JOSEPH LINEHAN</b>	Churchill	N/A	N/A
<b>ETHAN REIDY</b>	Castleisland Desmonds	N/A	N/A
<b>SEÁN ÓG MORAN</b>	Dingle	(1)	0-0
<b>COLIN MORIARTY</b>	Dingle	N/A	N/A
<b>ROAN MORIARTY</b>	Laune Rangers	N/A	N/A
<b>DAVON BURNS</b>	Na Gaeil	N/A	N/A

Ruaidhrí Ó Beaglaoidh





Tony Gill



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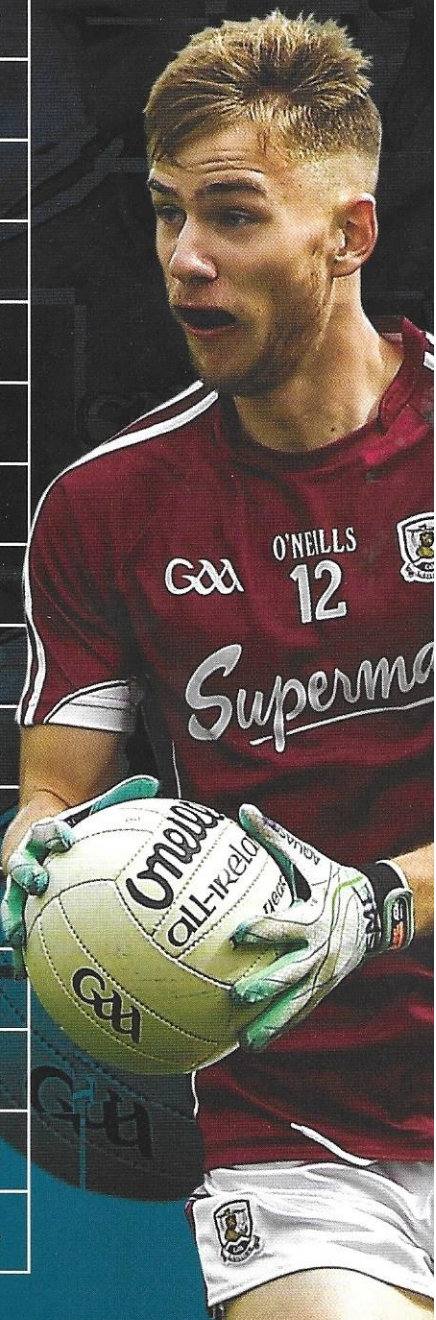
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APPS SCORES

NAME	CLUB	2018 APPS	SCORES
<b>DONIE HALLORAN</b>	Cortoon Shamrocks	7	0-1
<b>ETHAN WALSH</b>	Cortoon Shamrocks	6 (1)	0-1
<b>SEÁN BLACK</b>	Clifden	7	0-0
<b>CIAN DEANE</b>	Moycullen	7	0-0
<b>RYAN MONAHAN</b>	Oughterard	7	0-24
<b>TONY GILL</b>	Corofn	7	2-4
<b>CATHAL SWEENEY</b>	Salthill-Knocknacarra	7	0-7
<b>PAUL KELLY</b>	Moycullen	5	0-5
<b>CONOR RAFTERY</b>	Glenamaddy	7	1-6
<b>LIAM JUDGE</b>	Caherlistrane	7	1-3
<b>AIDAN HALLORAN</b>	Salthill-Knocknacarra	7 (1)	2-10
<b>OISÍN GORMALLY</b>	Barna	7 (3)	0-11
<b>EOGHAN TINNEY</b>	Salthill-Knocknacarra	7 (3)	3-8
<b>DANIEL COX</b>	Moycullen	7	3-7
<b>MATTHEW COOLEY</b>	Corofn	7	3-15
<b>CONOR CARROLL</b>	Oranmore/Maree	N/A	N/A
<b>ODHRÁN DOOLEY</b>	Ballinasloe	(2)	0-0
<b>CONOR HALBARD</b>	Corofn	7 (5)	0-0

# IMREOIRÍ

NAME	CLUB	2018	
		APPS	SCORES
<b>CIAN HERNON</b>	Barna	(1)	0-0
<b>SEÁN HORKAN</b>	St Gabriel's	4 (3)	0-0
<b>OISÍN McCORMACK</b>	Ballinasloe	6 (1)	1-1
<b>ÉANNA McCORMACK</b>	An Cheathrú Rua	5 (3)	0-3
<b>TOMO CULHANE</b>	Clane (Kildare)	(2)	0-2
<b>JAMES McLOUGHLIN</b>	Moycullen	4 (3)	0-0
<b>NIALL CUNNINGHAM</b>	St Gabriel's	(2)	0-1
<b>ROBERT CARR</b>	Corofin	N/A	N/A
<b>RUAIRÍ McSWEENEY</b>	Kinvara	(1)	0-0
<b>CIAN REYNOLDS</b>	Ballinasloe	N/A	N/A
<b>OISÍN FOX</b>	Athenry	N/A	N/A
<b>ALAN MORRIS</b>	Caherlistrane	N/A	N/A
<b>DYLAN SEOIGHE</b>	Leitir Mór	(2)	0-0
<b>JAMES WEBB</b>	Oughterard	N/A	N/A
<b>SHANE O'DONNELL</b>	Clonbur	N/A	N/A
<b>TOMMY McNEELA</b>	Moycullen	N/A	N/A
<b>CATHAL KING</b>	Muine Mheá/Mainistir	N/A	N/A

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Won v **CORK** 1-11 TO 1-10

Won v **CLARE** 3-20 TO 1-7

Won v **ROSCOMMON** 2-16 TO 2-7

Won v **MONAGHAN** 1-16 TO 2-11

Won v **ROSCOMMON** 4-18 TO 0-8

Won v **SLIGO** 3-15 TO 0-10

Won v **MAYO** 0-15 TO 1-9

Won v **LEITRIM** 4-17 TO 1-11

Won v **ROSCOMMON** 2-13 TO 2-9

Won v **CLARE** 0-18 TO 0-11

Won v **MEATH** 3-13 TO 2-9



### FOR/AGAINST

8-78/6-39

### AVERAGE WINNING MARGIN

9pts

### TOP SCORER

Paul Walsh 3-21

### FOR/AGAINST

16-109/6-67

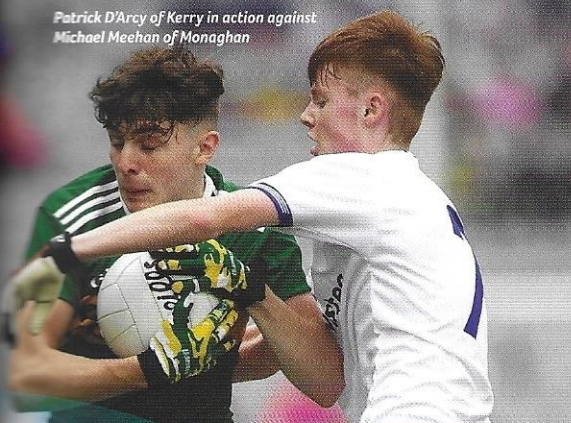
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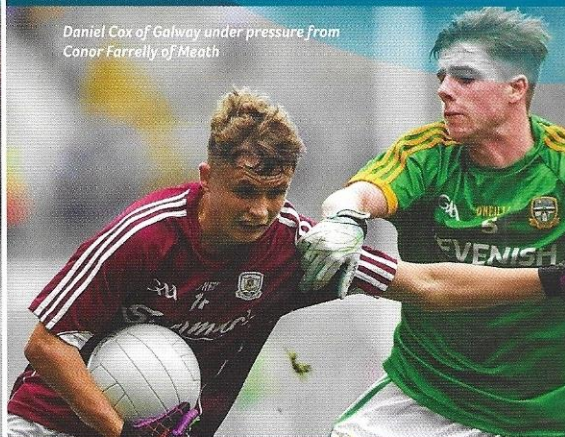
### TOP SCORER(S)

Ryan Monahan 0-24/ Matthew Cooley 3-15

Patrick D'Arcy of Kerry in action against Michael Meehan of Monaghan



Daniel Cox of Galway under pressure from Conor Farrelly of Meath



## LAST MEETING – 2016 FINAL

Referee – Ciarán Branagan (Down)

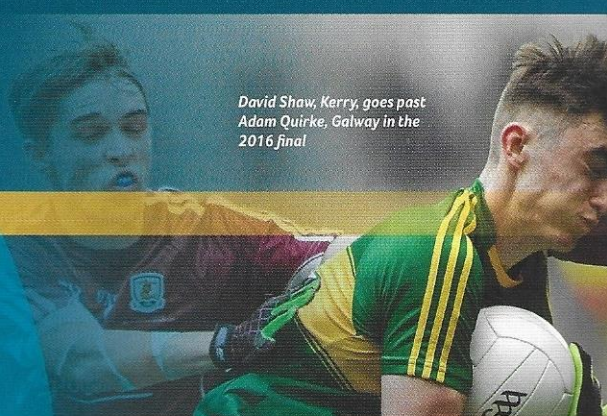
Half-time score – Kerry 2-2 Galway 0-2

**FULL-TIME SCORE – KERRY 3-7 GALWAY 0-9**

Top Scorer Kerry – David Shaw 1-1

Top Scorer Galway – Robert Finnerty 0-3

David Shaw, Kerry, goes past Adam Quirke, Galway in the 2016 final



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## DERRY 1993

**F**or the men of Derry who line up today to remember their great achievement of a quarter of a century ago, it is hard to believe that to them their county's first and still only All-Ireland success felt like a logical and natural conclusion of years of hard work.

Under the guidance of the late, great Éamonn Coleman and his backroom team of Mickey Moran, Dinny McKeever and Harry Gribbin, Derry had suffered their fair share of setbacks, losing to the eventual national champions in the two previous years.

A gifted generation, the Class of '93 had also known success, winning All-Ireland minor titles in 1983 and 1989 and a National

League in 1992, while Lavey won an All-Ireland club title in 1991.

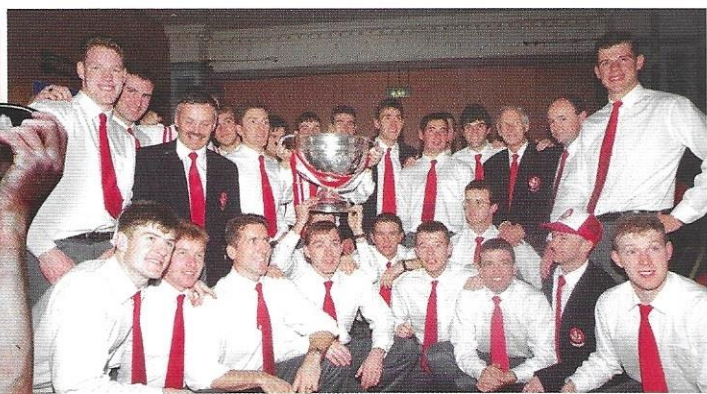
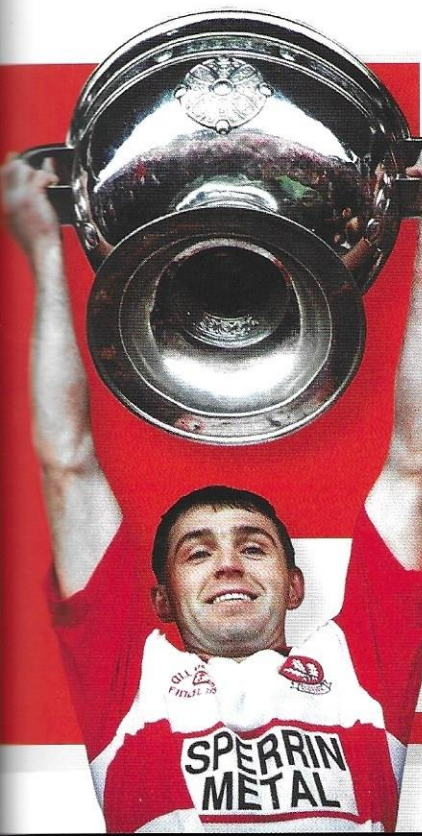
"We had no other option in 1993 other than to win the All-Ireland," midfielder Anthony Tohill recalled recently. "That might sound like nonsense coming from a county that had never won an All-Ireland but when you had been through what we had been through in the previous couple of years, it was just logic that we would go and win that All-Ireland. We believed it from the very start."

On September 19, 1993 in front of 64,500 supporters in Croke Park, the team's day of destiny arrived against Cork, having beaten Down, Monaghan and Donegal in Ulster and then Dublin for the first time in the semi-final.

Contesting the county's first final in 35 years, Derry were hit by a Joe Kavanagh sucker punch goal after five minutes. Famously, however, they recovered and were helped by the sending off of Cork's Tony Davis and a goal by full-forward Séamus Downey.

Captained from centre-back by Henry Downey, Derry were a formidable outfit, with teak tough defenders in Tony Scullion and Kieran McKeever, the prodigiously gifted Tohill in midfield and deadly finishers Joe Brolly and Enda Gormley in attack.

Today, we salute the much loved and fondly remembered men of the Oak Leaf County, who wrote and reached their own destiny in 1993.



The Derry team celebrating in the Burlington Hotel, Dublin, with the Sam Maguire Cup after victory over Cork in the 1993 All-Ireland final.  
Left - Derry captain Henry Downey raises the Sam Maguire Cup.

### DERRY 1993 SQUAD

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Kieran McKeever  
Tony Scullion  
Fergal McCusker  
John McGurk

Henry Downey  
Gary Coleman  
Anthony Tohill  
Brian McGilligan  
Dermot Heaney  
Damian Barton  
Damian Cassidy  
Joe Brolly

Séamus Downey  
Enda Gormley  
Don Kelly  
Dermot McNicholl  
Eamonn Burns  
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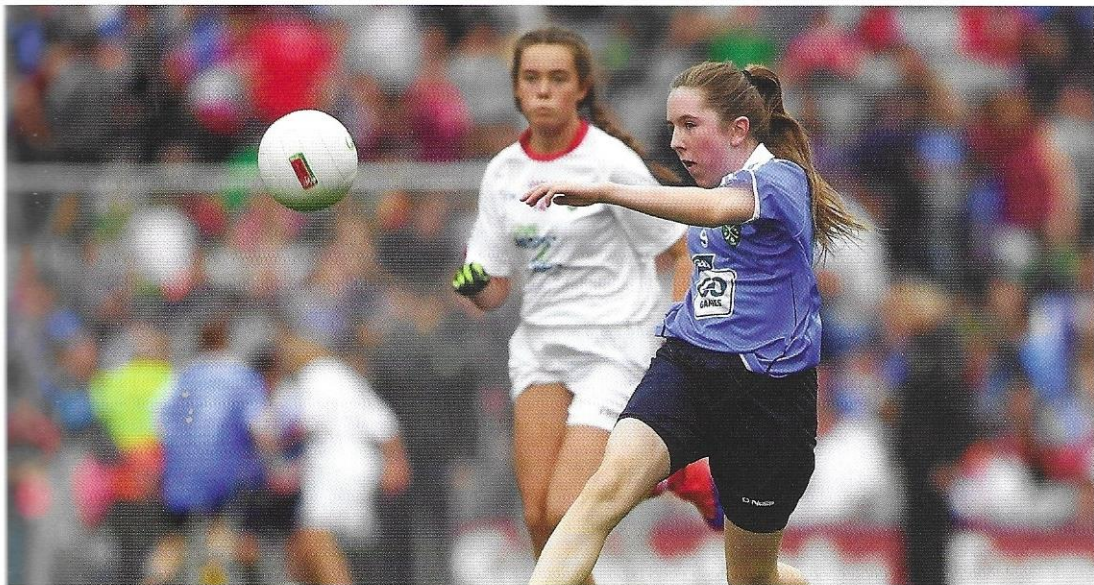
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Today's All-Ireland finals mark the last in a series of six half-time games organised annually by the GAA and Cumann na mBunscol. These games give centre stage to over 250 children who have qualified to play in Croke Park following their participation in school-based competitions across Ireland. Cuireann Cumann Lúthchleas Gael

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## CAILÍNÍ ÁTHA CLIATH

- 2 **Aoife Kelly**, Rathoe NS, Tullow, Carlow
- 3 **Karrie Rudden**, Scoil Naomh Pádraig, Ballyroan, Dublin
- 4 **Abby Rooney**, Holy Child NS, Whitehall, Dublin
- 5 **Zara Hurley**, Scoil Bhríde, Kiltullen, Kildare
- 6 **Aoibhinn Sheridan**, Scoil Mhuire Naofa, Carrigallen, Leitrim
- 7 **Lucy White**, Scoil Naomh Mhuire, Muchgrange, Louth
- 8 **Lisa Browne**, Scoil Cholmáille, Skryne NS, Meath
- 9 **Nicole Kindlon**, Scoil Bhríde Mullaghrafferty, Monaghan
- 10 **Riadh Murphy**, Ballythomas NS, Gorey, Wexford
- 11 **Lisa Seery**, Ardnagrath NS, Athlone, Westmeath

## CAILÍNÍ THÍR EOGHAIN

- 2 **Sinéad Levingstone**, Crubany NS, Crubany, Cavan
- 3 **Sian McManus**, Bunscoil Phobal Feirste, Béal Feirste, Aontroim
- 4 **Aoibhe Hoey**, Jonesboro PS, Newry, Down
- 5 **Ciara O'Brien**, Oven NS, Oven, Cork
- 6 **Grace Quinn**, St John's P. Dernaflaw, Derry
- 7 **Síofra Hession**, Gaelscoil de hÍde, Br. na Gaillimhe, Ros Comáin
- 8 **Rianne Smith**, Rathcormac NS, Drumcliffe, Sligo
- 9 **Anna Murphy**, Bansha NS, Bansha, Tipperary
- 10 **Mae Langan**, St. Columba's PS, Clady, Tyrone
- 11 **Kaci Brazil**, Clonea-Power NS, Carrick-on-Suir, Waterford

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Games and Respect philosophies. In the 30 plus years of these half-time games thousands of young players have progressed to county level having at a younger age experienced the joys of playing at half-time on the central sporting stage of Croke Park. Previous half-time games participants include Dublin's Brian

Fenton and Brian Howard while the future of primary schools' games are in safe hands in Tyrone under the stewardship of primary school teachers Niall Morgan, Niall Sludden and Peter Harte and many others. Guimíd gach rath orthu siúd atá ag imirt inniu ag súil go mór go mbeidh siad linn arís agus geansai an Chontae orthu sna blianta amach romhainn.

## BUACHAILLÍ ÁTHA CLIATH

- 2 **Darragh Booth**, Scoil Mhuire, Newbridge, Kildare
- 3 **Ned Langton**, St Colman's NS, Clara, Kilkenny
- 4 **Alex Craig**, Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard, Laois
- 5 **Evan Moynihan**, St. Mary's BNS, Rathfarnham, Dublin
- 6 **Conal Ó Riain**, Gaelscoil Thaboib na Coille, An Chéim, Ath Cliath
- 7 **Brian Mulvey**, Colehill NS, Colehill, Longford
- 8 **Conor Fox**, Tubber NS, Tubber, Offaly
- 9 **James Hurley**, Rathkeevin NS, Clonmel, Tipperary
- 10 **Cian O'Brien**, Scoil Mhuire, Tallow, Waterford
- 11 **Matthew Fisher**, Scoil Naomh Iosaf, Baltinglass, Wicklow

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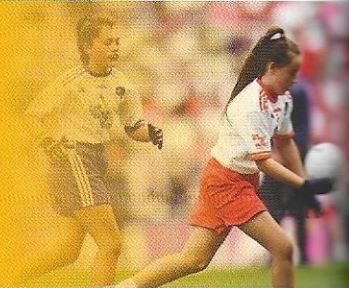
- 2 **Liam Murray**, Gaelscoil na bhFál, Béal Feirste, Aontroim
- 3 **Dara Cullen**, St. John's PS Eglish, Armagh
- 4 **Tom Curran**, Barefield NS, Ennis, Clare
- 5 **Alan O'Connell**, Dromahane NS, Mallow, Cork
- 6 **Eoghan Scott**, Glenswilly NS, Letterkenny, Donegal
- 7 **Ben McGrath**, Ballyholland PS, Newry, Down
- 8 **Stephen Curley**, Corrandulla NS, Corrandulla, Galway
- 9 **Tom Ryan**, Oola NS, Oola, Limerick
- 10 **Tomás Kennedy**, Scoil Eoin, Balloonagh, Trá Lí, Co. Chiarraí
- 11 **Seán McGhee**, Ballyvary Central, Castlebar, Mayo

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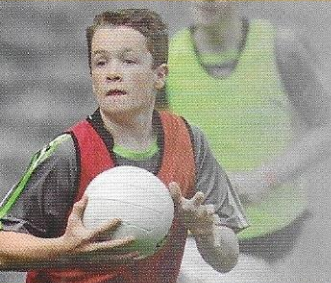
### GO GAMES

Go Games are small-sided games – of an informal nature – that are played at U7, U9 and U11 level where every participant get “A Go” – that is, gets to play for the full game. Increased participation has been attributed to the Go Games as has the significant improvement in skill level since the Go Games were first introduced in 2004.



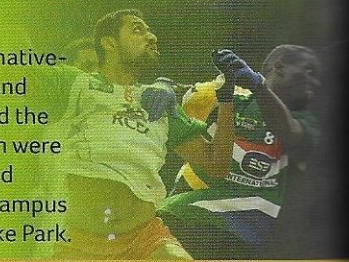
### SUPER GAMES

Super Games have been developed to ensure that youth players – aged 12 to 17 – are provided with informal playing opportunities, which are conducive to maximising participation and minimising dropout. They have been the subject of a PhD study that testifies to the positive impact which they have in this regard. It is anticipated that in excess of 25,000 youth players will participate in Super Games in 2018.



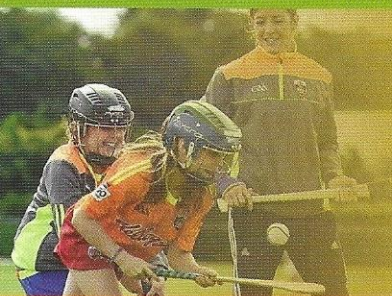
### WORLD GAMES

The GAA World Games were established to provide players – Irish-born and native-born – with the opportunity to participate in hurling, football, and camogie and ladies tournaments. The inaugural event took place in Abu Dhabi in 2015 and the games were staged in Ireland in 2016 where a total of 56 teams – 27 of which were native-born, participated. The next series is scheduled to take place in Ireland commencing on July 28 2019 with the qualifiers being played at the Sports Campus at Waterford Institute of Technology (WIT) and the finals taking place in Croke Park.



### KELLOGG'S GAA CÚL CAMPS

Cúl Camps were introduced in 1988 – then known as Summer Camps – and there has been significant growth since coming under the Cúl Camp banner in 2006. This year it is anticipated that participation in the Kellogg's Cúl Camps will exceed 150,000 for the first time, which means that the camps are, on a per capita basis, the biggest child sport promotion in the world.



### 5 STAR CENTRE

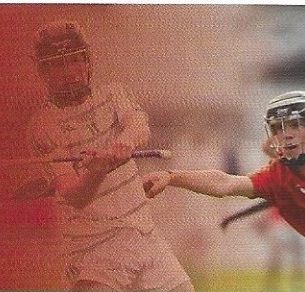
The 5 Star Centre is being introduced with a view to ensuring that all primary school children are provided with 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous activity per week through a menu of GAA oriented activities, which are closely linked in with the primary school curriculum. Three hundred and fifty primary schools are signed up to commence action in September 2018.





## BANK OF IRELAND CELTIC CHALLENGE

The Celtic Challenge is an U17 hurling competition that was introduced in 2016 as a replacement for what were then known as “Minor B and C competitions.” The competition has proved to be very successful and last year marked the first occasion ever where all 32 counties participated in the one underage hurling competition. The Celtic Challenge in 2018 was equally successful with an outstanding finals day in Tullamore.



## FUN AND RUN

Fun and Run is a new game which has been developed with a view to maximising participation in Gaelic games across all age cohorts – able-bodied and disabled – and is structured to overcome any problems that might arise from ethnic and/or socio economic issues. Fun and Run is basically an adaptation of rounders and is proving very popular at both national and international level.



## JOHN WEST FÉILE COMPETITIONS

Nothing better reflects the requirements for adaptation and change than Féile na nGael (U14 hurling) and Féile na nÓg (U14 football). These have transformed into more inclusive competitions where the primary emphasis is placed on player development. This is reflected in the fact that there is now a national and regional dimension to the féile and in the fact that 696 teams participated in the féile in 2018. A total of 1,507 games were played over the féile weekends.



## GAA COACHING CONFERENCE

The GAA Coaching Conference in partnership with Sky Sports was initiated in 2007 and is now the biggest and longest-running event of this nature in Ireland. A total of 859 people attended the conference in January 2017 and next year’s conference is scheduled to take place in Croke Park on January 11 and 12.



## COACH 10 MODEL AND E-LEARNING PORTAL

The Coach<sup>10</sup> model is a key ingredient in this regard in that it identifies that 10 human capacities that facilitate the development and Wellbeing and Lifelong Learning (Well), engender life-skills and enhance character-building across the four core – communal, occupational, recreational and educational – domains. The Coach<sup>10</sup> model has been the subject of International acclaim and will underpin GAA inputs into ground-breaking initiatives within mainstream education such as the Future Leader Transition Year Course and Leaving Cert PE. The E-Learning Portal provides the ideal mechanism – in a mobile learning age – to ensure that this material is transmitted in a manner that drives bite-sized and self-directed learning.

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**LADIES FOOTBALL FINALS**

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## LADIES GAA - WELL CONNECTED

**A** day after notching five points in the All-Ireland semi-final victory over Galway, 2017 final hero Dean Rock made the trip to Dr. Hyde Park in Roscommon. His partner Niamh McEvoy was in action for the Dublin ladies senior team as they beat Kerry to book a spot in the TG4 All-Ireland semi-finals.

One of the abiding memories of last year's All-Ireland Ladies Finals at Croke Park was the sight of Jack McCaffrey as his sister Sarah came off the bench to score two goals and help secure the Brendan Martin Cup for Dublin.

Fiona Hudson won an All-Ireland medal for Dublin last September, to follow in the footsteps of her now husband Paul Flynn, who remains a key

member of the men's panel.

Dublin's 2017 breakthrough star Con O'Callaghan is also going out with Aoife Kane, who's a member of Mick Bohan's Dublin ladies squad.

There are also links between the Tyrone men's and ladies senior panels, as half-back Emma Brennan is sister of Lee and Rory. Peter Harte is engaged to Tyrone ladies star Aine Canavan, who is daughter of Red Hand legend Peter.

## GAA ROUNDERS - GROWING STRONGER

**G**AA Rounders was included in the original GAA charter back in 1884, along with Gaelic football, hurling and handball. Rounders is also celebrating its jubilee year since its revival.

This bat and ball game is a limited contact sport and therefore is perfect for both recreational and competitive play. It also draws on a different set of skills than the conventional GAA games and is very good for developing hand-eye coordination.

The All-Ireland Cluiche Corr Championships commenced in April, with senior ladies, men and mixed competitions (Rounders is the only co-ed sport for all age groups currently under the GAA) continuing throughout the summer months. The championship saw some very close, highly competitive games, with the highlight being the finals of all three competitions in Abbotstown NSC, Dublin on August 18, with Laois, Cavan and Wexford contesting these. Rounders has had its biggest year to date, with 35 clubs across 16 counties taking part, from U13 up to senior level.

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter @GAARounders, to keep up-to-date with all results and the latest news on our website [gaarounders.ie](http://gaarounders.ie)



Seniors playing at Croke Park



John West Féile U14 boys and girls champions



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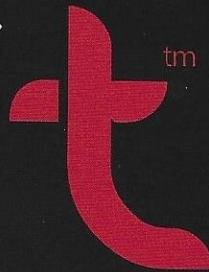
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# DRINK LESS AND GAIN MORE -ON AND OFF THE PITCH

**T**his year, the GAA and the HSE's Ask About Alcohol campaign is encouraging you as a player or a fan to "Drink Less and Gain More – On and Off the Pitch".

If you're a player or a fan, reducing your alcohol intake can improve your performance and benefit you physically and mentally in the short and long term.

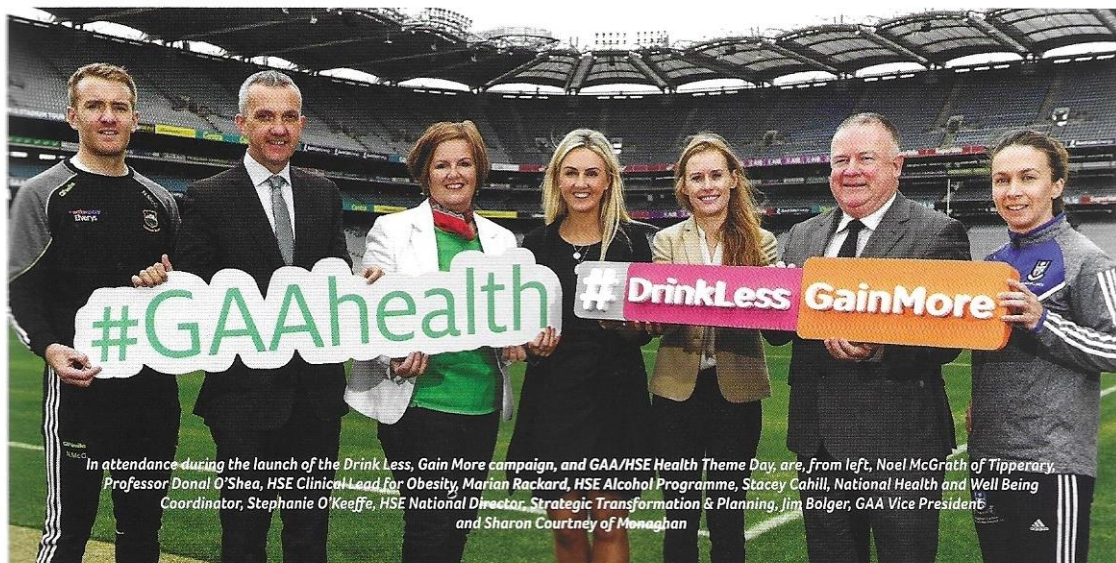
## As a player, when you drink alcohol:

- Your reaction times are slower
- Muscle development is affected
- Your quality of sleep is impacted
- Your endurance and energy levels are lower
- Dehydration means your performance is reduced
- You're more at risk of injury and to suffer cramps

The effects can last anywhere from a few hours, to three full days.

Speaking at the launch of the initiative in Croke Park, Tipperary's Noel McGrath, said: "Sport can be all about extremes, huge highs and devastating lows. But it is usually the little things – when all added up – that make the difference between winning and losing a match. I found the same applies to your health. We don't need to make massive life-changes to experience visible improvements. Reducing your alcohol intake over a week, or even during a single night out, will result in real gains on and off the pitch."

Monaghan's Sharon Courtney said: "As athletes, we often go long periods without taking a drink at all, and that can be a good thing. However, research and experience shows that athletes are more likely to binge drink when they do consume alcohol. I find that being mindful of what you drink at all times allows for better gains when it comes to health and fitness on and off the pitch."

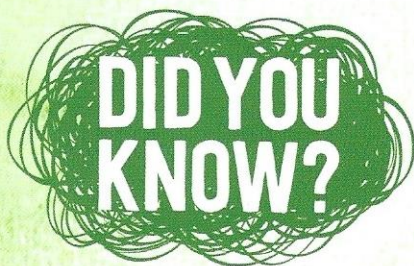


*In attendance during the launch of the Drink Less, Gain More campaign, and GAA/HSE Health Theme Day, are, from left, Noel McGrath of Tipperary, Professor Donal O'Shea, HSE Clinical Lead for Obesity, Marian Rackard, HSE Alcohol Programme, Stacey Cahill, National Health and Well Being Coordinator, Stephanie O'Keefe, HSE National Director, Strategic Transformation & Planning, Jim Bolger, GAA Vice President and Sharon Courtney of Monaghan*

Learn how alcohol affects your health and mental wellbeing and try our Drinks Calculator at [www.askaboutalcohol.ie](http://www.askaboutalcohol.ie)

# REDUCE THE ODDS

## PROTECTING OUR GAMES, PLAYERS AND MEMBERS



DID YOU KNOW?

### GAA RULES & CODE OF CONDUCT PROHIBITS:

- Players, team management or match officials from betting on games in which they are involved
- Match fixing activities
- Sponsorship by a betting company of any GAA competition, team, playing gear, or facility

ATHLETES ARE AN AT RISK GROUP FOR PROBLEM GAMBLING BECAUSE OF....

- Their competitive nature and desire to win
- A desire to replicate the buzz of playing / competition
- Group dynamics or possible gambling culture in squads
- Gambling appeals to those driven by extrinsic (external) motivation - the reward of the win!
- The worldwide relationship between sport and betting
- Exposure to increased betting advertising & discussion through sport media

## WATCH OUT FOR WARNING SIGNS

- Hiding time spent gambling or hiding bills and unpaid debt
- Bragging about winning, exaggerating wins and/or minimizing losses
- Lying about how much time or money is spent on gambling
- Restless or irritable when not gambling
- Borrowing for gambling

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO [www.gaa.ie/community](http://www.gaa.ie/community)

### WHERE TO GET HELP:

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PROBLEM GAMBLING IRELAND 089 2415401 (call-back service) [www.problemgambling.ie](http://www.problemgambling.ie)  
DUNLEWEY ADDICTION SERVICE (Mon-Sun 9am to 11pm) 1800 936725 (ROI) 0800 0886725  
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# ALL-IRELAND CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIPS



**T**he Liberty Insurance All-Ireland Camogie Championships have thrilled crowds once more this summer and now enter the business-end of the competition with the finals taking place here in Croke Park on Sunday September 9.

The bar has been set high for this year's finals as it took a last-minute winning point from Cork's Julia White to secure a dramatic

and historic record 27th All-Ireland title for the Rebels against their fierce rivals Kilkenny, from whom they wrestled back the O'Duffy Cup.

This summer has seen the launch of our new marketing campaign #GoTogether which encourages all of us to share our love for camogie by inviting us to bring friends and family to matches throughout this year's championship. This campaign, which has been rolled out online and throughout the media,

has captured the public imagination to encourage all of us to spread the word about our wonderful game.

Make sure you're back here on Sunday September 9 and #GoTogether with friends and family to create some new, great memories here in the home of Gaelic games.

Tickets for the finals can be purchased online now from [www.camogie.tickets.ie](http://www.camogie.tickets.ie) and from selected Centra and SuperValu stores nationwide.

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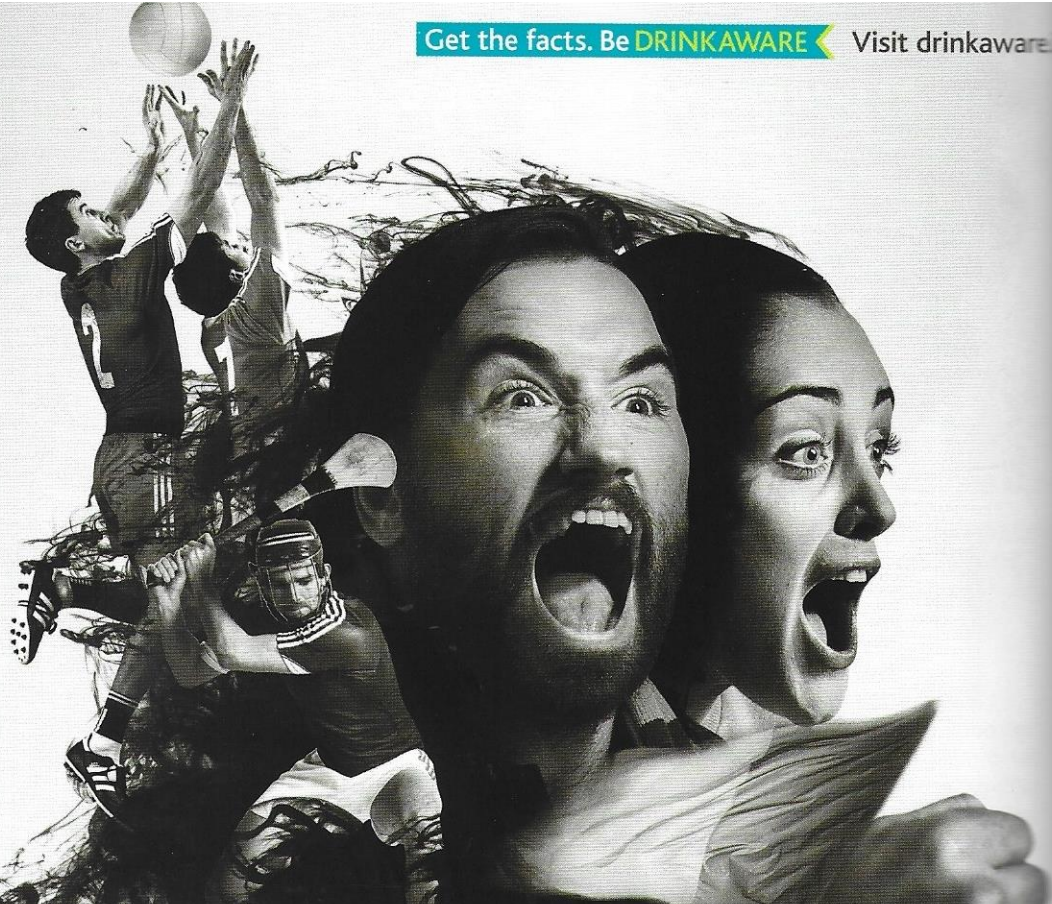


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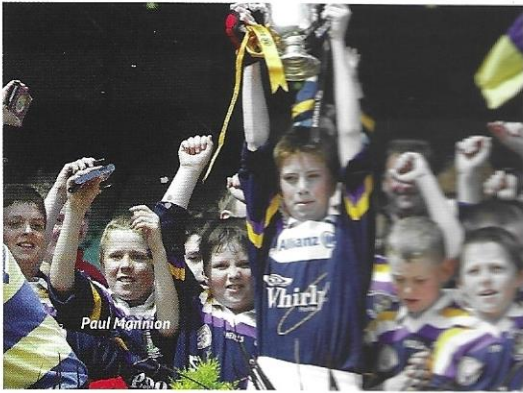
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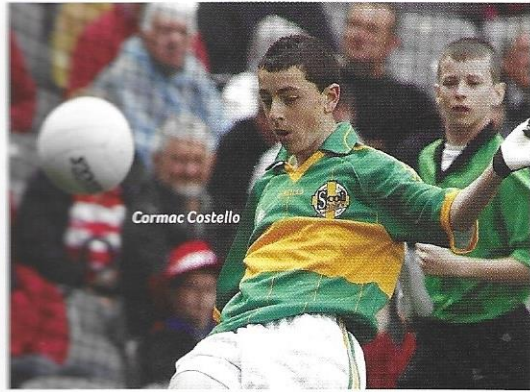
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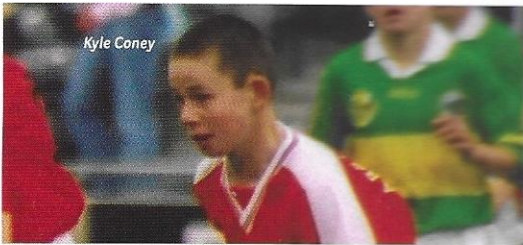
# BLUES' PRIMARY SOURCE



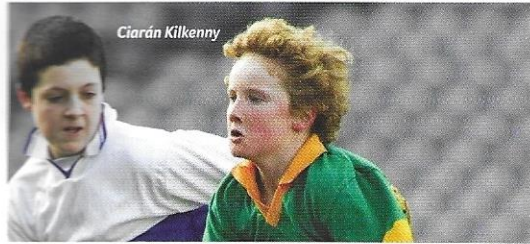
Paul Mannion



Cormac Costello



Kyle Coney



Ciarán Kilkenny

Since 1928, Cumann na mBunscol has provided a steady conveyor-belt of talented players for Dublin teams and been the primary source of inspiration for the formation of most of the modern-day thriving clubs in the city. Almost all of the iconic stars from the 1950s through to the current team have played in Cumann na mBunscol leagues and Croke Park finals.

From the current squad,

five have captained winning teams; Ciarán Kilkenny, Cormac Costello, Cian O'Sullivan, Dean Rock and Philip McMahon. Four have played in the All-Ireland half-time Mini-Sevens - Jack McCaffrey, Brian Howard, Cormac Costello and Brian Fenton. Many of the others have played in the leagues and Croke Park finals.

Cormac was the youngest player ever, at nine years old, to play in the annual Dublin v Belfast Friendship Games. He played in the Kerry colours in the Mini Sevens which greatly pleased his

Kerry grandmother. Paul Mannion was a star in St. Laurence's NS in Kilmacud and climbed the steps in Croke Park as a winner with the school.

Dublin teachers are centrally involved in the running of the half-time Go Games during the All-Ireland series. Current and former stars from all counties made their Croke Park debuts in this programme. One of them was former Tyrone and Sydney Swans star, Kyle Coney, who wore the Armagh jersey when he played in 2002.

Your support of Gaelic Games helps the GAA to grow and develop and invest for today and tomorrow at county, club and school level

€10 million invested into Games Development in the last 12 months



€2.5 million spent on the GAA Player Injury Fund



Last year, 25 clubs from across senior finalists Dublin and Tyrone and 32 clubs from across minor finalists Galway and Kerry shared in a national fund of €2.1m spent on developing CLUB pitches and CLUB houses throughout Ireland



€15 million allocated to assist in the operation of County Boards in 2017

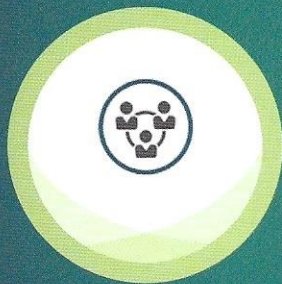


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The GAA funds 300 coaches in clubs and schools



€1 million granted to third level scholarships since 2008



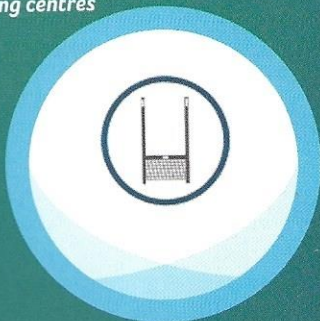
For every €1 received by the GAA, more than 80 cent goes back to running the GAA in your community



€3.9 million spent on player welfare in 2017



€16 million since 2012 has been invested in development of county grounds and training centres



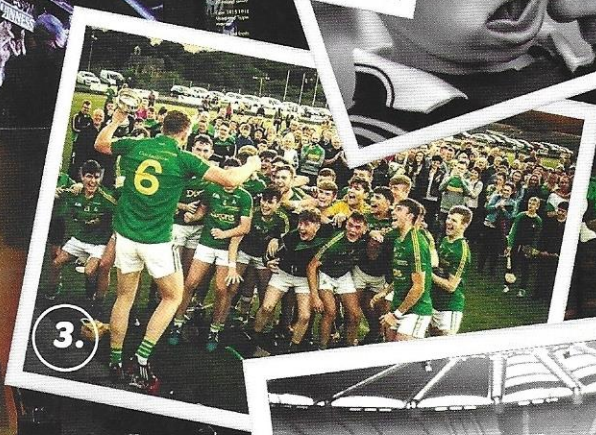
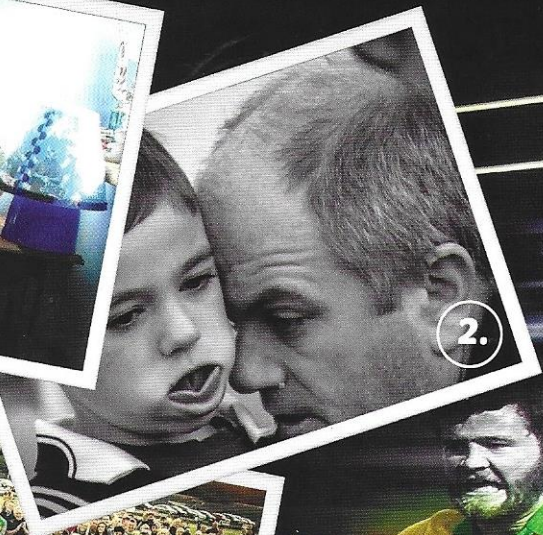
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# GAA MUSEUM

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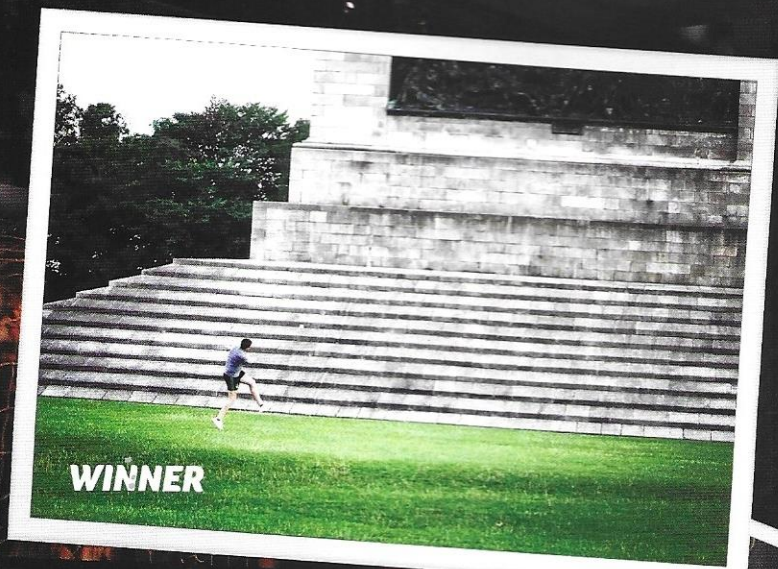
**ADULT WINNER**  
Derek Cremin, Corcaigh

**ADULT RUNNER-UP 1**  
Ollie Burns, An Mhí

**ADULT RUNNER-UP 2**  
Una Murray, Muineachán

**ADULT RUNNER-UP 3**  
Angela Cuning, Aontroim

The GAA Museum turns 20 years old in 2018 and a key part of its anniversary celebrations was an Instagram photography competition. With the theme, 'the GAA is in our DNA', entrants were invited to capture a snapshot of GAA Life. Here are the winners and runners-up in both the 'adult' and 'teen' categories. These images will now go on display in the GAA Museum. Congratulations to all and a huge thank you to everybody who shared their wonderful photos with us.



TEEN WINNER  
Emma Meyler, Áth Cliath

TEEN RUNNER-UP  
Emily O'Hara, Ceatharlach

TEEN RUNNER-UP 2  
Louise Coen, Gaillimh

TEEN RUNNER-UP 3  
Hannah Finn, Gaillimh

## FINGERTIP SAVE

1. Stand straight with your feet forward on the ground and press the highest button you can reach with your fingertips.

2. Now JUMP as high as you can and push the highest button you can reach.

3. See how high you've jumped.

4. Try and beat your own score or challenge someone else!





# CROKE PARK STADIUM

## SAFETY AND GENERAL INFORMATION

### REGULATIONS

#### Páirc an Chrécaigh

1. All persons entering this ground are admitted only subject to the following Rules (which are designated to protect the Health and Safety of all entrants to the ground). Entry to the ground shall be deemed to constitute unqualified acceptance of all of these Rules.
2. The management reserves the right of admission.
3. The instructions of the stewards must be obeyed at all times.
4. All persons entering the ground agree to be searched by a member of the Garda Síochána.
5. Every person (including infants) entering the ground must have a ticket.
6. The following are not permitted:
  - 6.1 Entry upon the pitch or engaging in conduct that causes or is likely to cause injury or harm to, or otherwise interferes with, disrupts, hinders, or distracts a person playing in, refereeing or otherwise having a role in a match at this ground.
  - 6.2 Any unauthorised contact with the boundary wall surrounding the pitch or incursion on to the pitch. Any such unauthorised contact or incursion constitutes a trespass to property.
  - 6.3 The climbing of floodlights or other pylons, stands or other buildings. Such behavior constitutes a trespass to property.
  - 6.4 Throwing of objects onto the pitch.
  - 6.5 Remaining or loitering in any gangway or aisle.
  - 6.6 Behaving in an offensive or indecent manner.
  - 6.7 Bringing of alcohol into the ground.
  - 6.8 Bringing into the ground of fireworks, smoke canisters, bottles, glasses, cans, flags, banners, poles, distress signals, laser pointers and similar articles or containers, including anything which could or might be used as a weapon.
  - 6.9 Excessive noise such as that from the use of radio sets or other appliances and behaviour likely to cause confusion or nuisance of any kind including foul or abusive language.
7. If a person commits a trespass, reasonable Force may be used to prevent, restrain or terminate any trespass.
8. Where a person is in breach of any of these rules, or where the management believes that a person constitutes a source of danger to others, or to the ground, such person may be refused entry or ejected from the ground, and reasonable Force may be used for that purpose.

### Safety and General Information

Supporters are asked to respect the fact that they are entering and leaving the stadium through residential areas.



### Safety Notice

In the interests of safety, patrons will not be allowed to enter the playing area after the games.

The policy to prohibit such encroachment in the future has been taken on the advice and promptings of the safety authorities, namely the Gardai, Dublin City Council, Fire Brigade and the HSE. The full co-operation of supporters is requested to avoid serious injury and to ensure that games can be enjoyed without resource to fencing or avoidable obstructions to seeing action from all vantage points.

Together we can ensure that the Croke Park experience is both enjoyable and safe, particularly for the young and vulnerable.

### Smoking Policy

Croke Park now operates a No Smoking policy except in designated areas of the ground.

### Medical Assistance

First Aid Centres are located in the following areas:

Davin Stand/Cusack Stand Level 3:	Section 313
Hogan Stand Level 3:	Section 333
Cusack Stand Level 7:	Section 702
Davin/Cusack Stand Level 7:	Section 724
Dineen/Hill 16 Cusack Side:	Section A
Medical Centre:	Hogan Players Tunnel

### Lost Children

Lost children will be brought to the above First Aid Centres.

Please play your part by co-operating with the Greener On and off the pitch initiatives at the Stadium and using the recycling stations provided. Please log onto [www.crokepark.ie/about/sustainability](http://www.crokepark.ie/about/sustainability) for further information.





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