



Spring Series



LIDL LADIES NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 1 • ROUND 3

THROW IN: 5PM

RÉITEOIR:
Gavin Corrigan (Down)



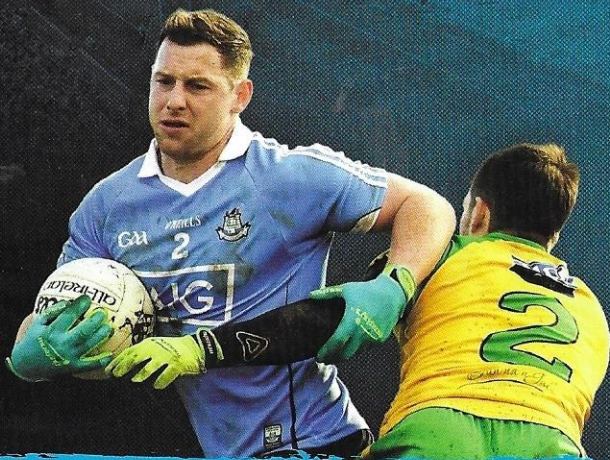
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ALLIANZ NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 1 • ROUND 3

THROW IN: 7PM

RÉITEOIR:
Joe McQuillan (Cavan)



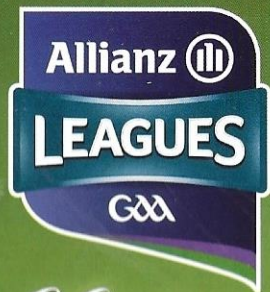
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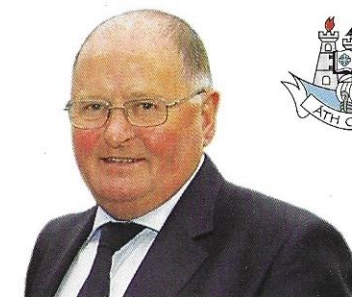
I would like to welcome everybody to Croke Park this evening as our Spring Series creates a little bit of history with our senior ladies' and mens' teams sharing the bill for the first time ever as respective All-Ireland champions. Our ladies take on great rivals Cork while the men entertain Donegal in their third round fixture.

Mick Bohan's team are unbeaten in their two games to date in the Lidl National League with wins on the road in Donegal and Westmeath. Cork too have maximum points following wins over Kerry and Monaghan. We have enjoyed many epic tussles between these two teams in recent times and I expect more of the same today. However I am hopeful that the league points will remain in the capital on this historic occasion.

Our footballers are also unbeaten after two games in the Allianz Football League following a fine win in Omagh last Saturday evening. Both games to date have been very entertaining with some great scores and passages of play and I hope we will see more of the same tonight.

The teams met at this stage last year and shared the points following a draw in Ballybofey. Donegal have had no luck in the League so far with agonising one point defeats in their opening games in Kerry and at home to Galway. They will be keen to register their first points this evening as Dublin strive for their third win in the league.

I want to thank our referees and officials for this evening's games for their ongoing commitment to our Association and trust that their decisions will be respected and accepted.



I also want to thank our sponsors AIG for their partnership in the continued developing and progression of Dublin GAA. I hope they and their guests enjoy the games.

Our footballers enjoyed great support in Tyrone last weekend and I know a number of those in Healy Park travelled on to Belfast for the hurling against Antrim on Sunday. It is this kind of loyal support that makes Dublin supporters the best in the country. I want to thank you for your continued support across all codes and I know it is very much appreciated by all the players and managements. I know you will get behind our teams in blue this evening and I hope you all enjoy some great entertainment!

Seán Mac Seanlaioich
Cathaoirleach

Communications Committee: Jerry Grogan, Alan Doody, Sinéad Ryan, Kevin Nolan, Ronan Sweeney, Fiona Waters.

Pics Courtesy of: Sportsfile

MATCH OFFICIALS:

Referee: Joe McQuillan (Cabhán)
Stand by Referee: Fergal Kelly (An Longfort)
Linesman: Barry Judge (Doire)
Sideline: Chris Dwyer (Uíbh Fhailí)

Croke Park Safety and General Information

REGULATIONS Páirc an Chrócaigh

- 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.
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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.
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.
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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 to avoid further injuries and possible fatality and 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.

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First Aid Centres are located in the following areas:

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| Davin Stand/Cusack Stand Level 3: | Section 312 |
| Hogan Stand Level 3: | Section 333 |
| Cusack Stand Level 7: | Section 701 |
| Davin/Cusack Stand Level 7: | Section 724 |
| Dineen/Hill 16 Cusack Side: | Section A |
| Medical Centre: | Hogan Players Tunnel |



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



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Cuirim fáilte roimh gach éinne ag Cluiche Lidl Sraith Náisiúnta Roinn 1 idir Baile Átha Cliath agus Corcaigh i bpáirc an Chrócaigh.

Is ócáid stairiúil do Cumann Peil Gael agus eir sport ag craoladh ceann dár cluichí sraith náisiúnta don chéad uair riamh.

Taimid ag trúth go mór le cluiche iomaíoch idir Corcaigh, sealbhóirí an Chonartha, agus Baile Átha Cliath, TG4 Seaimpíní Sinsearach Uile-Éireann. Tá súil agam go mbainfidh sibh antaitneamh as an chluiche seo idir dhá cheann de na contaetha tosaigh sa chluiche i peile na mban.

Welcome to this evening's Lidl National League Division 1 fixture between Dublin and Cork at Croke Park. It's an historic event for our Association as eir sport broadcast one of our League fixtures live for the very first time. We're anticipating a hugely competitive game between Cork, the League holders, and TG4 All-Ireland senior champions Dublin. I'm sure that you will enjoy the standard of fare on offer between two of the game's leading counties.

The tie brings together teams who are no strangers to Croke Park. Last year, Dublin played in the very first National League fixture to be staged at the famous venue and it was a memorable encounter against Mayo. This evening, Dublin meet Cork and these are two teams who harbour high hopes of producing strong championship seasons. They've made impressive starts in 2018, both winning their opening two Lidl League fixtures.

I would like to thank Lidl for their ongoing #SeriousSupport of our National Leagues. They have been wonderful sponsors since 2016. I would also like to thank the diligent work of our staff in the LGFA offices who have helped to make evenings like this a possibility. Our CEO Helen O'Rourke has played a key role in ensuring that many of our players will play in League fixtures alongside their male counterparts in 2018.



Tomorrow in Salthill, the TG4 cameras will be present for the Galway-Mayo fixture and we are also delighted to welcome on eir sport on board for this evening's live coverage. Eir sport recently announced that they will be screening three live games throughout the Lidl Leagues, starting off with Dublin v Cork this evening, and followed by Mayo v Dublin from Elvery's MacHale Park on February 24, and Dublin v Kerry back here at Croke Park on March 3.

Finally, I would like to wish the very best of luck to the Cork and Dublin players, their county boards and supporters. I'd also like to pay tribute to the officiating teams and all of the essential volunteers on duty this evening. I hope you have a memorable experience.

Míle buíochas.

Máire Ní Icí

Uachtarán, Cumann Peil Gael na mBan

MATCH OFFICIALS:

Referee: Gavin Corrigan, Down

4th Official: Niall McCormack, Laois

Umpires: John Ward, Down, Jimmy Flynn, Down,

Frankie Brannigan, Down, Garbhan McFerran, Down

Lines People: Lisa Brett, Mayo, Lorraine O'Sullivan,

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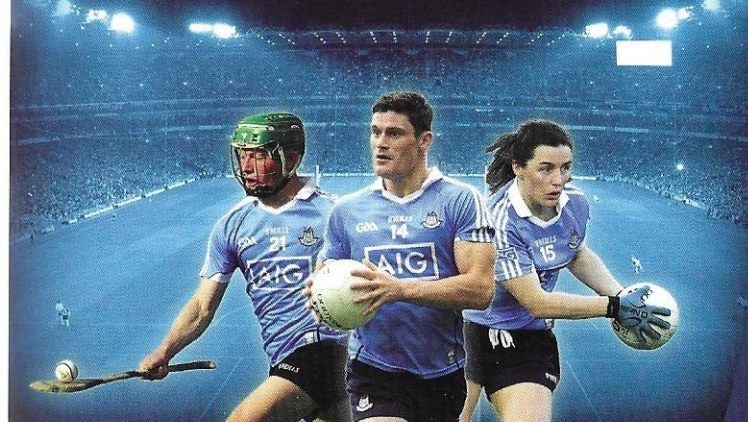


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THE DUBLIN SPRING SERIES IN CROKE PARK



FIXTURES

3RD MARCH
- 5 PM -
LADIES NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
DUBLIN v KERRY
- 7 PM -
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
DUBLIN v KERRY

25TH MARCH
- 3 PM -
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
DUBLIN v MONAGHAN

TICKET PRICING

PRE-PURCHASE PRICE:

ADULT: €12.00 / £11.00
(PRE-PURCHASE DISCOUNT ENDS MIDNIGHT ON THE DAY BEFORE THE FIXTURE)

STUDENT/SENIOR CITIZEN: €12.00

MATCH-DAY PRICE:

ADULT: €15.00 / £14.00
STUDENT/SENIOR CITIZEN: €12.00

JUVENILES (U16): €5.00
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DUBLIN'S NUMBER 1 IS HEADING FOR LEAGUE'S EXCLUSIVE CENTURY CLUB

BY FRANK ROCHE (The Herald Sport)

All last summer, as Stephen Cluxton edged closer towards, emulated and then eclipsed Gaelic football's championship appearance record, this man of few public words generated a multitude of headlines.

Over a century since James Joyce penned 'Stephen Hero', here was another capital icon who lived up to that title in every conceivable way.

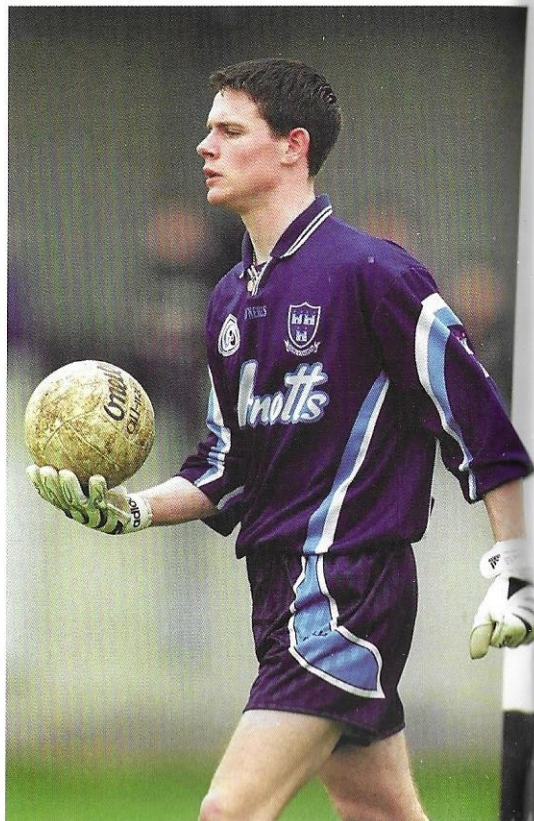
An all-time SFC appearance record - 91 games and counting. The first man to skipper four All-Ireland winning teams. If you overlook the minor detail of another missing All-Star, could it get any better?

In fact, it probably will. Cluxton, 36 since December, is now closing in on a century of Allianz Football League appearances. Last April's Division 1 final against Kerry - such a rare reversal in the Jim Gavin era - was his 96th NFL start, dating back to a 2002 debut against Donegal.

This season he has been the 'last man standing' as Dublin recorded NFL victories over Kildare and Tyrone, bringing his total NFL appearances to 98 and counting.

Based on his incredible longevity and history of avoiding injury he looks set soon to bring up the spring 'ton', sometime in March.

Cluxton actually made his SFC baptism before his league debut, replacing the injured Davy Byrne for two Leinster rounds before Tom Carr restored the fit-again Byrne for the remainder of that 2001 campaign.



3 March 2002; Dublin goalkeeper Stephen Cluxton in action. Picture credit; Ray McManus / SPORTSFILE

Then Tommy Lyons decided, at the outset of 2002, that Dublin's U21 netminder was ready for the senior step-up. The rest is history.



26 February 2017; Dublin captain Stephen Cluxton and Donegal captain Michael Murphy with referee Ciaran Branagan ahead of the Allianz Football League Division 1 match at MacCumhaill Park in Ballybofey. Photo by Philip Fitzpatrick/Sportsfile

Over 16 summers, Cluxton has only ever missed one championship game - that ill-fated loss to Westmeath in 2004 - and that was enforced through a suspension carried over from his red card against Armagh the previous summer.

He has missed his share of league matches, 26 in total of the 122 that Dublin have played since the start of 2002. Five understudies have featured in those other games ... a case, perhaps, of keeping them interested in the certain knowledge that they'd be bench-warming all summer.

Yet apart from the occasional niggle and one solitary suspension (after his 2014 sending off against Mayo), it was never, ever, a case of Cluxton taking it handy during the league.

Paul Caffrey was a Dublin selector for three years under Lyons and then Cluxton's manager for the next four.

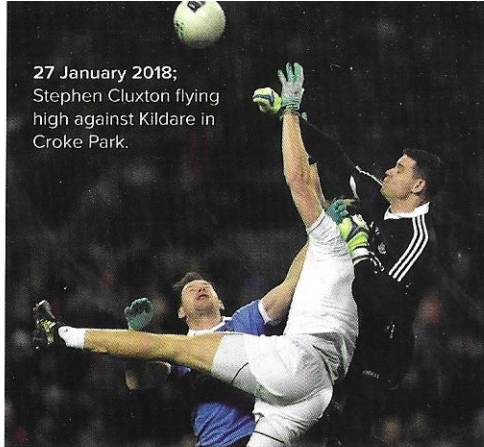
"When you'd be looking around to see who needed a rest, particularly at the start of a campaign when you wanted to get lads some game-time, Stephen would always be very, very firm," he recalls. "He was always adamant: 'I'd prefer to be playing'.

"For obvious reasons, goalkeepers only feel sharp when they are competing. He certainly never intimated that he wanted to have a rest. It would be the opposite."

If anything, that trait is even more apparent today.

Evan Comerford won an All-Ireland U21 winner last year and is widely seen as the heir apparent.

27 January 2018;
Stephen Cluxton flying
high against Kildare in
Croke Park.



Promoted to the senior squad, he spent all of last spring on the bench as Cluxton started every Dublin league game (eight in total) for the first time since 2007, when Caffrey was in charge. He was also a spring ever-present in 2005 and, all told, started 26 out of 28 league games under Caffrey.

The two exceptions were 2006 (when Paul Copeland's only league appearance coincided with the infamous Battle of Omagh against Tyrone) and 2008 (when Michael Savage made his NFL debut against Roscommon, the first of 13 starts spread sporadically between then and 2016).

"He is a remarkable guy because he has been so intense for so long," says Caffrey. He recalls a young Cluxton, unusually for a 'keeper, big into his weights. The Parnell's man would also educate his defenders on the importance of ushering forwards into positions from where they don't really want to shoot - "and I will do the rest", because 19 times out of 20 he would save it.

He's still making those big saves and those rapier-quick restarts that remain the key building block of Dublin's game-plan. No one player has been such a pivotal influencer on the evolution of the modern game.

But how long will he carry on?

"As long as they are in the frame," Caffrey suggests, "because he keeps himself in immaculate condition. While he's very, very intense, he does hugely enjoy the buzz of being involved at the elite level.

"Everybody could recall amazing stories about Cluxton," his ex-boss concludes. "He is certainly a once-off and I don't say that lightly."

STEPHEN CLUXTON'S NFL RECORD IN NUMBERS

98 NFL appearances for Dublin, starting against Donegal in 2002 and spread over 17 seasons.

5 The number of Dublin understudies who have started in goals during those 17 league campaigns (including current league), namely Bryan Murphy (six appearances between 2002 and '04); Paul Copeland (one, in 2006); Michael Savage (13 between 2008 and '16); Shane Supple (two, in 2013); and finally Seán Currie (four in 2014-15, plus one as a sub after Cluxton's first half red card against Mayo in '14). Evan Comerford is currently his understudy but the Ballymun Kickhams man has still to make his NFL debut.

67 goals conceded in 98 games.

1 goal conceded over six appearances in 2016 represents Cluxton's best league, statistically, to date. His worst was 2014, when he leaked nine goals in eight games (counting one of Mayo's brace before his 29th minute dismissal).

57 Dublin wins from those 98 matches, with 12 draws and 29 defeats. There's an eye-catching contrast if you separate these stats according to manager: six wins, three draws and six losses under Tommy Lyons; 12 wins, two draws and 12 defeats under Paul Caffrey; 11 wins, one draw and eight defeats under Pat Gilroy; a towering 28 wins, six draws and just three losses under Jim Gavin.

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THE YEAR TO DATE IN STATS

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

ROUND 1

CROKE PARK: Saturday, January 27

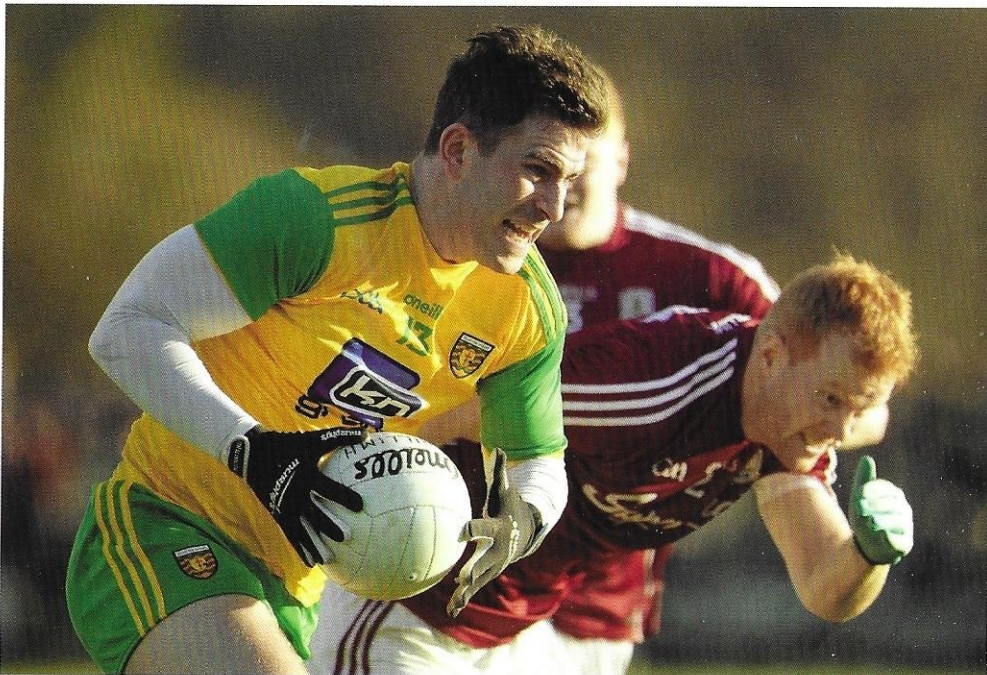
DUBLIN 2-17 KILDARE 2-10

SCORERS - Dublin: B Fenton 1-3, D Rock 1-2 (0-2f), C Basquel 0-3, C Kilkenny, N Scully, B Howard 0-2 each, B Brogan, J Small, KMcManamon 0-1 each. **Kildare:** D Flynn 1-2, L Flynn 1-0, E Callaghan 0-3 (0-3f), K Feely 0-2 (0-2f), N Flynn (0-1f), P Cribbin, M Donnellan (0-1f) 0-1 each.

DUBLIN: S Cluxton; M Fitzsimons, D Byrne, D Daly; J Cooper, J McCarthy, J Small; B

Fenton, MD Macauley; N Scully, C Kilkenny, B Howard; C Basquel, D Rock, B Brogan. **Subs:** K McManamon for Macauley (46), E Lowndes for Cooper (51), P Mannion for Rock (55), P McMahon for Fitzsimons (55), C O'Shea for Daly (59), P Andrews for Brogan (60).

KILDARE: M Donnellan; D Hyland, M O'Grady, P Kelly; J Byrne, E Doyle, C O'Donoghue; K Feely, L Flynn; F Conway, C Healy, P Cribbin; N Flynn, D Flynn, C McNally. **Subs:** D Slattery for N Flynn (inj, 5), N Kelly for Healy (bc, 20), T Moolick for Conway (51), B McCormack for L Flynn (56), E Callaghan for Feely (61), M Hyland for P Kelly (61). **REF:** C Lane (Cork).



4 February 2018; Patrick McBreaty of Donegal in action against Declan Kyne of Galway during the Allianz Football League Division 1 Round 2 match at O'Donnell Park, in Letterkenny. Photo by Oliver McVeigh/Sportsfile

ROUND 2

HEALY PARK, OMAGH: Saturday, February 3

DUBLIN 2-13 TYRONE 1-11

SCORERS - Dublin: C Kilkenny 1-2, D Rock 0-4 (0-3f), C Basquel 0-3 (0-1f), E O'Gara 1-0, K McManamon 0-2, J McCarthy, B Fenton 0-1 each. **Tyrone:** L Brennan 0-6 (0-3f), C McAliskey 0-2, C McShane 1-1, N Sludden, P Harte 0-1 each.

DUBLIN: S Cluxton; P McMahon, M Fitzsimons, D Daly; J McCarthy, J Cooper, J Small; B Fenton, MD Macauley; N Scully, C Kilkenny, B Howard; K McManamon, P Mannion, D Rock. **Subs:** D Byrne for Small (46), P Andrews for McManamon (50), C Basquel for Mannion (61), E O'Gara for Rock (65), S Carthy for McCarthy (68), E Lowndes for Fenton (69).

TYRONE: N Morgan; P Hampsey, C McCarron, HP MGeary; T McCann, A McCrory, C McLaughlin; D McClure, C McShane; M Donnelly, N Sludden, R Donnelly; C McAliskey, L Brennan, P Harte. **Subs:** M McKernan for HP MGeary (22), R McNamee for McCrory (ht), C McCann for McClure (49), R McNabb for McLaughlin (55), F Burns for R Donnelly (55), M Bradley for T McCann (63).

REF: M Deegan (Laois).

O'BYRNE CUP

ROUND-ROBIN: GAME 1

PARNELL PARK: Wednesday, January 3

DUBLIN 1-13 OFFALY 0-16

SCORERS - Dublin: C Basquel 1-6 (0-3f), S Carthy 0-3 (0-1f), G Seaver, K Doherty, K O'Gara, C Carthy 0-1 each. **Offaly:** C Johnston 0-6, N Dunne 0-4 (0-3f), A Sullivan 0-2, D Hogan, C Donohue, J Hayes, J O'Connor 0-1 each.

DUBLIN: A Bunyan; R McGowan, G Hannigan, S McMahon; D Devereux, B Howard, G Seaver; E Ó Conghaile, A Elliott; G O'Reilly, S Carthy, K Doherty; C Basquel, K O'Gara, C Sallier. **Subs:** C Carthy for O'Gara (ht), N Walsh for Doherty (42), R Deegan for Elliott (50), K Callaghan for Sallier (56), S Ryan for Ó Conghaile (61), E O'Brien for Howard (65), C Doyle for S Carthy (72).



3 February 2018; Ciarán Kilkenny of Dublin in action against Aidan McCrory of Tyrone during the Allianz Football League Division 1 Round 2 match at Healy Park in Omagh, County Tyrone. Photo by Oliver McVeigh/Sportsfile

SCORING CHARTS: NATIONAL LEAGUE



Dublin's senior footballers have scored 4-30 and conceded 3-21 in their two NFL games to date (versus Kildare, Tyrone). Eleven players have contributed to Dublin's scoring tally.

- Dean Rock 1-6 (0-5)
- Ciarán Kilkenny 1-4
- Brian Fenton 1-4
- Colm Basquel 0-6 (0-1f)
- Kevin McManamon 0-3
- Eoghan O'Gara 1-0
- Niall Scully 0-2
- Brian Howard 0-2
- Bernard Brogan 0-1
- John Small 0-1
- James McCarthy 0-1



3 February 2018; Brian Howard pursued by Richard Donnelly of Tyrone. Photo by Oliver McVeigh/Sportsfile

OFFALY: A Mulhall; D Brady, J Lalor, S Pender, D Dempsey, C Donohue, D Hogan; C Dunne, S Nally; M Brazil, A Sullivan, J Hayes; B Allen, C Johnston, S Doyle. **Subs:** P McConway for Lalor (15), N Dunne for Brazil (21), J O'Connor for Doyle (ht), C McNamee for C Dunne (ht), B O'Dea for Dempsey (60, black card). **REF:** B Cawley (Kildare).

ROUND-ROUND: GAME 2

ST PATRICK'S PARK, ENNISCORTHY:
Sunday, January 7

WEXFORD 1-12 DUBLIN 0-14

SCORERS - Wexford: C McCabe 0-4 (0-3f, 0-1 '45'), D Waters 1-0, B O'Connor, C Devereux (0-2f) 0-2 each, B Malone, G Malone, T Rossiter, R Frayne 0-1 each. **Dublin:** C Basquel 0-5 (0-5f), P Small 0-3 (0-2f), E O Conghaile 0-2, G O'Reilly, A Rogers, B Howard, K Callaghan 0-1 each.

WEXFORD: P Doyle; J Rossiter, M O'Neill, C Carty; B O'Gorman, B Malone, G Malone; D Waters, N Doyle; T Rossiter, B O'Connor, R Frayne; C McCabe, P Curtis, C Devereux. **Subs:** J Stafford for Frayne (50), B Brosnan for Waters (54), D Holmes for Devereux (60), E Nolan for Stafford (inj, 65), D Pepper for Curtis (65), A Nolan for Carty (inj, 67).

DUBLIN: JB Carty; R McGowan, C Wilson, E O'Brien; D Devereux, S McMahon, G Hannigan; E O Conghaile, S Ryan; G Seaver, C Basquel,

**SCORING CHARTS:
O'BYRNE CUP**

Dublin's senior footballers scored 1-27 and conceded 1-28 in their two games in the Bord na Móna O'Byrne Cup (versus Offaly, Wexford). Twelve players contributed to Dublin's scoring tally.

- Colm Basquel 1-11 (0-8f)
- Shane Carthy 0-3 (0-1f)
- Paddy Small 0-3 (0-2f)
- Emmett Ó Conghaile 0-2
- Gerry Seaver 0-1
- Kieran Doherty 0-1
- Killian O'Gara 0-1
- Chris Carthy 0-1
- Glenn O'Reilly 0-1
- Adam Rogers 0-1
- Brian Howard 0-1
- Kevin Callaghan 0-1

G O'Reilly; A Rogers, B Howard, P Small. **Subs:** S Carthy for Ryan (inj, 27), R Deegan for S Carthy (inj, ht), A McGowan for O'Reilly (ht), D Kennedy for R McGowan (ht), C Doyle for Hannigan (45), K Callaghan for Devereux (48), T Quinn for Seaver (48), C Carthy for Rogers (57), N Walsh for C Carthy (inj, 72).

REF: D Hickey (Carlow).

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE 2018 RESULTS AND FIXTURES

ALLIANZ FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 1

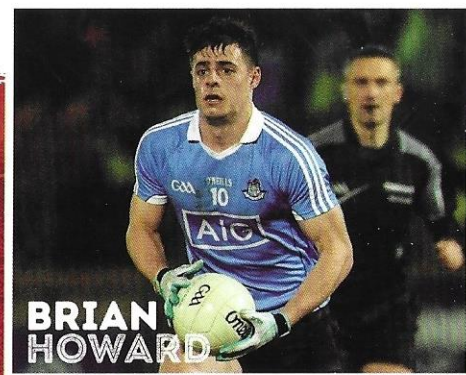
Round 1: Dublin 2-17 Kildare 2-10; Galway 1-9 Tyrone 0-8; Kerry 2-18 Donegal 3-14; Monaghan 0-12 Mayo 0-13. Round 2: Mayo 2-9 Kerry 1-15; Tyrone 1-11 Dublin 2-13; Kildare 0-12 Monaghan 1-10; Donegal 0-14 Galway 1-12. **Round 3: Feb 10: Dublin v Donegal; Feb 11: Galway v Mayo; Kildare v Tyrone; Monaghan v Kerry.** Round 4: Feb 24: Mayo v Dublin; Monaghan v Tyrone; Feb 25: Donegal v Kildare; Kerry v Galway. Round 5: Mar 3: Dublin v Kerry; Tyrone v Donegal; Mar 4: Galway v Monaghan; Kildare v Mayo. Round 6: Mar 17: Kerry v Kildare; Mar 18: Galway v Dublin; Mayo v Tyrone; Monaghan v Donegal. Round 7: Mar 25: Donegal v Mayo; Dublin v Monaghan; Kildare v Galway; Tyrone v Kerry. Final: Apr 1

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 2

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 3

Round 1: Armagh 2-17 Sligo 0-9; Derry 2-14 Westmeath 2-17; Fermanagh 3-7 Wexford 2-5; Offaly 1-13 Longford 3-18. Round 2: Fermanagh 2-11 Offaly 1-6; Longford 1-13 Derry 1-6; Sligo



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FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 4

Round 1: London 2-9 Carlow 2-14; Laois 2-12 Limerick 0-9; Antrim 0-15 Leitrim 0-5; Wicklow 0-12 Waterford 0-12. Round 2: Leitrim 3-10 Laois 3-16; Limerick 0-14 Carlow 2-11; London 1-16 Wicklow 0-10; Waterford 0-10 Antrim 2-12. **Round 3: Feb 10: Laois v Waterford; Carlow v Leitrim; Feb 11: Antrim v Wicklow; London v Limerick.** Round 4: Feb 24: Waterford v Carlow; Feb 25: Leitrim v Limerick; Wicklow v Laois; London v Antrim. Round 5: Mar 3: Carlow v Wicklow; London v Leitrim; Mar 4: Laois v Antrim; Limerick v Waterford. Round 6: Mar 11: London v Laois; Mar 18: Antrim v Carlow; Waterford v Antrim; Wicklow v Limerick. Round 7: Mar 25: Carlow v Laois; Leitrim v Wicklow; Limerick v Antrim; London v Waterford. Final: Mar 31



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PREVIOUS MEETING HOW THEY FARED WHEN THE COUNTIES MET IN LAST YEAR'S LEAGUE

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Mac CUMHAILL PARK, BALLYBOFEY:
Sunday, February 26, 2017

DONEGAL 2-5 DUBLIN 1-8

Dublin recovered from the hammerblow of conceding two goals inside a minute later in the first half to draw with Donegal in last February's NFL Division 1 encounter in Ballybofeey before an attendance of over 10,000.

However, it was the Dubs who looked poised to edge out their opponents before a free in the second minute of added time afforded Michael Murphy the opportunity to level the scoring.



26 February 2017; Michael Murphy of Donegal kicks his side's equalising score, a pointed free, during the Allianz Football League Division 1 Round 3 match between Donegal and Dublin at MacCumhaill Park in Ballybofeey. Photo by Stephen McCarthy/Sportsfile

In underfoot conditions that did not lend themselves to great football Donegal opened the scoring inside the first minute when midfielder Jason McGee split the posts.

However, the Ulster side did not score again for over 25 minutes when Ciarán Thompson converted a free after Dublin had scored five unanswered points.

Shane Carthy with the left from near the endline got Dublin going before Dean Rock (free), Ciarán Kilkeny, Conor McHugh and Niall Scully, following good vision by Brian Fenton, propelled their side into a 0-5 to 0-1 lead.



26 February 2017; Niall Scully of Dublin shoots to score his side's first goal past Donegal goalkeeper Mark Anthony McGinley and Caolan Ward during the Allianz Football League Division 1 Round 3 match at MacCumhaill Park in Ballybofeey, Co Donegal. Photo by Stephen McCarthy/Sportsfile

But Donegal concluded the half in amazing fashion with goals from Jason McGee, after Stephen Cluxton could only parry his initial effort, and Ryan McHugh to lead 2-2 to 0-5 at the break.

Four minutes into the second half Michael Murphy put Donegal four clear and Dublin needed to lift their game.

Two Dean Rock frees, following fouls on Jack McCaffrey and then Paul Flynn, cut into the deficit before Dublin put together an incisive hand-passing move that culminated with Niall Scully driving the ball to the net to see his side 1-7 to 2-3 clear.

Dean Rock saw a free come back off the upright in the 59th minute before a fine David Byrne point put Dublin two clear with eight minutes of normal time remaining.

But Donegal rallied back with frees from Thompson and Murphy to earn a share of the spoils.

SCORERS - Donegal: J McGee 1-1, R McHugh 1-0, C Thompson (0-2f), M Murphy (0-2f) 0-2 each. **Dublin:** N Scully 1-1, D Rock 0-3 (0-3f), S Carthy, C Kilkeny, C McHugh, D Byrne 0-1 each.

DONEGAL: MA McGinley; P McGrath, N McGee, C Ward; R McHugh, P Brennan, E Gallagher; J McGee, M Murphy; F McGlynn, M Carroll, M O'Reilly; C Thompson, E McHugh, J Brennan. **Subs:** H McFadden for J Brennan (40), D O'Connor for P Brennan (46), E Doherty for Carroll (57), S McBrearty for E McHugh (63).

DUBLIN: S Cluxton; P McMahan, M Fitzsimons, E Lowndes; D Daly, J McCaffrey, J Small; B Fenton, C Reddin; SB Carthy (St Vincent's), C Kilkeny, N Scully; D Rock, E O'Gara, C McHugh. **Subs:** P Flynn for Carthy (42), MD Macauley for Reddin (42), K McManamon for O'Gara (44), D Byrne for McCaffrey (57), J Whelan for McHugh (62), E O Conghaile for Daly (69).

REF: C Branagan (Down).

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CIARA O'SULLIVAN

CORK CAPTAIN PROFILE:



D.O.B: 06/10/90

Occupation: CHARTERED
ACCOUNTANT

Honours with Cork (Minor/U21/Senior): Minor
Munster & All Ireland Title; 8 Senior All Ireland
& Munster Titles; 9 National League titles.

Honours with club: 4 Senior County &
Munster titles; Junior & Intermediate Munster
& All Ireland titles.

Primary School Attended: Burnfort N.S.

**If you could merge three players into one to
make the complete Footballer who would
they be and why:** 1. SHARON COURTNEY-
has everything, speed, determination and a
great brain. 2. DEIRDRE O'REILLY-mark her in
training and you'd know why I'd pick her. 3.
SINEAD AHERNE-need someone to get the
scores!

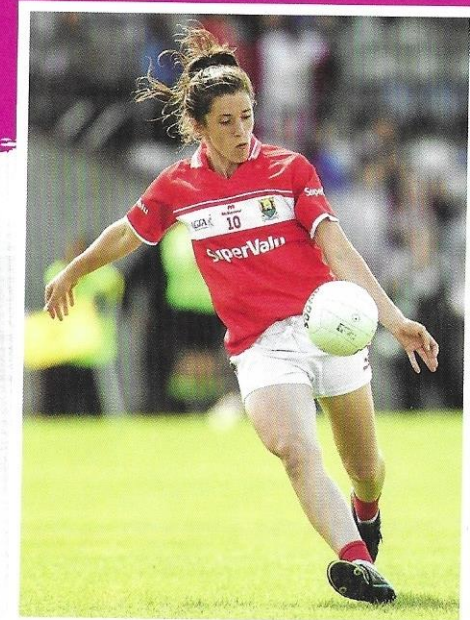
**If your life was to be made into a movie what
actor would you like to play the role:** RACHEL
ANNISTON. Aside from the fact we're the
image of each other(!), I'm obsessed with
Friends and she's my favourite actress!

Best day in Red & White: 2014 All Ireland final.

Favourite current player(s): Orla Finn or
Sinead Aherne, I would love to be able to kick
like either of them

Favourite player(s) from the past: Couldn't
pick between the Cork girls I was lucky
enough to play with! I learned so much from
them..unfortunately not how to kick like
Valerie Mulcahy though!!

**If you could have been a spectator at any
sporting occasion in the past what occasion
would you choose:** When Munster won the
Heineken Cup Final in 2006



Favourite subject in school: Predictably PE

Least favourite subject in school: Home
economics, I'm not very domesticated in the
kitchen!

Player for the future: Ellie Jack – Cork Minors

Toughest opponent(s) in Cork camp: Melissa
Duggan & Marie Ambrose – I don't like
marking any of the backs to be honest

Superstitions: I always go to my grandparents'
grave before every match with my sisters and
leave the graveyard by climbing through a
tiny gate-which is getting more difficult as I
get older (aka bigger)

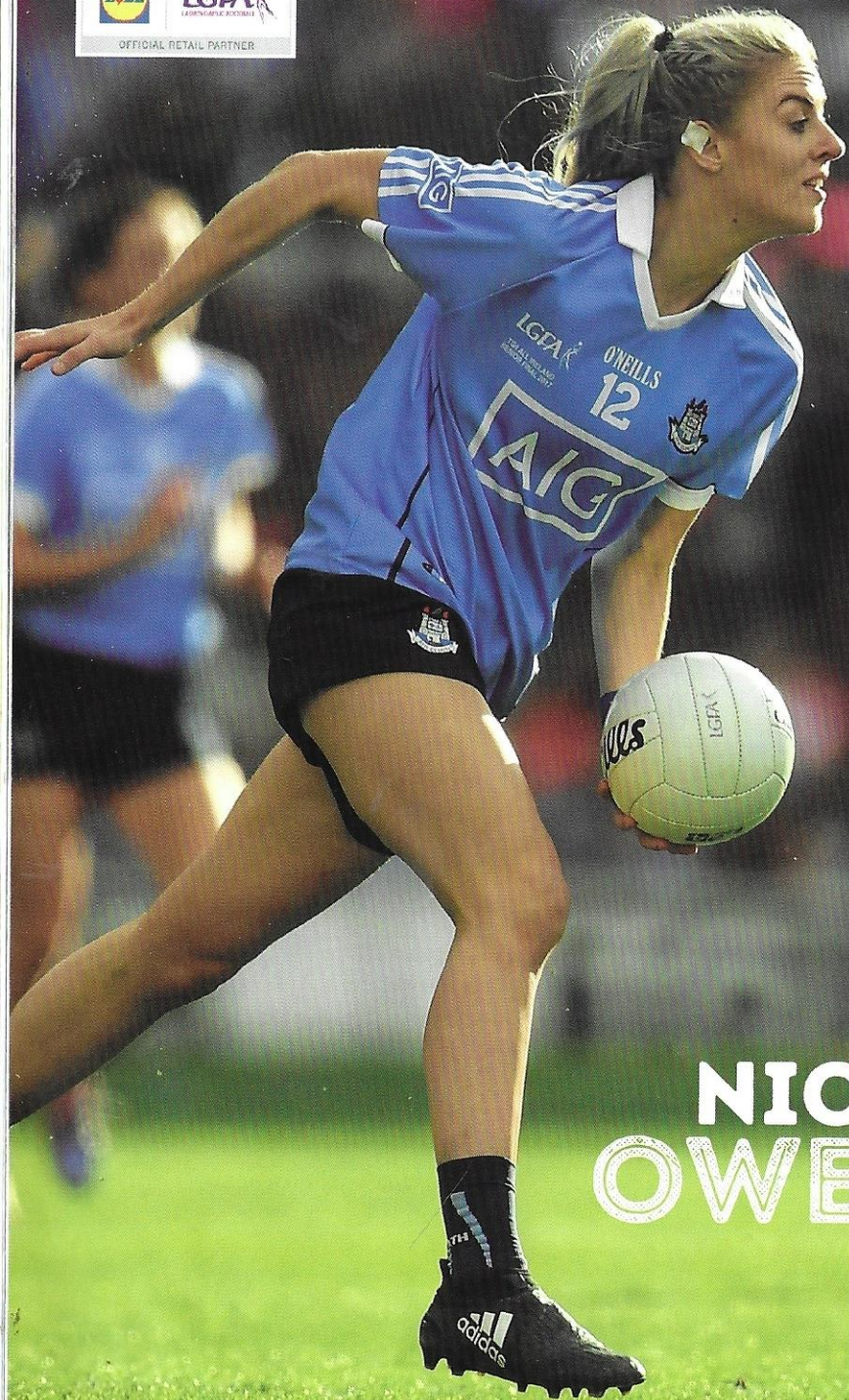
**'Who wants to be a millionaire' it's phone
a friend time, who do you call:** Doireann
O'Sullivan – she's so clued in and not a bit
ditzzy!!!

Favourite other sports and sportsperson:
Tennis – Serena Williams

Personal/Sporting ambitions: To keep enjoying
playing football



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DUBLIN CAPTAIN PROFILE:

Club: St Sylvester's.

Toughest opponent: Angela Walsh (Cork).

High point in your playing career to date: Lifting the Brendan Martin Cup as Dublin captain last September.

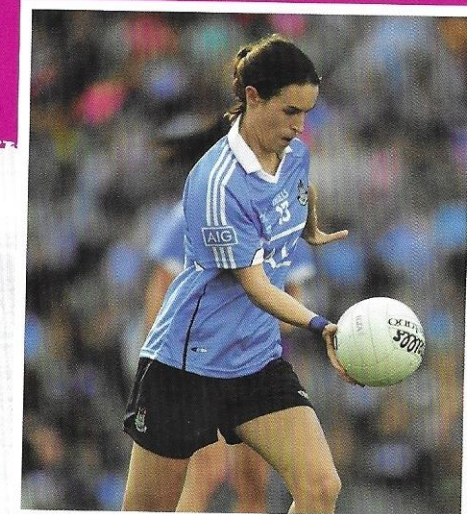
Biggest disappointment in your career: Losing 2009 All-Ireland final (to Cork).

Favorite Lady Footballer: Sinéad Goldrick (Dublin).

Sportsperson you would like to meet: Steph Curry (Basketball).

Favorite item of clothing: Apparently fond of a crop top!

Favorite Band: Coldplay.



What is your most commonly used App: Whatsapp.

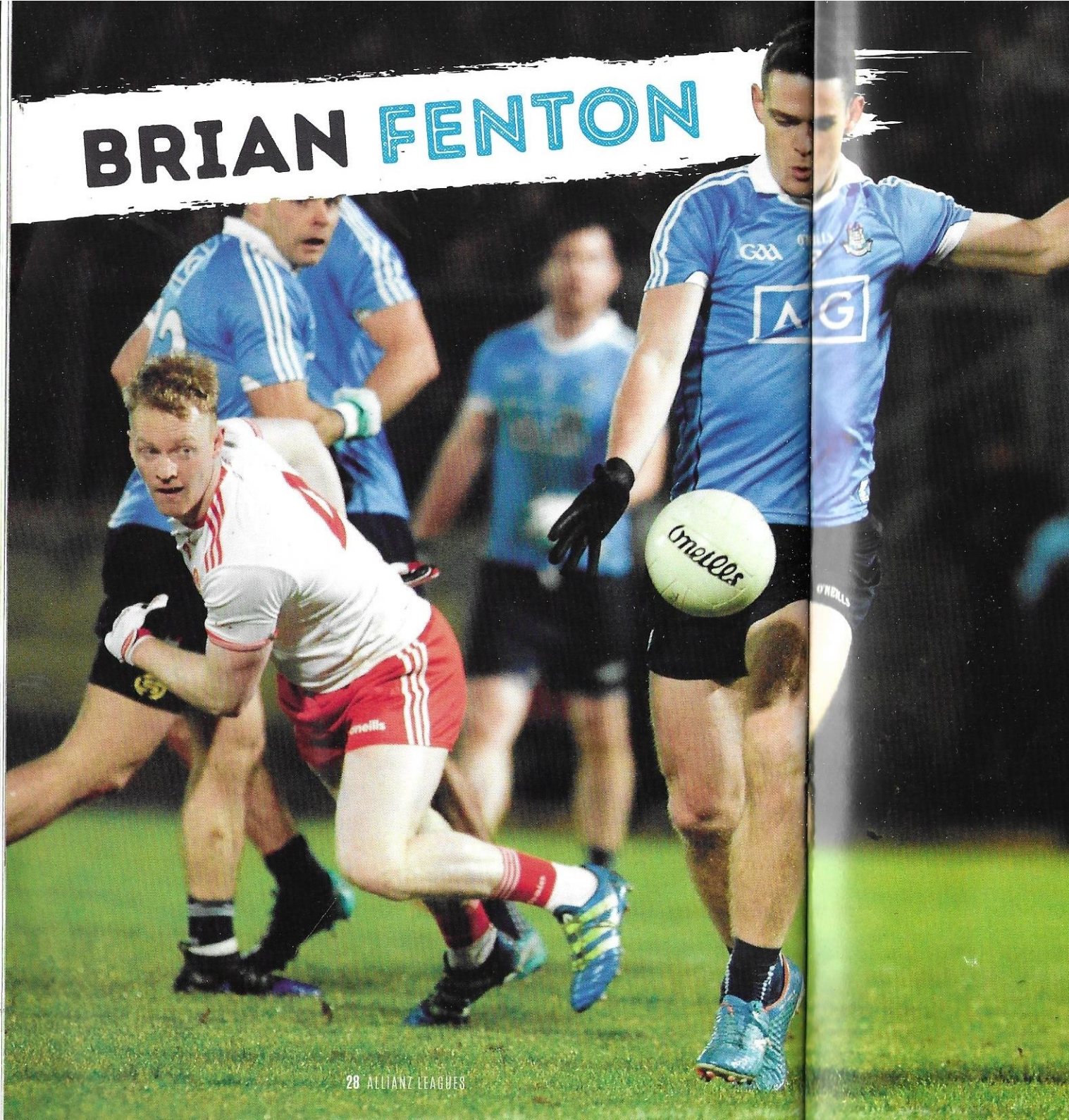
What you not leave home without: Gear bag!

Advice to young players: Really practice the skills, work hard for your team and enjoy it!



24 September 2017; Dublin captain Sinéad Aherne, left, and Niamh McEvoy celebrate with the Brendan Martin Cup after the TG4 Ladies Football All-Ireland Senior Championship Final match between Dublin and Mayo at Croke Park in Dublin. Photo by Brendan Moran/Sportsfile

BRIAN FENTON



CURRENT STANDINGS

National Football League Tables

ALLIANZ FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIV 1

| Position | P | W | D | L | For | AG | Diff | Pts |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|------|------|------|-----|
| 1. DUBLIN | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4-30 | 3-21 | 12 | 4 |
| 2. Galway | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2-21 | 0-22 | 5 | 4 |
| 3. Kerry | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3-33 | 5-23 | 4 | 4 |
| 4. Monaghan | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1-22 | 0-25 | 0 | 2 |
| 5. Mayo | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2-22 | 1-27 | -2 | 2 |
| 6. Donegal | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3-28 | 3-30 | -2 | 0 |
| 7. Kildare | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2-22 | 3-27 | -8 | 0 |
| 8. Tyrone | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1-19 | 3-22 | -9 | 0 |

ALLIANZ FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIV 2

| Position | P | W | D | L | For | AG | Diff | Pts |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|------|------|------|-----|
| 1. Meath | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2-33 | 2-19 | 14 | 3 |
| 2. Cavan | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5-26 | 1-25 | 13 | 3 |
| 3. Roscommon | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3-29 | 5-21 | 2 | 3 |
| 4. Tipperary | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 6-25 | 2-33 | 4 | 2 |
| 5. Cork | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2-29 | 3-26 | 0 | 2 |
| 6. Down | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1-24 | 1-24 | 0 | 2 |
| 7. Clare | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1-19 | 2-30 | -14 | 1 |
| 8. Louth | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0-24 | 4-31 | -19 | 0 |

ALLIANZ FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIV 3

| Position | P | W | D | L | For | AG | Diff | Pts |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|------|------|------|-----|
| 1. Armagh | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4-34 | 1-20 | 23 | 4 |
| 2. Longford | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4-31 | 2-19 | 18 | 4 |
| 3. Fermanagh | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5-18 | 3-11 | 13 | 4 |
| 4. Westmeath | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3-28 | 4-31 | -6 | 2 |
| 5. Sligo | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1-25 | 3-30 | -11 | 2 |
| 6. Wexford | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3-18 | 4-23 | -8 | 0 |
| 7. Derry | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3-20 | 3-30 | -10 | 0 |
| 8. Offaly | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2-19 | 5-29 | -19 | 0 |

ALLIANZ FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIV 4

| Position | P | W | D | L | For | AG | Diff | Pts |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|------|------|------|-----|
| 1. Antrim | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2-27 | 0-15 | 18 | 4 |
| 2. Laois | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5-28 | 3-19 | 15 | 4 |
| 3. Carlow | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4-25 | 2-23 | 8 | 4 |
| 4. London | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3-25 | 2-24 | 4 | 2 |
| 5. Waterford | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0-22 | 2-24 | -8 | 1 |
| 6. Wicklow | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0-22 | 1-28 | -9 | 1 |
| 7. Limerick | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0-23 | 4-23 | -12 | 0 |
| 8. Leitrim | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3-15 | 3-31 | -16 | 0 |

DUBS HOPING TO MAINTAIN 100 PER CENT RECORD TO START OF NEW SEASON

The hectic Allianz Football League programme continues this weekend, with Round 3 games across all four Divisions, after which there will be a two-week break before Round 4.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 1: DUBLIN, GALWAY, KERRY MAKE IMPRESSIVE STARTS

Tonight (7.0): Dublin v Donegal, Croke Park.

Tomorrow (2.0): Galway v Mayo, Pearse Stadium; Kildare v Tyrone, Newbridge; Monaghan v Kerry, Iniskeen.

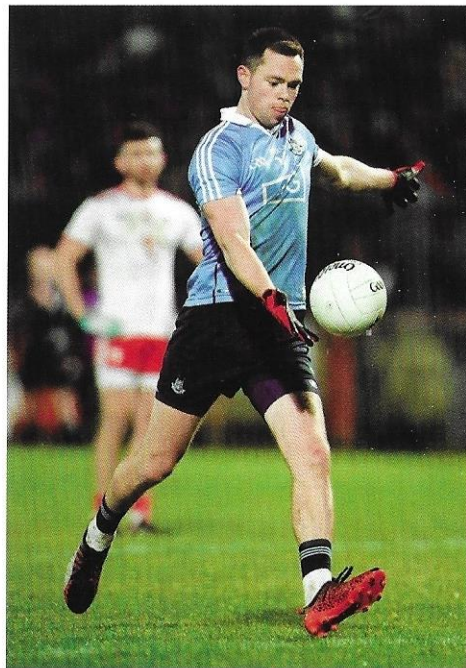
Dublin, Galway and Kerry are all on full points after the first two rounds, while Tyrone, Kildare and Donegal have yet to pick up a point. Mayo and Monaghan are in between, with one win each from two games.

Dublin (v Donegal) and Galway (v Mayo) are to be at home this weekend while Kerry are away to Monaghan. Dublin (1-8) and Donegal (2-5) drew in last year's Allianz League, while Jim Gavin's men won the previous three Allianz League clashes between the counties in 2016 (Round 6 and semi-final) and 2015.

Donegal's last win over Dublin in a competitive game was in the 2014 All-Ireland semi-final (3-14 to 0-17). Donegal were very unlucky in their opening two games, losing by a point to both Kerry and Galway.

Galway, who returned to the Football League Division 1 for the first time since 2011 this year, have made a great start, beating Tyrone and Donegal in the opening two rounds.

Next up are their great rivals, Mayo, whom they meet in the League for the first time in seven years. Mayo beat Galway in five



3 February 2018; Dean Rock of Dublin during the Allianz Football League Division 1 Round 2 match at Healy Park in Omagh, County Tyrone. Photo by Oliver McVeigh/Sportsfile

successive championship games in 2011-2015 but Galway have won the last two, the most recent coming last June when they edged to a one-point win in the Connacht semi-final in Pearse Stadium.

Kerry and Monaghan have met five times in the League in the last eight years, with the Kingdom winning three to Monaghan's two. Monaghan's two wins came last year (2-8 to 1-10) and 2015 (1-11 to 0-10) while Kerry were successful in 2016-2011-2010.



28 January 2018; Donegal manager Declan Bonner prior to the Allianz Football League Division 1 Round 1 match between Kerry and Donegal at Fitzgerald Stadium in Killarney, Co. Kerry. Photo by Diarmuid Greene/Sportsfile

Bottom pair (on scoring difference behind Donegal), Kildare and Tyrone meet in Newbridge in what will be their first League meeting since 2014 when Mickey Harte's men won by 3-16 to 1-21 in St. Conleth's Park.

Both Kildare and Tyrone have lost their last four League games. Kildare lost twice to Galway in Division 2 (Round 7 and final) last season and to Dublin and Monaghan this year.

Tyrone lost their last two Football Division 1 games to Mayo and Kerry in 2017 and to Galway and Dublin this year.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 2: CAVAN AND MEATH IN TABLE-TOPPERS' CLASH

Tonight (7.0): Cavan v Meath, Kingspan Breffni Park.

Tomorrow (2.0): Clare v Tipperary, Ennis; Cork v Louth, Pairc Ui Rinn; Roscommon v Down, Dr. Hyde Park.

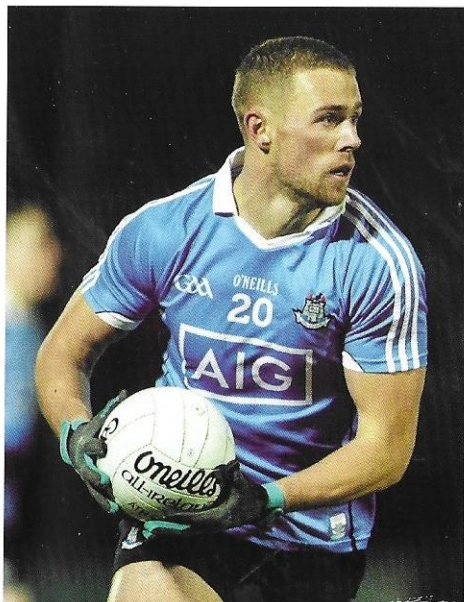
This was always going to be a very closely-contested group and so it's proving. There are no teams on full points after two rounds while

Louth are the only ones still waiting to pick up any points. The leaders (on scoring difference) meet on tonight when Cavan host Meath in what will be one of the most interesting contests across all four Allianz Football Divisions.

They last met in the Allianz Football League Division 2 in 2016 when Cavan came from behind to win by seven points in what was a major success in their successful drive towards Division 1. Meath won the 2015 clash by two points. Cavan dropped down from Allianz Football Division 1 this year while Meath are attempting to return to Allianz Football Division 1 for the first time since 2006.

Like Meath and Cavan, Roscommon are also on three points as they prepare to host Down, who have won one of two.

Down have an identical scoring and concession rate (1-24 each) after games against Louth and Cork while Roscommon scored 3-29 while conceding 5-21 when drawing with Meath and beating Tipperary. Roscommon have won their last three Allianz League meetings with Down (2016 in Division 1 and 2015 in Division 2 – Round 2 and final).



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6 DONEGAL'S LAST WIN OVER DUBLIN IN A COMPETITIVE GAME WAS IN THE 2014 ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINAL (3-14 TO 0-17).

Armagh (+23), Longford (+18) and Fermanagh (+13) have all won their opening two games, while Wexford, Derry and Offaly have yet to pick up a point. Sligo and Westmeath have one win each.

The top two – Armagh and Longford – clash in the Athletic Grounds next Sunday, where the winners will take a big step towards the promotion prizes. They meet for a second successive year, with Armagh having won a thrilling contest (3-11 to 2-9) in Round 3 last year.

Fermanagh, who are also going well in their attempt to return to Football Division 2 at the first attempt, head for Markievicz Park to take on a Sligo team that got off the mark with a three-point win over Wexford last Sunday. Fermanagh and Sligo last met in the League in 2015 (Allianz Football Division 3) when Fermanagh won by two points.

Derry, who dropped down from the Allianz Football League Division 2 this year, were expected to be among the promotion favourites but have made a bad start, losing their first two games to Westmeath and Longford by a combined total of ten points.

They host Offaly, who have also lost their opening two games. Battling against relegation to the Allianz Football League Division 4 is a far cry from the lofty status this pair enjoyed 20 years ago when they met in the Division 1 final which Offaly won. Derry went on to win the Allianz Football League Division 1 title in 2000 and 2007 but are now in danger of dropping to Division 4.

Wexford and Westmeath meet in the Allianz Leagues for the third time in less than a year. Westmeath won both Division 4 last season. They had a 24-point win in Round 6 and, after both earned promotion, they won the final by 13 points in Croke Park.

Cork host Louth on Sunday, having got their promotion bid off to a start at the second attempt when beating Down. Louth, who were promoted from Football Division 3 this year, are finding life in the higher group difficult, having lost their first two games. They are the only county in the top three Football Divisions not to have scored a goal yet.

Clare, who host Tipperary, will be hoping for a change in fortunes after losing their last five League games to their neighbours over the last five years. They last met in 2016 when Tipperary won a Football Division 3 game by three points.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 3:

TOP TWO CLASH IN THE ATHLETIC GROUNDS

Tomorrow (2.0): Armagh v Longford, Athletic Grounds; Derry v Offaly, Celtic Park; Sligo v Fermanagh, Markievicz Park; Wexford v Westmeath, Innovate Wexford Park.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 4:

THREE PROMOTION FAVOURITES ENJOY 100% STARTS

Today: Carlow v Leitrim, Netwatch Cullen Park (5.0); Laois v Waterford, O'Moore Park (7.0).

Tomorrow: London v Limerick, McGovern Park, Ruislip (1.0); Antrim v Wicklow, Corrigan Park, Belfast (2.0).

Laois, Antrim and Carlow started the campaign as the three favourites to contest the two promotion places and, so far at least, the form book has held up. All three won their opening two games, leaving them separated only by scoring difference, with Antrim leading the way on +18 points, followed by Laois +15 and Carlow +8.

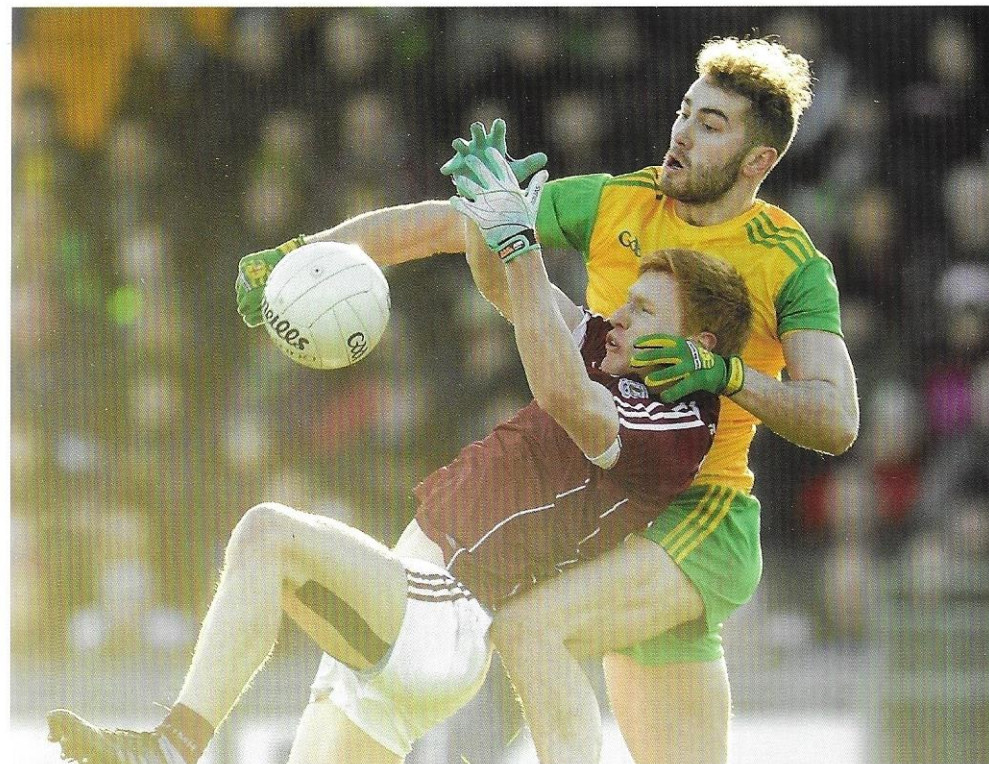
All three will have home advantage next weekend, increasing their chances of taking

100% records into Round 4. Antrim, one of only three teams across all four Allianz Football divisions yet to concede a goal, host Wicklow, who have taken only one of four points. Antrim beat Wicklow by four points in their last Allianz League clash in 2016.

Laois, who face Waterford, are determined to return to the Allianz Football League Division 3 at the first attempt and have started in the right manner with comfortable wins over Limerick and Leitrim.

Carlow face Leitrim for the third time in a year. They lost by two points in last year's Allianz Leagues before winning by seven points in the All-Ireland qualifiers.

London enjoyed a great win over Wicklow last weekend and are in fourth place as they prepare for the visit of Limerick, who have yet to pick up a point. Limerick beat London by four points in last year's Allianz Leagues.



4 February 2018; Adrian Varley of Galway in action against Stephen McMenemy of Donegal during the Allianz Football League Division 1 Round 2 match at O'Donnell Park, in Letterkenny, Donegal. Photo by Oliver McVeigh/Sportsfile

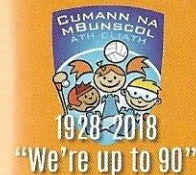
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East Wall, 1945



Gaelscoil Cholmcille, Lána na Cúlóige, 2017

Tá Cumann na mBunscol nócha bliain ar an bhfód i mbliana agus tá fás sonrach ar mhéid na scoileann agus na bpáistí atá gafa le cluichí Gaelacha sa phríomhchathair thar na mblianta.

When Cumann na mBunscol was founded in 1928, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly the Atlantic, the summer Olympics were held in Amsterdam, Alexander Fleming discovered Penicillin and Cuban revolutionary, Che Guevara, was born.

A quiet revolution was being planned in Dublin by eight teachers, concerned about the decline of Gaelic sport in the capital. They started a league with 8 participating teams in an effort to halt the decline of our native sports. By 1958, the number had grown to 98 teams. When the golden jubilee was celebrated in 1978, 178 teams were participating. The growth since then has been quite remarkable. The 2018 leagues catered for 428 teams.

In 1929, the fledgling Cumann was invited by the newly-elected GAA Ardstiúthóir, Pádraig Ó Caoimh, to play the finals of the league in Croke Park. As numbers grew, the children were granted a half day off school to attend finals. This was a master-stroke of promotion and the organization expanded rapidly from then on.

As we celebrate 90 years, record numbers are playing, an unprecedented number of teachers are giving their time and the Dubs are top of the men's and women's football ladder with the hurlers and camogie players getting closer to long-awaited honours. I 2018, táimid réidh le céiliúradh.

Cumann na mBunscol is extremely grateful to O'Neill's International Sports for generous support for Follow The Dubs



ERICSSON SKYLINE TOUR

Great Prize to be won for a whole class!

It's easy to Talk the Talk but now you'll have the opportunity to Walk The Walk 7 storeys high on the roof of Croke Park - Ireland's most famous sporting arena. That's the prize for the Allianz Follow The Dubs competition for the 2018 Allianz National Leagues which is open to 5th and 6th class children in Dublin's Cumann na mBunscol primary schools.

What You Have To Do: Compile a scrapbook of your experience of the Allianz football and hurling league games which begin on January 27th. in Croke Park when the Dublin footballers and hurlers take on Kildare and Offaly respectively. Your scrapbook might include match reports of any games you attend, newspaper clippings, photos of yourself with your favourite players, your drawings or paintings and anything else you think is important. Use your imagination. The judges will be looking for good content, creativity and originality. The winning child will be able to bring his/her entire class and the teacher on the famous Ericsson Skyline Tour to view the famous landmarks to be seen from 7 storeys up and to learn about Ireland's sporting and cultural heritage. It's an amazing 1.5 hour experience that you can read more about at www.crokepark.ie/Ericsson-skyline. The prize also includes a visit to newly refurbished GAA Museum where the class will learn about the history of Gaelic Games and have fun testing their skills in the interactive games area!



Send your entries to:
Allianz-Cumann na mBunscol Skyline Competition, Holy Trinity School, Grange Road, Donaghmede, Dublin 13.

Note: children must be 1.2 metres or taller to take part in the tour.

The competition will be judged by an **independent panel of adjudicators.**



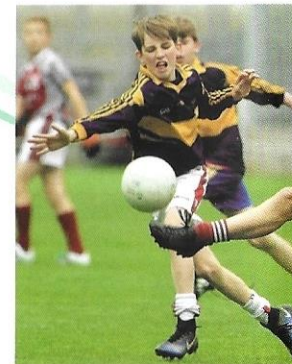
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Rising Star: Finn Ó Broin

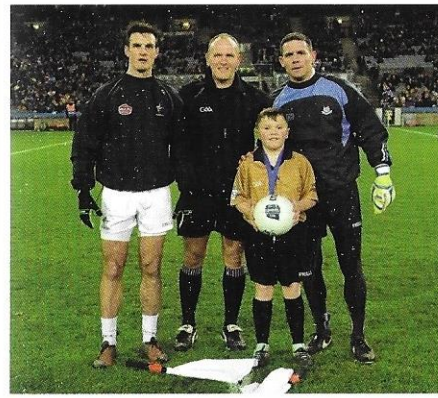
Age: 12 **School:** Lios na nÓg, Ranelagh **Club:** St Jude's **Position on field:** Wing Forward **Favourite Players:** Philly McMahon & Diarmuid Connolly **Favourite Food:** Hot Dogs & Mango **Favourite Music:** Modern Pop **Favourite Film:** Thor **Favourite TV Programme:** Match of the Day / The Sunday Game **Favourite Book:** Charlie and the Chocolate Factory / Roald Dahl **Favourite Colour:** Red **Favourite School Subject:** PE and Art **Favourite County other than Dublin:** Roscommon & Donegal **Favourite Computer Game:** FIFA 18 **Best advice I ever got?** "Get the ball and shoot! Never give up."

Pic: Finn in action at the Allianz/Cumann na mBunscol finals. He scored two goals for his team.



PRIMARY WHISTLER

Allianz/Dublin Primary Whistler, Evan Coyne, in Croke Park last weekend with match referee, Conor Lane and team captains, Eoin Doyle and Stephen Cluxton.



Ciarán Mac Giolla Choinnigh le beirt laoch ó Ghaelscoil Chluain Dolcáin, Tadhg Ó Catháin agus Tomás Ó Conghaile.

GO GAMES



The schools participating in the halftime Go Games this evening are St. Patrick's, Donabate, Sacred Heart NS, Huntstown, St. Mochta's, Clonsilla and Bayside NS. Teachers Ronan Boner (St. Mochta's) and Jack Travers (Bayside) are both from Donegal. Former Kilkenny star goalkeeper, David Heraty, is in Sacred Heart NS, Huntstown.



Allianz Presentation

Peter Kicuffen, Allianz PLC, made presentations on the field last weekend to outstanding Cumann na mBunscol players from recent finals - Tadhg Ó Gormáin, Gaelscoil Uí Earcáin, Finglas, Leah Beggs, Scoil Phádraig, Skerries, Eoghan O'Reilly, St. Patrick's, Drumcondra and Alex Coogan, Donabate/Portrane Educate Together NS. Also in the picture is Mike Smyth, Rúnaí, Cumann an mBunscol.

SCOILEANNA FAOI LEITH

Scoil Santain from Tallaght and St. Laurence O'Toole's, from near Croke Park, played out a thrilling Corn Matt Griffin in Croke Park.

A draw was a fair result for these two great teams and the cup was shared and all received the prestigious Cumann na mBunscol gold medal.



NEW ALLIANZ ADVERTISEMENT

The new Allianz advertisement, currently running on RTÉ and TG4, was filmed in Beann Éadair GAA Club featuring Mícheál Ó Muircheartaigh, boys from Scoil Mhuire in Howth, and girls from Holy Trinity NS, in Donaghmede.

The children had a wonderful day thanks to Allianz and Aidan Sheeran of Hot Sauce Productions and they had the privilege of meeting and working with GAA icon, Mícheál Ó Muircheartaigh.



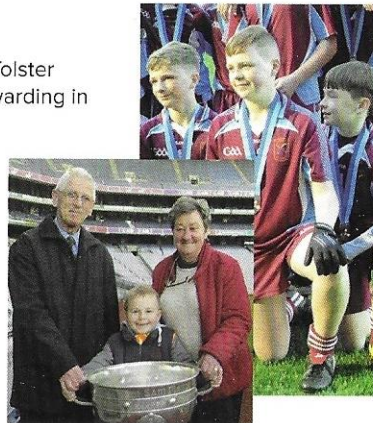
Above: The boys from Beann Éadair with Mícheál and teacher James Burke (Mayo and Ballymun Kickhams).
Left: The girls from Holy Trinity with Mícheál.

WE TOAST THE TOLSTERS

The Mayo and Cork combination of Tommy and Brigid Tolster respectively, has made a significant contribution to stewarding in Croke Park and Parnell Park.

This special couple are ever-present at both venues and represent all that is good about GAA voluntary stewards. Their kind and friendly interactions with patrons contribute to a hugely positive image of our association.

Tommy and Brigid were immensely proud recently when their grandson, PJ, lined out in an Allianz/Cumann na mBunscol final with St. Fiachra's, Beaumont. PJ's younger brother, Daniel, enjoyed being photographed on the sideline with his grandparents and Sam.



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"We're up to 90"

SIX schools participated in the very first official girls' primary schools' football competition in Dublin in 1986. The historic blitz was held in Fairview Park and it led to the setting up of the girls' football section of Cumann na mBunscol, Áth Cliath. Last season's girls' leagues featured 17 competitions and a record 144 teams. The growth of LGFA, under the stewardship of Helen O'Rourke and her team, has been phenomenal and their supportive relationship with Cumann na mBunscol has been greatly beneficial for Dublin's primary schools.

Cumann na mBunscol is honored to have six schools featured in Croke Park this evening. They will participate in halftime Go Games and the girls and their families are really grateful for the amazing opportunity. The schools involved are Scoil Bhríde, Castleknoch, Scoil An Duinnínigh, Feltrim, St. Patrick's, Skerries, Scoil Cholmcille, Knocklyon, Alexandra College, Milltown and Gaelscoil Thaobh Na Coille, Stepside.



Helen O'Rourke attended the Allianz/Cumann na mBunscol finals and presented cups. She met, Isabel Ní Nualláin, from Scoil Bhríde, Ranelagh, after Corn an Chladaigh.

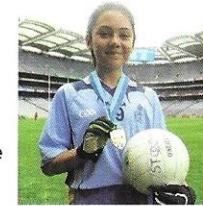
Scoil Cholmcille, Knocklyon

INTO President, Donegal man, Seán Ó Baoil, is a former Chairman of Cumann na mBunscol, Áth Cliath. He is Principal of Scoil Cholmcille Junior Schol in Knocklyon. When the senior school won the senior girls Div 1, Corn Austin Finn, he joined in the on-field celebrations in Croke Park.



Rising Star: Tamara Conroy

Age: 12 **School:** Scoil Mhuire
Lakelands Club: Clanna Gael
Position on field: Centre Half
Back Favourite Player: Kevin McManamon
Favourite Food: Shepherds pie and stir fry
Favourite Music: Pop
Favourite Film: Men in Black
Favourite TV Programme: Super Vet
Favourite Book: Mr. Gum
Favourite Colour: Blue
Favourite School Subject: Science
Favourite County other than Dublin: Kildare
Best advice I ever got? "Don't be afraid to get under the ball!"



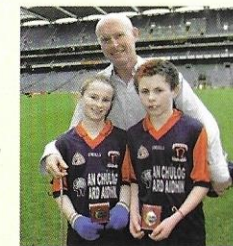
GO GAMES REFEREE:

Tonight's Go Games Referee is Chloe McDonnell, Holy Trinity NS, Donaghmede - a member of the Allianz/Cumann na mBunscol Dublin Primary Whistlers. The teachers in charge are Cory Monaghan (Meath) and Lisa O'Neill (Galway) from the same school and Ciara Fagan-Barrett (Dublin).



CUMANN NA DUBSCOIL!

Some Dublin players and their primary schools: Hollypark NS - Aoife Kane, Niamh Collins, Tarah O'Sullivan. Scoil Neasáin, Harmonstown - Sarah McCaffrey, Emer Ní Eafa. St. Oliver Plunkett's, Malahide - Nicole Owens, Niamh McEvoy, Sinéad Aherne.

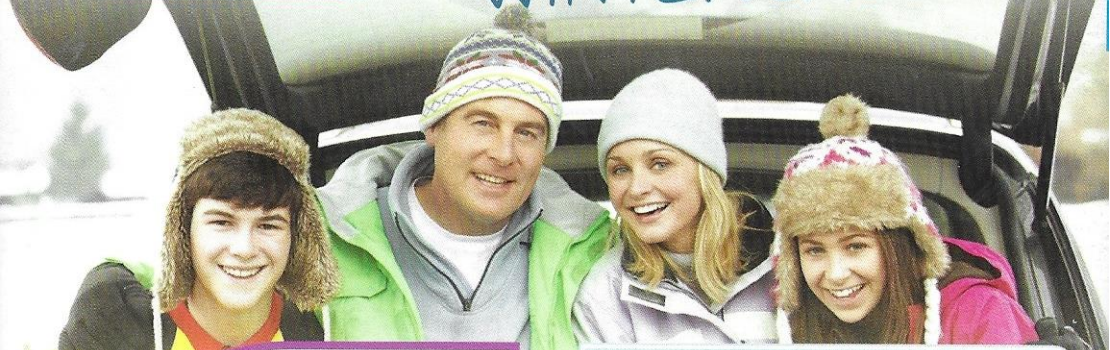


THREE ALL STARS:

The three McCaffrey All-Stars - Sarah, Jack, and their father Noel, when Jack and Sarah the won Allianz/Cumann na mBunscol medals in Croke Park.



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