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LINESMEN: Conor Lane (Corcaigh) (STANDBY REF)

Seán Hurson (Tír Eoghain)

SIDELINE OFFICIAL: Patrick McTiernan (Ros Comáin)



AN RÉITEOIR

DAVID GOUGH  
Meath

This will be the Slane officials' second championship outing at Elverys MacHale Park of 2019 following the Mayo-Roscommon provincial semi-final at the end of May. Donegal have also come under the Royal whistler's jurisdiction this season as he was in charge of their Ulster semi-final against Tyrone at Kingspan Breffni. An inter-county panel member since 2013, Gough was also on duty for the Dublin-Cork phase 1 quarter-final at Croke Park.

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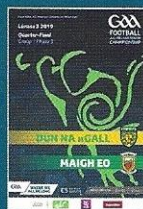
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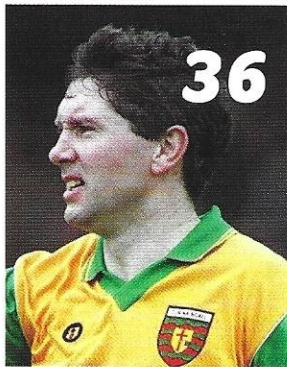
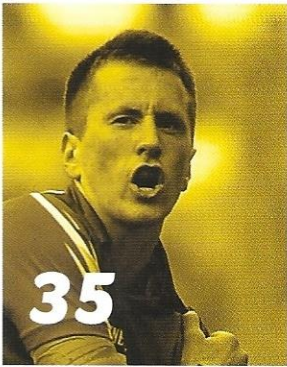
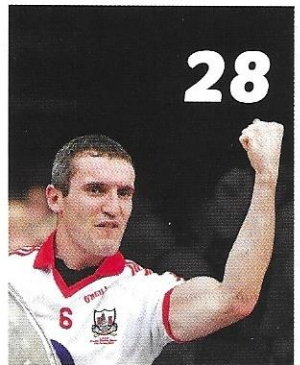
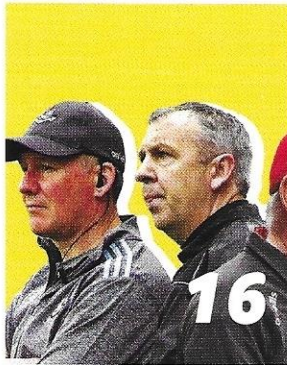
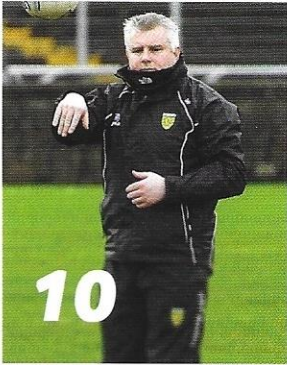
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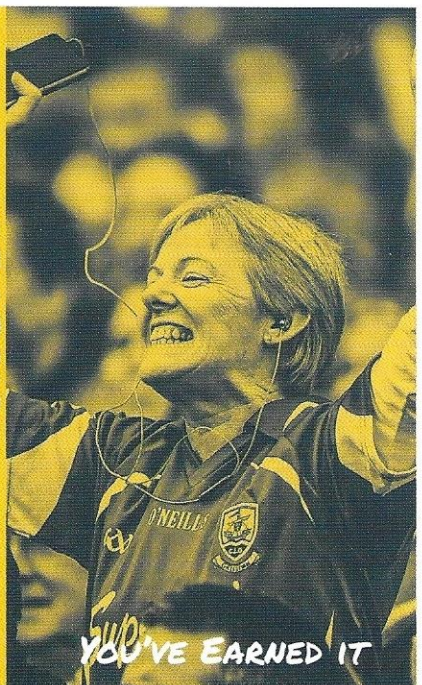


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# RÉAMHFHOCAL ÓN UACHTARÁN

*DIA daoibh agus fáilte go Páirce Elverys Mhic hÉil ar an ócáid seo – Cluiche Ceathru Ceannais Peile na hÉireann babhta 3.*

A warm welcome to you all for this final round of matches at the Quarter-Final group stage of the GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship.

As we come to the end of the second year of the initial three-year trial for this new format, we have a lot of great football to look back on. Great players meeting in great matches and on great occasions and played at great venues.

The purpose of this new format was to create a festival of football between the top Championship contenders at the height of the summer, and in 2018 and 2019 the Championship has produced that as the battle for the Sam Maguire gets whittled away and we look forward to more of the same this weekend.

Of all the matches being played out over this hectic weekend, the meeting of Cork and Roscommon is the only tie that will not impact on the

promotion path to the semi-finals as both sides are out of contention.

Cork may be destined for Allianz Division 3 come next spring, but over the course of their last three Championship outings they have done much to show how strong the pulse is in Rebel County football and to finish on a win here would give more proof of this. Finishing on a high would also be a positive end to a Roscommon season that yielded a brilliant Connacht title with wins over Galway and Mayo.

Both Dublin and Tyrone have already qualified for the All-Ireland semi-finals, but neither side will be interested in loosening their grip on a winning momentum. It's a repeat of a titanic struggle in Omagh last year and of course a repeat of the 2018 All-Ireland final pairing, while the Red Hand inflicted a rare defeat on the Dubs in the Allianz League earlier in the season.

The meeting of Mayo and Donegal in Castlebar will be an occasion to savour. Donegal were hugely impressive in their epic drawn battle with Kerry at Croke Park while Mayo, as they have so often done in recent times, successfully rallied and regrouped in their last outing against Meath and neither side will be holding back with a place in the last four on the line.

Kerry head to Navan knowing that they need to win to keep their forward momentum on track and possibly top this group. But they head north east knowing that the Royals have put down a marker this season and that their return to Division 1 in 2020 could be a sign of even bigger things to come.

Ultimately, sport comes down to finding out who is the best and the field will be thinned out dramatically this weekend.

These matches and these

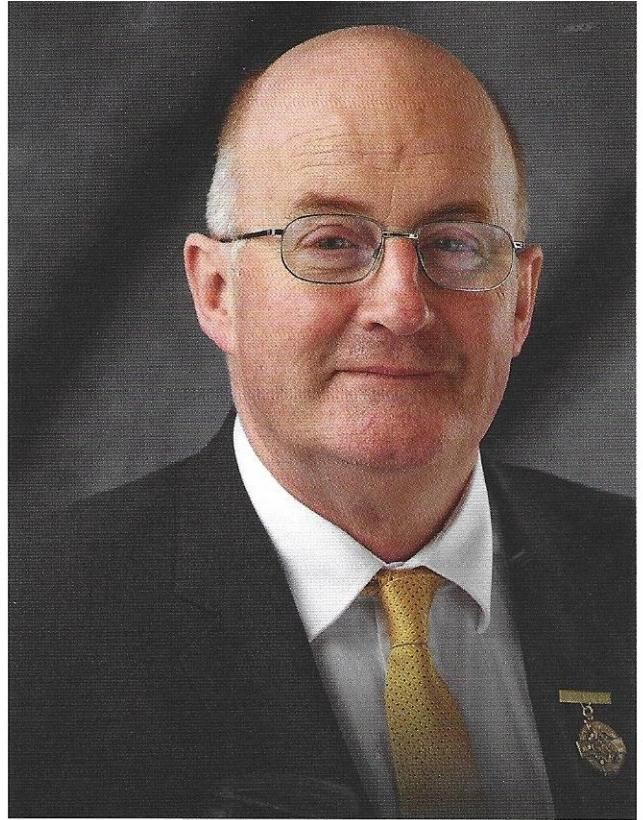
occasions serve as justification of the decision – taken almost two decades ago - to embrace a new format to reinvigorate Gaelic football.

We are in the grip of a debate that has the potential, through a combination of format change and playing rule change, to again make a huge impact on the game.

The debate in itself will be positive, and if nothing else, serves to remind all of us how much we care about this great game and have strong views on how it could perhaps be even better and more competitive.

Nothing here is being rushed. Two possible format proposals have been circulated widely to provoke debate and possible rule changes have been extensively trialed with detailed analysis carried out.

What Gaelic football does not lack is its heroes. They are out there in front of us across Saturday and Sunday week after week and we



are hugely grateful of the commitment they make to our games and likewise complimentary of the clubs and volunteers and families who helped shape them. We need the dedication of referees and match officials for our games to take place and their commitment is vital.

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of support that helps us grow Gaelic games activity in every county.

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# NA CLUICHÍ BA MHÓ EATARTHU

**CLUICHE** Ceannais na Éireann ar an gcéad lá den mhí seo chugainn an spríoc a bhí ag na 8 bhfoireann seo agus iad ag tabhairt aghaidh ar na babhaí cáilithe leathcheannais i gCraobh Peile na hÉireann 2019 trí seachtaine ó shin.

Faoi thráthnóna an Domhnaigh seo ní bheidh fanta sa rás ach a leath.

D'imir 6 cinn de na contaetha atá san iomaíocht lena chéile sa 3ú Babhta Cáilithe 2019 a chéile cheana ar an lá is mó ar fad - níl ann ach bliain ó rinne Áth Cliath agus Tír Eoghain sin (mar a tharla freisin i 1995), seacht mbliana i gcás Mhaigh Eo agus Dhún na nGall agus 49 bliain idir an Mhí agus Ciarraí a d'imir a chéile freisin i gcluichí ceannais 1939 & 1954.

Aisteach go leor níor imir Corcaigh ná Ros Comáin a chéile riamh i gcluiche ceannais craoibhe in aon ghrád, sinsearach nó faoi aois – babhta ceannais Roinn 1 na Sraithe Náisiúnta dhá scór bliain ó shin an choimhlint ba mhó le rá eatarthu siúd.

Tá eachtraí na bliana seo caite úr go leor fós i gcuimhí mhuintir Átha Cliath agus na Láimhe Deirge – cluiche eatarthu ag an staid seo den chomórtas ar an Ómaigh nuair a d'fhág cúl a fuair James McCarthy sa dara leath an bhearna sin (1-14, 0-14) eatarthu ag an deireadh.

Bhí a dhá oiread eatarthu sa gcluiche ceannais (2-17, 0-15) a d'fhág na Dubs ar thóir na staire i mbliana. Cúilín amháin (1-10, 0-12) a bhí eatarthu i 1995 an cluiche inar cuireadh scórálaí an chúil Charlie Redmond den pháirc agus ina bhfuair Peter Canavan scóranna Thír Eoghan ar fad seachas aon chúilín amháin.

Tá cáil ar an gcluiche sin freisin mar go raibh ruaille buaille faoi eachtra inar

cuireadh an Réamonnach den pháirc, rud a thug ar CLG córas na gcártaí dearga agus buí a thabhairt isteach mar thoradh air.

Beirt d'fhoireann Dhún na nGall a chuaigh chun páirce in aghaidh Chiarraí coicís ó shin a bhí ag imirt freisin nuair a bhuaigh na Conallaigh ar Mhaigh Eo i gCluiche Ceannais 2012. B'sin iad Paddy McBrearty (19 ag an am) agus Michael Murphy a scóráil ceann de na cúil ina mbua 2-11, 0-13. Bhí Niall McGee agus Frankie McGlynn a facthas ar an bpáirc i mbliana ag imirt freisin.

Ar an lámh eile tá dhá dtrian den fhoireann a bhí ag Maigh Eo an uair sin ag imirt i gcónaí – David Clarke, Lee Keegan, Donal Vaughan, Colm Boyle, Aidan agus Séimí O' Shea,





CHARLIE REDMOND,  
ÁTH CLIATH

PETER CANAVAN,  
TÍR EOGHAIN

FRANK MCGLYNN,  
DÚN NA nGALL

KEITH HIGGINS,  
MAIGH EO

Kevin McLoughlin, Jason Doherty, Cillian O'Connor agus Keith Higgins.

Cé nach raibh sé ach 19 bliain d'aois i 1970 bhí bonn Chraobh na hÉireann ina phóca cheana féin ag fear Thrá Lí John O'Keeffe nuair a chuaigh sé chun páirce in aghaidh Cho. na Mí sa gCluiche Ceannais – bhí sé mar ionadaí an bhliain roimhe i mbua Chiarraí ar Uíbh Fhailí. Mick Gleeson agus D. J. Crowley a scóráil na cúil i mbua na Ríochta 2-19, 0-18 sa gcoimhlint a thug an dara ceann dó.

Bhí cuid de na peileadóirí ba cháiliúla a d'imir don dá chontae ar an bpáirc an lá sin – Johnny Culloty, Séamus Murphy, Donie O'Sullivan, Micheál Ó Sé, Mick O'Connell, Liam Higgins agus Mick O'Dwyer i ngeansaí Chiarraí. Jack Quinn, Pat Reynolds, Bertie Cunningham, Mattie Kerrigan agus Maidhcó Ó Méalóid don Mhí.

Roinneadh an chreach de bharr an dá chluiche ceannais eile eatarthu – Tom 'Gega' O'Connor as an Daingean ag breith Chorn Mhig Uidhir leis i 1939 agus 'Fear an Chaipín'

Peter McDermott sa mbliain 1954.

Laoch eile, Dermot Earley a bhí ina chaptaen nuair a bhuaigh Ros Comáin ar Chorcaigh i gcluiche ceannais na Sraithe Náisiúnta ar an Domhnach an 13ú Bealtaine 1979 (0-15, 1-3), an chéad bhua sa gcomórtas acu le 35 bliain.

Scóráil Dermot 7 gcúilín agus ba é Jimmy Barry Murphy a fuair cúl Chorcaí gan le cur leis acu ach dhá chúilín a fuair Dinny Allen agus ceann a fuair Christy Kearney.

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BY MICHAEL VERNEY

# ROCHFORD AT THE CENTRE OF CASTLEBAR DRAMA

*IF Croke Park are ever short of a marketing slogan, they could do much worse than 'anything can happen in the GAA' as it rings true yet again this weekend with Stephen Rochford at the centre of attention in Castlebar today.*

Rochford was clad in the green and red overseeing the fortunes of his native Mayo in Elverys MacHale Park and beyond for the past three years as he brought them within one score of an historic All-Ireland SFC success on two occasions.

Having taken up the position in controversial circumstances after a player heave led to the resignation of Noel Connelly and Pat Holmes, Rochford took the

reins for the 2016 season having led Galway club Corofin to All-Ireland success the previous year.

The Crossmolina clubman brought Mayo through the back door and within inches of ending their All-Ireland famine – stretching back to 1951 – with a drawn decider against Dublin in his first season where two own goals saw Jim Gavin's men survive by the skin of their teeth.

A contentious decision for the replay when dropping subsequent All-Star goalkeeper David Clarke and parachuting Rob Hennelly into the nets backfired as the Dubs would complete back-to-back title victories.

There was more heartbreak the following year at the end of ten games – two of which were replays with another two Qualifier games going to extra-time – as Dublin overhauled them in the



STEPHEN ROCHFORD SETS UP SOME KICKING PRACTICE FOR THE DONEGAL PLAYERS



closing moments of a classic final to complete a hat-trick of wins.

2018 ended with their defeat to Kildare which surprisingly signalled the end of Rochford's three-year reign and while no silverware had been secured, it was one of the most successful periods in the county's footballing history.

Fifty-eight days after their exit, Rochford vacated the Mayo post having confirmed his intention to stay in charge for a fourth season just days earlier. He cited "a lack of support" from the county board executive at a meeting discussing his new backroom team.

"It was apparent from what transpired at that meeting that the desired level of support for me as manager was not forthcoming from the executive committee. This disappoints me greatly," Rochford wrote in his resignation statement.

DEJECTED MAYO MANAGER STEPHEN ROCHFORD WITH HIS PLAYERS AFTER THEIR LOSS TO DUBLIN IN THE 2017 ALL-IRELAND FINAL



“Accordingly, I see no value in meeting with the officers of the board and I am resigning my position as Mayo manager. I thank all those who supported me during the past three years, two of which saw Mayo come so close to winning the All-Ireland title.

“I wish all who will wear the Mayo jersey in 2019 and beyond every success and I look forward to supporting the footballing fortunes of the county.”

Little did he know at the time of writing last August that he would have a direct effect on how Mayo fared in this year’s championship with today’s Quarter-Final Phase 3 clash

against Donegal seeing him in the opposition camp.

With Karl Lacey stepping away from his role as Donegal coach – before making a subsequent u-turn – Declan Bonner was on the hunt for a top-class coach and Rochford quickly sprang to mind given his intention to stay active despite leaving Mayo.

Coaching is Rochford’s passion and returning as a number two with Donegal allowed him to do what he does best without every added duty that comes with being an inter-county manager.

Rochford explained the

surprise move earlier this year. “When a team with the quality and potential that Donegal have and bring, that makes that decision a lot clearer. Then it was just looking at the logistic elements, were they feasible?” he said.

“Plus, the position as a coach, it doesn’t have the intensity of what the ask as a manager would have. When you’re dealing with media, the county board, medical teams and players. It’s very distinct.

“You know very much what the expectations of your role is as the coach. In that, I was very happy to make that decision. Declan presented

a very attractive picture and the vision for his team and the potential that he'd seen close-up.

"So, bringing all those bits together, probably over a three-week period, a bit of talking and sensing around the opportunity that was there, things came together and the rest is history."

Rochford's coaching influence has helped land Allianz League Division 2 success as well as retaining Ulster and it has been achieved playing a more expansive style than Donegal would have been renowned for in recent years.

Their epic draw against Kerry two weeks ago highlighted everything which makes them a genuine threat to Dublin's 'drive for five' but in order to get that opportunity, they will have to come out alive tonight.

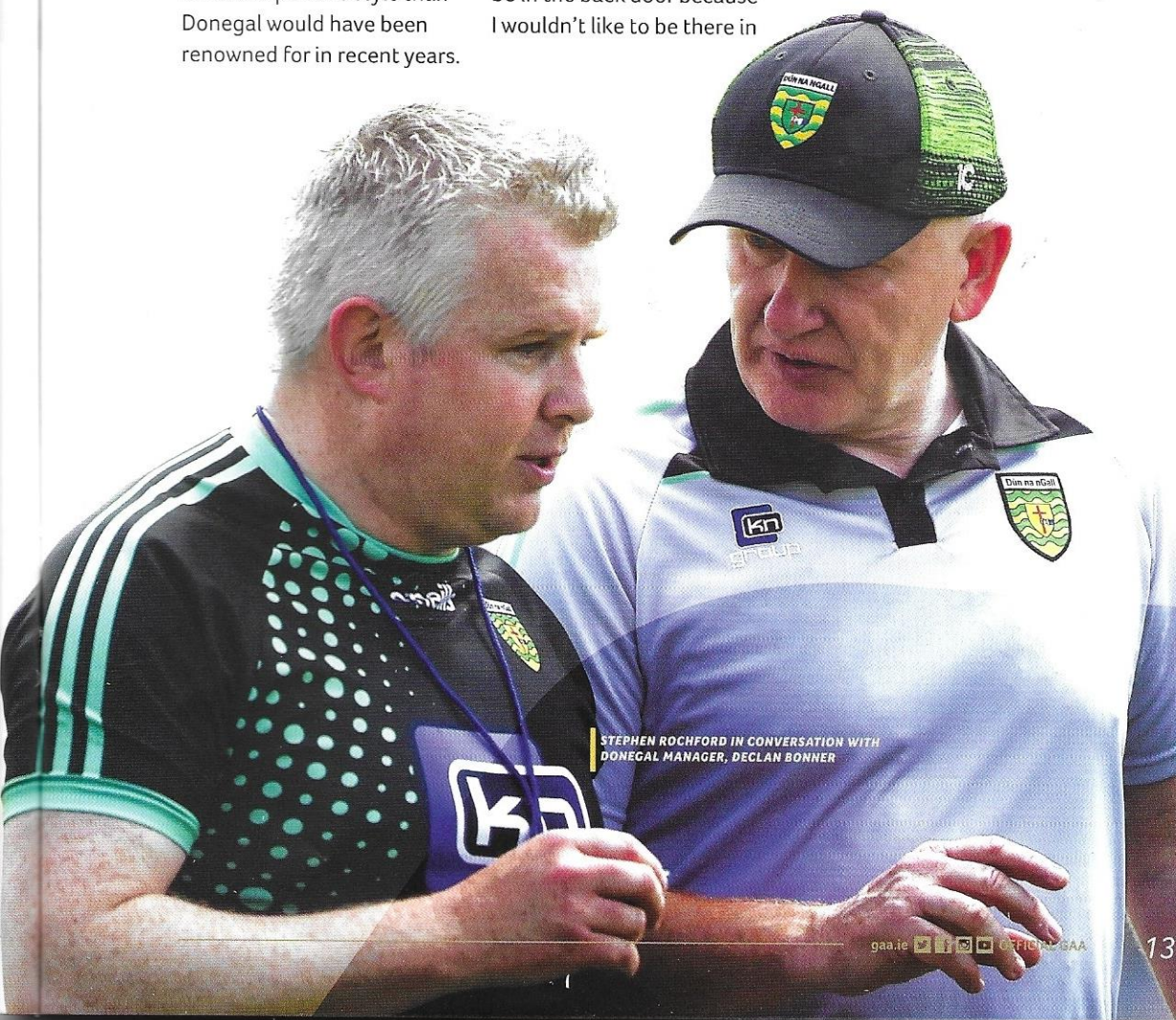
There was always a chance this might happen but Rochford has braced himself and won't be losing any sleep over it.

"I suppose that's something that you won't know until it happens. I wouldn't like it to be in the back door because I wouldn't like to be there in

the first place," Rochford said in March.

"If it's in the Super 8s or a more advanced position, so be it, it means both teams are positioning themselves well. If that materialises, I won't have a particular problem with it and certainly would look to embrace the opportunity or challenge that it would present."

No one knows this Mayo squad better than Rochford but while some say he can't lose, can he really win?



STEPHEN ROCHFORD IN CONVERSATION WITH DONEGAL MANAGER, DECLAN BONNER

## LEINSTER

### First Round

MAY 11 Wicklow	1-10	0-15	NETWATCH CULLEN PARK Kildare
MAY 12 Meath	1-13	0-14	PÁIRC TAILTEANN Offaly
MAY 12 Wexford	1-14	0-22	NETWATCH CULLEN PARK Louth

### Quarter-Finals

MAY 25 Carlow	0-9	2-18	O'MOORE PARK, PORTLAOISE Meath
MAY 25 Dublin	5-21	0-10	O'MOORE PARK, PORTLAOISE Louth
MAY 26 Westmeath	0-10	0-12	O'CONNOR PARK, TULLAMORE Laois
MAY 26 Longford	3-15	1-21	O'CONNOR PARK, TULLAMORE Kildare

### Semi-Finals

JUNE 09 Meath	3-13	0-11	PÁIRC AN CHRÓCAIGH Laois
JUNE 09 Dublin	0-26	0-11	PÁIRC AN CHRÓCAIGH Kildare

### FINAL

JUNE 23 Dublin	1-17	0-11	PÁIRC AN CHRÓCAIGH Meath
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## ULSTER

### Preliminary Round

MAY 12 Tyrone	1-19	1-13	HEALY PARK Derry
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### Quarter-Finals

MAY 18 Cavan	1-13	0-12	KINGSPAN BREFFNI Monaghan
MAY 19 Derry	3-13	2-17	PÁIRC ESLER, NEWRY Armagh
MAY 25 Antrim	2-9	2-23	ATHLETIC GROUNDS Tyrone
MAY 26 Fermanagh	0-9	0-15	BREWSTER PARK Donegal

### Semi-Finals

JUNE 02 Cavan	0-17	1-14	CLONES Armagh
JUNE 08 Tyrone	0-15	1-16	KINGSPAN BREFFNI Donegal

### FINAL

JUNE 23 Cavan	2-16	1-24	CLONES Donegal
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## MUNSTER

### Quarter-Finals

MAY 11 Tipperary	1-10	3-11	SEMPLE STADIUM, THURLES Limerick
MAY 11 Clare	0-9	0-8	CUSACK PARK, ENNIS Waterford

### Semi-Finals

JUNE 01 Cork	3-18	0-6	PÁIRC UÍ RINN Limerick
JUNE 01 Clare	0-12	1-15	CUSACK PARK, ENNIS Kerry

### FINAL

JUNE 22 Cork	3-10	1-19	PÁIRC UÍ CHAOIMH Kerry
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## CONNACHT

### Preliminary Round

MAY 05 New York	0-4	1-22	GAELIC PARK, NEW YORK Mayo
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### Quarter-Finals

MAY 05 London	1-9	0-16	MCGOVERN PARK, RUISLIP Galway
MAY 12 Roscommon	3-17	0-12	DR HYDE PARK Leitrim

### Semi-Finals

MAY 19 Sligo	0-7	3-11	MARKIEVICZ PARK Galway
MAY 25 Mayo	0-17	2-12	ELVERYS MACHALE PARK Roscommon

### FINAL

JUNE 16 Galway	0-12	1-13	PEARSE STADIUM Roscommon
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## ALL-IRELAND QUALIFIERS

### Round 1

JUNE 08 Offaly	1-21	1-11	O'MOORE PARK, PORTLAOISE London
JUNE 08 Leitrim	0-15	0-13	PÁIRC SEÁN MAC DIARMADA, Wicklow
JUNE 08 Wexford	0-10	4-16	WEXFORD PARK Derry
JUNE 08 Louth	1-11	2-16	GAEILIC GROUNDS, DROGHEDA Antrim
JUNE 09 Monaghan	1-10	1-6	CLONES Fermanagh
JUNE 09 Down	1-13	1-10	PÁIRC ESLER, NEWRY Tipperary
JUNE 09 Westmeath	1-22	0-7	TEG CUSACK PARK, MULLINGAR Waterford
JUNE 09 Carlow	0-7	2-11	NETWATCH CULLEN PARK Longford

### Round 3

JUNE 29 Kildare	1-15	2-22	NEWBRIDGE Tyrone
JUNE 29 Westmeath	0-15	1-13	TEG CUSACK PARK, MULLINGAR Clare
JUNE 29 Laois	0-20	0-15	PORTLAOISE Offaly
JUNE 29 Mayo	2-13	1-15	ELVERYS MACHALE PARK Armagh

### Round 2

JUNE 22 Antrim	0-14	1-25	CORRIGAN PARK, BELFAST Kildare
JUNE 22 Longford	1-14	2-15	GLENNON BROTHERS PEARSE PARK Tyrone
JUNE 22 Derry	0-12	1-13	OWENBEG Laois
JUNE 22 Westmeath	2-13	1-10	TEG CUSACK PARK, MULLINGAR Limerick
JUNE 22 Leitrim	0-17	3-17	PÁIRC SEÁN MAC DIARMADA Clare
JUNE 22 Monaghan	1-12	2-17	CLONES Armagh
JUNE 22 Down	1-11	1-16	PÁIRC ESLER, NEWRY Mayo
JUNE 23 Offaly	3-17	0-15	O'CONNOR PARK, TULLAMORE Sligo

### Round 4

JULY 06 Cavan	0-7	1-20	CLONES Tyrone
JULY 06 Cork	4-20	1-15	SEMPLE STADIUM, THURLES Laois
JULY 06 Galway	1-13	2-13	LIT GAEILIC GROUNDS, LIMERICK Mayo
JULY 07 Meath	2-16	1-18	PORTLAOISE Clare

## ALL-IRELAND QUARTER-FINALS

JULY 14 Meath	2-19	1-13	BALLYBOFEY Donegal
JULY 14 Kerry	1-22	0-15	FITZGERALD STADIUM Mayo
JULY 21 Mayo	2-17	0-14	PÁIRC AN CHRÓCAIGH Meath
JULY 21 Kerry	1-20	1-20	PÁIRC AN CHRÓCAIGH Donegal
AUG 03 Mayo			ELVERYS MACHALE PARK Donegal
AUG 03 Meath			PÁIRC TAILTEANN Kerry

JULY 13 Roscommon	0-13	0-17	DR HYDE PARK Tyrone
JULY 13 Dublin	5-18	1-27	PÁIRC AN CHRÓCAIGH Cork
JULY 20 Cork	2-12	2-15	PÁIRC AN CHRÓCAIGH Tyrone
JULY 20 Dublin	2-26	0-14	PÁIRC AN CHRÓCAIGH Roscommon
AUG 04 Cork			PÁIRC UÍ RINN Roscommon
AUG 04 Tyrone			HEALY PARK Dublin

# HOME INFLUENCE AMONG FOOTBALL MANAGERS MORE EVIDENT IN 2019

*ALL eight competing counties in the All-Ireland quarter-final series have a common denominator - they are all managed by a native or at least someone who has made that county their home.*

Given the participants, that's not unusual but it's the first time that all eight managers involved in All-Ireland quarter-finals have fitted that criteria.

Traditionally, Dublin, Kerry, Tyrone and Cork have always drawn from within so the origin of Jim Gavin, Peter Keane, Mickey Harte and Ronan McCarthy was always going to follow these lines.

Mayo, Donegal and Meath have almost always appointed home-grown or home-based managers too with the odd exceptions in each case; Jack O'Shea spent two years with Mayo (1993-94), while Mickey Moran (2001-02) and Seamus McEnaney (2011-12) spent similar periods of time with Donegal and Meath respectively.

But those deviations didn't

last long, hence James Horan, Declan Bonner and Andy McEntee, all past players, manning their county's sidelines this weekend.

Roscommon's propensity for reaching outside for managerial solutions has been more common with John Tobin, Tommy Carr, John Maughan and John Evans all occupying the role at some stage this century.





Like his predecessor Kevin McStay, the current incumbent Anthony Cunningham is not from Roscommon but now lives there and had already managed St Brigid's to a Connacht club football title. The merits of seeking a guiding hand from outside the county has long been a source of debate.

On one hand, such a candidate provides a 'clean slate' to players, and can largely make assessments free from local or past influences and experiences. Less populated counties are more likely to take this route, given the smaller pool of resources, and consequently candidates, that they have at their disposal.

On the other hand, appointing within provides instant local knowledge and identity which can, arguably, provide greater motivational points. Deeper knowledge of players' pathways and personalities can also be helpful.

The trend of appointing 'outside' managers has been downward through the decade, with counties now more likely to draw coaching influence from afar instead. In the 2019 championship season, for instance, there were just six managers who fell into the 'outside' category - Terry Hyland (Leitrim), John Evans (Wicklow), Liam Kearns (Tipperary), Paddy Tally (Down), Malachy O'Rourke (Monaghan) and John Maughan (Offaly), the lowest

for many years. Kearns, Evans and O'Rourke have since stepped down.

Rory Gallagher (Fermanagh) and Cian O'Neill (Kildare) are both based outside their native counties but have still managed them in the last two years.

That's quite a drop from 16 at the beginning of the decade and 17 from 31 counties (London and New York excluded) in 2011 when it was at its peak.

On average the number of outside inter-county football managers in this decade has been between 11 and 12. This season Westmeath appointed a native, Jack Cooney, for the first time since 1992 though





Luke Dempsey's roots in Mullingar have been put down for long enough to consider his 2001-2003 reign a 'home' one while Sligo opted for Paul Taylor, their first 'home' appointment since 2007.

'Outside' managers have enjoyed much provincial success but only two, the late Eugene McGee with Offaly in 1982 and John O'Mahony with Galway in 1998 and 2001, have been All-Ireland champions.

Mick O'Dwyer has been one of the more successful imports, guiding Kildare to a first Leinster title in 42 years in 1998 before quickly following up with a second two years later. They haven't won one since. When he was done with Kildare in 2002 he moved down the road to Laois where, within a year, they were Leinster champions for the first time since 1946. In relative terms guiding Wicklow to qualifier wins on successive Saturdays in Aughrim over three Ulster opponents, Fermanagh, Cavan and Down in 2009, not using a substitute once, must rank highly too.

O'Dwyer managed a fourth county away from his native Kerry, Clare for a year, and that has since been matched by Maughan who has been to Clare, Fermanagh, Roscommon and now Offaly, the only manager to contest all four provincial championships.

Paidí Ó Sé managing Westmeath to a first-ever Leinster title in 2004, Maughan's stewardship of Clare to the 1992 Munster title, Martin McHugh's Ulster success with Cavan in 1997, their only Anglo-Celt Cup triumph in 50 years - and O'Rourke's two Ulster successes during a very successful seven years with Monaghan are other notable 'outside' manager milestones.

Cunningham's Connacht success with Roscommon in June created a further milestone, making him the first manager to complete a provincial hurling-football managerial double, having guided Galway to the Leinster hurling title in 2012.

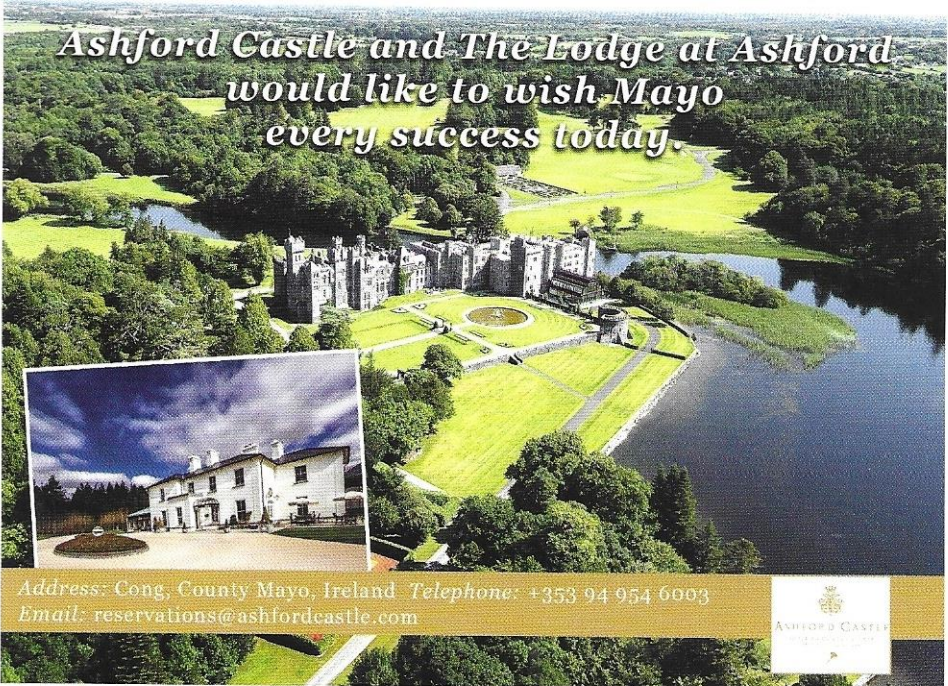
He's not the first to manage a county's hurling and football teams.

In the past 'Babs' Keating (Tipperary), Liam Griffin and Tony Dempsey (Wexford), Seán Boylan (Meath), Nickey Brennan (Kilkenny) and more recently Pat Gilroy (Dublin) have all done it. Like Cunningham, Denis Walsh (Waterford football, Cork hurling) and Frank Dawson (Antrim football, Down hurling) have managed different counties.

The trend of hiring outside managers in football may be heading in one direction but the crossing of codes, as Cunningham has done, has seen a small spike with former Kerry footballer Kieran Donaghy and Dublin's Dessie Farrell occupying performance coaching roles with the Galway and Dublin hurlers respectively this summer.

Of course, the presence of former Laois footballer and manager Mick Dempsey in Brian Cody's Kilkenny hurling backroom team for more than a decade-and-a-half now has long illustrated how transferable the skills are.

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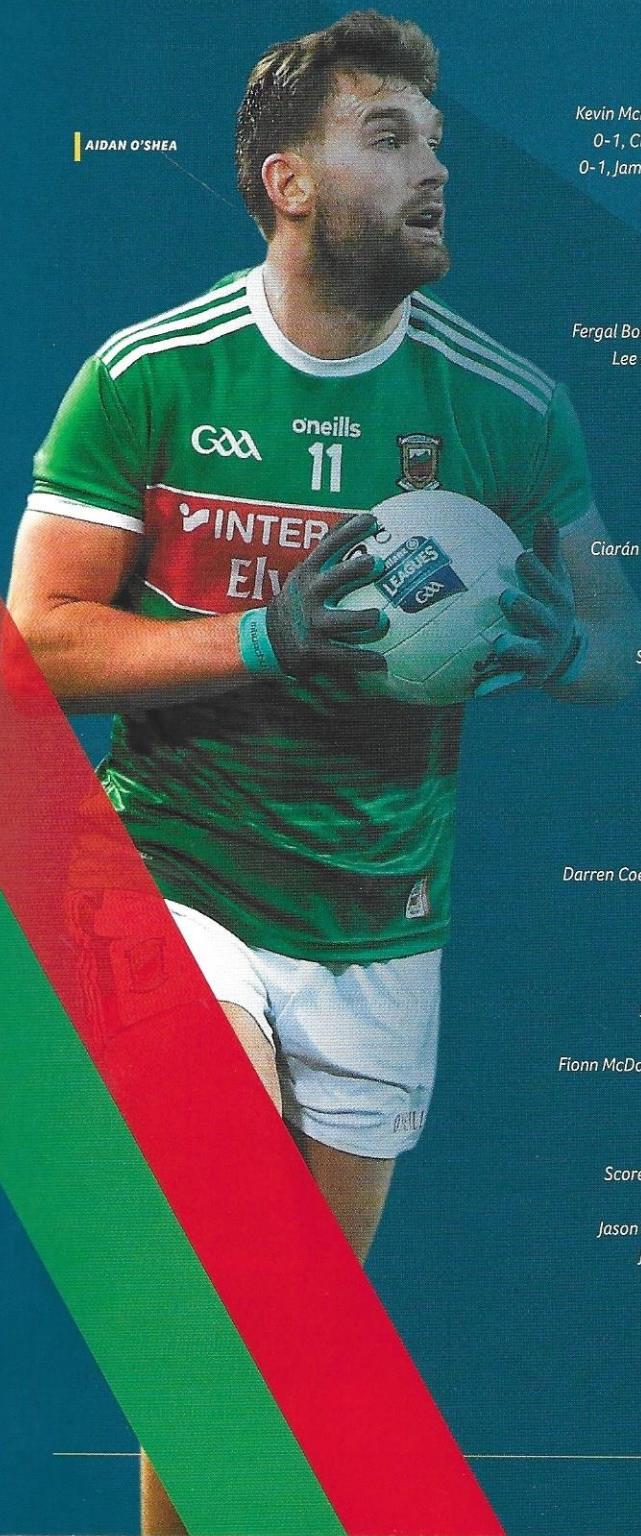
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- Foy & Co. Port Rd. Letterkenny



## CAMPAIGN TO DATE – MAYO

Aidan O'SHEA



May 5, Gaelic Park

### **MAYO 1-22 NEW YORK 0-4**

Scorers – Evan Regan 1-5, Fergal Boland 0-4, Kevin McLoughlin 0-2, Jason Doherty 0-2, Robert Hennelly 0-1, Ciarán Treacy 0-1, Patrick Durcan 0-1, Lee Keegan 0-1, James McCormack 0-1, Darren Coen 0-1, James Carr 0-1, Matthew Ruane 0-1, Michael Plunkett 0-1.

May 25, Elverys MacHale Park

### **ROSCOMMON 2-12 MAYO 0-17**

Scorers – Darren Coen 0-5, Evan Regan 0-3, Fergal Boland 0-2, Matthew Ruane 0-2, Paddy Durcan 0-2, Lee Keegan 0-1, Andy Moran 0-1, Jason Doherty 0-1.

June 22, Páirc Esler

### **MAYO 1-16 DOWN 1-11**

Scorers – Conor Loftus 1-4, Lee Keegan 0-3, Fionn McDonagh 0-2, Andy Moran 0-2, Diarmuid O'Connor 0-1, Kevin McLoughlin 0-1, Ciarán Treacy 0-1, Chris Barrett 0-1, Aidan O'Shea 0-1.

June 29, Elverys MacHale Park

### **MAYO 2-13 ARMAGH 1-15**

Scorers – Darren Coen 0-4, Fionn McDonagh 1-1, Kevin McLoughlin 1-1, Conor Loftus 0-2, Cillian O'Connor 0-2, Patrick Durcan 0-1, Jason Doherty 0-1, Donal Vaughan 0-1.

July 6, LIT Gaelic Grounds

### **MAYO 2-13 GALWAY 1-13**

Scorers – Cillian O'Connor 0-6, James Carr 2-0, Darren Coen 0-3, Kevin McLoughlin 0-1, Stephen Coen 0-1, Jason Doherty 0-1, Donal Vaughan 0-1.

July 14, Fitzgerald Stadium

### **KERRY 1-22 MAYO 0-15**

Scorers – Cillian O'Connor 0-6, Darren Coen 0-3, Andy Moran 0-2, Lee Keegan 0-1, Fionn McDonagh 0-1, Fergal Boland 0-1, Ciarán Treacy 0-1.

July 21, Croke Park

### **MAYO 2-17 MEATH 0-14**

Scorers – Cillian O'Connor 1-5, Kevin McLoughlin 1-1, Fionn McDonagh 0-2, Fergal Boland 0-2, Jason Doherty 0-2, Andy Moran 0-1, Darren Coen 0-1, James Carr 0-1, Colm Boyle 0-1, Lee Keegan 0-1.

**Total Scored 6-100**  
**Total Conceded 6-91**



## CAMPAIGN TO DATE – DONEGAL

May 26, Brewster Park

### **DONEGAL 0-15 FERMANAGH 0-9**

Scorers – Patrick McBrearty 0-5, Jamie Brennan 0-4, Michael Murphy 0-2, Jason McGee 0-1, Leo McLoone 0-1, Ciarán Thompson 0-1, Michael Langan 0-1.

June 8, Kingspan Breffni

### **DONEGAL 1-16 TYRONE 0-15**

Scorers – Jamie Brennan 1-3, Michael Murphy 0-5, Patrick McBrearty 0-3, Ryan McHugh 0-1, Michael Langan 0-1, Eoin McHugh 0-1, Hugh McFadden 0-1, Stephen McMenamin 0-1.

June 23, St Tiernach's Park

### **DONEGAL 1-24 CAVAN 2-15**

Scorers – Jamie Brennan 1-4, Patrick McBrearty 0-5, Michael Murphy 0-4, Ciarán Thompson 0-2, Jason McGee 0-2, Ryan McHugh 0-1, Eoghan Bán Gallagher 0-1, Daire Ó Baoill 0-1, Hugh McFadden 0-1, Niall O'Donnell 0-1, Michael Langan 0-1, Oisín Gallen 0-1.

July 14, Mac Cumhaill Park

### **DONEGAL 2-19 MEATH 1-13**

Scorers – Patrick McBrearty 1-6, Oisín Gallen 1-1, Michael Murphy 0-3, Jamie Brennan 0-3, Ryan McHugh 0-2, Niall O'Donnell 0-1, Michael Langan 0-1, Jason McGee 0-1, Eoin McHugh 0-1.

July 21, Croke Park

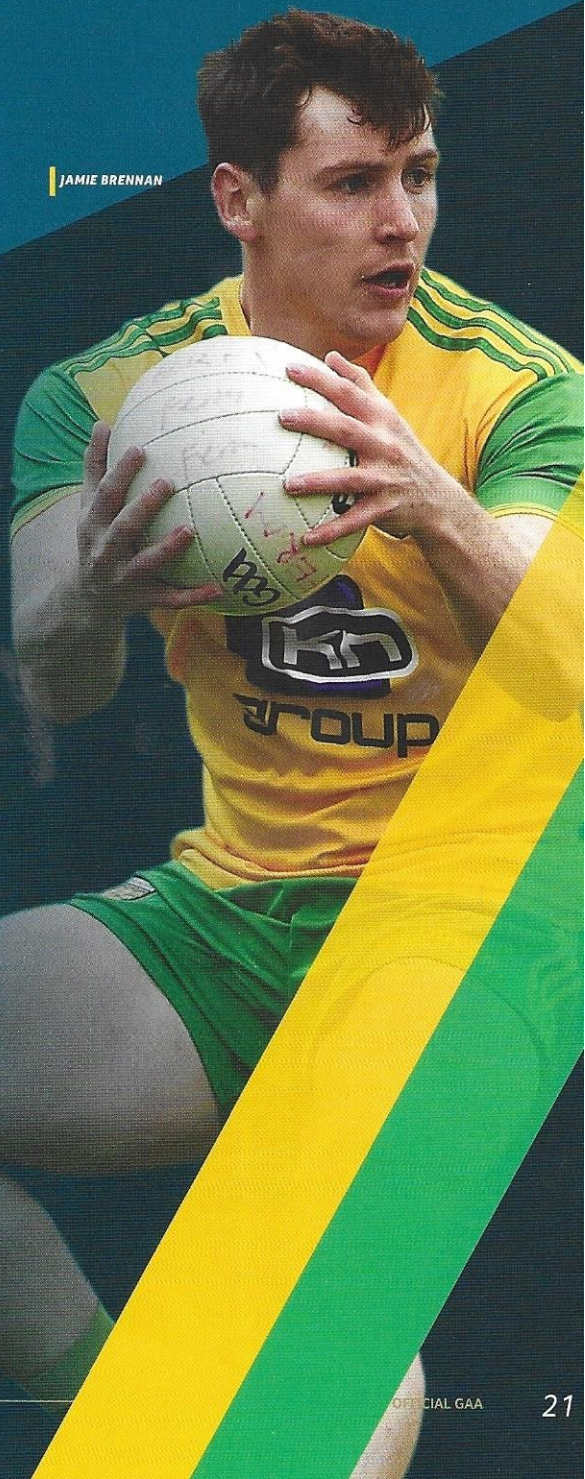
### **DONEGAL 1-20 KERRY 1-20**

Scorers – Michael Murphy 1-7, Patrick McBrearty 0-5, Ryan McHugh 0-2, Michael Langan 0-2, Oisín Gallen 0-2, Jason McGee 0-1, Niall O'Donnell 0-1.

**Total Scored 5-94**

**Total Conceded 4-73**

JAMIE BRENNAN





2019  
C/SHIP GAMES 5  
C/SHIP SCORES 0-0

**SHAUN PATTON**  
St Eunan's



2019  
C/SHIP GAMES 5  
C/SHIP SCORES 0-1

**STEPHEN McMENAMIN**  
Red Hugh's Killygordon



2019  
C/SHIP GAMES 4  
C/SHIP SCORES 0-0

**NEIL MCGEE**  
Gaoth Dobhair



2019  
C/SHIP GAMES 4  
C/SHIP SCORES 0-1

**EOGHAN BÁN GALLAGHER**  
Killybegs



2019  
C/SHIP GAMES 5 (4)  
C/SHIP SCORES 0-1

**DAIRE Ó BAOILL**  
Gaoth Dobhair



2019  
C/SHIP GAMES 4 (2)  
C/SHIP SCORES 0-1

**LEO MCLOONE**  
Naomh Conaill

Na hImreoirí

# TOIN NA nSAILL



2019  
C/SHIP GAMES 3  
C/SHIP SCORES 0-0

**PADDY MCGRATH**  
Ard an Rátha



2019  
C/SHIP GAMES 5  
C/SHIP SCORES 0-2

**HUGH MCFADDEN**  
Killybegs



2019  
C/SHIP GAMES 5  
C/SHIP SCORES 0-5

**JASON MCGEE**  
Cloughaneely



2019  
C/SHIP GAMES 5  
C/SHIP SCORES 0-6

**RYAN MCHUGH**  
Kilcar



2019  
C/SHIP GAMES 5  
C/SHIP SCORES 1-21

**MICHAEL MURPHY**  
Glenswilly



2019  
C/SHIP GAMES 5 (1)  
C/SHIP SCORES 0-3

**CIARÁN THOMPSON**  
Naomh Conaill



2019  
C/SHIP GAMES 5  
C/SHIP SCORES 2-14

**JAMIE BRENNAN**  
Réalt na Mara



2019  
C/SHIP GAMES 5  
C/SHIP SCORES 1-24

**PATRICK MCBREARTY**  
Kilcar



2019  
C/SHIP GAMES 5  
C/SHIP SCORES 0-6


**MICHAEL LANGAN**  
St Michael's

2019  
C/SHIP GAMES  
**(5)**  
C/SHIP SCORES  
**0-0**



**FRANK  
McGLYNN**  
Glenfin

2019  
C/SHIP GAMES  
**5 (1)**  
C/SHIP SCORES  
**0-3**



**NIALL  
O'DONNELL**  
St Eunan's

2019  
C/SHIP GAMES  
**4 (2)**  
C/SHIP SCORES  
**0-2**



**EOIN  
McHUGH**  
Kilcar

2019  
C/SHIP GAMES  
**3 (2)**  
C/SHIP SCORES  
**0-0**



**EAMONN  
DOHERTY**  
St Eunan's

2019  
C/SHIP GAMES  
**5 (4)**  
C/SHIP SCORES  
**0-0**



**PAUL  
BRENNAN**  
Réalt na Mara

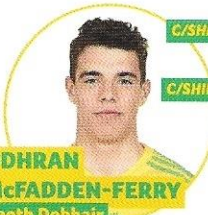
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**(4)**  
C/SHIP SCORES  
**1-4**



**OISÍN  
GALLEN**  
Seán Mac Cumhail



2019  
C/SHIP GAMES  
**3**  
C/SHIP SCORES  
**0-0**



**ODHRAN  
McFADDEN-FERRY**  
Gaeth Dobhair

2019  
C/SHIP GAMES  
**3 (2)**  
C/SHIP SCORES  
**0-0**



**CAOLAN  
WARD**  
St Eunan's

2019  
C/SHIP GAMES  
**(1)**  
C/SHIP SCORES  
**0-0**



**BRENDAN  
McCOLE**  
St Naul's





- 1** Seán Ó Deacáin  
**SHAUN PATTON**  
Naomh Adhamhnáin
- 2** Pádraig Mac Craigh  
**PADDY McGRATH**  
Árd an Ratha
- 3** Néill Mac Aoiúh  
**NEIL McGEE**  
Gaoth Dobhair
- 4** Stiofán Mac Meánman  
**STEPHEN McMENAMIN**  
Aodh Rua, Cuil Mhic gCuirridín
- 5** Rian Mac Aoiúha  
**RYAN McHUGH**  
Cill Chartha
- 6** Dáire Ó Baoill  
**DAIRE Ó BAOILL**  
Gaoth Dobhair
- 7** Oshrán Mac Dháibin Ó Fearraigh  
**ODHRÁN McFADDEN FERRY**  
Gaoth Dobhair
- 8** Aoiúh Mac Dháibín  
**HUGH McFADDEN**  
Na Cealla Beaga
- 9** Iasán Mac Aoiúh  
**JASON McGEE**  
Cloch Cheann Fhaola
- 10** Ciarán Mac Thomáis  
**CIARÁN THOMPSON**  
Naomh Conaill
- 11** Néill Ó Domhnaill  
**NIALL O'DONNELL**  
Naomh Adhamhnáin
- 12** Séamus Ó Dhráonáin  
**JAMIE BRENNAN**  
Realt na Mara, Bun Dobhrain
- 13** Pádraig Mac Dhréartaigh  
**PATRICK McBREARTY**  
Cill Chartha
- 14** Mícheál Ó Murchú (C.)  
**MICHAEL MURPHY**  
Glenn tSúilí
- 15** Mícheál Ó Longáin  
**MICHAEL LANGAN**  
Naomh Mícheál

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Baile Buadáin, Naomh Éanna
- 17.** Fróinsias Mac Fhlóinn  
**FRANK McGLYNN**  
Glenn Fhinne
- 18.** Leo Mac SioLLa Údán  
**LEO McLOONE**  
Naomh Conaill
- 19.** Eoin Mac Aoiúha  
**EINO McHUGH**  
Cill Chartha
- 20.** Éamonn Ó Dhocharaigh  
**EAMONN DOHERTY**  
Naomh Adhamhnáin
- 21.** Pól Ó Dhráonáin  
**PAUL BRENNAN**  
Realt na Mara, Bundobhráin
- 22.** Oisín Ó Salláin  
**OISÍN GALLEN**  
Sean Mac Cumhail
- 23.** Caolán Mac an Dháiré  
**CAOLAN WARD**  
Naomh Adhamhnáin
- 24.** Dhréanóán Mac Cumhail  
**BRENDAN McCOLE**  
Naomh Náille
- 25.** Eoghan Mac Eiceolasáin  
**EINO McGETTIGAN**  
Naomh Conaill
- 26.** Caolán Mac Congaill  
**CAOLAN McGONAGLE**  
Buncrannacha





1 **ROBERT HENNELLY**  
Breaffy

2 **CHRIS BARRETT**  
Belmullet

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Ardagh

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Castlebar Mitchels

26. Séamus Ó Dhuarcáin  
**JAMES DURCAN**  
Castlebar Mitchels

2019  
C/SHIP GAMES 2  
C/SHIP SCORES 0-1



**ROBERT HENNELLY**  
Breaffy

2019  
C/SHIP GAMES 6  
C/SHIP SCORES 0-1



**COLM BOYLE**  
Davitts

2019  
C/SHIP GAMES 7  
C/SHIP SCORES 0-0



**BRENDAN HARRISON**  
Aghamore

2019  
C/SHIP GAMES 6  
C/SHIP SCORES 0-0



**KEITH HIGGINS**  
Ballyhaunis

2019  
C/SHIP GAMES 5  
C/SHIP SCORES 0-4



**PATRICK DURCAN**  
Castlebar Mitchels

2019  
C/SHIP GAMES 7 (1)  
C/SHIP SCORES 0-7



**LEE KEEGAN**  
Westport

Na hImreoirí

# maish eo

2019  
C/SHIP GAMES 4 (3)  
C/SHIP SCORES 0-1



**JAMES McCORMACK**  
Claremorris

2019  
C/SHIP GAMES 2  
C/SHIP SCORES 0-3



**MATTHEW RUANE**  
Breaffy

2019  
C/SHIP GAMES 7  
C/SHIP SCORES 0-1



**AIDAN O'SHEA**  
Breaffy

2019  
C/SHIP GAMES 5 (3)  
C/SHIP SCORES 1-8



**EVAN REGAN**  
Ballina Stephenites

2019  
C/SHIP GAMES 7  
C/SHIP SCORES 0-7



**JASON DOHERTY**  
Burrishoole

2019  
C/SHIP GAMES 6 (3)  
C/SHIP SCORES 0-9



**FERGAL BOLAND**  
Aghamore

2019  
C/SHIP GAMES 7 (1)  
C/SHIP SCORES 2-6



**KEVIN McLOUGHLIN**  
Knockmore

2019  
C/SHIP GAMES 7  
C/SHIP SCORES 0-17



**DARREN COEN**  
Hollymount/Carramore

2019  
C/SHIP GAMES 4 (1)  
C/SHIP SCORES 2-2



**JAMES CARR**  
Ardagh

2019  
C/SHIP GAMES  
7 (6)  
C/SHIP SCORES  
0-3



**CIARÁN TREACY**  
Ballina Stephenites

2019  
C/SHIP GAMES  
(1)  
C/SHIP SCORES  
0-0



**DAVID DRAKE**  
Ballaghaderreen

2019  
C/SHIP GAMES  
5 (4)  
C/SHIP SCORES  
0-1



**MICHAEL PLUNKETT**  
Ballintubber

2019  
C/SHIP GAMES  
(2)  
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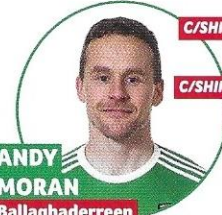
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Claremorris

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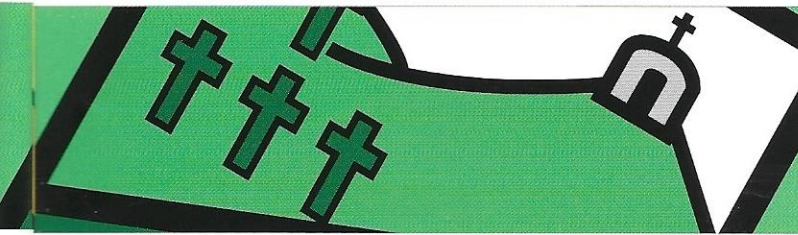


**STEPHEN COEN**  
Hollymount/Carramore

2019  
C/SHIP GAMES  
6 (4)  
C/SHIP SCORES  
0-6



**ANDY MORAN**  
Ballaghaderreen



2019  
C/SHIP GAMES  
6  
C/SHIP SCORES  
0-1



**CHRIS BARRETT**  
Belmullet

2019  
C/SHIP GAMES  
2  
C/SHIP SCORES  
0-1



**DIARMUID O'CONNOR**  
Ballintubber

2019  
C/SHIP GAMES  
3 (2)  
C/SHIP SCORES  
1-6



**CONOR LOFTUS**  
Crossmolina Deel Rovers

2019  
C/SHIP GAMES  
5  
C/SHIP SCORES  
0-0



**DAVID CLARKE**  
Ballina Stephenites

2019  
C/SHIP GAMES  
5  
C/SHIP SCORES  
1-6



**FIONN McDONAGH**  
Westport

2019  
C/SHIP GAMES  
2  
C/SHIP SCORES  
0-0



**MICHAEL MURRAY**  
Ballina Stephenites

2019  
C/SHIP GAMES  
4 (1)  
C/SHIP SCORES  
0-2



**DONAL VAUGHAN**  
Castlebar Mitchels

2019  
C/SHIP GAMES  
4 (1)  
C/SHIP SCORES  
1-19



**CILLIAN O'CONNOR**  
Ballintubber

2019  
C/SHIP GAMES  
(3)  
C/SHIP SCORES  
0-0



**EOIN O'DONOGHUE**  
Belmullet

2019  
C/SHIP GAMES  
3 (2)  
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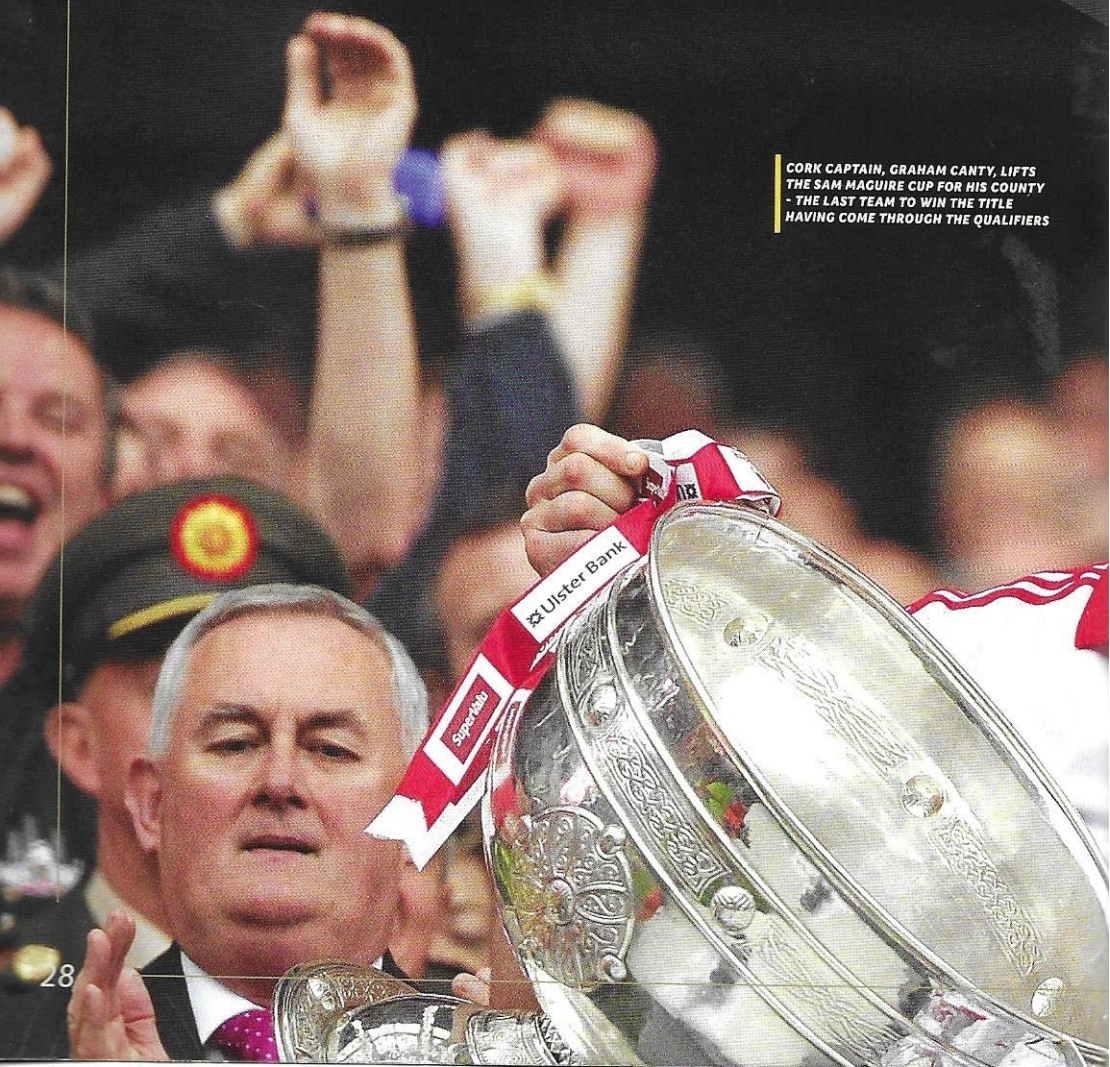
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- THE LAST TEAM TO WIN THE TITLE  
HAVING COME THROUGH THE QUALIFIERS**



Roscommon, Kerry, Meath and Tyrone had all arrived in the quarter-finals full of confidence after provincial successes, only to lose to Cork, Down, Kildare and Dublin respectively. What's more, the provincial winners were beaten by a combined total of 28 points, ranging from Dublin's five-point win over Tyrone to Cork's nine-point success over Roscommon.

The qualifiers had struck again, this time more forcefully than ever before as it was the only time that all four provincial winners lost in the quarter-finals. It hasn't happened since either.

Cork emerged as the eventual All-Ireland winners in 2010, joining Galway (2001), Tyrone (2005 and 2008) and Kerry (2006

and 2009) as champions who came through the 'backdoor' to win the title.

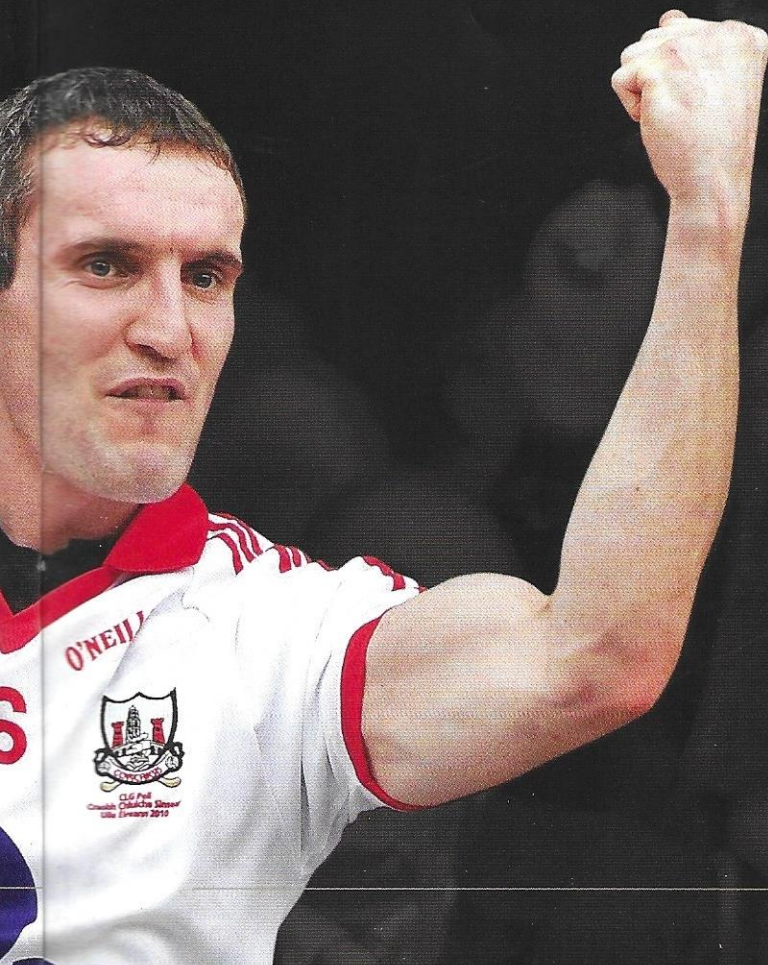
That's where it stopped. No qualifier team has won the All-Ireland title since then, with Tyrone (last year) and Mayo (2016 and 2017) the latest to come up short in the final.

At the start of this weekend, Tyrone had already qualified for the semi-finals, via the qualifiers, while Mayo were still in with a chance. Having lost their first two group games, Meath, Cork and Roscommon were out of contention, while the provincial title flags were being flown by Dublin, Kerry and Donegal.

Tyrone have the best record of any county in the qualifiers, not just in terms of All-Ireland titles, but also in actual games won.

They have won 31, lost four and drawn one of 36 qualifiers, a remarkable record by any standards. Their only defeats were against Sligo (2001), Laois (2006), Kerry (2012) and Armagh (2014).

Technically, Kerry, who have never lost a qualifier and Dublin, who lost just one (Armagh 2003) have better records than Tyrone, but they have played only



21 games between them, thanks to their dominance in Munster and Leinster respectively.

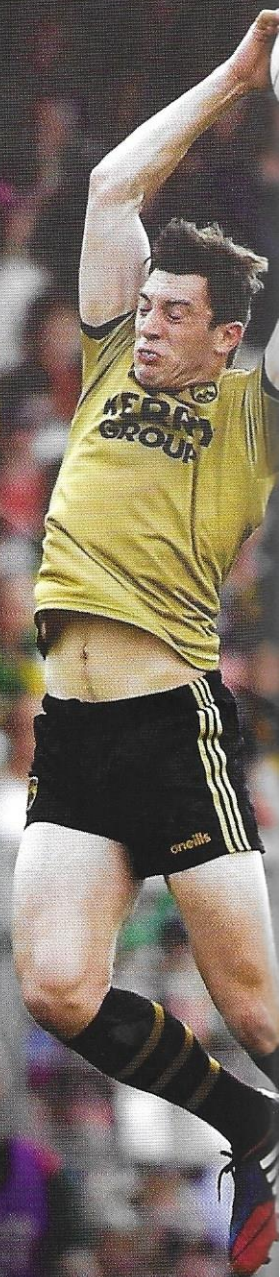
It leaves Kerry with a 100 per cent record, Dublin on 90 per cent, followed by Tyrone on 88 per cent off a much busier programme. It's a massive tribute to Mickey Harte that he has been able to reset various squads so consistently after Ulster championship setbacks.

He did it again this year after an usually flat performance against Donegal in the Ulster

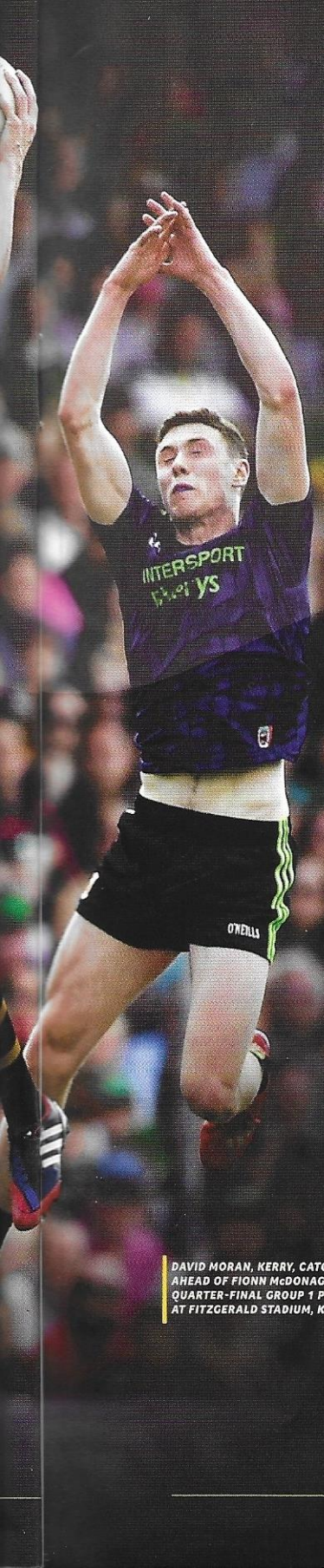
semi-final, with wins over Longford, Kildare and Cavan. They weren't fully tested in any of the three games, while looking extremely assured and confident in everything they did en route to the quarter-finals.

Two impressive performances against Roscommon and Cork in the group guaranteed them a place in the semi-finals ahead of this weekend's clash with Dublin, which, like last year, is in Healy Park.

As Ulster winners, Donegal didn't have to avail of the



TYRONE MANAGER,  
MICKEY HARTE



DAVID MORAN, KERRY, CATCHES A KICKOUT AHEAD OF FIONN McDONAGH, MAYO, IN THE QUARTER-FINAL GROUP 1 PHASE 1 MATCH AT FITZGERALD STADIUM, KILLARNEY

qualifier outlet this year, but it has served them pretty well over the years. Indeed, they are in fourth place on the percentage table on 74, having won 20 of their 27 games.

Mayo come next on 73 per cent, followed by Kildare on 70. Interestingly, the Lilywhites have played more qualifier games - 42 - than any other county.

The introduction of the qualifiers brought about the most fundamental change in championship history and there was more to come, with the addition of the round-robin experiment in the All-Ireland quarter-finals for three years.

Opinion is still varied within the GAA over whether the new concept has a viable future, but then that was always going to be the case. A clearer picture will emerge when the three-year experiment is over next summer.

One obvious benefit is the spread of games to various venues around the country. Castlebar, Omagh, Navan and Cork host games this weekend which would never have been the case under the old system. And while it's unfortunate that Cork and Roscommon were out of contention after two rounds, the opposite applies in

Castlebar for Mayo v Donegal where both put themselves in line for a semi-final place over the first two rounds.

The excitement generated last year in Newbridge, Clones, Killarney, Galway, Roscommon, Omagh and Ballybofey provided the championship with a real boost as they involved some novel pairings. That they were played in provincial venues, rather than Croke Park, added to the intrigue.

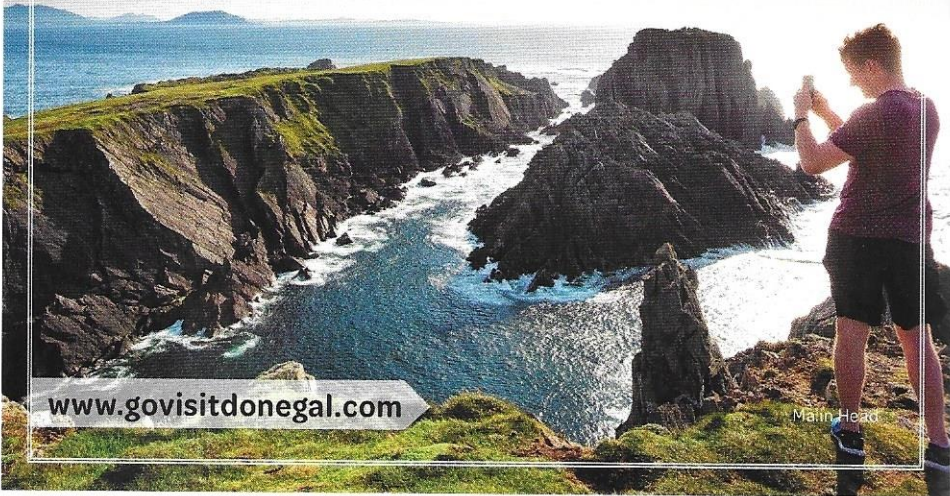
The same applies this year as already experienced before this weekend in Fitzgerald Stadium for Kerry v Mayo, Dr. Hyde Park for Roscommon v Tyrone and Ballybofey for Donegal v Meath. Kerry v Mayo attracted a crowd of 31,312, with many travelling from Mayo to enjoy a weekend in Killarney.

It's a different world to pre-2001 when there were no second chances and no 'round robin' quarter-finals. Back then, it took 31 games - excluding draws - to complete the straight knock-out football championship. This year - barring any further draws - it will have featured 70 games.

Changed times indeed as the great summer carnival heads on its exciting way towards the big climax in Croke Park on All-Ireland final day (September 1.)

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PHASE 2

## RESULTS

Mayo 2-17 Meath 0-14	Galway 0-19 Kildare 0-16
Donegal 1-20 Kerry 1-20	Monaghan 1-17 Kerry 1-17
Tyrone 2-15 Cork 2-12	Dublin 1-14 Tyrone 0-14
Dublin 2-26 Roscommon 0-14	Donegal 0-20 Roscommon 0-13

## AGGREGATE SCORE

10-138 (168) | 3-130 (139)

## BIGGEST WINNING MARGIN

18pts | 7pts

## AVERAGE WINNING MARGIN

7.5pts | 3.25pts

## TOP SCORER

Dean Rock (Dublin) 1-11

Conor McManus (Monaghan) 1-9



## % OF SCORES FROM PLAY



# TOP 10 (11)

## QUARTER-FINAL

### RETURNS

**DEAN ROCK** Dublin 1-11 v Roscommon (2019)

**CILLIAN O'CONNOR** Mayo 3-4 v Donegal (2013)



**CONOR McMANUS** Monaghan 1-9 v Kerry (2018)

**DAVID CLIFFORD** Kerry 2-6 v Kildare (2018)

**SEÁN QUIGLEY** Fermanagh 1-8 v Dublin (2015)

**DEAN ROCK** Dublin 1-8 v Monaghan (2017)



**MICHAEL MEEHAN** Galway 0-10 v Kerry (2008)

**TOMÁS QUINN** Dublin 1-7 v Tyrone (2005)

**OWEN MULLIGAN** Tyrone 1-7 v Dublin (2005)



**COLM COOPER** Kerry 1-7 v Dublin (2009)

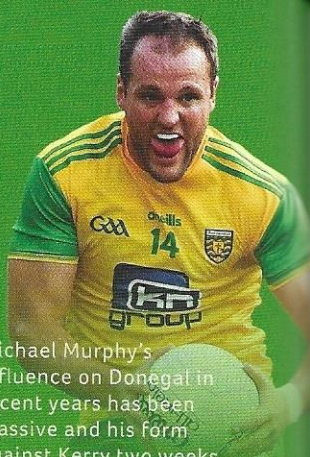
**MICHAEL MURPHY** Donegal 1-7 v Kerry (2019)

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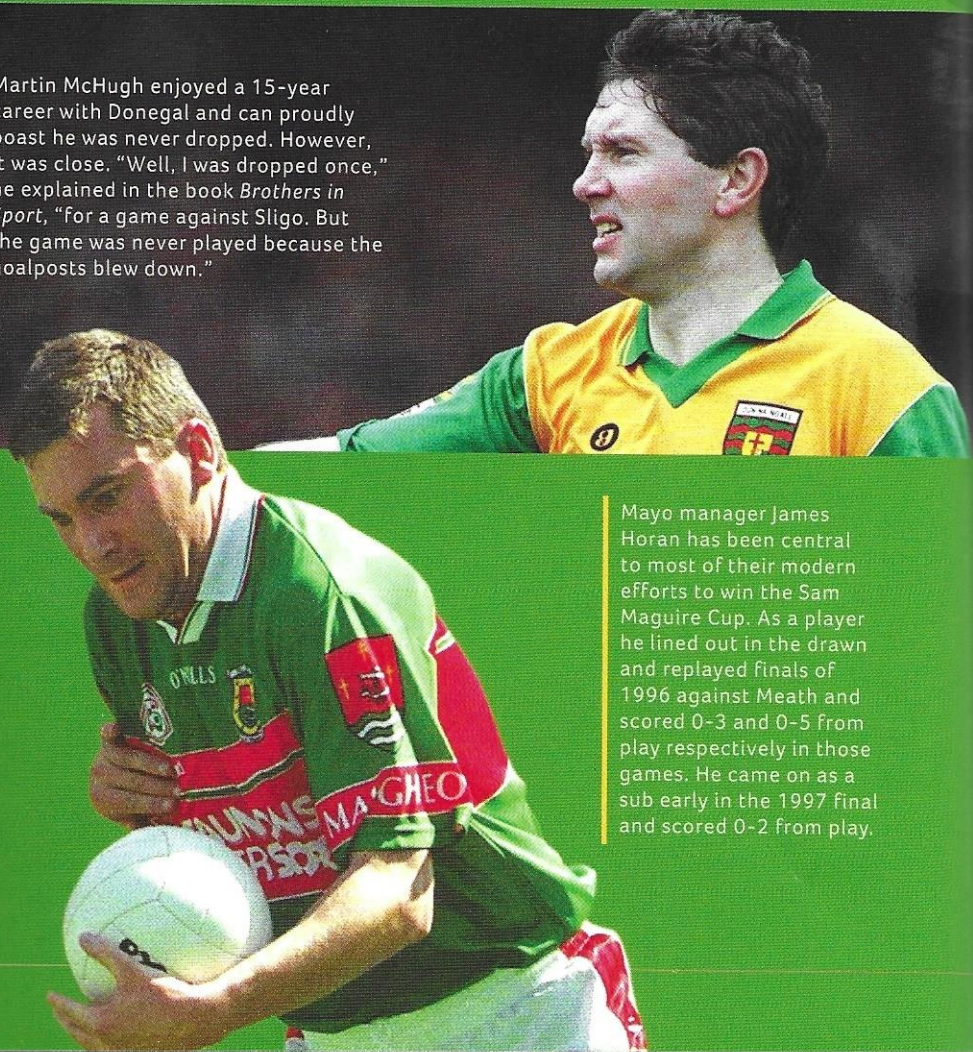
Donegal team manager Declan Bonner was part of one of the most famous All-Ireland winning full-forward lines in football history, known as "The Killer B's". Bonner lined out alongside Tony Boyle and Manus Boyle in the historic final of 1992 when Donegal won the title for the first time. *The Irish Press* reported that Bonner has "the game of his life".

Given the regularity of their appearances in Croke Park these days it is perhaps surprising that Donegal did not win their first Ulster senior football title until as late as 1972. Less surprising is that Brian McEniff was a central figure in that surprise win, although the man of the match against Tyrone in the Ulster final was midfielder Seamus Bonner.

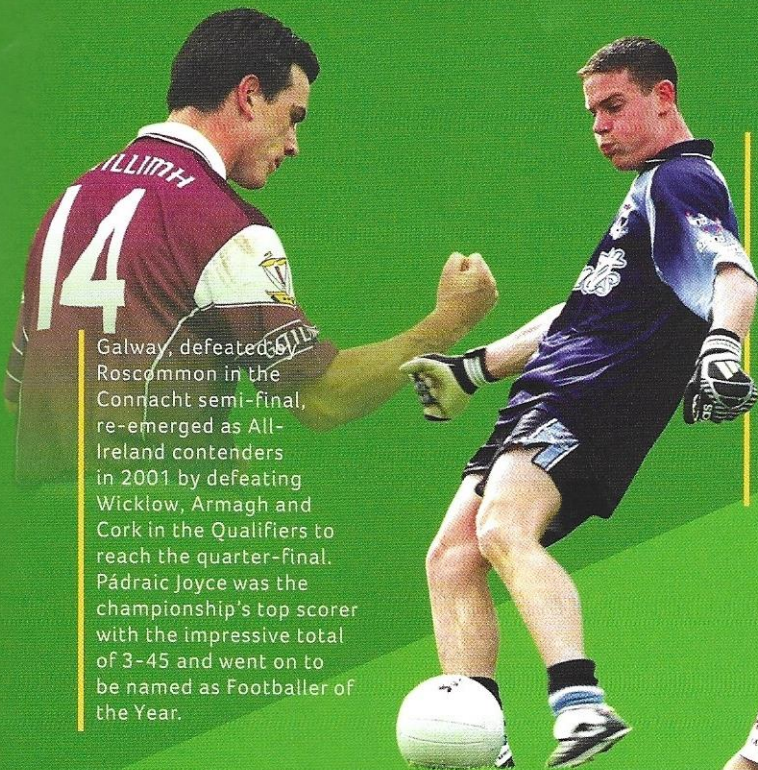
Michael Murphy's influence on Donegal in recent years has been massive and his form against Kerry two weeks ago was a prime example. Journalist Peter Campbell described his display in the *Donegal Democrat*: "A colossus once again. Murphy is playing the football of his life at the moment and showed tremendous character to kick equaliser."



Martin McHugh enjoyed a 15-year career with Donegal and can proudly boast he was never dropped. However, it was close. "Well, I was dropped once," he explained in the book *Brothers in Sport*, "for a game against Sligo. But the game was never played because the goalposts blew down."



Mayo manager James Horan has been central to most of their modern efforts to win the Sam Maguire Cup. As a player he lined out in the drawn and replayed finals of 1996 against Meath and scored 0-3 and 0-5 from play respectively in those games. He came on as a sub early in the 1997 final and scored 0-2 from play.

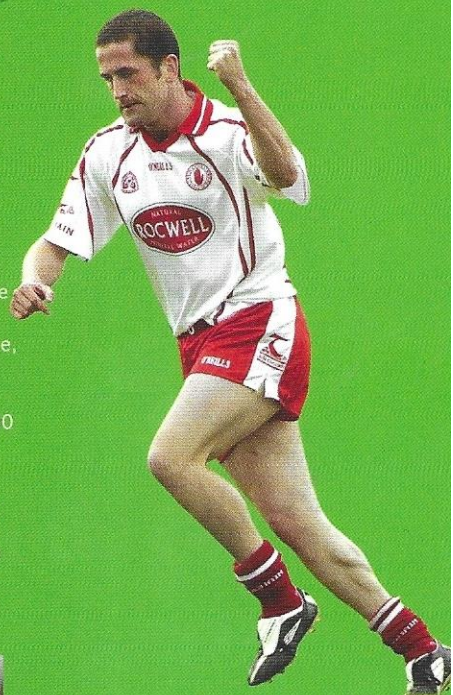


Galway, defeated Roscommon in the Connacht semi-final, re-emerged as All-Ireland contenders in 2001 by defeating Wicklow, Armagh and Cork in the Qualifiers to reach the quarter-final. Pádraic Joyce was the championship's top scorer with the impressive total of 3-45 and went on to be named as Footballer of the Year.

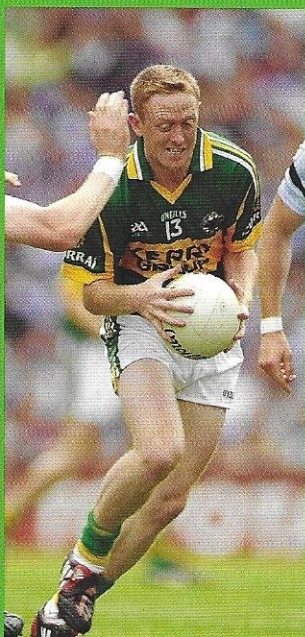
Dublin goalkeeper Stephen Cluxton was first introduced to championship football as understudy to David Byrne in 2001 but established himself as first choice for the 2002 campaign. Two of the quarter-finals that year, Dublin versus Donegal and Armagh versus Sligo, were drawn. Dublin and Armagh won the replays and Armagh had a point to spare over Dublin in the semi-final.

Kerry are the only county to have contested the quarter-final stages of the championship every year since the new system was introduced. Dublin failed to make the quarter-finals in 2003, with Tyrone and Mayo next on the honours list with 15 and 13 appearances respectively.

Dublin and Tyrone, who have built up one of the great rivalries of the modern game, met for the first time in a quarter-final in 2005. In front of just less than 79,000 spectators they played out a 1-14 each draw before Stephen O'Neill, later to be crowned Player of the Year, inspired Tyrone to victory in the replay.

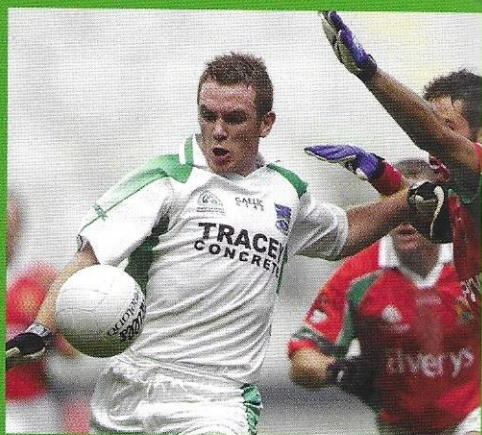
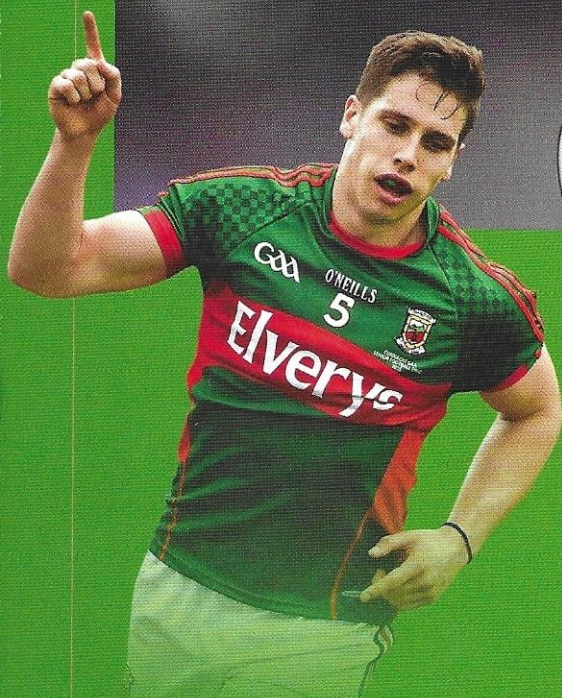


When Dublin and Kerry met in a stand-alone fixture on the Bank Holiday Monday of August 2009 a grand total of 81,890 paying patrons packed into Croke Park. And they waited just 40 seconds for Colm "Gooch" Cooper to score an early goal. "We were like startled earwigs for the first 15 minutes," said Dublin manager Pat Gilroy as Kerry won by 1-24 to 1-7.



When four Ulster sides qualified for the quarter-finals of the 2003 All-Ireland championship there was a live possibility that there would be an all-Ulster Final for the very first time. And so it transpired as Tyrone and Armagh created history and Peter Canavan led his county to the promised land.

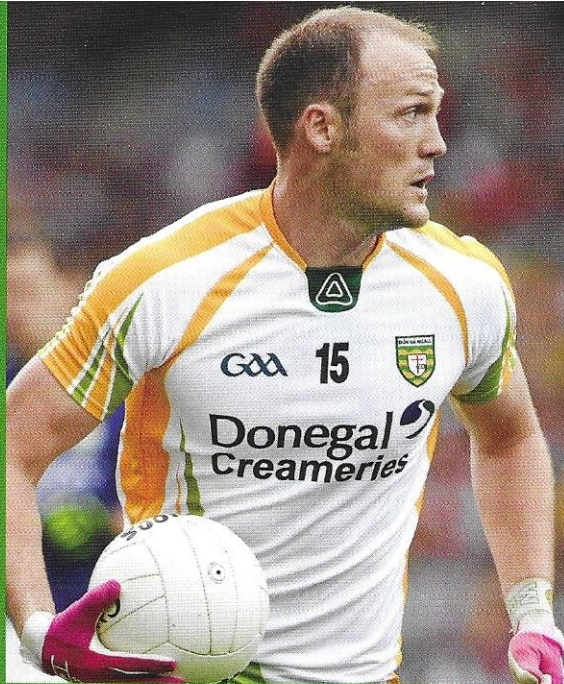
Bernard Brogan, whose comeback from a career-threatening cruciate ligament injury has been one of the great stories of the last twelve months, kicked 0-9 in Dublin's victory over Tyrone in 2010 on his way to becoming Player of the Year.



Mayo's Lee Keegan has a happy knack of converting important scores in big matches throughout his career but his 1-2 from the wing against Donegal in the 2015 quarter-final in Croke Park earned him the man-of-the-match award ahead of another goalscorer that day, Aidan O'Shea who lined out at full forward.

There is something quite rare and somewhat quaint in the Mayo teamsheet for the All-Ireland final of 1951, their second of two in-a-row. The left-half back is named in all accounts as P.Quinlan and history now shows such a man did not exist. The player was in fact Father Peter Quinn who, as a cleric, was not supposed to play.

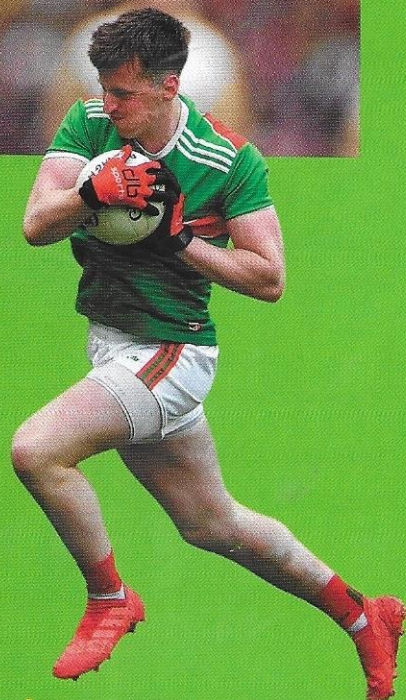
The introduction of the Qualifier system to the championship has opened up new opportunities for counties that have not traditionally featured in the latter stages of the All-Ireland series. Fermanagh reached the quarter-finals in 2003 and again in 2004, when they qualified for the semi-final for the first time in their history and only lost after a replay to Mayo.



In an illustrious career with Donegal Colm McFadden scored many good goals but is it unlikely any were quite as important as the “freakish” sixth minute goal he scored from a sideline in the victory over Kerry in 2012. It provided the foundation for a 1-12 to 1-10 win that opened the door to All-Ireland success.

Prior to the introduction of the round robin groups in 2018, quarter-finals were regularly decided after replays. As early as 2002 two of the quarter-finals were drawn. Dublin were eventually convincing winners over Donegal, but Armagh just squeezed past Sligo before going on to claim their first and only All-Ireland crown.

Mayo marksman Cillian O'Connor may still be chasing an elusive Celtic Cross but he can look back on a truly astonishing career in championship football. He was top scorer in three consecutive championships in 2013 (which included 3-4 in the quarter-final victory over Donegal), 2014 and 2015 and topped the list again in 2017.



Andy Moran may well be in the twilight of his career but at least it will eventually end with one national title to his name. After appearing in ten finals (seven championship, including a replay and three league) the popular Ballaghaderreen man, who made his inter-county debut in 2003, picked up a major honour in this year's Allianz League.

As part of a major structural revamp quarter-finals were introduced to the All-Ireland senior football championship for the first time in 2001. The provincial champions Kerry, Meath, Tyrone and Roscommon automatically qualified and were joined in the last eight by Dublin, Westmeath, Derry and Galway who came through the new qualifying process.

Since the quarter-finals were introduced only nine eligible teams have failed to make the latter stages of the championship – Waterford, Leitrim, Antrim, Louth, Carlow, Wicklow, Offaly, Longford and London. Clare and Tipperary joined the illustrious line-up for the one and only time in 2016.

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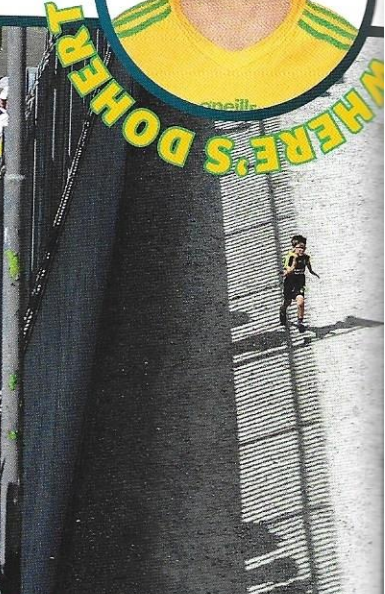
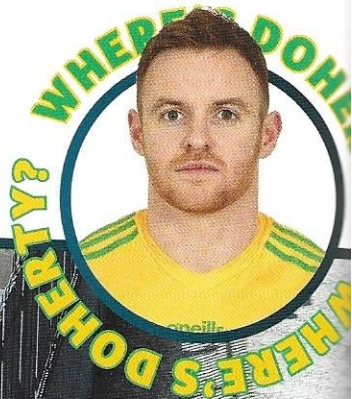
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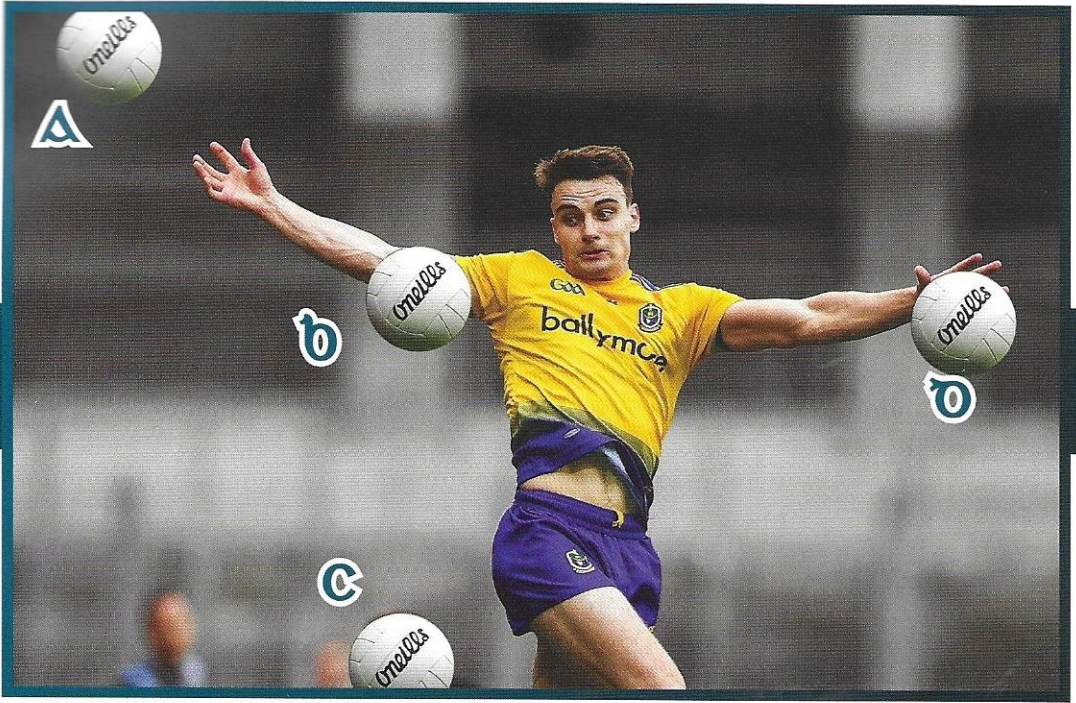
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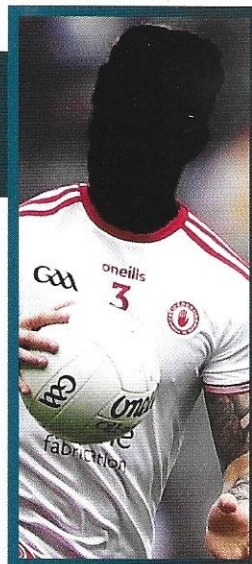
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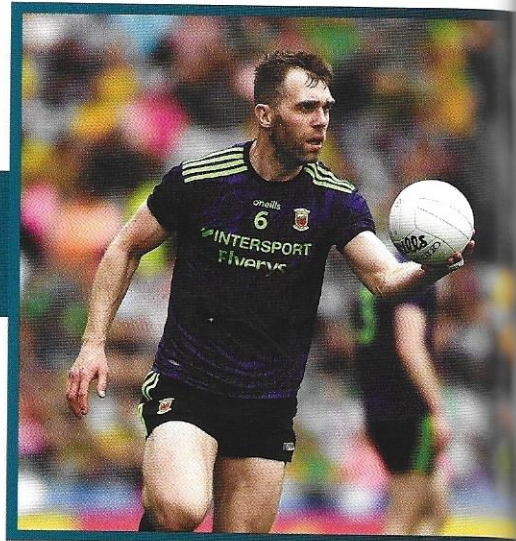
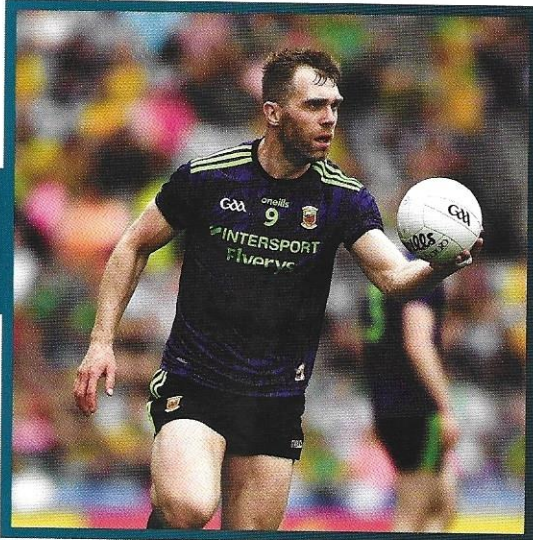




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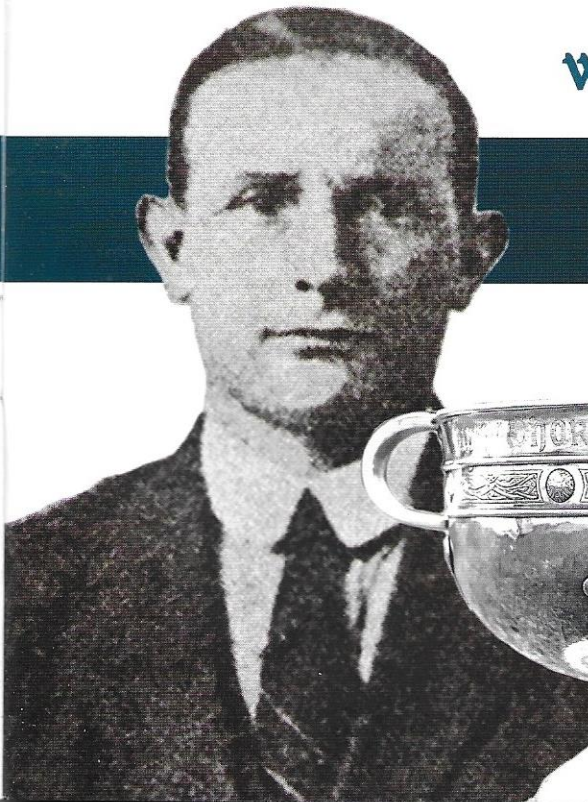
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