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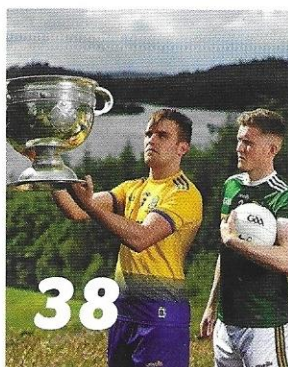
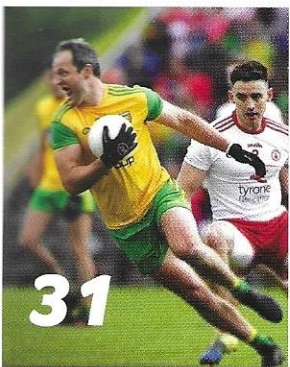
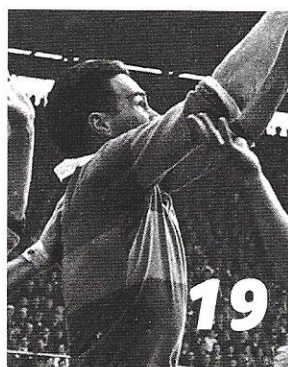
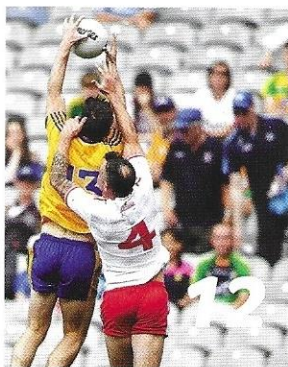
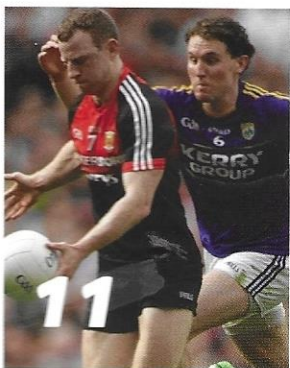
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AMHRÁN NA BHFIANN



Andrea Long is from Ballybofey and a Primary Teacher in Scoil Mhuire, Stranorlar where she directs and organises the children's choir. Andrea is also musical director of other local choirs and is honoured to be representing her county today by singing Amhrán na bhFiann.

CLÁR AN LAE

- 13.34 Dún na nGall amach ar an bpáirc
- 13.36 An Mhí amach ar an bpáirc
- 13.40 Oifigigh an Chluiche amach ar an bpáirc
- 13.55 Toss
- 13.58 Amhrán na bhFiann
- 14.00 Tús an chluiche
- 14.38* Leath-am
- 14.53* Tús an dara leath
- 15.33* Críoch an chluiche



RÉAMHFHOCAL ÓN UACHTARÁN

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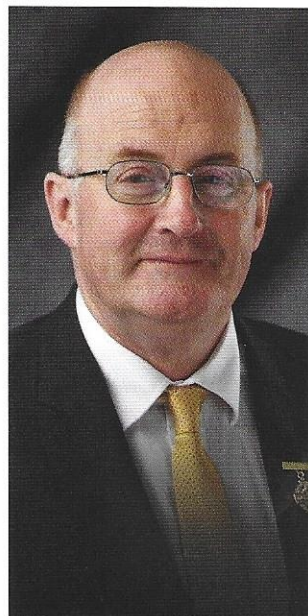
It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all here for the start of the GAA Football All-Ireland quarter-final series. To be among the last eight standing is recognised as a landmark achievement in football.

We have the four provincial champions who have shown impressive form already this summer.

And joining them are four

teams who have grasped the chance at redemption offered by the qualifiers.

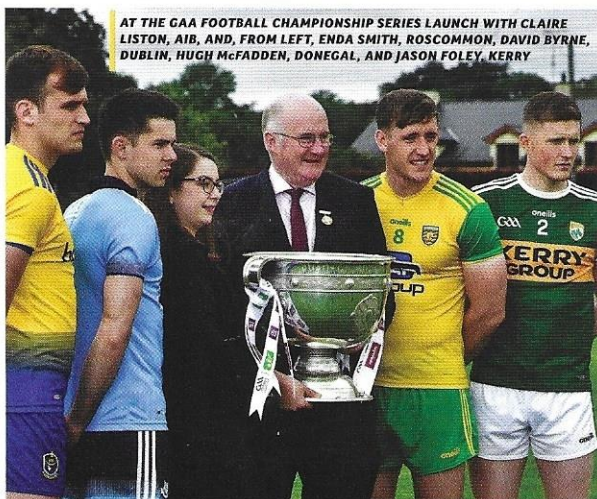
We now have a quickening of pace as these eight face off and the games are spread throughout the country. The dominance of teams who predominantly played in Allianz League divisions 1 and 2 in the last eight is significant and again illustrates the championship impact that teams from

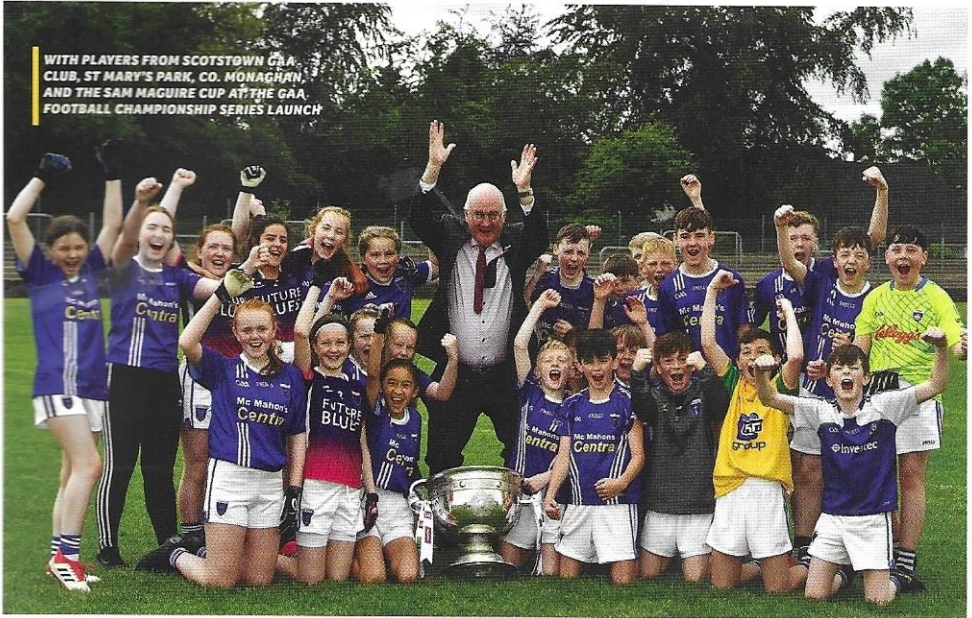


Divisions 3 and 4 struggle to make. It's my view that a Tier 2 competition would allow teams to play in a championship that was not a long shot aspiration - and crucially does not deny teams the aspiration of winning their provincial crown and would give teams who are good enough a chance to contest for the Sam Maguire.

Football is evolving. The experimental playing rules of the 2019 Allianz League created a great debate about the game. That debate will continue as we look at formal rule changes that might be adopted at a Special Congress in Cork in October.

Aside from this, the work of the Fixture Calendar Review taskforce has commenced.





We all know what the problems and issues are with the calendar. What we want are solutions. To this end, I'm calling on all of you to take part and have your voice heard. You can do that by taking part in an online survey on gaa.ie/calendarreview, or send a detailed submission to calendarreview@gaa.ie. Football is a great game, played by outstanding ambassadors. We owe them our gratitude for the enormous enjoyment we

derive from their pursuit of excellence.

Their clubs and families have helped shape them and should not be forgotten, likewise all of those involved in the preparation of the teams we see today.

Our match officials make an invaluable contribution to the wellbeing of our games and I salute them.

Our sponsors eir, AIB and SuperValu have been brilliant

partners in the promotion of this flagship competition. Lastly, to the supporters who make attending our games such a central part of their summer, our deep thanks. More than 80 cent out of every euro received by the GAA is reinvested back out to clubs, schools and counties to grow and develop the GAA at every level. Your support matters.

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LEINSTER

Round 1 - Netwatch Cullen Park

CILL MHANTÁIN 1-10 **0-15 CILL DARÁ**

Round 1 - Páirc Tailteann

AN MHI 1-13 **0-15 UÍBH FHAILÍ**

Round 1 - Innovate Wexford Park

LOCH GARMAN 1-14 **0-22 AN LÚ**

Quarter-Final - O'Moore Park

CEATHARLACH 0-9 **2-18 AN MHI**

Quarter-Final - O'Moore Park

ÁTH CLIATH 5-21 **0-10 AN LÚ**

Quarter-Final - Bord Na Móna O'Connor Park

AN IARMHÍ 0-10 **0-12 LAOIS**

Quarter-Final - Bord Na Móna O'Connor Park

AN LONGFORT 3-15 **1-21 CILL DARÁ**

Semi-Final - Croke Park

AN MHI 3-13 **0-11 LAOIS**

Semi-Final - Croke Park

ÁTH CLIATH 0-26 **0-11 CILL DARÁ**

FINAL - CROKE PARK

ÁTH CLIATH 1-17 **0-4 AN MHI**

CONNACHT

Quarter-Final - Gaelic Park, New York

NEW YORK 0-4 **1-22 MAIGH EO**

Quarter-Final - McGovern Park, Ruistlip

LONDAIN 1-9 **0-16 GAILLIMH**

Semi-Final - Markievicz Park

SLIGEACH 0-7 **3-11 GAILLIMH**

Semi-Final - Elvery's MacHale Park

MAIGH EO 0-17 **2-12 ROS COMÁIN**

FINAL - PEARSE STADIUM

GAILLIMH 0-12 **1-13 ROS COMÁIN**

ULSTER

Preliminary Round - Healy Park

TÍR EOGHAIN 1-19 **1-13 DOIRE**

Quarter-Final - Kingspan Breffni

AN CABHÁN 1-13 **0-12 MUINEACHÁN**

Quarter-Final - Páirc Esler, Newry

AN DÚN 3-13 **2-17 ARD MHACHA**

Quarter-Final - Athletic Grounds

AONTROI 2-9 **2-23 TÍR EOGHAIN**

Quarter-Final - Brewster Park

FEAR MANACH 0-9 **1-16 DÚN NA nGALL**

Semi-Final - Clones

AN CABHÁN 0-17 **1-14 ARD MHACHA**

Semi-Final Replay - Clones

AN CABHÁN 0-23 **0-17 ARD MHACHA**

Semi-Final - Kingspan Breffni

TÍR EOGHAIN 0-15 **1-16 DÚN NA nGALL**

FINAL - CLONES

DÚN NA nGALL 1-24 **2-16 AN CABHÁN**

MUNSTER

Quarter-Final - Semple Stadium

TIOBRAID ÁRANN 1-10 **3-11 LUIMNEACH**

Quarter-Final - Cusack Park, Ennis

AN CLÁR 0-9 **0-8 PORT LAIRGE**

Semi-Final - Páirc Uí Rinn

CORCAIGH 3-18 **0-6 LUIMNEACH**

Semi-Final - Cusack Park, Ennis

CLARE 0-12 **1-15 KERRY**

FINAL - PÁIRC UÍ CHAOIMH

CORCAIGH 3-10 **1-19 CIARRAÍ**

ALL-IRELAND SERIES

Round 1 - Bord Na Móna O'Connor Park

UÍBH FHAILÍ 1-21 **1-11 LONDAIN**

Round 1 - Avontcard Páirc Seán Mac Diarmada

LIATROIM 0-15 **0-13 CILL MHANTÁIN**

Round 1 - Innovate Wexford Park

LOCH GARMAN 0-10 **4-16 DOIRE**

Round 1 - Gaelic Grounds, Drogheda

AN LÚ 1-17 **2-16 AONTROIM**

Round 1 - Clones

MUINEACHÁN 1-10 **1-6 FEAR MANACH**

Round 1 - Páirc Esler, Newry

AN DÚN 1-13 **1-10 TIOBRAID ÁRANN**

Round 1 - TEG Cusack Park

AN IARMHÍ 1-22 **0-7 PORT LÁIRGE**

Round 1 - Netwatch Cullen Park

CEATHARLACH 0-7 **2-11 AN LONGFORT**

Round 2 - Corrigan Park

AONTROIM 0-14 **1-25 CILL DARA**

Round 2 - Glennon Brothers Pearse Park

AN LONGFORT 1-14 **2-15 TÍR EOGHAIN**

Round 2 - Owenbeg

DOIRE 0-12 **1-13 LAOIS**

Round 2 - Avontcard Páirc Seán Mac Diarmada

LIATROIM 0-17 **3-17 AN CLÁR**

Round 2 - TEG Cusack Park

AN IARMHÍ 2-13 **1-10 LUIMNEACH**

Round 2 - Clones

MUINEACHÁN 1-12 **2-17 ARD MHACHA**

Round 2 - Páirc Esler

AN DÚN 1-11 **1-16 MAIGH EO**

Round 2 - Bord Na Móna O'Connor Park

UÍBH FHAILÍ 3-17 **0-15 SLIGEACH**

Round 3 - St Conleth's Park

CILL DARA 1-15 **2-22 TÍR EOGHAIN**

Round 3 - TEG Cusack Park

AN IARMHÍ 0-15 **1-13 AN CLÁR**

Round 3 - O'Moore Park

LAOIS 0-20 **0-15 UÍBH FHAILÍ**

Round 3 - Elvery's MacHale Park

MAIGH EO 2-13 **1-15 ARD MHACHA**

Round 4 - Clones

AN CABHÁN 0-7 **1-20 TÍR EOGHAIN**

Round 4 - Semple Stadium

CORCAIGH 4-20 **1-15 LAOIS**

Round 4 - LIT Gaelic Grounds

GAILLIMH 1-13 **2-13 MAIGH EO**

Round 4 - O'Moore Park

AN MHÍ 2-16 **1-18 AN CLÁR**

Quarter-Final - Mac Cumhail Park

DÚN NA nGALL **AN MHÍ**

Quarter-Final - Fitzgerald Stadium

CIARRAÍ **MAIGH EO**

Quarter-Final - Dr Hyde Park

ROS COMÁIN **TÍR EOGHAIN**

Quarter-Final - Croke Park

ÁTH CLIATH **CORCAIGH**

Quarter-Final - Croke Park

MAIGH EO **AN MHÍ**

Quarter-Final - Croke Park

CIARRAÍ **DÚN NA nGALL**

Quarter-Final - Croke Park

CORCAIGH **TÍR EOGHAIN**

Quarter-Final - Croke Park

ÁTH CLIATH **ROS COMÁIN**

Quarter-Final - Elvery's MacHale Park

MAIGH EO **DÚN NA nGALL**

Quarter-Final - Páirc Tailteann

AN MHÍ **CIARRAÍ**

Quarter-Final - Páirc Uí Chaoimh

CORCAIGH **ROS COMÁIN**

Quarter-Final - Healy Park

TÍR EOGHAIN **ÁTH CLIATH**

Semi Final - Croke Park

GROUP 1 WINNER **GROUP 2 R-UP**

Semi Final - Croke Park

GROUP 2 WINNER **GROUP 1 R-UP**

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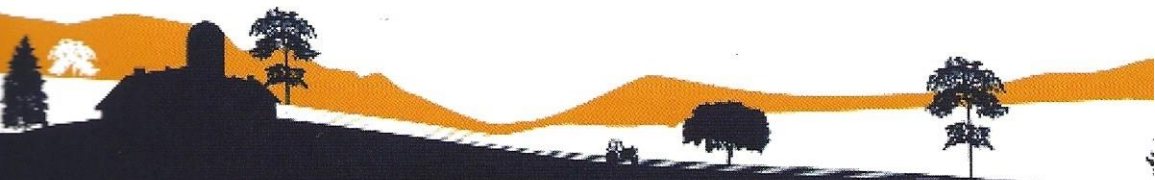
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PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MATCHES – 3

Donegal wins – 2

Meath wins – 1



AT THE VENUE

Croke Park 2

Páirc Tailteann 1

LAST MEETING – 8.7.2017

Stage – Qualifier Round 3

Referee – Derek O'Mahoney (Tipperary)

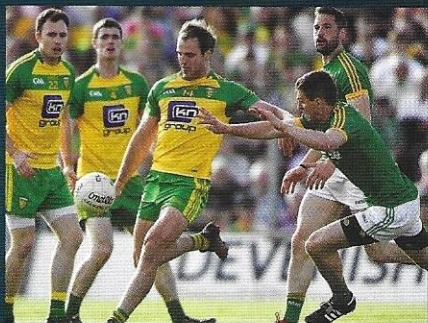
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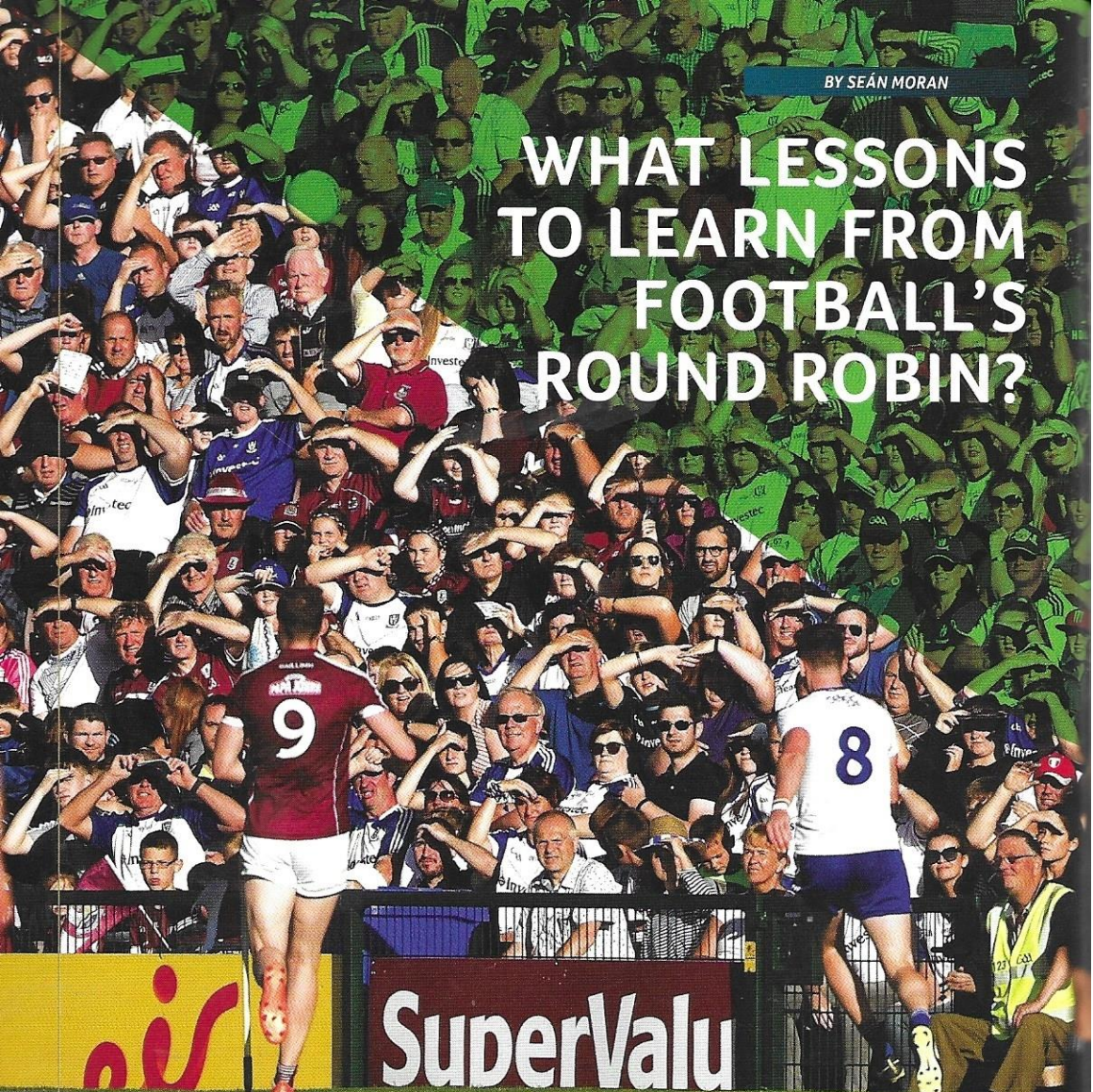
DONEGAL 1-15 MEATH 1-14

DONEGAL – Mark Anthony McGinley, Caolan Ward, Neil McGee, Kieran Gillespie, Paddy McGrath, Ryan McHugh (1-0), Frank McGlynn (0-1), Jason McGee (0-2), Michael Murphy (0-5), Eoghan Bán Gallagher, Ciarán Thompson, Eoin McHugh, Martin O'Reilly, Hugh McFadden, Patrick McBrearty (0-7). Subs: Martin McElhinney, Jamie Brennan, Karl Lacey, Mark McHugh.

MEATH – Paddy O'Rourke, Donal Keogan (0-1), Conor McGill, Mickey Burke, Pauric Harnan, Brian Power, Shane McEntee (0-1), Bryan Menton (0-1), Brian Conlon, Ruairí Ó Coileain (0-1), James McEntee (0-1), Graham Reilly (0-1), Seán Tobin, Cillian O'Sullivan (1-1), Donal Lenihan (0-7). Subs: Michael Newman, Donnacha Tobin, Eamon Wallace.



WHAT LESSONS TO LEARN FROM FOOTBALL'S ROUND ROBIN?



SPECTATORS SHIELD THEIR EYES FROM THE SUN AS THEY WATCH GALWAY'S THOMAS FLYNN AND MONAGHAN'S NIALL KEARNS CHASE THE BALL IN LAST YEAR'S QUARTER-FINAL GROUP 1 PHASE 3 MATCH AT PEARSE STADIUM

AS the All-Ireland quarter-final format begins the second year of its trial, it's worth reflecting on the main lessons to have emerged from last year and what might reasonably be expected this time around.

By the end of this year's football championship, it will be time to start reaching conclusions so what are likely to be the main considerations?

The question of Croke Park as a venue extends beyond

Dublin's use for two of their matches. What arose last year was reservations about the continuing attractiveness of the stadium for matches like this.

The two 2018 double bills there yielded modest crowds,

undermining the first weekend as a platform to launch the final stages of the All-Ireland championship, as had been hoped.

There were a couple of complications on the original plan. One, the schedule

now included the hurling quarter-finals as well, creating a log-jam of big matches and diffusing the focus on football's new era.

Two, the clash with the World Cup final on the Sunday of the weekend meant that public attention was further diluted and although that clash was obvious from a long time out, the impact on sports followers took longer to register.

Throw in the disappointment – albeit hardly unplanned for – of last year's heatwave breaking and turning into a relentless drizzle, worthy of match recordings from the 1970s and '80s, and the weekend was already under pressure.

If there is a fundamental problem with the new structure it is the all too foreseeable one of round-robin competition. When it comes to championship, the evidence is that the Gael has much in common with US sports followers, particularly in their shared suspicion of the ambiguous outcome.

The GAA's decision to commence the quarter-final phases with the clashes between provincial champions caused unhappiness, especially

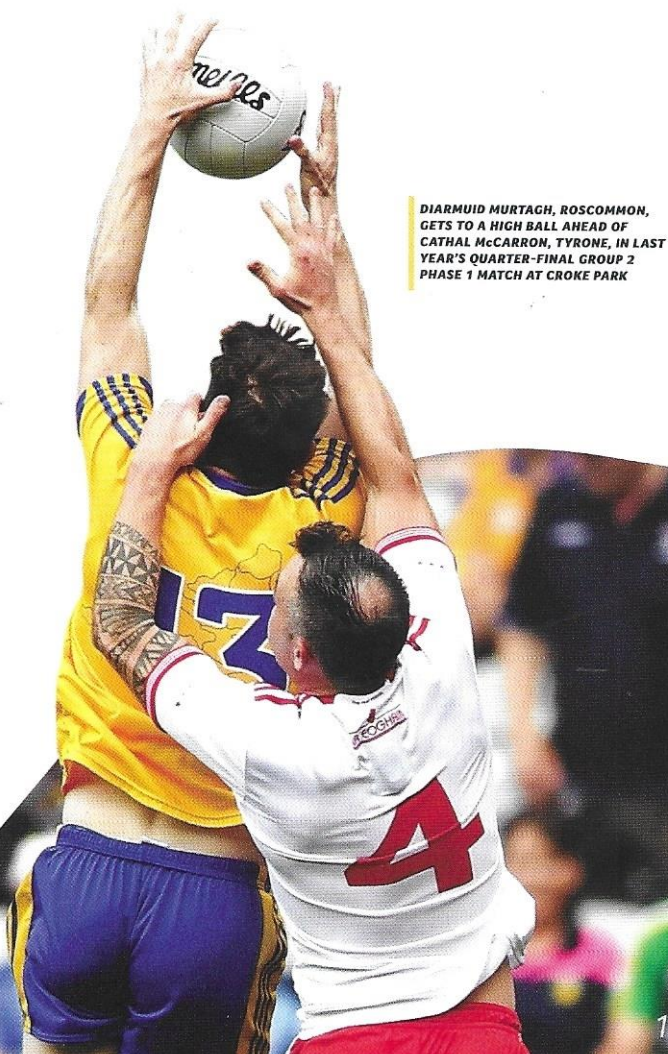
amongst those who lost, that their status was bringing no benefit in terms of All-Ireland progression.

That was the reason behind this year's tweak, to allow provincial champions start with a home game but there was also a rationale behind the original version, which was to ensure that some of the bigger counties dropped points early on and so militate against the prospect of dead rubbers, which last year was largely successful.


It will be interesting to see if the tweak produces earlier resolution of the two groups.

Other criticisms were also held up to scrutiny.

The idea that the change would be 'elitist' was always a curious one to make about the concluding stages of one of the country's more famous sporting competitions. What else would it be but elitist? Its purpose is to determine the best team in the championship.



DIARMUID MURTAGH, ROSCOMMON, GETS TO A HIGH BALL AHEAD OF CATHAL McCARRON, TYRONE, IN LAST YEAR'S QUARTER-FINAL GROUP 2 PHASE 1 MATCH AT CROKE PARK




There was the more nuanced argument that the system would benefit the elite by perpetuating it.

The four semi-finalists last year disputed - superficially at least - the claim. Galway and Monaghan reached the last four for the first time in 17 and 30 years, respectively. This year, three different counties have reached the last eight.

Yet even the changes signal a reversion to norms. Mayo's absence 12 months ago was more notable than their presence this year. Cork are back in the quarter-finals for the first time in five years but they're a familiar presence when you weigh up All-Ireland semi-finals in the qualifier era.

Mayo have reached seven of the last eight, plus two replays, whereas Tyrone have eight appearances. Dublin have been in the last nine whereas Kerry have missed out in only two of the 17 years.

Even with their lengthy absence from the top eight, Cork complete this elite group with eight semi-finals appearances.



So, yes, there is and has always been a self-perpetuating element but why is that? Presumably because teams getting more exposure to big matches become better and better. This is precisely one of the arguments in favour of the proposal advanced in the blueprint for the format.

It would surely have been invaluable in developmental terms, for a county such as Clare, which came through the qualifiers to the All-Ireland quarter-final this year (2016), to have had the opportunity to play three games rather than one at the last-eight stage, one of which would have been in Cusack Park in Ennis. Dublin or Donegal travelling to play Clare in front of 14,000 spectators packed into Cusack Park would have brought Clare on as a team and would have been a fantastic occasion for players and supporters alike. The parallel criticism is that this opportunity could result in the ladder being pulled up

after the top eight counties but that flies in the face of the experience of 19 years of qualifiers. During that time 23 counties have qualified for the quarter-finals, making it hardly an exclusive club.

The year before the round robin trial began, statistics showed a cumulative margin of 58 points between the winners and losers of the 2017 All-Ireland quarter-finals. Even if that included a replayed Mayo-Roscommon match that ended in a 22-point win, people could be forgiven for concentrating on the bottom line that averaged defeats of nearly 15 points.

Bad and all as it was it was just part of a trend. Taking



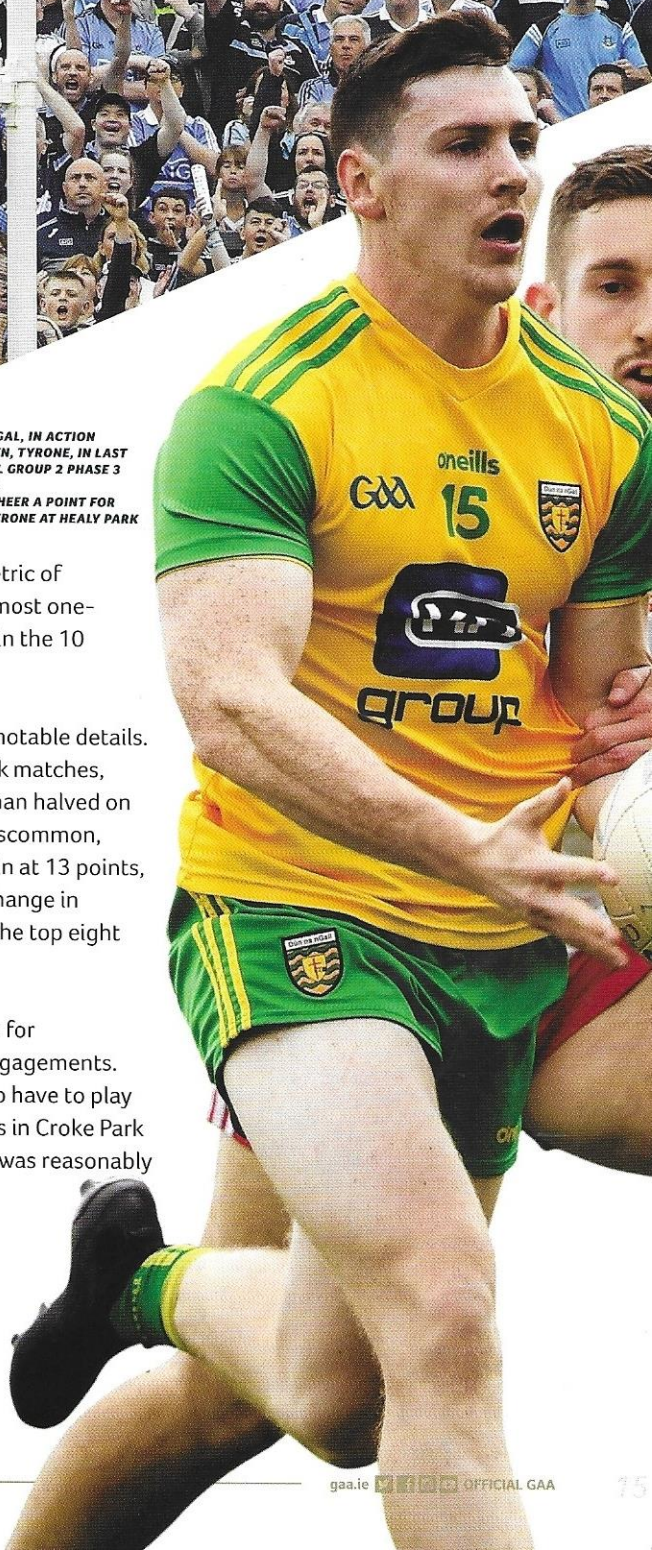
JAMIE BRENNAN, DONEGAL, IN ACTION AGAINST NIALL SLUDDEN, TYRONE, IN LAST YEAR'S QUARTER-FINAL GROUP 2 PHASE 3 MATCH IN BALLYBOFEY. ABOVE, DUBLIN FANS CHEER A POINT FOR THEIR SIDE AGAINST TYRONE AT HEALY PARK

the cumulative winning margin as a metric of competitiveness, we see that the nine most one-sided sets of quarter-finals have come in the 10 years, immediately prior to last year.

Last year's experience produced some notable details. One, despite some lop-sided Croke Park matches, the average margin in matches more than halved on 2017. Two, the weakest performers, Roscommon, whose average margin of defeat came in at 13 points, benefited sufficiently – allowing for a change in management – to retain their place in the top eight and this time as provincial champions.

Finally, the impact of home advantages for counties saw some very competitive engagements. Roscommon were somewhat unlucky to have to play both of the eventual All-Ireland finalists in Croke Park but their home match against Donegal was reasonably competitive, seven points in the end.

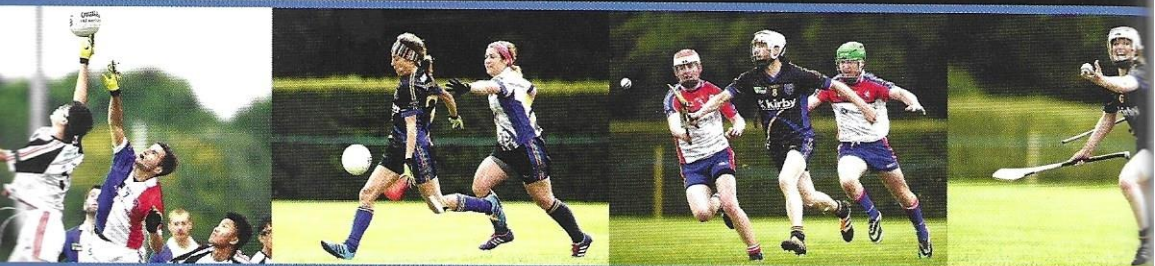
Only one of the fixtures at a provincial venue produced a double-digit margin (Kerry's win over 14-man Kildare). Further indications will be awaited with interest.





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THE EMPIRE PRIMED TO STRIKE BACK

“A true legend,” wrote Kerry poet Brendan Kennelly, “can only increase in stature because the man, the subject of the legend, has stayed fiercely faithful to his own vision of himself and his chosen mode of expression.”

Kennelly was talking about the peerless Mick O’Connell, the high chief of Kerry midfielders and an automatic choice on the GAA’s Team of the Century and Team of the Millennium.

O’Connell, who won 12 Munster and four All-Ireland medals, was a princely player, a magical ball-striker and one of the greatest fielders the game has ever produced. In Kerry, where they hold their footballers to the highest standards, he is revered as a footballing deity.

But O’Connell doesn’t think much of modern-day football; in fact, he thinks so little of it, he refuses to call it ‘football’ at all – Micko refers to it simply as ‘Gaelic’.

A couple of years ago, on the occasion of his 80th birthday, he was interviewed by Ger Gilroy and Joe Molloy on Newstalk’s *Off The Ball*. It made for fascinating radio.

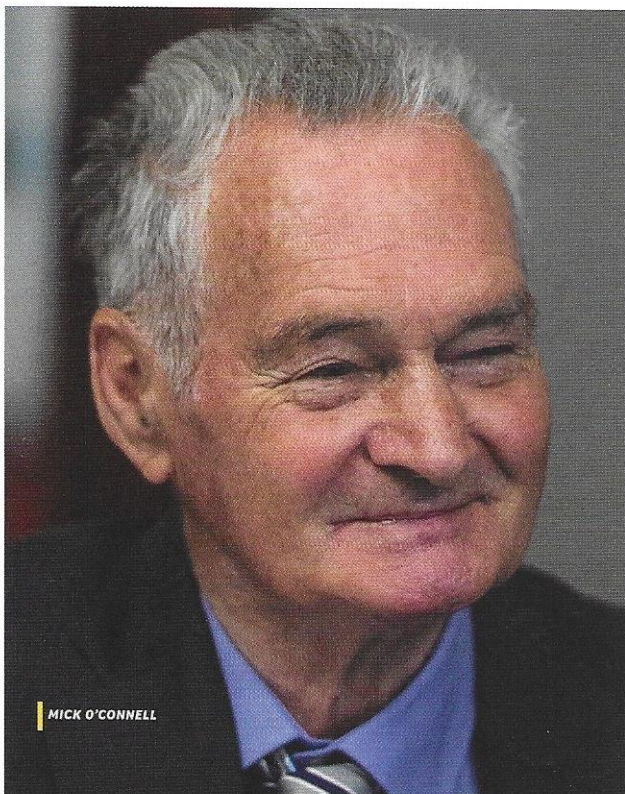
O’Connell repeated his

mantra a couple of times over the course of the 15-minute discussion: “You won a match, it wasn’t a triumph – you lost a match, it wasn’t a disaster.

“I played football because I liked it... It fitted in but there

was no such thing as it being the number one aim in my life to play football. It was incidental.”

And he was gloriously cranky, too, as the following exchange proved. Gilroy mentioned how O’Connell



MICK O'CONNELL

– who came from fishing and farming stock – would famously row across the bay back to Valentia island after a match.

“Good practice, kept you nice and fit,” suggested Gilroy.

“Fit for rowing, you mean?” replied Mick, sharply.

“Well...” said Ger, a little taken aback. “And football?”

“Football and rowing have no association, sure... You seem to know all about the sport, what age are you, 23 is it? “I’m 39.”

Later, Gilroy –picking his steps by now – suggested that there must have been a good coach on the island to guide the young superstar.

“I never knew the word coach, who told you that?” replied O’Connell.

“Example is the best coach of all. A lot of older people don’t watch the game now.”

Had he any passions in life, he was asked.

“None,” he said, without hesitation. “None whatsoever. Playing football afforded me the chance to do exercise and to play games locally and sometimes in Dublin for a period of the year. It was a nice way of associating with other people and so on and playing games with them as best you could.

It wasn’t a passion as such, it just happened that I was fairly good at it, got my place in the

county team, got a few games in Dublin.”

In the last two years, O’Connell’s home county have had a “few games in Dublin” themselves. By their lofty standards, though, they have not gone well.

Since the Kingdom beat Galway in the All-Ireland quarter-final on July 30, 2017, they are winless in five matches at HQ – the subsequent semi-final draw and replay against Mayo, the Allianz League match against Dublin the following spring, last summer’s Super 8 clash with Galway and this season’s league final.

Kerry’s recent performances have not filled their notoriously-demanding



DAVID CLIFFORD, KERRY, IN ACTION AGAINST AIDAN O'SHEA, MAYO, DURING THE ALLIANZ FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 1 FINAL AT CROKE PARK BACK IN MARCH

supporters with much confidence, either. While they won the Munster title, they were pushed hard by Cork in the decider and toiled against Clare in the semi.

At present, then, it is hard to evaluate just where they are at. The bookmakers have them installed as third favourites to lift Sam behind Dublin and Donegal and, of course, they did top the Division 1 table before that final reversal to the westerners but there is a nagging suspicion about their form in Croke Park.

All of that said, the cavalry are coming and it has been well-flagged. The Kingdom have won seven Munster and five minor All-Irelands in succession, a conveyor belt

which is unprecedented in the history of the game.

For all the doomsday chatter about Dublin's dominance, the Leinster kings are no longer dominant at minor level in their own province, winning just two of the last seven championships. Perhaps we are clutching at straws there or maybe – just maybe – a changing of the guard is in the offing.

Should it come to pass – and surely, Dublin, if they complete the elusive five in-a-row, won't reign forever – there is no doubt that Kerry are the county best-placed to ascend to the throne.

The pedigree of their young players, and the sheer amount of quality, proven performers ready to step off the production line, seemingly fully formed and versed in the house style, suggests that the Kingdom could, in fact, be on the verge of a period of dominance to rival that of their most storied team of the 1970s and '80s.

That group stood on the shoulders of giants in the form of O'Connell and his cohorts, just as the next batch will have drawn inspiration from the greats of the more recent past.

Failure to win the All-Ireland this year would mark the first time in a generation that Sam has gone five years without wintering in the deep south. And while Kerry's famously-fervent supporters would view that as a catastrophe, arguably their greatest son will not be losing sleep either way.

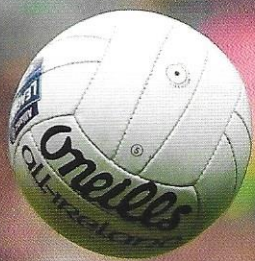
"I wouldn't do anything to win," O'Connell said in that 2017 interview.

"The end to me wasn't as important as the means. The means in which I played was the justification and if it won, well and good. When I see people talking about 'disaster', 'Kerry lost, it's a disaster'... there's no such thing in a game of sport."

Should Peter Keane's charges fail to progress from the quarter-final group stages in the coming weeks, some Kerry supporters may be inclined to disagree with their legendary former midfielder.

But regardless of what happens this summer, one thing is certain: the aristocrats will be seizing back control, sooner rather than later.

And some of the new names may, in time, become as legendary as even the great O'Connell himself.



FROM THE ARCHIVES - MEATH

IN his long and glorious managerial career with Meath Seán Boylan was known to have recalled the spirit of the Sixties when motivating his new generations of Meath footballers.

He was referring to the team of 1967, some of whose members were alongside him on his first management teams.

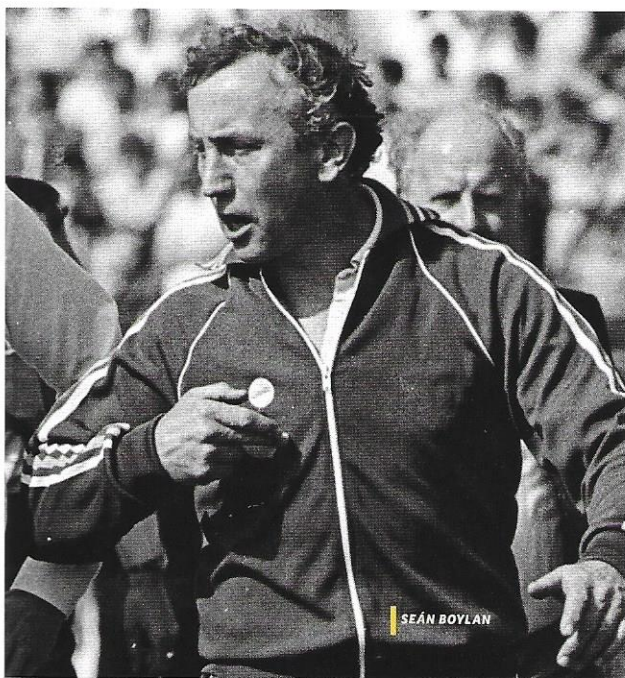
Meath had lost to the brilliant treble-seeking Galway team in the 1966 All-Ireland final but proved their quality and resilience when winning the Leinster title again in 1967.

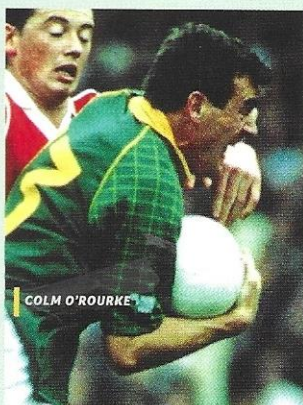
They played Mayo in the All-Ireland semi-final and prevailed by 3-14 to 1-14. In the local newspaper, the *Meath Chronicle*, the stars of the day were highlighted by Denis Smyth. "For me, Bertie Cunningham was the day's best star in defence," wrote Smyth. "In the first half he out-played both Joe Langan and Willie Loftus. And in the second he took on MJ Ruddy

and Johnny Farragher and did not give them a look-in. For me, Cunningham's tackling and covering was the greatest he has yet produced. He has often won more possession but it was his ability to tackle a variety of Mayo forwards as they switched the ball around that was the greatest factor of his excellent display.

"In the half-back line, Pat Reynolds showed a complete return to his best form. He was wrong-footed once by Seamus O'Dowd in the first half but that was the last that O'Dowd saw of the ball as Reynolds time and again beat him to the leather before clearing far downfield. O'Dowd had the leanest hour he has yet experienced in top-class senior football. Meath went on to win the All-Ireland when beating Cork 1-9 to 0-9.

Boylan had crafted his one team in the style of that great team of '67, but with a modern twist. And when they reached the All-Ireland final





in 1987 and met Cork again, there were new heroes.

Seventeen minutes into the game Cork's Jimmy Kerrigan was bearing down on the Meath goal. Space seemed to open up in front of him and Cork supporters' expectations rose. Just as he pulled the trigger Meath full back Mick Lyons made his move – he made a full stretch forward dive to brilliantly block the shot and deny Cork what might have been the crucial score. Seven minutes later Colm O'Rourke snatched a fortuitous goal for Meath in a goalmouth scramble. Meath won by 1-14 to 0-11.

"This was our greatest day," said Boylan.

Meath would go on to enjoy other great days. The Leinster final of 1999 is not remembered as a classic but it did produce a classic individual performance as Meath beat Dublin. In the *Meath Chronicle* journalist

Carlo Devito painted the picture:

"Ollie Murphy was the toast of Meath at Croke Park on Sunday as his personal demolition job accounted for Dublin and earned the Royal County their fourth Leinster title of the decade and the last of this millennium," wrote Devito.

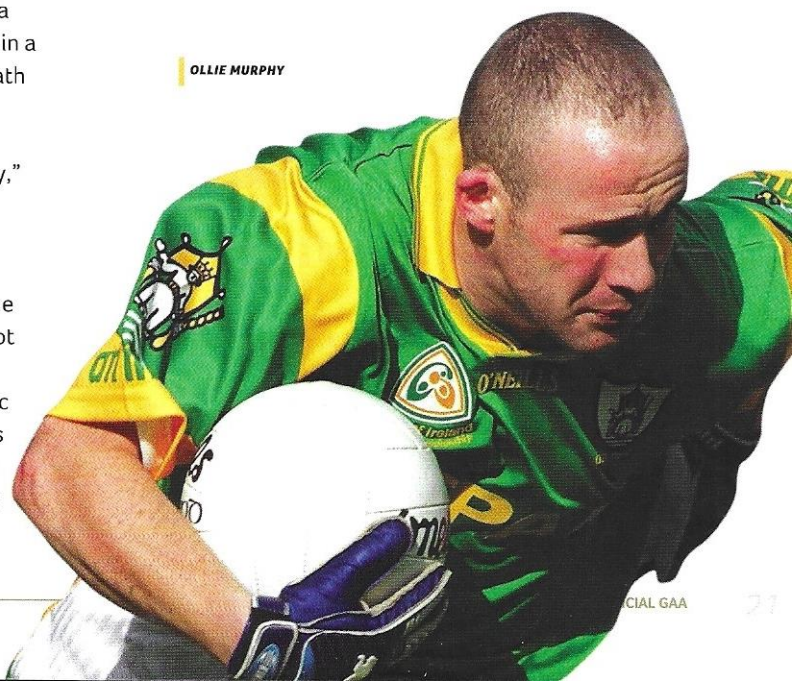
"The thrills and spills which go hand in hand with a Leinster final weren't evident on this occasion and, for the most part, the game lacked panache – the one exception being Murphy.

"The 56,315 attendance watched in awe as the Carnaross clubman dug deep into his bag of skills and produced a classic attacking display which made his marker, Peadar Andrews look like a Morris Minor alongside a Rolls Royce.

"He finished with 1-5 to his credit, all of which came from play and his celebrations in front of Hill 16 after a stunning 59th minute goal will long be remembered by Meath supporters.

"Murphy will steal the headlines and rightly so, but there were several others in green and gold jerseys worthy of special mention. John McDermott's large physique has put frighteners on many opponents down the years, but last Sunday, the Skryne player proved he possesses a heart of equal stature as he produced a display which would have made his late mother very proud. McDermott along with his youthful sidekick, Nigel Crawford, ensured Dublin's duo of Brian Stynes and Ciarán Whelan couldn't fulfil their supporters' expectations."

OLLIE MURPHY



CHAMPIONSHIP 2019:

An mhí



	started	subbed on	OFFALY	CARLOW	LAOIS	DUBLIN	CLARE
ANDREW COLGAN	■						
SÉAMUS LAVIN	■						
CONOR McGILL	■						
SHANE GALLAGHER	■						
JAMES McENTEE	■			■			■
DONAL KEOGAN	■						
GAVIN McCOY	■					■	
BRYAN MENTON	■						
SHANE McENTEE	■			■	■		
CILLIAN O'SULLIVAN	■						
BRYAN McMAHON	■						
BEN BRENNAN	■						■
BARRY DARDIS	■			■	■	■	■
MICHAEL NEWMAN	■						

CHAMPIONSHIP 2019

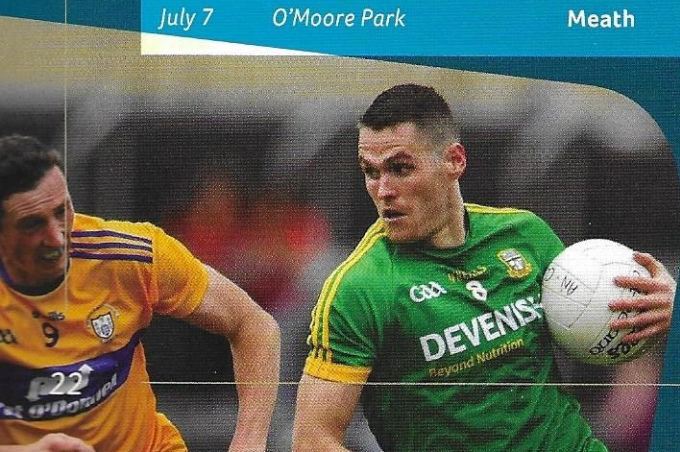
May 12	Páirc Tailteann	Meath	1-13	Offaly	0-14
May 25	O'Moore Park	Meath	2-18	Carlow	0-9
June 9	Croke Park	Meath	3-13	Laois	0-11
FINAL June 23	Croke Park	Dublin	1-17	Meath	0-4
July 7	O'Moore Park	Meath	2-16	Clare	1-18

TOTAL SCORED:

8-64

TOTAL CONCEDED:

2-69





	OFFALY	CARLOW	LAOIS	DUBLIN	CLARE
THOMAS O'REILLY					
ADAM FLANAGAN					
JAMES CONLON					
GRAHAM REILLY					
SEÁN TOBIN					
EOIN LYNCH					
PADRAIC HARNAN					
RONAN RYAN					
DARRAGH CAMPION					
ETHAN DEVINE					
THOMAS MCGOVERN					
SEÁN CURRAN					
SHANE WALSH					

SCORERS



Michael Newman

3-20

14f,
1p

Bryan Menton	3-5	Donal Keogan	0-2
James Conlon	0-12	Thomas O'Reilly	0-2
Bryan McMahon	1-5	Séamus Lavin	0-1
Cillian O'Sullivan	0-6	Shane Gallagher	0-1
Ben Brennan	0-4 (1f)	Ethan Devine	0-1
Graham Reilly	0-3	Thomas McGovern	0-1
Padraic Harnan	1-0	Shane Walsh	0-1

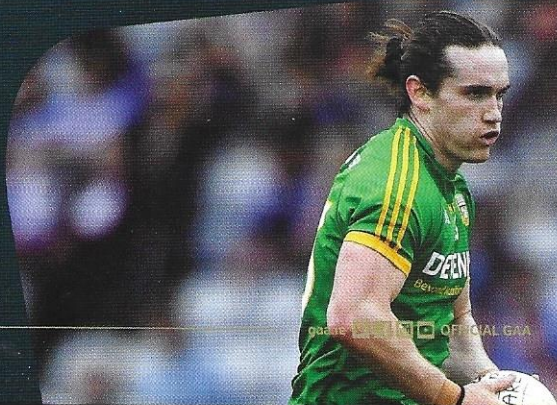
80% SCORES FROM PLAY

NUMBER OF PLAYERS USED:

27

STARTING ALL FIVE MATCHES:

9





2 **SÉAMUS LAVIN**
Naomh Peadar Dún Bóinne

5 **DONAL KEOGAN**
Rath Coinnig

8 **BRYAN MENTON**
Domhnach Mór Cill Dhéagláin

10 **ETHAN DEVINE**
Na Fianna

13 **CILLIAN O'SULLIVAN**
Magh nAilbhe

1 **ANDREW COLGAN**
Domhnach Mór Cill Dhéagláin

3 **CONOR MCGILL**
Rath Tó

6 **PADRAIC HARNAN**
Magh nAilbhe

11 **BRYAN McMAHON**
Rath Tó

14 **MICHAEL NEWMAN**
Cill Maigneann

4 **SHANE GALLAGHER**
Gaeil Baile Shiomóin

7 **GAVIN McCOY**
Naomh Peadar Dún Bóinne

9 **SHANE McENTEE**
Naomh Peadar Dún Bóinne

12 **THOMAS McGOVERN**
Domhnach Mór Cill Dhéagláin

15 **JAMES CONLON**
Naomh Colmcille

An mhí

ROGHNÓIRÍ - Andy McEntee (Bainisteoir), Donal Curtis, Finian Murtagh, Gerry Cooney, Colm Nally

FIR IONAIÐ

- 16. **MARC Ó DRONÁIN**
MARCUS BRENNAN
Ó Mathúna
- 17. **CÓMAS Ó RAGHALLAIGH**
THOMAS O'REILLY
Bhulf Tón
- 18. **SEÁN TÓIBÍN**
SEÁN TOBIN
Gaeil Baile Shiomóin

- 19. **DÁIRE CAMPION**
DARRAGH CAMPION
Scrín
- 20. **ADAM Ó FLANNAGÁIN**
ADAM FLANAGAN
Cluain Ioraird
- 21. **SEÁN Ó CORRÁIN**
SEÁN CURRAN
Domhnach Mór Cill Dhéagláin
- 22. **GRAHAM Ó RAGHALLAIGH**
GRAHAM REILLY
Naomh Colmcille

- 23. **SEÁN DRÉACNACH**
SHANE WALSH
Na Fianna
- 24. **NÉILL Ó CACHAÍN**
NIALL KANE
Gaeil Baile Shiomóin
- 25. **MÍCHEÁL DE BÚRCA**
MICHAEL BURKE
Maigh Dearmhaí
- 26. **SÉAMUS MAC ON tSAOI**
JAMES McENTEE
Currach Átha





Seán Ó Pátcáin
1 SHAUN PATTON
 Naomh Adhamhnáin

Pádraig Mac Craigh
2 PADDY McGRATH
 Ard an Ratha

Néill Mac Dorsh
3 NEIL McGEE
 Gaith Dobhair

Stiofán Mac Meannan
4 STEPHEN McMENAMIN
 Aodh Rua, Cuil Mhic gCuirridín

Riam Mac Aodha
5 RYAN McHUGH
 Cill Chartha

Dáire Ó Daoill
6 DAIRE Ó BAOILL
 Gaith Dobhair

Eoghan Bán Ó Sallchóir
7 EOGHAN BÁN GALLAGHER
 Na Cealla Beaga

Aodh Mac Phárláin
8 HUGH McFADDEN
 Na Cealla Beaga

Iasán Mac Dorsh
9 JASON McGEE
 Cloch Cheann Fhaola

Ciarán Mac Thomáis
10 CIARÁN THOMPSON
 Naomh Conaill

Néill Ó Domhnaill
11 NIALL O'DONNELL
 Naomh Adhamhnáin

Séamus Ó Úraonáin
12 JAMIE BRENNAN
 Realt na Mara, Bun Dobhrain

Pádraig Mac Úrreartaigh
13 PATRICK McBREARTY
 Cill Chartha

Mícheál Ó Murchú (C.)
14 MICHAEL MURPHY
 Gleann tSúilí

Mícheál Ó Longáin
15 MICHAEL LANGAN
 Naomh Mícheál

DÚN NA nGALL

ROGHNÓIRÍ - Deaglán Mac Cnámhái (Bainisteoir), Carl de Léis, Pól Mac Congaill

- 16. Pól Ó Dúrcáin**
PAUL DURCAN
 Baile Buadáin, Naomh Éanna
- 17. Pádraig Mac Fhloinn**
FRANK McGLYNN
 Gleann Fhinne
- 18. Leo Mac Siolla Uáin**
LEO McLOONE
 Naomh Conaill
- 19. Eoin Mac Aodha**
EWIN McHUGH
 Cill Chartha

- 20. Éamonn Ó Uochartaigh**
EAMONN DOHERTY
 Naomh Adhamhnáin
- 21. Pól Ó Úraonáin**
PAUL BRENNAN
 Realt na Mara, Bundobhráin
- 22. Oshrán Mac Phárláin Ó Fearraigh**
ODHRÁN McFADDEN FERRY
 Gaith Dobhair
- 23. Caolán Mac an Úháir**
CAOLAN WARD
 Naomh Adhamhnáin

FIR IONAIÐ

- 24. Úraonán Mac Cumhaill**
BRENDAN McCOLE
 Naomh Náille
- 25. Oisín Ó Salláin**
OISIN GALLEN
 Sean Mac Cumhaill
- 26. Caolán Mac Congaill**
CAOLAN McGONAGLE
 Buncrannacha

FROM THE ARCHIVES - DONEGAL

DONEGAL won their first-ever Ulster title when they beat Tyrone in the provincial final of 1972 and faced a star-studded Offaly, who were the defending All-Ireland champions, in the semi-final.

They didn't win but earned most of the plaudits for a battling display against a team that would add another title to their impressive roll of honour.

And it was the quality of their defence that attracted the most attention. In the *Irish Press* Peadar O'Brien reported: "Through that first half Offaly had scarcely made an impression on a magnificent Donegal full-back line in which Donal Monaghan, Paraic McShea and Andy Curran had vied with one another for supremacy.

"Further out Brian McEniff had completely quenched the threat of the roving Tony McTague, while at midfield Seamus Bonner and Frankie McFeely had dominated the exchanges."

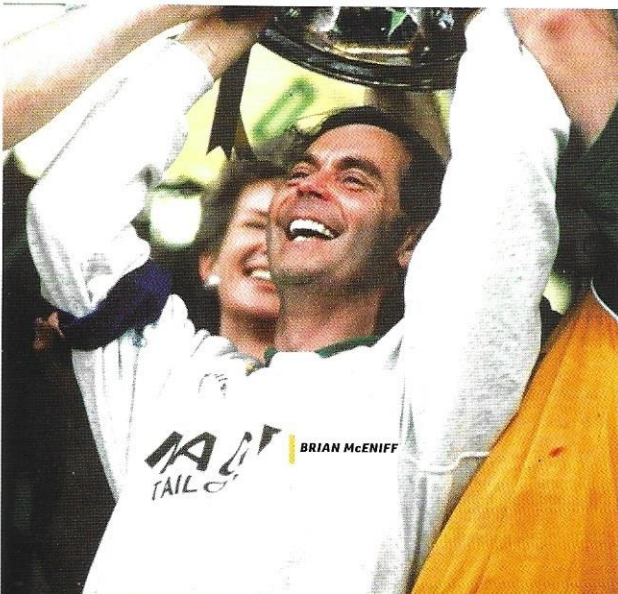
It would be another two decades, however, before Donegal managed to take the next big step by reaching the All-Ireland final. McEniff was still the central figure as team manager and he had a new team with a big attitude with him. Matt Gallagher, the full back, exemplified that attitude with a powerful

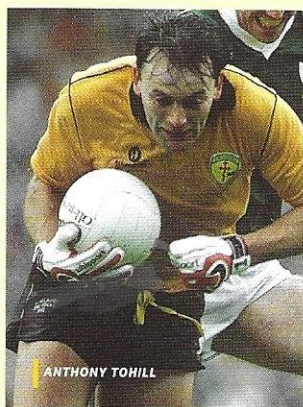
performance against Mayo in the All-Ireland semi-final. Then, against the highly fancied Dubs in the final, Donegal created history. And they had many heroes, with the *Irish Independent* highlighting a few.

"None shone brighter than Martin Gavigan. He was heroic. Defiantly in the centre of the defence he formed a human dam through which little passed unless it was hit so high that Gavigan could not reach. In front of him Brian Murray had his best ever game for Donegal and there will be no argument with that assessment.

Alongside him Anthony Molloy played a crucial role until he tired. By then Barry Cunningham was in the game and performing spectacularly. It was from that Gavigan-Molloy-Murray-Cunningham axis that this historic success developed.

"That has been Donegal all year. What was different





yesterday was that the forwards made their biggest contribution of the season. Martin McHugh played 20 minutes of football of breathtaking quality and 50 more of considerable merit. And they had Manus Boyle, surefooted and confident, kicking nine points from every range and angle to guarantee his place in Donegal folklore.”

Michael Murphy also has a place in that folklore, his brilliant third minute goal in the 2012 All-Ireland final, being the highlight of a substantial career that is not yet complete.

Chris McNulty in the *Donegal News*, described the decisive opening to the big clash with Mayo, which Donegal won by 2-11 to 0-13. “It came down to two champagne moments in the first-half, but the bubbly wasn’t corked until the end as Donegal were crowned All-Ireland champions for 2012 at Croke Park yesterday.

“Michael Murphy and Colm McFadden netted a goal apiece inside the opening 11 minutes of a final that will live long in the memory, not maybe for the sporting aesthetics, but for those scenes of sheer raw joy and passion at its close.

“Donegal looked like they were going to town on Mayo when Murphy and McFadden had them on cloud 9 with two early goals that sent them seven points ahead. Between them, the deadly duo hit 2-8, scoring 1-4 apiece.

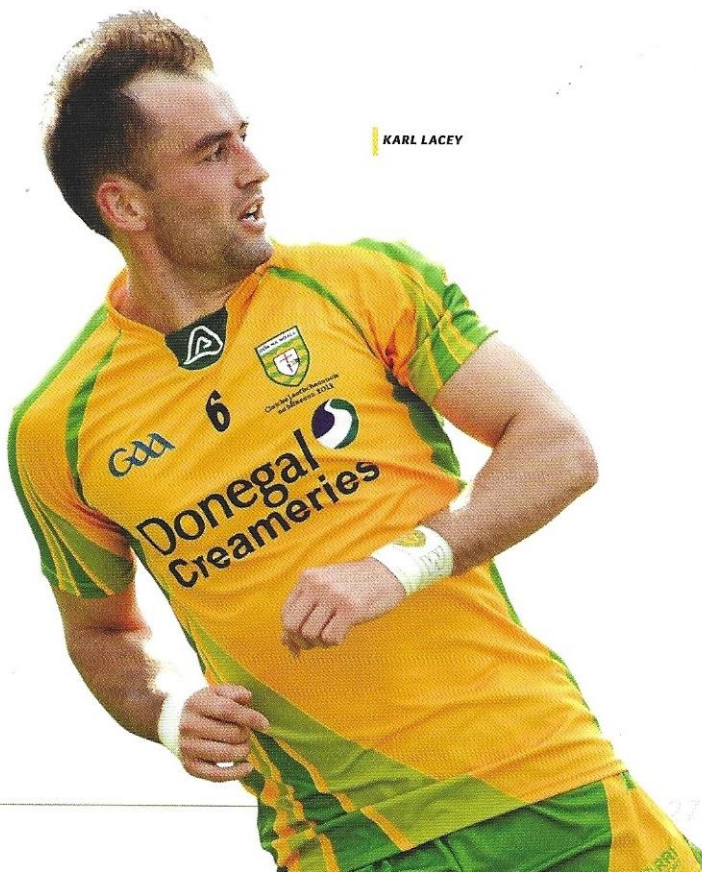
“Mayo, though, didn’t wave the white flag – and instead hit back to have a real go. Donegal withstood whatever was thrown their way and,

although it may not have been one of their better displays of 2012, it was still one in which their new-found steely belief in themselves shone through.

“That it was their inspirational captain Murphy, who Martin McHugh labelled Donegal’s greatest ambassador earlier in the week, who led the way seemed as if it had in some way been pre-written.”

With strong words of praise for Karl Lacey, McNulty concluded his report. “It was a day of days as Michael Murphy climbed the fabled walk that can be bestowed on only a select few.

“Sam is for the Hills again: What a day.”



CHAMPIONSHIP 2019:

DUÍN NA nGALL



started

subbed on

FERMANAGH

TYRONE

CAVAN

	FERMANAGH	TYRONE	CAVAN
SHAUN PATTON	started		
STEPHEN McMENAMIN	started		
NEIL McGEE	started		
EOGHAN BÁN GALLAGHER	started		
DAIRE Ó BAOILL		subbed on	subbed on
LEO McLOONE	started		
PADDY McGRATH	started		
HUGH McFADDEN	started		
JASON McGEE	started		
RYAN McHUGH	started		
MICHAEL MURPHY	started		
CIARÁN THOMPSON		subbed on	

CHAMPIONSHIP 2019

May 26	Brewster Park	Donegal	0-15	Fermanagh	0-9
June 8	Kingspan Breffni	Donegal	1-16	Tyrone	0-15
June 23	St Tiernach's Park	Donegal	1-24	Cavan	2-16

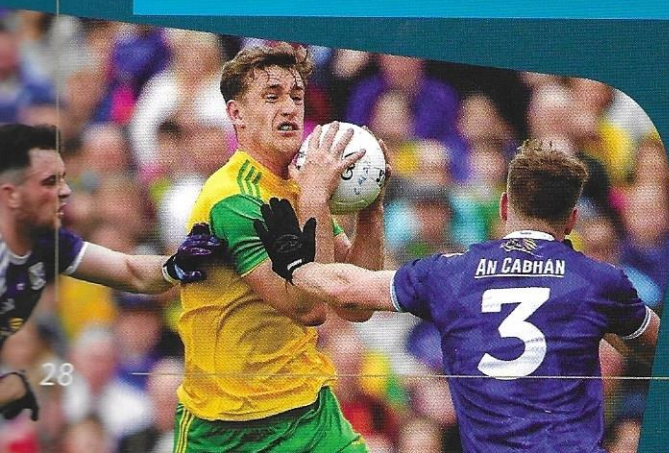
FINAL

TOTAL SCORED:

2-55

TOTAL CONCEDED:

2-40





	FERMANAGH	TYRONE	CAVAN
JAMIE BRENNAN	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
PATRICK McBREARTY	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
MICHAEL LANGAN	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
FRANK McGLYNN	Green	Green	Green
NIALL O'DONNELL	Green	Yellow	Yellow
EOIN McHUGH	Green	Yellow	Black
EAMONN DOHERTY	Green	Black	Black
PAUL BRENNAN	Green	Green	Green
OISÍN GALLEN	Black	Green	Green
ODHRAN McFADDEN	Black	Black	Yellow
CAOLAN WARD	Black	Black	Green

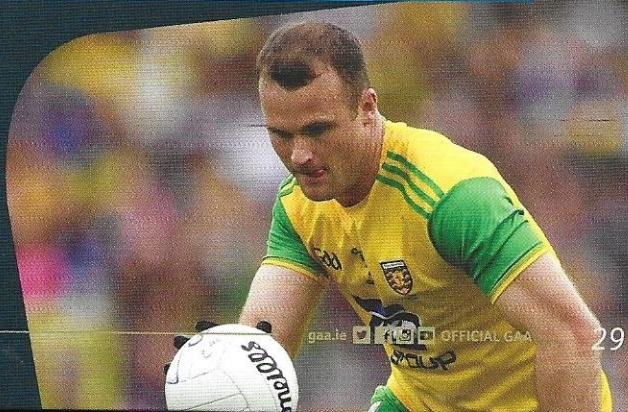


		SCORERS
Patrick McBrearty	0-13 (3f)	Stephen McMenamin 0-1
Michael Murphy	0-11 (5f, 1'45)	Eoghan Bán Gallagher 0-1
Ciarán Thompson	0-3	Daire Ó Baoill 0-1
Jason McGee	0-3	Leo McLoone 0-1
Michael Langan	0-3	Niall O'Donnell 0-1
Ryan McHugh	0-2	Eoin McHugh 0-1
Hugh McFadden	0-2	Oisín Gallen 0-1

85% SCORES FROM PLAY

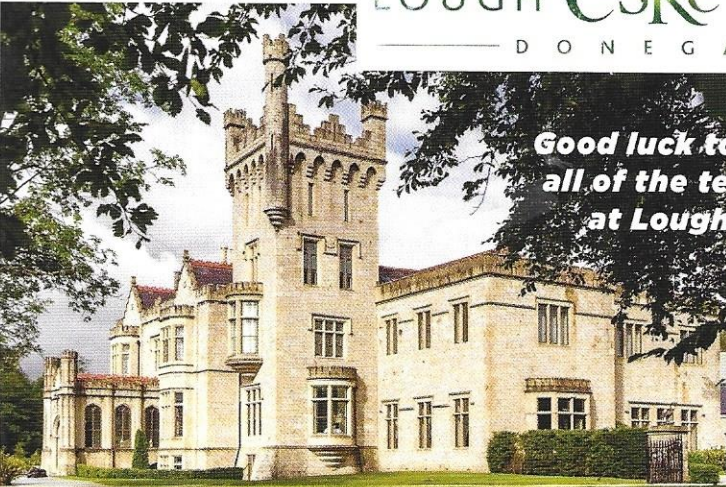
NUMBER OF PLAYERS USED:
23

STARTING ALL THREE MATCHES:
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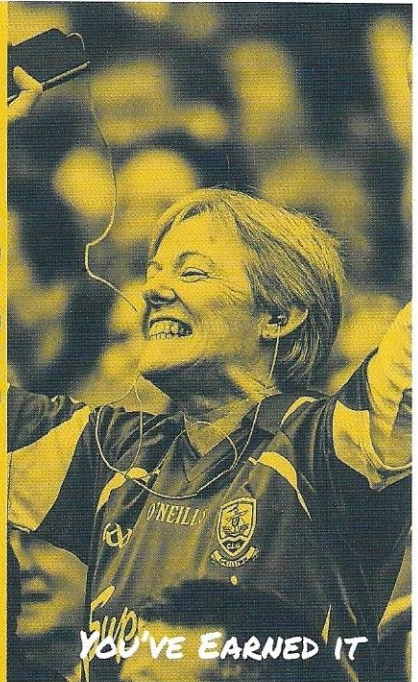
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DIRECT ROUTE NOT ALWAYS THE QUICKEST

WHEN the provincial football silverware was being handed out in the closing weekends of June, there was a high level of familiarity to the identity of the winners.



Roscommon, Kerry, Dublin and Donegal were the victors as they bagged the first four spots on offer in the 2019 edition of the Super 8s. They returned to a stage they had visited last season when the original instalment occurred of the GAA's latest structural shift to their football product.

Kerry, Dublin and Donegal are taking the direct route once more as champions while Roscommon have progressed

as kingpins a season after surmounting a Round 4 hurdle against Armagh to reach the last eight.

For this year's winners of the fare in the provinces, participating in All-Ireland quarter-finals is nothing new.

Scan back this decade. Dublin have now stitched together nine Leinster titles. The last time they fell short in their local environs was 2010 but

they still plotted a circuitous route to a quarter-final that year where they prevailed against Tyrone. Kerry can relate to that level of near complete dominance. Their latest Munster final victory was their seventh on the bounce with Cork's 2012 win the only interruption to a decade of Kerry control.

For Donegal this has been a golden period for the county's footballers. At the outset of

the 2011 season they had five Ulster crowns to their credit. At the final whistle in Clones last month they had overturned Cavan to ensure that trophy list has been doubled. The success was added to those in 2011, 2012, 2014 and 2018. Even in those years where they have not reigned in Ulster, Donegal have largely found a way to get back into the reckoning come the last eight. The only slip from those high standards was 2017 when Galway's goal-scoring spree overwhelmed them in Round 4.

Roscommon have not enjoyed as prosperous a decade, their 2010 Connacht success preceding a run of mid-summer qualifier exits. But they have contested the last four Connacht finals, winning two of them and this is their third successive year as part of the final eight sides standing. They may not have ruled their domains in a manner comparable to Dublin, Kerry and Donegal yet their recent spell has been one of great positivity.

The early season stuff completed, the focus now shifts to the bigger picture. Having passed tests in their provinces, what are the aims? Dublin were the only one to find an escape route from the Super 8s last August. They finished the season clear of everyone else and little has

happened in the interim to dissuade most from believing they will remain in possession of Sam Maguire this winter.

If a trio of Allianz League losses created a little doubt, that was dispelled by their swatting aside of Louth (26 points), Kildare (15) and Meath (16) as they cantered to another win in Leinster. The Super 8s will be targeted as a stepping stone to bigger things.

For Kerry, Donegal and Roscommon it proved the graveyard for their 2018 ambitions. Kerry and Donegal triumphed in one game apiece, Roscommon finished pointless. Kerry's victory was on the last day against Kildare, their hopes having floundered in Croke Park and Clones. Donegal entered the final afternoon buoyant with home advantage for a winner-takes-all clash but Tyrone landed in Ballybofey and departed with the spoils. For Roscommon it was a sobering experience, an aggregate loss of 39 points and a series of damaging defeats.

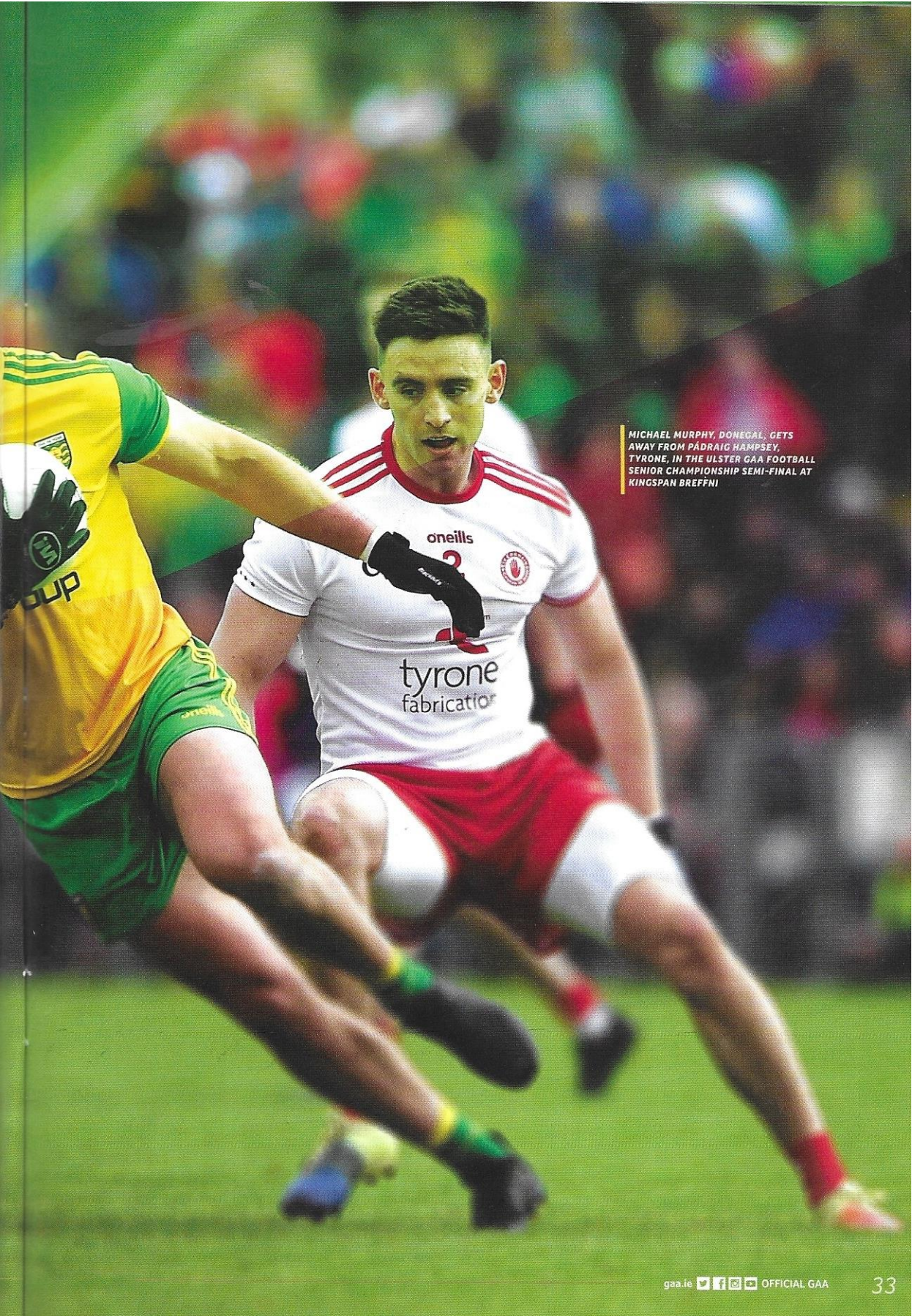
The target for the trio will be improvement. Star names like Michael Murphy, David Clifford and Enda Smith will spearhead their hopes while figures like Jamie Brennan, Stephen O'Brien and Conor Cox land here in vibrant form. Kerry don't want to make it

a habit of being absent from the All-Ireland semi-finals. Donegal have not graced that stage since 2014. The pair will likely be locked in a battle for supremacy in Group 1 with Mayo and Meath the new championship presence they must take on.

Roscommon's ambition will be to show they are competitive at this level, have digested the harsh lessons of rubbing shoulders with the elite last time out and steeled for Group 2 where they will take on the top two in the country last year, along with Cork who they last met in a quarter-final tie in 2010. Home advantage this weekend in Mac Cumhaill Park, Fitzgerald Stadium and Dr Hyde Park is an aspect they will hope to make count.

For managers Jim Gavin, Peter Keane, Declan Bonner and Anthony Cunningham, there is already silverware in the cabinet to show for their 2019 efforts. The first phase of the championship is complete for the quartet. How they fare in the second phase will determine how they will truly reflect on this year.





MICHAEL MURPHY, DONEGAL, GETS AWAY FROM PÁDRAIG HAMPSEY, TYRONE, IN THE ULSTER GAA FOOTBALL SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL AT KINGSPAN BREFFNI



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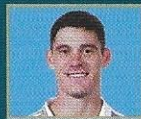
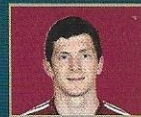
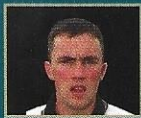
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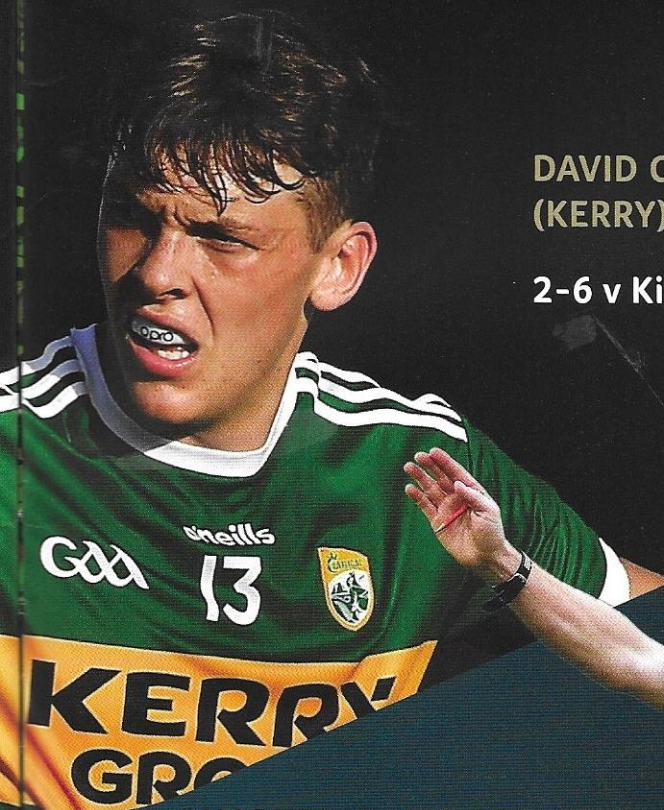
QUARTER-FINAL RECORDS

	<i>Matches</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drew</i>	<i>Lost</i>
DUBLIN	22	14	3	5
KERRY	21	16	2	3
TYRONE	17	9	1	7
DONEGAL	15	5	2	8
MAYO	14	9	2	3
GALWAY	12	3	1	8
CORK	11	8	0	3
ARMAGH	9	3	1	5
KILDARE	9	1	0	8
MONAGHAN	8	2	1	5
ROSCOMMON	8	0	1	7
MEATH	5	3	1	1
LAOIS	5	0	1	4
DERRY	3	1	0	2
FERMANAGH	3	1	0	2
SLIGO	3	0	1	2
WESTMEATH	3	0	0	3
DOWN	2	1	0	1
TIPPERARY	1	1	0	0
WEXFORD	1	1	0	0
CAVAN	1	0	0	1
CLARE	1	0	0	1
LIMERICK	1	0	0	1

TOP SCORERS IN QUARTER-FINALS

2001	JOHN CROWLEY (KERRY)	2-2 v Dublin
2002	DESSIE SLOYAN (SLIGO)	0-8 v Armagh
	RAY COSGROVE (DUBLIN)	2-2 v Donegal
2003	DARA Ó CINNÉIDE (KERRY)	0-8 v Roscommon
2004	ENDA MULDOON (DERRY)	1-6 v Westmeath
2005	TOMÁS QUINN (DUBLIN)	1-7 v Tyrone
	OWEN MULLIGAN (TYRONE)	1-7 v Dublin
2006	STEVEN McDONNELL (ARMAGH)	1-5 v Kerry
2007	MARK VAUGHAN (DUBLIN)	0-6 v Derry
	PADDY BRADLEY (DERRY)	0-6 v Dublin
	TOMÁS FREEMAN (MONAGHAN)	1-3 v Kerry
2008	MICHAEL MEEHAN (GALWAY)	0-10 v Kerry
2009	COLM COOPER (KERRY)	1-7 v Dublin
2010	BERNARD BROGAN (DUBLIN)	0-9 v Tyrone
2011	DIARMUID CONNOLLY (DUBLIN)	0-7 v Tyrone
2012	COLM McFADDEN (DONEGAL)	1-5 v Kerry
2013	CILLIAN O'CONNOR (MAYO)	3-4 v Donegal
2014	BERNARD BROGAN (DUBLIN)	1-6 v Monaghan
2015	SEÁN QUIGLEY (FERMANAGH)	1-8 v Dublin
2016	CONOR SWEENEY (TIPPERARY)	2-2 v Galway
2017	DEAN ROCK (DUBLIN)	1-8 v Monaghan
2018	CONOR McMANUS (MONAGHAN)	1-9 v Kerry
	DAVID CLIFFORD (KERRY)	2-6 v Kildare





DAVID CLIFFORD
(KERRY)

2-6 v Kildare (2018)



QUARTER-FINAL REFEREES 2009-2018

- 8 **JOE McQUILLAN (CAVAN)**
- 6 **DAVID COLDRICK (MEATH)**
- 5 **CORMAC REILLY (MEATH)**
- 4 **MAURICE DEEGAN (LAOIS)**
- 4 **CONOR LANE (CORK)**
- 4 **DAVID GOUGH (MEATH)**
- 4 **MARTY DUFFY (SLIGO)**
- 2 **ANTHONY NOLAN (WICKLOW)**
- 2 **CIARÁN BRANAGAN (DOWN)**
- 2 **EDDIE KINSELLA (LAOIS)**
- 2 **PAT McENEANEY (MONAGHAN)**
- 1 **BARRY CASSIDY (DERRY)**
- 1 **SEÁN HURSON (TYRONE)**
- 1 **DEREK O'MAHONEY (TIPPERARY)**
- 1 **PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN (KERRY)**
- 1 **RORY HICKEY (CLARE)**
- 1 **GEARÓID Ó CONAMHA (GALWAY)**



AG BAILE, AS BAILE AGUS SA CHEANNÁRAS

AN t-am seo anuraidh a tháinig Babhtáí Cáilithe Ceathrú Ceannais Chraobhchomórtais Peile na hÉireann ar an saol. Tá cúig cinn de na contaetha a bhí páirteach iontu sin ar ais linn i mbliana – Áth Cliath, Ciarraí, Dún na nGall, Ros Comáin agus Tír Eoghain. Faigheann Maigh Eo, An Mhí agus Corcaigh deis a dhul chun páirce iontu don chéad uair.

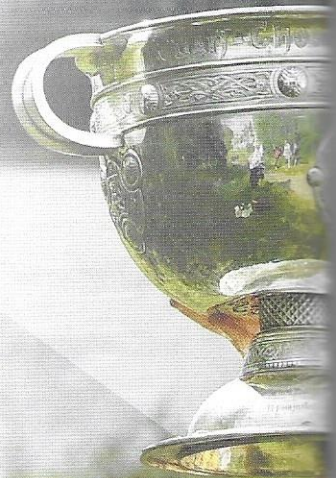
Arís i mbliana imreoidh na foirne cluiche amháin as baile, cluiche eile ar a bhfód féin agus ceann i bPáirc an Chrócaigh.

Is é an teoraic is minicí i ngach spórt le córas den chineál sin gur é an rud is tábhachtaí le déanamh ag foireann ná a chinntiú go mbuann siad a cluichí a imrítear ag baile agus ansin a bheith ag súil le beagán brabúis a thabhairt ar ais leat as do chuid taistil.

Aisteach go leor ba é a mhalairt ar fad a bhí fíor

sa gcomórtas seo i 2018 má thógann tú Áth Cliath amach as an gcomhaireamh agus tuigeann muid ar fad go bhfuileadar siúd chomh cumasach ag an tráth seo go gcreideann go leor go mbeidh an bua acu cuma ar i bPáirc an Chócaigh nó in aon áit eile atá siad ag imirt.

Creid é nó ná creid ach ba iad Ciarraí an t-aon fhoireann eile a bhuaigh ar a dtalamh féin ag an tráth seo de Chraobh Peile na hÉireann 2018 agus ní fiú agus gur éirigh leosan na cluichí leathcheannais a



ENDA SMITH, ROS COMÁIN,
JASON FOLEY, CIARRAÍ
AGUS HUGH McFADDEN,
DÚN NA nGALL



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bhaint amach . Go deimhin bhí a seans ar na babhtaí sin beagnach imithe le gaoth nuair a bhuaigh siad ar Chill Dara 3-25, 2-16 ar Pháirc an Ghearltaigh.

Ba iad Gaillimh, Muineachán agus Tír Eoghain (maraon le Áth Cliath dar ndóigh) a bhain babhtaí leathcheannais 2018 amach agus féach gur ná bhuaigh ceachtar acu na cluichí a d'imríodar ag baile – fuair foireann Jim Gavin an ceann ab fhearr ar Thír Eoghain ar an Ómáigh, ba ar chomhscór a chríochnaigh Ciarraí agus Muineachán i gCluain Eois agus nuair a tháinig Muineachán go

Bóthar na Trá bhí an bua acusan ar Ghaillimh.

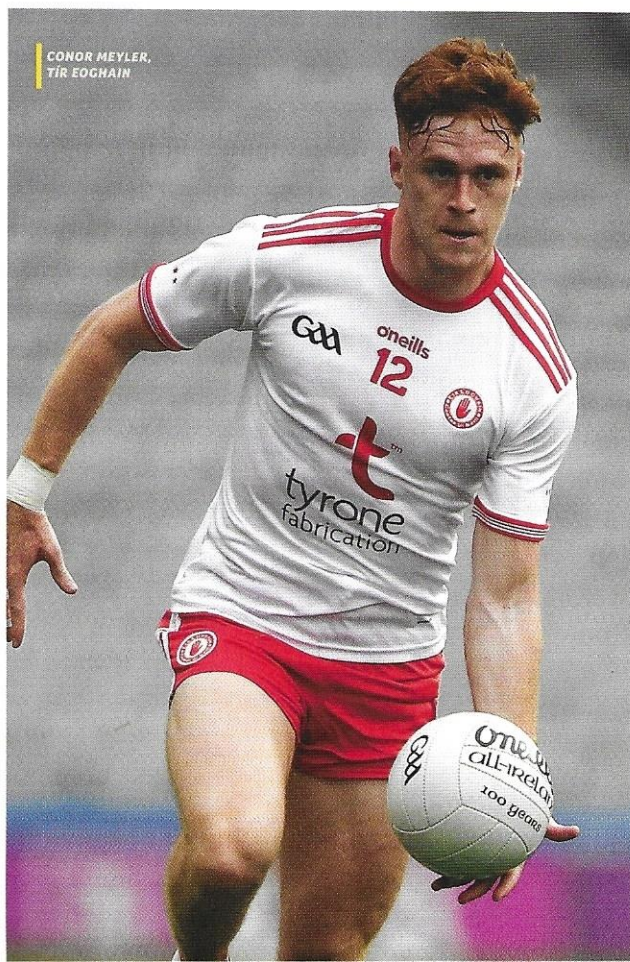
Ní hé deireadh an tsaoil é mar sin do na cailteoirí an deireadh seachtaine seo ar Pháircanna Mhic Cumhaill, an Ghearltaigh, de hÍde ná an Chrócaigh.

Is ag Tír Eoghain is fearr a fhios cén tairbhe a bhí ag baint leis na buanna ar an mbóthar a thug chomh fada le Cluiche Ceannais na hÉireann 2018 cothrom an ama seo anuraidh. Ina gcéad chluiche ar Pháirc de hÍde scóráil Peter Harte, Niall Sludden, Conor Myler agus Richie Donnelly cúil dóibh.

Ba é a mbua ar Dhún na nGall i mBealach Féich cluiche na creiche. Bhí Tír Eoghain ceithre chúilín chun deireadh ag tús an dara leatha ach scóráil 2-7 sna 20 nóiméad dheireannacha agus bhuaigh 2-17, 1-13.

Ní hé nach ionann dhá phoinne sraithe a shaothraíonn foireann sa mbaile agus an péire atá le fáil as bua thar teorainn, ach cruthaíonn an séasúr seo caite nach é tús agus deireadh an scéil é. Go deimhin chuile sheans gur ag na cluichí a himríodh ar Pháirc an Chrócaigh ag an staid seo anuraidh ba mhó a bhí tionchar ar chosán na bhfoirne a bhain babhtaí leathcheannais na hÉireann amach níos deireanaí. Sna cluichí 'neodracha' ansiúd i 2018 bhuaigh Muineachán ar Chill Dara, Gaillimh ar Chiarraí agus Tír Eoghain ar Ros Comáin, rud a d'fhág go mba ag na contaetha sin agus ag na 'Dubs' a bhí an cheithre fhoireann dheireanacha i gCraobh Peile na hÉireann.

Tá hocht gcontae fós fanta i gCraobh na bliaina seo agus is idir seo agus tús na míosa seo chugainn a leagfar amach cé an deireadh a bheidh a n-aistear siúd. Trí seachtaine a fhágfaidh idir iontas agus díomá orainn ag brath ar ár ndílseacht, ach trí seachtaine freisin a bheidh ag cur thar maoil le fuadar, le fearúlacht agus le deapheil, tá síil againn.



GAA MEMBERS INVITED TO SEND SUBMISSIONS TO FIXTURE CALENDAR REVIEW TASK FORCE

The newly appointed GAA Fixtures Calendar Review Task Force have commenced their work under the chair of Eddie O'Sullivan.

As part of this process, submissions from the membership of the Association are welcome to be made and can be sent to calendarreview@gaa.ie

In addition to this, members are encouraged to take part in a survey on the Fixtures Calendar which can be found at the following link on www.gaa.ie/calendarreview

Uachtarán CLG John Horan said: "The calendar review is one of the most important projects that the Association will undertake this year.

The closing date for filing submissions is **Friday, July 19.**

The Fixtures Calendar Review Task Force are aiming for a November deadline to publish the results of their work.

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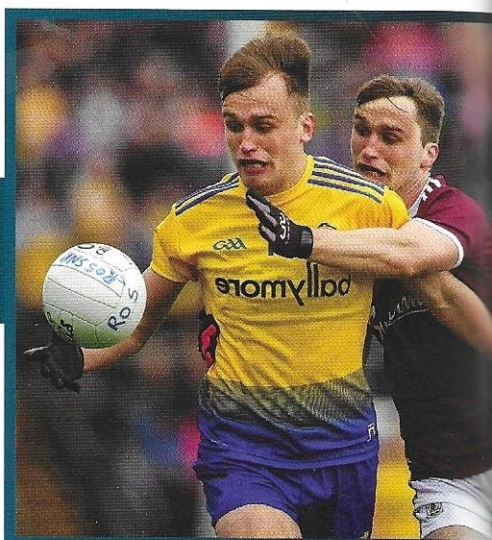
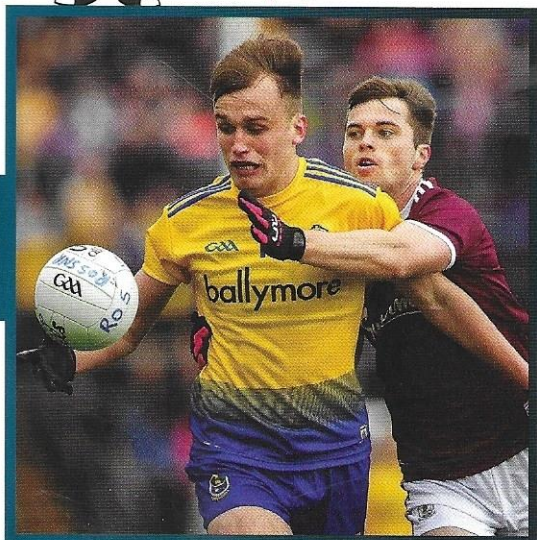
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spot the difference

CAN you find the 5 differences in the images below...?



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WORD UP

CAN you find the words hidden in the grid...?

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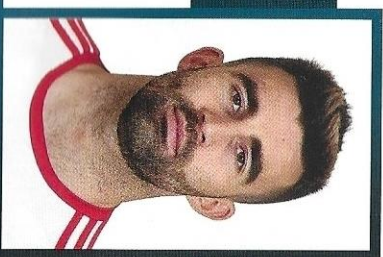
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MAKE your way through the coach's obstacle course!



IDENTIFY these players
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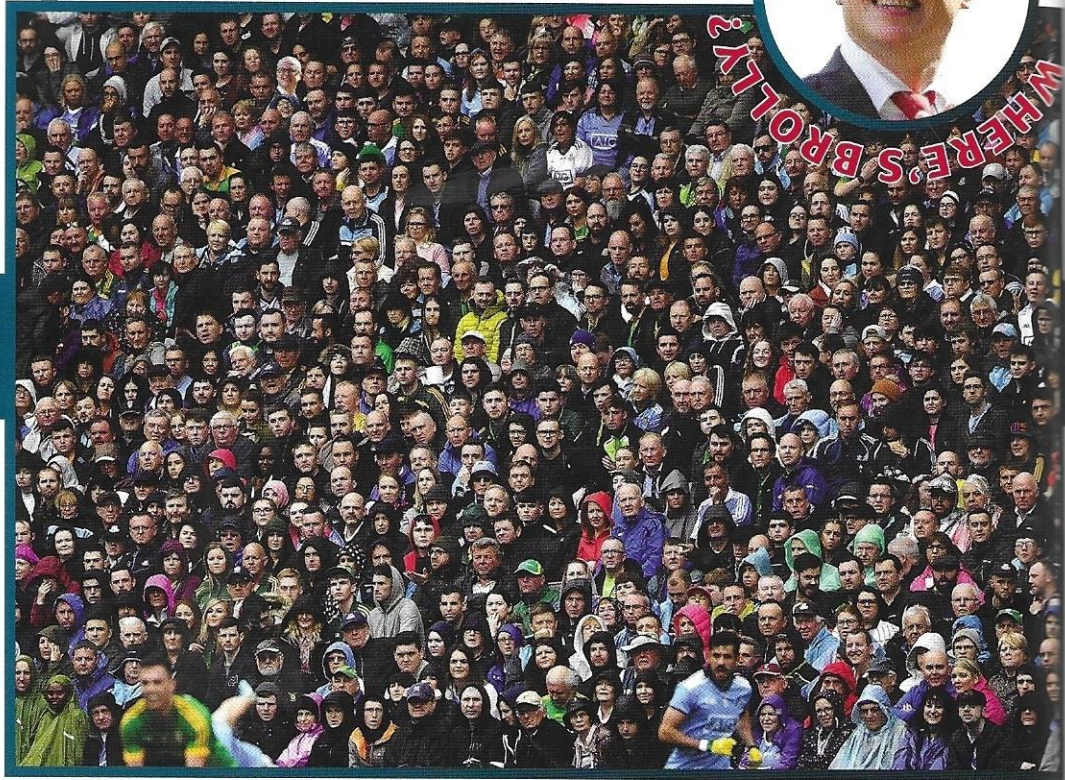
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GAA pundit and former Derry star
Joe Brolly is somewhere in the
crowd...can you find him?

WHERE'S BROLLY?



WHAT'S IN A NAME...?

EVER wonder about the meaning behind
the names of Ireland's counties...?

County
Cork, derives
its name from
the word for "swamp".
We think Cork natives
will probably prefer to
stick with "The Rebel
County" for now...

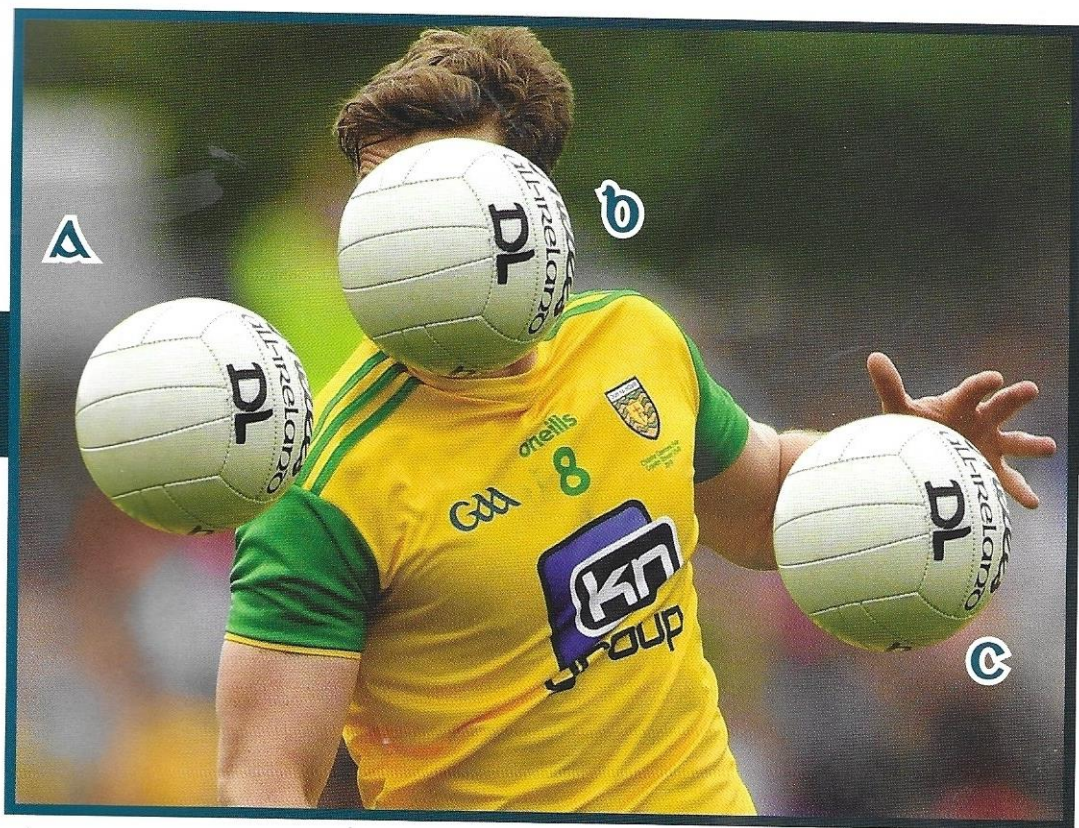
Donegal has
long been famed
for its rugged beauty
but it was once known
as "the fortress of the
foreigners" who were
most likely Vikings!

Roscommon
literally means
"Coman's Wood" and
was named after Saint
Coman who founded
Roscommon monastery
way back in 550!

Given
Dublin's
crucial role in Irish
history it should come
as no surprise that
its name derives from
"hurdled fort" and a
"black pool" due to
its location.

spot the ball

WHICH one's the real deal?



Spot the Difference: 1. Face swap 2. Logo on ball 3. Logo on shorts 4. Glove changed colour 5. Extra stripe on jersey
 Welcome to the Jumble: 6
 Spot the ball: 8
 Freagra: 9

County Meath probably has one of the most practical names; literally means "the middle". It was once home to High Kings of Ireland and considered the seat of the country.

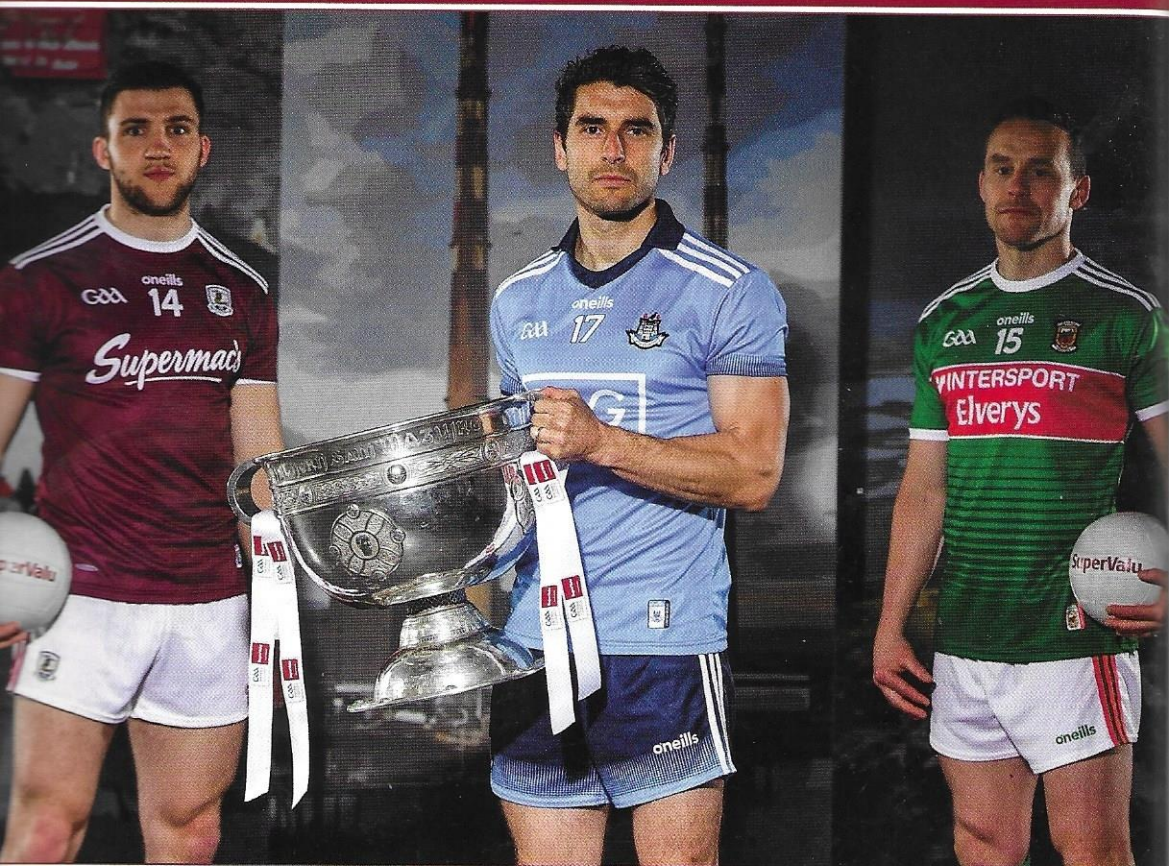
Talk to any Kerry man/woman and they believe Kerry to be the best of all the counties. They might be right when you consider the incredible Ring of Kerry. Their name comes from the "tribe of Ciar".

Tyrone people are fiercely proud of two things – their county and their county GAA football team. They originally take their name from the "Land of Eoghan", a tribute to Eogan Mac Neill who founded the county.

Mayo, one of the most beautiful counties in all of Ireland, originally meant the "plain of the yew".

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