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AN RÉITEOIR

CIARÁN BRANAGAN

Down

The Clonduff clubman's last quarter-final assignment was three years ago when Dublin faced Donegal, while his most recent championship outing with the Royals was in 2015 when they took on Tyrone in a Round 2 Qualifier at Omagh. Branagan's most recent outing in the premier competition with Mayo was also in the Qualifiers when they opposed Cork at the Gaelic Grounds in Round 4 a couple of years ago.

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AN RÉITEOIR

PADDY NEILAN

Roscommon

Among the St Faithleach's officials' four Allianz League outings this season was Kerry v Monaghan at Kilmaley and Donegal v Kildare at Ballyshannon. Neilan has been an inter-county panellist since 2012 and was last on duty at Croke Park 11 months ago for the Electric Ireland All-Ireland minor semi-final between Kerry and Monaghan. The Roscommon whistler is taking charge of his first senior quarter-final this afternoon.

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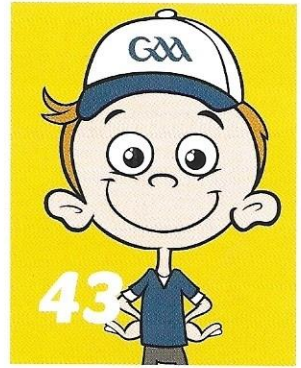
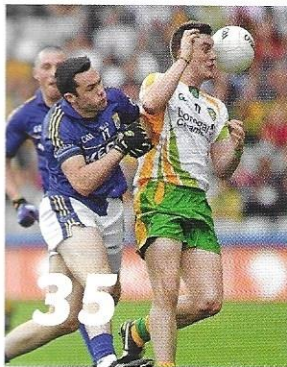
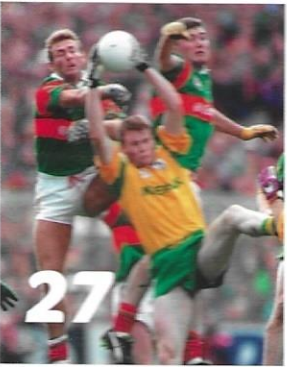
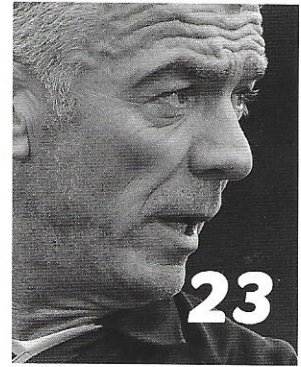
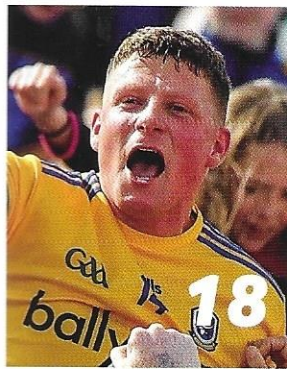
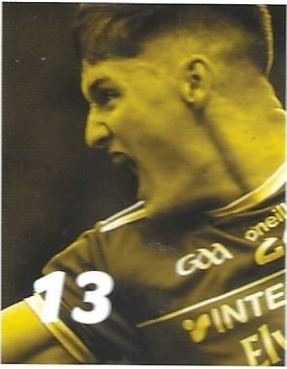
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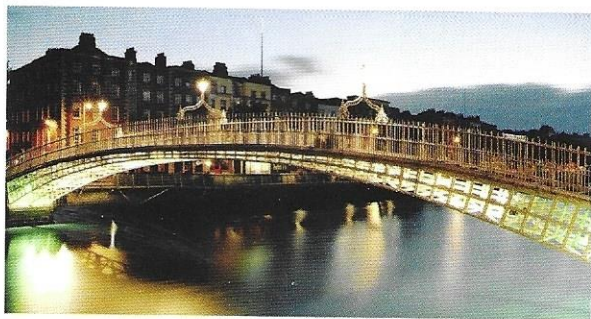
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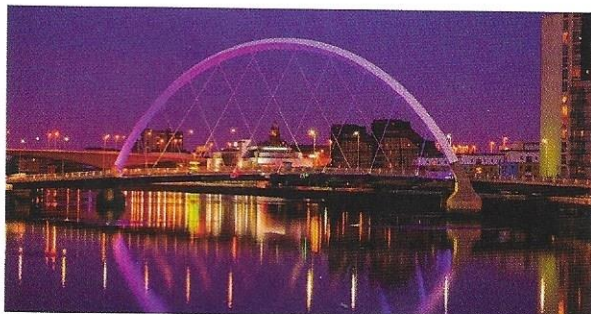


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It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all here to Croke Park today for the second round of our quarter-final group stages following the drama of last week's first round games played out in all four provinces.

The colour, crowds, excitement and entertainment at Ballybofey, Killarney, Roscommon and Croke Park was something to behold – aided, in part no doubt, by the good weather.

By the close of play today eight teams will have appeared at Croke Park in games that will provide us all with a clearer picture of possible semi-final pairings before we move onto the third phase of games around the country.

Mayo arrive back in the familiar surroundings of Croke Park looking to bounce back from last weekend's Killarney setback and keen to replicate the success of their last visit here – their Allianz League final win over the same opposition back in April.

They face a Meath team that showed no little resolve last weekend on their travels in Donegal before falling short in the closing quarter.

One of the pairings of the weekend – or indeed any recent weekend – pits Kerry against Donegal in the last of our four quarter-final encounters this weekend. And what a game it should be.

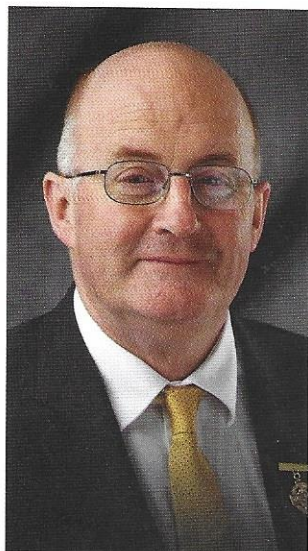
Kerry impressed last Sunday in accounting for Mayo, once again providing us with evidence of their potential. The challenge for them will be to transfer that type of form to Croke Park against one of the form teams of this year's championship in Donegal.

The Ulster champions blazed a trail through their provincial championship and picked up where they left off last weekend holding off the challenge of Meath on home ground.

There is no shortage of subplots to go with today's games and we can look forward to the prospect of more exciting football.

I'd like to thank the supporters of all of our counties who have turned out in big numbers in

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recent weeks and right across the summer.

A special word of thanks also to our players whose ongoing dedication to the pursuit of excellence has produced some superb football and excellent spectacles.

Thanks also to those who prepare and train the players and of course to our match officials, whose role in the staging of our games is pivotal.

Finally, a special word of acknowledgement to our partners, AIB, eir and SuperValu who support and promote our games.

Go raibh maith agaibh go léir agus bainigí sult as bhur dturas go Páirc an Chrócaigh.





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Rath Coinnig

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BOUNTY OF LETHAL INSIDE FORWARDS GROWING

WITHIN a couple of days of its execution, a rerun of James Carr's wonder goal for Mayo against Galway in their fourth round All-Ireland qualifier had been watched almost eight million times.

We can claim responsibility for a few of those here, most of them in awe of what the young Ardagh man did but a few too wondering at how a Galway defence, designed carefully over the previous two years to prevent such concessions through their middle, was so porous as to allow it to happen.

But as a moment of sublime brilliance, it has to stand out as one of the championship's high points so far.

Carr is one of a new breed of young forwards pushing through with vastly different skillsets.

Killarney may not have gone so well for him last weekend but still, the promise of more to come had been just as evident on league final day in March.

Inside forward play feels exciting again, the days of sole traders operating in isolation as all their colleagues funnelled back to

form defensive ramparts are not just as common.

For sure, you'll still find Paul Mannion back in his own goalmouth picking the pockets of opponents ready to pull a trigger but that doesn't unduly impact on Mannion's day job as a 12-point haul in his last three games illustrates.

So far in this football championship, the average scoring rate has increased again as it has done in each of the last four seasons.

Up to last weekend, the average cumulative score per game (without replays) was coming in at 31.08 points, up from 30.52 points last year. At the beginning of the decade, that figure was at just 25.68 points.

The Ulster Football Championship has enjoyed the biggest year-on-year spike, up to 17-245 from 14-234 (excluding the Cavan-Armagh replay).

All of the top teams have added a different dimension, by way of personnel change or tactical approach.

Cormac Costello made much early season running for Dublin, having started only two championship games in the previous six years while Con O'Callaghan still looks like he's only scratching the surface of his outrageous talent.

Cathal McShane's switch to full-forward has reshaped Tyrone's inside line from where, in previous years, they haven't had the scoring return of some of their peers.

That's not to say it has impacted on what they have scored, they have found other means and ways to reach their targets.

But having a good 'back to goals' inside forwards whose instinct to cut back in rather than drift to the wings provides added punch to Tyrone's artillery.

To date, from seven championship games, McShane has scored 2-38, 2-18 of it from play.

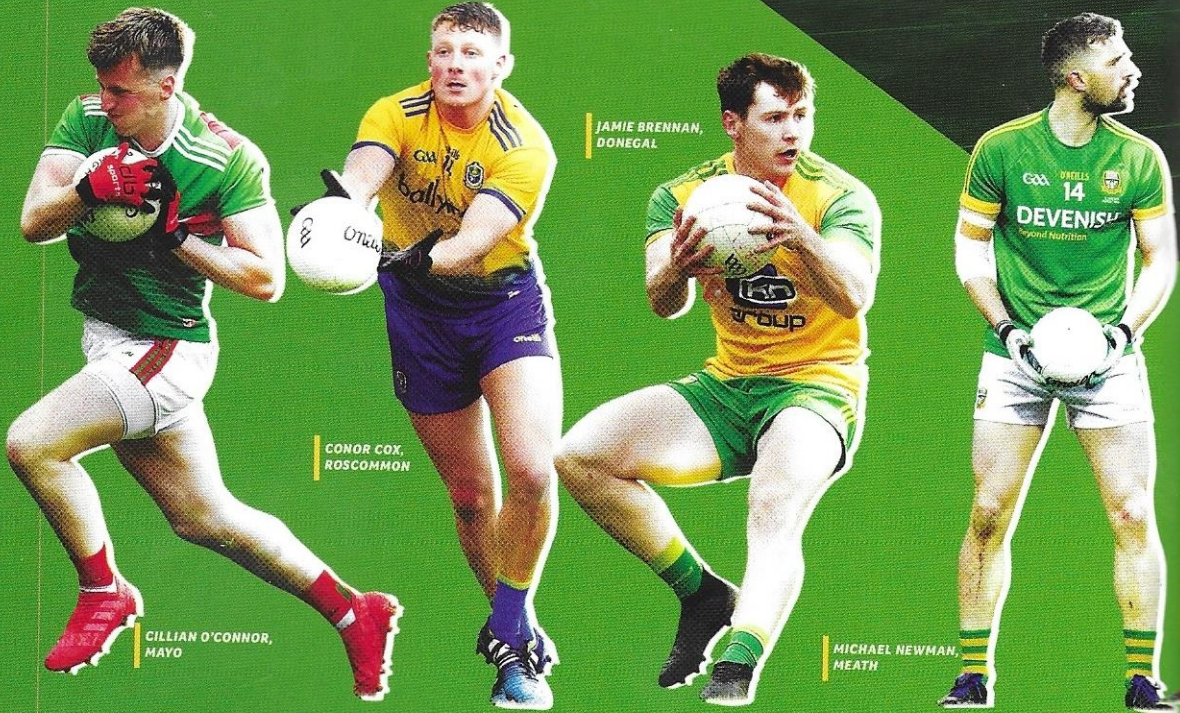
For context, when Andy Moran won “Footballer of the year” in 2017, a decision there wasn’t much dispute about, he amassed 3-24 from play from Mayo’s 10 championship games.

most prolific marksman from play with an average of five points per game.

That uncanny ability to get shots away from spaces with phone box dimensions by shortening the arc of his kick draws a parallel with golfers lowering their grip and backswing to get out of an equally tight spot.

the predicament his team were in but, at 27 years of age and 52 games, it is a formidable achievement.

O’Connor’s landmark was largely overshadowed by Kerry’s and particularly David Clifford’s performance. Every conversation about exhilarating forward play in Gaelic football over the next



CONOR COX,
ROSCOMMON

JAMIE BRENNAN,
DONEGAL

CILLIAN O'CONNOR,
MAYO

MICHAEL NEWMAN,
MEATH

Moran scored heavily against Kerry and Dublin that year which, obviously, carried a bigger weighting but still, it shows the standard that McShane is measuring up to.

Jamie Brennan signalled his talent last summer but, a year on he has taken his game to another level with 2-14 from four games making him the

Beside him, Paddy McBrearty has fast-tracked quickly back to his best form after a cruciate ligament last year while Michael Murphy continues to redefine football omnipresence.

Last Sunday Cillian O’Connor broke Colm Cooper’s all-time championship scoring record without fanfare because of

decade is sure to have Clifford as its centre point.

The summer has also had a renaissance feel to it for some inside forwards. It may not have worked out great for some of them last weekend but still, the progression of Conor Cox with Roscommon, Darren Coen with Mayo, Brian Hurley with Cork and Mickey

Newman with Meath have been pivotal factors in their respective counties reaching this stage of the season.

Cox's switch of allegiance from Kerry, where he had been earmarked as a potential future senior at one point in his underage career, has been transformative with the perfect symmetry of five

2012-2014 squads, he drifted in early 2015 but strong club form saw him restored and his 0-5, 0-4, 0-3 and 0-3 contributions against Roscommon, Armagh, Galway and Kerry have franked that decision.

Hurley showed more glimpses of his talent on Saturday night last against Dublin,

satisfaction at how they improved their forward play.

Cavan won't want to dwell too long on their exit to Tyrone but otherwise, they got traction from Dara McVeety's posting to full-forward. Rian O'Neill's debut year for Armagh yielded 3-21, 3-7 from play.



DAVID CLIFFORD,
KERRY

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points, (two from frees) in each of their three Connacht Championship games helping them to a second provincial title in three years. Without those scores, would that have happened?

Coen has come in from the cold in Mayo. Having previously been on the periphery of James Horan's

one point in particular after a delightful dummy and now, with two potential career-ending hamstring injuries behind him, there is open road ahead now for the Castlehaven man to add to his five goals this summer.

Even some of those counties whose campaigns are at an end can look back with

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Tyrone 0-17 Roscommon 0-13

Monaghan 0-15 Kildare 1-10

Dublin 5-18 Cork 1-17

Galway 1-13 Kerry 1-10

Donegal 2-19 Meath 1-13

Tyrone 4-24 Roscommon 2-12

Kerry 1-22 Mayo 0-15

Dublin 2-15 Donegal 0-16

AGGREGATE SCORE

10-134 (164)

11-115 (148)

BIGGEST WINNING MARGIN

13pts

18pts

AVERAGE WINNING MARGIN

9pts

7pts

TOP SCORER

Patrick McBrearty (Donegal) 1-6

David Clifford (Kerry) 1-5



% OF SCORES FROM PLAY

75

77

COX PUSHES THE DOOR WIDE OPEN

WITH Roscommon and Monaghan level in Dr Hyde Park in Round 2 of the Allianz League in early February, Conor Cox stood over a difficult 25-metre free close to the sideline as the game was deep in injury-time.

Monaghan had bagged the previous two scores and seemingly had all the momentum but Cox connected with the outside of his right boot and drove the ball over the bar. "You will not see a better score," said Bernard Flynn in his live RTÉ Radio 1 co-commentary. "That is a momentous score from the Kerryman."

It was the first time many people had heard of Cox. He had been central to Kerry's All-Ireland junior success in 2017, when scoring 1-8 in the final against Meath. He had been a prominent player with UCC and, while Cox's talent was never in doubt, he fell victim to the raft of forwards coming off the Kerry underage production line. Tomás Ó Sé also wrote recently that a decision to go travelling early in his career put Cox on the back foot.

Cox, who lined out for Kerry seven times in the league, accepted that he would probably never play championship for Kerry and, keen to play championship

football, he transferred from Listowel Emmets to Roscommon club Éire Óg in December, the home club of his father Martin.

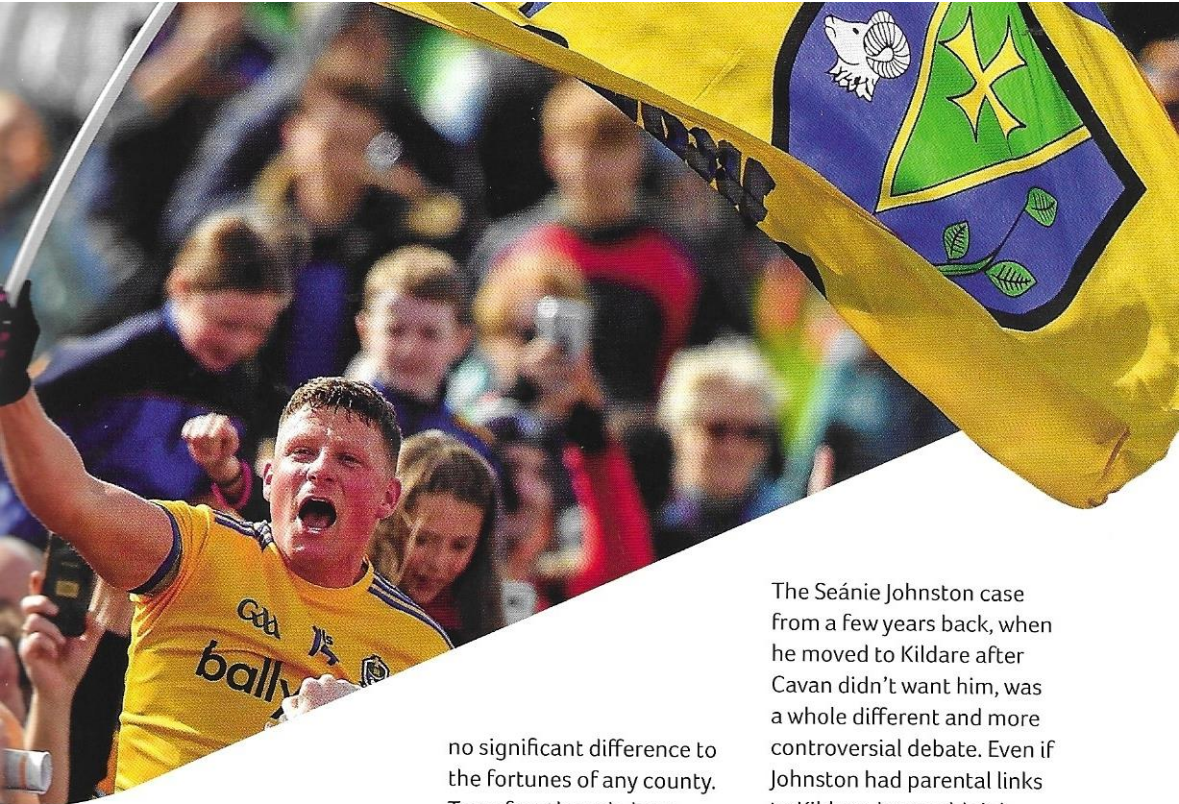
Yet to be eligible to play with Roscommon in the league, it appeared that Cox would had to have played a club championship game first, which would have ruled him out for the entire league campaign. A mad scramble ensued, which involved a submitted transfer request to Dublin club St Jude's, before Cox discovered he didn't even have to leave his home club to qualify for Roscommon.

Cox, who last played a senior match for Kerry in the 2016 league, gave a glimpse that February afternoon against Monaghan of what he could add to Roscommon, and he has proved this summer just how much of an addition he has been. Cox was absolutely central to Roscommon's Connacht title success. Last week, Enda Smyth said that Cox's class effectively got Roscommon into the Super 8s. If the All-Stars were being

handed out at the moment, Cox would be a definite on the team.

Cox's move to Roscommon under the 'parentage rule' in the GAA's rule book relates to transfers where 'other relevant connections' are in place. It constitutes playing with a particular county if the player's parents at the time of his birth were permanently resident in that county or if it's the county of the 'first club' (original home club) of one of those parents.

These avenues are open to 14 counties to take advantage of in football – Clare, Offaly, Leitrim, Sligo, Longford, Carlow, Fermanagh, Kilkenny, Laois, Cavan, Roscommon, Wicklow, Tipperary and Westmeath. Some of those counties have far bigger populations than some of the others on that list but the rule is still there to be used to good advantage. A handful of players with Dublin clubs have declared for Offaly, Longford, Wicklow and Westmeath this season but Cox has been by far the most successful transfer.



It's unlikely that Cox's transfer could act as a catalyst for more cross-boundary movement but there's no reason why it shouldn't. The reality is that most of the top counties have a raft of players surplus to requirements, while the rest are dealing with a deficit of talent, and a need for more.

Most of those counties might only need two or three better players who, for whatever reason, have been cut adrift but still crave the platform to compete at the highest level. Yet unlike other sports, the only way to balance those inequalities is through the parentage rule.

Since the rule was first introduced though, the take-up has been poor and, aside from Cox, it has made

no significant difference to the fortunes of any county. Transfers though, have always been highly debatable in the GAA. The Association has always accommodated those who had to transfer out of necessity but rightfully drew the line on those who sought to do so for opportunistic purposes.

The GAA has always been community based but the downside to that reality is that many players born in a sparsely populated county with little or no chance of success – in either code – are resigned to an inter-county career of disappointment and unfulfilled ambition.

The flipside is of talented and ambitious club players – especially those in Dublin – who just can't break into those elite county squads, but who crave that platform to play at a higher level.

The Seánie Johnston case from a few years back, when he moved to Kildare after Cavan didn't want him, was a whole different and more controversial debate. Even if Johnston had parental links to Kildare, he wouldn't have had any grounds to transfer because Kildare is not one of the designated counties where the rule applies.

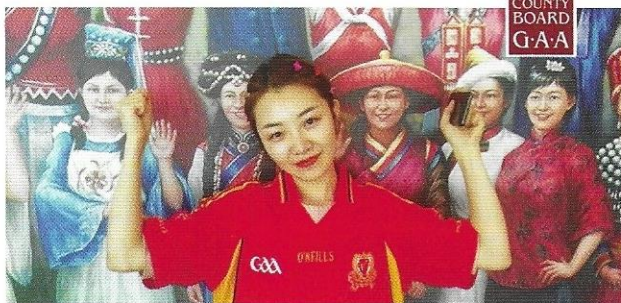
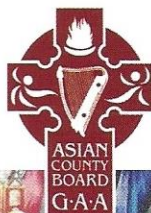
On the other hand, for players who do have those links to other counties through their parents, the move may not always fit, or players may not feel comfortable in a new environment that, from a distance, could seem alien to them. Yet for ambitious players who feel equipped to play county football but who are unable to break into elite squads, at least there is an outlet to do so if they have an identifiable link with a particular county.

Cox has certainly proven as much. And the inter-county game is far better for his involvement with Roscommon this season.

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Cormac Reilly (Meath)
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Sunday Referees:
Ciarán Branagan and Paddy Neilan

TÁ CUIMHNÍ MAITHE Ó NA CLUICHÍ CEATHRÚ CEANNAIS PEILE FREISIN!

NÍOR thosaigh babhtáí ceathrú ceannais peile go dtí ceithre bliana tar éis dóibh a bheith tugtha isteach san iomáint, i 2001. Ach an oiread lena macasamhail iomána, tá cuimhní iontacha ann thar na blianta.

Seo cuid de na cinn a rith liomsa ach tá mé cinnte go bhfuil cinn éagsúla ag daoine eile. Bhí trí cinn ann sa gcéad bhliain sin- bua (agus díoltas) na Gaillimhe ar Ros Comáin i bPáirc Mhic Éil, cúlín míorúilteach ón gcic sleasa ag Maurice Fitzgerald i Staid Semple le deis eile a thabhairt do Chiarraí in aghaidh Bhaile Átha Cliath, agus cic saor deireanach, thar a bheith éasca, a chuir Dessie Dolan amú, agus deis iontach cailte ag An Iarmhí Condae na Mí a chloí.

I 2002, chuaigh Sligeach an-ghar do Ard Mhacha ach chailladar an athimirt, díreach mar a tharla do Dhún na nGall i gcoinne Bhaile Átha Cliath- bhí ráflaí go leor faoin droch-ullmhúchán a rinne na Conallaigh don athimirt chéanna!

Ar an lá céanna i 2004, leagadh curaidh agus Tánaistí na bliana roimhe sin amach, le Maigh Eo rómhaith do Thír Eoghain, agus Fear Manach ag baint croitheadh as Ard Mhacha. Níl ach eachtra amháin ar fiú smaoinreamh air ó 2005- cúl dochreidte Owen Mulligan san athimirt idir Thír Eoghain agus Baile Átha Cliath. I 2007, bhí an dearg mhí-ádh ar Mhuineachán nár bhuail siad Chiarraí- iad buailte le díreach cúlín amháin.

Sa mbliain chéanna, léirigh Graham Geraghty a chuid draíochta le cúl gleoite i gcoinne Thír Eoghain- úsáid chliste na láimhe. Tháinig Matty Forde agus Loch Garman i 2008 agus bhaineadar tuisle as Ard Mhacha- 1-5 aimsithe ag Matty as 1-14.

Bhí Baile Átha Cliath an-dóchasach agus iad ag casadh ar Chiarraí i 2009. Bhí cúl, áfach, théis cúpla soicind ag Colm Cooper do fhir na ríochta agus rinne siad slad- 1-24 le 1-7. Más buan mo chuimhne, b'shin an lá a dúirt Pat Gilroy an ráiteas sin- 'startled earwigs'! An bhliain dar gcionn, tháinig An Dún anuas go dtí Páirc an Chrócaigh gan fuacht gan faitíos, agus bua sé chúilín acu ar Chiarraí. Nach ait é- níl siad buailte riamh ag Chiarraí sa gCraobh- as cúig iarracht ar fad. Bhí coimhlint den scoth idir Dhún na nGall agus Cill Dara i 2011, ceann ina mb'éigean am breise

a imirt. Ba é fear Ghaoth Dobhair, Caoimhín Ó Casaide, a chiceail cúlín an bhua gar don deireadh. Nár mhór an peaca nach raibh sé fós ann i 2012 nuair a bhuaigh na Conallaigh Corn Mhic Uidhir! Gan an Casaideach, rinne Dún na nGall na graithí in aghaidh Chiarraí, ar lá deireanach Jeaic Uí Chonchubhair i bhfeighil na ríochta.

Tháinig 2013, agus bhain Maigh Eo díoltas snasta ar Dhún na nGall, ar thoradh Chluiche Ceannais Uile-Éireann na bliana roimhe sin. Féach ar an scór deiridh

- 4-17 le 1-10! Bhí slad eile ann dhá bhliain ina dhiaidh sin, nuair nach raibh aon trua ná trócaire ag Ciarraí do Chill Dara, cluiche a chríochnaigh 7-16 le 0-10 ina bhfábhar. Ansin, i 2016, bhí ceann de na torthaí ba lú a raibh súil leis ó chuile chluiche ceathrú ceannais a himríodh ó 2001. B'shin bua - agus bua mór (3-13 le 1-10) Thiobraid Árann ar Ghaillimh. Tarlaíonn sé sách rialta i gcluichí peile go mbaineann foireann comhscór amach, ach go dteipeann go dona orthu san athimirt. Tharla sé sin do Ros Comáin i 2017. Chríochnaigh siad féin agus Maigh Eo cothrom ach san athimirt, rinne Maigh Eo slad, 4-19 le 0-9. Deirtear arís agus arís é,

ní fhaigheann an fhoireann 'bheag' ach deis amháin, agus níos minicí ná a chéile, bíonn sé fíor.

Ansin tháinig 2018 agus bhí athrú suntasach ar an leagan amach. Is trí chluiche do 'chaon fhoireann a bhí i gceist agus mar sin, ní gá go mbeadh foirne leagtha amach dá mbuailfí iad. Ní mar sin a bhí do Chiarraí sa dara babhta. Bhuail Gaillimh iad sa gcéad chluiche agus dá gcaillfidís in aghaidh Mhuineacháin, bheadh deireadh leo. Sna soicindí deireanacha, seo linn David Clifford le cul órga an chothroma! Níor mhaireadar ach seachtain eile mar a tharla sé, áfach. Anois - sin bailiúchán deas cuimhní daoibh ó bhabhtaí ceathrú ceannais ag dul siar go 2001.

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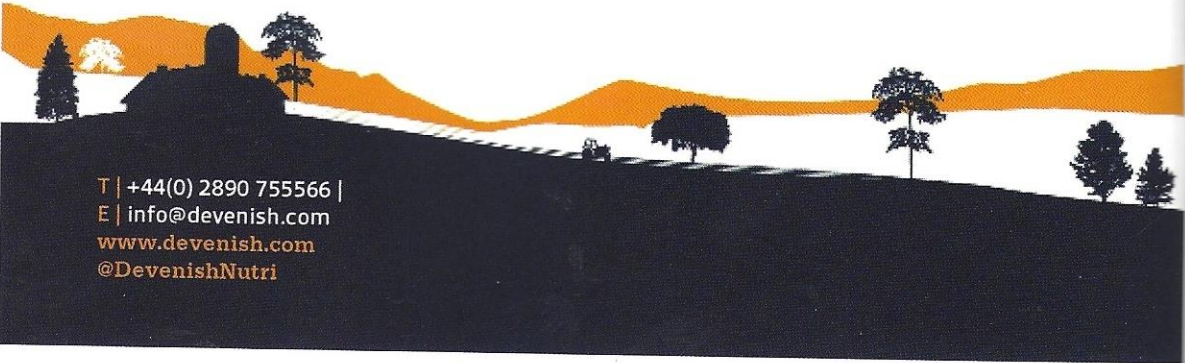
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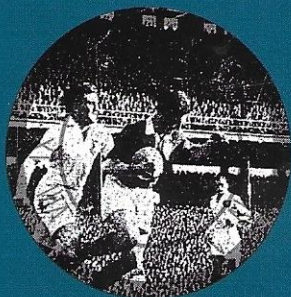
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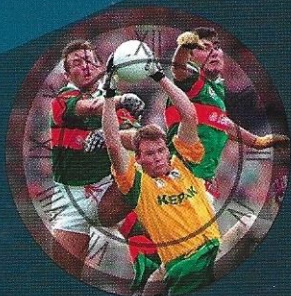
23.9.1951

Stage – All-Ireland Final
Referee – W Delaney (Laois)
Half-time score – Mayo 2-3 Meath 0-8
FULL-TIME SCORE

MAYO 2-8 MEATH 0-9

MAYO – S Wynne, J Forde, P Prendergast, S Flanagan, J Staunton, H Dixon, P Quinn, E Mongey, J McAndrew, P Irwin, P Carney, S Mulderrig, M Flanagan, T Langan, J Gilvarry. Sub: L Hastings.

MEATH – K Smyth, M O'Brien, P O'Brien, K McConnell, S Heery, C Kelly, C Hand, D Taaffe, P Connell, F Byrne, M McDonnell, P Meegan, B Smyth, J Reilly, P McDermott. Sub: P Dixon.



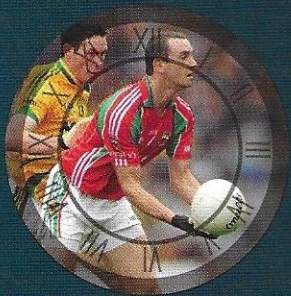
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Stage – All-Ireland Final replay
Referee – P McEnaney (Monaghan)
Half-time score – Mayo 1-6 Meath 1-2
FULL-TIME SCORE

MEATH 2-9 MAYO 1-11

MEATH – C Martin, M O'Reilly, D Fay, M O'Connell, C Coyle, E McManus, P Reynolds, J McGuinness, J McDermott, T Giles (1-4), T Dowd (1-3), G Geraghty, C Brady, B Reilly (0-1), B Callaghan (0-1). Subs: J Devine, O Murphy.

MAYO – J Madden, D Flanagan, K Cahill, K Mortimer, P Holmes, J Nallen, N Connelly, L McHale, D Brady, J Horan (0-5), C McManamon, M Sheridan (0-5), R Dempsey, J Casey (0-1), A Finnerty. Subs: PJ Loftus (1-0), P Fallon, T Reilly.



9.8.2009

Stage – All-Ireland quarter-final
Referee – J McQuillan (Cavan)
Half-time score – Meath 1-5 Mayo 0-7
FULL-TIME SCORE

MEATH 2-15 MAYO 1-15

MEATH – P O'Rourke, C O'Connor, A Moyles, E Harrington, S Kenny, C McGuinness, C King, N Crawford (0-1), B Meade, P Byrne, J Sheridan (0-4), M Burke, D Bray (1-3), B Farrell (0-3), C Ward (1-2). Subs: J Queeney (0-2), S McKeigue.

MAYO – K O'Malley, D Vaughan, G Cafferkey, K Higgins (0-1), P Gardiner, T Howley, A Moran (0-1), D Heaney, R McGarrity, P Harte, T Mortimer (0-2), A Dillon (0-3), A Kilcoyne (0-3), T Parsons, A O'Shea (1-1). Subs: C Mortimer (0-4), M Ronaldson, L O'Malley, B J Padden.

FEARING TO SPEAK OF '96 MASKS A RICH HISTORY

JUST once in the history of championship matches between them have Mayo had Meath's number.

That was September 23, 1951. It's the date that resonates most in Mayo's entire football history – not for it being the day of their only win over Meath, but because it's the last time they left Croke Park on All-Ireland final day with the Sam Maguire rather than a well of tears.

The memory of Meath might stoke warm reveries in the few Mayo people still alive to remember that day from 68 summers ago. The problem is that every Mayo generation since has lived a different experience.

For the Royal County, Mayo have been something like a guardian angel over the years. Even though the counties have met just seven times in championship history, five of those meetings have been followed by Meath All-Ireland victories.

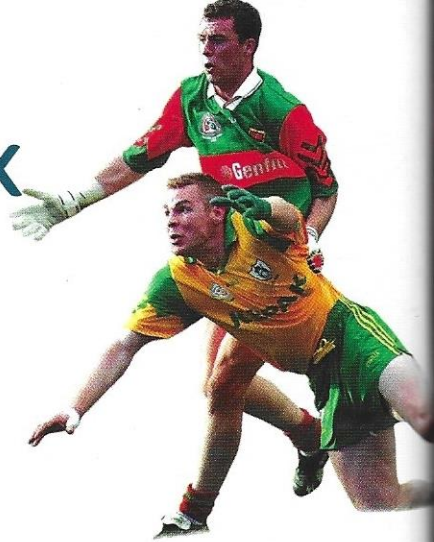
In 1949, Meath won the counties' first ever championship meeting, an

All-Ireland semi-final which finished 3-10 to 1-10, and went on to win their first ever All-Ireland title a few weeks later by beating Cavan.

In 1967, Meath booked the same six-point winning margin in the All-Ireland semi-final against Mayo before another final victory, this time over Cork. In 1988, Meath again saw off Mayo in the semi-final – and again saw off Cork in the final. And then there's the two games in 1996. Do we really need to go there?

Here is the strange thing about the history of Mayo-Meath games. Despite their shared past being full to the brim with the richest of occasions, it's a manic 15 seconds of violence, when far more body parts than footballs were kicked, that this pairing is most readily associated with in the national consciousness.

We're on thin ice here. Deploying nostalgia when



looking back on what remains known simply as “the brawl” is not that dissimilar to those ardent Brexiteers (born after 1945, of course) who speak of World War II as if it is something to return to. Yet looking back now, there is something almost innocent about the utterly blatant way Meath and Mayo players went at each other in front of Hill 16 after just seven minutes of their replayed All-Ireland final 23 years ago.

Perhaps even more quaint was the way *The Sunday Game* analysed it that evening. A fresh-faced Pat Spillane went through the entire episode forensically, highlighting every individual set-to as best he could and commenting on each one more sarcastically and ironically than the last. He struggled to hide his amusement.

Perhaps the key to understanding why these 15 seconds of madness remain a central part of Irish folk memory is to

LEFT, TOMMY DOWD, MEATH, AND MAYO'S KENNETH MORTIMER, BATTLE FOR POSSESSION IN THE 1996 ALL-IRELAND FINAL REPLAY

MAYO'S LIAM McHALE AND MEATH'S COLM COYLE RECEIVE THEIR MARCHING ORDERS IN THE 1996 ALL-IRELAND FINAL REPLAY

remember Mícheál Ó hÉithir's immortal GAA lyric which described "a shemozzle in the small parallelogram".

This was probably the greatest shemozzle that any small parallelogram has or will ever see.

Aside from all that, 1996 is surely the most painful of all Mayo memories against Meath. It had already been nearly 50 years since the victory of 1951, but Mayo had not yet fully come to associate All-Ireland final day with bitter recrimination when they thundered out that day to take on the Royals.

In the drawn game, Mayo had somehow ground a typically dogged Meath side down. Their hands were

practically on the cup when Colm Coyle's kick from near midfield landed in the same area where the brawl would take place two weeks later and, incredibly, hopped over the bar.

You can trace the modern rebirth of the curse narrative back to that surrealist moment.

What is sometimes forgotten is that the replay developed into an absorbing contest once the brawl was over. With Coyle and Liam McHale having been sent off, the extra space on the field gave rise to a very open final.

The last few seconds, when watched back today, capture how utterly frantic and intense things can get when teams are chasing the ultimate glory. With Meath leading by one, Mayo are fighting relentlessly to win the ball back for one last shot

at the Canal End goal. It never comes.

Those seconds made the Meath men, in sporting terms at least, immortal. Mayo knew that feeling in 1951 but haven't known it since. Since 1996, Meath and Mayo have met just once until today – a curio of an All-Ireland quarter-final in 2009. At the time, both were shadows of glories past and glories yet to come. Neither were really All-Ireland contenders. Meath won, nonetheless.

This is not a rivalry in the truest sense. But in some respects, it's something more interesting because Meath and Mayo have played such profoundly important roles in each other's history.

Today may not have the status of their past meetings in finals and semi-finals. But it can serve the footballers of Meath and Mayo as a timely reminder of those indescribably precious things both once knew, and hope to know again.

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| June 23 | Croke Park | Dublin | 1-17 | Meath | 0-4 |
| July 7 | O'Moore Park | Meath | 2-16 | Clare | 1-18 |
| July 14 | Mac Cumhaill Park | Donegal | 2-19 | Meath | 1-13 |

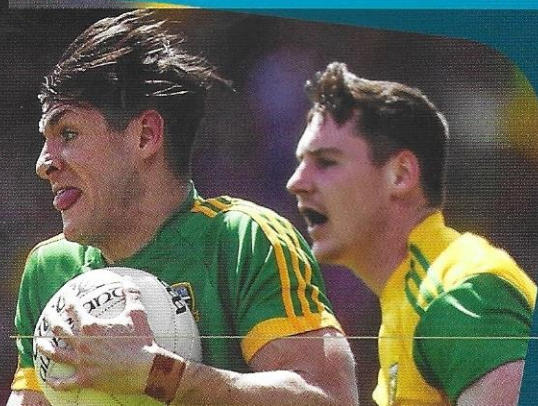
FINAL

TOTAL SCORED:

9-77

TOTAL CONCEDED:

4-88





| | OFFALY | CARLOW | LAOIS | DUBLIN | CLARE | DONEGAL |
|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| THOMAS O'REILLY | Green | Green | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow |
| ADAM FLANAGAN | Yellow | Green | Green | Blue | Blue | Green |
| JAMES CONLON | Yellow | Yellow | Green | Green | Green | Green |
| GRAHAM REILLY | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow | Green | Yellow | Yellow |
| SEÁN TOBIN | Yellow | Green | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow | Black |
| EOIN LYNCH | Yellow | Blue | Black | Black | Black | Black |
| PADRAIC HARNAN | Yellow | Green | Black | Black | Green | Green |
| RONAN RYAN | Green | Yellow | Green | Green | Black | Black |
| DARRAGH CAMPION | Black | Yellow | Black | Black | Black | Yellow |
| ETHAN DEVINE | Black | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow | Green | Green |
| THOMAS McGOVERN | Black | Black | Yellow | Yellow | Green | Black |
| SEÁN CURRAN | Black | Black | Black | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow |
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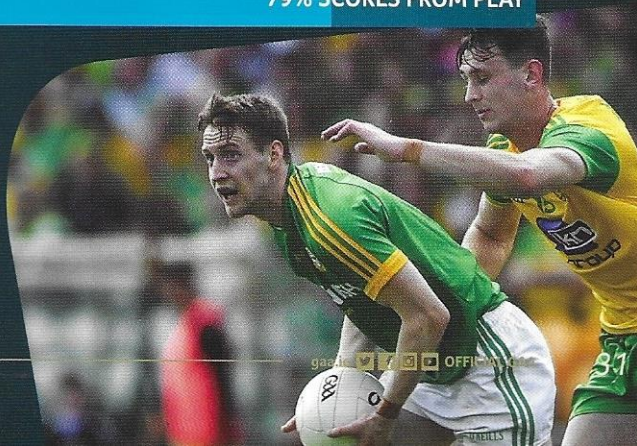
Michael Newman
4-22
 O'NEILLS
15f, 2p

| SCORERS | | | |
|--------------------|----------|-----------------|-----|
| Bryan Menton | 3-5 | Seamus Lavin | 0-1 |
| James Conlon | 0-13 | Shane Gallagher | 0-1 |
| Bryan McMahon | 1-10 | Ethan Devine | 0-1 |
| Cillian O'Sullivan | 0-8 | Thomas McGovern | 0-1 |
| Ben Brennan | 0-4 (1f) | Shane Walsh | 0-1 |
| Graham Reilly | 0-3 | James McEntee | 0-1 |
| Padraic Harnan | 1-0 | Shane McEntee | 0-1 |
| Donal Keogan | 0-2 | Darragh Campion | 0-1 |
| Thomas O'Reilly | 0-2 | | |

79% SCORES FROM PLAY

NUMBER OF PLAYERS USED:
27

STARTING ALL SIX MATCHES:
9



CHAMPIONSHIP 2019: maigh eo



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| ROBERT HENNELLY | | | | | | | |
| COLM BOYLE | | | | | | | |
| BRENDAN HARRISON | | | | | | | |
| KEITH HIGGINS | | | | | | | |
| PATRICK DURCAN | | | | | | | |
| LEE KEEGAN | | | | | | | |
| JAMES McCORMACK | | | | | | | |
| MATTHEW RUANE | | | | | | | |
| AIDAN O'SHEA | | | | | | | |
| EVAN REGAN | | | | | | | |
| JASON DOHERTY | | | | | | | |
| FERGAL BOLAND | | | | | | | |
| KEVIN McLoughlin | | | | | | | |
| DARREN COEN | | | | | | | |
| JAMES CARR | | | | | | | |
| CIARÁN TREACY | | | | | | | |
| DAVID DRAKE | | | | | | | |

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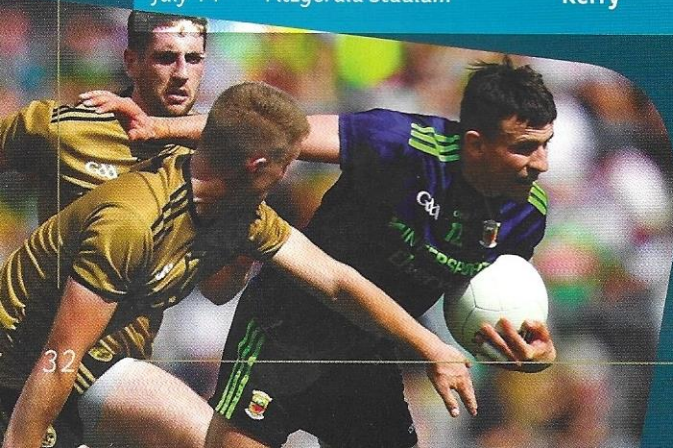
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| May 5 | Gaelic Park | Mayo | 1-22 | New York | 0-4 |
| May 25 | Elverys MacHale Park | Roscommon | 2-12 | Mayo | 0-17 |
| June 22 | Páirc Esler | Mayo | 1-16 | Down | 1-11 |
| June 29 | Elverys MacHale Park | Mayo | 2-13 | Armagh | 1-15 |
| July 6 | LIT Gaelic Grounds | Mayo | 2-13 | Galway | 1-13 |
| July 14 | Fitzgerald Stadium | Kerry | 1-22 | Mayo | 0-15 |

TOTAL SCORED:

6-96

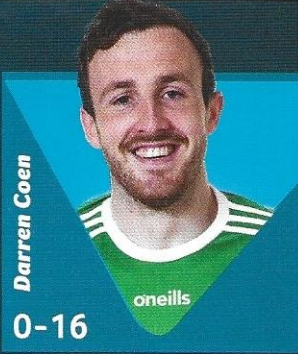
TOTAL CONCEDED:

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| | NEW YORK | ROSCOMMON | DOWN | ARMAGH | GALWAY | KERRY |
|-------------------|----------|-----------|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| MICHAEL PLUNKETT | Red | Green | Red | Blue | Red | Blue |
| CONOR DISKIN | Red | Red | Blue | Blue | Blue | Blue |
| STEPHEN COEN | Red | Blue | Blue | Red | Green | Green |
| ANDY MORAN | Red | Red | Green | Green | Blue | Red |
| CHRIS BARRETT | Blue | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green |
| DIARMUID O'CONNOR | Blue | Green | Green | Blue | Blue | Blue |
| CONOR LOFTUS | Blue | Red | Green | Green | Blue | Blue |
| DAVID CLARKE | Blue | Blue | Green | Green | Green | Green |
| FIONN McDONAGH | Blue | Blue | Green | Green | Green | Green |
| MICHAEL MURRAY | Blue | Blue | Red | Green | Blue | Blue |
| DONAL VAUGHAN | Blue | Blue | Blue | Red | Green | Green |
| CILLIAN O'CONNOR | Blue | Blue | Blue | Red | Green | Green |
| EOIN O'DONOGHUE | Blue | Blue | Blue | Blue | Red | Red |
| SÉAMIE O'SHEA | Blue | Blue | Blue | Blue | Red | Red |



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| Cillian O'Connor | 0-14 (10f, 1p) |
| Evan Regan | 1-8 (6f) |
| Conor Loftus | 1-6 (5f) |
| Kevin McLoughlin | 1-5 |
| Fergal Boland | 0-7 |
| Fionn McDonagh | 1-4 |
| James Carr | 2-1 |
| Lee Keegan | 0-6 |
| Andy Moran | 0-5 |
| Jason Doherty | 0-5 (1f) |
| Patrick Durcan | 0-4 |

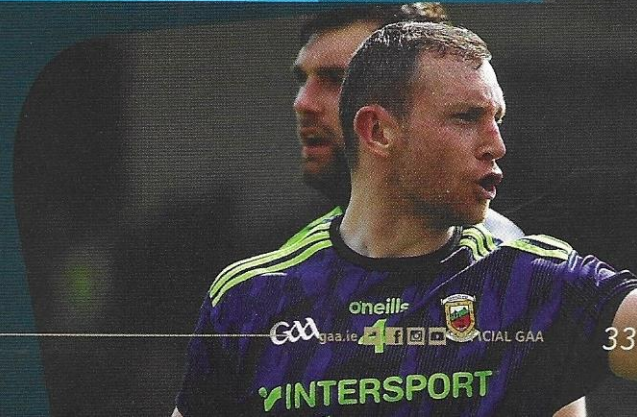
SCORERS

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| Matthew Ruane | 0-3 |
| Ciarán Treacy | 0-3 |
| Donal Vaughan | 0-2 |
| Robert Hennelly | 0-1 (1'45) |
| James McCormack | 0-1 |
| Aidan O'Shea | 0-1 |
| Michael Plunkett | 0-1 |
| Stephen Coen | 0-1 |
| Chris Barrett | 0-1 |
| Diarmuid O'Connor | 0-1 |

77% SCORES FROM PLAY

NUMBER OF PLAYERS USED:
31

STARTING ALL SIX MATCHES:
5



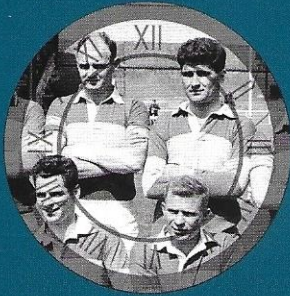
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11.4.1965

Stage – National Football League semi-final

Referee – M Loftus (Mayo)

Half-time score – Kerry 1-8 Donegal 0-3

FULL-TIME SCORE

KERRY 3-10 DONEGAL 1-8

KERRY – T Bowler, Donie O’Sullivan, P O’Donoghue, M Morris, Denis O’Sullivan, JD O’Connor, S Murphy, P Griffin (0-1), M Fleming, B O’Callaghan (0-5), M O’Dwyer (1-0), D Geaney (1-0), JJ Barrett (1-0), V Lucey (0-3), S Burrows (0-1).

DONEGAL – S Hoare, JD McMenamin, H Travers, P Kelly, S O’Donnell, B Brady, B McFeely, PJ Flood (0-2), F McFeely, D O’Carroll, S Ferriter, F Campbell (0-1), M McLoone (0-3), J Hannigan (1-0), D Houlihan. Subs: A Carroll, A McDevitt (0-2), P Gallagher.



5.8.2012

Stage – All-Ireland quarter-final

Referee – M Duffy (Sligo)

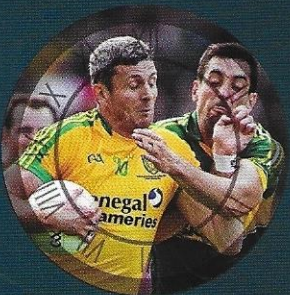
Half-time score – Donegal 1-4 Kerry 0-5

FULL-TIME SCORE

DONEGAL 1-12 KERRY 1-10

DONEGAL – P Durcan, P McGrath, N McGee, F McGlynn, E McGee, K Lacey (0-1), A Thompson, R Bradley, R Kavanagh, M McElhinney, L McLoone (0-1), M McHugh, P McBrearty, M Murphy (0-3), C McFadden (1-6). Subs: D Walsh, N Gallagher, C Toye (0-1), D McLaughlin.

KERRY – B Kealy, M Ó Sé, A O’Mahony, S Enright, T Ó Sé, E Brosnan, K Young, A Maher (0-2), B Sheehan (0-1), P Galvin (0-1), Declan O’Sullivan (0-1), D Walsh, J O’Donoghue (0-1), C Cooper (0-4), K Donaghy (1-0). Subs: B Maguire, Darran O’Sullivan, J Buckley, K O’Leary, P Curtin.



21.9.2014

Stage – All-Ireland Final

Referee – E Kinsella (Laois)

Half-time score – Donegal 0-6 Kerry 1-3

FULL-TIME SCORE

KERRY 2-9 DONEGAL 0-12

KERRY – B Kelly, M Ó Sé, A O’Mahony, F Fitzgerald, P Murphy (0-1), P Crowley, K Young, A Maher, D Moran, S O’Brien, J Buckley (0-1), D Walsh, P Geaney (1-2), K Donaghy (1-2), J O’Donoghue. Subs: M Geaney, BJ Keane (0-2), S Enright, D O’Sullivan, B Sheehan (0-1), K O’Leary.

DONEGAL – P Durcan, E McGee, N McGee (0-1), P McGrath, A Thompson, K Lacey (0-1), F McGlynn, N Gallagher, O Mac Niallais (0-1), R Kavanagh, L McLoone, R McHugh, D O’Connor, M Murphy (0-4), C McFadden (0-1). Subs: C Toye (0-1), P McBrearty (0-2), M McElhinney, D Walsh, D Molloy (0-1).

FORWARDS TO FLOURISH AS FOOTBALL'S FOCUS SHIFTS

"IT'S a different Donegal than four or five years ago, way different." The words of Kerry legend Tomás Ó Sé on The Sunday Game in the aftermath of Donegal's opening Super 8s defeat of Meath sum it up pretty succinctly.

And Ó Sé would know more than most what the old Donegal was like having been met with a brick wall in their 2012 All-Ireland quarter-final clash before coming out on the wrong side of a 1-12 to 1-10 defeat.

That would springboard Jim McGuinness' men to the second Sam Maguire in their history – 20 years after making the breakthrough – but it was achieved playing a radical version of the game never witnessed before.

Donegal flooded behind the ball to minimise attacking space for the opposition before choking the life out of them and counter-attacking at blistering speed to economically put their scores together.

That was not 'the Kerry way' – or so we were told – but Kingdom boss Eamonn Fitzmaurice found himself faced with a dilemma when crossing paths with

McGuinness in the 2014 All-Ireland decider.

Few predicted what would follow as Fitzmaurice ripped up the script and went safety first in the lowest scoring All-Ireland final since 2003 as a paltry 11 scores secured Kerry the most recent of their 37 All-Ireland titles.

Defences swamped with a mass of bodies were totally on top as Kerry took advantage of Donegal errors to prevail by 2-9 to 0-12 in a forgettable encounter where there were nearly four hand passes for every kick pass (368 to 96).

Based on recent meetings, one would hardly suggest a score fest is in store at GAA HQ today but much has changed during the intervening period with Donegal reinventing themselves in recent seasons under Declan Bonner.

It had become increasingly

obvious in recent seasons that they were suffering somewhat of an identity crisis and as blanket defences gradually seeped out of the game, they struggled to adapt a philosophy which had served its purpose.

That has changed drastically under Bonner, however, and he has helped develop an attacking mentality to maximise the remarkable forward potential which they possess with their tallies fully justifying it.

It's not that defence has been abandoned but more risks are being taken – with Shaun Patton's array of kick outs crucial to their game plan – to help clock an average of 22 points over seven games en route to an Ulster title and Super 8s appearance last year.

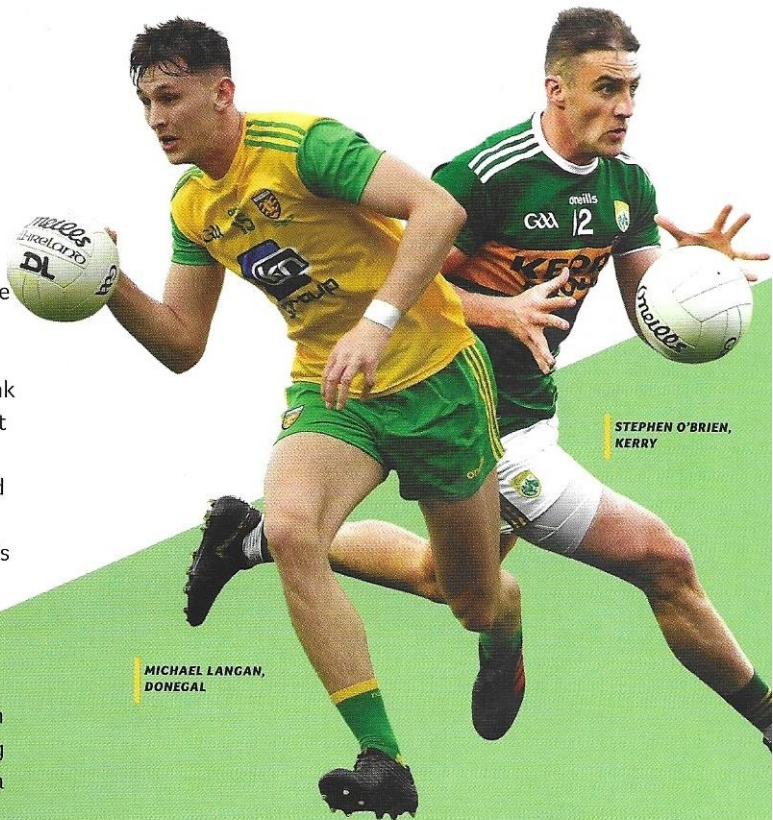
The Anglo-Celt Cup, as well as the Division 2 Allianz League title, is resting in Donegal again this summer

with more sensational scoring – averaging 21.5 points in their four games thus far – and they have become one of the easiest teams on the eye. Slick hand passing, accurate foot passing to create space and give opposition defenders little time to think as well as an ability to shoot points from distance has helped Michael Murphy and Co emerge as one of the chief challengers to Dublin's five-in-a-row aspirations.

With potent attackers like Murphy, Patrick McBrearty, Jamie Brennan, Oisín Gallen and Michael Langan among their ranks, there's almost a train of thought that much like Brazil in soccer, they feel they can exceed whatever their opponents put on the scoreboard.

Whereas Tyrone attempted to break away from a defensive style earlier this summer before abandoning it when Donegal overpowered them in the Ulster semi-final, RTÉ pundit Joe Brolly believes Bonner deserves credit for sticking to his guns.

“Defensive football had become an established culture in Donegal. Declan quite rightly made the decision, he was humble enough to bring in Stephen Rochford to work on this strategy,” Brolly said.



MICHAEL LANGAN,
DONEGAL

STEPHEN O'BRIEN,
KERRY

“And whereas Tyrone have lost their nerve and gone back to their 2017/18 style of football, Donegal have decided that they are happy to ship some scores and score more than the opposition, a bit like the Dubs.”

It would have been easy for Bonner and Donegal to continue reverting to a style that brought them great success and Ó Sé feels the rewards are starting to come his way as they make an assault on All-Ireland honours.

“Bonner made a decision and he was brave because when he initially came in, it wasn't all plain sailing for him and

there were a lot of people giving out saying they should go back to the old thing,” Ó Sé said.

“Tyrone went back to the old thing this year, Bonner didn't. He stuck to his guns and I think it's paying dividend.”

With Kerry possessing sharpshooters in the shape of David Clifford, Seán O'Shea, Paul Geaney and Stephen O'Brien, two of the finest forward units coming together should produce an attacking masterclass in Croke Park today.

How times have changed, changed utterly. A footballing renaissance is born.

CHAMPIONSHIP 2019: CIARRAÍ



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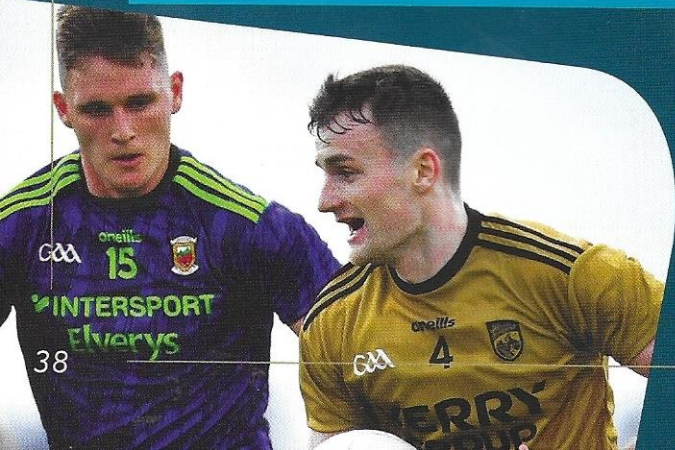
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| | CLARE | CORK | MAYO |
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| SHANE RYAN | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| JASON FOLEY | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| TADHG MORLEY | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| TOM O'SULLIVAN | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| SHANE ENRIGHT | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| JACK SHERWOOD | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| GAVIN CROWLEY | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| DAVID MORAN | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| DIARMUID O'CONNOR | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| ADRIAN SPILLANE | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| SEÁN O'SHEA | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| STEPHEN O'BRIEN | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| DAVID CLIFFORD | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| PAUL GEANEY | ■ | ■ | ■ |

CHAMPIONSHIP 2019

FINAL

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|---------|--------------------|-------|------|-------|------|
| June 1 | Cusack Park | Kerry | 1-15 | Clare | 0-12 |
| June 22 | Páirc Uí Chaoimh | Kerry | 1-19 | Cork | 3-10 |
| July 14 | Fitzgerald Stadium | Kerry | 1-22 | Mayo | 0-15 |



TOTAL SCORED:

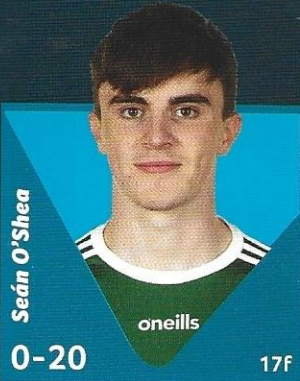
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TOTAL CONCEDED:

3-37



| | CLARE | CORK | MAYO |
|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| JAMES O'DONOGHUE | Green | Blue | Green |
| MARK GRIFFIN | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow |
| GAVIN WHITE | Yellow | Green | Green |
| MICHEÁL BURNS | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow |
| ROBERT WHARTON | Yellow | Blue | Blue |
| TOMMY WALSH | Yellow | Blue | Blue |
| JONATHAN LYNE | Yellow | Blue | Blue |
| PAUL MURPHY | Blue | Green | Green |
| JACK BARRY | Blue | Green | Blue |
| DARA MOYNIHAN | Blue | Green | Yellow |
| BRIAIN Ó BEAGLAOICH | Blue | Yellow | Yellow |
| GRAHAM O'SULLIVAN | Blue | Blue | Yellow |



- Seán O'Shea 0-20 (17F)
- David Clifford 0-14 (3F)
- Paul Geaney 1-4
- Stephen O'Brien 0-5
- James O'Donoghue 1-2
- Tom O'Sullivan 1-1
- Diarmuid O'Connor 0-2

SCORERS

- Micheál Burns 0-2
- David Moran 0-2
- Adrian Spillane 0-1
- Jason Foley 0-1
- Dara Moynihán 0-1
- Graham O'Sullivan 0-1

69% SCORES FROM PLAY

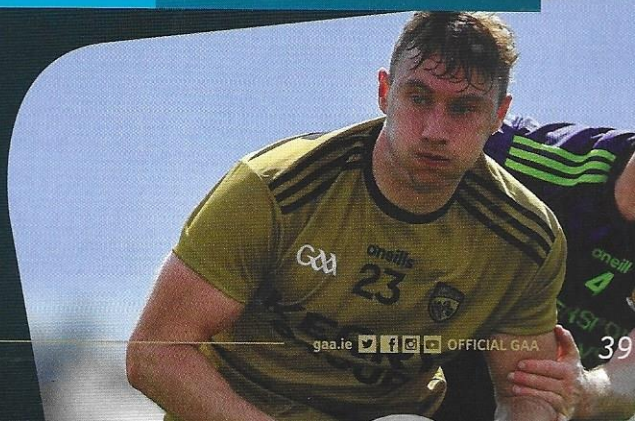
NUMBER OF PLAYERS USED:

26

STARTING ALL THREE MATCHES:

9

SUB IN ALL FOUR MATCHES:
Mark Griffin, Micheál Burns



CHAMPIONSHIP 2019: Dún na nGall



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| | FERMANAGH | TYRONE | CAVAN | MEATH |
|----------------------|-----------|--------|-------|-------|
| SHAUN PATTON | | | | |
| STEPHEN McMENAMIN | | | | |
| NEIL McGEE | | | | |
| EOGHAN BÂN GALLAGHER | | | | |
| DAIRE Ó BAOILL | | | | |
| LEO McLOONE | | | | |
| PADDY McGRATH | | | | |
| HUGH McFADDEN | | | | |
| JASON McGEE | | | | |
| RYAN McHUGH | | | | |
| MICHAEL MURPHY | | | | |
| CIARÁN THOMPSON | | | | |

CHAMPIONSHIP 2019

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|---------|--------------------|---------|------|-----------|------|
| 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 |
| July 14 | Mac Cumhaill Park | Donegal | 2-19 | Meath | 1-13 |

FINAL

TOTAL SCORED:

4-74

TOTAL CONCEDED:

3-53





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



| SCORERS | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----|
| Jamie Brennan | 2-14 | Hugh McFadden | 0-2 |
| Michael Murphy | 0-14 (5f, 2'45) | Niall O'Donnell | 0-2 |
| Oisín Gallen | 1-2 | Eoin McHugh | 0-2 |
| Jason McGee | 0-4 | Stephen McMenamin | 0-1 |
| Michael Langan | 0-4 | Eoghan Bán Gallagher | 0-1 |
| Ryan McHugh | 0-4 | Daire Ó Baoill | 0-1 |
| Ciarán Thompson | 0-3 | Leo McLoone | 0-1 |

85% SCORES FROM PLAY

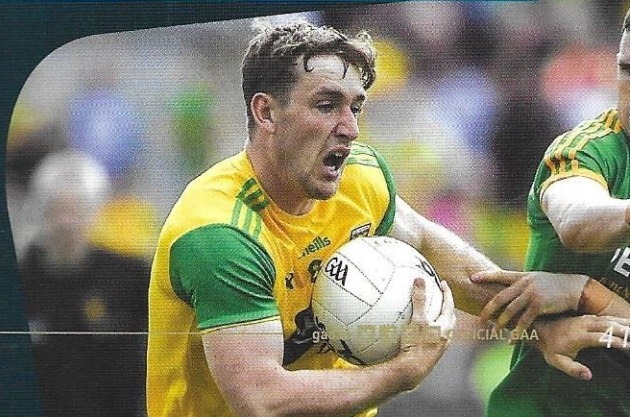
NUMBER OF PLAYERS USED:

23

STARTING ALL FOUR MATCHES:

11

SUB IN ALL FOUR MATCHES:
Frank McGlynn



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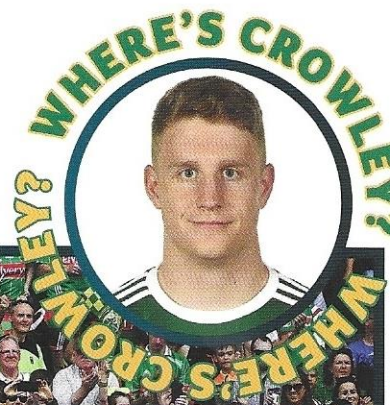
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KERRY'S Gavin Crowley is somewhere among the fans..can you find him?



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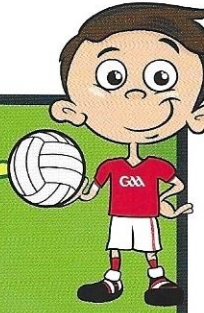
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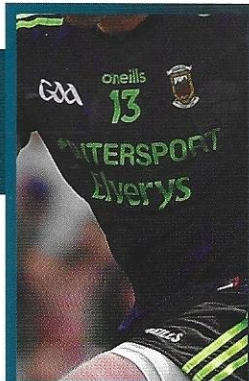
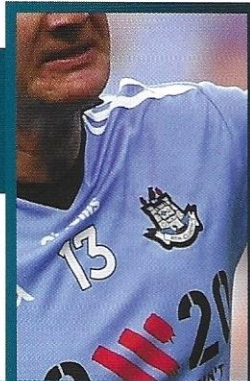
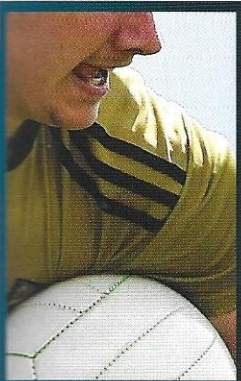
MAKE your way through the coach's obstacle course!



Freergraf: Welcome to the Jumble: James O'Donoghue, Ciarda Kilkenny, Clifian O'Connor, Niall Kilty

CAN you identify these footballers from their extreme close-up jumbled names?

welcome to the jumble



GOODMAN
SHUE
JOE

YANK
NIC
LINKER

NORA
NICCOLO
NIL

RIA
KIN
LOLLY

CROKE PARK SAFETY AND GENERAL INFORMATION

REGULATIONS Páirc an Chrócaigh

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

Safety and General Information

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



Safety Notice

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



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

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

Smoking Policy

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



Medical Assistance

First Aid Centres are located in the following areas:

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



Lost Children

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



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



BACKING CLUB AND COUNTY



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