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**CHURCH AND GENERAL  
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
DIVISION 1 ROUND 7**



# **CILL DARA v DÚN NA nGALL**

**Tosnú 3.30 i.n.**

**Réiteoir: JOE WOODS (Áth Cliath)**

**Domhnach 2 Márta 1997  
ag St. Conleth's Park, Droichead Nua**

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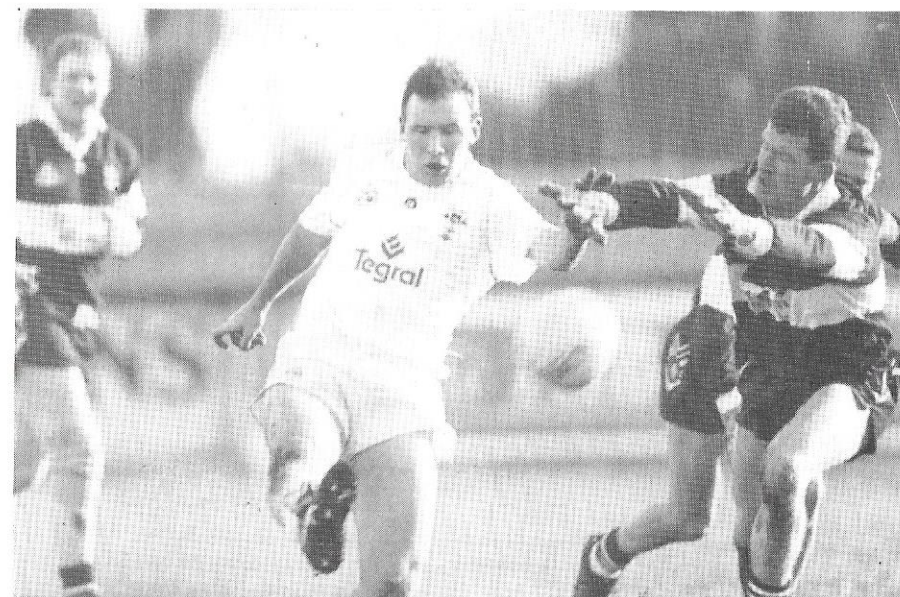
## Fáiltiú ón gCathaoirleach Coiste Chontae



Cuirimid fáilte roimh gach éinne go Droichead Nua inniu, go mhór, mór peileadóirí agus oifigigh Dún na nGall. Tá súl agam go mbainfidh taithneamh as an cluiche agus go mbeidh an imirt go dian.

Today, Coiste Chill Dara welcomes Donegal to St. Conleth's Park. Games between the counties have always been a special attraction and today's meeting is no exception. We look forward to a great game that will produce all that is best in gaelic football.

SEÁN DE BHÁL, Cathaoirleach.



*Kildare's Glen Ryan kicks the ball past Derry's Gary McGill in last month's NFL clash here in Newbridge.*

Today's programme was compiled by County P.R.O. and Vice-Chairman **Richie Whelan**, **Michael Sheridan** (Chairman, Communications Committee), **Kathleen Kelly** (Secretary), **Micheál O'Connor** (Treasurer), Ger Tiernan. With special thanks for their assistance to Catherine Whelan, Joe Woods (Sarsfields).



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## THE KILDARE-DONEGAL FOOTBALL QUIZ

Compiled  
by  
JOE WOODS

1. How many times has Glen Ryan won the Kildare footballer of the year award?
2. Which All Ireland medal winner with Donegal has played senior championship football for clubs in three different counties?
3. When Donegal and Kildare drew in Ballyshannon in last year's National League which Kildare player received the man of the match award?
4. How many points did Manus Boyle score in the 1992 All Ireland final?
5. In what year did current Kildare selector Pat Dunne win both Railway Cup football and hurling medals?
6. Which Donegal man is the holder of five Railway Cup medals?
7. Prior to Christy Byrne in 1996 and 1997 who was the last Kildare man to win Railway Cup medals as a goalkeeper in consecutive years?
8. Who did Donegal beat in the 1996 National League semi-final?
9. Name the last man other than Gary Walsh to play in goal for Donegal in a senior championship match?
10. In what year did Kildare win both the Leinster Minor and Under 21 titles?
11. When last did Donegal play in Division two of the National League?
12. When last did Kildare play in Division two of the National League?
13. How many successive National League quarter final appearances were Donegal making when they played Wicklow last year?
14. Who was Kildare's goalkeeper in the 1991 National League final?
15. Who is the only man to have played in sixteen successive Ulster Senior Championship campaigns for Donegal?
16. When did Kildare first win the O'Byrne Cup?
17. In the closing minutes of the 1967 National League semi-final against Galway, Donegal were awarded a penalty. As a Donegal player stepped up to take the kick the ball blew away. He duly retrieved it but when he replaced it the referee awarded a free out to Galway, because permission to replace the ball had not been sought. (Galway won by three points). Who was the player in question?
18. In what year did Kildare manager Mick O'Dwyer win his only Railway Cup medal?
19. Brian McEniff managed Donegal to win the 1992 All Ireland title but who was the team's trainer?
20. Which footballing legend is reputed to have milked fourteen cows a few hours after receiving the Sam Maguire Cup?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 10



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# MATT GALLAGHER

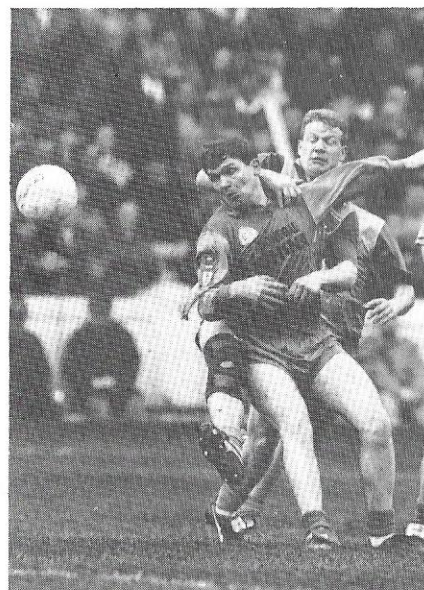
## Donegal's Perennial Star

by  
JOE  
WOODS

**Club:** Naomh Brid, Ballintra.  
**Date of Birth:** September 8th 1962.  
**Education:** St Ernan's N.S. Ballintra and De La Salle College, Ballyshannon.  
**Marital Status:** Married to Cathy. They have two young sons Ross and Calum.  
**Occupations** Publican and Company Rep.

### MATT'S CHAMPIONSHIP FILE

Senior Intercounty championship debut – 1982 versus Armagh at left full back.  
Championship campaigns – 14.  
Championship appearances – 30. Won 16, drew 2, lost 12  
Most championship appearances in a season – 6 in 1992.



*Donegal's Matt Gallagher keeps Wicklow's Kevin O'Brien off the ball in last year's league quarter-final at Croke Park.*

### MAJOR AWARDS

All Star – 1992.  
Donegal Footballer of the year 1991.

### MEDALS

1 All-Ireland Senior – 1992.  
1 All-Ireland Under 21 – 1982.  
1 All-Ireland College Senior B – 1980.  
3 Ulster Senior – 1983, 1990, 1992.  
1 Ulster Under 21 – 1982.  
1 Ulster College Senior B – 1980.  
4 Railway Cup Medals – 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995.  
1 Dr McKenna Cup – 1991.  
1 County Intermediate championship – 1987.  
1 County Division 2 League – 1987.

### OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

- He played underage football with Aodh Ruadh, Ballyshannon and with assistance from his brothers Pádraig (R.I.P.), Declan and Dermot he won a bucketful of league and championship medals including County Minor and Under 21 titles.
- With De La Salle College Ballyshannon he won a host of trophies including various Ulster medals and one All Ireland title.
- He played in the London Championship (legally!) for Tír Conaill Gaels some years ago.
- When team captain John Cunningham cried off due to injury prior to the start of the 1995 National League final Matt was awarded the honour of captaining Donegal for the game.
- He has played more senior competitive (championship, league, Dr McKenna Cup, open competitions) games for Donegal than any other man in the proud history of Donegal football.
- Today is Matt's 146th senior competitive game for Donegal. Come championship time it is a good bet that he will break the century and a half barrier.



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A Level 1 course will be held during the month of October 1997. The course will be conducted by a panel of experienced tutors who have received specialist training. It will be held in nine sessions over a four week period. (approx. 22 hrs).

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- ★ Fitness Testing.
- ★ Performance Analysis.
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- ★ Sports Nutrition, Rules of the Game.
- ★ Planning an effective coaching session, an annual programme.

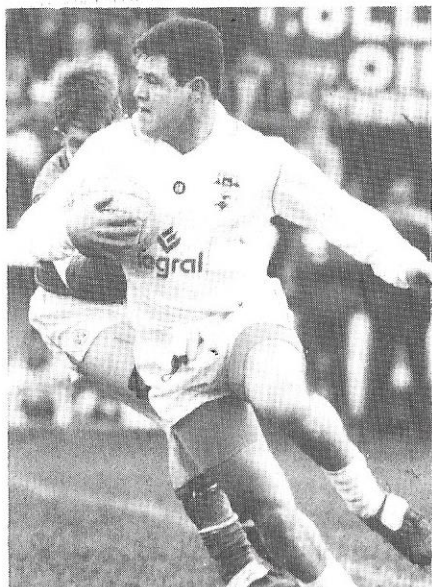
**N.B.** All participants must have previously attended a 'Foundation Level' course (6 hrs.). To facilitate those who have not already done so it is intended to conduct a number of these courses prior to the summer.

*For further information please contact*

**JOHN McCARTHY.**

**Telephone: 01-6245607 (W), 01-6244876 (W), 01-6242540 (H).**





Kildare's Johnny McDonald on the attack against Offaly last Sunday in the O'Byrne Cup semi-final.

Good Luck to Dale, Ken  
and all the lads

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Broadcaster Micheál Ó Muireartaigh in the Micheál O'Hehir broadcasting box which was open for the first time at the Kildare v Derry game.

### ANSWERS TO KILDARE — DONEGAL QUIZ

1, Three. 2, Brian Murray.  
3, Johnny McDonald. 4,  
Nine. 5, 1974. 6, Martin  
McHugh. 7, Tom Malone  
(1952 and 1953). 8, Cork.  
9, Michael Kelly. 10, 1983.  
11, 1987-'88 season. 12,  
1990-'91 season. 13,  
Seven. 14, Niall Connolly.  
15, John Hannigan. 16,  
1962. 17, Neilly Gallagher.  
18, 1972. 19, Anthony  
Harkin. 20, Bill "Squires"  
Gannon.

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## Results & Fixtures

### DIVISION 1

#### ROUND 1 — 13th October 1996

Meath	1-9	Cavan	2-6
Donegal	2-6	Cork	0-12
Derry	0-7	Tyrone	0-8
Kildare	2-11	Kerry	1-13

#### ROUND 2 — 27th October 1996

Cork	0-13	Meath	1-5
Tyrone	2-6	Donegal	2-6
Kerry	1-12	Derry	0-10
Cavan	1-6	Kildare	0-17

### ROUND 3

Donegal	0-10	Cavan	0-6
Derry	0-12	Cork	1-9
Kildare	1-9	Tyrone	1-7
Meath	0-10	Kerry	0-8

### ROUND 4

Kerry	2-9	Donegal	2-7
Cavan	0-14	Derry	0-5
Cork	0-9	Kildare	1-5
Tyrone	1-14	Meath	1-4

### ROUND 5

Donegal	0-13	Meath	0-8
Kildare	1-8	Derry	1-10
Cork	0-12	Cavan	0-9
Kerry	1-17	Tyrone	1-8

#### ROUND 6 — 16th February 1997

Derry	1-13	Donegal	1-6
Meath	1-3	Kildare	0-15
Tyrone	0-8	Cork	0-6
Cavan	0-8	Kerry	0-10

#### ROUND 7 — 2nd March 1997

##### Today's games

Meath	v	Derry
Kildare	v	Donegal
Tyrone	v	Cavan
Kerry	v	Cork

## League Tables

### DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Cork	6	3	2	1	8
Kerry	6	4	0	2	8
Kildare	6	4	0	2	8
Derry	6	3	1	2	7
Meath	6	2	1	3	5
Tyrone	6	2	1	3	5
Donegal	6	1	2	3	4
Cavan	6	1	1	4	3

### DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Laois	6	5	0	1	10
Louth	6	4	0	2	8
Armagh	6	2	2	2	6
Clare	6	3	0	3	6
Dublin	6	2	2	2	6
Leitrim	6	2	1	3	5
Mayo	6	2	1	3	5
Monaghan	6	1	0	5	2

### DIVISION 3

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Down	6	5	1	0	11
Roscommon	6	5	0	1	10
Westmeath	6	4	0	2	8
Wicklow	6	4	0	2	8
Galway	6	2	1	3	5
Antrim	6	2	0	4	4
Longford	6	1	0	5	2
Wexford	6	0	0	6	0

### DIVISION 4

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Offaly	6	6	0	0	12
Fermanagh	6	5	0	1	10
Carlow	6	4	0	2	8
Sligo	6	4	0	2	8
Tipperary	7	4	0	3	8
Waterford	7	3	0	4	6
Limerick	6	1	0	5	2
London	6	1	0	5	2
Kilkenny	6	0	0	6	0



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A Reunion is being planned for mid summer and contacting everybody who played all those years ago is a major challenge.

The group of old players working on the plans would welcome any information and assistance they can get.

Particularly they would like to hear from those who played and would ask them to contact any of the following:

- Jim Clarke (897107)
- Davy Dalton Snr. (01-6287735)
- Tommy O'Hanlon (432461)
- Paddy O'Loughlin (526717)
- Toss McCarthy (431883)
- Larry McCormack (524866)
- Peter Mooney (431628)
- Jimmy Dowling (431860)

(or see you after the match today at the clubhouse)



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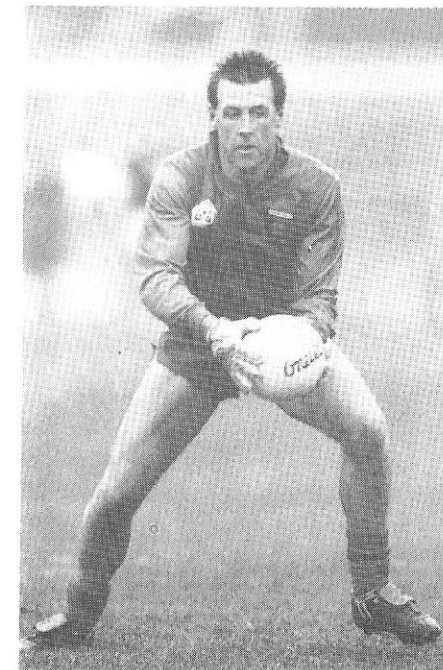
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The Donegal team who played Derry in the NFL final at Croke Park last year.



Kildare's Dale Hynan rises way above Derry's Anthony Tohill in the NFL game here last month.



Donegal's Brian Murray who now plays his club football in Kildare with Kilcock.



## CILL DARA

*Dathanna: All White*

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| (1) C. Ó Broin<br><b>CHRISTY BYRNE</b><br>Castlemitchell    | (2) M. Ó Riain<br><b>MARTIN RYAN</b><br>Moorefield                | (3) S. Ó Floinn<br><b>JOHN FINN</b><br>Clane          | (4) C. Ó Dúghaill<br><b>KEN DOYLE</b><br>Allenwood |
| (5) A. Rainbow<br><b>ANTHONY RAINBOW</b><br>Suncroft        | (6) G. Ó Riain<br><b>GLEN RYAN (capt.)</b><br>Round Towers        | (7) Duine Eile<br><b>A. N. OTHER</b>                  |  |
| (8) D. Ó hEidhneáin<br><b>DALE HYNAN</b><br>Allenwood       | (9) N. Ó Buachalla<br><b>NIALL BUCKLEY</b><br>Sarsfields          |   |  |
| (10) P. Ó Griabhán<br><b>PÁDRAIG GRAVIN</b><br>Clogherinkoe | (11) D. Ó Ciarragáin<br><b>DECLAN KERRIGAN</b><br>Johnstownbridge | (12) T. Ó hEarchaí<br><b>TOM HARRIS</b><br>Rheban     |  |
| (13) S. Mac Dónaill<br><b>JOHNNY McDONALD</b><br>Naas       | (14) M. Ó Loinsigh<br><b>MARTIN LYNCH</b><br>Clane                | (15) P. Mac Cormaic<br><b>PAUL McCORMACK</b><br>Clane |  |
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| (16) R. Mac Giolla Chomhaill | <b>RICHIE COYLE</b>    | Naas         |
| (17) L. Ó Donalláin          | <b>LEONARD DONLON</b>  | Round Towers |
| (18) E. Mac Cormaic          | <b>EDDIE McCORMACK</b> | Clane        |
| (19) B. Ó Fathaigh           | <b>BRIAN FAHY</b>      | Leixlip      |
| (20) R. Ó Coinne             | <b>RONAN QUINN</b>     | Leixlip      |
| (21) A. Proctor              | <b>ALAN PROCTOR</b>    | Castledermot |
| (22) C. Ó Braonáin           | <b>CHRISTY BRENNAN</b> | Suncroft     |
| (23) M. Ó Riain              | <b>MICHAEL RYAN</b>    | Moorefield   |
| (24) S. Ó Dubhlainn          | <b>SÉAMUS DOWLING</b>  | Moorefield   |
| (25) T. Ó Braonáin           | <b>TOM BRENNAN</b>     | Sarsfields   |

## DÚN NA nGALL

*Dathanna: Green, Gold and White*

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|--|---|--|---|
| (1) P. Ó Ceallaigh<br><b>PAUL CALLAGHAN</b><br>Burt            | (2) P. Mag Fhionnaile<br><b>PETER MCGINLEY</b><br>Killybegs | (3) S. Mac Eoghain<br><b>SEÁN McEWAN</b><br>St. Eumans | (4) S. Mac Cuinneagáin<br><b>JOHN CUNNINGHAM</b><br>Killybegs |
| (5) D. Ó Duibhir<br><b>DAMIEN DIVER</b><br>Ardara              | (6) M. Ó Chrosáin<br><b>MARK CROSSAN</b><br>St. Eumans      | (7) O. Maoildeirg<br><b>OLLIE REID</b><br>Red Hughs    |   |
| (8) S. Ruain<br><b>JAMES RUANE</b><br>Bundoran                 | (9) M. Mac Gaibheacháin<br><b>MARTIN GAVIGAN</b><br>Ardara  |  |   |
| (10) S. Ó Gallchoir<br><b>JAMES BÁN GALLAGHER</b><br>Killybegs | (11) A. Baoill<br><b>TONY BOYLE</b><br>Dungloe              | (12) B. Ó Muirí<br><b>BRIAN MURRAY</b><br>Kilcock      |   |
| (13) A. Ó Suibhne<br><b>ADRIAN SWEENEY</b><br>Dungloe          | (14) M. Ó Baoill<br><b>MANUS BOYLE</b><br>Killybegs         | (15) B. Roper<br><b>BRIAN ROPER</b><br>Red Hughs       |   |
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| (16) G. Ó Breathnach    | <b>GARY WALSH</b>       | Burren        |
| (17) M. Ó Geallchoir    | <b>MATT GALLAGHER</b>   | Naomh Bríde   |
| (18) M. Ó Seibhleain    | <b>MARTIN SHOVLIN</b>   | Naomh Ultan   |
| (19) S. Mag Fhinneachta | <b>SÉAMUS MCGINTY</b>   | McCools       |
| (20) M. Mac Colla       | <b>MARTIN COLL</b>      | Gaoth Dobhair |
| (21) C. Mac Conmara     | <b>DESSIE McNAMARA</b>  | Bundoran      |
| (22) R. Mac Lochlainn   | <b>RONAN McLOUGHLIN</b> | Burt          |
| (23) B. Mac Lochlainn   | <b>BRIAN McLOUGHLIN</b> | St. Michael's |
| (24) S. Giolla Dhé      | <b>JOHN GILDEA</b>      | Naomh Conaill |
| (25) M. Baoill          | <b>MARK BOYLE</b>       | Killybegs     |



# Church & General NFL Match Reports

## ROUND 1

### Micko Pulls rank as Lilies squeeze home

**KILDARE** ..... 2-11

**KERRY** ..... 1-13

The Maestro and one of his most famous students met in a fascinating NFL Division 1 opener in Newbridge, which resulted in a one-point Lilywhites' victory and a cracking match packed with action and controversy.

A penalty goal for each side and the dismissal of Kerry wing-back Eamon Breen in the second-last minute were the most immediate talking points, with Kerry boss Páidí Ó Sé feeling his defender was most harshly treated by referee Paul McGann.

#### ATROCIOUS WEATHER

But the over-riding story was football maestro Mick O'Dwyer's successful return as Kildare manager after a two-year absence and the commendable quality of the game in absolutely atrocious weather conditions.

**Scorers - Kildare:** E. McCormack 1-1, J. McDonald 0-4 (0-3 frees), M. Lynch 1-0 (pen), G. Ryan 0-2, D. Maher, A. Rainbow, J. Whelan, T. Harris 0-1 each. **Kerry:** D. Ó Cinnéide 1-8 (0-6 frees, 1-0 pen), E. Breen 0-2, J. Crowley, G. Farrell, W. Kirby 0-1 each.

**Kildare:** C. Byrne, K. Doyle, J. Finn, B. Fahy, A. Rainbow, G. Ryan (capt.), D. Maher, K. Brennan, J. Whelan; E. McCormack, D. Kerrigan, T. Harris; P. McCormack, M. Lynch, J. McDonald.

**Kerry:** P. O'Leary; S. Stack, M. O'Shea, M. Hassett (capt.); S. Moynihan,

L. Flaherty, E. Breen; D. Ó Sé, D. Ó Cinnéide; J. O'Shea, L. Hassett, G. Farrell. **Subs:** K. Burns for Stack, W. Kirby for Daly, P. Laide for O'Dwyer.

**Referee:** P. McGann (Westmeath).

### Derry topple poor Tyrone

**DERRY** ..... 0-7

**TYRONE** ..... 0-3

New manager Danny Ball was less than happy with Tyrone's poor performance against National League champions Derry at Celtic Park.

An inept and unimaginative Tyrone team lacked leadership throughout. They didn't score until the 47th minute of the game and at that stage a whitewash looked to be very much on the cards.

Anthony Tohill emerged as the game's outstanding figure. He kicked six of Derry's seven points from placed balls and, along with Henry Downey totally controlled midfield from start to finish.

Derry fielded only seven of their league final team, but the performances of relative newcomers Emmet McKeever, Ronan Rocks, Seán Lockart and Ronan McGuckin must have pleased their manager Brian Mullins.

To add to Tyrone's troubles, half-back Paul Donnelly was sent off in the 56th minute for a wild tackle on Séamus Downey, who had to retire injured.

**Scorers - Derry:** A. Tohill 0-6, J. Brolly 0-1. **Tyrone:** I. Gormley, E. McCaffrey, M. McGleenan 0-1 each.

**Derry:** D. O'Hare; C. McKeever, R. McGuckin, E. McKeever; S. Lockhart,

D. Heaney, G. Coleman; A. Tohill, H. Downey; R. Boylan, S. Downey, R. Rocks; J. Brolly, S. McLarnon, A. McGuckin. **Subs:** D. Dougan for A. McGuckin, S. McGuckin for McLarnon, D. McIvar for S. Downey.

**Tyrone:** F. McConnell; P. Devlin, N. Donnelly, D. Hagan; P. Donnelly, P. Canavan, S. McLoughlin; M. McGleenan, S. McCallan; B. Diver, A. Kilpatrick, C. McBride; A. Cush, S. Lawn, E. Gormley. **Subs:** B. Gormley for Cush, E. McCaffrey for Diver.

### Corkery point secures share

**DONEGAL** ..... 2-6

**CORK** ..... 0-12

Sheer persistence earned Cork the very least they deserved at Ballybofey, when Colin Corkery converted a free deep in injury-time to earn them a NFL division 1 point.

The torrential rain made little impact on two sides who provided an exciting contest, with Donegal playing a remarkably risky passing game close to their own goal in the final eight minutes.

They did so in an attempt to protect a one-point lead, but were unable to do anything when Corkery stepped up from the angled 13-metre free to give the tiny number of visiting supporters something to cheer about on their long journey home.

**Scorers - Donegal:** B. Roper 1-0, T. Boyle 1-0, M. Boyle 0-3 (0-2 frees), B. Murray 0-2, M. Coll 0-1. **Cork:** C. Corkery 0-6 (0-3 frees), P. O'Mahony 0-3, C. O'Sullivan 0-2, B. Corcoran 0-1.

**Donegal:** G. Walsh; M. Crossan, M. Gallagher, S. McEwen; D. Diver, N. Hegarty, M. Shovlin; B. Murray, M. Coll; D. McNamara, J. Ruane, O. Reid; B.

Roper, T. Boyle, M. Boyle. **Subs:** J. B. Gallagher for McNamara, P. McGinley for McEwen.

**Cork:** K. O'Dwyer; M. Farr, M. O'Connor, R. McCarthy; M. Cronin, N. Cahalane, M. Donovan; L. Honohan, D. O'Neill; B. Corcoran, C. O'Sullivan, P. O'Mahony; J. McCarthy, C. Corkery, M. O'Sullivan. **Sub:** F. Collis for J. McCarthy.

**Referee:** M. Curley (Galway).

### Battling Royals hit back

**MEATH** ..... 1-9

**CAVAN** ..... 2-6

The battling Royals rocked Cavan with the force of their fight-back in the Church & General National Football League clash at Páirc Tailteann. And at the finish, the All-Ireland champions would up with a share of the spoils in a top notch encounter.

The big home following in the 8,000 crowd rose to Jim McGuinness when he shot over the equalising point with just two minutes remaining to spoil what would have been a famous Cavan victory.

**Scorers - Meath:** J. McGuinness 1-3 (1-0 pen, 0-2 frees), T. Dowd 0-3, D. Curtis, K. Cahill, D. Murphy 0-1 each. **Cavan:** F. Crowe 2-0, R. Carolan 0-5 (frees), J. Reilly 0-1.

**Meath:** C. Martin; M. O'Reilly, D. Fay, M. O'Connell; C. Brady, E. McManus, P. Reynolds; K. Cahill, J. McDermott; D. Curtis, T. Dowd, C. Geraghty; J. Devine, J. McGuinness, O. Murphy. **Subs:** J. Brady for Brady.

**Cavan:** P. O'Dowd; P. Kermath, P. Smith, M. Reilly; G. Sheridan, A. Connolly, M. McGauran; S. King, G. Clarke; R. Carolan, P. Reilly, A. Forde; J. Reilly, F. Crowe, M. Graham. **Subs:** L. Reilly for Forde, F. Cahill for Graham.

**Referee:** B. White (Wexford).



## ROUND 2

### Micko's new Lilywhites march on

**KILDARE** ..... 0-17

**CAVAN** ..... 1-6

If not quite the match that had everything, there was still plenty to be going on with in the splendid amphitheatre of O'Reilly Park, Kingscourt.

Kildare grilled a Cavan side who, on the evidence of this one, are not only leaderless off the field during Martin McHugh's sabbatical.

The nuts and bolts of the game made for an interesting affair: an exhibition of football by Kildare that left Mick O'Dwyer considerably more pleased with his decision to return to guide the Lilywhites; the spectre of some Cavan fans booing when Finbar Crowe was substituted for Fintan Cahill; and the long walks accorded to both full-backs during a second half that might well have exploded out of hand were not both teams peopled by some cool heads.

This was good stuff from Kildare. Cavan were stuck to the ground. O'Dwyer and his selectors filled the two AN Other slots with Richie Coyle at full-back and Leonard Donlon at right half-forward.

**Scorers - Kildare:** J. McDonald 0-7 (0-3 frees), P. Graven 0-6, (0-4 frees), G. Ryan, P. McCormack, J. Whelan, L. Donlon 0-1 each. **Cavan:** M. Graham 1-0, L. Reilly 0-2, R. Carolan 0-2 (0-2 frees), P. Reilly, D. McCabe 0-1 each.

**Kildare:** C. Byrne; K. Doyle, R. Coyle, B. Fahy; A. Rainbow, G. Ryan, D. Maher; K. Brennan, J. Whelan; L. Donlon, D. Kerrigan, P. Graven; P. McCormack, M. Lynch, J. McDonald. **Subs:** M. Ryan for Maher.

**Cavan:** P. O'Dowd; G. Sheridan, P. Smith, M. Reilly; P. Murphy, A. Connolly,

M. McGauran; S. King, C. Clarke; D. McCabe, P. Reilly, R. Carolan; J. Reilly, F. Crowe, L. Reilly. **Subs:** F. Cahill for Crowe; T. Farrelly for Murphy, M. Graham for Clarke.

**Referee:** P. Casserly (Westmeath).

### Kerry lead Derrymen a merry dance

**KERRY** ..... 1-12

**DERRY** ..... 0-10

No one dared shout from the rooftops or talk about a return to the glory days – but at least Kerry supporters saw a hint of genuine hope in this fully-merited victory over Derry at a serene Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney.

It was no more than a workmanlike performance from Kerry in taking the scalp of the league champions, who were short several regulars. Moreover, Derry might have made it hard going for the home side if they had taken some golden chances in the first half, including an open goal miss from Ruairi Boylan.

In a game which surprisingly lacked passion, there was a controversial climax when Tipperary referee Paddy Russell sent two players to the line – Kerry's James O'Shea with 10 minutes remaining, and Boylan almost immediately afterwards for his second bookable offence.

O'Shea's dismissal brought howls of disapproval from the 4,000 Kerry supporters but Russell confirmed afterwards that he sent off the young St. Michael's player for dangerous play in kicking out at Derry corner-back Emmett McKeever.

**Scorers - Kerry:** D. Ó Cinnéide 0-4 (0-3 frees), D. O'Dwyer 1-1, J. Crowley, S. Moynihan 0-2 each; J. O'Shea, M. F. Russell, P. Laide 0-1 each. **Derry:** R. Rocks 0-4 (0-3 frees), G. McGill 0-3, H.

Downey, S. McGuckin, P. Farrell 0-1 each.

**Kerry:** P. O'Leary; K. Burns, B. McCarthy, M. Hassett; S. Moynihan, L. Flaherty, F. Ó Sé; D. Ó Sé, D. Daly; D. O'Dwyer, J. Crowley, B. O'Shea; J. O'Shea, D. Ó Cinnéide, G. Farrell. **Subs:** P. Laide for McCarthy, M. F. Russell for Farrell, W. Kirby for Daly.

**Donegal:** D. O'Hare; K. McKeever, J. McBride, E. McKeever; P. McFlynn, R. McGuckin, G. Coleman; D. Heaney, H. Downey; G. McGill, R. Boylan, R. Rocks; S. McGuckin, D. Dougan, M. McIver. **Subs:** P. Farrell for S. McGuckin.

**Referee:** P. Russell (Tipperary).

### Diver delivers as Donegal hit back for draw

**TYRONE** ..... 2-6

**DONEGAL** ..... 2-6

Defender Damien Diver hit a spectacular last minute equalising point to give Donegal a draw at Omagh. It was probably a fair result for two sides always keen to play open, attacking football, and the crowd of 4,000 must have felt satisfied for their value for money, if not with the result.

Goal-scoring hero Fergal Logan revealed after the game that he almost retired following Tyrone's All-Ireland semi-final defeat by Meath. "I had a fairly sobering experience in Croke Park this summer, and I was very close to calling it a day. But I decided to give it one last tilt," he said.

**Scorers - Tyrone:** F. Logan, S. McLaughlin 1-0 each; E. Gormley 0-3, R. McGarrity, E. McCaffrey, B. Gormley 0-1 each. **Donegal:** B. McLaughlin 1-2, T. Boyle 1-1, D. Diver, M. Coll, O. Reid 0-1 each.

**Tyrone:** P. McCallan; D. Hagan, P. O'Neill, C. Lawn; R. McGarrity, N. Donnelly, B. McGinn; F. Logan, P. Canavan; S. McLaughlin, E. McCaffrey, S. Lawn; C. McBride, E. Gormley, B.

Gormley. **Subs:** S. McCallan for C. Lawn, S. Conway for McCaffrey.

**Donegal:** G. Walsh; P. McGinlay, M. Gallagher, J. Cunningham; D. Diver, M. Crossan, M. Shovlin; M. Coll, B. Murray; J. Ruane, T. Boyle, O. Reid; B. Roper, B. McLaughlin, R. McLaughlin. **Subs:** J. B. Gallagher for Ruane, D. McNamara for Reid.

**Referee:** A. Walsh (Dublin).

### Cork defeat weakened Meath

**CORK** ..... 0-13

**MEATH** ..... 1-5

Larry Tomkins will have breathed a sigh of relief after he watched his Cork charges record a five-point victory over All-Ireland champions Meath in his competitive home debut as manager at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

Cork huffed and puffed their way past an almost unrecognisable Meath side decimated by suspensions and injuries, resulting in the absence of 11 of their All-Ireland winning team. Tomkins will look back on the game with a mixture of horror and satisfaction.

**Scorers - Cork:** C. Corkery 0-6 (0-5 frees), B. Corcoran 0-3, L. Honohan, N. Cahalane, A. Dorgan, P. O'Mahony 0-1 each. **Meath:** C. Sheridan 1-5 (1-0 pen, 0-3 frees).

**Cork:** K. O'Dwyer; M. O'Connor, M. Farr, R. McCarthy; M. Cronin, N. Cahalane, M. O'Donovan; D. O'Neill, P. Hegarty; C. O'Sullivan, B. Corcoran, P. O'Mahony; J. McCarthy, L. Honohan, C. Corkery. **Subs:** A. Dorgan for O'Mahony.

**Meath:** C. Sullivan; D. Curtis, S. O'Rourke, M. O'Connell; J. Brady, M. O'Reilly, P. Reynolds; K. Cahill, N. Nestor; E. Kelly, T. Dowd, O. Murphy; J. Devine, S. Dillon, C. Sheridan. **Subs:** N. Kearney for Dillon.

**Referee:** K. Walsh.



## Round 3

### More Meath magic

**MEATH** ..... 0-10

**KERRY** ..... 0-8

This Meath victory was fashioned on the simple premise of direct football.

Denuded of the majority of their All Ireland winning team, their expectations should have been minimal but inspired by captain Tommy Dowd, the lion-hearted Martin O'Connell and Evan Kelly they conjured an unlikely victory.

The tenacity and work-rate of home side was in marked contrast to a generally insipid performance from their opponents, who looked pedestrian and slipshod in much of their play.

Meath gave championship debuts to midfielder Joey Farrelly and Halfback Ned Kearney, both of whom settled admirably, but it was the experienced vein of talent that pre-empted victory.

Dowd kicked three magnificent long range points, tormented a brave Morgan Ó Sé, and basically profited from the quality of ball sent in to him at full forward. The trajectory was always low and in front, a contest that would have only one winner.

At the other end of the pitch corner backs O'Connell and the excellent Mark O'Reilly smothered the Kerry attack as only Kerry full forward Donal Daly caused some problems for John Brady.

**Scorers** - *Meath*: T. Dowd 0-3, C. Sheridan 0-3 (2f); J. Devine 0-2, D. Curtis, O. Murphy 0-1 each. *Kerry*: P. Laide 0-4 (3f); S. Moynihan, J. Crowley, B. Ó Sé, J. Cronin 0-1 each.

**Meath** - C. O'Sullivan; M. Reilly, J. Brady, M. O'Connell; N. Kearney, E. Kelly, P. Renolds; K. Cahill, J. Farrelly; N. Nestor, J. Devine, O. Murphy, D. Curtis, T. Dowd (capt), C. Sheridan. *Sub*: T. Hanley for O. Murphy.

**Kerry** - P. O'Leary; K. Burns, M. O'Shea, M. Hassett (capt); S. Moynihan, L. Flaherty, E. Breen; J. Daly, D. Ó Sé; P. Laide, J. Crowley, D. O'Dwyer; B. Ó Sé, D. Daly, M. F. Russell. *Subs*: E. Fitzmaurice for Breen. G. Farrell for Daly, J. Cronin for B. Ó Sé.

**Referee** - M. McGrath (Donegal).

### Donegal make their points

**DONEGAL** ..... 0-10

**CAVAN** ..... 0-6

Two points from Donegal substitute Manus Boyle midway through the second half gave the home team enough space to see off Cavan in a patchy NFL Division One game played in Ballyshannon.

The teams were level after 45 minutes when Donegal broke from defence, with James Ruane flicking to Boyle who knocked over a fine point form 35 metres to leave Donegal leading by 0-6 to 0-6.

Both teams traded wides after that before Boyle met a pass from Coll and was fouled by Michael Reilly as he turned. He knocked over his own free to push Donegal two ahead with seven minutes remaining.

Cavan spirits wilted with that score as Donegal sliced upfield with John Gildea angling a pass for Coll who whipped over a great point from 40 metres.

Cavan responded through a Dermot McCabe free but Donegal came again, with Dessie McNamara picking up a loose ball and rifling another point with one minute remaining. Midfielder Brian Murray then chipped over the final score which put a gloss on the home side's tally.

Cavan had two chances to snatch a late goal - Stephen King's thundering

shot deflected off John Cunningham after 25 minutes and Larry Reilly hit a low drive which rapped the inside of the post.

Afterwards, Donegal captain John Joe Doherty said that the team's performance was a tribute to Patrick Cunningham, the Donegal footballer who died recently.

**Scorers** - *Donegal*: T. Boyle 0-4 (4f), M. Boyle 0-2 (1f), M. Coll 0-1, B. Murray 0-1, D. McNamara 0-1, D. Diver 0-1. *Cavan*: D. McCabe 0-2 (1f), R. Carolan 0-1 (1f), J. Reilly 0-1, M. Graham 0-1, F. Cahill 0-1.

**Donegal** - G. Walsh; M. Gallagher, J. J. Doherty, J. Cunningham; D. Diver, M. Crossan, M. Shovlin; M. Coll, B. Murray; D. McNamara, B. McLaughlin, J. Ruane; B. Roper, T. Boyle, R. McLaughlin. *Subs*: J. Gildea for B. McLaughlin, halftime, M. Boyle for R. McLaughlin.

**Cavan** - P. O'Dowd; P. Kermagh, C. Brady, M. Reilly; G. Sheridan, A. Connolly, B. Morris; S. King, P. Smith; D. McCabe, P. Reilly, R. Carolan; J. Reilly, F. Crowe, M. Graham. *Subs*: A. Forde for R. Carolan. F. Cahill for F. Crowe. L. Reilly for J. Reilly.

**Referee** - J. Curran (Tyrone).

### Lilywhite power sees off Tyrone

**KILDARE** ..... 1-9

**TYRONE** ..... 1-7

The 8,000 crowd poured out of St. Conleth's Park, Newbridge and into the nearest pubs to witness the closing stages from Lansdowne Road but also to celebrate Kildare's third successive victory in the Church & General NFL with a satisfying victory over the Ulster champions.

This victory puts Kildare clear of the field in Division One and it had Mick

O'Dwyer smiling and talking about character, fighting spirit and applauding the brilliant performance of Glen Ryan at centre-back.

He was right on all counts while new Tyrone boss, Danny Ball, felt his team had let down their large band of supporters with some inept play, regretting the missed penalty kick from Gerard Cavlan and the less than satisfying performance from referee, Brian White of Wexford. "He did us no favours but equally it was not because of him that we lost" said Ball, who now has the task of trying to avoid relegation.

**Scorers** - *Kildare*: P. McCormack 1-3, G. Ryan 0-2, P. Gravin 0-2 f. K. Brennan, D. Kerrigan 0-1 each. *Tyrone*: A. Cush 0-4, 3 f. C. McBride 1-1, G. Cavlan and C. Loughran 0-1 each.

**Kildare** - C. Byrne; K. Doyle, J. Finn, A. Rainbow; B. Fahy, G. Ryan, T. Harris; K. Brennan, J. Whelan; P. Gravin, D. Kerrigan, L. Donlon; P. McCormack, M. Lynch, J. McDonald. *Sub*: E. McCormack for McDonald.

**Tyrone** - P. McCallan; P. Devlin, P. O'Neill, C. Lawn; R. McGarrity, B. McGinn, P. Donnelly; F. Logan, P. Canavan; S. McLoughlin G. Cavlan, S. Lawn; A. Cush, C. McBride, S. Conway. *Sub*: C. Loughlin for Conway.

**Referee** - B. White (Kildare).

### Derrymen leave it late WASTEFUL CORK SQUANDER POINT

**DERRY** ..... 0-12

**CORK** ..... 1-9

The young lions of Derry furnished further telling evidence of their exciting potential when battling back to earn a last-minute draw with Cork at Celtic Park yesterday.

The home side, with only three



established players in defenders Dermot Heaney and Gary Coleman and midfielder Henry Downey, rose to the occasion in style against a very fired-up Cork side.

During the second half, Heaney, Coleman and Downey were joined by fellow regulars Fergal McCusker and Joe Brolly, after 34 and 35 minutes.

McCusker added stability to the home defence, and Brolly scored one of his trademark points from far out on the right wing.

But although the new-look Derry side deserved full marks for a very gutsy performance, Cork will be disappointed that they were not able to make the country-length journey home with a second brace of Division One points.

**Scorers - Derry:** R. Rocks 0-5 (3 f 1 '45'), R. Boylan 0-3 (2f), G. McGill 0-2, G. Coleman, J. Brolly 0-1 each. **Cork:** C. Corkery 1-6 (0-4f), C. O'Sullivan 0-2, P. Hegarty 0-1.

**Derry -** J. Kelly; K. Bryson, J. McBride, E. McKeever; S. Lockhart, D. Heaney, G. Coleman; R. Boylan, H. Downey; G. McGill, D. McIvar, D. Duggan; S. McGuckin, R. Rocks, P. Farrell. **Subs:** F. McCusker for Bryson. J. Brolly for Farrell.

**Cork -** K. O'Dwyer; M. O'Connor, M. Farr, R. McCarthy; M. Cronin, N. Cahalane, M. O'Donovan; D. O'Neill, P. Hegarty; C. O'Sullivan, B. Corcoran, P. O'Mahony; A. Dorgan, L. Honohan, C. Corkery. **Subs:** E. Sexton for Cahalane. M. O'Sullivan for Corcoran.

**Referee -** J. Bannon (Longford).

## ROUND 4

### Kingdom defy logic with win

**KERRY ..... 2-9**

**DONEGAL ..... 2-7**

It is difficult to figure out what makes the current Kerry football team tick

such is the up and down nature of their performances.

Win Munster championship . . . Produce a below par performance when losing to Mayo in the All Ireland semi-final . . . Defeat Cork and London to win McGrath Cup.

Lose narrowly away to Kildare in League . . . Defeat Derry at home . . . Travel to play understrength Meath side and lose.

Inconsistency to say the least. Fast forward to Church & General National League tie against Donegal at Tralee's Austin Stack Park and the home side scored a thrilling two-point victory.

Kerry, with the aid of a stiff breeze, were 0-3 to the good within five minutes. Donegal's corner forward Brian Roper opened his sides account with a point in the 11th minute followed by a brace of points for Kerry's John Crowley. In the 15th minute Crowley was again the instigator as Kerry scored their opening goal.

Then in the 25th minute Donegal's Roper put the ball through for half-back Sean McEwan who was upended for a penalty, which Tony Boyle dispatched to leave the Munster champions 1-4 to 1-1 ahead at the break.

In the 37th minute Kerry introduced Brian Clarke to their attack and within 30 seconds he had scored his side's second goal.

A concerted spell of Donegal pressure reduced the deficit to just three points with 13 minutes to go but Kerry's response was magnificent.

Over the next ten minutes they played their best football of the game, shooting 0-4 without reply through Denis O'Dwyer, Maurice Fitzgearld (free), Crowley and Genie Farrell.

But Donegal were not finished yet. Brian McLoughlin found the Kingdom net and the same player closed the scoring with a point.

**Scorers - Kerry:** G. Farrell 1-2, J. Crowley 0-3, B. Clarke 1-0, M. Fitzgearld 0-2 (0-1 free, 0-1 '45'), D. O'Dwyer, J. O'Shea (0-1 each). **Donegal:** T. Boyle 1-1 (0-1 free, 1-0 pen), B. McLoughlin 1-1, B. Roper 0-3, J. Gildea 0-1 (free), D. McNamara 0-1.

**Kerry -** P. O'Leary; K. Byrne, B. O'Shea, M. O'Shea; S. Moynihan, L. O'Flaherty, C. Drummond; D. Daly, W. Kirby; D. O'Dwyer, J. Crowley, J. Cronin; J. O'Shea, M. Fitzgearld, G. Farrell. **Subs:** B. Clarke for J. Cronin (37 mins), J. Daly for D. Daly (49 mins).

**Donegal -** G. Walsh; M. Gallagher, J. Doherty, J. Cunningham; S. McEwan, M. Crossan, M. Shovlin; M. Coll, B. Murray; D. McNamara, J. Gildea, J. Ruain; B. Roper, T. Boyle, B. McLoughlin. **Subs:** A. Sweeney for J. Ruain (31 mins), R. MacLoughlin for M. Coll (48 mins).

## Cork hold on

### Fire and fury as the Rebels survive Kildare onslaught

**CORK ..... 0-9**

**KILDARE ..... 1-5**

The battle lines were drawn early and with intent.

If Kildare threw themselves into yesterday's uncompromising top of the table Division One clash at Páirc Uí Rinn with total fire in their every sinew, it was Cork's resilience and strength which eventually proved best.

The final stages were fought with fierce passion and determination not usually associated with winter football.

Paul McCormack fired over a point for Kildare in the first minute of injury time to leave just the minimum between the teams.

And it seemed that referee, Paddy Russell, would allow another three

minutes to compensate for the many stoppages during the second half when several players were "booked" and Cork wing-forward Padraig O'Mahony was sent to the line.

However, Russell blew up almost immediately to the disgust of the vast army of Kildare supporters which swelled the Páirc Uí Rinn crowd to almost 6,000.

Afterwards Mick O'Dwyer was being very diplomatic when he said "he could have played at least three more minutes when you consider the number of stoppages. It was disappointing because our lads were still coming at Cork and I think we deserved a draw."

## NOWHERE TO HIDE

"No one could have faulted them for effort," said the Kildare boss, "It was a very hard match. There was nowhere to hide. Cork showed great fitness and strength. It was a game played with championship passion and pace."

Very true indeed. And it's doubtful if the old Flower Lodge arena has ever witnessed such a game.

**Scorers - Cork:** G. Corkery 0-5 (4f, 1 '45'), P. O'Mahony 0-2, C. O'Sullivan and A. Dorgan 0-1 each. **Kildare:** J. McDonald 1-1 (0-1 f), E. McCormack, I. Donlon, P. McCormack and M. Lynch 0-1 each.

**Cork -** K. O'Dwyer; M. Farr, M. O'Connor, R. McCarthy; M. Cronin, N. Cahalane, O. O'Sullivan; D. O'Neill, P. Hegarty; P. O'Mahony, B. Corcoran, G. O'Sullivan; C. Corkery, L. Honohan, A. Dorgan. **Subs:** E. Sexton for McCarthy, J. Buckley for C. O'Sullivan, F. Collins for Hegarty (inj).

**Kildare -** C. Byrne; K. Doyle, J. Finn, R. Coyle; A. Rainbow, G. Ryan, B. Fahy; T. Harris, K. Brennan; E. McCormack, D. Kerrigan, L. Donlon; P. McCormack, M. Lynch, J. McDonald.

**Referee -** P. Russell (Tipperary).



## ROUND 5

### Derry Teach Kildare A Lesson

DERRY ..... 1-10  
KILDARE ..... 1-8

Harsh lessons are nothing new to Kildare and Derry served up some unhappy truths before another big crowd at St Conleth's Park in Newbridge.

The Derrymen came in search of both Church & General National League points and had them virtually wrapped up with 20 minutes remaining after powering their way into a 1-10 to 1-3 lead with the Lilywhites looking bewildered and lost.

Such a despondent situation for the big home following was not surprising considering how inept Kildare had been throughout the first half. They were swept aside by the power of Derry and, in particular, the strength of Anthony Tohill at midfield, having his first game in the league for almost four months.

"We needed those points and we got them. I think we can settle into playing with more confidence for the remainder of the league," said Derry captain, Kieran McKeever, the corner-back who scored a great second half point.

**Scorers** - Derry: J. Brolly 1-3, J. Cassidy 0-2, K. McKeever, A. Tohill, D. Doogan, D. Heaney, S. McLarnon 0-1 each. Kildare: J. McDonald 0-4, P. McCormack 1-0, P. Graven 0-2, T. Harris, M. Lynch 0-1 each.

**Derry** - J. Kelly; K. McKeever, J. McBride, E. McKeever; S. M. Lockard, H. Downey, G. Coleman; A. Tohill, D. Dougan, G. Magill; D. Heaney, R. Rocks; J. Brolly, J. Cassidy, S. McLarnon; subs; S. Downey for Magill.

**Kildare** - C. Byrne; M. Ryan, J. Finn, A. Rainbow; K. Doyle, G. Ryan, D.

Maher; T. Harris, J. Whelan; E. McCormack, D. Kerrigan, P. Graven; P. McCormack, M. Lynch, J. McDonald; subs; L. Donlon for Whelan. D. Hynan for Donlon. N. Buckley for Kerrigan.

**Referee:** P. McEneaney (Monaghan).

### Corkey sent off but Cork on song

CORK ..... 0-12  
CAVAN ..... 0-9

Despite being reduced to fourteen players for forty minutes of this bruising encounter at Pairc Uí Rinn Cork still proved too good for Cavan and remain the only unbeaten team in Division One.

Even before the ball was thrown in at the start of the game it was obvious that Cork's Colin Corkery was going to come in for special attention as his marker Michael Reilly let the Cork forward know he was around with a tug of his jersey.

Reilly's tactics on Corkery drew the wrath of the huge home following but it was the Cork player whose patience finally snapped. He got his marching orders in the 20th minute after a clash with Reilly 'off the ball'.

The main difference between the sides was Cork's ability to pass the ball long and short with perfection while Cavan laboured to get the ball into their forwards with any regularity.

**Scorers** - Cork: A. Dorgan 0-5, C. O'Sullivan 0-5, P. Hegarty 0-1, O. O'Sullivan 0-1. Cavan: R. Cunningham 0-3, D. McCabe 0-2, P. Reilly 0-2, R. Carolan 0-1, A. Ford 0-1.

**Cork** - K. O'Dwyer; B. Murphy, M. O'Connor, R. McCarthy; M. Cronin, N. Cahalane, O. O'Sullivan; D. O'Neill, L. Honohan; P. O'Mahony, B. Corcoran, C. O'Sullivan; C. Corkery, P. Hegarty, A. Dorgan; subs; T. Dillon for O'Mahony, O'Halpin for O'Sullivan.

**Cavan** - A. Donohue; P. Kermath, C. Brady, M. Reilly; G. Sheridan, A. Connolly, P. Shileds; S. King, T. Fennelly; D. McCabe, P. Reilly, R. Cunningham; J. O'Reilly, D. O'Reilly, R. Carolan. Subs: A. Ford for Fennelly, J. White for J. O'Reilly.

**Referee** - B. White (Wexford).

### No Problem for Meath against dire Donegal

MEATH ..... 0-13  
DONEGAL ..... 0-8

There were two contenders for loudest cheer of the day at MacCumhaill Park, Ballybofey.

Unfortunately for the paying punters neither resulted from outstanding feats accomplished on the field in this Church and General National Football League Division 1 clash.

One shot up at half-time, in fact, when Meath fans happy with their own situation (Meath 0-6, Donegal 0-4), were informed by the tannoy announcer of Mayo's scoreless 30-minute nightmare in Cusack Park. Old friends are best.

Twelve minutes into the second half, Donegal fans had a rare opportunity for self-indulgence when Martin Gavigan, the man whose Rambo nickname conjures up a fearsome picture trotted onto the field for this first piece of competitive action since their shock Ulster Championship defeat by Monaghan two summers ago.

**Scorers** - Meath: T. Giles 0-5, N. Nestor 0-3, E. Kelly 0-2, D. Murphy 0-2, G. Geraghty 0-1. Donegal: T. Boyle 0-5, A. Sweeney 0-1, J. Gildea, O. Reid 0-1 each.

**Meath** - C. Martin; M. O'Reilly, D. Fay, M. O'Connell; D. Curtis, E. McManus, P. Reynolds; K. Cahill, J. McDermot; T. Giles, T. Dowd, G.

Geraghty; E. Kelly, N. Nestor, O. Murphy. Subs: J. Devine for Geraghty, P. J. Gillic for Dowd.

**Donegal** - P. Callaghan; P. McGinley, M. Gallagher, S. McEwen; O. Reid, J. Cunningham, M. Shovlin; M. Coll, E. Murray; J. McHugh, J. Gildea, A. Sweeney; B. Roper, T. Boyle, P. Hegarty. Subs: F. McLoughlin for Sweeney, M. Gavigan for McHugh, D. McNamara for Hegarty.

**Referee** - M. Curley (Galway).

### Kerry simply too much for weak Tyrone

KERRY ..... 1-17  
TYRONE ..... 1-8

Class Kerry had an easier than expected victory over a weak Tyrone side that badly lacked the services of Peter Canavan in this one-sided Division 1 time in perfect conditions at Killarney.

Both side were short several regulars but Kerry looked the fitter and more determined and once settled down in the second quarter there was no way they were going to be beaten.

It was a day when the experience of classy Kerry forward Maurice Fitzgerald, wearing the number 14 jersey, was seen at his best and - apart from his key overall contribution - he ended up with a personal tally of 0-8.

The Northerners had their best spell midway through the second, during which they reduced the deficit to seven points, but their efforts really came too late to matter.

Páidí Ó Sé's charges had a welcome start to the new year, running out convincing winners and they now look like reaching the qualifying stages of the league.

**Scorers** - Kerry: M. Fitzgerald 0-8,



J. O'Shea 1-1, G. Farrell 0-2, W. Kirby, J. Crowley, P. Laide, R. Rahilly, E. Breen, M. O'Shea 0-1 each. **Tyrone:** G. McBride 1-1, G. Cavlan 0-3, B. Gormley 0-2, J. Gormely, M. McGleenan 0-1 each.

**Kerry** - P. O'Leary; M. Hassett B. O'Shea, M. O'Shea; S. Moynihan, J. Daly, E. Breen; D. Daly, W. Kirby; J. O'Shea, J. Crowley, P. Laide; J. Cronin, M. Fitzgerald, G. Farrell. **Subs:** R. Rahilly for Cronin, S. O'Mahony for Breen.

**Tyrone** - J. Cassidy; P. Devlin, P. O'Neill, F. Devlin; S. McLaughlin, F. Logan, N. Donnelly; E. Kilpatrick, J. Gormley; P. Canavan, B. Gormley, E. Gormley; C. McBride, G. Cavlan, C. Loughran. **Subs:** M. McGleenan for Logan, S. Lawn for McLaughlin, B. Eccles for E Gormley.

**Referee** - M. Collins (Cork).

## Round 6

### Tyrone's tigers return to form to sink cork

**TYRONE** ..... 0-8

**CORK** ..... 0-6

It was the shock of the day to everyone outside Tyrone, but Danny Ball's confident prediction that his side would shatter Cork's unbeaten record proved well founded.

Reeling from a thumping defeat by Kerry just two weeks previously, the pressure was on the Ulstermen to show their mettle, and they did so in a manner which delighted a 7,000 strong Dungannon crowd. However, they still have a battle on their hands to preserve their Division 1 status.

Tyrone effectively clinched this victory when controlling the game against the wind in the first half.

**Scorers** - **Tyrone:** G. Cavlan 0-3, C. McBride 0-2, F. Logan, M. McGleenan,

B. Gormley 0-1 each. **Cork:** C. Corkery 0-2, L. Honohan, D. O'Neill, A. Dorgan, P. Hegarty 0-1 each.

**Tyrone** - F. McConnell; C. Lawn, P. O'Neill, F. Devlin; S. McLaughlin, F. Logan, J. Gormley; P. Canavan, E. Kilpatrick; S. Lawn, S. McCallan, G. Cavlan; C. McBride, M. McGleenan, B. Gormley. **Subs:** C. Loughran for Logan.

**Cork** - K. Dwyer; B. Murphy, M. O'Connor, R. McCarthy; C. O'Sullivan, N. Cahalan, M. Cronin; L. Honohan; D. O'Neill; P. O'Mahony, B. Corcoran, A. Dorgan; C. Corkery, P. Hegarty, D. Dillon. **Subs:** O'Sullivan for Dillon.

**Referee** - P. Bannon (Longford).

### O'Dwyer Kerry's hero as Cavan die hard

**KERRY** ..... 0-10

**CAVAN** ..... 0-8

The setting and conditions might have been very much in contrast to the Polo Grounds 50 years ago, but time has not cooled the passion or the rivalry between these two great footballing counties.

Before this Division 1 game, played in the mud, rain and wind of O'Rahilly Park in Kingscourt, a group of Kerry supporters gave a rendition of the Rose of Tralee. But it was not until the win was secured with an injury time point from Denis O'Dwyer that they dared give an encore after a game of trojan efforts from both sides.

That score from O'Dwyer finally closed the door on Cavan who will look back on this game and wonder how they could have wasted so many chances.

The statistics make for awful reading as Cavan shot a total of 16 wides, eight in each half, at least six of which should have been scores, while Peter O'Leary saved Kerry when he got his leg to a

low shot from Peter Reilly.

**Scorers** - **Kerry:** M. Fitzgerald 0-3, D. O'Dwyer 0-2, J. Crowley 0-2, P. Laide, J. O'Shea and D. Ó Sé 0-1 each. **Cavan:** R. Carolan 0-3, P. O'Reilly 0-2, D. O'Reilly, R. Cunningham, J. O'Reilly 0-1 each.

**Kerry** - P. O'Leary; K. Burns, B. O'Shea M. O'Shea; S. Moynihan, L. Flaherty, E. Breen; W. Kirby D. Daly; D. O'Dwyer J. Crowley, P. Laide; J. O'Shea, M. Fitzgerald, G. Farrell. **Subs:** E. Fitzmaurice for Burns, D. Ó Sé for Kirby, D. Ó Cinnéide for Farrell.

**Cavan** - B. McCormack; P. Kermagh, C. Brady, M. Reilly; G. Sheridan, D. O'Reilly, P. Shields; S. King, P. Smith; D. McCabe, A. Forde, R. Cunningham; J. O'Reilly, R. Carolan; P. O'Reilly. **Subs:** A. Lambe for J. Reilly, A. Connolly for Shields.

**Referee** - A. Walsh (Dublin).

### Relegation dog-fight

**DERRY** ..... 1-13

**DONEGAL** ..... 1-6

Near neighbours Derry plunged Donegal into the National Football League relegation dog-fight when they emerged seven-point victors at a wet and windy Celtic Park.

Playing with the wind advantage in the first half Derry surged into a three-point lead after ten minutes thanks to points from Andy Tohill, Joe Cassidy and Seamus Downey.

Donegal managed to level matters minutes later when the mercurial Tony Boyle goaled after a fumble from Derry's new goalkeeping find David Hasson.

That was as good as it got for Donegal, however, with the Oakleaf county using the wind advantage to great effect to register a further five points to a single Donegal reply.

On the turn around many in the

4,000 crowd thought Donegal would stage a fight back, but it was Derry who played the more industrious football with a close passing game combatting a strong breeze to great effect.

**Scorers** - **Derry:** A. Tohill 0-7, D. Heaney 0-1, J. Brolly 0-2, S. Downey 1-1, J. Cassidy 0-2. **Donegal:** T. Boyle 1-2, A. Sweeney 0-2, M. Boyle 0-2.

**Derry** - D. Hasson; K. McKeever, J. McBride, D. O'Neill; S. Lockhart, H. Downey, K. Diamond; A. Tohill, D. Dougan; R. Boylan, E. Muldoon, D. Heaney; J. Brolly, S. Downey, J. Cassidy.

**Donegal** - P. Callaghan; P. McGinley, M. Gallagher, S. McEwen; O. Reid, M. Crosson, M. Shovlin; M. Coll, B. Murray; R. McLoughlin, J. Gildea, A. Sweeney; B. Roper, T. Boyle, D. McNamara. **Subs:** M. Boyle for McLoughlin, D. Oliver for McNamara, P. Hegarty for Roper.

**Referee** - P. McGann (Westmeath).

### Lillies in full bloom - Royals routed by Micko's men

**KILDARE** ..... 0-15

**MEATH** ..... 1-3

Kildare turned around their poor form of the last two outings with this utterly convincing nine-point win over All-Ireland champions Meath, at Pairc Tailteann.

But it was more than just a rousing accumulation of two league points. What was of real significance for Kildare and Mick O'Dwyer was that it cleared their heads on a number of key matters.

Martin Lynch can play at full forward if he is hit with early ball. Anthony Rainbow is a half-back and not a corner-back, and a good one at that.

The midfield situation that nearly prompted the Samaritans to set up a



helpline in the county when Killian Brennan emigrated, is now teeming with promise.

One other snippet roared out of this game – Darren Fay and Mark O'Reilly two of Meath's finest last summer, were shown to have feet of clay after all. Fay, apart from a few early triumphs, was at Lynch's mercy all afternoon.

O'Reilly, though typically combative, could do little to douse Johnny McDonald's raging fire. Getting a run on the Meath full-back line is something you cherish, winter spring, summer or fall. By way of mitigation, Martin O'Connell's withdrawal before the match with an injury must be noted.

Meath had eight of the All-Ireland team – O'Connell and Trevor Giles the biggest losses – but they had to concede

superiority all over the field. Midfield was an unexpected platform for Kildare.

**Scorers – Kildare:** M. Lynch 0-3, J. McDonald 0-4, A. Rainbow 0-2, N. Buckley 0-2, D. Kerrigan, G. Ryan, M. Ryan 0-1 each, P. Graven 0-1. **Meath:** G. Geraghty 1-1, C. Sheridan 0-2.

**Kildare –** C. Byrne; M. Ryan, J. Finn, K. Doyle; A. Rainbow; G. Ryan, D. Maher; D. Hynan, N. Buckley; P. Graven, D. Kerrigan, T. Harris; J. McDonald; M. Lynch, P. McCormack.

**Meath –** C. Martin; M. O'Reilly, D. Fay, N. Kearney; D. Curtis, E. McManus, P. Reynolds; K. Cahill, J. McDermot; N. Nester, T. Dowd, P. J. Gillic; E. Kelly, G. Geraghty, O. Murphy. **Subs:** C. Sheridan for O. Murphy, J. Devine for Gillic, J. Brady for E. Kelly.

**Referee –** M. Curley (Galway).

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