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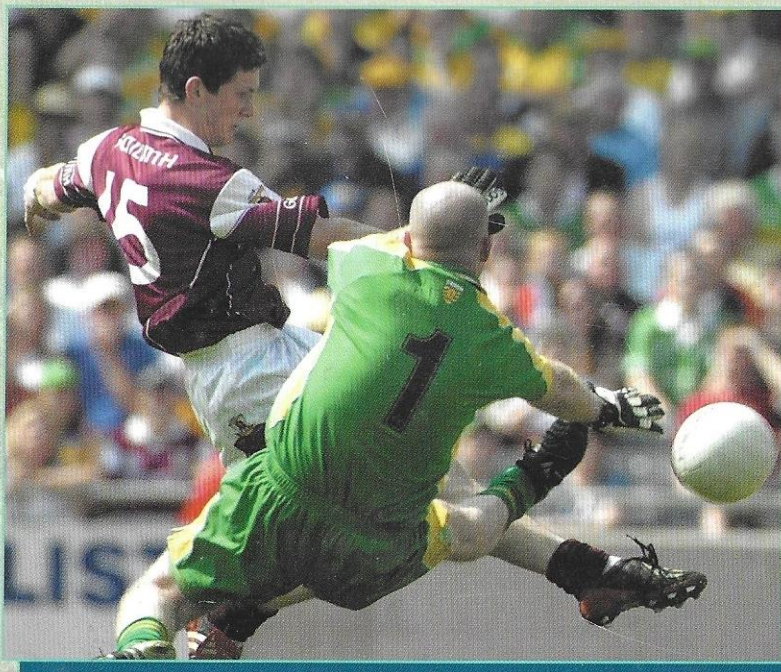
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2.00 i.n. **Liatroim v. Sligeach**

Réiteoir: Gerry Guinan (Gaillimh)
Sub Referee: Pat Costello (Gaillimh)
Umpires: Frank Mullen, Miko Hughes, Pat Gleeson, Michael Ryder (Gaillimh).
Linespersons: Natasha Beegan, Caroline Conway (Ros Comáin)

CONNACHT LADIES SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

3..45 i.n. **Gaillimh v. Maigh Eo**

Réiteoir: Marty Duffy (Sligeach)
Sub Referee: Liam McDonagh (Sligeach)
Umpires: John Kilgannon, Michael Duffy, Michael Kelly (Sligeach), Sean Flanagan (Ros Comáin).
Linespersons: Natasha Beegan, Caroline Conway (Ros Comáin)

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5.30 i.n. **Dún na nGall v. Gaillimh**

Réiteoir: P. Russell (Tiobraid Árann)
Linesmen: J. Bannon (Longfort) *STAND-BY REFEREE*
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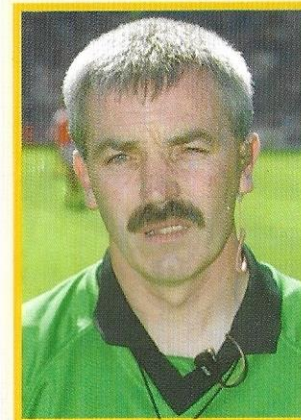
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An Réiteoir:



Paddy Russell
(Tiobraid Árann)

The Emly clubman had charge of the Allianz League first round tie between Galway and Donegal at Tuam in early February. He was the man-in-the-middle at the All-Ireland senior finals of 1990 and 1995 and is now one of the most experienced referees in the game.

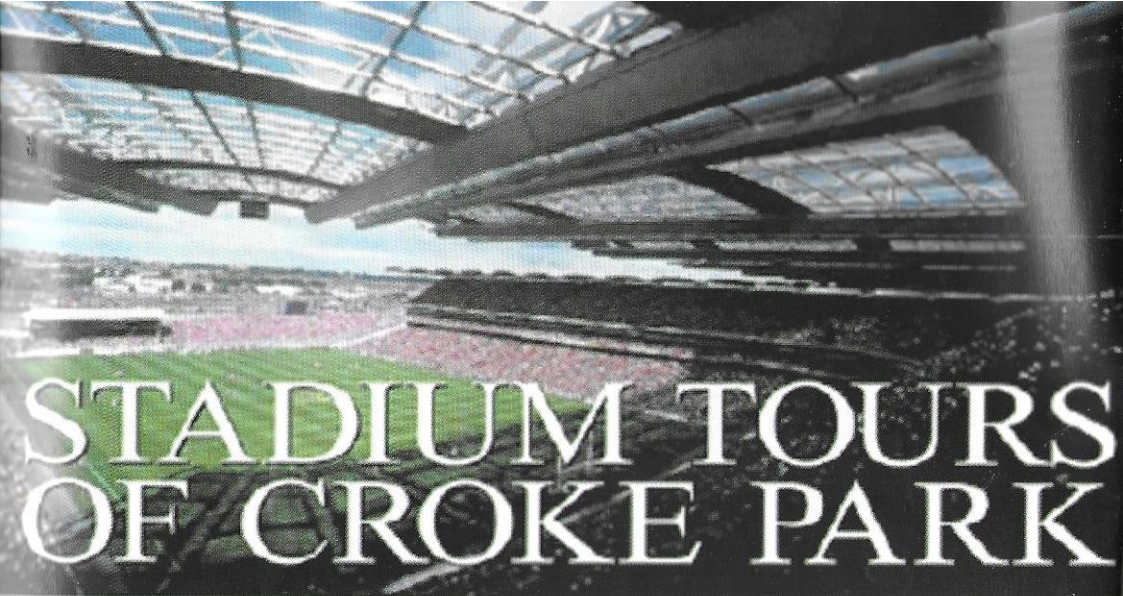
Paddy had charge of last year's drawn All-Ireland quarter-final between Armagh and Sligo at Croke Park and, in a busy season, he also controlled championship matches in Ulster and Leinster.

His programme this year also included the All-Ireland qualifier between Monaghan and Westmeath at Clones in mid-June.

Our cover shows Michael Meehan (Gaillimh)
and Tony Blake (Dún na nGall).



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It is my honour to extend a special welcome to you on the occasion of today's replayed Bank of Ireland All Ireland football championship quarterfinal game. After the excitement of last week's encounter in Croke Park we will be expecting similar fireworks from today's game.

Dún na nGall surprised many with the strength of their challenge last week and indeed played some terrific football, most particularly in the opening quarter. They will be anxious to make amends for last years collapse to Baile Átha Cliath in their replayed quarterfinal last August. Today gives them the opportunity to do just that.



Gaillimh will know that they too have to improve if they are to progress to the All Ireland semi-finals. They have a huge amount of talented players and John O Mahony will be hoping he can work his magic and set up a semi-final meeting with the All Ireland champions Ard Mhaca on August 31st.

I'm sure you'll be looking forward to some excellent football in the TG4 ladies championship with the Connacht Junior and Senior finals taking place in McHale park as well today. In the Junior final, Leitrim play Sligo while the senior finals sees the two reigning All-Ireland champions Mayo (senior) and Galway (junior) in what should be a great spectacle.

I mentioned in last week's programme that we have established a task force to examine our Championship structures going forward, and indeed I would welcome any submissions from our supporters in this regard to our Games Development Department in Páirc an Chrócaigh.

In the meantime, I hope you all enjoy today's game as we look forward to the latter stages of the 2003 Championship with great anticipation.

Ráth De oraibh go léir.

**Seán Ó Ceallaigh,
Uachtarán**





Welcome from Bank of Ireland



On behalf of Bank of Ireland, I would like to welcome you all to McHale Park, Castlebar for what promises to be an exciting and passionate Bank of Ireland Football Quarter-Final replay.

I am sure, like me, you were thrilled to witness a tremendously exciting match last Monday, with a dramatic last-minute point ensuring this replay. Donegal have never beaten Galway in the championship but they came mighty close to achieving it last Monday. I am positive that they will be determined to break that duck this evening, and book a semi-final clash with Armagh. Galway, for their part have an enviable recent record in replays having won the last four they have been involved in, stretching back to 1995. The tribesmen will be seeking to increase this run, and face off with the Bank of Ireland All-Ireland Champions on August 31st.

Bank of Ireland are proud to sponsor what is without doubt Ireland's largest and most compelling sporting championship. This year is proving to be another bumper year for football fans with many fantastic games having taken place since the Championship began.

You the fans have also given the Bank of Ireland Football Championship a vote of confidence, with the attendance figures for this year's Championship breaking the million spectator barrier last weekend during the quarter-final clashes at Croke Park.

This year has seen many exciting games to date and I am sure that today's games will be no different. I would like to wish Galway and Donegal the very best of luck today and in their future campaigns, and I hope you enjoy this afternoon's great sporting occasion.

Des Crowley
Chief Executive Retail Financial Services – ROI
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Clár an Lae

Sunday 10th August 2003
All Ireland Senior Football Quarter Final Replay
Connacht Ladies Senior and Junior Football
Championship Finals

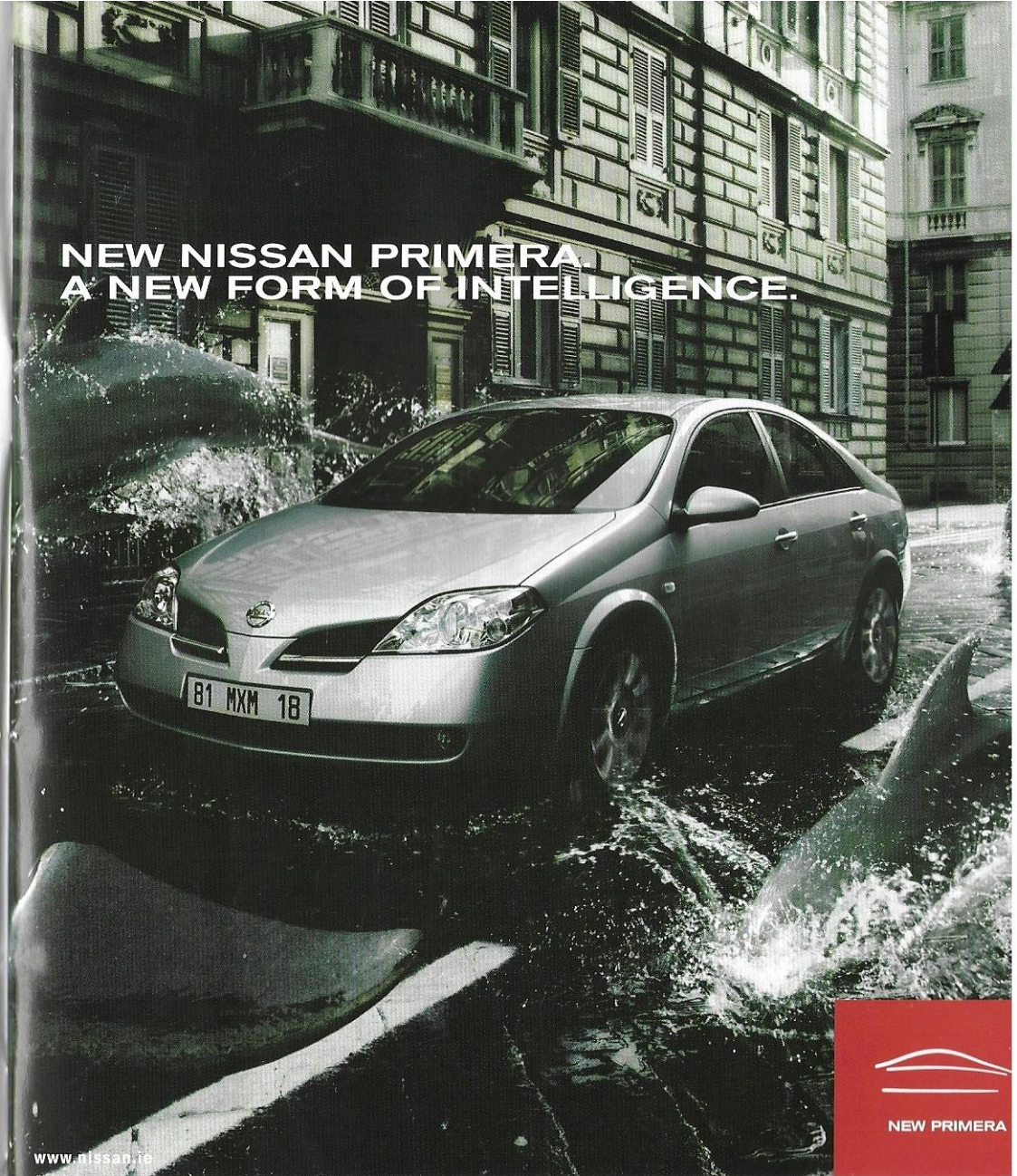
Senior: Galway v Donegal
Senior Ladies: Mayo v Galway
Junior Ladies: Sligo v Leitrim

- 1.40pm Leitrim Ladies team takes the field.
- 1.42pm Sligo Ladies team takes the field.
- 1.51pm Introduction of teams to Geraldine Giles, President of Ladies GAA Association and Benny Fahy, President of Connacht Ladies GAA Council.
- 2.00pm TG4 Connacht Junior Football Ladies Final commences.
- 2.30pm Half time in Junior Final.
- 2.40pm Second half commences.
- 3.10pm Ladies Junior Final finishes. Presentation of Flanagan Oil Cup by Benny Fahy, President, Connacht GAA Ladies. Presentation of TG4 Player of the Match Award.
- 3.20pm Galway Ladies team takes the field.

- 3.22pm Mayo Ladies team takes the field.
- 3.35pm Introduction of teams to Geraldine Giles, President of Ladies GAA Association and Benny Fahy, President of Connacht Ladies GAA Council.
- 3.38pm Parade.
- 3.44pm Minutes Silence in memory of late Aishling McGing R.I.P.
- 3.45pm TG4 Connacht Senior Football Ladies Final commences
- 4.15pm Half Time in Ladies Final .
- 4.25pm Second Half commences.
- 4.55pm Ladies game finishes. Presentation of CBE Cup by Benny Fahy, President of Connacht Ladies GAA. Presentation of TG4 Player of Match Award.
- 5.10pm Galway Senior Football Team takes the field.
- 5.12pm Donegal Senior Football Team takes the field.
- 5.24pm Parade.
- 5.28pm National Anthem
- 5.30pm Throw in.
- 6.05pm Half time.
- 6.20pm Second half commences.
- 6.55pm Final whistle. Extra time if necessary.



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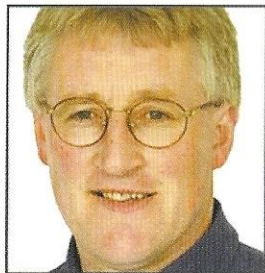
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Drawn game was a match of contrasts for both counties

Donegal and Galway experienced contrasting fortunes during their entertaining draw last Monday in the Bank of Ireland All-Ireland senior football championship quarter-final at Croke Park.

Each county in turn looked to be heading for a successful outing in a game that ended in heart-stopping fashion but in the end a draw was probably a fair result.

Donegal made light of their outsiders role in the early stages of the match. They took the game to their opponents in sparkling fashion and powered impressively to an 0-7 to 0-2 lead after fifteen minutes.

The Ulster men were on top in most departments and looked likely to dominate the exchanges. But a mix-up in defence led to a lifeline for Galway with a goal by Michael Meehan. Credit the young Caltra man for taking the opportunity in fine style in his first senior game at headquarters.

That goal helped Galway to an interval lead of 1-5 to 0-7. Donegal started the second half as they began the first by taking the initiative. Paul McGonigle brought them level quickly with a fine point.

However, Galway, with Kevin Walsh and Joe Bergin doing well in midfield, dominated matters for some time after that and looked poised for the next round when they led by 1-10 to 0-9 after fifty-two minutes.

However, Donegal displayed plenty of character by rallying strongly. McGonigle popped up again to send over the bar and bring the Northerners level after sixty-seven minutes.

With excitement at fever pitch, substitute John Haran pointed Donegal into the lead, but Galway battled back and Kevin Walsh proved a true captain by sending over the equaliser from 35 metres to send the game to this replay—1-11 to 0-14.

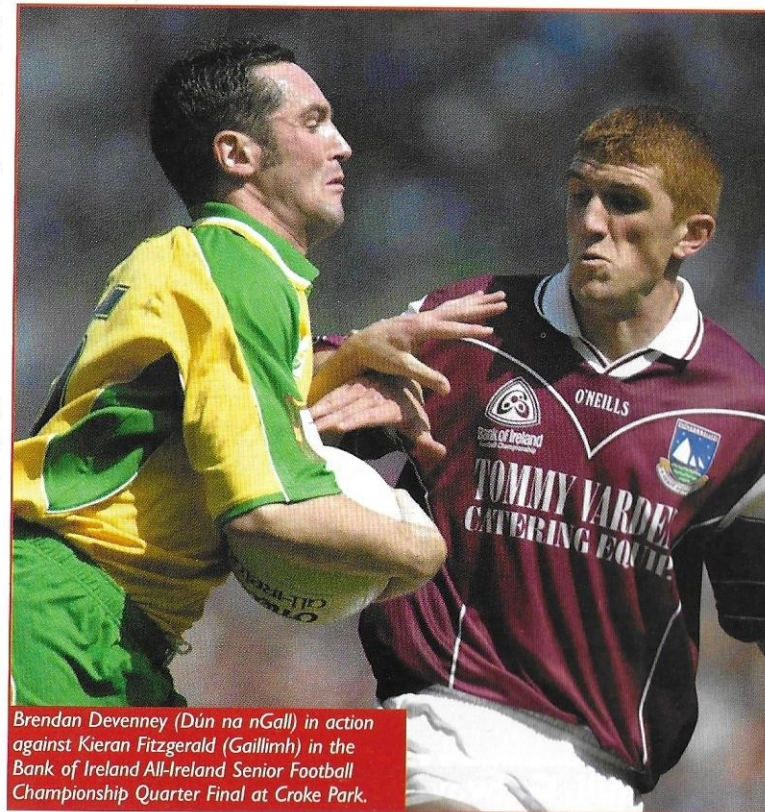
McGonigle had a fine game

for Donegal. Team captain Sweeney and Brendan Devenney were other stars up front. Kevin Cassidy and Barry Monaghan in the half back line and full back Raymond Sweeney were others who did much to ensure that the North-Westerners kept their ambitions alive.

Kevin Walsh did well at midfield for Galway and set the seal on his contribution with that late, late equalising point.

Kieran Fitzgerald, Gary Fahey in defence, Joe Bergin at midfield, especially in the second half, and Paul Clancy in attack, did much good work as well for the Connacht champions.

No doubt both counties will have learned some valuable lessons from that exciting draw. The indications are that this will be another keen encounter, with little between the sides at the end.



Brendan Devenney (Dún na nGall) in action against Kieran Fitzgerald (Gaillimh) in the Bank of Ireland All-Ireland Senior Football Championship Quarter Final at Croke Park.



Imir Arís É



B'é Kevin Walsh laoch an himeartha don Ghaillimh nuair a d'éirigh leis cúilín luachmhar a scóráil in am breise a chuir na foirne ar chomhscór i bPáirc an Chrócaigh an tseachtain seo chaite. Bhi Dún na nGall an-ghar do bhua gan choinne agus tá na foirne san iomaíocht arís inniu d'ionad sna babhtai leathcheannais le Ciarraí, Ard Mhacha agus Tír Eoghain.

B'iad na Gaillimhgh rogha na coitiantachta don chéad chluiche agus dúradh ag deireadh na himeartha go raibh mí-ádh ar na Tuaisceartaigh nár bhuaigh siad. i ndáiríre, áfach, is maith an rud é go bhfuil lá eile ag an dá fhoireann agus tá súil ag lucht leanta peile le cluiche den scoth arís inniu.

Thosaigh Dún na nGall le fuinneamh agus spiorad i gcluiche na seachtaine seo chaite. Bhí cúig chúilín ar an gclár acu sula ghnóthaigh Michael Meehan cúl gleoite dona Gaillimhgh a thug misneach dóibh. D'aimsigh Pauric Joyce cúilín ansin agus ag leathama ní raibh ach cúilín amháin eatarthu ag an sos. I ndiaidh an tsosa bhi an cuma ar an scéal go mbeadh an lámh in uachtar ag na Gaillimhgh ach léirigh na Tuaisceartaigh go bhfuil mianach iontu agus throid siad le gach a raibh iontu go deireadh an chluiche.

Seasfaidh an chrógacht sin leo inniu ach beidh níos mó

ag teastáil chun na hIartharaigh a chloí. Tá ceisteanna móra le freagairt faoina gcumas scórála. D'aimsigh siad seacht gcúilíní le seacht gcic ag tús an chluiche ach sa tréimhse céanna chuireadar sé seans amú ó imirt oscailte. Theip orthu freisin le roinnt mhaith ciceanna ón dtalamh. Má tharlaíonn sé sin arís inniu beidh an lá ag a gcéilí comhraic.

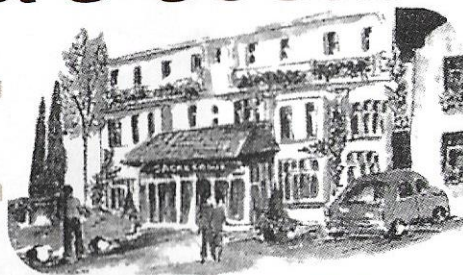
Níl amhrás ná go mbeidh feabhas ar Ghaillimh inniu. Bhi deiseanna acu siúd freisin an cluiche a bhuaich an lá faoi dheireadh. Cosúil le Dún na nGall, nuair a bhi siad chun tosaigh agus cuma ar an scéal go gcuirfeadh siad deireadh leis an gcoimhlint, theip orthu é sin a dhéanamh. Ní mór dóibh bheith buíoch le Kevin Walsh don chúilín úd in am breise.

Ceaptar gur bhuntáiste mór é dona Conallaigh go bhfuil taithí acu ar chluichí cáilithe a imirt taobh istigh de sheachtain. Is léir freisin go bhfuil ceacht foghlamtha acu ó thaithí na bliana seo chaite in aghaidh 'Bhleá Cliath. An lá a chríochnaigh siad ar chomhscór le 'Bleá Cliath, cheapadar go mbeadh an lá leo san athimirt.

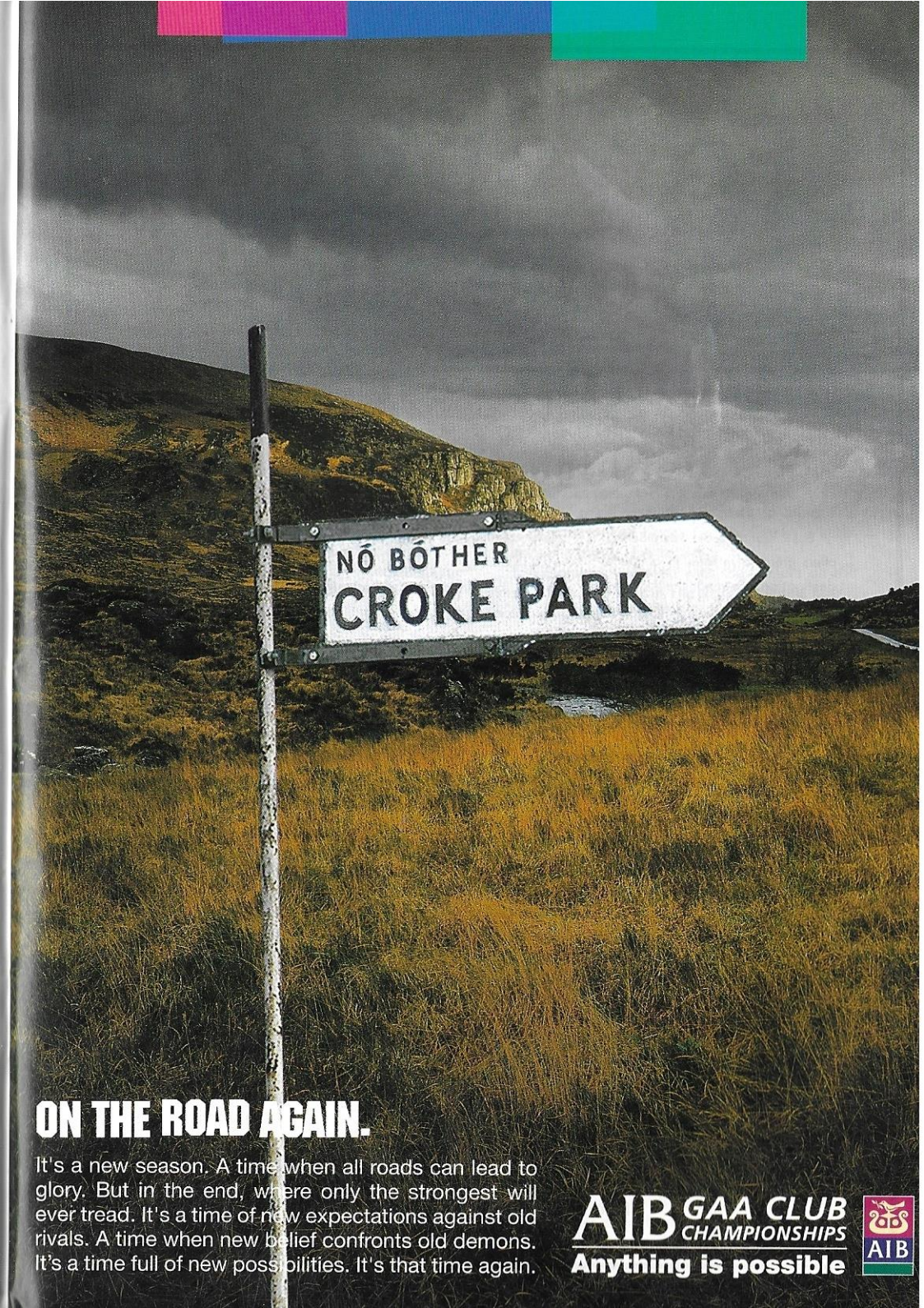
Tabharfaidh taispeántas na seachtaine seo chaite an-uchtach dóibh do chluiche an lae inniu. Tá an tiomlán le déanamh arís inniu ag an dá fhoireann. Cé a bhuaifaidh? Muna dtiocfaidh feabhas an-mhór ar fhir John Maughan, moltar na Conallaigh don ait 'sna babhtai leathcheannais.

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The quarter-finals... the stalemate stage

The All-Ireland Football quarter/finals have been in existence for just three seasons, but already five of the 12 contests have ended in draws, with half of the fixtures of the previous two years at this stage requiring second meetings.

2001: Meath 2-12 Westmeath 3-9

Des Dolan opened the scoring for Westmeath at the second minute, but Ollie Murphy levelled almost immediately. However, goals by Paul Conway and Michael Ennis did not bring similar replies and Westmeath led by 2-4 to 0-2 at the end of the opening quarter. The Royals did eventually get moving and Murphy's goal helped narrow the arrears to four points, before Dolan's goal on the call of half time left it 3-7 to 1-6.

By the 40th minute points from Trevor Giles, Graham Geraghty and Ray Magee had the Meath deficit down to four, but ten minutes later thanks to a brace from Joe Fallon it was back up to six. Points by Giles (2) and Nigel Crawford halved that deficit and having never lost to the Lake county, Meath kept their record intact as Murphy fired home the equalising goal in the final minute.

Replay: Meath 2-10 Westmeath 0-11

A crowd of 33,000 turned up for the replay at Croke Park and although Westmeath made the more promising start, Meath had the first major score when Graham Geraghty goaled at the ninth minute. The Lake county continued to have the better of matters territorially, but inaccuracy up front undermined their efforts and at the break Meath led by 1-3 to 0-5.

By the 40th minute Westmeath had crept in front, but Ollie Murphy set up Ray Magee for Meath's second goal and the lead; a lead which they never subsequently surrendered. Now down a man, it was expected that Meath would struggle to the finish, but as often happens the numerical inferiority proved no disadvantage and they finished strongly to emerge deserving five-point winners.

Kerry 1-14 Dublin 2-11

John Crowley had the afternoon's first score at Thurles, but Des Farrell quickly found an equaliser for Dublin. However, a point by Crowley and a goal by Aodán MacGearailt brought just a single in reply from Declan Darcy to leave it 1-2 to 0-2. Kerry continued to have the better of matters generally and at the interval they led by eight points – 1-8 to 0-3.

Eoin Brosnan extended the lead on the restart and before the end of the third quarter Kerry still found themselves eight points clear (1-10 to 0-5) and apparently cruising to victory. However, a Darcy point and a Vinnie Murphy goal halved the deficit, before

points by Ciarán Whelan and Wayne McCarthy and a goal by Darren Homan gave Dublin the lead, but Maurice Fitzgerald saved the day with a magnificent point from the sideline.

Replay: Kerry 2-12 Dublin 1-12

Despite enjoying the majority of the possession Dublin could only be on terms after the opening ten minutes (0-1 each) and Kerry made them pay when John Crowley goaled. Crowley's second goal at the 22nd minute gave Kerry a 2-5 to 0-2 lead, although Dublin did snipe a couple of points off the deficit with points from Declan Darcy (2) and Ciarán Whelan before the break (2-6 to 0-5).

The momentum stayed with the chasers on the restart as Colin Moran and Darcy pointed, but Crowley and Dara Ó Cinnéide replied for the leaders to leave seven between the sides. A goal by Darren Homan and a point by Paul Curran promised another epic comeback, but Maurice Fitzgerald and Crowley kept Kerry ahead. Dublin did reduce the deficit to three, but couldn't find an equalising goal.

2002: Armagh 2-9 Sligo 0-15

For most of this contest Armagh appeared on course for a comfortable victory, but they collapsed in the final quarter allowing Sligo to earn a second chance and almost sneak the win. Steven McDonnell's 25th-minute goal was the principal score of the opening half and it allowed Armagh to turn over leading by two points – 1-5 to 0-6, when they should have been further ahead.

Shortly after the restart Diarmuid Marsden goaled to send Armagh six points clear and it only appeared a matter of how much they would win by. Entering the final quarter Armagh were still six to the good and when Sligo had a player sent off it appeared all over. But amazingly, they continued to attack and six unanswered points earned them a second chance.

Replay: Armagh 1-16 Sligo 0-17

As with the previous meeting, Armagh looked the more likely victors for most of this contest, but on this occasion they managed to hold out for a two-point victory. Before 22,000 spectators at An Uaimh, Armagh again had the better of the opening half, but this time they didn't have to rely on a goal to

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The quarter-finals...the stalemate stage cont'd

establish a two-point interval advantage (0-10 to 0-8).

Again like the drawn game the leaders goaled shortly after the restart, this time Ronan Clarke doing the honours and a couple of points quickly followed to make it 1-12 to 0-8. But again Armagh faltered and slowly but surely Sligo edged closer. The Connacht side were just two in arrears deep into injury time when they had a penalty appeal turned down and a relieved Armagh advanced to the semi-final.

Dublin 2-8 Donegal 0-14

The match was 13 minutes old before Shane Ryan opened the scoring, but Donegal soon found their feet and three unanswered points had them two clear at the end of the opening quarter. Ray Cosgrove's goal put Dublin back in front and there was little to choose between the sides for the rest of the half and appropriately just the minimum divided them at the break (1-4 to 0-6).

The tit-for-tat exchanges continued after the restart and with five minutes remaining they couldn't be separated. Ray Cosgrove's goal appeared to have

settled the issue, but Donegal calmly set about finding the three points required for a second chance. Two of them fell to Adrian Sweeney while Paul McGonigle got the third to tie matters up.

Replay: Dublin 1-14 Donegal 0-7

As so often happens, the replay takes a completely different route than the drawn encounter, but initially this appeared to be an action replay of the first meeting. Little of note happened in the opening quarter as Dublin edged ahead by 0-3 to 0-2 but Ray Cosgrove's goal opened up daylight between the teams. By the interval Dublin were six points to the good and looking comfortable.

Donegal attempted to snatch a quick goal on the restart and Adrian Sweeney came close but Stephen Cluxton was alert to the danger and denied the Northerners. After that Donegal simply faded out of the game and Dublin did pretty much as they liked. Indeed, such was the fall off in the Ulster team's performance that the winners were not flattered by the final margin of ten points.

The Replay Routes

Dún na nGall

1st June at Enniskillen:

Fermanagh 0-10 Donegal 0-6

Scorers – Adrian Sweeney 0-4, Brian Roper 0-1, Colm McFadden 0-1.

7th June at Ballybofey:

Donegal 1-17; Longford 1-11

Scorers – Adrian Sweeney 0-8, Stephen McDermott 1-1, Brian Roper 0-3, Colm McFadden 0-3, Michael Hegarty 0-2.

22nd June, Ballybofey:

Donegal 0-16; Sligo 0-11

Scorers – Adrian Sweeney 0-7, Stephen McDermott 0-3, Michael Hegarty 0-2, John Haran 0-2, Brian Roper 0-1, Jim McGuinness 0-1.

5th July at Croke Park:

Donegal 2-19; Tipperary 0-15

Scorers – Brendan Devenney 1-4, Adrian Sweeney 0-5, Brian Roper 1-2, Michael Hegarty 0-3, Stephen McDermott 0-3, Johnny McCafferty 0-1, Colm McFadden 0-1.

26th July at Clones:

Donegal 3-15; Down 2-10

Scorers – Adrian Sweeney 0-6, Brendan Devenney 0-4, Stephen McDermott 1-1, Christy Toye 1-1, Michael Hegarty 1-1, John Gildea 0-1, Brian Roper 0-1.

4th August at Croke Park:

Donegal 0-14; Galway 1-11

Scorers – Brendan Devenney 0-5, Adrian Sweeney 0-3, Paul McGonigle 0-2, Michael Hegarty 0-1, Brian Roper 0-1, John Haran 0-1, Kevin Cassidy 0-1.

Total Scored 6-87 (105) Total Conceded 4-68 (80)

Average 1.31

Scorers – Adrian Sweeney 0-33, Brendan Devenney 1-13, Stephen McDermott 2-8, Michael Hegarty 1-9, Brian Roper 1-9, Colm McFadden 0-5, Christy Toye 1-1, John Haran 0-3, Paul McGonigle 0-2, Jim McGuinness 0-1, Johnny McCafferty 0-1, John Gildea 0-1, Kevin Cassidy 0-1.

Gaillimh

18th May at Galway:

Galway 0-12; Roscommon 0-8

Scorers – Pdraig Joyce 0-5, Michael Meehan 0-3, Paul Clancy 0-2, Seán Óg de Paor 0-1, Kevin Walsh 0-1.

1st June at Carrick-on-Shannon:

Galway 2-13; Leitrim 1-7

Scorers – Derek Savage 1-2, Matthew Clancy 0-3, Pdraig Joyce 0-3, Michael Meehan 1-0, Joe Bergin 0-2, Seán Óg de Paor 0-1, Jarlath Fallon 0-1, Paul Clancy 0-1.

6th July at Galway:

Galway 1-14; Mayo 0-13

Scorers – Matthew Clancy 1-2, Joe Bergin 0-4, Pdraig Joyce 0-2, Michael Meehan 0-2, Derek Savage 0-1, Seán Óg de Paor 0-1, Nicholas Joyce 0-1, Declan Meehan 0-1.

4th August at Croke Park:

Galway 1-11; Donegal 0-14

Scorers – Pdraig Joyce 0-4, Michael Meehan 1-1, Paul Clancy 0-2, Kevin Walsh 0-2, Declan Meehan 0-1, Derek Savage 0-1.

Total Scored 4-50 (62) Total Conceded 1-42 (45)

Average 1.38

Scorers – Pdraig Joyce 0-14, Michael Meehan 2-6, Matthew Clancy 1-5, Derek Savage 1-4, Joe Bergin 0-6, Paul Clancy 0-5, Seán Óg de Paor 0-3, Kevin Walsh 0-3, Declan Meehan 0-2, Jarlath Fallon 0-1, Nicholas Joyce 0-1.

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Donegal...Stalemate and Decisions



Like their opponents today, Donegal were slow to embrace replays in the senior football championship and having made their debut in 1906, they waited until 1919 before making a second outing in the competition. Such inactivity obviously militated against any drawn encounters and indeed more than 40 years passed from their debut to their first drawn encounter.

However, the North-Westerners were involved in a couple of matches that were decided by objections with mixed results. In 1923 Donegal lost to Derry by the narrowest of margins, but on an objection they moved into the next round without requiring a second meeting. But on the flip side, they defeated Antrim by 2-4 to 0-2 in 1931, and when the Glensmen objected they were then given the verdict. It appeared Donegal were doing their utmost to avoid any kind of replay activity.

And when Donegal finally had to meet the same opposition for a second time, it was not by means of a drawn encounter, but by way of an abandonment. In 1948 Donegal trailed Antrim by 0-1 to 1-3 when the referee brought the game to a premature halt, but he wasn't doing Donegal any favours as it turned out for they lost the replay by 1-4 to 4-3.

The First Draw

Finally in 1950, a full 46 years after their debut, Donegal experienced stalemate for the first time when they drew with Down (3-5 to 2-8), but their first "official" replay didn't have a happy ending as the Mourne men advanced at the second time of asking by 4-3 to 1-7. Donegal were back in replay action within twelve months as they held Antrim to a 2-7 all draw, but again they just came up short in the replay and lost by the narrowest of margins (1-5 to 1-6).

At the third time of asking in 1965 Donegal didn't succeed on two fronts. Firstly, it was the third draw in their history and also the contest with Cavan went to a third meeting. But the story had much the same ending – a Donegal exit as, following a 1-8 all draw and a 0-14 to 1-11 stalemate, the Breffni men advanced at the third time of asking by 0-9 to 0-8.

However, on their fourth attempt Donegal had success. Again Cavan was the opposition and in the 1972 meeting Donegal should have won the initial encounter, but Cavan scored 2-6 to their 0-12. However, Donegal got goals in the replay and they were crucial in their 2-11 to 1-9 victory.

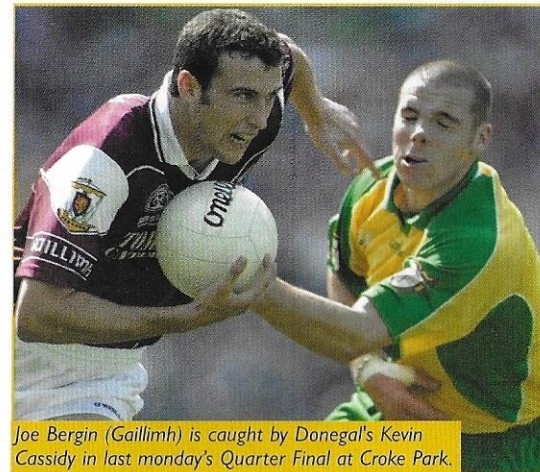
A Final Draw

In 1974 Donegal reached the provincial final and scored 1-14 in reply to Down's 2-11 and they regained the Ulster title with a 3-9 to 1-12 victory in the replay. But 15 years later, Donegal's next replay had an unhappy outcome. Having lost the previous year's provincial decider, Tyrone were more than anxious for the title, but Donegal held them to a 0-11 all draw. However, Tyrone were not to be denied and won the replay by 2-13 to 0-7.

The last decade saw Donegal experience stalemate twice more with Armagh providing the opposition on both occasions. In 1993 it took a couple of late points to earn Donegal a second chance (0-15 to 1-12), but they took that chance with some aplomb as they dominated the replay and won by 2-16 to 1-7. However, the Orchard county had its revenge at the end of the decade as they held their hosts at Ballybofey (2-9 to 1-12) before advancing at Clones by 2-11 to 0-12.

The current decade has seen Donegal experience stalemate twice already, with neither having a happy outcome. In 2001 Fermanagh held them at Ballybofey (2-13 to 1-16) before ousting them at Enniskillen by 1-9 to 0-10. And last season they showed a cool head to score three late points to force Dublin to second meeting (0-14 to 2-8), but flopped in the replay and lost by ten points (0-7 to 1-14).

Excluding objections, etc. Donegal have been involved in ten replays of which they have won just three. Like Galway, they will be hoping to improve on a poor replay record today.



Joe Bergin (Gailimh) is caught by Donegal's Kevin Cassidy in last Monday's Quarter Final at Croke Park.



Donegal's last replay win... 1993

Donegal 2-16 Armagh 1-7

Donegal have to go back ten years to their last replay win and that was when they defeated Armagh at Breffni Park at the second time of asking in front of 18,000 spectators. As reigning All-Ireland champions, Donegal had struggled in the drawn encounter and it took a couple of late points to earn them a second meeting with the Orchard county. However, they grabbed the second chance with both hands and, from an early stage in this replay, they looked the more likely victors. Within 20 seconds of the throw-in Martin McHugh opened their account with a point and in the fifth minute John Duffy goalied for a four-point advantage. The title-holders continued their assault and further points followed from Paul Carr, Duffy and Declan Boyle. A second goal continued the rout with Mark McShane applying the finish and when McHugh had his second point of the afternoon it was 2-5 to nil.

Armagh finally got off the mark at the 15th minute and indeed they were highly competitive in the second quarter restricting the leaders to just two points, both of which were scored by Manus Boyle. However, an interval deficit of nine points – 0-4 to 2-7 – is a

formidable obstacle against any team; against the reigning All-Ireland champions it is nigh-on impossible.

And so it proved as the early second-half scores required by the chasers failed to materialise, with most of the action taking place at the other end of the field. A point by Brian Murray and two from Declan Bonner pushed Donegal's advantage into double figures, and although Armagh did have a purple patch that yielded a goal and a point in quick succession, it barely knocked the champions out of their stride as Boyle and Declan Bonner restored Donegal's double-digit advantage. And there it remained as, when the final whistle sounded, Donegal had twelve points to spare.

Donegal scorers: J. Duffy 1-2, M. Boyle 0-4, D. Bonner 0-3, J. McHugh 0-3, M. McShane 1-0, B. Murray 0-1, J. McGuinness 0-1, P. Carr 0-1, D. Boyle 0-1.

Donegal – Gary Walsh, John Joe O'Doherty, Matt Gallagher, Mark Crossan, Declan Boyle, Paul Carr, Martin Shovlin, Michael Gallagher, Brian Murray, Mark McShane, Martin McHugh, Joyce McMullan, Declan Bonner, Manus Boyle, John Duffy. Subs – Jim McGuinness, Brian Cunningham, James McHugh.



THEIR LAST DRAWS AND REPLAYS



2002: Dublin 2-8 Donegal 0-14

Donegal scorers: A. Sweeney 0-5, B. Devenney 0-4, D. Diver 0-2, P. McGonigle 0-1, J. Gildea 0-1, J. McGuinness 0-1.

Donegal – Tony Blake, Shane Carr, Eamon Doherty, Noel McGinley, Raymond Sweeney, Barry Monaghan, Kevin Cassidy, John Gildea, Jim McGuinness, Christy Toye, Michael Hegarty, Brian Roper, Adrian Sweeney, Brendan Devenney, Paul McGonigle. Subs – Damien Diver, Brian McLaughlin, Kevin Rafferty, Brendan Boyle.

Replay: Dublin 1-14 Donegal 0-7

Donegal scorers: A. Sweeney 0-2, B. Devenney 0-2, B. Roper 0-1, K. Rafferty 0-1, M. Hegarty 0-1.

Donegal – Tony Blake, Shane Carr, Eamon Doherty, Noel McGinley, Damien Diver, Raymond Sweeney, Kevin Cassidy, John Gildea, Jim McGuinness, Christy Toye, Michael Hegarty, Brian Roper, Adrian Sweeney, Brendan Devenney, Paul McGonigle. Subs – Kevin Rafferty, Brendan Boyle, Colm McFadden, Rory Kavanagh, Conal Dunne.

2000: Kerry 0-14 Galway 0-14

Galway scorers: P. Joyce 0-6, N. Finnegan 0-3, D. Savage 0-2, K. Walsh 0-1, J. Donnellan 0-1, T. Joyce 0-1.

Galway – Martin McNamara, Tomás Meehan, Gary Fahy, Ray Silke, Declan Meehan, John Divilly, Seán Óg de Paor, Seán Ó Domhnaill, Joe Bergin, Paul Clancy, Tommy Joyce, Michael Donnellan, Derek Savage, Padraig Joyce, Niall Finnegan. Subs – Kevin Walsh, Richie Fahy, John Donnellan.

Replay: Kerry 0-17 Galway 1-10

Galway scorers: D. Meehan 1-0, M. Donnellan 0-2, N. Finnegan 0-2, T. Joyce 0-1, P. Joyce 0-1, J. Bergin 0-1, S. Óg de Paor 0-1, K. Walsh 0-1, S. Walsh 0-1.

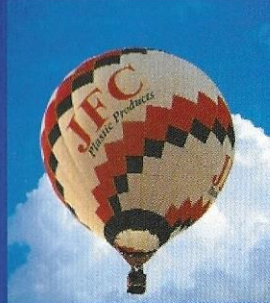
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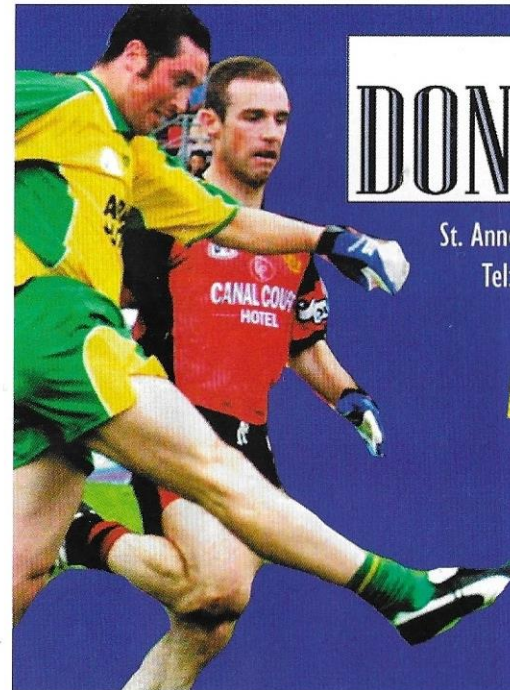
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Galway's last replay win... 1999

Galway 1-17 Sligo 0-7

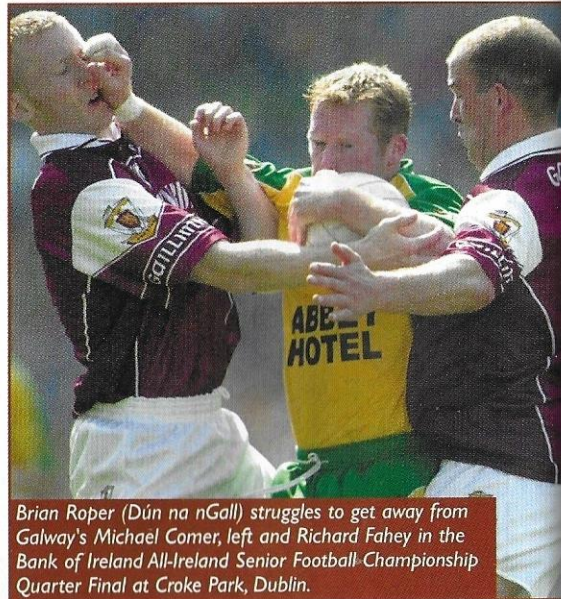
Unlike Donegal who have to go back a decade for their last replay success, Galway's last second-chance success was just four years ago when, as reigning All-Ireland champions, they defeated Sligo at Tuam before an attendance of 28,000. A week previously at Markievicz Park, Galway had seriously underperformed and were fortunate to escape with a draw, but on this occasion they made no mistake and had 13 points to spare when the final whistle sounded. However, they started nervously and with Eamonn O'Hara dominating the midfield exchanges they quickly found themselves in arrears and by the 20th minute Sligo led by three points (0-5 to 0-2). But then the home side suddenly clicked into gear and points by John Donnellan and Seán Óg dePaor narrowed Corribside arrears to the minimum. And just before the break Donnellan again raised the white flag to leave it 0-5 apiece at the interval.

Although Galway now had the momentum, it appeared as if the large attendance was in for an

exciting second period, but once John Donnellan gave the Corribiders the lead within 60 seconds of the resumption there was only one team in it. The leaders attacked in waves and it seemed inevitable a goal would come, but Sligo 'keeper Peter Walsh was in fine form and in particular his save that denied dePaor a goal was out of the top drawer. However, dePaor was not to be denied and at the 63rd minute he finally beat Walsh for the game's only goal. But it was not the telling score as by the end of the third quarter it was obvious that the champions were going to win; the only question was by how much? With Gary Fahy starring in defence, Sligo's attacks were limited and they managed just two scores after the resumption, while further out the field dePaor and John Donnellan did most of the damage and the final margin of victory did not flatter the winners.

Galway scorers: J. Donnellan 0-7, S. Óg dePaor 1-2, J. Fallon 0-3, D. Savage 0-3, P. Joyce 0-1, N. Finnegan 0-1.

Galway – Martin McNamara, Tomás Meehan, Gary Fahy, Tomas Mannion, Ray Silke, John Divilly, Seán Óg dePaor, Kevin Walsh, Seán Ó Domhnaill, Paul Clancy, Jarlath Fallon, Michael Donnellan, Derek Savage, Padraig Joyce, John Donnellan. Subs – Niall Finnegan, Tommy Joyce, Damien Mitchell.



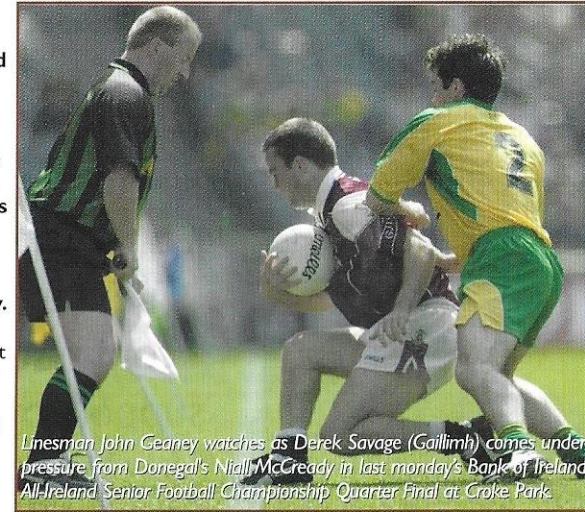
Brian Roper (Dún na nGall) struggles to get away from Galway's Michael Comer, left and Richard Fahey in the Bank of Ireland All-Ireland Senior Football Championship Quarter Final at Croke Park, Dublin.



Galway's Championship Epics

If Galway had to present their football credentials at provincial or All-Ireland level, they can be assured that they will rank with the best that any county can present. And that for a county that experienced a positively disastrous opening history as far as the first decade in which they competed is concerned. They recorded just two wins in ten years in Connacht and on the occasions that they moved further afield – as nominated Connacht representatives – it was the same story.

Galway's displays in the second decade inside the province were a huge improvement on what had gone before, but when Munster champions were confronted, the story was less encouraging; that was until they opposed Kerry in the 1919 All-Ireland semi-final. All previous efforts by western representatives (including Galway's) against the Kingdom had ended in failure, but in that year Galway wrote a new page in their own, and Connacht's, history by not alone beating Kerry, but doing so on a replay (heretofore, Kerry's replay tradition had intimidated all comers). If the subsequent final with Kildare was a



Linesman John Geaney watches as Derek Savage (Gailimh) comes under pressure from Donegal's Niall McCreeady in last Monday's Bank of Ireland All-Ireland Senior Football Championship Quarter Final at Croke Park.

huge disappointment, 1919 was the year in which Galway, and Connacht, football turned the corner.

When Galway line out at McHale Park this evening it will be their 256th championship appearance with the record to date reading 138 wins, 23 draws and 94 defeats.

Tipperary – The Premier County provided Galway's first-ever opposition when the Corribiders reached the 1900 "Home" final without having to play a game. It was poor preparation for a clash with the well-prepared Munster champions, who won with 22 points to spare (2-17 to 0-1). Galway have yet to get a chance to avenge that defeat.

Mayo – Galway's greatest championship rivals in actual meeting and tradition. Since their first meeting in 1901, they have met on 75 occasions with the balance slightly in Galway's favour – 35 to 34, with six games drawn. Galway's biggest win was in 1956 when they won the opening round at Castlebar by 17 points (5-13 to 2-5). Their heaviest defeat was by a margin of 16 points (2-3 to 4-13) at Tuam in the 1951 final.

Sligo – Galway's first meeting with Sligo was in 1909 and in all they met on 32 occasions with the Corribiders winning 24, losing four and drawing four. The biggest winning margin was at Pearse Stadium in 1990 where the score was 6-18 to 0-4 (32 points). Sligo's biggest win was by ten points (1-13 to 0-6) at Markievicz Park in 1975.

Leitrim – Of their 32 meetings with Leitrim, Galway have won 24 and lost five (three matches were drawn).

Galway's best afternoon against Leitrim was the 22-point winning margin they achieved at Carrick-on-Shannon in 1976 (3-21 to 0-8) while their heaviest loss was by seven points in the 1927 final at Roscommon (0-3 to 2-4).

Kerry – Apart from their Connacht neighbours, Kerry have been Galway's most persistent opponents. Eighteen meetings have resulted in six Galway victories, three draws and nine defeats. The Westerners' biggest winning margin was six points in the 1919 semi-final replay (4-2 to 2-2) while their heaviest reverse was by double that in 1984 (0-11 to 2-17).

Dublin – In nine meetings with Dublin Galway have won just twice and their best victory was by just two points in the 1934 All-Ireland final (3-5 to 1-9). The heaviest defeat suffered was by only five points (1-6 to 0-14) in the 1974 final.

Galway have clashed with 13 other counties with a credit balance being recorded against Donegal, Cavan, Monaghan, Meath, Down, Derry, Wicklow and Armagh, but debit balances against Offaly, Clare, Cork and Tyrone. They have shared the spoils in the four meetings with Kildare.

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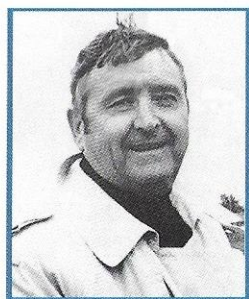
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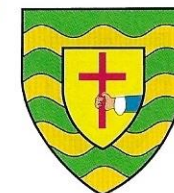
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Donegal – the Championship Record

When Donegal players step out on McHale Park this evening they will be taking part in the county's 155th championship game. By the standards of participation set by counties like Kerry, Cork, Dublin or Galway, Donegal do not compare, but if effort against the odds can assess a county's greatness, perhaps Donegal does not lag too far behind. For reasons that are not entirely clear, Donegal were latecomers to championship football, and even when they participated for the first time in 1906 when they opposed Derry at Strabane, that appearance did not imply any suggestion of permanence and it is a sombre

reflection that in the first 30 years of the championship, Donegal's only outing was the one against the Oak Leaf.

When organisation in the county came to grips with the problem of inter-county competition in 1919, their return was quite sensational as they recorded a stunning 0-16 to 0-3 win over neighbours Tyrone at Strabane. But it was a false dawn and Donegal were to know decades of frustration as they sought to match the achievements of other Ulster counties. Eventually they would triumph and they stepped on to the All-Ireland stage for the first time in 1972 and here is how they performed against the other eight Ulster counties and outside opponents.

Derry – As Donegal's first-ever championship opponents, Derry take pride of place and in all they have met on 16 occasions with the balance in favour of the Oak Leaf by nine to seven. Donegal's biggest win over the opposition was in the 1990 provincial semi-final, which they won by ten points (1-15 to 0-8). Derry's biggest win in the clashes of neighbours was by 16 points (0-18 to 0-2) in their first meeting.

Donegal's widest margin of victory was, not surprisingly, in 1993 when as reigning All-Ireland champions they won the semi-final meeting (a replay) by 2-16 to 1-7. On the debit side was the 1981 first-round reverse in which the Orchard county's margin of victory was eight points (2-15 to 0-13).

Tyrone – Donegal and Tyrone have met on 14 occasions with Tyrone holding the upper hand with nine wins against Donegal's four (there was one draw). The biggest winning margin in Donegal's favour in any of those games was 13 points, which they recorded in the first-ever meeting at Strabane in 1919 (0-16 to 0-3). As recently as 1985 Donegal suffered their heaviest reverse at Tyrone's hand when losing the final at Clones by 0-7 to 2-13.

Monaghan – The confrontation with the Oriel county also shows a modest return as in ten meetings Donegal have won just three and lost seven. The winning margins have also been modest – two five-point wins: in 1946 by 4-5 to 1-9 and in 1983 by 1-14 to 1-9. The heaviest reverse was by 13 points (0-1 to 2-8) in their first meeting in 1929.

Cavan – Over the years the Breffni county has been Donegal's most persistent opponents. Thirty-five meetings have taken place of which Donegal won ten, drew two and lost 23. Appropriately, Donegal's biggest win came in their first victory (11 points) – 4-5 to 0-6 in the 1963 semi-final. Their heaviest defeat was by a margin of 23 points (0-4 to 5-12) in the 1939 semi-final.

Down – The record here is fairly evenly balanced with Donegal winning nine, drawing two and losing ten of the 21 head-to-heads. Donegal has won by eight points on two occasions – the 1957 semi-final (3-2 to 0-3) and three weeks ago in the fourth round of the qualifiers (3-15 to 2-10). Donegal's heaviest defeat was by 12 points (0-8 to 2-14) in the 1968 semi-final.

Fermanagh – On 15 occasions the paths of Fermanagh and Donegal have crossed in the championship with Donegal enjoying an eight-five lead (two matches were drawn). Their biggest win was by 18 points in the 1966 semi-final (4-17 to 1-8), while Fermanagh's largest victory was by just five points (2-5 to 1-3) in the 1934 first-round meeting.

Antrim – Seven wins, two draws and five losses is Donegal's record against the Glensmen in 14 meetings. Both their biggest win and heaviest losses were by 14 points with a 5-9 to 1-7 victory in 1974 being balanced by a 0-3 to 3-8 defeat in 1947.

Armagh – The record in the clashes with Armagh is not impressive – six wins, one draw and nine defeats.

Outside of Ulster, Donegal have recorded wins over Mayo, Meath (whom they have also lost to), Longford, Tipperary, Sligo and Dublin (three games – a win, a loss and a draw). They lost their single meetings with Offaly (1972) and Kildare (2001), and of course they have yet to beat Galway to whom they lost in 1974 and '83.



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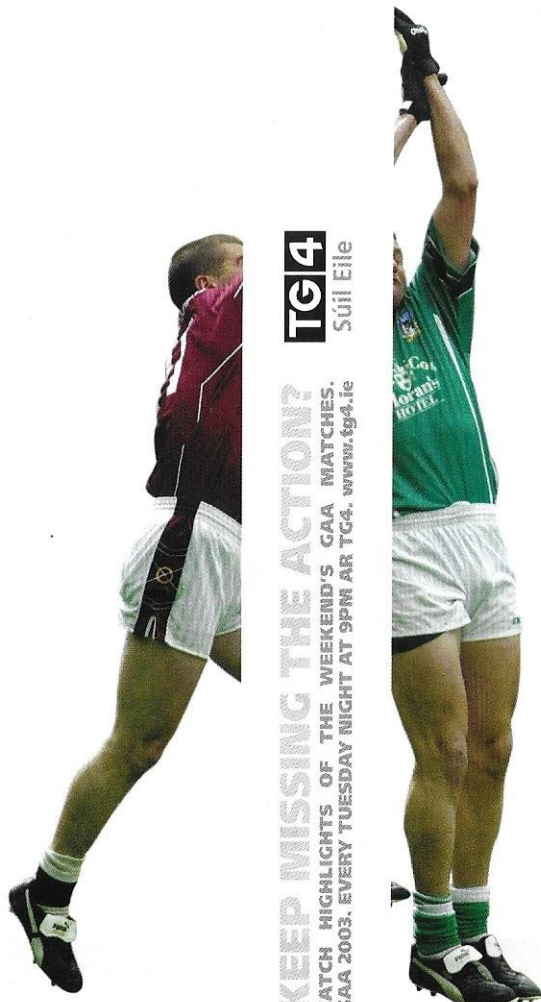
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- (22) **Kieran Comer**
C. Ó Ciaragáin
(Corofin)
- (23) **Lorcan Colleran**
L. Ó Callaráin
(An Spidéal)
- (24) **Derry O'Brien**
D. Ó Briain
(Mountbellew-Moylough)
- (25) **Nicholas Joyce**
N. Seoighe
(Killierin)
- (26) **Alan Kerins**
A. Ó Ceirín
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- (27) **John Devane**
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- (28) **Tommy Carton**
T. Mac Artáin
(Tuam Stars)
- (29) **Darren Mullahy**
D. Ó Maolaice
(Milltown)
- (30) **Diarmuid Blake**
D. de Blaca
(Milltown)

Dathanna: Marún is Bán

1	2	3	4
BRIAN DONOGHUE B. Ó Donnchú (Claregalway)	KIERAN FITZGERALD C. Mac Gearailt (Corofin)	GARY FAHEY G. Ó Fathaigh (Killanin)	MICHAEL COMER M. Ó Ciaragáin (Corofin)
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8	9		
KEVIN WALSH C. Breathnach (Capt.) (Killanin)	JOE BERGIN S. Ó Beirgin (Mountbellew-Moylough)		
10	11	12	
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President's Address of Welcome



Ar son Cumann Peil Gael na mBan Chomhairle Chonnacht fáilte is fichead roimh gach éinne go dtí cluichí Ceannais Connachta agus fáilte freisin roimh na foirne Liatroma Sligeach, Maigh Eó agus Gaillimh.

today. The two cups today are the Flanagan Oil Cup, which one of the junior teams will take home and for the Senior game we have the CBE Perpetual Cup. We hope for two great games. The two junior teams would be fairly new to one another but the senior teams have already met twice this year and produced some fine performances with Mayo coming out on top on both occasions so now it's all to play for. Finally, I say thanks to our referees and officials and the McHale Park Committee for making their facilities available to us for our Connacht Finals.

It is a great honour for me as president of Connacht

Council to welcome our followers of Ladies Football to McHale Park today for the TG4 Connacht Junior and Senior Championship Finals, I would like to extend a special welcome to the players and officials of Leitrim, Sligo, Mayo and Galway all of whom will be hoping to raise one of the cups for their counties

Tá súil agam go mbainfidh sibh sult agus sásamh as an lá.

Brian Ó Fathaigh,
Uachtarán.

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Cumann Peil Gael na mBan Comhairle Connacht wish to express their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the late Aisling McGing R.I.P., who lost her life tragically three weeks ago. Also to the family and friends of Naomi Mulcahy R.I.P., who also lost her life tragically two weeks ago. Aisling played for Carnacon and Mayo. Naomi played for St.Ailbes and Limerick. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.





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1987 Mayo	1992 Galway	1997 Roscommon	2002 Galway
1988 Leitrim	1993 Roscommon	1998 Roscommon	
1989 Galway	1994 Mayo	1999 Leitrim	

Senior Championship Roll of Honour

1975 Galway	1981 Leitrim	1987 No competition	1993-2001
1976 Mayo	1982 Leitrim	1988 Mayo	not played for.
1977 Roscommon	1983 Leitrim	1989 Mayo	Connacht Senior CBE Cup
1978 Roscommon	1984 Leitrim	1990 Mayo	2002 Mayo
1979 Galway	1985 Leitrim	1991 Leitrim	
1980 Galway	1986 Galway	1992 Leitrim	

Path to Finals:

Liatroim

18th May— Markievicz Pk, Sligo

Leitrim 4-14; Sligo 2-10

20th July — Dromod., Leitrim

Leitrim 1-17; Galway 3-4

Scores for: 5-31

Scores against: 5-14

Sligeach

18th May— Markievicz Pk, Sligo

Sligo 2-10; Leitrim 4-14

21st June — Markievicz Pk, Sligo

Sligo 0-6; Galway 5-17

26th July — Enniscrone, Sligo

Sligo 3-15; Mayo 1-8

Scores for: 5-31

Scores against: 10-39

Gaillimh

19th July — McHale Pk, Castlebar

Galway 1-12; Mayo 3-16

27th July — Tuam Stadium:

Galway 2-14; Roscommon 2-6

Scores for: 3-26

Scores against: 5-22

Maigh Eo

5th July — Dr. Hyde Pk:

Mayo 3-13; Roscommon 0-6

19th July — McHale Pk, Castlebar

Mayo 3-16; Galway 1-12

Scores for: 6-29

Scores against: 1-18

Na Réiteoirí



Gerry Guinan (Gaillimh)
Liatroim v. Sligeach

Gerry started refereeing Ladies Gaelic football games in 1999, and has

refereed underage and senior County finals in Galway. Gerry is also a GAA referee. This year Gerry has refereed the Senior C Post Primary All Ireland Final and has also taken charge of many National League games. Gerry is married to Veronica and they have three children.



Marty Duffy (Sligeach)
Gaillimh v. Maigh Eo

Marty is a native of Enniscrone, Co. Sligo. His involvement in Ladies Football stems since its foundation in Sligo in 1993. Marty was the first Chairman of the Sligo County Board and has also served as county team manager for three years. He has refereed Ladies football in all grades for the past ten years and has refereed championship games at all levels including the 2001 All-Ireland Senior Final between Laois and Mayo and also the 2002 All-Ireland Senior Final between Mayo and Monaghan.

He has also refereed All-Ireland Senior semi-finals for the last three years. He refereed the U-14 All-Ireland Final in 1998, NFL Div I Final in 1999, Connacht Junior Finals 1999, 2000 and 2001 and also the Connacht Senior Final in 2002. He was also the referee for the Senior All-Ireland Club Finals in 2001 and 2002. He is married to Geraldine and they have four children Aimee, Aaron, Conal and Leah and is employed as an Area Sales Manager with Chanelle Group.



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 Good luck to the Leitrim team and management in today's Junior Final!

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CONNACHT LADIES JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Liatroim

Dathanna: Uaithne, Ór is Bán



Ionaidaithe

- (16) Catherine Scollan (Mohill)
- (17) Lorraine Brennan (Cloone)
- (18) Ceara Fitzpatrick (St. Mary's)
- (19) Sandra Earley (Kiltubrid)
- (20) Patricia Beirne (Cloone)
- (21) Linda Tighe (Kiltubrid)
- (22) Emer O'Conor (St. Mary's)
- (23) Lorna McDermott (Mohill)
- (24) Teresa Moylett (Cloone)
- (25) Aisling Brennan (Cloone)
- (26) Sinéad Brennan (Cloone)
- (27) Siobhán Mollaghan (St. Joseph's)
- (28) Brenda Reynolds (Cloone)
- (29) Aoife Kelly (Cloone)
- (30) Louise Loughlin (Ballinaglera)

- 1 **PATRICIA BOHAN**
(Barnacolla)
- 2 **RACHELLE O'CONNOR**
(Annaduff)
- 3 **LORRAINE McDERMOT**
(Mohill)
- 4 **AMANDA SWEENEY**
(St. Mary's)
- 5 **CHARLENE TYRELL**
(Mohill)
- 6 **EMER McGLADE**
(Aughawillan)
- 7 **DEIRDRE McDERMOTT**
(Mohill)
- 8 **MAEVE QUINN**
(Aughawillan)
- 9 **SARAH McLOUGHLIN**
(Aughawillan)
- 10 **CAROLINE EGAN**
(Mohill)
- 11 **DUINE EILE**
- 12 **KAREN McGOVERN**
(Aughawillan)
- 13 **ANN MARIE COX**
(Annaduff) Captain
- 14 **NAOMI LEE**
(Kiltubrid)
- 15 **SINÉAD QUINN**
(Aughawillan)

Roghnóir: Eamon McGowan (Manager), Helen Ward, Aidan Heron.

Sligeach

Dathanna: Bán is Dubh



Ionaidaithe

- (16) Katrina Connolly (St. Nathy's)
- (17) Niamh Mannion (St. Mary's)
- (18) Bernie McGowan (St. Nathy's)
- (19) Aisling McTiernan (Cloonacool)
- (20) Sandra Rowley (Cloonacool)
- (21) Eilish McHugh (St. Nathy's)
- (22) Lisa Conlon (Ballymote)
- (23) Michelle Mostyn (Geevagh)
- (24) Sheena Feehily (St. Nathy's)
- (25) Siobhán O'Sullivan (St. Molaise Gaels)
- (26) Angela Doohan (St. Nathy's)

- 1 **CLAIRE ROONEY**
(St. Nathy's)
- 2 **BERNICE BYRNE**
(Geevagh)
- 3 **VARERIE O'BEIRNE**
(St. Mary's)
- 4 **LOUISE GORMLEY**
(St. Nathy's)
- 5 **JOANNE O'CONNELL**
(St. Mary's)
- 6 **SHARON HORGAN**
(St. Molaise Gaels)
- 7 **FIONA MAYE**
(St. Mary's)
- 8 **MICHELLE McGOWAN**
(St. Nathy's) Captain
- 9 **RUTH GOODWIN**
(St. Mary's)
- 10 **LOUISE BRETT**
(Cloonacool)
- 11 **IMELDA McNULTY**
(Castleconnor)
- 12 **KAREN MALONEY**
(St. Mary's)
- 13 **JACKIE MULLIGAN**
(Castec Connor)
- 14 **STEPHANIE O'REILLY**
(Geevagh)
- 15 **SINÉAD McTIERNAN**
(Geevagh)

Roghnóir: Tom Keane (Manager), Michael Cawley, Kathleen Kane, Frank Gallagher.



Liatroim Pen Pics



Patricia Bohan (Bornacoola) Goalkeeper
Age: 38 Height: 5' 2" Administrative Officer;

Rachelle O'Connor (Annaduff) Back
Age: 18 Height: 5' 2" Student

Lorraine McDermott (Mohill) Back
Age: 19 Height: 5' 7" B.Ed Student

Amanda Sweeney (St. Mary's) Back
Age: 22 Height: 5' 6" Student

Charlene Tyrrell (Mohill) Back/Midfield
Age: 17 Height: 5' 8" Student

Eimear McGlade (Aughawillan) Midfield
Age: 20 Height: 5' 6"

Deirdre McDermott (Mohill) Forward
Age: 16 Height: 5' 5" Student

Maeve Quinn (Aughawillan) Midfield
Age: 35 Height: 5' 7" Process Engineer

Sarah McLoughlin (Aughawillan) Midfield
Age: 17 Height: 5' 8" Student

Caroline (Eggie) Egan (Mohill) Wing Forward
Age: 23 Height: 5' 9" Team Leader Quinn Direct Insurance

Karen McGovern (Aughawillan) Forward
Age: 26 Height: 5' 5" Sales Official

Ann Marie Cox (Annaduff) (Captain) Forward
Age: 30 Height: 5' 6" Business Executive, Ulster Bank

Naoimi "Izzo" Lee (Kiltubrid) Forward
Age: 20 Height: 5' 6" Student

Sinead Quinn (Aughawillan) Forward
Age: 21 Height: 5' 4" Student NUI Maynooth

Catherine Scollan (Club: Mohil) Goalkeeper
Age: 18 Height: 5' 7" Student

Lorraine Brennan (Cloone) Forward
Age: 16 Height: 5' 6" Student

Ceara Fitzpatrick (St. Mary's) Forward
Age: 17 Height: 5' 5" Student

Sandra Earley (Kiltubrid) Forward
Age: 17 Height: 5' 3" Student

Patricia Byrne (Cloone) Midfield/Back
Age: 18 Height: 5' 9" Student

Linda Tighe (Kiltubrid) Back
Age: 22 Height: 5' 8" Student

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Age: 22 Height: 5' 6" Student

Lorna McDermott (Mohill) Forward
Age: 19 Height: 5' 7" B.Ed Student

Teresa Moylett (Cloone) Half Back
Age: 21 Height: 5' 3" Student

Aisling Brennan (Cloone) Forward
Age: 25 Height: 5' 6" Teacher

Sinead Brennan (Cloone) Centre Half Back
Age: 21 Height: 5' 8" Primary School Teacher

Siobhan Mollahan (St. Joseph's) Defender
Age: 22 Height: 5' 6" Garda

Brenda Reynolds (Cloone) Utility Player
Age: 16 Height: 5' 6" Student

Aoife Kelly (Cloone) Forward
Age: 17 Height: 5' 1" Student

Louise Loughlin (Ballinaglera) Forward
Age: Height: 5' 7" Student



Sligo Pen Pics



Claire Rooney (St. Nathy's) Goalkeeper
Age: 16 Student

Bernice Byrne (Geevagh) Back
Age: 15 Student

Valerie O'Beirne (St. Mary's) Back
Age: 20 Student

Louise Gormley (St. Nathy's) Back
Age: 20 Student

Joanne O'Connell (St. Mary's) Back
Age: 16 Student

Sharon Horgan (St. Molaise Gaels) Back
Age: Student

Fiona Maye (St. Mary's) Back
Age: 19 Student

Michelle McGowan (St. Nathy's) Captain Midfield
Age: 25 Teacher,

Ruth Goodwin (St. Mary's) Midfield
Age: 16 Student

Louise Brett (Cloonacool) Forward
Age: 17 Student

Imelda McNulty (Castleconnor) Forward
Age: 20 Shop Assistant

Karen Maloney (St. Mary's) Forward
Age: 15 Student

Jacqueline Mulligan (Castleconnor) Forward
Age: 21 Student

Stephanie O'Reilly (Geevagh) Forward
Age: 16 Student

Sinéad McTiernan (Geevagh) Forward
Age: 16 Student

Katrina Connolly (St. Nathy's) Substitute
Age: 21 Student

Niamh Mannion (St. Mary's) Substitute
Age: 21 Nurse

Bernie McGowan (St. Nathy's) Substitute
Age: 23 Student Garda

Aisling McTiernan (Cloonacool) Substitute
Age: 23 Student

Sandra Rowley (Cloonacool) Substitute
Age: 24 Assistant Leisure Club Manager/Fitness Instructor

Eilish McHugh (St. Nathy's) Substitute
Age: 16 Student

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Age: 18 Student

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Age: 21 Student

Michelle Mostyn (Geevagh) Substitute
Age: 16 Student

Siobhan O'Sullivan (St. Molaise Gaels) Substitute
Age: 17 Student

Angela Doohan (St. Nathy's) Substitute
Age: 24 North Western Health Board employee



Gaillimh

Dathanna: Marún is Bán

Ionaidaithe

- (16) **Fiona Gilmore**
(St. Brendan's)
- (17) **Catherina Kyne**
(Caherlistrane)
- (18) **Michelle Glynn**
(Corofin)
- (19) **Deirdre Fallon**
(Dunmore)
- (20) **Michelle Burke**
(Corofin)
- (21) **Marita Fahy**
(St. Brendan's)
- (22) **Rebecca McPhilbin**
(St. Brendan's)
- (23) **Sheila Fitzgerald**
(Corofin)
- (24) **Philomena Flaherty**
(Leitrimor)
- (25) **Ann Marie Geraghty**
(St. Brendan's)
- (26) **Deirdre Heverin**
(Corofin)
- (27) **Jenny Molloy**
(Corofin)
- (28) **Helen Carroll**
(Corofin)
- (29) **Michelle Delaney**
(St. Brendan's)
- (30) **Una Carroll**
(Corofin)

1
JOHANNA CONNOLLY
(Kilkerrin-Clonberne)

2
EMMA O'MALLEY
(St. Brendan's)

3
EMMA CURLEY
(St. Brendan's)

4
FIONA WYNNE
(Annaghdown)

5
AOIBHEANN DALY
(Milltown)

6
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7
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8
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9
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(Dunmore)

14
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(St. Brendan's)

15
LORNA JOYCE
(Clonbur)

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2adh Leath					
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Maigh Eo

Dathanna: Uaithne, Dearg is Bán



Ionaidaithe

- (16) **Linda Connolly**
(Castlebar Mitchells)
- (17) **Deirdre Ryan**
(Garrymore)
- (18) **Maeve A. O'Reilly**
(The Neale)
- (19) **Diane O'Hara**
(Ardnaree)
- (20) **Joyce O'Hara**
(Carnacon)
- (21) **Patricia Moran**
(The Neale)
- (22) **Jackie Moran**
(The Neale)
- (23) **Trina McNicholas**
(Moy Davitts)
- (24) **Sharon McGing**
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- (25) **Michelle McGing**
(Carnacon)
- (26) **Caroline McGing**
(Carnacon)
- (27) **Annette Gallagher**
(Belmullet)
- (28) **Paula Fitzgerald**
(The Neale)
- (29) **Orla Crosby**
(Hollmount)

1
DENISE HORAN
(Tourmakeady)

2
NUALA O'SHEA
(Tourmakeady)

3
HELENA LOHAN
(The Neale) Captain

4
EDEL REILLY
(Hollymount)

5
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(The Neale)

6
YVONNE BYRNE
(Hollymount)

7
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(Hollymount)

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CIARA McDERMOTT
(Ardnaree)

14
MARCELLA HEFFERNAN
(Hollymount)

15
CORA STAUNTON
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Galway involved from beginning

The Ladies Gaelic Football Association was founded in Hayes Hotel, Thurles in 1974. Galway's Margaret Colleran was the first National Secretary of the organisation. Galway were involved in competition from the beginning. They attended the inaugural meeting and competed in the All Ireland Senior Championship that year and were runners-up in the All Ireland Final 1975. They were League finalists in 1979 and won the Junior Championship in 1985.

In the early years Galway built up some strong clubs, Galway Gaels were All Ireland finalists in 1981 and All Ireland winners of the senior club championship in 1982. St Grellan's were runners up in this competition in 1990.

After this the number of clubs became depleted which reflected in the lack of performance by the county teams. In the late nineties the emphasis was put on developing the clubs concentrating mainly on underage. The first ever under age success for the county was achieved in 1997 when St Brendan's club won All Ireland glory at Feile. This was followed in 1998 with the under 14's, under the management of Con Moynihan, winning the first Connacht title. This was the start of the revival and development of Ladies Football in Galway. Since then Galway have won 2 more under 14 Connacht titles, five under 16 Connacht titles, 1 Minor Connacht title, 2 Junior Connacht titles and in 2002 All Ireland Minor and Junior titles.

On the club scene Kilkerrin / Clonbern won the Intermediate All Ireland in 1999, St Brendan's won 2 further All Ireland Feile competitions in 1998 and 2001 as well as the Intermediate All Ireland in 2001. The year 2002 saw five years of hard work and dedication come to fruition. Galway's post primary schools won seven Connacht titles and this year again five titles came to Galway schools, two of whom

went on to win All Irelands.

On the county front the year 2003 has been a good one to date. We started out in the League in Nov '02 with two teams for the first time ever. The B team under the management of Pat Gleeson with Michael Ryder and Caroline Delaney went straight through the League undefeated and beat Cork in the Div 3 League Final and now play in Division 2 next season. They beat Sligo in the first round of the championship and things were looking good, however they lost the semi-final to a more experienced Leitrim.

The under 14 team lost the Connacht Final to Mayo, who now play Cork in the All Ireland. We wish them the best of luck. The under 16 team won Connacht

again this year and by the time you are reading this they will have played Cork in the Semi-final and hopefully on their way to All Ireland glory. The under 12's will also have played Mayo and Sligo.

The game today is about the Senior team. This team gained Senior status for the first time this year after winning the All Ireland Junior in 2002.

They have a new management team, of PJ. Fahy, manager, with selectors Michael O'Connell and Richard Bowles. Fighting fit and full of the buzz of their All Ireland win they got off to a great start in the league with wins over Longford, Monaghan and Clare and despite being beaten by Kerry and Mayo earned a place in the League Semi-final which they lost to Kerry.

They have had mixed fortunes in the championship having lost the first game to Mayo they defeated Roscommon comfortably to earn a place in the Connacht Final today.

The Galway County Board would like to extend its sympathies to the Mayo County Board and to the family and friends of the late Aisling McGing and also to the family and friends of the late Naomi Mulcahy of Limerick. Both young girls lost their lives tragically recently. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanamacha.





Galway Pen Pics

**Johanna Connolly (Kilkerrin/Clonberne)**

Goalkeeper
Age: 24 Champion Sports employee

Emma O'Malley (St Brendan's) Back

Age: 24 PE Teacher

Emma Curley (St Brendan's) Back

Age: 18 Student

Fiona Wynne (Annaghdown) Back

Age: 26 Secondary School Teacher

Aoibheann Daly (Miltown) Back

Age: 19 Student

Ruth Stephans (Corofin) Back

Age: 24 Financial Accountant

Marie O'Connell (St Mary's Killrerin) Back

Age: 21 Student (Captain)

Lisa Cahill (Grainne Whoals) Midfield

Age: 20 Shop Manageress

Annette Clarke (Kilkerrin/Clonberne) Midfield

Age: 21 Student

Emer Flaherty (Cortoon Shamrocks) Forward

Age: 18 Student

Patricia Glesson (Corofin) Forward

Age: 17 Student

Edel Concannon (Cortoon Shamrocks) Forward

Age: 17 Student

Geraldine Conneely (Dunmore McHale's) Forward

Age: 19 Student

Gillian Joyce (St. Brendan's) Forward

Age: 19 Student

Lorna Joyce (Clonbur) Substitute

Age: 20 Student

Fiona Gilmore (St Brendan's) Substitute

Age: 20 Nurse

Catriona Kyne (Caherlistrane) Substitute

Age: 23 Teacher

Michelle Glynn (Corofin) Substitute

Age: 17 Student

Deirdre Fallon (Dunmore McHale's) Substitute

Age: 23 Metronic AVE employee

Michelle Burke (Corofin) Substitute

Age: 20 Student

Marita Fahy (St Brendan's) Substitute

Age: 18 Student

Rebecca McPhilbin (St Brendan's) Substitute

Age: 19 Student

Sheila Fitzgerald (Corofin) Substitute

Age: 17 Student

Philomena Ni Philatharta (Leitir Moir) Substitute

Age: 23 Development Officer

Ann-Marie Geraghty (St. Brendan's) Substitute

Age: 18 Student

Deirdre Haverin (Corofin) Substitute

Age: 17 Student

Jenny Molloy (Corofin) Substitute

Age: 19 Student

Helen Carrol (Corofin) Substitute

Age: 18 Student

Michelle Delany (St Brendan's) Substitute

Age: 15 Student

Una Carrol (Corofin) Substitute

Age: 15 Student



Mayo Pen Pics

**Denise Horan (Tourmakeady) Goalkeeper**

Age: 25 Height: 5' 10"

Nuala Ní Shea (Tourmakeady) Full Back

Age: 20 Height: 5' 6"

Helena Lohan (The Neale) Back

Age: 20 Height: 5' 9" Captain

Edel Reilly (Hollymount) Half Back

Age: 20 Height: 5' 7"

Mary T Garvey (The Neale) Backs

Age: 24 Height: 5' 6"

Yvonne Byrne (Hollymount) Back

Age: 20 Height: 5' 7"

Claire O' Hara (Castlebar Mitchells) Wing Back

Age: 21 Height: 5' 7"

Claire Egan (Carnacon) Midfield

Age: 21 Height: 5' 6"

Edel Biggins (The Neale) Back

Age: 25 Height: 5' 7"

Emma Mullin (The Neale) Forward

Age: 18 Height: 5' 4"

Chris Heffernan (Hollymount) Mid-Field

Age: 27 Height: 5' 5"

Martha Carter (Carnacon) Forward

Age: 20 Height: 5' 7"

Ciara McDermott (Ardnaree) Centre Half Forward

Age: 18 Height: 5' 6"

Marcella Heffernan (Hollymount) Full forward

Age: 24 Height: 5' 7"

Cora Staunton (Carnacon) Forward

Age: 21 Height: 5' 9"

Linda Connolly (Castlebar Mitchells) Goal Keeper

Age: 19 Height: 5' 10"

Deirdre Ryan (Garrymore) Midfield

Age: 25 Height: 5' 6"

Maeve-Ann O'Reilly (The Neale) Forward

Age: 18 Height: 5' 7"

Diane O'Hora (Ardnaree) Forward

Age: 27 Height: 5' 5"

Joyce O'Hara (Carnacon) Forward

Age: 24 Height: 5' 9"

Patricia Moran (The Neale) Back

Age: 18 Height: 5' 9"

Jackie Moran (The Neale) Midfield

Age: 19 Height: 5' 11"

Trina McNicholas (Moy Davitts) Forwards

Age: 18 Height: 5' 4"

Sharon McGing (Carnacon) Back

Age: 20 Height: 5' 6"

Michelle McGing (Carnacon) Forward

Age: 21 Height: 5' 2"

Caroline McGing (Carnacon) Backs

Age: 18 Height: 5' 5"

Annette Gallagher (Belmullet) Forward

Age: 17 Height: 5' 3"

Paula Fitzgerald (The Neale) Back

Age: 17 Height: 5' 9"

Orla Casby (Hollymount) Half Back

Age: 20 Height: 5' 4"



Mayo ladies ready for battle

Since regaining the All-Ireland senior crown at the end of September last, things have been busy on the ladies football front for Mayo. Hot on the heels of that title, Carnacon captured the All-Ireland senior club title, the first in the history of the county. Six players were involved in both successes, allowing them little time to rest before the inter-county campaign began again.

The Mayo ladies began training for this season in January and, following a short sojourn in the sun at the start of February, they set about making an impact in the National League. Victories over Clare, Monaghan, Longford and Galway were broken up by a home defeat to Kerry. Nevertheless, they qualified for the quarter-finals, where they disposed of Meath rather comfortably. A fortnight later, however, they fell to their conquerors in 2001, Laois, and bowed out of the

competition that Laois went on to win.

Since then all attentions have been focused on the Connacht championship. With three teams competing at senior level for the first time in years, emerging from the province was always going to be a difficult task.

In their opening game, on July 5th, Mayo met Roscommon and, after a tight first half, ran out winners by 16 points, in Hyde Park. Two weeks later, they met Galway at home in McHale Park. Home advantage made a difference and, in an excellent game of football, Mayo emerged victorious, but not without being pushed to the limit by the Galway girls.

This year's campaign is different for all who qualify for the provincial finals, as the limited back door system means they now all go through to the quarter-finals, regardless of who wins the provincial titles.

But the Connacht title means a lot to Mayo and they are not looking beyond that. Rivalry between the two counties has always been great at underage level and now that is transferring to the senior grade, to the immense benefit of the game in Connacht. Mayo will not let of the CBE cup, which they won for the first time just last year, without a fight.



Sean Kenna and Seamus Murray of CBE presents a sponsorship cheque to Martina Carroll Treasurer (Ladies GAA Connacht Council) in the Belmont Hotel, Knock, for the upcoming CBE sponsored Connacht Cup for the Ladies Connacht Championship starting 5th July, front from left: Ita Hannon secretary CC, Fiona McCarthy, Registrar, CC; and Kathleen Kane Vice-President CC; at back: Benny Fahey chairman CC; Sean Kenna CBE; Martina Carroll, Seamus Murray CBE and Sean Flanagan, Vice-chairman Ladies CC.

Photo: Michael Donnelly

Cumann Peil Gael na mBan Playing Rules

The playing rules of Ladies Gaelic Football are similar to that of mens' Gaelic Football. There are some modifications which are designed mostly to speed up the game and to eliminate unnecessary physical contact which are outlined as follows:

1. A size 4 football is used in all grades of competition
2. A player may pick the ball off the ground providing she is in a standing position. (The standing restriction does not apply to the

goalkeeper inside the small parallelograms).

3. A player while on the ground may play the ball away from her but cannot bring it into her possession.
4. A player cannot kick the ball as an opponent is about to pick up or take it into her possession.
5. All deliberate bodily contact is forbidden. When executing the tackle to dispossess an opponent it must be timed as the ball leaves

6. Deliberate use of the shoulder is forbidden.
7. All fouls (including short kick-outs (less than 13m) and where a free-taker fouls the ball) are penalised by the awarding of a free to the opposing team.



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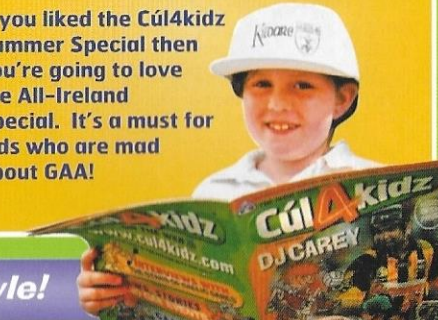
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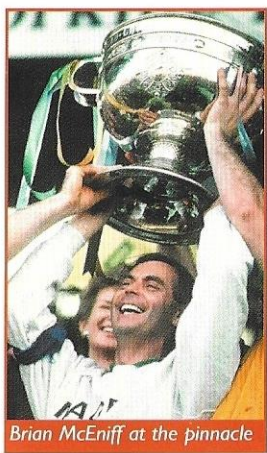


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MAHON'S Musings

When we were in dire trouble last Monday I thought about the late Dympna Burke fretting up in Heaven! We still miss you Dympna and know you'll be around here in Castlebar today, where we had many happy days, even when defeated. You were here and ever so happy two years ago at this venue when Galway beat Roscommon so comprehensively in front of the largest attendance I ever remember at McHale Park. It was late when we got home to Galway that night. Tonight with the late start it will be much the same again.



Brian McEniff at the pinnacle

Donegal Links

My links with Donegal are close. My sister Peggy McGettigan and the late Danny reared a fine family of Donegal supporters in Milford. My wife Eileen is from the south of the county, Laghey, and originally from near Pettigo. My first cousin, the late Jean Griffin, was a sister-in-law of Donegal maestro Brian McEniff. You have to hand it to Brian, one of the top businessmen in the North West.

Donegal's first All Star, he was involved in a big way in the creation of the first-ever club All Ireland when, with his club St. Joseph's (Bundoran- Ballyshannon), he helped to pioneer the first unofficial All Ireland with Bertie Coleman of Dunmore McHales way back in 1968, winning the first final against Dunmore after two smashing games in Ballyshannon and Tuam Stadium. Names like Granaghan, McLoone, O'Carroll, McEniff versus Donnellan, Keenan, McDermott, Leydon come to mind. Those games heralded in the official club All Irelands in the early seventies.

Brian Donegal's Saviour

That isn't all. A member of Donegal's first ever Ulster title-winning team of 1972 (Martin Carney of R.T.E was another), team manager and player in 1974 when

they won again, team manager again in 1983 when losing to Galway in Croke Park in the semi final through a late Val Daly goal (and a brilliant defensive display from Séamus McHugh). Manager again when Donegal conquered Everest and won Sam in 1992. Then this year he came to Donegal's rescue in a huge way when the county was in crisis at club and County Board level, taking on the onerous position of Co.Chairman, becoming team manager again and giving the county team a new sense of direction. Donegal County Board owes this man a huge debt.



Martin Carney - Mayo, Donegal and Ulster links.

"The Follower"

Cormac McGill ("The Follower") writes a most readable weekly column in the Donegal Democrat from his Leitrim base in Dromod. He is of the old school of Irish and Latin scholars and his column has done much to co-ordinate and whip up support for the present and past Donegal teams. An old mate of my former teammate and captain Jack Mangan he always had a great grá for Galway's style of football over the years. Donegal football owes him a great debt too. He is to Donegal what P.F. was to Kerry, An Déiseach (Pat Fanning) to Waterford, Carbery to Cork, Culbáire in the Tipperary Star to Tipperary and Bob Hyland to Dublin. Their contributions have never been truly acknowledged.

Séamus Ó Cualáin

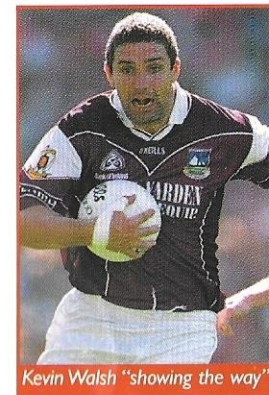
If the late Dympna was Galway football's greatest fan, then the eighty years old former schoolmaster from An Spidéal, Séamus Ó Cualáin must be Galway's longest serving one. He hasn't missed a game since the 1930's. He worries all the time about the game and Galway's chances. He is so proud of having taught Kevin Walsh, and the Fahey brothers Gary and Richie, in Killanin N.S. during the early eighties. "They were all lovely lads and great schoolboy footballers then". Séamus regularly sends a postcard of good luck to all

the lads from Connemara on the Galway panel before every game. Count that seven before every game in the S.F.C. —the three Killanin lads, Paul and Matthew Clancy, Seán Óg de Paor and Lorcan Ó Collaráin - that's what I mean by dedicated support as far as Séamus is concerned. It's "Maroon and White Forever" no matter where he goes. Last Sunday I met Séamus at the back of the Hogan Stand immediately after the game. He had travelled on Lally's bus from Spiddal starting at 8 a.m. and knew he'd not be home before 1 a.m. with stops at Moate and Furbo. "I'll keep following them until I'm not able. I've seen them all since 1934 —Beggs and Nestor, Tom and Dinny Sullivan, Purcell and big Mattie, Tommy Joe, Jimmy Duggan, the Donnellan's and big Kevin is the best midfielder we've had since Frank Evers. I was so proud of him when he got the equaliser today. A captain showing the way".

Last Monday's Game

It didn't get the rating it deserved. Since then all that seems to worry everybody is "have Galway gone over the top" or "have Donegal missed the bus?" It was a game of highs and lows for both sides. Ups and

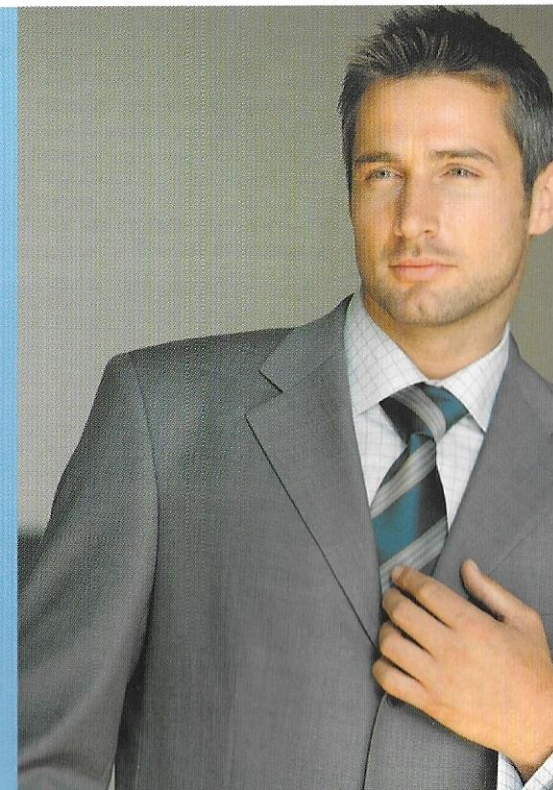
downs. When Donegal led by 0-7 to 0-2 in the first half they seemed invincible. Then came some classic Paul Clancy fetches, some great running by Declan Meehan, and a wonderful Michael Donnellan interception before Michael Meehan's goal. Galway took over in the second half, missed some easy scores and then back came the men of Tír Conaill and seemed to have it won before Galway's last stand and Kevin Walsh's equaliser. I hope today's replay produces another thrilling encounter with none of the pulling and dragging and shoving of opponents off the ball as happened in some defensive areas on Monday last. The good weather of the moment will hopefully hold out and may the winners go on to better things despite the pessimism afloat just now with the pundits. Ar aghaidh linn.



Kevin Walsh "showing the way"

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Canavan moves ahead in the leading position

Although Peter Canavan had his lowest return of the senior football championship season so far at four points in the win over Fermanagh last week-end, the Tyrone sharpshooter has still strengthened his position on top of the nationwide chart of leading scorers for the championship.

He has boosted his record to 1-42 (45 points) from six games at an average of 7.5 points a match.

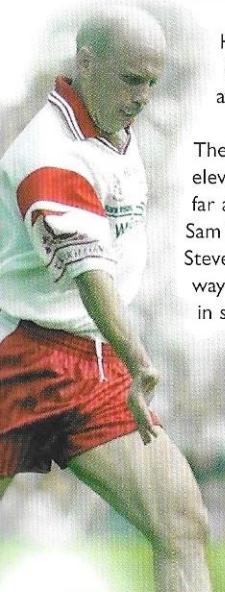
The O'Neill County man is as many as eleven points ahead of his closest rival as far as footballers still in the chase for the Sam Maguire Cup tie are concerned. Steven McDonnell (Armagh) leads the way in this regard with 4-22 (34 points) in six games at an average of 5.66 points for fourth position in the chart.

However, the odds are that he will be passed out this

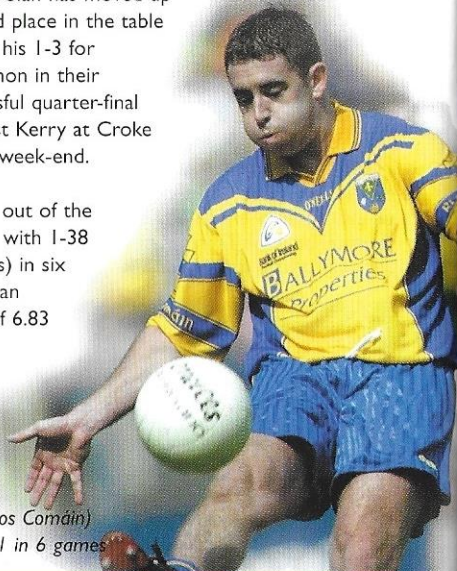
evening by Adrian Sweeney, who is only a point behind the Armagh man with his return of 0-33 in six games. This gives the Donegal captain a match average well above what he needs to pass out McDonnell at 5.5 points a game.

Frankie Dolan has moved up to second place in the table following his 1-3 for Roscommon in their unsuccessful quarter-final bid against Kerry at Croke Park last week-end.

He bows out of the campaign with 1-38 (41 points) in six games at an average of 6.83 points.



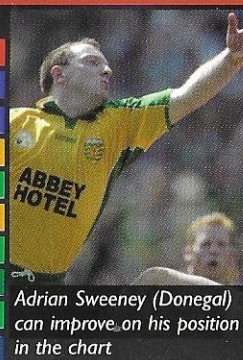
Peter Canavan (Tír Eoghain)
- Top scorer with 48 points



Frankie Dolan (Ros Comáin)
- great total of 41 in 6 games

THE LEADING SCORERS NATIONALLY IN THE SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP (PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND QUALIFIERS COMBINED) ARE:

Points	Score	Games	Average
48	Peter Canavan (Tyone)	1-42	6 7.5
41	Frankie Dolan (Roscommon)	1-38	6 6.83
40	Declan Browne (Tipperary)	2-34	4 10.0
34	Steven McDonnell (Armagh)	4-22	6 5.6
33	Adrian Sweeney (Donegal)	0-33	6 5.5
28	Oisín McConville (Armagh)	1-25	6 4.66
25	Colm Quinn (Offaly)	0-25	5 5.0
24	Raymond Gallagher (Fermanagh)	1-21	6 4.0
21	Ciarán McManus (Offaly)	4-9	5 4.2
19	Brian McDonnell (Laois)	2-13	5 3.8



Adrian Sweeney (Donegal)
can improve on his position
in the chart



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CONNACHT

4th May, New York (After Extra Time.):
Leitrim 0-14; **New York** 0-12.
18th May, Pearse Stadium:
Galway 0-12; **Roscommon** 0-8.
25th May, Ruislip:
Sligo 3-11; **London** 0-9.
Semi-Finals — 1st June, Carrick-on-Shannon:
Galway 2-13; **Leitrim** 1-7.
8th June, Markievicz Park
Mayo 0-14; **Sligo** 0-11.
FINAL — 6th July, Pearse Stadium:
Galway 1-14; **Mayo** 0-13.
Top scorer for the entire championship: Padraig McLoughlin (Leitrim) 0-13 in two games. Average: 6.5.

LEINSTER

11th May, Croke Park:
Louth 4-12; **Wicklow** 2-7.
11th May, Croke Park:
Westmeath 1-17; **Carlow** 1-12.
11th May, Croke Park:
Laois 1-19; **Wexford** 0-10.
25th May, Portlaoise:
Laois 1-12; **Offaly** 1-12.
25th May, Mullingar:
Kildare 1-14; **Longford** 2-6.
1st June, Croke Park:
Dublin 1-19; **Louth** 0-9.
1st June, Croke Park:
Meath 2-13; **Westmeath** 2-13.
2nd June, Tullamore:
Laois 2-10; **Offaly** 0-13.
7th June, Portlaoise:
Meath 1-11; **Westmeath** 0-5.
Semi-Finals — 14th June, Croke Park:
Kildare 0-15; **Meath** 1-11.
15th June, Croke Park:
Laois 0-16; **Dublin** 0-14.
FINAL — 20th July, Croke Park:
Laois 2-13; **Kildare** 1-13.
Top scorer: Brian McDonald (Laois) 2-13 in (19 points) in five games. Average: 3.8 points.

MUNSTER

11th May, Páirc Uí Chaoimh.
Limerick 0-16; **Cork** 0-6.

25th May, Walsh Park;
Tipperary 0-18; **Waterford** 1-12.
Semi-Finals
15th June, Ennis:
Limerick 2-14; **Clare** 0-12.
15th June, Tralee:
Kerry 0-25; **Tipperary** 1-10.
FINAL — 13th July, Killarney:
Kerry 1-11; **Limerick** 0-9.
Top scorer: Declan Browne (Tipperary) 1-16 (19 points) in two games. Average: 9.5 points.

ULSTER

11th May, Clones.
Monaghan 0-13; **Armagh** 0-9.
18th May, Clones:
Derry 1-9; **Tyrone** 0-12.
24th May, Casement Park (Replay):
Tyrone 0-17; **Derry** 1-5.
25th May, Casement Park:
Antrim 2-9; **Cavan** 1-10.
1st June, Enniskillen:
Fermanagh 0-10; **Donegal** 0-6.
8th June, Casement Park
Down 1-12; **Monaghan** 0-13.
Semi-Finals — 15th June, Casement Park:
Tyrone 1-17; **Antrim** 1-9.
22nd June, Clones:
Down 2-10; **Fermanagh** 0-11.
FINAL — 13th July, Clones:
Tyrone 1-17; **Down** 4-8.
20th July, Clones:
Tyrone 0-23; **Down** 1-5.
Top scorer: Peter Canavan (Tyrone) 1-38 (41 points) in five games. Average 8.25 points.

QUARTER-FINAL

3rd August, Croke Park:
Tyrone 1-21; **Fermanagh** 0-5.
Armagh 0-15; **Laois** 0-13.
4th August, Croke Park:
Donegal 0-14; **Galway** 1-11.
Kerry 1-21; **Roscommon** 3-10.



Cúinne na nÓg

Last weekend's Football Quarter-finals

1. Who scored the last point of the Donegal-Galway drawn tie?
2. Who refereed the above game?
3. Who scored Kerry's only goal against Roscommon?
4. Name the Roscommon captain in the above game?
5. Colm Cooper (Kerry) scored, three, four or five points, all from play. Your choice!
6. Donegal have beaten Galway once in the senior football championship. True or false?
7. Colm Parkinson went in as a substitute for Laois against Armagh. True or false?
8. Who scored the only goal of the Tyrone-Fermanagh game?
9. Name Fermanagh's captain.
10. Who refereed the all-Ulster quarter-final last week-end?



Other Happenings

Here's your chance to see how expert you are in other events from last weekend's calendar.

1. David Fitzgerald (Clare) or Paul Dunne (Louth) won the M. Donnelly All-Ireland Poc Fada over the Cooley Mountains last Monday. Your choice!
2. Kerry or Waterford won the Munster ladies senior football final at Páirc Uí Rinn last Monday?
3. Who won the All-Ireland junior hurling semi-final between Meath and Donegal at Enniskillen on Saturday of last week?
4. Name the newly crowned Munster under-21 hurling champions.
5. Cork won the All-Ireland minor camogie "A" final last Sunday at Portlaoise. What county lost that game?

The Odd Man Out

Who is the odd man out in each of four sentences below. He may be a goalkeeper in company with outfield players, a player among referees, or the only defender or forward in a group.

1. Andrew McCann, Kevin Cassidy, Nigel Clancy, Gerry McGowan, Barry Owens.
2. Eamonn Morris, Seamus Roche, Paddy Neary, Ronan Clarke, Diarmuid Kirwan.
3. Ronan Gallagher, Eamonn O'Hara, John Toal, Kevin Hughes, Karol Mannion.
4. Stephen Maguire, Brian Dooher, Derek Connellan, Stephen McDermott, Michael Meehan.

Who am I?

I scored nine points on my county's first senior football championship appearance at Croke Park in many years early last month. I am also one of the leading scorers in this year's senior football championship.

Although best known these days as a footballer, I have also had success at hurling. Indeed, I won an All-Ireland minor medal in the code.

I am my county's only All Star so far in football.



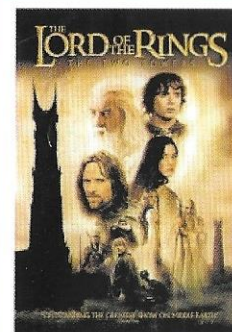
Freagraí Last Weekend's Football Quarter-finals
 Donegal, 4; Tipperary, 5; Galway, 1; Kevin Walsh (Galway), 2; Michael Collins (Cork), 3.
Who Am I?: Declan Browne (Tipperary).
The Odd Man Out: Gerry McGowan, the Sligo forward. The others are all defenders. 2. Armagh forward. The others are all forwards. 3. Armagh forward. The others are all referees. 4. Armagh forward. The others are all outfield players. 5. Donegal midfielder. Stephen McDermott. The others are all forwards.
Other Happenings: 1. Paul Dunne. 2. Kerry. 3. Raymond Gallagher. 4. Donegal. 5. Tipperary. 6. Donegal. 7. Tipperary. 8. Donegal. 9. Donegal. 10. Donegal.



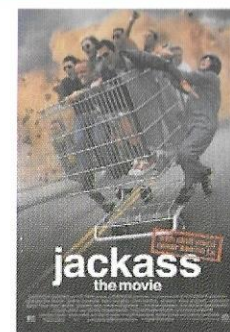
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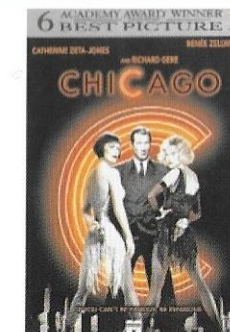
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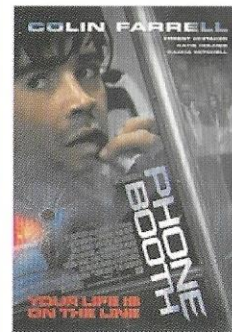
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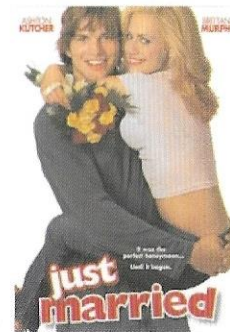
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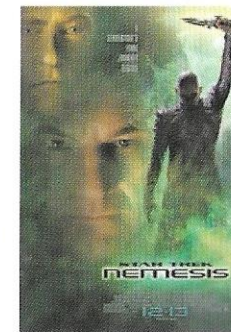
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