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ALLIANZ SRAITH NÁISIÚNTA IOMÁNA ROINN 2A BABHTA 2 12:30 P.M.

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It is a massive pleasure for me to welcome you to the first home Allianz League games of 2020, Meath v Wicklow and Meath v Donegal.

We welcome Wicklow and Donegal to Páirc Tailteann today. It is an important day for all four teams as all teams are in pursuit of a first win in the 2020 Allianz Leagues.

These are motivating times for our County as we push ahead with our plans to redevelop Páirc Tailteann. All three houses have been won in our Royal House Draws and we are eternally grateful to the people of Meath and further afield who sold tickets and participated.

Our redeveloped Páirc Tailteann is a necessity for the continued improvement of fortunes for the Meath football, hurling, camogie, and ladies football teams. We need a modern stadium to play our games in and to have an inviting setting for our loyal supporters.

All that remains is to wish all teams, the referees, and their team of match officials the best of luck today and we urge the Meath supporters to get behind the Meath teams.

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### Allianz Sraith Náisiúnta Peile Roinn 1 Babhta 2

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## Allianz Sraith Náisiúnta Iomána Roinn 2A Babhta 2 12:30 P.M.

## An Mhí v Cill Mhantáin

An Réiteoir: Shane Hynes (Gaillimh)

Maoir Líne: Colum Gunning (Aontroim), Caymon Flynn (An Iarmhí)

Oifigeach Taobhlíne: Noel Mullaney (Muineacháin)

Maoir: Padraic McGrath, Micheál McGrath, Francis Kearney, Patsy Forde



## Allianz Sraith Náisiúnta Peile Roinn 1 Babhta 2 2:30 P.M.





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Maoir Líne: Barry Tiernan (Áth Cliath), Margaret Farrelly (An Cabhán)

Oifigeach Taobhlíne: James King (Áth Cliath)

Maoir: Pat Kelly, D.J. O'Sullivan, Kevin Roche, Ray Hegarty

### FEATURE



# Division 1 Football is back in Navan

# April 9th, 2006 was the last time Meath played a Division 1 game in Páirc Tailteann.

To put that into perspective, Mathew Costello and Jack O'Connor two of Meath's youngest panel members were just seven years of age. Who'd have thought that back then it would be fourteen years until the Royals set foot in the top tier of Gaelic football again. In one way it shows how far Meath have been away from the top table for so many years but in another it shows the massive progression and development of this group.

The prospect of welcoming teams like Mayo to Navan as well as dreaming of trips to Capital and the Kingdom were nothing more than a dream less than twelve months ago. That was prior to a memorable run which culminated in promotion and an outpouring of raw emotion on the hallowed turf in Navan following a final day win against Fermanagh.

We're here now albeit after a somewhat disappointing defeat to Tyrone in Omagh seven days ago. You think back to it and had one of the two goal chances carved out in the first ten minutes been dispatched, you do feel the outcome may have different but hindsight is wonderful thing. Sure, it would have been fantastic to start with a victory but it's days like today that supporters have yearned for. Andy McEntee's charges have had some titanic tussles with Donegal in recent years without getting the results the performances merited in many cases so could today be the day?

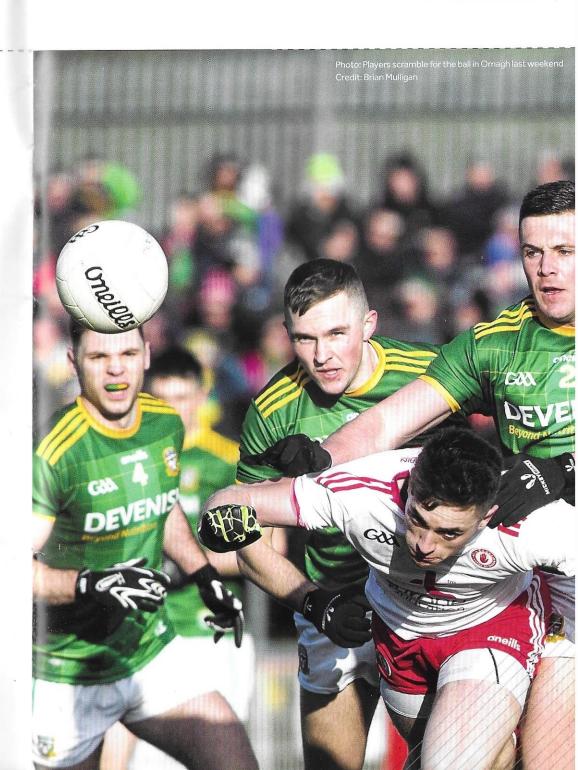
If Meath's home record is anything to go by, we have every chance of upsetting Declan Bonner's men, in what is sure to be a pumped up Páirc Tailteann. With the injury crisis it will be no easy

task, but Meath traditionally always played their best football when backs were to the wall and wrote off by the so called 'experts.'

Just like any other newly promoted team in any other sport, in order to survive you must win your homes games. It really is as simple as that, any points picked up on the road are a bonus, Navan is the place we need to make a fortress and a difficult place for teams to visit. Whilst last Sunday was a setback and a poor second half display these performances have been few and far between in the year.

The beauty of the league format is that it gives you an immediate chance to bounce back following a disappointing result or performance. Bear in mind Donegal squandered a win in round one when Mayo stunned their hosts with a last gasp equalising goal so they too will be hurting and will be no doubt looking for a reaction.

With some of the players on the treatment table working their way back to full fitness, it is vitally important we pick up points so that when the regulars get back to full fitness, we have a realistic chance of survival. Realistically Donegal at home, minus a few regulars of their own, is a game Andy McEntee would have targeted. Andy always values the support of the Royal followers so it is imperative the fans get behind the troops today and hopefully roar them onto what would be a historic and memorable return to Division 1 football in the grand old Páirc Tailteann!

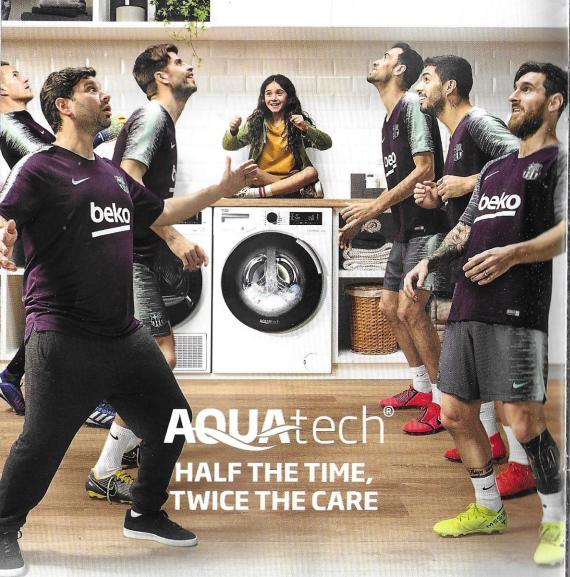








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## Meath hoping to avoid Allianz League's yo-yo trend

by Noel Coogan

In an Irish Independent article entitled 'The league's yo-yo effect' last week Donnchadh Boyle highlighted the trend of teams promoted to Division One of the Allianz FL being relegated the following year.

In 2018, Roscommon and Cavan gained elevation to the top group but a year later both were demoted back to Division Two. They were suffering the same fate as Laois, Westmeath, Down, and Kildare in the same decade and it was the second time in three seasons for Cavan to take an immediate drop.

The former Meath Hill player will be hoping that his county can avoid finishing in seventh or eighth place in the top flight table but the writer suggests that the Royals are odds-on to end up as one of the bottom two. In contrast, Donegal, Ulster champions for the past two years, have the strength to challenge for more titles in the coming months.

The last time before this year that Meath were in Division One of the National Football League was in 2006 when they were one of 16 and one of four to be relegated. The side managed by Eamon Barry were in the 1B section and finished in the bottom two with Wexford, below table-toppers Laois, Galway, Derry, Down, Kildare and Armagh. Offaly and Monaghan took the drop from the 1A group and Kerry won the title with a final victory over Galway. The following year Meath won the Division 2 title when defeating Roscommon at Breffni Park and the present format of four divisions has been in operation since 2008.

Now for the first time under that set-up, Meath are among the top eight teams and the big challenge for them is to remain there. Another former club footballer in the Royal County, Colm Keys, a 'stablemate' of Donnchadh Boyle with the Independent, predicted that Andy McEntee's side will be relegated. Of course, Donal Keogan, Conor McGill, Bryan Menton and the rest of the lads in

green and gold will be keen to prove the prophets of doom wrong. It took a lot of strenuous effort to earn the move up to compete with Dublin, Kerry and the other big guns but gaining two or three wins looks a hard ask.

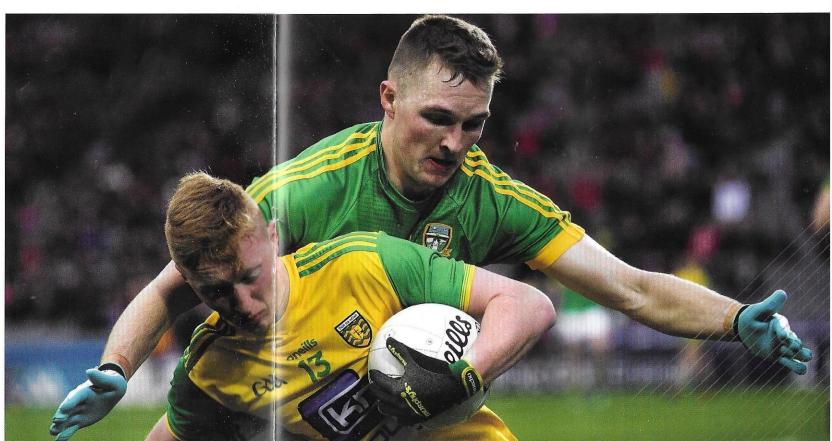
Manager McEntee recently suggested that after crossing the bridge from Division Two to Division One, his side will need to make more significant progress in order to maintain the momentum. In last year's Division Two title decider against Donegal. Meath served up some sparkling football but faded in the home straight.

Such fade-outs in the closing stages of games proved Meath's undoing a few times and McEntee will be hoping to see his charges improve on their

staying power in the coming months. There have been suggestions that playing four games away and three at home will make survival more difficult for Meath.

Today's date with Donegal is followed by a meeting with Mayo at Páirc Tailteann seven days later and then a trip to Kerry followed by a home tussle with Galway and away days against Dublin and Monaghan. Over the next few weeks, some games in the NFL will go according to predictions while there will be surprise outcomes in others. Maybe Meath can provide one or two of the latter.

Photo: Conor McGill tackes Oisín Gallen in the 2019 NFL Final Credit: Brian Mulligan



### FEATURE

# Hurling's lesser lights prepare with purpose

by Noel Coogan

The hurlers of Meath and Wicklow, who clash in today's Allianz League Roinn 2A curtain-raiser at Páirc Tailteann, are highly unlikely to get much national media coverage over the next few weeks. But both sides will still prepare for their games with as much purpose as the top teams in the small ball game.

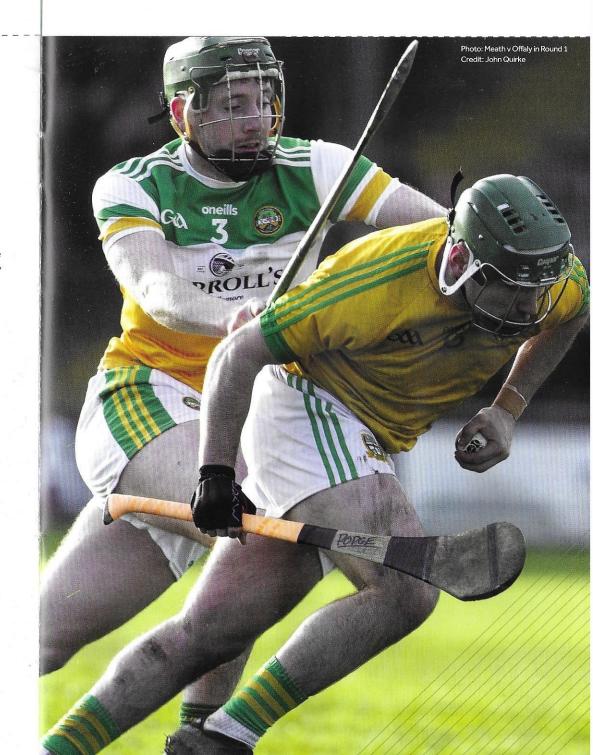
Both round two opponents claimed silverware in 2019 with Meath gaining outright honours in the Christy Ring Cup third-tier championship while Wicklow won promotion from Division 2B of the League. Meath won the Ring Cup for the second time - the previous success was achieved in 2016 - with a 4-19 to 2-15 final victory over Down at Croke Park. Earlier in the campaign, there were wins over London. Kildare, Roscommon and a semi-final defeat of Derry at the Athletic Grounds, Armagh. In the title tie Jack Regan, who shot nine points, and Adam Gannon, with a contribution of 2-3, were the joint top-scorers while Nicky Potterton and Callum O'Sullivan also netted for the Royals. Seán Geraghty was the victorious captain and Nick Fitzgerald the winning manager.

Earlier last year Wicklow won the NHL Division 2B title with a hard-earned 1-9 to 0-8 final victory over Derry by 1-9 to 0-8 in vile weather conditions at Grattan Park, Inniskeen. The teams had to contend with wind, rain and snow and after the Ulster side led by 0-5 to 0-3 at the break, a goal from Michael Boland in the closing stages proved crucial. Wing-back Warren Kavanagh was the winning captain with centre-back Stephen

Kelly. whose display was described as "immense", the man of the match. Earnonn Scallan, one of the stars of Wexford's All-Ireland SHC triumph in 1996 was the successful manager in his first term at the helm. While Scallan remains in charge of the Garden County senior hurlers and has named Bray Emmets clubman John Henderson as the team captain for 2020, there is a change at the Meath helm with Nick Fitzgerald, who stepped down, replaced by another Nick, Weir, from Raharney across the 'border' in Westmeath.

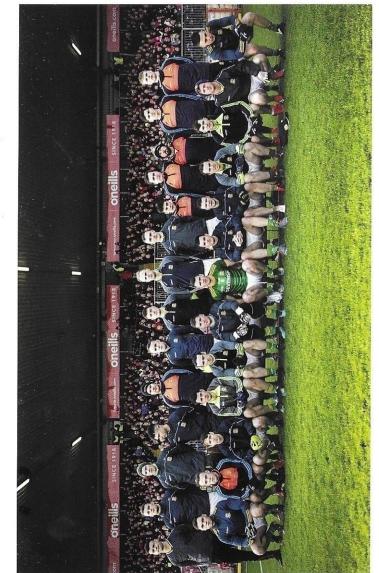
Meath and Wicklow crossed camáns in the 2020 Kehoe Cup when meeting in Arklow on December 15 when the spoils were shared, the home side scoring 0-24 and the visitors totalling 1-21. Andy O'Brien shot 0-16 for Wicklow while Mikey Mullen top-scored for their opponents with 1-4. On the evidence of that tussle, there may not be much the sides today although home advantage probably gives the Royals the favourites' tag. Both are outsiders in the group with Offaly and Kerry looking the strongest contenders.

However, Meath and Wicklow will both show keenness to gain boosts for the summer campaigns, in the Joe McDonagh and Christy Ring Cups respectively.













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25. EOIN LYNCH. MAIGH DEARMHAÍ 26. OISÍN O'BRIEN, Ó MATHÚNA

BAINISTEOIR: ANDY MCENTEE MAOR FÓIRNE: DONAL CURTIS ROGHNÓIRÍ EILE: FINIAN MURTAGH, GERRY COONEY, COLM NALLY

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# Dún na nGall



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18. EOIN MC HUGH, CILL CHARTHA 19. JEAIC MCKELVEY, NAOMH CONAILL 20. EAMONN DOHERTY, NAOMH
ADHAMHNÁIN 21. MICHAEL CARROLL, GAOTH DOBHAIR 22. EOIN MC GETTIGAN, NAOMH CONAILL

23. BRENDAN MC COLE, NAOMH NÁILLE 24. CONOR MORRISON, NAOMH ADHAMHNÁIN 25. ANDREW MCCLEAN,
CILL CHARTHA 26. CIARAN DIVER, BUN AN PHOBAILL

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# Dún na nGall



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#### Supporting evidence and rationale:

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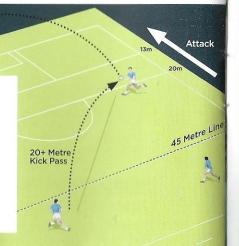
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### Supporting evidence and rationale:

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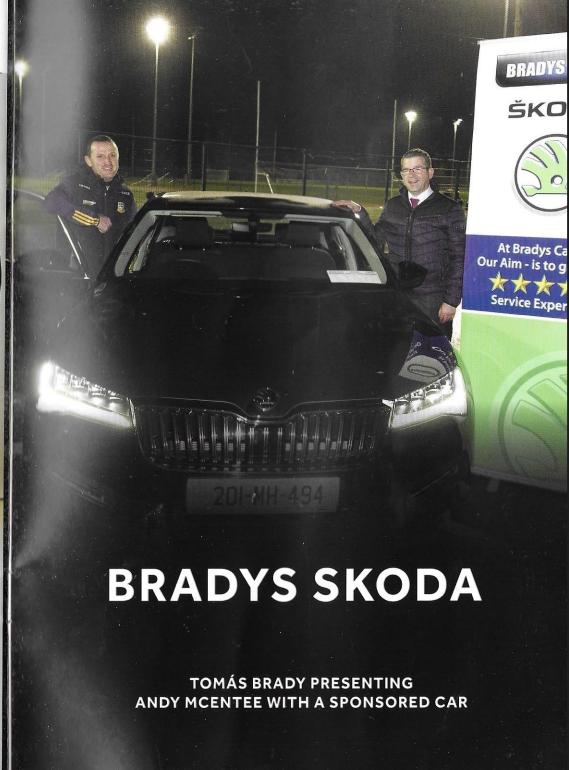
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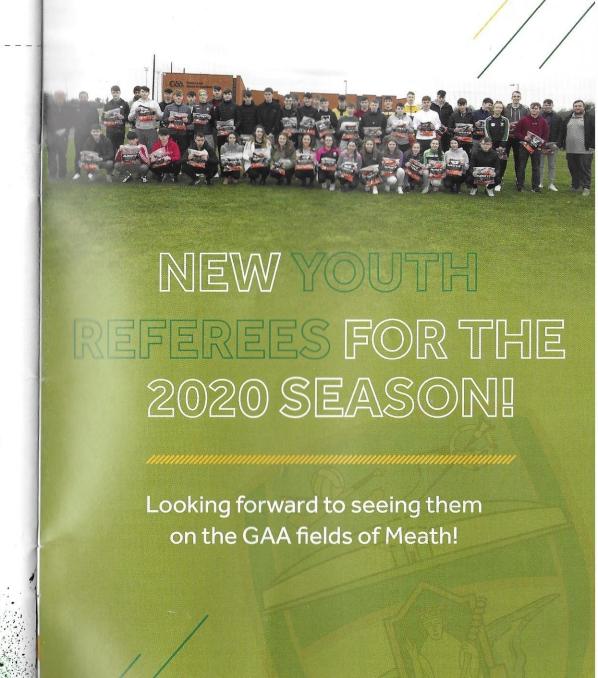
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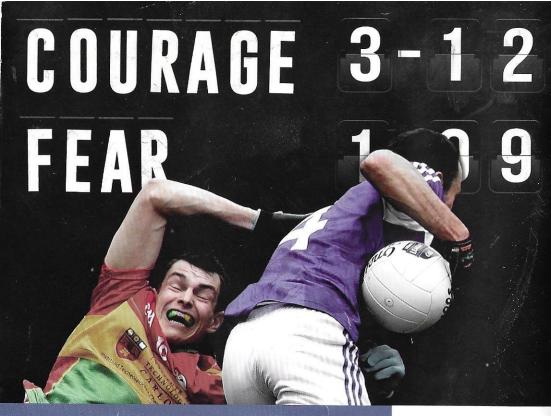
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- 14. Any person entering the field at halftime does so at their own risk. Children must always be supervised. Children should wear mouthguards while playing Gaelic Football and Helmets while playing Hurling.
- 15. Coiste na Mí reserves the right for its staff or agents to remove from the stadium any person who does not comply with the Ground Regulations or whose presence on the ground could reasonably be construed as constituting a source of danger, nuisance, or annoyance to other spectators.



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