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Is mór an pléisiúr dom fáilte chur romhat anseo inniu go dtí an dara babhta de shraith náisiúnta Allianz anseo i bPáirc Hastings Insurance MachHale.

It is my pleasure to welcome you here to Hastings Insurance MachHale Park today for the 2nd round of the Allianz National League 2025. I extend a warm welcome to the players, mentors, officers and followers of both teams, those are always special occasions between two great rivals both on and off the field.

A difficult week for clubs and counties across the province following Storm Eowyn where we had one of the most severe weather events to ever impact our Island. Great credit must go to all who assisted in making our grounds safe in hosting today's encounter, credit must also go to clubs across the province who are offering assistance to their local communities in helping those who have been effected by the unprecedented damage caused by Storm Eowyn.

In spite of the aftermath of the storm round 1 of the Allianz National League last weekend went near to plan, Galway, with a great win in Pearse Stadium under their new lights against All Ireland Champions 2024 Armagh and Mayo going down narrowly to Dublin in Croke Park. Two great games where we eagerly awaited the new rules designed by the FRC, today's fixture will give us more exposure and familiarization and no doubt Mayo and Galway fixtures always bring out the best from both teams and another exciting clash is expected here this afternoon.

Last weekend cannot be forgotten for both Connaught Counties with memorable victories for An Cheathrú Rua of Galway edging out Naomh Pádraig of Donegal by the slimmest of margins in the All-Ireland Junior Club Championship final at Croke Park on Saturday week last.

This was followed on Sunday when Mayo star Conor Loftus kicked Crossmolina Deel Rovers to All Ireland Intermediate Football Championship glory on a day of drama and emotion in Croke Park against Derry champions Ballinderry, a huge congratulation to both Connaught Clubs on their respective victories.

A difficult couple of weeks for the Crossmolina Club leading up to Sunday's re-fixed final, we extend our sympathies to the Loftus and the Cryan families as they try to come to terms with their loss.

This afternoon we welcome back all of our volunteers who make our games possible here in Hastings Insurance Machale Park, James Roche our Event Controller, Gerry Bourke and his team of stewards, Sinead Mc Loughlin and her gate staff, shop assistants, program sellers, catering staff and all who assist in preparation for these fixtures,

your efforts are greatly appreciated by Coisti Chondae Mhaigh Eo as we look forward to this year's home league and championship program. I also want to thank all my Coiste Bainisti colleagues, Michael Cummins, our Administrator, Phil Heneghan, our grounds person, our sponsors, both local and national press, radio and TV for the coverage of all our games and to our Public Relations Committee under John Walker for their assistance.

We expect a large attendance for today's fixture, we rely on your cooperation in assisting our officials to make all our fixtures an enjoyable occasion and a safe place to be for all involved. We appeal again to all of you our followers to support our stewards and officials in their duty so that everyone gets into the ground, enjoys the game and exits in a safe manner. We appeal to all followers to keep off the pitch at all times in the interest of safety of all and to protect the pitch due to recent heavy rainfall.

Today we welcome the boys and girls from Kilmaine and Gaelscoil na Cruaiche, Cathair na Mart Primary Schools, who are all involved in our Cumann na mBunscoil football games and who will exhibit their skills at half time. We acknowledge the great work again in coaching being carried out in our Primary Schools by our teachers, our Games Promotion Officers, and our new Club Development Officers.

Ta me cinnte go mbeidh cluiche iar mhaith againn inniu, agus go mbeidh an bua ag an foireann is fear.

Seamus O Tuaitheagh

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A Word from the Manager...



It's wonderful to be back in Hastings Insurance MacHale Park for the first home game of the 2025 Allianz League season. A special word of thanks to Seamus Tuohy and his team for their efforts in having the stadium ready for all of us after the recent storm damage.

We have made real progress in building a strong panel for the season. Pre-season went exceptionally well. We were disappointed to lose to Dublin last weekend. There were positives, however, not least the fact that three players got their first taste of League action – Davitt Neary (Breaffy), Sean Morahan (Castlebar Mitchels) and Cian McHale (Moy Davitts). A fourth – Fenton Kelly (Davitts) – started his first NFL game, having come on in last year's game against Derry. I congratulate all four players and their clubs.

It would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the loss of the iconic University of Galway Dome at Connacht GAA Centre of Excellence during last week's horrendous storm. This venue has become a cornerstone of Gaelic games in our province. We are all so proud of it. We meet teams from all over Connacht there on a weekly basis. I've no doubt that those who had the foresight to build this innovative facility will also have the determination to rebuild it.

Congratulations to Crossmolina Deel Rovers on their victory in last weekend's All-Ireland Intermediate

Football Championship final. They represented Mayo with such distinction. We are particularly delighted for our colleagues – Conor Loftus, Jordan Flynn and Niall Coggins. I extend my deepest sympathies to Conor and the Cryan and the Loftus families on the tragic loss of their beloved Róisín. May she rest in peace.

Finally, a word on the new rules. Changes like the two-point kick from outside the arc, and the solo-and-go, may prove game-changing. I was happy with the discipline and adaptability we displayed in the first competitive game under the new rules. It will take a few matches to allow everyone gain a full appreciation of the changes. I'm confident our preparation, supported by advice and expertise, will serve us well.

Le meas,

Kevin McStay

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Dublin		14	1953, 1955, 1958, 1976, 1978, 1987, 1991, 1993, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2021 (shared).
Mayo		13	1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1941, 1949, 1954, 1970, 2001, 2019, 2023.
Cork		8	1952, 1956, 1980, 1989, 1999, 2010, 2011, 2012.
Meath		7	1933, 1946, 1951, 1975, 1988, 1990, 1994.
Derry		7	1947, 1992, 1995, 1996, 2000, 2008, 2024.
Galway		4	1940, 1957, 1965, 1981.
Down		4	1960, 1962, 1968, 1983.
New York		3	1950, 1964, 1967.
Tyrone		2	2002, 2003.
Laois		2	1926, 1986.
Cavan		1	1948.
Donegal		1	2007.
Armagh		1	2005.
Roscommon		1	1979.
Offaly		1	1998.
Monaghan		1	1985.
Longford		1	1966.



Patrick Durcan 2023



Diarmuid O'Connor 2019



Noel Connelly 2001

There is nothing like a game between Mayo and Galway



POETRY and prose, words and wonder. Over the centuries countless scribes and purveyors of musical note have tried to capture the essence of the people who populate the lands of Mayo and Galway.

Sentences and symphonies have recorded the culture and creativity of our people – and in more recent times the sporting escapades of Mayo and Galway have also taken their place in the cultural landscape of our world.

Of course, when the mesolithic hunter-gatherers arrived Ireland more than 10,000 years ago there wasn't much heed on kicking points or the GPS tracking of corner-forwards. However, as millennia came and went the joy and opportunity of sport came into focus.

Famously the lads of the Fir Bolg and Tuatha Dé Danann tore into one another on the Mayo/Galway border back at the dawn of life on the west coast, but there wasn't much heed on sport at that stage.

In the past century the beautiful football rivalry between Mayo and Galway has brewed and bubbled and boiled. Famously the 1925 football championship found a space in history which still rankles today. In that woeful summer Mayo briefly were All-Ireland champions, but fate intervened.

The championship was a brain-busting blend of objections which dragged on for months. Roscommon and Sligo were the first counties immersed in mire and their saga took six games and a number of board-room battles to sort out.

However, the real drama was still coming down the tracks. Mayo beat Sligo in the Connacht semi-final and then awaited Galway who took three attempts to get past Leitrim. Mayo were hanging around so long for The Tribesmen that they were nominated by Central Council to play in the All-Ireland semi-final where they beat Wexford at Croke Park in late August. Kerry and Cavan were due to meet in the other semi-final and when they became glued in never-ending objections they were both disqualified. Therefore, Mayo had nobody to play in the final and were declared All-Ireland champions.

However, that wasn't the end of the story. Remember – Galway were still waiting to play a Connacht final. That game was duly played in mid-October and when

Galway won they were declared Connacht and All-Ireland champions.

It certainly wouldn't be the last time the two counties were immersed in sporting controversy, but where would we be without the wonderful rivalry between two great peoples?



In my opinion, there truly is nothing like a game of football between Mayo and Galway. No matter what form, style or confidence one or the other brings into these meetings, they invariably take on a life of their own and this clash will be no different.

Of course, we may not want to admit it today or any other day, but in the great scheme of things there's very little difference between people from our great counties. In border regions families, clans and relatives stretch across landlines and the only visible difference between one side or the other may be car number plates and, more importantly, the love of those in jerseys of green and red or maroon and white.

That's what football brings us – a branding, a surge of passion for one or other adventurous football team and a lifetime of following the ups and downs of an ever-changing group of young men.

Like many others, I love the company of Galway people – except on the three or four days of the year when our football teams clash. On those days we agree to disagree, but once the final whistle sounds we're soon back to real life again.

May the best team win today. I hope it's Mayo, but then again, there's always another day.

Michael Gallagher

Head of Sport
The Mayo News

OVERVIEW OF THE KEY FOOTBALL

1. 1 V 1 THROW IN

Instead of two midfielders from each team contesting the throw in – each half will be restarted when the referee throws in the ball between one player from each team. The other two midfielders will stand on opposite sidelines on the halfway line and swap sides at half-time. It is hoped this stops the persistent fouling that happens at throw-ins.

2. KICK-OUTS

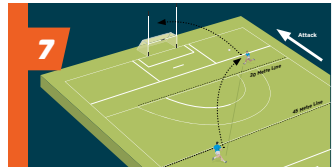
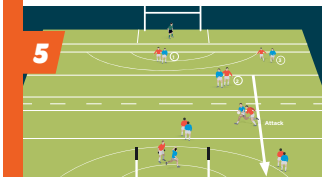
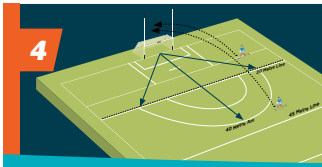
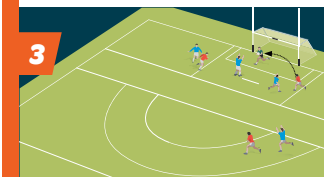
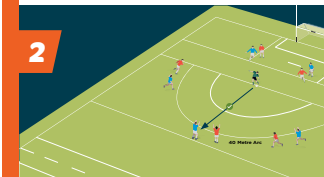
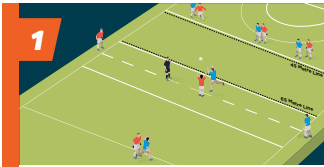
After a score or a wide, a kickout to restart the game does not need all of the players to be outside the 20-metre line before it is kicked. Players must still be 13m from the kickout, and it is hoped that this will speed up the game. Kickouts must travel beyond the new 40m arc for the team taking the kickout. If not, it is a free against that team from the place of the foul. The other team can intercept the ball inside the 40m arc. The hope is that this creates more high fielding and contests for possession.

3. LIMITING BACK PASSES TO A GOALKEEPER

To encourage teams to move the ball forward, a player may only pass the ball back to his goalkeeper if they are both inside the large rectangle of their own goal and the ball was played into the large rectangle by an opposing player. There are no passing restrictions if the goalkeeper crosses the halfway line in support of an attack.

4. 40M SCORING ARC

Pitches will be lined with a new arc starting on the 20m line and extending 40m out from goal. A ball cleanly kicked from play or a free over the bar from on or outside this arc, and without touching another player on either team (it may bounce over) is worth two points. Referees will signal the score with two hands in the air and the score umpires will wave an orange flag for the two-point score. The score is allowed as long as the standing foot of the kicker is placed on or before the 40m arc. A '45' is worth one-point.



Scan the QR code to view a video of Jim Gavin explaining the new rules in more detail.

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RULE ENHANCEMENTS

5. 3 V 3 STRUCTURE

Teams must always keep a minimum of 3 outfield players in each half of the pitch. The goalkeeper is not an 'outfield player' and does not count as one of these 3 players. This means a maximum of 11 outfield players can only defend in their half of the pitch and a maximum of 11 outfield players can attack in the opposition half.

If a player crosses the halfway line in the act of carrying, receiving or intercepting the ball and leaves less than 3 up in the opposition half, the penalty is a free kick to the opposition on the point where the player crossed the halfway line.

If a defending team withdraws too many players back and fail to keep 3 up in the opposition half the penalty will be a free kick on the offending team's 20m line.

If an attacking team commits too many players forward and fail to keep 3 back in their own half, the penalty will be a free kick on the offending team's 20m line. The team who have been awarded the free kick have the option to bring the ball out to the 40m arc to attempt a two point score.

A team that has a player ordered off the field will not be disadvantaged by still having to play 3 v 3. They can amend the number of players so they will always have 11 players defending in their half of the pitch (provided they don't get more than 3 players sent off). Similarly, if a team has a player off the field for treatment, they can adjust the number of players required and will not be disadvantaged by having to keep 3 v 3.

6. SOLO & GO

Previously, a player could not take a free without the referee's permission. Now however, a player who is fouled can solo (Toe-Tap) immediately, within 4m of where the foul occurred, and continue to attack. If they solo & go they cannot be challenged for 4m. A solo & go is not permitted inside the opponent's 20m line. Any player can avail of the solo & go, it is not confined to the player who was fouled. However, the solo & go must be done instantly and in either a forwards or sideways direction.

7. ADVANCED MARK

The previous advanced mark is removed and replaced by a new rule. The new advanced mark is allowed when a player catches the ball cleanly on or inside the opposition 20m line from a kick in play or from a kick-out mark delivered on or before the 45m line. The player catching the ball can call a mark for a free kick or can opt to play on. If playing on they may be tackled immediately. If no advantage accrues they can come back to a kick from the point of the catch. There is no time limit to the advantage. To deliberately pull down a player to deny a goal scoring chance remains a black card offence and concession of a penalty.

DISCIPLINE

The penalty for tactical fouling for the purpose of deliberately delaying or impeding play results in the ball being moved forward 50m. If this results in the ball being moved inside the 40m arc, a Team can opt to take their free from the arc to try and score two points.

- A player who concedes a free must retreat immediately. A Player who commits a foul while in possession must hand the ball directly to their nearest opponent on the full and retreat. Failure to do so advances the ball 50m.
- To deliberately and cynically hold up but not pull down an opponent for the purposes of gaining an advantage shall be a black card offence.
- There will be zero tolerance to head high challenges.
- To contribute to a melee (third or subsequent player in with the purpose of NOT removing your teammate) receives a black card.
- To show dissent with the referee's decision to award a freekick to the opposing team results in the free being moved forward 50m.
- Misconduct by a Team Official(s) that warrants a Yellow or Red Card results in a free kick on the offending team's 13m line.
- Teams will nominate a designated player (i.e. captain or his deputy) for the purpose of seeking clarification of a decision made by the referee.
- Matches will be governed by an official clock in charge of time, which will be controlled by the match referee who can stop and restart the clock by signaling to linesmen.

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Sam Callinan (Ballina Stephenites)

Achievements to date: 2 Mayo SFC with Ballina Stephenites, Connacht champions with Mayo U17s.

When and where did you first start playing football?: With Ballina Stephenites when I was 10.

Biggest influence on your football career: My Dad.

What sporting event would you most like to attend?: College Football National Championship game.

To date what is your favourite moment in sport?: Co-captaining my club to a county championship.

Favourite Venue: Hyde Park

Favourite GAA player: Lee Keegan.

Sportsperson to meet: Josh Allen.

Toughest player to mark in training: Ryan O'Donoghue.

Joker on the panel: Eoghan McLaughlin.

First thing I'd buy if I won the lotto: I'd get a haircut in Dublin and buy a Freddo with what's leftover.

Favourite Holiday Destination: Japan.

Favourite Music: Rap / Country.

Favourite Film: Gladiator.

In ten years' time I hope to be: Happy, healthy, and benching 160kg.

7-a-side football dream team: David Clarke, Michael Fitzsimons, Lee Keegan, Brian Fenton, Michael Murphy, David Clifford, Cillian O'Connor.

One thing you may not know about me: I was an All-Ireland quiz winner in national school.



Finnian Ó Laoi (An Spidéal)

Occupation: Technician

Schools/College Attended: Coláiste Cholmcille

Achievements with club & county to date: Intermediate Connacht and County winners in 2018 and Connacht champion with Galway.

When and where did you first start playing football?: Páirc an tAthair Mac Suibhne as soon as I could walk.

Biggest influence on your football career: My Dad.

What sporting event would you most like to attend?: The Masters.

To date what is your favourite moment in sport?: Intermediate County/Connacht champions.

Favourite Venue: Pearse Stadium especially with the lights.

Favourite GAA player: Michael Meehan.

What sportsperson would you most like to meet?: Lionel Messi.

Toughest player to mark in training?: Liam Silke.

Who is the 'joker' on the panel?: Rob Finnerty.

If you won the lotto what would be the first thing you would buy? An astro turf pitch in Spiddal!

Favourite holiday destination: Fraser Island.

Favourite Music: Folk.

Favourite Film: The wind that shakes the Barley.

7-a-side Gaelic Football Dream Team: Cluxton, Lee Keegan, Seán Kelly, James McCarthy, Michael Donnellan, Gooch.

One thing you may not know about me: I've only owned Toyota cars.





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First All-Star Invitational Tour to America

The first All-Star teams were selected in 1971, and in 1972 they toured America with the previous year's All-Ireland champions, Offaly in football and Tipperary in hurling.

However a year earlier, a tour involving the 1970 All-Ireland football champions Kerry, and an All-Star Invitational team was undertaken to San Francisco in March 1971. Earlier that year in January the United Irish Societies of San Francisco issued an invitation to the GAA for an All-Star invitational team to travel to San Francisco in March of that year to take on reigning All-Ireland champions Kerry. The stated aim of the tour was to promote Gaelic Football in the San Francisco area. The United Irish Societies stipulated that the touring party should consist of 3 Meath players, with two each from Down, Cavan, Donegal, Mayo, Galway and Cork.

The invitation was accepted, and the party departed for San Francisco on 18th March 1971, the day after the Railway Cup finals. Two games were played on the tour, with the Invitational side winning the first game well, and Kerry coming back to win the second, and with the aggregate score in favour of the Invitational team.

Overall the tour proved a success, with the touring players staying with host Irish families in the San Francisco area, and this and other aspects of the tour formed the template for future All-Star trips to America.

The All-Star Invitational team that travelled to San Francisco in 1971 was as follows:



John Morley



Johnny Carey



Liam Sammon



Jimmy Duggan

	Billy Morgan (Cork)	
Johnny Carey (Mayo)	Jack Quinn (Meath)	Andy McCabe (Cavan)
Brian McEniff (Donegal)	John Morley (Mayo)	Pat Reynolds (Meath)
Bernie O' Neill (Cork)	Ray Carolan (Cavan)	
Liam Sammon (Galway)	Colm McAlarney (Down)	Jimmy Duggan (Galway)
Tony Brennan (Meath)	Sean O' Neill (Capt) (Down)	Declan O' Connell (Donegal)

Later that year Johnny Carey, Pat Reynolds, Liam Sammon and Sean O' Neill of the above team were selected on the

first All-Star team in 1971, with Billy Morgan, Brian McEniff and Colm McAlarney winning awards in subsequent years.



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Previous Meetings

Long and Storied Rivalry

Mayo and Galway are not only neighbours, they also share a long rivalry in both League and Championship, having met on 146 occasions in both since their first meeting in 1902 in the Connacht Final.

There have been 51 League meetings between the counties, with only Kerry having clashed more often with Mayo. 25 of these games have been played at Galway venues, with Mayo enjoying home advantage on 23 occasions, with the 2001 and 2023 Finals, and the 2007 Semi-Final being played in Croke Park. Tuam (Parkmore & Tuam Stadium) and Castlebar have been by far the most popular venue for meetings, with 19 and 17 games respectively being played at these venues. 5 games have been played in Galway, 3 in Ballina, 2 in Ballinrobe, with 1 game played in Ballinasloe and Charlestown.

The last ten League meetings of the counties have finished as follows:

2007	Mayo 2-10	Galway 1-12	Croke Park
2008	Galway 2-9	Mayo 1-11	Castlebar
2009	Mayo 1-11	Galway 0-13	Tuam

2010	Mayo 2-14	Galway 1-10	Castlebar
2011	Mayo 2-14	Galway 0-12	Tuam
2018	Galway 1-13	Mayo 0-11	Pearse Stadium Galway
2019	Galway 1-11	Mayo 0-12	Castlebar
2020	Mayo 3-23	Galway 0-17	Tuam
2023	Mayo 1-11	Galway 2-8	Castlebar
2023	Mayo 0-14	Galway 0-10	Croke Park (Final)
2024	Mayo 2-12	Galway 0-10	Pearse Stadium Galway

In terms of results, the advantage rests firmly with Mayo, having triumphed 28 times, with 18 wins for Galway, and 5 draws in 1933, 1942, 1981, 1995 and 2023.



Galway, National football League winners 1981

Upcoming Fixtures for your Diary

Remaining 2025 Allianz League Fixtures for Mayo & Galway

Round 3

Saturday 15th February Derry v **Galway** in Celtic Park at 5.00pm

Sunday 16th February **Mayo** v Tyrone in Hastings Insurance
MachHale Park at 1.45pm



Round 4

Saturday 22nd February Armagh v **Mayo** in BOX-IT Athletic Grounds at 5.00pm

Sunday 23rd February **Galway** v Donegal in Pearse Stadium at 3.45pm

Round 5

Saturday 1st March **Mayo** v Kerry in Hastings Insurance
MachHale Park at 5.00pm

Sunday 2nd March **Galway** v Tyrone in Tuam Stadium at 1.45pm

Round 6

Saturday 15th March Dublin v **Galway** in Croke Park at 7.30pm

Sunday 16th March Derry v **Mayo** in Celtic Park at 1.30pm

Round 7

Sunday 23rd March **Mayo** v Donegal in Hastings Insurance
MachHale Park at 3.45pm

Galway v Kerry in Pearse Stadium at 3.45pm

2025 Connacht Championship Dates for Your Diary

Connacht Senior

Sunday 6th April **Mayo** v Sligo in Hastings Insurance
MachHale Park at 3pm

New York v **Galway** in Gaelic
Park at 8pm Irish Time

Weekend 19th/
20th April Roscommon v **Galway**/New York
in Pearse Stadium/Hyde Park

Mayo/Sligo v Leitrim in Markievicz Park/Páirc
Seán MacDiarmada

Sunday 4th May Connacht Final at 4pm



Connacht Under-20

Wednesday 19th March **Mayo** v Roscommon & Leitrim v **Galway**

Wednesday 26th March **Galway** v **Mayo**

Wednesday 2nd April **Mayo** v Leitrim & Sligo v **Galway**

Wednesday 9th April **Galway** v Roscommon

Wednesday 16th April Sligo v **Mayo**

Wednesday 23rd April Connacht Semi-Final 2nd v 3rd

Wednesday 30th April Connacht Final 1st v SF winner

Connacht Under-17

Friday 21st March Leitrim v **Galway**

Friday 28th March **Mayo** v Leitrim & Galway v Roscommon

Friday 4th April Roscommon v **Mayo** & Sligo v **Galway**

Friday 11th April **Mayo** v Sligo

Friday 18th April Galway v **Mayo**

Friday 2nd May Connacht Semi-Final 2nd v 3rd

Friday 9th May Connacht Final 1st v SF winner

Mayo in the National Football League

Last weekend, Mayo played their 620th League game, when they met Dublin in the opening round of the 2025 Allianz League. Their first League game was played on 21st June 1925, when they lost to neighbours Sligo on a scoreline of 1-4 to 1-1 in Ballaghaderreen. Since then, their record in the League stands at 353 wins, and 215 losses, with 52 games drawn.

Kerry and Galway have been the most frequent opponents for Mayo in the league, meeting on 54 and 51 occasions respectively. Indeed Mayo have met all counties in League action, apart from Waterford, whom they have never met. Neither have they encountered New York or London in League action, although these two have been regular opponents in the Connacht championship. Mayo enjoy a 100% record against 5 counties in the League – Tipperary, Limerick, Carlow, Kilkenny and Wicklow. With the change to the divisional

system in the current century, they haven't met any of those weaker counties in recent times, and indeed with Mayo operating out of Division 1 for most of the last 30 years, their League opponents have tended to come from a small number of counties over that period.

Elverys MacHale Park has been the most popular venue for Mayo League games, with 121 played there since the first in 1933, with Ballina (57) and Croke Park (54) being the next most popular venues. A number of venues around Mayo have been used for home games, including Charlestown, Crossmolina, Ballinrobe, Claremorris, Ballyhaunis, Knockmore, Ballaghaderreen, Kiltimagh, Westport, and 3 at St Marys Castlebar before Elverys MacHlae Park was opened.

Mayo's full record against all counties in the National Football League is as follows:

County	Total	Won	Drawn	Lost	First	Last
Kerry	54	23	4	27	1928	2024
Galway	51	28	5	18	1928	2024
Dublin	40	14	4	22	1934	2025
Meath	37	18	2	17	1933	2021
Sligo	35	23	4	8	1925	2003
Roscommon	33	22	1	10	1927	2024
Cavan	32	19	3	10	1933	2019
Tyrone	32	12	6	14	1974	2024
Derry	29	12	3	14	1961	2024
Cork	23	12	0	11	1951	2016
Clare	22	15	1	6	1936	2021
Monaghan	21	14	1	6	1981	2024
Down	20	10	1	9	1941	2021
Leitrim	19	14	1	4	1927	1998
Westmeath	19	15	1	3	1953	2021
Laois	18	14	2	2	1935	2012
Donegal	18	5	6	7	1940	2023
Longford	16	14	0	2	1937	2004
Armagh	16	5	3	8	1979	2023

County	Total	Won	Drawn	Lost	First	Last
Fermanagh	15	12	0	3	1935	2007
Kildare	15	9	0	6	1928	2022
Louth	12	7	1	4	1934	1998
Offaly	12	10	1	1	1937	2006
Antrim	9	7	1	1	1970	1995
Wexford	8	6	1	1	1938	1996
Tipperary	5	5	0	0	1935	1970
Limerick	3	3	0	0	1965	2007
Carlow	2	2	0	0	1954	2008
Kilkenny	2	2	0	0	1992	1997
Wicklow	2	2	0	0	1974	1992



Mayo 2001 National League Winners

Match Officials



Referee

Noel Mooney (Cavan)
Debut on National Panel: 2012
Years Refereeing: 15 years
Club: Cavan Gaels
County: Cavan

Brief List of Major Matches Refereed:

All-Ireland Minor Final 2019 Galway v Cork;
Allianz League Division 1 Final 2022 Kerry v

Mayo; Allianz League Division 3 Final 2016 Kildare v Clare; Allianz League Division 4 Final 2022 Clare v Tipperary; All-Ireland Junior Football Final 2016 Kerry v Mayo ; Ulster Minor Football Final Monaghan v Tyrone; Ulster U-21 Football Final 2015 Donegal v Tyrone; Ulster Club Senior Championship Final 2018 Gaoth Dobhair v Scotstown; Dr McKenna Cup Final 2016 Tyrone v Derry **What do you enjoy most about being a Match Official?** Enjoy staying involved in the GAA, enjoy the buzz of refereeing games and staying fit. You get to meet a lot of people when you travel to games across Ireland. **What advice would you give to new/young Referees?** Build a strong team of umpires around you. Try and bring umpires to club games you are refereeing, so you have the support you need. Talk to players during the game. If players ask you questions in a polite and courteous way, answer those questions when you can and show the players respect, but know the line you have to cross if a player is not asking questions in the right way. Show your authority in a game but don't be ignorant or cocky about it.



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Austin O' Malley



Congratulations to Louisburgh native Austin O' Malley who led Cuala to Andy Merrigan Cup glory, having already won Dublin and Leinster championships with the Dalkey side. In doing so, Austin becomes the fifth Mayo man to manage an All-Ireland winning club team, following in the footsteps of Tommy Jordan (Crossmolina Deel Rovers), Tommy Lyons (Ballina

Stephenites), Kevin McStay (St Brigids) and Stephen Rochford (Corofin).

Austin represented Mayo from 2000 until his final appearance for his county in the FBD League in 2011. In total, he made 43 league and championship appearances, scoring 5-91, and helping Mayo to Connacht titles in 2004, 2006 and 2009.

Crossmolina Deel Rovers



Congratulations also to Crossmolina Deel Rovers, who last Sunday won the All-Ireland Intermediate Club championship in Croke Park, defeating Ballinderry by 1-13 to 0-14 in the final, after a difficult and emotional few weeks for all associated with the club. In winning this title, the Deel Rovers became the first club to win both the Senior and Intermediate club championships, another honour for this proud club.

Down memory lane with Mick Byrne...

"This is the All-Ireland" The opening line by the legendary commentator Michael O'Hehir at the start of the Connacht Semi Final between Mayo and Galway in Castlebar, the year...1966

The two best teams in the country contesting the Connacht Final, of course Galway went onto make history by winning 3 All-Irelands in a row with men like Colleran, Bosco McDermott, The Donnelan Bros, Jimmy Duggan, Liam Sammon and the great Mattie McDonagh - the only Connacht man to win four All-Ireland medals. Mayo also had their stars – Ray Prendergast, Morley, Ruane, Vincent Nally, Willie Loftus, Seamus O'Connor, Joe Langan, Vincent Jordan, MJ Ruddy, Pat Kilbane and the great Joe Corcoran to name but a few. It was the highlight of the summer, a final between two of the powerhouses of GAA, and still is.

It was in 1997 Mayo defeated Galway in Tuam stadium, the home of Galway football, the first time since 1951. While it was the league final of 2001 (the foot and mouth final, no northern team could play) that was special when Marty McNicholas sent over the winning point to secure Mayo their first national league title in over 30 years and we will never forget the standing ovation given by 24,000 people in the late 90s in The Tuam Stadium to the late Willie 'The Shoe' McNeely when he returned to the airwaves of Mid-West radio. But it was in 2012 in Salthill and Peadar Gardiners late point to give Mayo a victory and send them on their way to another All-Ireland Final that will live long in the memory.

Galway are probably one of the most stylish teams in the country and their ability to produce some of the greatest footballers down through the years in immense. I think back



of the great team of '98 team, a team that was structured by many of the St. Jarlath's winning Hogan Cup team of 1994, the performance of Joyce and Donnellan (a man that went on to win young and senior footballer of the year in 1998) will long be remembered. Two fine footballers, I would have them on any team. Of course there were some marvellous footballers also on that team – Martin McNamara, Sean Óg de Paor, Divilly, Silke, Manion, Kevin Walsh, Sean O'Domhnall, the man from Tuam Ja Fal Ion, Shay Walsh, Derek Savage, Niall Finnegan and of course the great Gary Fahey who later captained Galway in 2001 who was the last captain to be presented with Sam Maguire on the field of play.

Today's match promises to be an intriguing affair, Mayo seem to be in a transition while Galway who have Comer, Walshe, Kelly, McDaid and the 2024 footballer of the year Paul Conroy will make a very interesting contest. We look forward to another great game between two great footballing counties and what with the new rules in place it promises to be a good one, we deserve it!

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Cumann na mBunscoil games will be played during half-time in this afternoon's game, between the girls and boys of St Patricks Central N. S. Kilmaine and Gaelscoil Na Cruaiche, Cathair na Mart. Spectators and children should not go onto the pitch while these games are being played. Thank you for your co-operation.

BOYS

St Patricks Central N. S. Kilmaine

Aaron Fitzgerald
Adam O' Connor
Cian Walsh
Cillian Mearns
Dara Mulloy
Darragh Murphy
Donnacha Ronan
Frank Fahey
James McGrath
Jamie Dowling
Joey Varley
Lucas Perez Penton
Luke O' Shea
Mark Bayne

Niall Maguire Kyne
Niko Matthauss
Oisín Waters-Moran
Patrick Sheerin
Phoenix Leckie-James
Rian Mearns
Rory O' Connor
Sam Shaughnessy.

Gaelscoil Na Cruaiche, Cathair na Mart

Daltaí ó Ghaelscoil na Cruaiche

GIRLS

St Patricks Central N. S. Kilmaine

Abbie O' Brien
Alexa Dunleavy
Aoife Heneghan
Casey Walsh
Chloe Mangan
Ella O' Brien
Grace Conroy
Grace Sheerin
Grace Walsh
Hannah O' Shea
Katie O' Connor
Lauren Kelly
Michaela O' Toole
Muireann Kitson

Naomi Caldaras
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Gaelscoil Na Cruaiche, Cathair na Mart

Daltaí ó Ghaelscoil na Cruaiche



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