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

It is my pleasure to welcome you here to Hastings Insurance Machale Park today for the 3rd round of the Allianz League 2025 between Mayo and Tyrone. I extend a warm welcome to the players, mentors, officers and followers of both teams, many who may have travelled long distance to be with us here today, we are thrilled to have you all here today in Hastings Insurance MacHale Park as we await this fixture and continue to become more familiar with our new rules and the renewed energy it has given our great game. There is no doubt our Allianz league is heating up as we reach the 3rd round, and today promises to bring us even more thrilling moments. Whether you're here in person or cheering from afar, we thank you for your unwavering support.

Today we welcome the boys and girls from St John's National School Breehy where we will have our first exhibition of Rounder's at half time here in Hastings Insurance Machale Park, a special shout out to the coaches involved in our rounder's game both here today and right across the county. There is no doubt the children from St John's National School Breehy will entertain us to the skills of the game at half time, a game that continues to expand in clubs across the county. A special mention to one of our Games Development Coordinator Eugene Lavin who recently retired from his post, Eugene has been the longest serving members of Mayo coaching staff having served a lot of his time in the East Mayo region, Eugene has given tremendous service to the game within the County, we wish him, his wife Sally and all his family happiness and good health in his retirement.

A special mention also to our All-Ireland Vocational Schools winners Mayo of 1975 on this the 50th anniversary of their success, beating a much fancied Tyrone Vocational School in the final of that year, a huge moment for those players at the time and it's even more special that some of those players are

still involved in the GAA and with us here today. Their dedication to the sport is a testament to their passion and commitment to the GAA over the years.

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 Mhaighéo.

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 again 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 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.

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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Supporters are reminded that due to storm damage to one of the floodlights in Hastings Insurance MacHale Park, the Mayo v Kerry Allianz game on Saturday, 1st March will now throw in at the earlier time of 3.00pm.

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**Pictured on Cover:**

Donnacha McHugh (Mayo)  
& Mattie Donnelly (Tyrone)

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# A Word from the Manager...

I extend a warm welcome to the Tyrone team, their new manager Malachy O'Rourke, and their loyal supporters. It has been a long journey down to our beloved county for them and we hope they enjoy their time here in Mayo.

The National Football League (NFL) has been challenging so far. Points are hard earned whether gathered at the start or at the end of the campaign. Be assured we will be fighting hard to get off the mark and get our league up and running. You will all be aware this is an extremely competitive league, and all eight teams are well-matched.

Regarding the new rules, I want Mayo supporters to know that our players and management are well briefed on all aspects of them. We remain in constant contact with Football Review Committee (FRC) members and top-tier referees. The opening phase of the league (Rounds 1 and 2) has been a settling-in period, and no doubt we will see further tactical adjustments as we move into the next phase (Rounds 3 to 5).

We have shared our observations and experiences with the FRC Chairperson and will continue those discussions with the Mayo GAA Executive and our Central Council representative. We understand that the rules will be left as they are for now with further examination and adjustments (if deemed necessary) after round 5. It is crucial that any further decisions on the new rules at the central level in early March are communicated to counties

well in advance of the 2025 Championship. Our first championship fixture, a Connacht Quarter-Final against Sligo on Sunday, 6th April, is just around the corner.

Teams approach the NFL with different objectives, and one of our key goals for the 2025 campaign has been to strengthen our panel. We believe this process is progressing well, with a significant number of players gaining valuable NFL exposure. Patience is required from all of us. Of course, maintaining our Division 1 status remains a priority, and both objectives are not mutually exclusive.

Today represents another opportunity to open our league account and we expect a strong performance.

Enjoy the game, and as always – Up Mayo!

Le meas,

*Kevin McStay*

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# They Played in Three Decades



Stephen Cluxton (Dublin)



Darren Hughes (Monaghan)



Peter Harte (Tyrone)



Michael Murphy (Donegal)



Aiden O'Shea (Mayo)

With the retirements since last year's championship of the likes of Chrissy McKaigue (Derry), Cahir Healy (Laois & London), and most recently Conor McManus (Monaghan), and with Michael Fitzsimmons an All-Ireland Junior winner with Dublin in 2008, unlikely to return for Dublin, the numbers of players who have played for their counties in the 2000s, 2010s and 2020s has dwindled significantly, with only a handful of players still active who have.

Currently the longest serving player at inter-county level is Stephen Cluxton (Dublin), who made his debut in 2001, and who has confirmed that he will commit to his county for 2025. The longest serving outfield player still in action is Darren Hughes (Monaghan), who made his debut in a Tommy Murphy Cup game for the Farney county in 2006. A year later in 2007, Michael Murphy made his debut for Donegal, and after two years away from the inter-county scene, he has returned to action in 2025 under Jim McGuinness.

2008 saw current All-Star and 2024 Footballer of the Year Paul Conroy make his debut for Galway, and like a good wine Paul seems to be playing his best football as he gets older. Mark Timmons of Laois, a Tailteann Cup finalist in 2024, was another to debut for his county in 2008.

2009 saw Aiden O'Shea start out on his Mayo senior career, and while he will miss some of the earlier rounds of this year's Allianz League, he will return later on. Ben Brosnan of Wexford also made his debut in 2009 and has returned for another season with the Yellowbellies in 2025, while Andy McDonnell, who joined the Louth panel in 2009 as a teenager, returns to the Wee County's panel in 2025 after a number of years away from the inter-county scene.

Today's opponents Tyrone have Peter Harte and Mattie Donnelly still lining out with them, two players who won All-Ireland Minor medals in 2008, and followed up with Senior medals in 2021. And a mention too for Rory Grugan and Andrew Murnin, All-Ireland Minor winners with Armagh in 2009, and Sam Maguire winners in 2024, who continue to line out for the Orchard county, and will likely be in action for Armagh next weekend against Mayo.

The fact that so few players are playing into a third decade reflects the growing demands that are placed on inter-county players in the current environment.

# Important League Outing for Both Counties



The pendulum of form in this clash has swung slightly in Tyrone's favour, having defeated Mayo 14 times in the Allianz National Football League while losing on 12 occasions. Malachy O'Rourke now leads his Tyrone side to Hastings Insurance MacHale Park, with his sights firmly set on securing another victory.

A commanding seven-point win over Derry in their opening game has left Tyrone in a relatively strong position. Although they faltered against Armagh in their Ulster rivals' home patch, the Red Hand men travel west with the reassurance of two points already on the board.

Mayo, by contrast, find themselves rooted to the foot of the table. Both management and players understand that every match is crucial in their battle to retain Division 1 status. While Mayo boss Kevin McStay has remained relatively quiet on the impact of the new rules, supporters will be eager to see an improvement following last week's loss to Connacht rivals Galway.

A bitter away defeat to Dublin in the opening round may prove costly when the final points tally is calculated. For large periods of that game, Mayo looked capable of toppling the Dubs and starting the season with a win. However, that wasn't to be, and they now face an uphill battle against a highly-fancied Tyrone outfit bolstered by the return of Senior All-Ireland club finalists Errigal Ciaran and their Canavan contingent.

Despite their All-Ireland final triumph over Mayo in 2021, Tyrone find themselves at a very different stage in their managerial cycle compared to their opponents. McStay understands the pressures that come with the job, but history reminds Mayo supporters not to be overly fearful of relegation. Tyrone famously relegated Mayo during

the 2020 campaign, yet the Connacht side still managed to reach the All-Ireland final that season. Similarly, James Horan's team made it to the 2021 final despite coming from Division Two. While relegation is not necessarily a disaster, signs of improvement and, crucially, an adaptation to the new rules will be essential for Mayo fans to maintain hope for a successful 2025 campaign.



A bright spark in Mayo's otherwise underwhelming start to the season has been the emergence of new talent. Davitt Neary and Conor Reid have both impressed, while Paul Towey has enjoyed increased game time. Other names, such as Sean Morahan and Cian McHale of Moy Davitts, will also be of interest to supporters eager to see them develop before the crucial latter stages of the championship campaign.

Mayo will be hoping that home advantage plays a role, but Hastings Insurance MacHale Park has rarely been a fortress for them in recent years. Ultimately, this league campaign represents a period of transition and change. Whether experienced players such as Jordan Flynn, Aidan O'Shea, and Jack Carney can return in time to prevent a drop to Division Two remains to be seen.

## Caoimhin Rowland

The Connacht Telegraph



Mayo v Galway, Allianz Football League, 2nd February 2025



# Action from Mayo v Galway





# Most League Appearances for Mayo

Aiden O’ Shea and Andy Moran currently hold the record for the most league appearances for Mayo, having played for their county on 101 occasions in the competition. Andy made his league debut for Mayo in 2003, with his last appearance coming in 2019, while Aiden’s first appearance was made in 2009. With Aiden still part of the Mayo panel, his next league appearance will see

him assume top spot on his own. Next on the list come Keith Higgins and Kevin McLoughlin, both of whom made 91 league appearances for Mayo. They are followed by two of the older brigade, T J Kilgallon on 83 appearances and John Morley on 82. The top ten is completed by James Nallen (80), Dermot Flanagan (79), David Clarke (78), and Lee Keegan (73).



Aiden O’ Shea

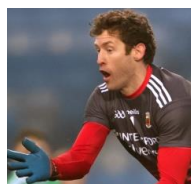
No.	Player	Apps	From	To	Club
1	Aiden O’ Shea	101	2009	2024	Breaffy
	Andy Moran	101	2003	2019	Ballaghaderreen
3	Keith Higgins	91	2005	2020	Ballyhaunis
	Kevin McLoughlin	91	2009	2023	Knockmore
5	T J Kilgallon	83	1980	1993	Balla
6	John Morley	82	1961	1974	Ballaghaderreen
7	James Nallen	80	1995	2007	Crossmolina Deel Rovers
8	Dermot Flanagan	79	1982	1997	Ballaghaderreen & Civil Service Dublin
9	David Clarke	78	2002	2020	Ballina Stephenites
10	Lee Keegan	73	2011	2022	Westport St Patricks



T J Kilgallon



James Nallen



David Clarke



Lee Keegan

None of the current Mayo panel is likely to break into this top ten for a couple of years at least. Stephen Coen currently with 64 appearances and Diarmuid O’ Connor with 62 are the two most likely to do this.

## Mayo All-Ireland Minor Football Champions 1966

**They defeated Down by 1-12 to 1-8 in the final.**



**Back L-R:** Christy Feerick, Micky Burke, Michael Maughan, John Clarke, Conor Kelly, Tom Cafferkey, Joe Foody, Jim Smyth, Seamus Hughes, Sean Duffy, Joe Mulrooney, Fr. Leo Morahan, Sean Kilbride, Tim Snee, Gay Nevin, Johnny

Mulvey, Pat Nevin, Fr. Des Fahy. **Middle L-R:** Eamon Kelly, Stephen Tarpey, Tom Cribben, Aiden Kelly, Anthony Joyce, Seamus O’ Dowd (Captain), Eugene Rooney, Benny McHale, Des Griffith, Benny Lynch, Frank McNicholas, M. Travers. **Front L-R:** Pat Glavey, Bernard Meenaghan, Tom Fitzgerald, J J Timoney.

A number of players on this team went on to enjoy further success with Mayo in the years following. Eugene Rooney, Tom Cafferkey, Seamus O’ Dowd, Tom Fitzgerald, Des Griffith and Jim Smyth all played in the 1967 All-Ireland U21 success. The Mayo Connacht winning sides of 1967 and 1969 had Eugene Rooney, Gay Nevin, Seamus O’ Dowd, Tom Fitzgerald and Des Griffith as playing members, while the 1970 National League winning team included Eugene Rooney, Seamus Hughes, Des Griffith and Tom Fitzgerald among its ranks.

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## Colm Reape (Knockmore)

### Occupation:

MRO & Administrations @ Vantive

### Schools/College Attended:

at Joseph's Secondary school, Foxford, IT Sligo, currently MTU

### Achievements with club & county to date:

Two Mayo SFC, one Mayo SFL. One NFL Division One

### When and where did you first start playing football?:

At my house when I was about four or five. Joined Knockmore as an under six

### Biggest influence on your football career:

My Dad

### What sporting event would you most like to attend?:

Super Bowl final

### To date what is your favourite moment in sport?:

Winning my first senior club title with Knockmore – it was the club's first title in over 25 years

### Favourite Venue:

Croker

### Favourite G.A.A. player:

Diarmuid Connolly

### What sports person would you most like to meet?:

Roy Keane

### Toughest player to mark in training?:

Wouldn't want to mark Eoghan McLoughlin. Extremely quick and seriously strong in the tackle

### Who is the 'joker' on the panel?:

Diarmuid O'Connor, always up to devilment

### If you won the lotto what would be the first thing you would buy?:

Build my dream house

### Favourite holiday destination:

Madeira, Portugal

### Favourite Music:

Anything

### Favourite Film:

Anything comedy





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- Adrian Phillips**  
16 Aodhan MacPhilib  
*Ballyhaunis*
- Cian McHale**  
17 Cian Mac Éil  
*Moy Davitts*
- Darren McHale**  
18 Darren Mac Éil  
*Knockmore*
- Dylan Thornton**  
19 Dylan Ó Draighneáin  
*Ballina Stephenites*
- Eoin O'Donoghue**  
20 Eoin Ó Donnachadh  
*Béal an Mhuirthead*
- Evan Ivers**  
21 Evan Mac Iomhair  
*Béal an Mhuirthead*
- Fenton Kelly**  
22 Fenton Ó Ceallaigh  
*Davitts*
- Jack Coyne**  
23 Sean Ó Caidhin  
*Ballyhaunis*
- Jordan Flynn**  
24 Jordan Flynn  
*Crossmolina Deel Rovers*
- Kevin Quinn**  
25 Caoimhín Ó Coinn  
*Ballinrobe*
- Sam Callinan**  
26 Somhairle Ó Calináin  
*Ballina Stephenites*
- Bainisteoir**  
Kevin McStay

- 1 Colm Reape**  
Colm Ó Rápa  
*Knockmore*
- 2 Seán Morahan**  
Seán Ó Murcháin  
*Castlebar Mitchels*
- 3 Rory Brickenden**  
Ruairí Brickenden  
*Westport*
- 4 Enda Hession**  
Éanna Ó Óisín  
*Garrymore*
- 5 Stephen Coen**  
Stiofain Ó Cadhain  
*Hollymount Carramore*
- 6 David McBrien**  
Daithi MacBríain  
*Ballaghaderreen*
- 7 Eoghan McLaughlin**  
Eoghan MacLochlainn  
*Westport*
- 8 Donnacha McHugh**  
Donnacha MacAodha  
*Castlebar Mitchels*
- 9 Matthew Ruane**  
Maitiú Ó Ruain  
*Breaffy*
- 10 Conor Reid**  
Conchúr Ó Reid  
*Moy Davitts*
- 11 Fergal Boland**  
Fergal Ó Beolain  
*Aghamore*
- 12 Davitt Neary**  
Daibheid Náradaigh  
*Breaffy*
- 13 Paul Towey**  
Pól Ó Thuathaigh  
*Charlestown Sarsfields*
- 14 Frank Irwin**  
Prionsíos Ó hEireamhóin  
*Ballina Stephenites*
- 15 Ryan O'Donoghue**  
Riain Ó Donnachadh  
*Béal an Mhuirthead*

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# Tyrone All-Ireland Minor Champions 1973

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Goalkeeper Barry Campbell was Tyrone's goalkeeper for most of the 1970s, while Des McKenna, the captain in 1973, was a Tyrone regular at senior level from 1973 until the early 1980s, winning an All-Star nomination in 1977. His brother Eugene enjoyed a long career in the Tyrone jersey, playing in the 1986 All-Ireland Senior final, winning three All-Star awards, and later managing his county with Art McRory, leading them to 3 Ulster championships and their first Allianz League title in 2002. Patsy Kerlin, who played for Tyrone minors as a goalkeeper in the 1972 All-Ireland final, was also a senior squad member in 1986, and an all-Star nominee in 1980. Corner-back Gerry Goodwin was to win another national title in 1982 but in a different code, the All-Ireland Poc Fada in the Cooley Mountains, where he overcame Pat Hartigan of Limerick among others.



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# Previous Meetings

## A Recent Rivalry

Today, Mayo and Tyrone meet in the league for the 33rd time, since the first meeting of the counties in the 1973/74 National League, a game that was played here in MacHale Park. Before that, Tyrone usually played the other Ulster counties in the Lagan Cup, which was the northern section of the League. As they didn't enjoy any great success in the competition, they never crossed paths with Mayo before then.

The rivalry between the counties since 1974 has always been intense, as can be gauged from the closeness of some of the scorelines, and with 6 games drawn. Tyrone has 14 victories to Mayo's 12.

Hastings Insurance MacHale Park has hosted the most meetings with 12, followed by Healy Park Omagh with 10, with Ballina, Coalisland and Dungannon hosting 2 meetings, and Crossmolina, Ballyhaunis and Knockmore 1 meeting. The counties 2002 semi-final meeting was held in Enniskillen. Indeed Castlebar and Omagh have become the venues at which these two counties meet in the League in

modern times, the last meeting at a venue other than these was the 2002 semi-final meeting, and before that their 1995 meeting which took place in Dungannon

The last 10 league meetings between the counties ended as follows :

2013	Castlebar	Tyrone 1-12	Mayo 1-11
2014	Omagh	Tyrone 2-15	Mayo 0-16
2015	Castlebar	Tyrone 1-11	Mayo 1-7
2017	Omagh	Mayo 1-10	Tyrone 0-12
2018	Castlebar	Tyrone 2-14	Mayo 0-8
2019	Omagh	Mayo 2-13	Tyrone 0-10
2020	Castlebar	Tyrone 3-14	Mayo 1-19
2022	Omagh	Tyrone 0-11	Mayo 0-9
2023	Castlebar	Mayo 4-10	Tyrone 0-12
2024	Omagh	Tyrone 1-15	Mayo 1-11

## Upcoming Fixtures for your Diary

### Remaining 2025 Allianz League Fixtures for Mayo & Tyrone

#### Round 4

Saturday 22nd February Armagh v **Mayo** in BOX-IT Athletic Grounds at 5.00pm  
 Sunday 23rd February **Tyrone** v Kerry in O' Neills Healy Park Omagh at 1.45pm



#### Round 5

Saturday 1st March **Mayo** v Kerry in Hastings Insurance MacHale Park at 3.00pm  
 Sunday 2nd March Galway v **Tyrone** in Tuam Stadium at 1.45pm

#### Round 6

Saturday 16th March Derry v **Mayo** in Celtic Park at 1.30pm  
 Donegal v **Tyrone** in O' Donnell Park Letterkenny at 3.30pm

#### Round 7

Sunday 23rd March **Mayo** v Donegal in Hastings Insurance MacHale Park at 3.45pm  
**Tyrone** v Dublin in O' Neills Healy Park Omagh at 3.45pm

#### Final

Weekend 29th /30th March Allianz League Division 1 Final.

### 2025 Connacht Championship Dates for Your Diary

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April **Mayo** v Sligo in Hastings Insurance MacHale Park at 3pm  
 New York v **Galway** in Gaelic Park at 8pm Irish Time  
 Weekend 19th/20th April **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  
 Wednesday 26th March Galway v **Mayo**  
 Wednesday 2nd April **Mayo** v Leitrim  
 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 28th March **Mayo** v Leitrim  
 Friday 4th April Roscommon v **Mayo**  
 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 1975 All-Ireland Vocational Schools Winners

Fifty years ago this year, Mayo won their second of three Vocational Schools titles, their first coming in 1971, with the most recent in 1982. Having first competed at this level in 1964, Mayo did not enjoy any success until 1971 when they won their first Connacht title, and subsequently went on to win the All-Ireland, beating Antrim in the final. Mayo dominated in Connacht during the 1970s, and in 1975 they enjoyed facile wins over Leitrim by 4-11 to 0-5 and Galway by 2-10 to 0-2 to claim the provincial title. In the All-Ireland semi-final they faced tougher opposition, overcoming Kerry by 1-10 to 1-9 to qualify for the final. They went into this game against Tyrone as underdogs, a team that included future senior stars Aidan Skelton and Damian O' Hagan, but they tore the formbook to shreds, winning comfortably by 1-15 to 0-11, a margin that could have been much greater, as they also shot 18 wides. The team was trained by Tommy O' Malley, a Mayo Senior at the time, and a man who gave great service to Mayo GAA over a long period.

Scorers: Pat Dixon (1-2); Stephen Joyce (0-5); Patsy Walsh (0-3); Charlie Collins (0-3); Joe Flynn (0-1); Mickey Griffin (0-1).

## Mayo:

Eugene Lavin (Kiltimagh)

Niall O' Donnell (Westport)	John Loughney (Lacken)	Pat Kilbane (Achill)
Miceál Collins (Lacken)	Tim Griffin (Claremorris)	Padraic Moran (Westport)

Martin Coleman  
(Claremorris)

Stephen Joyce  
(Ballinrobe)

Mickey Griffin  
(Claremorris)

Michael Biggins  
(Ballinrobe)

Charlie Collins  
(Lacken)

Patsy Walsh  
(Ballinrobe)

Pat Dixon (Capt)  
(Claremorris)

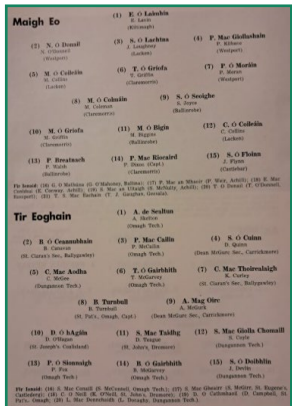
Joe Flynn  
(Castlebar)

Subs: Gerry O' Mahoney (Ballina) for P. Kilbane; Eddie Conway (Achill) for M. Biggins; Pascal Weir (Achill); Stephen McNulty (Achill); Tony O' Donnell (Rossport); T J Gaughan (Geesala); Joe Fadian (Achill). George Reilly (Westport) and Francis Moran (Westport) were part of the panel for the earlier rounds, but had left school by the time the final was played.

Many of this team went on to greater things in the years ahead. Stephen Joyce enjoyed a long career in the Maroon & White of Galway, playing in the 1983 All-Ireland Senior Final. Miceál Collins & Eugene Lavin were involved with Mayo throughout much of the 1980s, and when they reached the 1989 All-Ireland Final, while Pat Dixon and Patsy Walsh enjoyed great days with their respective clubs Garrymore and Hollymount. Joe Flynn enjoyed the distinction of winning County Junior titles with Parke in three different decades, 1976, 1981 & 1997, while Charlie Collins played in a County Senior final with Lacken, won a County Senior Hurling title with North Mayo, and is still involved to this day in Mayo GAA as a referee and steward here in MacHale Park.



Back L-R: John Loughney, Joe Flynn, Gerry O' Mahoney, Martin Coleman, Eugene Lavin, Tommy Griffin, Eddie Conway, Padraic Moran. Front L-R: Pat Kilbane, Miceál Collins, Mickey Griffin, Stephen Joyce, Patsy Walsh, Pat Dixon (Capt), Charlie Collins, Michael Biggins, Niall O' Donnell.





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## Down memory lane with Mick Byrne...

I have been privileged down throughout the years to see many great matches, occasions, players and great memories thanks to the GAA. The great Galway team of the '60s, the dominance of Roscommon and Galway in the '70s and the resurgence of Mayo in the '80s.

It was the 1989 All Ireland Semi Final between Mayo and Tyrone that comes to mind, Mayo hadn't contested an All-Ireland final for 38 years despite loosing to Dublin in '85 after a replay in the semi final under the leadership of the late great John O'Mahony. Mayo went on to defeat Tyrone 0-12 to 1-06. The match itself was a dour affair as big matches go but we didn't mind. Mayo had broken the hoodoo to reach their first All-Ireland final since 1951. Men like Irwin, Brown, Forde, TJ, WJP, Noel Durcan, Kevin Mc Stay, Jimmy Burke, Collins, Fitzmaurice and the great man himself McHale were instrumental in that famous victory. While for Tyrone will we ever forget the displays of Plunkett Donaghy, Eugene McKenna and Frank McGuigan (who won Ulster minor, U-21, senior football medals with Tyrone) and Kevin McCabe who was Tyrone's first All-Star in 1980. Of course, it took Tyrone 32 years to gain sweet revenge over Mayo in the All-Ireland final of 2021 on a scoreline of 2-15 to 2-14.

Of all the All-Irelands we were beaten in, this one hurt the most along with 1997. Second half goals from Cathal McShane and Declan McCurry swung the game in Tyrone's favour and gave Mayo an unwanted record of 11 Final defeats since we last won in 1951.

Of course, Tyrone went on to win three All-Ireland's in 2003, 2005 & 2008. What with the coaching staff and centre of excellence it was taught of the time Tyrone would dominate Gaelic football for many years to come. Sean Cavanagh at midfield, a man who played 89 championship matches for his county, third behind Stephen Cluxton 126 and Aidan O'Shea 91, played a pivotal part in Tyrone's success along with the great man himself Peter Canavan, one of the greatest players I have ever seen. I still recall his All-Ireland display of '95 in the defeat against Dublin when he scored 11 points out of 12 in a very debatable All-Ireland final. One of the finest individual



displays ever seen in Croke Park, matched by Mat Connor in 1980 for Offaly scoring 2-09 against Kerry who defeated them 4-15 to 4-10 in the semi-final.

Tyrone will hold no fears in travelling to Castlebar today, they have an excellent record in MacHale Park over the last 30 years, having lost only once. Both teams have yet to hit form and with The Errigal Ciaran players available they could be very hard to beat. I'm looking forward to seeing the Canavan brothers and if they produce their club form for their county it could be a tough day for Mayo.

Mayo is in a transition, a lot of players have to come back, anything up to eight, and I have no doubt that there is no need for alarm bells yet because with a full team, Mayo will be a force to be reckoned with at the business end of the year. In the words of the great man himself, Andy Moran "We are Mayo, we're in this together"

We will always remember a young Tyrone footballer who passed away suddenly in 2004 aged 24, Cormac McAnallen. A man who I had the privilege of meeting when he came to Castlebar with his club Eglis in 2003. A man even at his young age had won every honour in the GAA, All-Ireland Senior in 2003, U21 and Minor All-Ireland's, National League and an All-Star in 2003. He will always be remembered with great fondness by the people of Tyrone and the wider GAA people nationwide – A Gentleman.

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## Referee

**Barry Cassidy (Doire)**  
 Debut on National Panel: 2017  
 Years Refereeing: 8 years  
 Club: Bellaghy  
 County: Derry

### Brief List of Major Matches Refereed:

Leinster Senior Final; Connacht Senior Final;  
 Ulster Senior Final; Munster Senior Final;  
 Tailteann Cup Final.

### What do You Most Enjoy About Being a Match Official?:

Being part of the game, and at the same time giving something back to it.

### What Advice Would You Give To Young/ New Referees?:

Know the rules and don't doubt yourself when applying them, and if you are unsure take advice from others who have knowledge of the rules.

Most importantly go out and enjoy yourself!

### Stand by Referee:

Barry Judge  
 (Sligo)

### Line Umpire:

James Molloy  
 (Galway)

### 4th Official:

Keith Henry  
 (Sligo)



## MAYO GAA ADULT & UNDERAGE **REFEREES NEEDED**

With the new season ahead and due to the shortage of referees at adult and underage level, Coiste na Réilteoirí Maigh Eo are running a new referees course to qualify participants to referee at football and hurling.

With our resources stretched, clubs are encouraged to identify candidates who could make the step across to refereeing. This is a great way to learn about the game and its rules, keep fit and give something back to the game.

### To get started

please contacted our Referees Administrator Seán Mac hÉil at [refereeadministrator.mayo@gaa.ie](mailto:refereeadministrator.mayo@gaa.ie), or County Secretary Ronan Kirrane at [secretary.mayo@gaa.ie](mailto:secretary.mayo@gaa.ie).

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## Rounders Exhibition Games



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Thank you for your co-operation.

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- 1 Brigita Lyzin
- 2 Caitlin Hyland
- 3 Michaela Mc Donnell
- 4 Ella Courtney
- 5 Naoise Cresham
- 6 Ben Cott
- 7 Charlie O Donnell
- 8 Jimmy Maughan
- 9 Jamie O Connor
- 10 Bartek Karolczyk
- 11 Noah Geraghty McIntyre
- 12 Wiktor Florian

### TEAM 2

- 1 Niamh Doyle
- 2 Clodagh Fitzgerald
- 3 Grace Dorrian
- 4 Alan Lozinski
- 5 Thomas Butler
- 6 Luke Lavin
- 7 Oisín Lunn
- 8 Patrick Murphy
- 9 Jack Mulligan
- 10 Oisín Farrell Scahill
- 11 James Rattigan
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2. Mayo GAA reserve the right of admission to Hastings Insurance MacHale Park.
3. The instructions of Stewards must be obeyed at all times.
4. All persons entering the ground agree to be searched by a member of An Garda Síochána.
5. Every person entering the ground must have a ticket.
6. **The following are not permitted:**
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  - 6.2 Bringing of alcohol or controlled drugs into the ground.
  - 6.3 The climbing of floodlights or pylons, stands or other buildings. Such behaviour constitutes trespass to property.
  - 6.4 Excessive noise such as that from the use of radio sets, air horns and behaviour likely to cause confusion or nuisance of any kind including foul or abusive language.

- 6.5 Throwing of objects on to the pitch.
- 6.6 Entry upon the pitch, or engaging in conduct that causes or is likely to cause injury or harm to, or otherwise interferes with, disrupts, hinders or distracts a person playing in, refereeing or otherwise having a role in a match at this ground.
- 6.7 Any unauthorised contact with the boundary wall or fence surrounding the pitch or incursion onto the pitch. Any such unauthorised contact or incursion constitutes trespass to property.
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- 6.9 Behaving in an offensive or indecent manner.
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8. Where a person is in breach of any of these rules and regulations, or where Mayo GAA believes that a person constitutes a source of danger to others, or to the ground, such person may be refused entry or ejected from the ground, and reasonable force may be used for that purpose.
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### Smoking Policy

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### First Aid Points

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2. Tunnel under lower on the MacHale Road side of ground.

### Children

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