

THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS...

The dust that settles on 2019, if inspected closely, will undoubtedly be found to be composed partly of the remnants of records pulverised, with a dash of what was blown off old mantles assumed once more; the rest from what has been kicked up in the wake left by an Association streaking forward into a new decade.

A hugely impressive five-in-a-row, a manager returning to the fray to lead his county to glory against an old foe who's very own drive for five he halted in it's tracks, a hat-trick of titles for the ladies, clubs reaching finals, retaining titles - the list goes on.

As the calendars reset and we reflect on the past twelve months, we're left to wonder what in the world can possibly be left in the tank to excite and enthral us all over again in 2020.

Who knows? Who would dare hazard a guess? We wait with bated breath. But thats the beauty of these games, why we love them so- we never can tell.











DON'T LOOK BACK IN ANGER

It's often said in sporting parlance that you should never go back - but the rise and fortunes of Tipperary hurling under the watchful eye of team manager Liam Sheedy went a considerable way to challenging that assertion after a 2019 to remember for the Premier County hurlers.

While Sheedy had steered the county to the peak in 2010 – denying Kilkenny at the time in their tilt at what would have been the Association's first ever five-in-a-row – the Portroe man had handed the reins on and pursued other projects, never far from the game and indeed in the public glare thanks to a high-profile punditry.

However, his decision to re-enter the fray successfully moulded a team of long-standing county servants with younger talent that allowed them to once again hold off the black and amber challenge on the day that matters most on the senior inter-county hurling circuit.

If the coup de grâce was the preserve of those clad in blue and gold, it's not difficult to argue that once again the game of hurling was the real winner in 2019 after another year of championships for the ages.



It wasn't just the All-Ireland series that sparkled. Once again the glut of top-class provincial hurling shone too with Leinster making a convincing case as being the better of two enthralling provincial roadshows that were reimagined two years ago with the introduction of the home and away based round-robin system.

Before an inter-county championship sliotar was pucked in anger there were accolades to distribute for three ambitious clubs. Not for the first or last time in recent years Kilkenny clubs were to the fore in the pursuit of national honours.

Despite the gallant efforts of Monaghan and Ulster champions Castleblayney, Dunnamaggin claimed the junior crown and their exploits were matched by Shamrocks who saw off St Thomas' to take home the Tommy Moore Cup at senior level in what would be the last club final played on the day of the patron saint. The intermediate title was taken west of the Shannon by Oranmore-Maree who beat Charleville in their final joust.

Inter-county Allianz League action commenced with all eyes focused on Limerick to see what reaction we would get following their sensational All-Ireland success of the previous September. They were impressive to say the least.

John Kiely's team topped their group with Dublin emerging on top on their side of the competition before they claimed a first away win over Tipperary since February 1946 in their quarter-final clash.

Limerick ended Dublin's interest in a final spot with a Nowlan Park semi-final win as Waterford accounted for Galway to pair these two counties together.

The display put on by the defending All-Ireland champions that day served as a timely reminder that they had not left the stage and 1-9 from Aaron Gillane, including a wonder goal, meant league honours were added to the collection.

The belief existed that the new Tipperary management were finding their way during the league but their form in the Munster Championship was noteworthy.

They won all four games returning a scoring difference of +42 as Limerick, Cork and Clare all trailed on four points – with Limerick advancing to meet their neighbours and rivals by virtue of the better scoring difference.

This contest would produce the only blot on Tipp's 2019 campaign as they crashed 2-26 to 2-14 to allow Limerick to complete the silverware set in a 12-month period in front of their joyous support. If Munster stole the hurling thunder in 2018 in the first staging of the format, Leinster clawed it back the following summer. Incredibly four of the five competing teams finished with five points after a whirlwind month of hurling.

The final day of the provincial campaign could not be bettered for drama as Dublin beat Galway at Parnell and Wexford drew with Kilkenny as calculators were the order of the day before Galway's exit from the championship was confirmed.

When Joe McDonagh Champions Laois toppled the Dubs at the next stage the drama kept rolling before they themselves crashed out to Tipperary on a day when Kilkenny halted Cork's march.

By this stage Christy Ring, Nickey Rackard and Lory Meagher honours had been claimed by Meath, Sligo and Leitrim respectively despite the best efforts of beaten finalists Down, Armagh and Lancashire.

What followed thereafter was hurling food for the soul as two semi-finals of the highest order were served up on what has become many people's favourite weekend in the GAA calendar.

If there were fears or concerns that Kilkenny's new

emerging team was still a work in progress they were firmly addressed in a memorable semi-final clash with Limerick.

Despite a sensational late goal strike from Shane Dowling, the Cats were not to be denied a final ticket, helped along the way by a goal from Colin Fennelly as Limerick's reign as champions was ended.

Not to be outdone, the following day Wexford and Tipperary served up a contender for game of the season.

Wexford did much of the early running and goals from Conor McDonald (2) and Lee Chin, allied to the dismissal of John McGrath had the Leinster champions cruising with a five-point cushion entering the final stages.

If ever there was a time for Tipp's metal to emerge, this was it and a late scoring salvo rescued their season in a finale as good as anything the championship produced.

And then there were two! And what a pair.

Tipp v Kilkenny finals could not be described as anything approaching a rarity and the 2019 offering was accompanied by its own subplot with neither team coming into the contest in the ascendancy.

As one of the wettest hurling finals played in recent years, it was Kilkenny who settled quickest even if the upper hand they established wasn't fully reflected on the scoreboard.

Their five-point lead on 21 minutes was dented when Niall O'Meara struck for the first of Tipperary's goals. However, it was the hotly contested dismissal of Richie Hogan before half-time that tilted the game in Tipp's direction and leading by a point at the interval, they never looked back.

Goalscoring captain Séamus Callanan exploded into the



game with 1-1, a haul matched by John O'Dwyer as Tipp turned the screw and made full use of the extra man.

In the end we were left to ponder might the game have unfolded differently had Kilkenny retained the full complement - but it is a moot point.

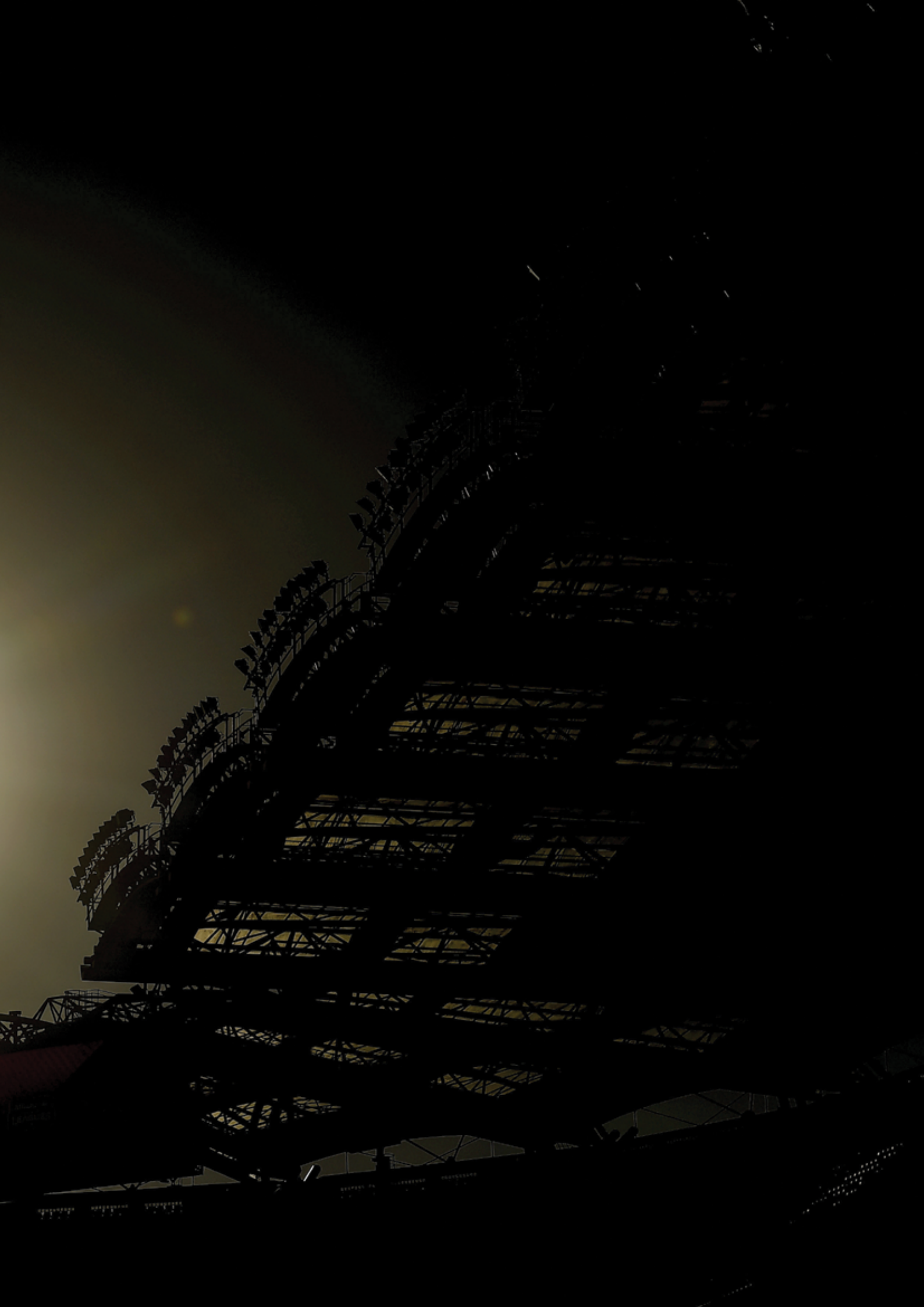
Tipperary's success was built on re-energising the aforementioned attacking duo, harnessing the experience of Brendan Maher and mixing it with the vibrancy and promise of younger players keen for a slice of the action.

The current crop remain in place for 2020. Pulling off the county's first win last year since 2016 was an admirable feat last September. Adding to it as they are up there to be shot at will be one step further.

Time will tell whether the jilted counties looking on from afar in 2019 will have something to say about that.



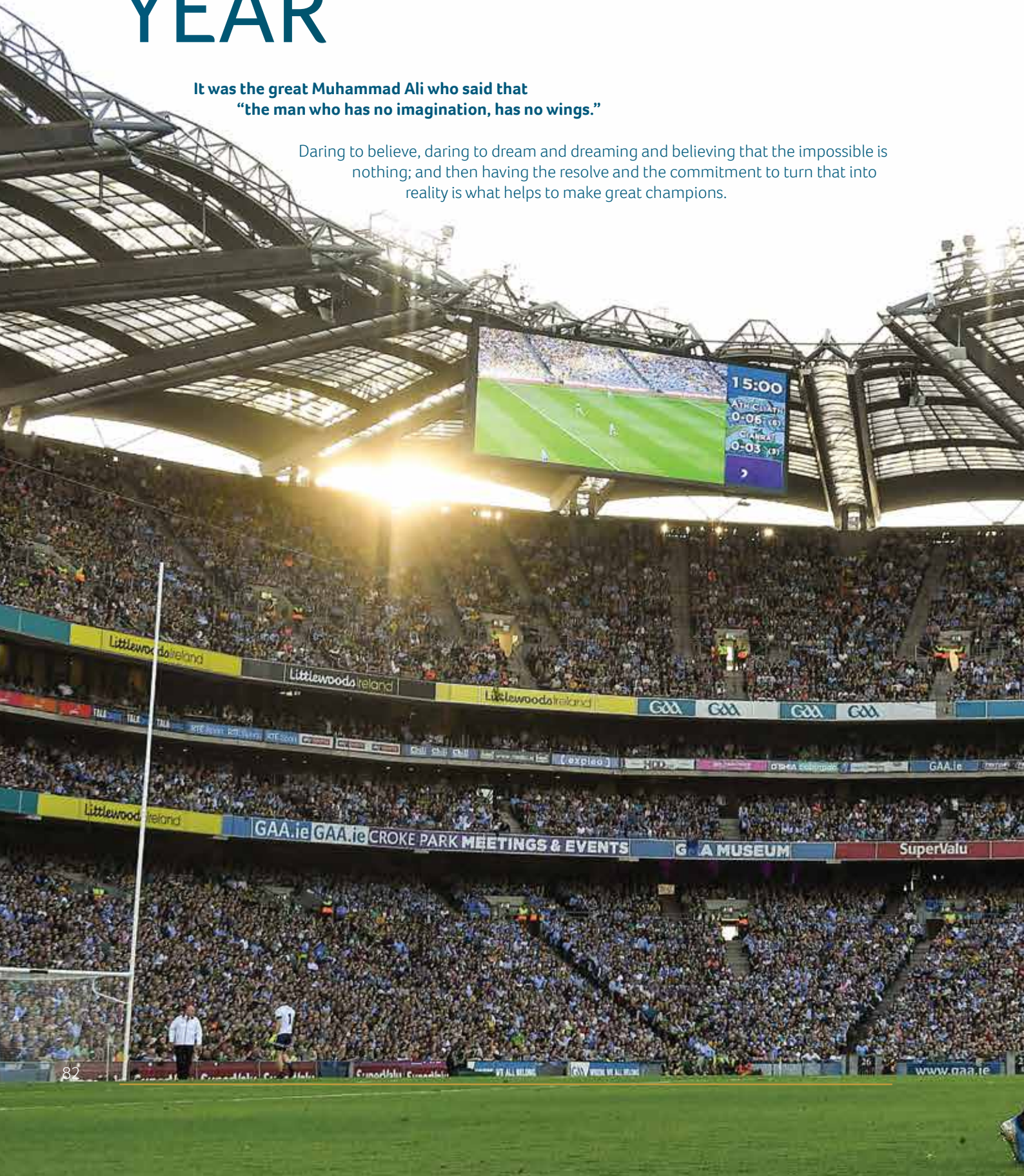
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THE FOOTBALL YEAR

**It was the great Muhammad Ali who said that
“the man who has no imagination, has no wings.”**

Daring to believe, daring to dream and dreaming and believing that the impossible is nothing; and then having the resolve and the commitment to turn that into reality is what helps to make great champions.





And so it was, that on the tenth anniversary of one of the most harrowing defeats in their august history, that the footballers of Dublin achieved sporting immortality by capturing the All-Ireland senior football title for the fifth year-in-a-row.

In 2009 Dublin slumped to a 17 point hammering at the hands of Kerry in an All-Ireland quarter-final as the Kingdom powered their way to the title.

In 2019 Dublin saw off Kerry in a titanic All-Ireland final replay for not just their fifth Sam Maguire in a row but, incredibly, their seventh crown in nine years. There is no debate about who the team of the decade is, the conversation has shifted as to where iconic teams of yesteryear may have measured up against this all conquering Dublin side.

Few if any would have dared to believe that there were green shoots present on the day the Dubs crashed out to Kerry in 2009.

A year later and the loss of a five-point lead to slump to Cork in the 2010 All-Ireland semi-finals did little to change perception.

Little did we know then the phenomenal era of success and achievement which was about to be unleashed.

The five-in-a-row had stood since 1887 as the last great unscalable peak in the annals of the senior championship. Eluding Mick O'Dwyer's Kerry marvels, as it had done for another outstanding Kerry team more than 40 years before, as well as evading the legendary Christy Ring and his Rebel hurlers had set it apart as the bridge too far. But not any more.

On an unforgettable Saturday evening in the Capital and set against a striking autumnal sky where the blue and pink infused streaks fought off the dark, Jim Gavin's Dublin team fought off doubt and rewrote history as they edged out their great rivals Kerry

in another thriller for the ages between these two footballing heavyweights.

It was a privilege to be there – not alone for being an eyewitness to history, but to relish in the manner in which it was achieved.

What the cold hard stats fall short of conveying is the manner in which this piece of history has been achieved with Dublin playing a brand of football that didn't just rise to every challenge, but did so in a way that stayed true to the values of what football should try to be. What will surely live long in the memory will be the style as well as the substance – celebrating the great skills of the game and always looking to maximise their own exciting potential.

Kerry, of course, more than played their part at giving us not one but two All-Ireland football final days out to savour.

Peter Keane's young charges were a joy to behold. The breathtaking talent of Sean O'Shea and David Clifford inspired a run that still stands as progress even for a county that sets the bar so very high. Making it to a final for the first time since 2015 and forcing the champions to fight for their lives to secure a replay, and even then to stalk them with intent a second time will stand to them and will, if anything, fast track that stunning underage success into senior ranks and in time silverware.

Kerry's Munster title came as a result of one of the best games of the year as they survived a massive onslaught from a Cork side who proved that you don't need a trophy to take success from a season.

No football follower would have taken delight from the sight of the Rebels being relegated into Division Three at the end of the Allianz Leagues. Yet from that low point on we saw the resurrection of Cork football. After the Munster final they reached the quarter-final group stages where they put down a marker with a

headline display against Dublin at Croke Park. As if taking their cue, the Cork U20 footballers were one of the teams of the year and crowned a great campaign with a high scoring, high quality All-Ireland final win over Dublin.

Not to be outdone, the Cork minor footballers reached Croke Park and turned on the style to shade a dramatic six goal encounter and defeat Galway.

It was another year and another rollercoaster ride for Mayo and their army of loyal fans. The Championship again ended in disappointment in Connacht and beyond – but one of the highlights of the year was undoubtedly the outpouring of emotion after Mayo captured the Allianz League Division One title following a great comeback to clinch a 3-11 to 2-10 victory over Kerry at Croke Park.

Connacht glory resided with a Roscommon team who defied the odds and won the Nestor Cup on the back of a brilliant haul of 6-42 over the course of three games against Leitrim, Mayo and then Galway in the final.

Even by their own consistent standards, the Ulster championship outdid itself in terms of its competitiveness in 2019 and was a real high point. Cavan shocked their highly-rated neighbours in Monaghan but were then held to a 0-17 apiece draw after a massive battle with Armagh before the Breffni Blues advanced by kicking an impressive 0-23 in the replay to make it back to the Ulster final for the first time since 1998.

Armagh, it must be remembered, had qualified for the semi-final by just beating Down in another magnificent battle that finished 2-17 to 3-13. A new-look Donegal under returning manager and former star player Declan Bonner had the measure of Tyrone in their huge showdown and then they had the finishing power to win the Ulster final with Cavan by 1-24 to 2-16.



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Dublin's dominance of Leinster championship football extended to a ninth straight title. Away from that, Meath's promotion into Division One for the first time in its current format was an important milestone in the hope that a new-found competitiveness will return in the near future.

Meath's promotion came alongside Donegal who edged out the Royals in a brilliant Allianz Division Two league final at Croke Park. Elsewhere Westmeath and Laois flew the flag for Leinster with promotion from Division Three and with Westmeath claiming the title.

In Division Four there was a well-deserved headline grabbing achievement for the footballers of Leitrim who joined Derry in promotion out of Division Four.

The promotion was the county's first since the current league structure was introduced in 2007.

It also guaranteed them a first Croke Park appearance since 2006. Derry won the league final 0-20 to 0-16 but the occasion proved yet again the benefit in having more than one title up for grabs and have a target for teams to realistically have a shot at achieving.

The changes to the fixture calendar means that there have been two AIB GAA All-Ireland club senior championship titles handed out since our last report. On both occasions the honour fell to a Corofin side who have now carved their own special piece of history out for themselves.

The first club side to win three-in-a-row in this hugely competitive and entertaining grade, the final successes achieved within the 12 months were very different. In 2019 they had far too much for a gallant Nemo Rangers from Cork - but the 2020 crown of a few weeks ago was achieved after extra-time and after a hard fought victory over a Kilcoo side who had earlier won their first Ulster club title.

January of this year also saw intermediate glory go to Oughterard while there was a special moment for the Na Gaeil club with victory in the junior final. This whistle-stop tour through the footballing year is hopefully proof positive that success and glory was not just confined to Jim Gavin's Dubs alone.

But any review of the footballing season cannot ignore the standards that the boys in blue set.

With qualification for the semi-finals already secured, both Dublin and Tyrone were afforded the opportunity to try out several players in their final group game of the quarter-finals. The zeal with which the Dubs went after that perfect record said everything about their application and attitude.

In the semi-final against their great rivals from Mayo, they produced a now iconic 2-6 blitz in the opening 12 minutes of the second half led by Con O'Callaghan goals to power their way to the final.

Jack McCaffrey's searing brilliance in the drawn All-Ireland final was vital as the Dubs were penned back by a young Kerry team who played with abandon and who looked in the driving seat when the loss of the red carded Jonny Cooper looked to be telling on Dublin, and a great Killian Spillane goal had helped the Kingdom take control.

But, not for the first time, it was at that moment and when the pressure was possibly at its greatest, that the Dubs showed their real class as their composure and ability and refusal to panic allowed them to not only find the answers and the equaliser through Dean Rock - but to actually finish the game with a difficult late free which Dean just hooked wide and left supporters breathless at the 1-16 to 1-16 duel and heading for a replay.

The second day did not disappoint.

Stephen Cluxton, having made his debut as a 20-year-old in 2001, hit the milestone of being the first player to make 100 SFC appearances during the course of the season. More importantly he produced a string of vital saves across the two finals including a flying penalty save and was laser-like on kickouts to help inspire the Dubs to the title.

Collecting a seventh winners' medal for himself and a core number of the group and captaining the team for a sixth time to Sam Maguire, all manner of records tumbled to salute the Dubs as they crowned what was a rare auld time for football.

Champions keep playing until they get it right.

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2019 HURLING FINALS RESULTS



Date	Venue	Competition	
10/02/2019	Páirc an Chrócaigh	AIB GAA Hurling All-Ireland Intermediate Club Championship	
10/02/2019	Páirc an Chrócaigh	AIB GAA Hurling All-Ireland Junior Club Championship	
10/03/2019	Cusack Park, Ennis	Allianz Hurling League Roinn 2A	
10/03/2019	Inniskeen	Allianz Hurling League Roinn 2B	
10/03/2019	Páirc Tailteann	Allianz Hurling League Roinn 3A	
10/03/2019	Connacht GAA Centre	Allianz Hurling League Roinn 3B	
17/03/2019	Páirc an Chrócaigh	AIB GAA Hurling All-Ireland Senior Club Championship	
31/03/2019	Páirc an Chrócaigh	Allianz Hurling League Roinn 1	
22/06/2019	Páirc an Chrócaigh	Christy Ring Cup	
22/06/2019	Páirc an Chrócaigh	Lory Meagher Cup	
22/06/2019	Páirc an Chrócaigh	Nickey Rackard Cup	
30/06/2019	Páirc an Chrócaigh	Joe McDonagh Cup	
03/08/2019	Páirc Tailteann	Bord Gáis Energy GAA Hurling All-Ireland U20B Championship - Richie McElligott Cup	
18/08/2019	Páirc an Chrócaigh	Electric Ireland GAA Hurling All-Ireland Minor Championship	
18/08/2019	Páirc an Chrócaigh	GAA Hurling All-Ireland Senior Championship	
24/08/2019	LIT Gaelic Grounds, Limerick	Bord Gáis Energy GAA Hurling All-Ireland U20 Championship	



Result							Referee
Oranmore-Maree	2	18	Charleville	1	15		Colum Cuning
Dunnamaggin	1	17	Castleblayney Hurling	1	13		Liam Gordon
Westmeath	0	12	Kerry	0	10		Rory McGann
Wicklow	1	9	Derry	0	8		Thomas Walsh
Roscommon	0	14	Armagh	0	11		Thomas Gleeson
Longford	2	15	Sligo	3	10		James Clarke
Shamrocks	2	28	St Thomas	2	11		Fergal Horgan
Limerick	1	24	Waterford	0	19		James Owens
Meath	4	19	Down	2	15		Sean Stack
Leitrim	2	23	Lancashire	2	22		Kevin Brady
Sligo	2	14	Armagh	2	13		James Connors
Laois	3	26	Westmeath	1	21		Colum Cuning
Kerry	3	22	Down	0	12		Chris Mooney
Galway	3	14	Kilkenny	0	12		Patrick Murphy
Tipperary	3	25	Kilkenny	0	20		James Owens
Tipperary	5	17	Cork	1	18		Liam Gordon



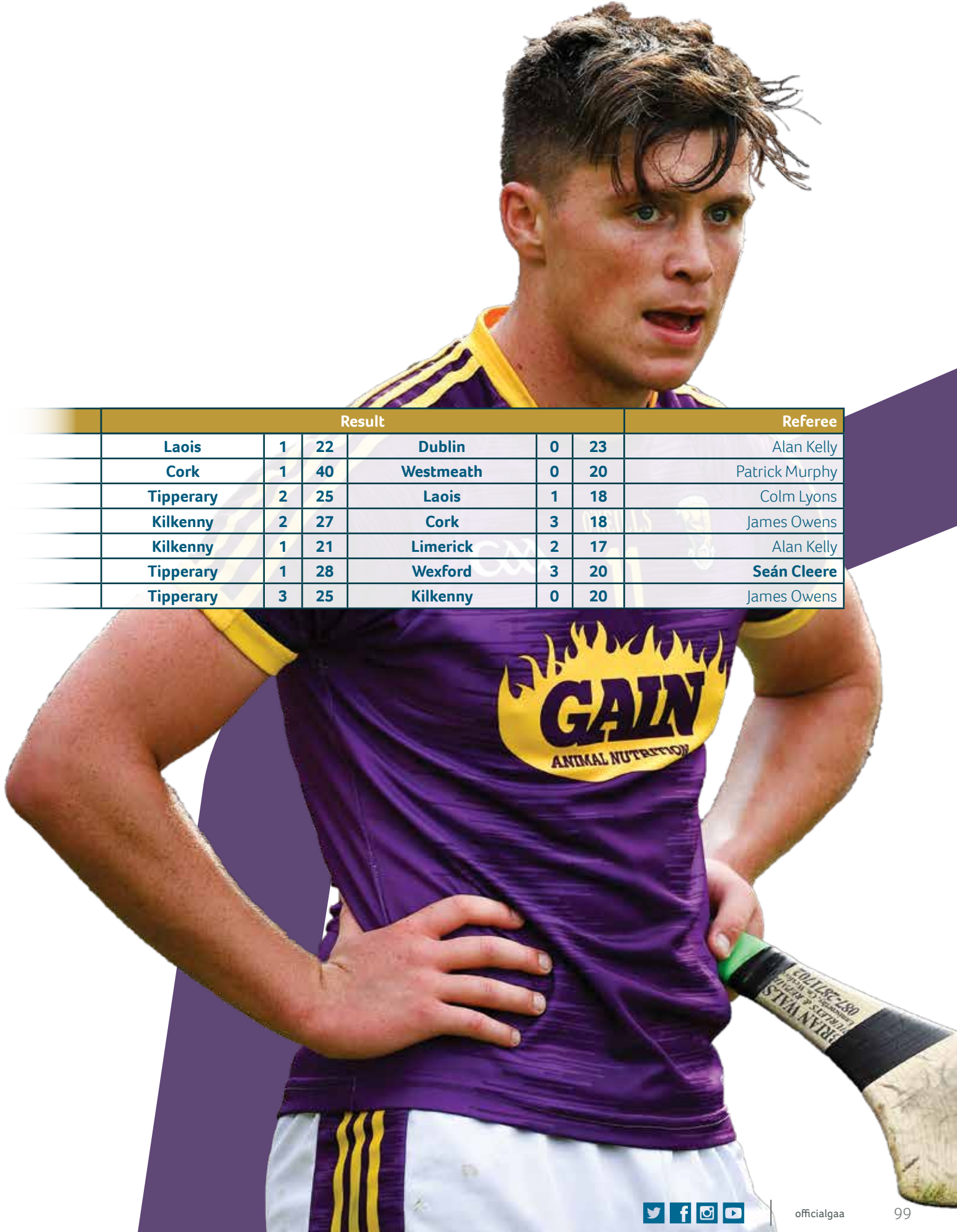


2019 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Date	Venue	Stage	
07/07/2019	Port Laoise	Preliminary Quarter-Final	
07/07/2019	TEG Cusack Park, Mullingar	Preliminary Quarter-Final	
14/07/2019	Páirc an Chrócaigh	Quarter-Final	
14/07/2019	Páirc an Chrócaigh	Quarter-Final	
27/07/2019	Páirc an Chrócaigh	Semi-Final	
28/07/2019	Páirc an Chrócaigh	Semi-Final	
18/08/2019	Páirc an Chrócaigh	Final	

“Look, this journey was never about me. This journey is about this group of players. I am fortunate to be involved and overseeing a wonderful team with a wonderful backroom team, and you cherish days like these. Some days it doesn't happen for us and it doesn't go well, but irrespective, that character I have in this dressing room and within this team, I'm just hugely proud of”.

Liam Sheedy

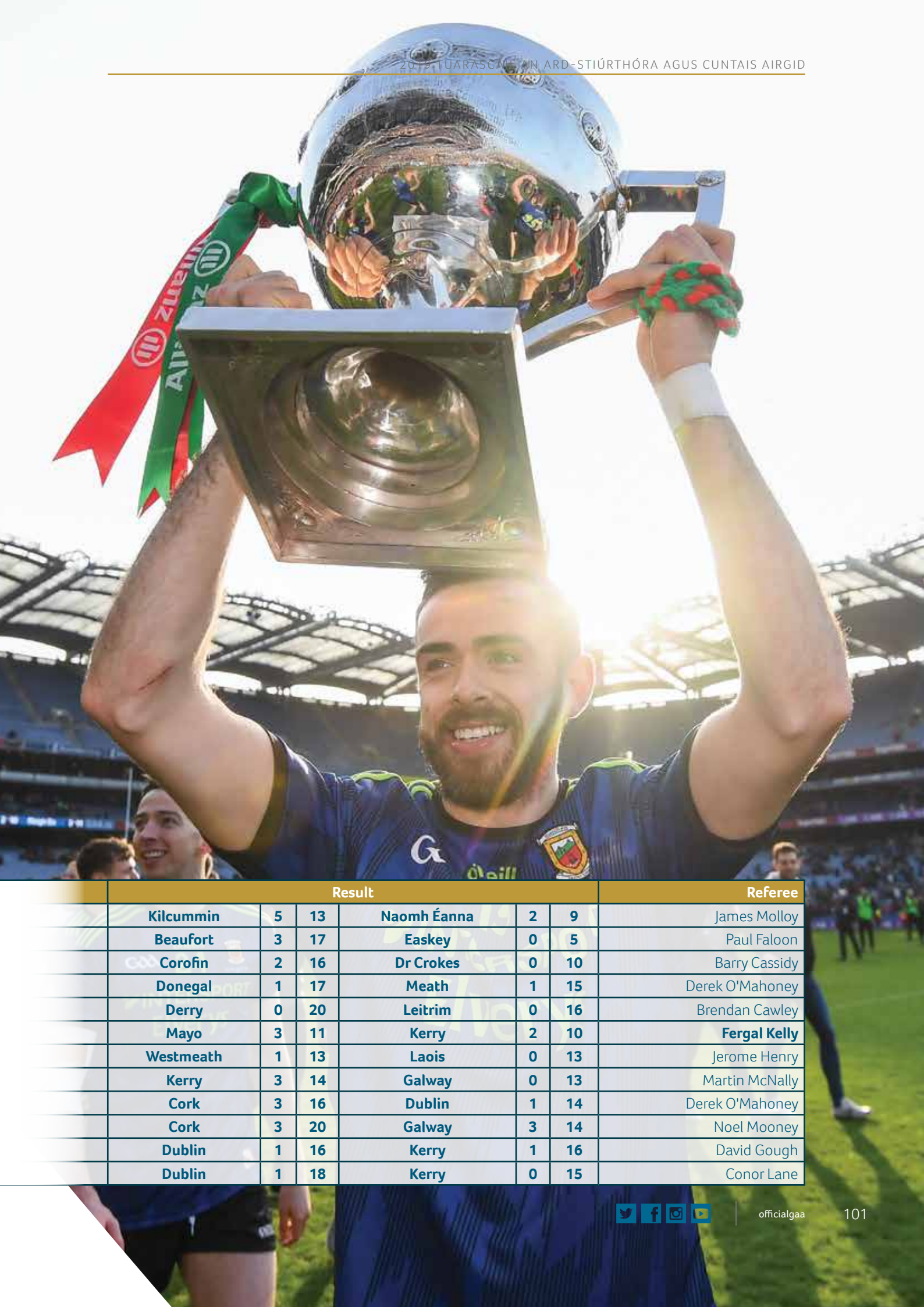


Result						Referee
Laois	1	22	Dublin	0	23	Alan Kelly
Cork	1	40	Westmeath	0	20	Patrick Murphy
Tipperary	2	25	Laois	1	18	Colm Lyons
Kilkenny	2	27	Cork	3	18	James Owens
Kilkenny	1	21	Limerick	2	17	Alan Kelly
Tipperary	1	28	Wexford	3	20	Seán Cleere
Tipperary	3	25	Kilkenny	0	20	James Owens

2019 FOOTBALL FINALS RESULTS



Date	Venue	Competition	
09/02/2019	Páirc an Chrócaigh	AIB GAA Football All-Ireland Intermediate Club Championship	
09/02/2019	Páirc an Chrócaigh	AIB GAA Football All-Ireland Junior Club Championship	
17/03/2019	Páirc an Chrócaigh	AIB GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Club Championship	
30/03/2019	Páirc an Chrócaigh	Allianz Football League Roinn 2	
30/03/2019	Páirc an Chrócaigh	Allianz Football League Roinn 4	
31/03/2019	Páirc an Chrócaigh	Allianz Football League Roinn 1	
06/04/2019	Páirc an Chrócaigh	Allianz Football League Roinn 3	
20/07/2019	Port Laoise	GAA Football All-Ireland Junior Championship	
03/08/2019	Port Laoise	EirGrid GAA Football All-Ireland U20 Championship	
01/09/2019	Páirc an Chrócaigh	Electric Ireland GAA Football All-Ireland Minor Championship	
01/09/2019	Páirc an Chrócaigh	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship	
14/09/2019	Páirc an Chrócaigh	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship	



Result						Referee
Kilcummin	5	13	Naomh Éanna	2	9	James Molloy
Beaufort	3	17	Easkey	0	5	Paul Faloon
Corofin	2	16	Dr Crokes	0	10	Barry Cassidy
Donegal	1	17	Meath	1	15	Derek O'Mahoney
Derry	0	20	Leitrim	0	16	Brendan Cawley
Mayo	3	11	Kerry	2	10	Fergal Kelly
Westmeath	1	13	Laois	0	13	Jerome Henry
Kerry	3	14	Galway	0	13	Martin McNally
Cork	3	16	Dublin	1	14	Derek O'Mahoney
Cork	3	20	Galway	3	14	Noel Mooney
Dublin	1	16	Kerry	1	16	David Gough
Dublin	1	18	Kerry	0	15	Conor Lane



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2019 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

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Date	Venue	Stage	
08/06/2019	Gaelic Grounds, Drogheda	Round 1	
08/06/2019	Innovate Wexford Park	Round 1	
08/06/2019	Avantcard Páirc Seán Mac Diarmada	Round 1	
08/06/2019	Bord Na Móna O'Connor Park	Round 1	
09/06/2019	TEG Cusack Park, Mullingar	Round 1	
09/06/2019	Netwatch Cullen Park	Round 1	
09/06/2019	Páirc Esler, Newry	Round 1	
09/06/2019	Clones	Round 1	
22/06/2019	Clones	Round 2	
22/06/2019	Páirc Esler, Newry	Round 2	
22/06/2019	Avantcard Páirc Seán Mac Diarmada	Round 2	
22/06/2019	TEG Cusack Park, Mullingar	Round 2	
22/06/2019	Owenbeg	Round 2	

“After four-five years, your voice becomes a bit stale. They become used to it and you are trying to re-invent yourself at that stage. Having said that, Mickey Harte seems to be able to do a good job of it, Mr Cody in hurling seems to be able to do a good job of it”.

*Liam Kearns, Tipperary manager
after the loss to Down*



Result							Referee
Antrim	2	16	Louth	1	11		Martin McNally
Derry	4	16	Wexford	0	10		Anthony Nolan
Leitrim	0	15	Wicklow	0	13		Barry Cassidy
Offaly	1	21	London	1	11		Noel Mooney
Westmeath	1	22	Waterford	0	7		Jerome Henry
Longford	2	11	Carlow	0	7		Ciarán Branagan
Down	1	13	Tipperary	1	10		Fergal Kelly
Monaghan	1	10	Fermanagh	1	6		Maurice Deegan
Armagh	2	17	Monaghan	1	12		Ciarán Branagan
Mayo	1	16	Down	1	11		Fergal Kelly
Clare	3	17	Leitrim	0	17		Niall Cullen
Westmeath	2	13	Limerick	1	10		James Molloy
Laois	1	13	Derry	0	12		Jerome Henry

2019 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

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Date	Venue	Stage	
22/06/2019	Glennon Brothers Pearse Park	Round 2	
22/06/2019	Corrigan Park, Belfast	Round 2	
23/06/2019	Bord Na Móna O'Connor Park	Round 2	
29/06/2019	Port Laoise	Round 3	
29/06/2019	Elverys MacHale Park, Castlebar	Round 3	
29/06/2019	TEG Cusack Park, Mullingar	Round 3	
29/06/2019	Newbridge	Round 3	
06/07/2019	LIT Gaelic Grounds, Limerick	Round 4	
06/07/2019	Semple Stadium, Thurles	Round 4	
06/07/2019	Clones	Round 4	
07/07/2019	Port Laoise	Round 4	
13/07/2019	Páirc an Chrócaigh	Quarter-Final Group 2 Phase 1	
13/07/2019	Dr Hyde Park	Quarter-Final Group 2 Phase 1	

“It’s an important step (towards an All-Ireland semi-final). We have to see how we go with Cork next week. The three of us – Cork, ourselves and Roscommon – are probably figuring out that we’re playing for second place. We’re in the group with the All-Ireland champions going for five-in-a-row”.

Mickey Harte



Result							Referee
Tyrone	2	15	Longford	1	14		Derek O'Mahoney
Kildare	1	25	Antrim	0	14		Noel Mooney
Offaly	3	17	Sligo	0	15		Brendan Cawley
Laois	0	20	Offaly	0	15		David Coldrick
Mayo	2	13	Armagh	1	15		Maurice Deegan
Clare	1	13	Westmeath	0	15		Martin McNally
Tyrone	2	22	Kildare	1	15		Paddy Neilan
Mayo	2	13	Galway	1	13		Joe McQuillan
Cork	4	20	Laois	1	15		Fergal Kelly
Tyrone	1	20	Cavan	0	7		Barry Cassidy
Meath	2	16	Clare	1	18		Derek O'Mahoney
Dublin	5	18	Cork	1	17		David Gough
Tyrone	0	17	Roscommon	0	13		David Coldrick



2019 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

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Date	Venue	Stage	
14/07/2019	Fitzgerald Stadium	Quarter-Final Group 1 Phase 1	
14/07/2019	Ballybofey	Quarter-Final Group 1 Phase 1	
20/07/2019	Páirc an Chrócaigh	Quarter-Final Group 2 Phase 2	
20/07/2019	Páirc an Chrócaigh	Quarter-Final Group 2 Phase 2	
21/07/2019	Páirc an Chrócaigh	Quarter-Final Group 1 Phase 2	
21/07/2019	Páirc an Chrócaigh	Quarter-Final Group 1 Phase 2	
03/08/2019	Páirc Tailteann	Quarter-Final Group 1 Phase 3	
03/08/2019	Elverys MacHale Park, Castlebar	Quarter-Final Group 1 Phase 3	
04/08/2019	Healy Park, Omagh	Quarter-Final Group 2 Phase 3	
04/08/2019	Páirc Uí Rinn	Quarter-Final Group 2 Phase 3	
10/08/2019	Páirc an Chrócaigh	Semi-Final	
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“I’ve said it before, it’s my favourite place in the entire world. To be walking around Croke Park. I like to think it’s the only time, really, you’ve no responsibilities. You’re just soaking in the moment and realising that you’re living your dream”.

Jack McCaffrey

Result							Referee
Kerry	1	22	Mayo	0	15		Seán Hurson
Donegal	2	19	Meath	1	13		Conor Lane
Dublin	2	26	Roscommon	0	14		Barry Cassidy
Tyrone	2	15	Cork	2	12		Maurice Deegan
Kerry	1	20	Donegal	1	20		Paddy Neilan
Mayo	2	17	Meath	0	14		Ciarán Branagan
Kerry	2	18	Meath	1	13		Fergal Kelly
Mayo	1	14	Donegal	1	10		David Gough
Dublin	1	16	Tyrone	0	13		Joe McQuillan
Roscommon	4	9	Cork	3	9		Noel Mooney
Dublin	3	14	Mayo	1	10		Conor Lane
Kerry	1	18	Tyrone	0	18		Maurice Deegan
Dublin	1	16	Kerry	1	16		David Gough

CLUB CHAMPIONS 2019 - HURLING

COUNTY	Champions
Carlow	St Mullin's
Dublin	Cuala
Kildare	Naas
Kilkenny	Shamrocks
Laois	Rathdowney-Errill
Longford	Clonguish Gaels
Louth	Naomh Moninne
Meath	Kildalkey
Offaly	St Rynagh's
Wexford	St Martin's
Westmeath	Clonkill
Wicklow	Bray Emmets
Antrim	Cuchullains, Dunloy
Armagh	Middletown
Cavan	Mullahoran
Derry	Slaughtneil
Donegal	Setanta
Down	Ballycran
Fermanagh	Lisbellaw St Patrick's
Monaghan	Castleblayney Hurling Club
Tyrone	Eoghan Ruadh, Dungannon
Galway	St Thomas'
Leitrim	Carrick Hurling
Mayo	Tooreen
Roscommon	Four Roads
Sligo	Naomh Eoin
Clare	Sixmilebridge
Cork	Imokilly
Kerry	Causeway
Limerick	Patrickswell
Tipperary	Borris-Ileigh
Waterford	Ballygunner





CLUB CHAMPIONS 2019 - FOOTBALL

COUNTY	Champions
Carlow	Éire Óg
Dublin	Ballyboden St Enda's
Kildare	Sarsfields
Kilkenny	Mullinavat
Laois	Port Laoise
Longford	Killoe Young Emmets
Louth	Newtown Blues
Meath	Ratoath
Offaly	Ferbane
Wexford	Castletown Liam Mellows
Westmeath	Garrycastle
Wicklow	St Patrick's
Antrim	Erin's Own, Cargin
Armagh	Crossmaglen Rangers
Cavan	Castlerahan
Derry	O'Donovan Rossa, Magherafelt
Donegal	Naomh Conaill
Down	Kilcoo
Fermanagh	Derrygonnelly Harps
Monaghan	Clontibret O'Neills
Tyrone	Trillick St Macartan's
Galway	Corofin
Leitrim	Glencar-Manorhamilton
Mayo	Ballintubber
Roscommon	Pádraig Pearses
Sligo	Tourlestrane
Clare	St Joseph's, Miltown Malbay
Cork	Nemo Rangers
Kerry	East Kerry
Limerick	Newcastle West
Tipperary	Clonmel Commercials
Waterford	Rathgormack







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All Ireland Final

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Championship Attendances 2019

 Double Header

Date	Home Team	Away Team	Competition
05/05/2019	London	Galway	Connacht GAA Football Senior Championship
05/05/2019	New York	Mayo	Connacht GAA Football Senior Championship
11/05/2019	Antrim	Kerry	Joe McDonagh Cup
11/05/2019	Offaly	Laois	Joe McDonagh Cup
11/05/2019	Wicklow	Kildare	Leinster GAA Football Senior Championship
11/05/2019	Kilkenny	Dublin	Leinster GAA Hurling Senior Championship
11/05/2019	Clare	Waterford	Munster GAA Football Senior Championship
11/05/2019	Tipperary	Limerick	Munster GAA Football Senior Championship
12/05/2019	Roscommon	Leitrim	Connacht GAA Football Senior Championship
12/05/2019	Meath	Offaly	Leinster GAA Football Senior Championship
12/05/2019	Wexford	Louth	Leinster GAA Football Senior Championship
12/05/2019	Galway	Carlow	Leinster GAA Hurling Senior Championship
12/05/2019	Cork	Tipperary	Munster GAA Hurling Senior Championship
12/05/2019	Waterford	Clare	Munster GAA Hurling Senior Championship
12/05/2019	Tyrone	Derry	Ulster GAA Football Senior Championship
18/05/2019	Laois	Antrim	Joe McDonagh Cup
18/05/2019	Westmeath	Offaly	Joe McDonagh Cup
18/05/2019	Cavan	Monaghan	Ulster GAA Football Senior Championship
19/05/2019	Sligo	Galway	Connacht GAA Football Senior Championship
19/05/2019	Carlow	Kilkenny	Leinster GAA Hurling Senior Championship
19/05/2019	Dublin	Wexford	Leinster GAA Hurling Senior Championship
19/05/2019	Limerick	Cork	Munster GAA Hurling Senior Championship
19/05/2019	Tipperary	Waterford	Munster GAA Hurling Senior Championship
19/05/2019	Down	Armagh	Ulster GAA Football Senior Championship

Round	Venue	Attendance
Quarter-Final	McGovern Park	3000
Quarter-Final	Gaelic Park	6500
Round 1	Dunloy	419
Round 1	Bord Na Móna O'Connor Park	3163
Round 1	Netwatch Cullen Park	3796
Round 1	Nowlan Park	9496
Quarter-Final	Cusack Park, Ennis	2136
Quarter-Final	Semple Stadium	2165
Quarter-Final	Dr Hyde Park	8167
Round 1	Páirc Tailteann	6300
Round 1	Innovate Wexford Park	1414
Round 1	Pearse Stadium	6097
Round 1	Páirc Uí Chaoimh	30274
Round 1	Walsh Park	11012
Preliminary Round	Healy Park	10116
Round 2	O'Moore Park	961
Round 2	TEG Cusack Park, Mullingar	2400
Quarter-Final	Kingspan Breffni	13496
Semi-Final	Markievicz Park	5365
Round 2	Netwatch Cullen Park	7050
Round 2	Parnell Park	8000
Round 2	LIT Gaelic Grounds	31274
Round 2	Semple Stadium	22833
Quarter-Final	Páirc Esler	15112

Championship Attendances 2019

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 Double Header

Date	Home Team	Away Team	Competition
25/05/2019	Westmeath	Kerry	Joe McDonagh Cup
25/05/2019	Mayo	Roscommon	Connacht GAA Football Senior Championship
25/05/2019	Carlow	Meath	Leinster GAA Football Senior Championship
25/05/2019	Dublin	Louth	Leinster GAA Football Senior Championship
25/05/2019	Antrim	Tyrone	Ulster GAA Football Senior Championship
26/05/2019	Longford	Kildare	Leinster GAA Football Senior Championship
26/05/2019	Westmeath	Laois	Leinster GAA Football Senior Championship
26/05/2019	Galway	Wexford	Leinster GAA Hurling Senior Championship
26/05/2019	Fermanagh	Donegal	Ulster GAA Football Senior Championship
01/06/2019	Offaly	Antrim	Joe McDonagh Cup
01/06/2019	Clare	Kerry	Munster GAA Football Senior Championship
01/06/2019	Cork	Limerick	Munster GAA Football Senior Championship
02/06/2019	Kildare	Longford	Leinster GAA Football Senior Championship
02/06/2019	Carlow	Dublin	Leinster GAA Hurling Senior Championship
02/06/2019	Clare	Tipperary	Munster GAA Hurling Senior Championship
02/06/2019	Waterford	Limerick	Munster GAA Hurling Senior Championship
02/06/2019	Cavan	Armagh	Ulster GAA Football Senior Championship
08/06/2019	Antrim	Westmeath	Joe McDonagh Cup
08/06/2019	Kerry	Laois	Joe McDonagh Cup
08/06/2019	Leitrim	Wicklow	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
08/06/2019	Louth	Antrim	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
08/06/2019	Offaly	London	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
08/06/2019	Wexford	Derry	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
08/06/2019	Wexford	Carlow	Leinster GAA Hurling Senior Championship



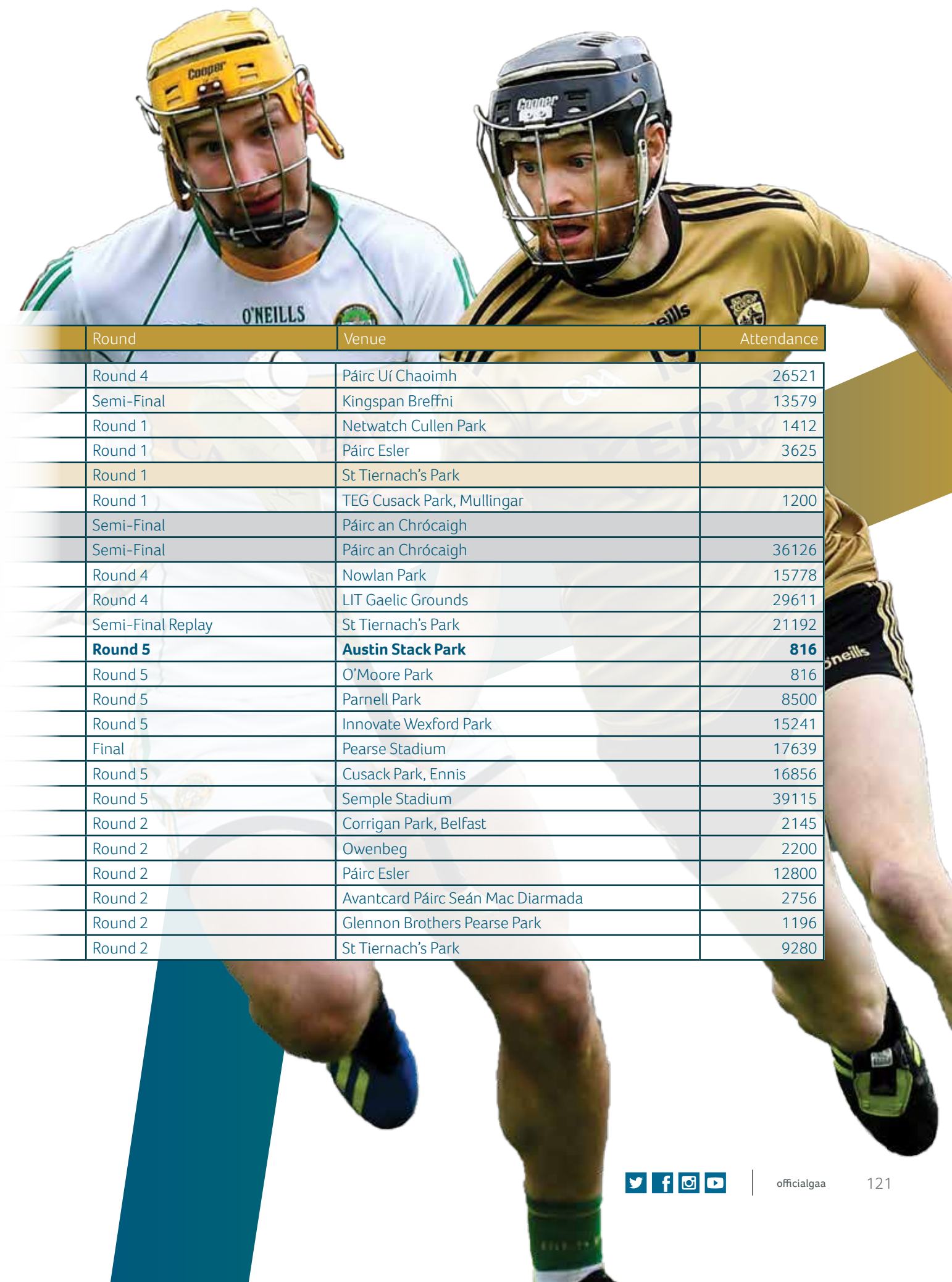
Round	Venue	Attendance
Round 3	TEG Cusack Park, Mullingar	1200
Semi-Final	Elverys MacHale Park	20471
Quarter-Final	O'Moore Park	
Quarter-Final	O'Moore Park	14380
Quarter-Final	Athletic Grounds	16716
Quarter-Final	Bord Na Móna O'Connor Park	
Quarter-Final	Bord Na Móna O'Connor Park	9375
Round 3	Pearse Stadium	12624
Quarter-Final	Brewster Park	10447
Round 3	Bord Na Móna O'Connor Park	2512
Semi-Final	Cusack Park, Ennis	5078
Semi-Final	Páirc Uí Rinn	3133
Quarter-Final Replay	Bord Na Móna O'Connor Park	2512
Round 3	Netwatch Cullen Park	4500
Round 3	Cusack Park, Ennis	18313
Round 3	Walsh Park	10854
Semi-Final	St Tiernach's Park	5409
Round 4	Dunloy	666
Round 4	Austin Stack Park	587
Round 1	Avantcard Páirc Seán Mac Diarmada	2077
Round 1	Gaelic Grounds, Drogheda	1850
Round 1	Bord Na Móna O'Connor Park	1421
Round 1	Innovate Wexford Park	
Round 4	Innovate Wexford Park	6500

Championship Attendances 2019

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Double Header
 Paired with Armagh v Cavan replay

Date	Home Team	Away Team	Competition
08/06/2019	Cork	Waterford	Munster GAA Hurling Senior Championship
08/06/2019	Tyrone	Donegal	Ulster GAA Football Senior Championship
09/06/2019	Carlow	Longford	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
09/06/2019	Down	Tipperary	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
09/06/2019	Monaghan	Fermanagh	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
09/06/2019	Westmeath	Waterford	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
09/06/2019	Dublin	Kildare	Leinster GAA Football Senior Championship
09/06/2019	Meath	Laois	Leinster GAA Football Senior Championship
09/06/2019	Kilkenny	Galway	Leinster GAA Hurling Senior Championship
09/06/2019	Limerick	Clare	Munster GAA Hurling Senior Championship
09/06/2019	Armagh	Cavan	Ulster GAA Football Senior Championship
15/06/2019	Kerry	Offaly	Joe McDonagh Cup
15/06/2019	Laois	Westmeath	Joe McDonagh Cup
15/06/2019	Dublin	Galway	Leinster GAA Hurling Senior Championship
15/06/2019	Wexford	Kilkenny	Leinster GAA Hurling Senior Championship
16/06/2019	Galway	Roscommon	Connacht GAA Football Senior Championship
16/06/2019	Clare	Cork	Munster GAA Hurling Senior Championship
16/06/2019	Tipperary	Limerick	Munster GAA Hurling Senior Championship
22/06/2019	Antrim	Kildare	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
22/06/2019	Derry	Laois	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
22/06/2019	Down	Mayo	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
22/06/2019	Leitrim	Clare	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
22/06/2019	Longford	Tyrone	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
22/06/2019	Monaghan	Armagh	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship



Round	Venue	Attendance
Round 4	Páirc Uí Chaoimh	26521
Semi-Final	Kingspan Breffni	13579
Round 1	Netwatch Cullen Park	1412
Round 1	Páirc Esler	3625
Round 1	St Tiernach's Park	
Round 1	TEG Cusack Park, Mullingar	1200
Semi-Final	Páirc an Chrócaigh	
Semi-Final	Páirc an Chrócaigh	36126
Round 4	Nowlan Park	15778
Round 4	LIT Gaelic Grounds	29611
Semi-Final Replay	St Tiernach's Park	21192
Round 5	Austin Stack Park	816
Round 5	O'Moore Park	816
Round 5	Parnell Park	8500
Round 5	Innovate Wexford Park	15241
Final	Pearse Stadium	17639
Round 5	Cusack Park, Ennis	16856
Round 5	Semple Stadium	39115
Round 2	Corrigan Park, Belfast	2145
Round 2	Owenbeg	2200
Round 2	Páirc Esler	12800
Round 2	Avantcard Páirc Seán Mac Diarmada	2756
Round 2	Glennon Brothers Pearse Park	1196
Round 2	St Tiernach's Park	9280

Championship Attendances 2019

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
Date	Home Team	Away Team	Competition
22/06/2019	Westmeath	Limerick	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
22/06/2019	Cork	Kerry	Munster GAA Football Senior Championship
23/06/2019	Offaly	Sligo	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
23/06/2019	Dublin	Meath	Leinster GAA Football Senior Championship
23/06/2019	Cavan	Donegal	Ulster GAA Football Senior Championship
29/06/2019	Kildare	Tyrone	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
29/06/2019	Laois	Offaly	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
29/06/2019	Mayo	Armagh	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
29/06/2019	Westmeath	Clare	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
30/06/2019	Laois	Westmeath	Joe McDonagh Cup
30/06/2019	Kilkenny	Wexford	Leinster GAA Hurling Senior Championship
30/06/2019	Limerick	Tipperary	Munster GAA Hurling Senior Championship
06/07/2019	Cavan	Tyrone	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
06/07/2019	Cork	Laois	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
06/07/2019	Galway	Mayo	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
07/07/2019	Meath	Clare	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
07/07/2019	Laois	Dublin	GAA Hurling All-Ireland Senior Championship
07/07/2019	Westmeath	Cork	GAA Hurling All-Ireland Senior Championship
13/07/2019	Dublin	Cork	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
13/07/2019	Roscommon	Tyrone	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
14/07/2019	Donegal	Meath	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
14/07/2019	Kerry	Mayo	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
14/07/2019	Kilkenny	Cork	GAA Hurling All-Ireland Senior Championship
14/07/2019	Tipperary	Laois	GAA Hurling All-Ireland Senior Championship



Round	Venue	Attendance
Round 2	TEG Cusack Park, Mullingar	3000
Final	Páirc Uí Chaoimh	18285
Round 2	Bord Na Móna O'Connor Park	2679
Final	Páirc an Chrócaigh	47027
Final	St Tiernach's Park	28780
Round 3	St Conleth's Park	6500
Round 3	O'Moore Park	6369
Round 3	Elverys MacHale Park	18705
Round 3	TEG Cusack Park, Mullingar	7800
Final	Páirc an Chrócaigh	
Final	Páirc an Chrócaigh	51842
Final	LIT Gaelic Grounds	44018
Round 4	St Tiernach's Park	10000
Round 4	Semple Stadium	6114
Round 4	LIT Gaelic Grounds	19138
Round 4	O'Moore Park	
Preliminary Quarter-Final	O'Moore Park	12130
Preliminary Quarter-Final	TEG Cusack Park, Mullingar	3637
Quarter-Final Group 2 Phase 1	Páirc an Chrócaigh	30214
Quarter-Final Group 2 Phase 1	Dr Hyde Park	14465
Quarter-Final Group 1 Phase 1	Mac Cumhaill Park	10050
Quarter-Final Group 1 Phase 1	Fitzgerald Stadium	31312
Quarter-Final	Páirc an Chrócaigh	
Quarter-Final	Páirc an Chrócaigh	44135

Championship Attendances 2019

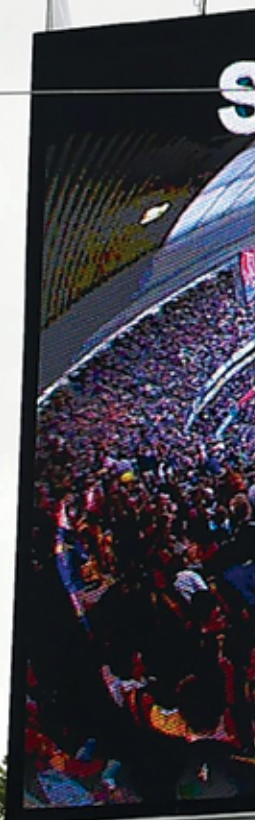
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 Double Header

Date	Home Team	Away Team	Competition
20/07/2019	Cork	Tyrone	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
20/07/2019	Dublin	Roscommon	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
21/07/2019	Kerry	Donegal	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
21/07/2019	Mayo	Meath	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
27/07/2019	Limerick	Kilkenny	GAA Hurling All-Ireland Senior Championship
28/07/2019	Wexford	Tipperary	GAA Hurling All-Ireland Senior Championship
03/08/2019	Mayo	Donegal	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
03/08/2019	Meath	Kerry	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
04/08/2019	Cork	Roscommon	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
04/08/2019	Tyrone	Dublin	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
10/08/2019	Dublin	Mayo	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
11/08/2019	Kerry	Tyrone	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
18/08/2019	Kilkenny	Tipperary	GAA Hurling All-Ireland Senior Championship
01/09/2019	Dublin	Kerry	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship
14/09/2019	Dublin	Kerry	GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship

Round	Venue	Attendance
Quarter-Final Group 2 Phase 2	Páirc an Chrócaigh	
Quarter-Final Group 2 Phase 2	Páirc an Chrócaigh	36530
Quarter-Final Group 1 Phase 2	Páirc an Chrócaigh	
Quarter-Final Group 1 Phase 2	Páirc an Chrócaigh	48723
Semi-Final	Páirc an Chrócaigh	55001
Semi-Final	Páirc an Chrócaigh	61852
Quarter-Final Group 1 Phase 3	Elverys MacHale Park	27583
Quarter-Final Group 1 Phase 3	Páirc Tailteann	9700
Quarter-Final Group 2 Phase 3	Páirc Uí Rinn	2104
Quarter-Final Group 2 Phase 3	Healy Park	15612
Semi-Final	Páirc an Chrócaigh	75864
Semi-Final	Páirc an Chrócaigh	33862
Final	Páirc an Chrócaigh	82300
Final	Páirc an Chrócaigh	82300
Final - Replay	Páirc an Chrócaigh	82300

Total Attendances:
1,669,506

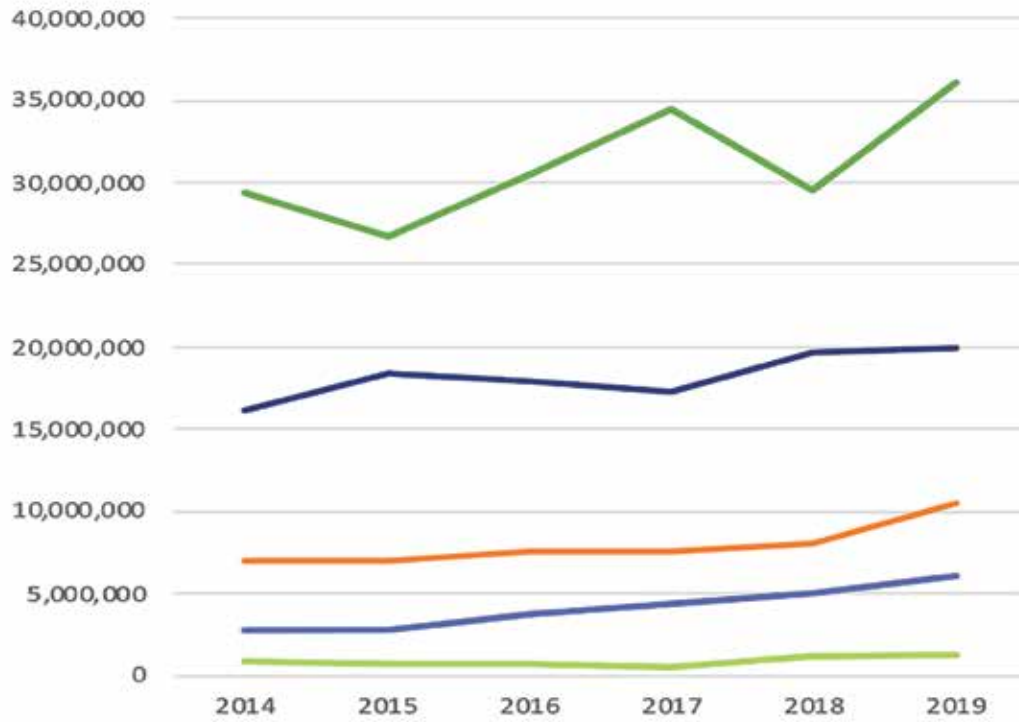


Slua - Today's Attendance

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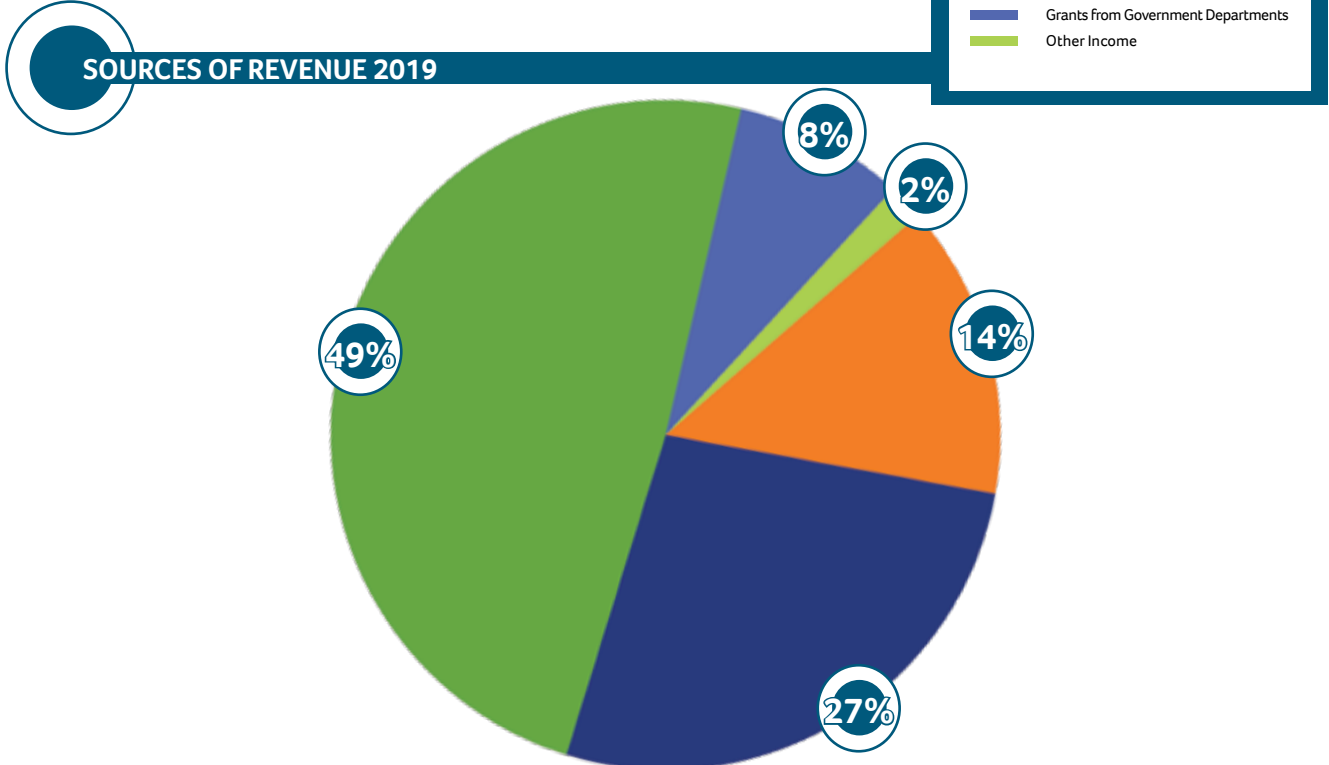


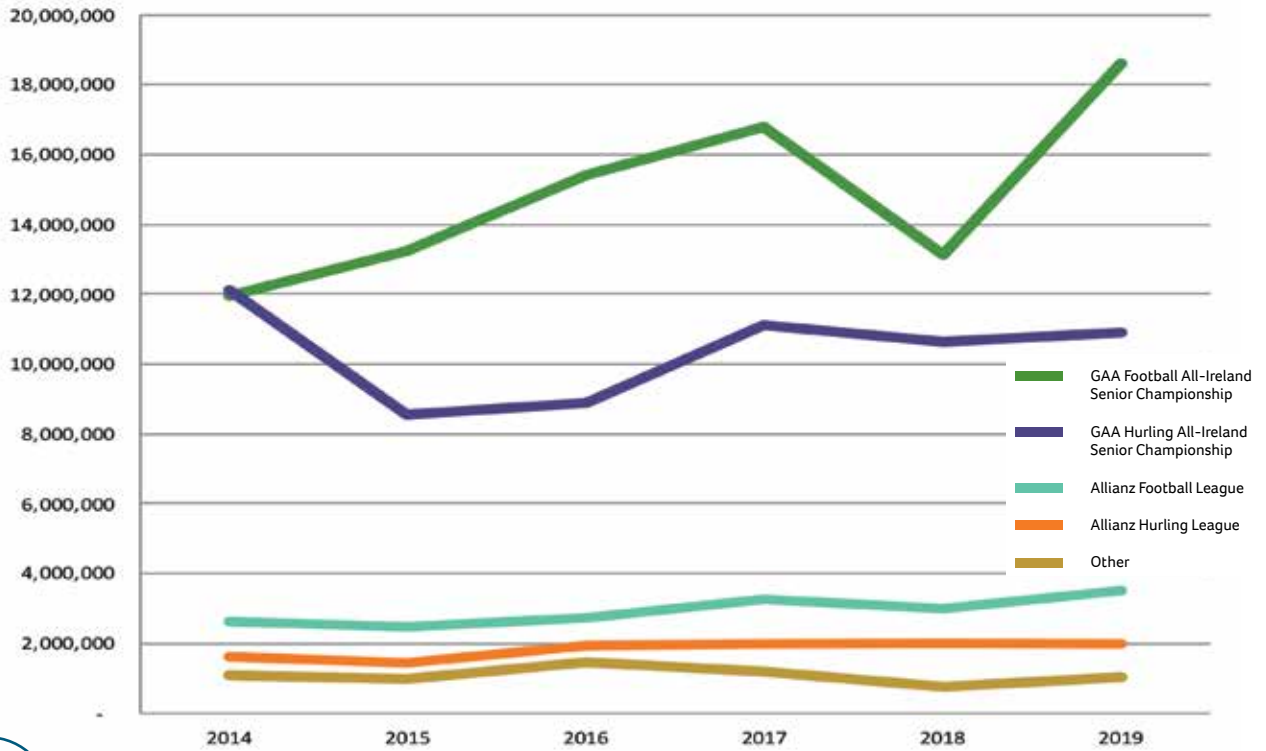
Financial Highlights



SOURCES OF REVENUE 2014 - 2019

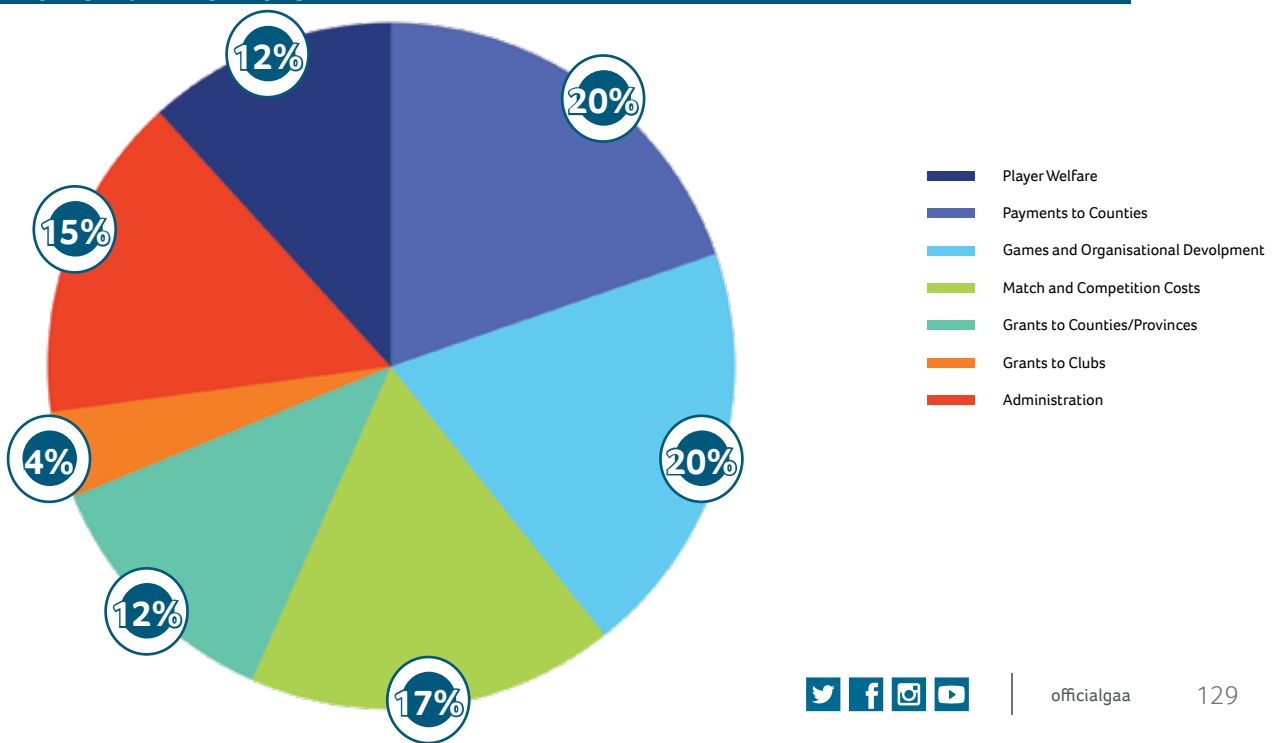
- Gate Receipts
- Commercial Revenue
- Distribution from Páirc an Chrócaigh
- Grants from Government Departments
- Other Income





GATE RECEIPTS BY COMPETITION 2013 - 2018

UTILISATION OF REVENUE 2018



All-Ireland Final Ticket Allocations

	2018	2019
Overall Capacity	82006	82006
County Allocations	59196	58210
Provinces	355	355
Overseas	476	476
Ard-Chomhairle & Iar Uachtarán	796	796
Camogie	140	140
Ladies Football	100	100
Rounders & Handball	212	212
Sponsors	1120	1240
Press	254	254
TV & Radio	74	74
Schools and Educational Bodies	2229	2229
3rd Level	240	240
Croke Park Residents	200	200
Match Officials and National Referees panel	148	148
Health Bodies & Sport Ireland	60	60
Match Day/Vertigo/Minor Teams	148	148
Staff & Sub committees	722	722
Jubilee Teams	70	70
Mini Games	230	230
Term Tickets	2371	2371
Season Tickets	2337	3203
Matchday Staff and Stewarding	294	294
Number available for distribution	71478	71478
Premium & Corporate	10528	10528
Total	82300	82300

“I’ve always had a soft spot for the Irish, but ever since last Sunday I’ve been annoyed by them. Annoyed with them for keeping this great game of hurling to themselves for so long.”

*Kenneth Wolstenholme
 (“they think it’s all over” commentary of 1966)*

