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CORK AND DOWN HEADLINE FOOTBALL'S BIG DAY

It has been a fascinating season on the GAA All-Ireland hurling and football final circuit and there's one more big day to come when Cork and Down clash in the GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship Final in Croke Park on Sunday (3.30). It will be preceded by the ESB GAA Football All-Ireland Minor Championship Final between Cork and Tyrone at 1.15.

It will be a first ever All-Ireland final meeting between Cork and Down – indeed they have only met once before in the championship back in 1994 when Down won a semi-final by five points.

Cork are seeking their 7th All-Ireland senior title – and their first since 1990 – while Down are seeking their 6th and their first since 1994. Down have the distinction of having won all five finals they reached in 1960-61-68-91-94.

Cork have appeared in four finals since winning their last one in 1990 but lost in 1993-99-2007-2009.

Paths to the final

Cork

Cork 0-15 Kerry 0-15 (Munster semi-final)
Kerry 1-15 Cork 1-14 (After extra-time) Replay
Cork 1-19 Cavan 0-4 (Qualifier – Round 2)
Cork 0-12 Wexford 0-5 (Qualifier – Round 3)
Cork 0-16 Limerick 1-11 (Qualifier – Round 4) After extra-time
Cork 1-16 Roscommon 0-10 (All-Ireland quarter-final)
Cork 1-15 Dublin 1-14 (All-Ireland semi-final)
Played 7, Won 5, Drew 1, Lost 1.
Average For: 1-14; Average Against: 0-12

Cork Scorers

Daniel Goulding.....1-34 (0-24 frees, 0-2 '45s')
Donncha O'Connor.....1-16 (0-9 frees, 0-1 penalty)
Paddy Kelly.....0-12 (0-6 frees)
Ciaran Sheehan.....0-9
Pearse O'Neill.....2-3
Colm O'Neill.....0-8 (0-1 free)
Paul Kerrigan.....0-6
Paudie Kissane.....0-3
Aidan Walsh.....0-3
Derek Kavanagh.....0-3
Graham Canty.....0-2
Alan O'Connor.....0-2
Fintan Goold.....0-2
Michael Shields.....0-1

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Noel O'Leary.....0-1
John Hayes.....0-1 (free)
John Miskella.....0-1

Down

Down 1-15 Donegal 2-10 (Ulster quarter-final) After extra-time
Tyrone 0-14 Down 0-10 (Ulster semi-final)
Down 1-14 Longford 1-11 (Qualifier Round 2)
Down 1-12 Offaly 1-10 (Qualifier Round 3)
Down 3-20 Sligo 0-10 (Qualifier Round 4)
Down 1-16 Kerry 1-10 (All-Ireland quarter-final)
Down 1-16 Kildare 1-14 (All-Ireland semi-final)
Played 7, Won 6, Lost 1.
Average For: 1-16; Average Against: 1-11

Scorers

Martin Clarke.....1-27 (1-0 penalty, 0-14 frees, 0-4 '45')
Mark Poland.....1-18 (0-13 frees)
Benny Coulter.....2-11
Daniel Hughes.....0-14
Ronan Murtagh.....1-7
John Clarke.....1-5
Ambrose Rodgers....1-5 (0-1 '45')
Paul McComiskey..0-5 (0-1 free)
Aidan Carr.....1-0
Peter Fitzpatrick....0-3
Kevin McKernan....0-3
Conor Maginn.....0-2
Conor Garvey.....0-1
Dan Gordon.....0-1
Declan Rooney.....0-1

Cork in All-Ireland Finals

2009: Kerry 0-16 Cork 1-9
2007: Kerry 3-13 Cork 1-9
1999: Meath 1-11 Cork 1-8
1993: Derry 1-14 Cork 2-8
1990: Cork 0-11 Meath 0-9
1989: Cork 0-17 Mayo 1-11
1988: Meath 0-13 Cork 0-12 (Replay)
1988: Meath 0-12 Cork 1-9 (Draw)
1987: Meath 1-14 Cork 0-11
1973: Cork 3-17 Galway 2-13
1967: Meath 1-9 Cork 0-9
1957: Louth 1-9 Cork 1-7
1956: Galway 2-13 Cork 3-7

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1945: Cork 2-7 Cavan 0-7
1911: Cork 6-6 Antrim 1-2
1907: Dublin 0-6 Cork 0-2
1906: Dublin 0-5 Cork 0-4
1899: Dublin 1-10 Cork 0-6
1897: Dublin 2-6 Cork 0-2
1894: Dublin 0-5 Cork 1-2 (Match unfinished)
1894: Dublin 0-6 Cork 1-1 (Draw) Goal equalled five points
1893: Wexford 1-1 Cork 0-1
1891: Dublin 2-1 Cork 1-9 (Goal outweighed any number of points)
1890: Cork 2-4 Wexford 0-1
Played 24; Won 6, Drew 2, Lost 15, Unfinished 1.

Down in All-Ireland Finals

1960: Down 2-10 Kerry 0-8
1961: Down 3-6 Offaly 2-8
1968: Down 2-12 Kerry 1-13
1991: Down 1-16 Meath 1-14
1994: Down 1-12 Dublin 0-13
Played 5, Won 5.

Previous Championship Meeting

Cork and Down have only met on one occasion in championship history. That was in 1994 when Down won by 1-13 to 0-11 prior to beating Dublin in the final. The semi-final teams were:

Down: Neil Collins; Michael Magill, Brian Burns, Paul Higgins; Eamon Burns, Barry Breen, DJ Kane; Gregory McCartan, Conor Deegan; Ross Carr, Greg Blaney, James McCartan; Mickey Linden, Aidan Farrell, Gary Mason.

Cork: John Kerins; Mark Farr, Mark O'Connor, Niall Cahalane; Brian Corcoran, Stephen O'Brien, Tony Davis; Shea Fahy, Danny Culloty; Stephen Galnan, Larry Tompkins, Don Davis; Colin Corkery, Joe Kavanagh, Paul McGrath.

Top Scorers 2010 Championship

Kildare's John Doyle looks certain to top the scoring lists for the 2010 GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championships. He scored 1-49 (52 points), one point ahead of Bernard Brogan (Dublin) on 3-32 (51 points).

The top scorers from Cork and Down, Daniel Goulding and Martin Clarke have a chance to close the gap next Sunday but are 15 and 22 points respectively behind Doyle.

The top ten are as follows:

1. John Doyle (Kildare).....1-49 (52)
2. Bernard Brogan (Dublin).....3-42 (51)

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3. Daniel Goulding (Cork).....1-34 (37)
4. Donal Shine (Roscommon)....1-31 (34)
5. Martin Clarke (Down).....1-27 (30)
- Colm Cooper (Kerry).....1-27 (30)
7. Cian Ward (Meath).....2-23 (29)
8. Padraic Joyce (Galway).....1-25 (28)
9. Joe Sheridan (Meath).....5-11 (26)
10. Bryan Sheehan (Kerry).....2-19 (25)

GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship Roll of Honour

Will Cork win their 7th All-Ireland title and join Meath in joint fourth place on the roll of honour or will Down win their 6th title and join Cork in joint fifth place?

- 36 – Kerry (1903-04-09-13-14-24-26-29-30-31-32-37-39-40-41-46-53-55-59-62-69-70-75-78-79-80-81-84-85-86-97-2000-2004-2006-2007-2009)
- 22 – Dublin (1891-92-97-98-99-1901-02-06-07-08-21-22-23-42-58-63-74-76-77-83-95)
- 9 – Galway (1925-34-38-56-64-65-66-98-2001)
- 7 – Meath (1949-54-67-87-88-96-99)
- 6 – CORK (1890-1911-45-73-89-90)
- 5 – DOWN (1960-61-68-91-94)
- 5 – Cavan (1933-35-47-48-52)
- 5 – Wexford (1893-1915-16-17-18)
- 4 – Kildare (1905-19-27-28)
- 4- Tipperary (1889-95-1900-1920)
- 3 – Louth (1910-12-57)
- 3 – Mayo (1936-50-51)
- 3 – Offaly (1971-72-82)
- 3- Tyrone (2003-2005-2008)
- 2 – Limerick (1887-1896)
- 2 – Roscommon (1943-44)
- 1 – Armagh (2002)

ESB GAA Football All-Ireland Minor Championship Final

Will Cork win the ESB GAA Football All-Ireland Minor Championship title for the first time since 2000 or will Tyrone win their fourth in ten years? The answer will emerge in Croke Park next Sunday when they launch the big day with what promises to be a very exciting encounter.

Cork have won the title ten times (one less than Kerry who lead the honours table) while Tyrone have seven titles.

Cork previously won the title in 1961-67-68-69-72-74-81-91-93-2000 while Tyrone were successful in 1947-48-73-98-2001-2004-2008.

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Paths to the final

Cork

Cork 1-9 Clare 0-9
Cork 2-12 Tipperary 2-9
Cork 1-8 Kerry 1-7 (Munster final)
Cork 3-11 Armagh 0-19 (All-Ireland quarter-final)
Cork 3-15 Cork 5-8 (All-Ireland semi-final)
Average For: 2-11; Average Against: 1-13

Tyrone

Tyrone 1-13 Antrim 1-8
Tyrone 1-10 Down 0-10
Tyrone 1-14 Armagh 0-5 (Ulster final)
Tyrone 2-12 Kerry 0-9 (All-Ireland quarter-final)
Tyrone 3-10 Mayo 0-16 (All-Ireland semi-final)
Average For: 2-11; Average Against: 0-11

GAA Football All-Ireland Minor Championship Roll of Honour

11 – Kerry (1931-32-33-46-50-62-63-75-80-88-94)
10 – CORK (1961-67-68-69-72-74-81-91-93-2000)
10 – Dublin (1930-45-54-55-56-58-59-79-82-84)
7 – TYRONE (1947-48-73-98-2001-2004-2008)
6 – Galway (1952-60-70-76-86-2007)
6 – Mayo (1935-53-66-71-78-85)
4 – Derry (1965-83-89-2002)
4 – Down (1977-87-99-2005)
4 – Roscommon (1939-41-51-2006)
3 – Laois (1996-97-2003)
3 – Meath (1957-90-92)
2 – Cavan (1937-38)
2 – Louth (1936-40)
2 – Armagh (1949)
1 – Clare (1929)
1 – Offaly (1964)
1 – Tipperary (1934)
1 – Westmeath (1995)

GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championships 2010

Connacht

May 2: Quarter-final: Galway 2-13 New York 0-12, Gaelic Park.
May 30: Quarter-final: Roscommon 0-14 London 0-6 Ruislip.
June 5: Quarter-final: Sligo 0-15 Mayo 1-8, Markievicz Park.
June 20: Semi-final: Roscommon 1-13 Leitrim 0-11, Dr. Hyde Park.
June 27: Semi-final: Galway 1-10 Sligo 1-10, Pearse Stadium.
July 3: Semi-final replay: Sligo 1-14 Galway 0-16, Markievicz Park.

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July 18: Final: Roscommon 0-14 Sligo 0-13, Castlebar.

Leinster

May 16: First round: Wicklow 3-13 Carlow 0-12, Portlaoise.

May 23: First Round: Meath 1-20 Offaly, 2-7; Portlaoise; Louth 1-11 Longford 1-7, Portlaoise.

June 5: Quarter-final: Louth 1-22 Kildare 1-16, Navan.

June 6: Quarter-final: Westmeath 0-15 Wicklow 1-11, Tullamore.

June 13: Quarter-finals: Laois 1-16 Meath 2-13 (after extra-time); Dublin 2-16 Wexford 0-15 (after extra-time). Both in Croke Park.

June 19: Quarter-final replay: Meath 2-14 Laois 0-10, Tullamore.

June 27: Semi-finals: Meath 5-9 Dublin 0-13; Louth 1-15 Westmeath 2-10, Croke Park.

July 11: Final, Croke Park: Meath 1-12 Louth 1-10, Croke Park.

Munster

May 16: Quarter-final: Kerry 2-18 Tipperary 2-6, Thurles.

May 23: Quarter-final: Waterford 1-10 Clare 0-9, Dungarvan.

June 6: Semi-finals: Kerry 0-15 Cork 0-15, Killarney; Limerick 1-17 Waterford 1-9, Dungarvan.

June 13: Semi-final replay: Kerry 1-15 Cork 1-14 (after extra-time), Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

July 4: Final: Kerry 1-17 Limerick 1-14, Killarney.

Ulster

May 16: First round: Armagh 1-10 Derry 1-7, Celtic Park.

May 23: Quarter-final: Tyrone 2-14 Antrim 1-13, Casement Park.

May 30: Quarter-final: Down 1-15 Donegal 2-10 (After extra-time), Ballybofey.

June 6: Quarter-final: Monaghan 1-18 Armagh 0-9, Casement Park.

June 12: Quarter-final: Fermanagh 1-13 Cavan 0-13, Kingspan Breffni Park.

June 19: Semi-final: Tyrone 0-14 Down 0-10, Casement Park.

June 27: Semi-final: Monaghan 0-21 Fermanagh 2-8, Kingspan Breffni Park.

July 18: Final: Tyrone 1-14 Monaghan 0-7, Clones.

All-Ireland Championship

June 26: Qualifiers Round 1: Derry 1-18 Carlow 2-9, Dr. Cullen Park; Kildare 0-15 Antrim 0-15, Newbridge (after extra-time); Offaly 2-18 Clare 1-18, Tullamore (After extra-time); Longford 1-12 Mayo 0-14, Pearse Park; Armagh 2-14 Donegal 0-11, Crossmaglen; Cavan 0-15 Wicklow 2-8, Kingspan Breffni Park.

June 27: Wexford 4-22 London 0-9, Ruislip; Tipperary 0-13 Laois 0-12, Thurles.

July 3: Kildare 1-15 Antrim 0-9 (Replay)

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July 10/11: Qualifiers Round 2: Kildare 1-12 Leitrim 0-6; Dublin 1-21 Tipperary 1-13, Croke Park; Cork 1-19 Cavan 0-4, Páirc Uí Chaoimh; Offaly 0-15 Waterford 0-10, Tullamore; Wexford 1-11 Galway 0-13, Pearse Stadium; Armagh 0-11 Fermanagh 0-7, Enniskillen; Down 1-14 Longford 1-10, Newry; Derry 0-13 Westmeath 1-7, Mullingar.

July 17: Qualifiers Round 3: Dublin 0-14 Armagh 0-11, Croke Park; Cork 0-12 Wexford 0-5, Wexford Park; Kildare 2-17 Derry 1-9, Celtic Park; Down 1-12 Offaly 1-10, Tullamore.

July 24: Qualifiers Round 4: Dublin 2-14 Louth 0-13, Croke Park; Kildare 1-15 Monaghan 1-11, Croke Park; Cork 0-16 Limerick 1-11, Gaelic Rounds (after extra-time); Down 3-20 Sligo 0-10, Kingspan Breffni Park.

July 31: All-Ireland quarter-finals: Down 1-16 Kerry 1-10, Croke Park; Dublin 1-15 Tyrone 0-13, Croke Park.

August 1: All Ireland quarter-finals: Cork 1-16 Roscommon 0-10, Croke Park; Kildare 2-17 Meath 1-12, Croke Park.

August 22: All-Ireland semi-final: Cork 1-15 Dublin 1-14, Croke Park.

August 29: All-Ireland semi-final: Down 1-16 Kildare 1-14, Croke Park.

Next Sunday: All-Ireland final: Cork v Down, Croke Park, 3.30.

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