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CONNACHT AND ULSTER HOLD CENTRE STAGE

It's a free weekend on the football scene in Leinster and Munster but the action rolls on in the Ulster GAA and Connacht GAA Football Championships with quarter-finals down for decision in both provinces.

Fixture details this weekend as follows:

Sunday

- Ulster GAA Football Championship SF Quarter-final: Donegal v Down, Ballybofey, 2.0 (Live on RTE2)
- Connacht GAA Football Championship SF Quarter-final: London v Roscommon, Ruislip, 3.0

DONEGAL v DOWN

One of the closest rivalries in Ulster over the years, it's all set for another fascinating chapter on Sunday as they battle it out for the right to play Tyrone in the semi-final. Down are seeking their first championship win over Donegal since 1996. In the interim, Donegal have won three games in 2002-2003-2006.

Donegal are chasing their first Ulster title since 1993, the year they won the All-Ireland title for the first time while Down's last provincial title came in 1994 which was also the year they won their last All-Ireland title. The sides met in Division II of this year's Allianz GAA Football National League with Down winning by 0-13 to 0-11.

Down went on to top the group but were beaten in the final by Armagh. However, James McCartan's squad clinched promotion which means they have gone from Divisions III to I in successive seasons. Donegal were relegated last year and were among the favourites for promotion this year but ended up in third place behind Down and Armagh.

Last Five Championship Clashes

2006: Donegal 1-12 Down 1-11 (Ulster quarter-final)
2003: Donegal 3-15 Down 2-10 (All-Ireland qualifiers Round 4)
2002: Donegal 3-12 Down 1-6 (Ulster quarter-final)
1996: Down 1-9 Donegal 0-11 (Ulster 1st round)
1995: Donegal 1-12 Down 0-9 (Ulster 1st round)

2010 NFL

Donegal: 3rd Div 2 (Played 7, Won 4, Lost 3)
Down: Beaten finalists Div 2 (Played 8, Won 6, Drew 1, Lost 1). Promoted.

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LONDON v ROSCOMMON

Can London bridge a 33-year gap without a win in the Connacht GAA Football Championship? That's the big question ahead of Sunday's Connacht GAA Football Championship Quarter-final clash with Roscommon in Ruislip.

London's only victory came in 1977 when they beat Leitrim by 0-9 to 0-6. This will be their seventh Connacht championship clash with Roscommon who have won the previous six. However, Roscommon got a real fright on their last visit to Ruislip in 2005 when they won by just a single point (0-12 to 1-8). London led by two points early in the second half before Roscommon used their greater experience to edge to victory by a single point.

Roscommon are setting out in pursuit of their first Connacht title since 2001 – in fact they have been in only one final since then, losing to Mayo in 2004. They had a disappointing 2010 Allianz GAA Football National League campaign winning just one (v Louth) of seven games in Division III which left them relegated.

London's only victory from eight Division IV games was against Kilkenny.

Last Five Championship Clashes

2005: Roscommon 0-12 London 1-8
2000: Roscommon 4-18 London 0-10
1995: Roscommon 0-19 London 1-7
1990: Roscommon 5-16 London 1-5
1985: Roscommon 1-15 London 0-10

NFL 2010

Roscommon: 7th Div 3: Played 7, Won 1, Lost 6 (Relegated),
London: 8th Div 4: Played 8, Won 1, Lost 7.

GAA FOOTBALL ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 2010

CONNACHT

May 2: Quarter-final: Galway 2-13 New York 0-12, Gaelic Park.
Next Sunday: Quarter-final: London v Roscommon, Ruislip.
June 5: Quarter-final: Sligo v Mayo, Markievicz Park.
June 20: Semi-final: Roscommon/London v Leitrim, Dr.Hyde Park or Carrick-on-Shannon.
June 27: Semi-final: Mayo or Sligo v Galway, Castlebar or Pearse Stadium.
July 18: Final

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.

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June 5: Quarter-final: Kildare v Louth, Navan.
June 6: Quarter-final: Wicklow v Westmeath, Tullamore.
June 13: Quarter-finals: Laois v Meath; Dublin v Wexford. Both in Croke Park.
June 26: Semi-final: Kildare/Louth v Wicklow/Westmeath.
June 27: Semi-final: Dublin/Wexford v Laois/Meath, Croke Park.
July 11: Final, 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 v Cork, Killarney; Limerick v Waterford.
July 4: Final.

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.
Next Sunday: Quarter-final: Donegal v Down, Ballybofey.
June 6: Quarter-final: Armagh v Monaghan.
June 12: Quarter-final: Cavan v Fermanagh, Kingspan Breffni Park.
June 19: Semi-final: Tyrone v Donegal/Down.
June 27: Semi-final: Cavan/Fermanagh v Armagh/Monaghan.
July 18: Final.

GAA FOOTBALL ALL IRELAND SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

June 26: Qualifiers Round I: Those involved: 16 teams who didn't reach provincial Semi-finals.
Counties already there: Carlow, Offaly, Longford, Derry, Antrim, Tipperary, Clare.

July 10: Qualifiers Round II: Eight first round winners v eight defeated provincial Semi-finalists.

July 17: Qualifiers Round III: Round 2 winners play off against each other in four games.

July 24: Qualifiers Round IV: Round 3 winners v beaten provincial finalists.

July 31/August 1/2/3: All-Ireland Quarter-finals.

August 22: All-Ireland Semi-final, Croke Park.

August 29: All-Ireland Semi-final, Croke Park.

September 19: All-Ireland Final, Croke Park.

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