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LEINSTER HEAD REPRESENTATION IN LAST TWELVE

Leinster are the best represented province in the last twelve of the GAA All-Ireland senior football championships with four counties still in the race for Sam Maguire. Ulster and Munster have three each while Connacht have two.

Meath, Dublin, Louth and Kildare are all flying the Leinster flag; Kerry, Cork and Limerick represent Munster; Tyrone, Monaghan and Down are Ulster's representatives while Sligo and Roscommon carry Connacht's hopes.

Both Leinster and Munster are certain to lose one each in the Round 4 qualifiers as the pairings include Dublin v Louth and Cork v Limerick.

Next weekend's programme is as follows:

Saturday July 24

GAA Football All-Ireland Qualifier Rd 4

Kildare v Monaghan, Croke Park 3.0

Dublin v Louth, Croke Park 5.0

Limerick v Cork, Páirc na nGael, 7.0

Sligo v Down, Kingspan Breffni Park, 7.0

CORK v LIMERICK

They meet for the fifth successive year in the championship with the previous four all being in the Munster championship. Cork won all four, leaving Limerick seeking their first win over the Leesiders since 2003 when they had ten points to spare in a Munster quarter-final clash.

They met in last year's Munster final with Cork winning by a single point (2-6 to 0-11) in Páirc Uí Chaoimh. Daniel Goulding scored 1-3 for the winners while Donncha O'Connor landed 1-1. Ian Ryan (0-4) and Seanie Ryan (0-3) were top scores for Limerick. Limerick are seeking to reach the quarter-final for the first time while Cork are bidding to reach the last eight for a sixth successive season.

Both Cork and Limerick have already played Kerry with the former losing by a point in a replay which went to extra-time while the latter lost the Munster final by three points.

2010 Championship

Cork

Cork 0-15 Kerry 0-15

Kerry 1-15 Cork 1-14 (Replay – after extra-time)

Cork 1-19 Cavan 0-4

Cork 0-12 Wexford 0-5

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**Limerick**

Limerick 1-17 Waterford 1-9

Kerry 1-17 Limerick 1-14 (Munster final)

Last Five Championship Clashes

2009: Cork 2-6 Limerick 0-11 (Munster final)

2008: Cork 2-9 Limerick 0-12 (Munster semi-final)

2007: Cork 2-14 Limerick 0-7 (Munster quarter-final)

2006: Cork 0-9 Limerick 0-5 (Munster semi-final)

2003: Limerick 0-16 Cork 0-6 (Munster quarter-final)

DUBLIN v LOUTH

Louth are seeking their first championship victory over Dublin since 1973 when they won a Leinster first round replay by 1-8 to 0-9 in Navan. Since then they have lost 12 times to Dublin in 1974-75-79-83-90-92-94-95-96-99-2003-2008.

The last championship clash between the counties was in 2008 when they met in the Leinster quarter-final with Dublin winning by 1-22 to 0-12. Alan Brogan (1-7), 'Mossy' Quinn (0-6) and Conal Keaney (0-3) were top scorers for Dublin while Aaron Hoey (0-3) was Louth's top scorer.

Louth are seeking to reach the All-Ireland quarter-finals for the first time while Dublin last missed out on the quarter-finals in 2003. Indeed that was the only year they failed to reach the quarter-finals since the introduction of the new championship system in 2001.

2010 championship

Dublin 2-16 Wexford 0-15 (After extra-time)

Meath 5-9 Dublin 0-13

Dublin 1-21 Tipperary 1-13

Dublin 0-14 Armagh 0-11

Louth

Louth 1-11 Longford 1-7

Louth 1-22 Kildare 1-16

Louth 1-15 Westmeath 2-10

Meath 1-12 Louth 1-10 (Leinster final)

Last Five Championship Clashes

2008 – Dublin 1-22 Louth 0-12

2003 – Dublin 1-19 Louth 0-9

1999 – Dublin 2-15 Louth 0-14

1996 – Dublin 1-9 Louth 0-8

1995 – Dublin 0-19 Louth 2-5

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**KILDARE v MONAGHAN**

They meet for the first time in the All-Ireland qualifiers and for the first time in the championship since 1930 when Monaghan won an All-Ireland semi-final by 1-6 to 1-4 in Croke Park before losing the final to Kerry. They also met in 1929, 1927 and 1907 with Kildare winning all three games.

The last competitive clash between the counties was in March 2009 when Kildare won a Division 2 Allianz National League game by 1-14 to 1-11.

Kildare are seeking to reach the quarter-final for a third successive year while Monaghan last qualified in 2007.

2010 Championship**Kildare**

Louth 1-22 Kildare 1-16

Kildare 0-15 Antrim 0-15 (After extra-time)

Kildare 1-15 Antrim 0-9 (Replay)

Kildare 1-12 Leitrim 0-6

Kildare 2-17 Derry 1-9

Monaghan

Monaghan 1-18 Armagh 0-9

Monaghan 0-21 Fermanagh 2-8

Tyrone 1-14 Monaghan 0-7 (Ulster final)

Previous championship clashes

1930: Monaghan 1-6 Kildare 1-4 (All-Ireland semi-final)

1929: Kildare 0-9 Monaghan 0-1 (All-Ireland semi-final)

1927: Kildare 1-7 Monaghan 0-2 (All-Ireland semi-final)

1906: Kildare 2-10 Monaghan 1-3 (All-Ireland championship)

DOWN v SLIGO

They met in the qualifiers once before in 2006 with Sligo winning a first round game by 1-7 to 0-4 in Markievicz Park. Sean Davey (1-1 and Mark Breheny (0-3) were top scorers for the winners. Sligo are bidding to reach the quarter-finals for the first time since 2007 while Down are bidding to reach the quarter-finals for the first time.

2010 Championship**Down**

Down 1-15 Donegal 2-10 (After extra-time)

Tyrone 0-14 Down 0-10

Down 1-14 Longford 1-10

Down 1-12 Offaly 1-10

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**Sligo****Sligo 0-15 Mayo 1-8****Sligo 1-10 Galway 1-10****Sligo 1-14 Galway 0-16 (Replay)****Roscommon 0-14 Sligo 0-13 (Connacht final)****GAA ALL-IRELAND SFC 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.****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), Pairc Ui 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.**

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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 Fermanagh 0-7, Clones.

ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

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)

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, Paire Ui 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.

July 24: Qualifiers Round 4: Dublin v Louth; Kildare v Monaghan; Cork v Limerick; Down v Sligo.

July 31/August 1/2/3: All-Ireland quarter-finals: Kerry, Meath, Roscommon, Tyrone v Round 4 qualifier winners.

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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