



GAA GAMES INTELLIGENCE UNIT

Weeks 9-13

Sam Maguire Cup
Tailteann Cup



TABLE 1. Sam Maguire Cup - Average Per Game Event Data (Excludes Extra Time).

Rounds 1–3, Preliminary Quarter Final (PQF) and Quarter Final (QF).

Sam Maguire Cup	2024 Champ	All Games	R1	R2	R3	PQF	QF
No of games		32.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	4.0	4.0
Possessions	78.4	82.8 ▲	78.1	81.8	85.9	81.5	89.0
Goalkeeper involvements in team possessions		1.2	1.8	0.6	1.2	0.0	2.2
Goals	2.0	2.3 ▲	3.0	2.2	1.4	3.2	1.8
2 Point scores		5.5	4.4	7.0	5.0	5.2	6.0
Points	27.9	27.9 ■	25.2	26.0	31.5	27.8	30.2
Passes	581	485.2 ▼	486.9	484.6	478.2	497.0	485.0
Passes to goalkeeper		1.6	2.6	0.9	1.4	0.0	2.8
Kick passes	131	89.2 ▼	94.0	85.1	90.1	86.0	89.0
Hand passes	450	396.0 ▼	392.9	399.5	388.1	411.0	396.0
Hand pass/Kick pass ratio	3.4	4.4 ▲	4.2	4.7	4.3	4.8	4.4
Passes Per Possession	7.4	5.9 ▼	6.2	5.9	5.6	6.1	5.4
Kick outs	42.6	48.7 ▲	45.8	48.0	50.2	48.2	53.5
Short kick outs (inside 45m line)		10.0	9.6	9.0	10.0	8.0	14.8
Medium kick outs (45m-65m line)		14.4	13.2	14.1	15.0	15.5	15.0
Long kick outs (+65m line)		24.2	22.9	24.9	25.1	24.2	23.5
Kick outs retained (%)	84.0	61.2 ▼	60.1	57.3	63.9	57.5	68.2
Contested kick outs		31.2	28.5	33.1	31.5	32.8	30.2
Contested kick outs (%)	26.0	64.0 ▲	62.3	69.0	62.7	67.9	56.5
Primary possession (clean) inside 45m line		8.9	8.1	8.0	9.2	7.2	13.2
Primary possession (clean) beyond 45m line		13.3	11.9	12.6	16.1	12.2	13.0
Secondary possession (break) beyond 45m line		18.5	16.4	20.9	18.6	19.5	16.8
Shots	49.9	59.8 ▲	55.0	59.4	61.6	60.2	66.5
Scores	30.7	35.7 ▲	32.6	35.2	37.9	36.2	38.0
Productivity	4.2	5.5 ▲	5.5	5.7	5.3	5.9	5.3
Shots from play		49.6	45.0	47.4	50.9	52.2	57.8
Scores from play		28.3	25.8	25.9	30.0	30.8	32.8
Shot/Score ratio from open play (%)	52.0	57.2 ▲	57.2	54.6	59.0	58.9	56.7
Shots from placed Balls		10.3	10.0	12.0	10.8	8.0	8.8
Scores from placed Ball		7.4	6.9	9.4	7.9	5.5	5.2
Shot/Score ratio from placed balls (%)	79.0	71.7 ▼	68.8	78.1	73.3	68.8	60.0
2 Point shots		11.8	10.6	13.6	11.5	10.2	12.2
Shot/Score ratio from 2 point shots (%)		46.8	41.2	51.4	43.5	51.2	49.0
Turnovers (Lost)	27.0	31.9 ▲	30.1	31.5	33.8	31.2	33.5
Turnover rate (%)	41.0	38.6 ▼	38.6	38.5	39.3	38.3	37.6
in defensive third (end line to 45m line)		2.3	2.4	1.6	2.8	2.0	3.2
in middle third (45m line to opp 45m)		7.1	6.4	8.0	7.9	5.5	7.0
in attacking third (opp 45m line to end line)		22.5	21.4	21.9	23.1	23.8	23.2
Fouls	23.8	26.8 ▲	27.4	29.1	27.2	22.2	25.0
in defensive third		7.8	7.1	9.8	8.1	6.2	6.5
in middle third		12.2	13.1	11.1	13.4	10.5	11.5
in attacking third		6.8	7.1	8.2	5.8	5.5	7.0

TABLE 2. Tailteann Cup - Average Per Game Event Data (Excludes Extra Time).*Rounds 1–3, Preliminary Quarter Final (PQF) and Quarter Final (QF).*

Tailteann Cup	All Games	R1	R2	R3	PQF	QF
No of games	32.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	4.0	4.0
Possessions	84.1	82.9	82.9	84.2	93.5	79.5
Goalkeeper involvements in team possessions	1.3	1.1	1.5	0.8	2.0	2.0
Goals	2.8	2.6	2.1	2.8	4.2	3.0
2 Point scores	5.2	5.8	3.9	5.5	5.0	6.2
Points	26.2	25.9	24.8	26.0	32.0	24.5
Passes	477.7	487.9	492.1	440.5	460.8	519.5
Passes to goalkeeper	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.4	2.2	3.2
Kick passes	96.8	100.0	98.4	79.1	106.0	113.5
Hand passes	380.8	387.9	393.8	361.4	354.8	406.0
Hand pass/Kick pass ratio	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.6	3.3	3.6
Passes Per Possession	5.7	5.9	5.9	5.2	4.9	6.5
Kick outs	48.6	46.8	47.9	49.1	54.8	46.8
Short kick outs (inside 45m line)	12.3	12.8	14.5	10.1	13.8	10.0
Medium kick outs (45m-65m line)	12.9	11.0	12.0	13.2	17.5	13.2
Long kick outs (+65m line)	23.4	23.0	21.4	25.8	23.5	23.2
Kick outs retained (%)	62.3	61.2	61.9	64.6	60.7	62.0
Contested kick outs	29.8	27.4	28.4	32.4	33.0	29.0
Contested kick outs (%)	61.2	58.6	59.3	65.9	60.3	62.0
Primary possession (clean) inside 45m line	11.0	11.1	13.0	9.0	12.2	9.2
Primary possession (clean) beyond 45m line	13.6	13.6	12.2	14.1	15.5	13.2
Secondary possession (break) beyond 45m line	18.3	15.6	17.2	21.9	17.8	19.0
Shots	60.5	59.5	59.5	61.1	66.5	57.0
Scores	34.2	34.2	30.8	34.2	41.2	33.8
Productivity	5.3	5.5	4.7	5.4	5.9	5.8
Shots from play	49.4	47.1	49.6	49.2	55.8	47.5
Scores from play	26.5	25.6	24.9	26.1	32.5	26.2
Shot/Score ratio from open play (%)	53.6	54.4	50.1	53.0	58.3	55.3
Shots from placed Balls	11.1	12.4	9.9	11.9	10.8	9.5
Scores from placed Ball	7.7	8.6	5.9	8.1	8.8	7.5
Shot/Score ratio from placed balls (%)	69.5	69.7	59.5	68.4	81.4	78.9
2 Point shots	12.0	12.9	11.5	12.0	11.2	12.2
Shot/Score ratio from 2 point shots (%)	43.1	44.7	33.7	45.8	44.4	51.0
Turnovers (Lost)	33.5	34.1	33.0	33.2	36.8	30.8
Turnover rate (%)	39.9	41.2	39.8	39.5	39.3	38.7
in defensive third (end line to 45m line)	2.2	1.8	1.5	2.5	3.8	2.8
in middle third (45m line to opp 45m)	7.2	6.0	6.6	8.9	8.2	6.5
in attacking third (opp 45m line to end line)	24.1	26.4	24.9	21.9	24.8	21.5
Fouls	27.9	28.2	26.1	30.2	30.8	23.5
in defensive third	9.0	10.2	8.0	9.9	8.0	7.8
in middle third	11.4	10.2	9.5	13.0	15.8	10.0
in attacking third	7.5	7.8	8.6	7.4	7.0	5.8

TABLE 3. Average values in relation to the rule enhancements – Tailteann (TC) and Sam Maguire Cup (SM).

Rounds 1–3, Preliminary Quarter Final (PQF) and Quarter Final (QF).

	TC R1	TC R2	TC R3	TC PQF	TC QF	TC SF	SM R1	SM R2	SM R3	SM PQF	SM QF
Total game time	01:16:35	01:17:44	01:17:54	01:17:13	01:16:55	01:17:47	01:20:35	01:18:55	01:19:47	01:20:30	01:21:21
% Ball in play time	58%	58%	55%	53%	60%	62%	56%	56%	54%	56%	54%
Primary poss from KO > 45m line (clean)	47%	41%	39%	47%	41%	25%	42%	38%	46%	38%	44%
Secondary poss from KO > 45m line (break)	53%	59%	61%	53%	59%	75%	58%	62%	54%	62%	56%
Average kick out duration	19.4	19.9	20.9	18.9	19.9	20.8	21.0	20.7	20.5	21.3	18.6
Passes to the goal keeper	1.8	1.6	1.4	2.2	3.2	0.0	2.6	0.9	1.4	0.0	2.8
Passes to GK in midfield (HW – 45m line)	61%	88%	57%	65%	55%	0%	100%	89%	100%	0%	100%
Passes to GK in attack (> 45m line)	33%	13%	43%	35%	45%	0%	0%	11%	0%	0%	0%
Goal keeper Shots (Open Play)	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	1.0
Average fouls per game	28.2	26.1	30.2	30.8	23.5	20.0	27.4	29.1	27.2	22.2	25.0
<i>Solo and Go</i>	7.1	7.5	7.6	7.5	7.5	6.0	6.1	6.9	5.4	5.2	7.5
<i>Kick pass</i>	10.3	10.5	12.4	14.1	8.2	9.0	12.9	12.2	12.8	10.2	10.7
<i>Shot</i>	10.8	8.1	10.2	9.2	7.8	5.0	8.4	10.0	9.0	6.8	6.8
Shots from solo & go (First phase)	3.2	2.8	3.0	3.8	4.0	5.5	3.5	3.2	3.2	2.8	4.8
Scores from solo & go (First phase)	2.2	1.6	1.8	3.2	2.2	3.0	1.8	1.9	2.1	1.5	3.8
Open play 1 point shots	38.9	41.2	40.0	48.0	37.5	43.5	37.9	37.1	43.4	44.5	48.0
Open play 2 point shots	8.2	8.4	9.2	7.8	10.0	7.0	7.1	10.2	7.5	7.8	9.8
Free Kick 1 point shots	6.1	5.0	7.5	5.8	5.5	4.0	5.0	6.6	5.0	4.2	4.2
Free Kick 2 point shots	4.6	3.1	2.8	3.5	2.2	1.0	3.4	3.4	4.0	2.5	2.5

FIGURE 1. Total Shots and Scores across the AFL, Provincial Championship, and Sam Maguire Cup.

Shots: AFL Average: 58.4 | 2025 Championship Average: 59.9 | 2024 Championship Average: 49.9

Scores: AFL average: 32.3 | 2025 Championship Average: 35.8 | 2024 Championship Average: 30.7

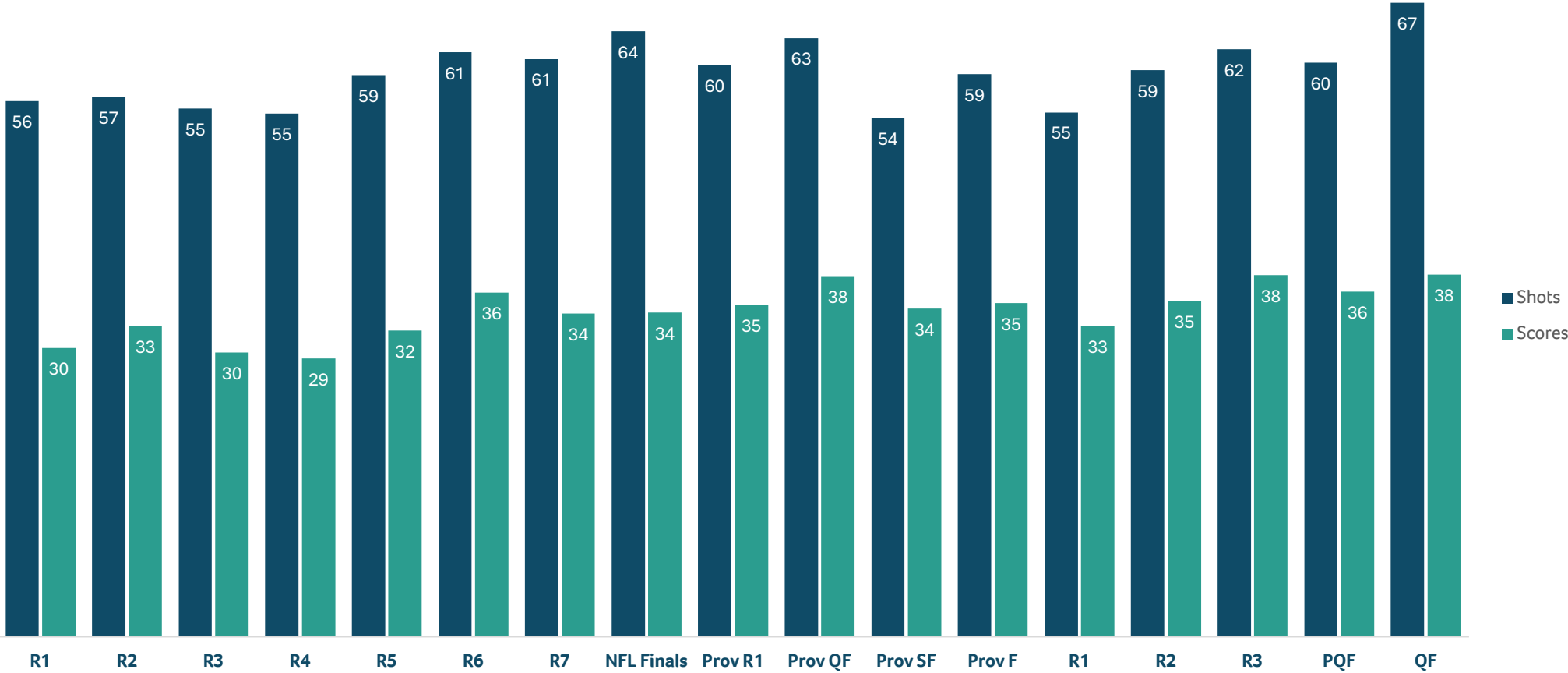
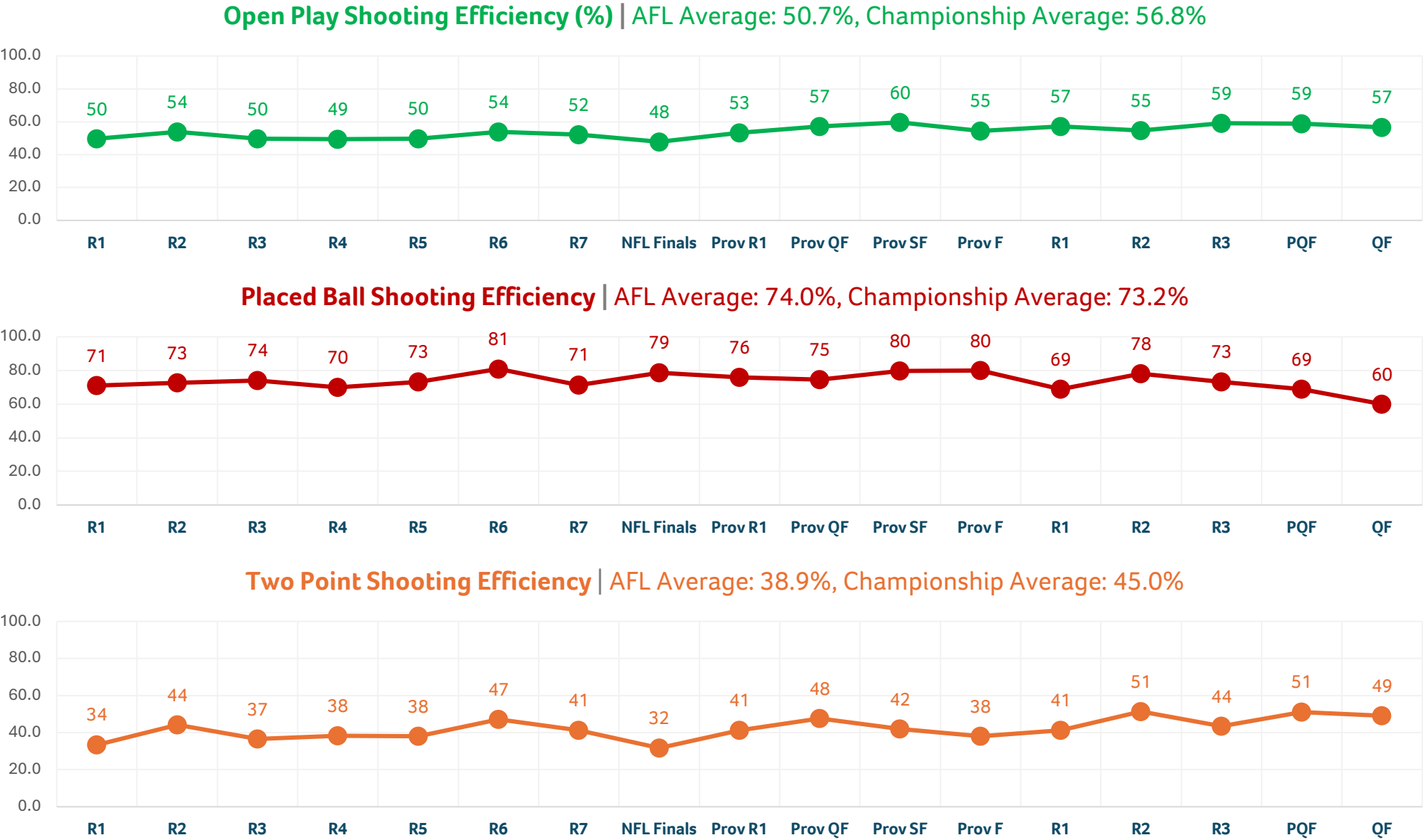


FIGURE 2. Average Shot/Score ratio (%) from Open Play, Placed Ball, and Two Point Shots across the AFL, Provincial Championship, and Sam Maguire Cup.



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