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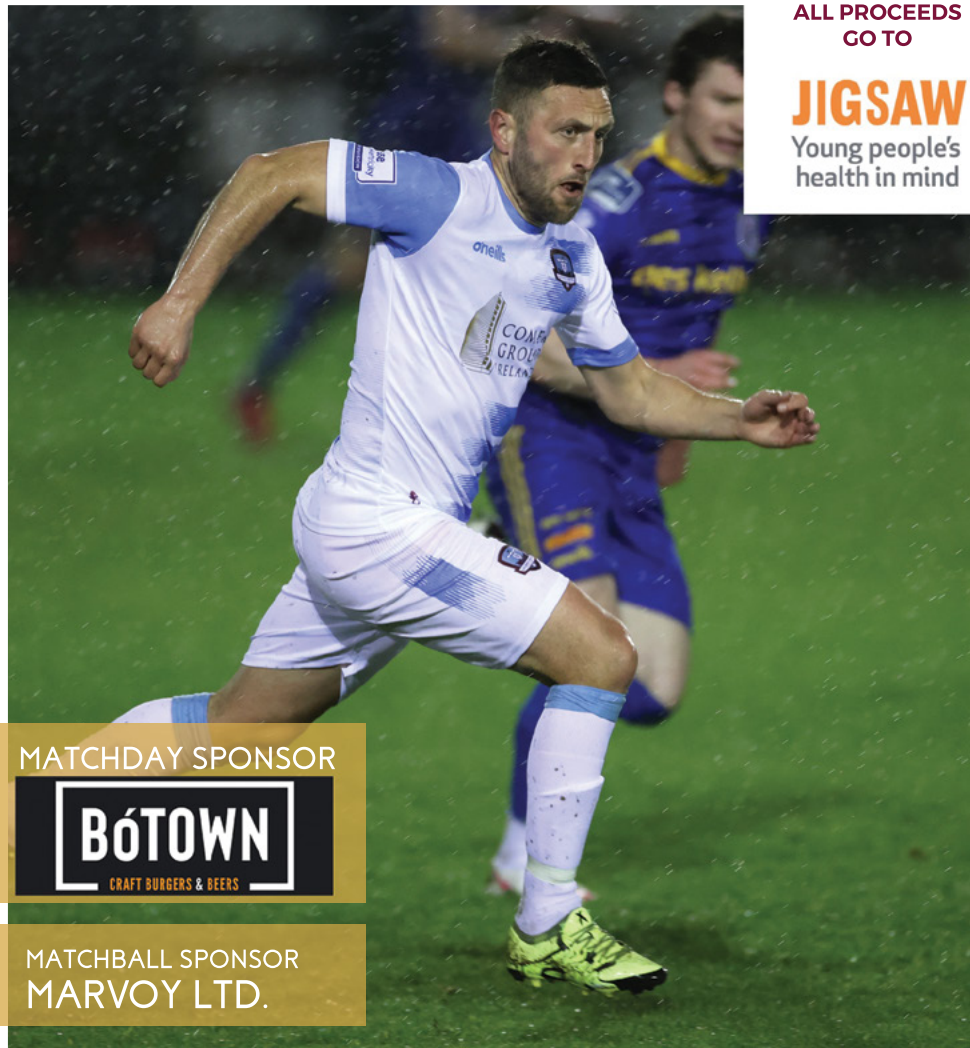


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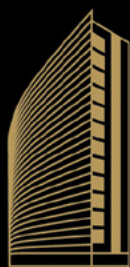
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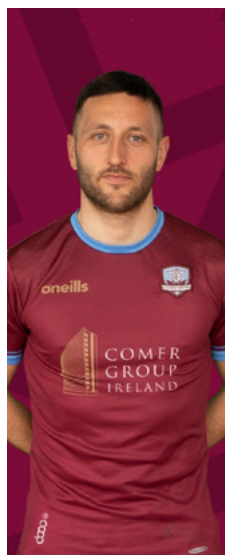
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must be in more WhatsApp groups than I know people well at this stage but it has its charms.

On Wednesday last, Maroon View's very own Julian Canny pointed out that it was the 30th anniversary of our FAI Cup win in 1991, the only real achievement of note of Galway United in our desperately poor history in terms of winning trophies. This caught yours truly unaware but it seemed I was not alone.

I pointed out on another WhatsApp group that Wednesday was, indeed, a special anniversary, and asked if we could put out a tweet or some such to mark same.

Within a couple of hours, we had a link to the game being played "live" on Youtube to correspond with the timing of 1991. Paul Mladjenovic had rallied the troops in our media team and a series of tweets were scheduled, including the team-sheet, a beautiful photo of the late Tommy Keane, live updates, and reaction - all after John Mulligan came in live on Galway Bay FM!

It was as if I were that kid who watched the game back in 1991, albeit without social media which, I was reminded Wednesday, still has its benefits.

It showed the terrific attitude and talents of the Galway United volunteers. Despite being a chronically underachieving club, marooned in the second tier and most of the media team having never seen us won anything, we are part of something special. Imagine if we were any good!

On the pitch, the challenges remain pretty great, as the defeat to Bray

Wanderers knocked us back after the victory over Cobh. It is going to be a long season, likely going all the way to the wire. This is a deeply competitive second tier this season and it goes without saying that nothing other than a win would go down well in the home dressing room this evening.

What was notable watching back the cup final was the amazing support that came from Galway that day. Since then, we have never made a Cup final, spent most of our time in the second division, gone out of business, come back again, gotten relegated again, and yet we have so much hope for the future.

What is sad is so much talent that called Galway home since 1991 went elsewhere. A bit like the World Cup of the year before being something the League of Ireland did not capitalise on, it's hard to see how Galway United grew into much from the glory of Lansdowne Road. We must never repeat that, assuming we win anything ever again.

Even the big names from that Cup final win amount to a somewhat regrettable memory, as most joined a bigger club afterwards. With the backing of the Comer brothers in our beautiful home in Eamonn Deacy Park, the days of us being accustomed to being underdogs are no good anymore.

Tommy Keane, rest in peace, would have it no other way. Nor would another great up above, this ground of ours proudly bearing his name.

Enjoy the game.



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Last Friday showed how every week the games are so tough. We were very disappointed with the late goal.

Certainly we started the game poorly but when we came back to one all towards half-time we had three glorious chances, hitting the post twice. In the end to concede so late against Bray Wanderers was very disappointing.

We have an opportunity with another home game to put it right. While there was disappointment, that is last week, it is over and done with. You focus on the next game, we have been training hard all week, and we are looking forward to a tough game against Wexford.

If you look up to three weeks ago in their first four matches they got beaten by the odd goal by Shelbourne, Cabinteely, and Cobh. Then all of a sudden they were unlucky in Athlone when Athlone got two very late goals.

They had a man sent off in the first minute against UCD two weeks ago when their two goalkeepers were sent off. You look at the scoreline, 6-0, but they were down to nine men with two goalkeepers sent off.

Until the last two weeks the results had been quite tight but in the last few weeks things haven't gone right for them. Obviously we are after hearing their manager is gone and that they are going to appoint a new manager before this evening's game.

There is always a bit of impetus with new managers; they have a certain number of players, who have been around the league and are good players. For us it is about trying to make sure we start on the front foot like we did against Cobh a few weeks ago, that we start the game right.

If we do that I think we will win the match. If we start slow like we did last weekend then you are putting yourself in trouble. I keep saying that you have no easy games.

In these games you have to earn the right to play, you have to be at it from the start. For us we need to see can we score first because when we scored first we won. When we haven't we haven't, that is it in a nutshell really.

Things can change quickly in the First Division. If you looked at it a couple of weeks ago Athlone were top of the table. Now it is Shelbourne and UCD. I'd predict that there will be a lot of changes.

For us it is about trying to get consistency; we need to win the match. Even though it is early days I still believe and keep saying that we have an excellent team. I believe they are a great bunch of guys, we have lots to work on.

Giving away soft goals has been a problem for us. That is something we are constantly working hard on.

When you bring in a new team and a new squad, you go full time training it does take time, but at the end of the day some of the goals we have been giving away are inexcusable.

We have a very good bunch of guys, I see them every day, I know how hard they work. We just have to be at it from the start, to concentrate better. I'm sure we will improve.



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Last week was heartbreaking to go a goal behind so early on in the game against Bray.

But we grew into the game and showed great character determination to come back to level terms and should have probably gone into half-time ahead with the chances we created to score. I left we controlled the rest of the game and found ourselves very unlucky, conceding in the last kick of the game: a tough one to take but we've to learn from it and make sure it doesn't happen again.

We've to dust ourselves down and go again. We had a good chat about the performance on Monday and we know how we need to improve defensively as a unit. We're conceding one too many goals from errors; the opposition are capitalising on them and go in front in games which gives us a mountain to climb.

I touched on it a few weeks ago about the need for us players to concentrate more and especially when defending at vital times in games. We've a lot of young players learning the game. They've huge potential but it's a skill hopefully we can implement in our game, which will improve us massively. I am sure it will come with more games and experience under our belts.

We've another big game against Wexford; we played them and beat them comfortably in pre-season but that counts for absolutely nothing and we must come out of the blocks all goes blazing and tear into them without holding back. I've no doubt if we do that we will win the game.

We need to step it up and we will do everything we can to get the points. They're a team that have just lost their manager. They're going to come into the game with nothing to lose and try everything so we must not underestimate them. We will have our homework done on then and how we can hurt them so we must stick to our game plan come the night that we've worked on all this week on the training field and I'll have no doubt we will come away with a positive result.

Personally I am delighted to have won Galway United player of the month award; I set myself high standards and want to be a good example to the young players in our squad and together we can push the team and club forward. There is plenty of work for us to be done. I've also still lots more to give but I am very happy how I've settled into life in Galway and can't wait for fridays game.

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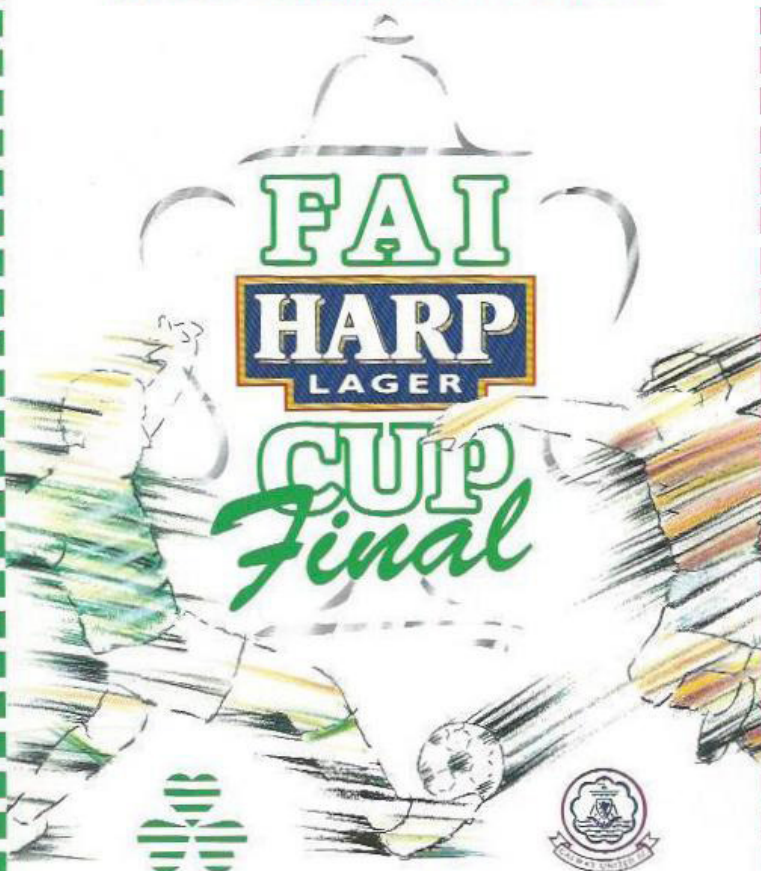


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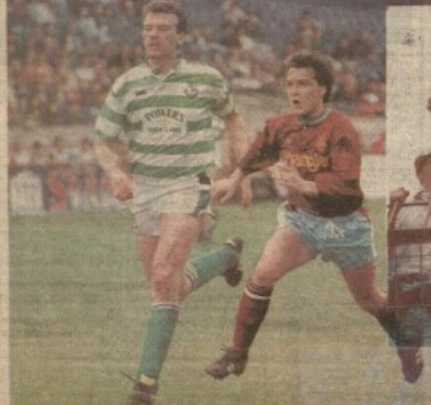
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SHANE DUGGAN

League of Ireland veteran Shane Duggan knows what it takes to win a First Division title, and hopes his experience can aid Galway United's push for promotion. Club reporter Tom Byrne sat down with the midfielder to discuss his football career to date and his time in the maroon so far.

As Shane Duggan reflects on his youth, there was one pivotal Irish player

that the Limerick native looked up to.

"My sporting hero has always been Roy Keane," he says. "He was a top man for the country for so many years, captained Manchester United and he also played as a midfielder. I definitely looked up to him when I was growing up."

Duggan began his youth football with Limerick side Fairview Rangers, where

the midfielder progressed through the underage system and captained Limerick in the prestigious Kennedy Cup.

"I played all my underage football with Fairview Rangers before I went to England," he says. "Straight after the Kennedy Cup, I was with the Ireland under-15 squad. I was going over and back to clubs in England and came very close to signing for Southampton, but that fell through. Plymouth approached me when I was 16 and after a week-long trial, I was asked to sign."

Duggan would spend two-and-a-half years at Plymouth Argyle's academy, before leaving the club in 2008 to return to Ireland.

"Going into full-time training with Plymouth was a shock to the system," he says. "It took me a while to get going and the mindset wasn't really there. Before I left the club, Paul Sturrock (then first-team manager) told me I wasn't ready to get into his team, who were in the Championship at the time. He offered me a chance at joining a League One club, but I was fed up at that stage and wanted to get home.

"Now, looking back at it, I probably should have taken the offer," he adds. "I should have given it a bit more of a go because you never know what could happen from there."

Back at home, Duggan joined Pete Mahon's UCD side, getting his first taste of senior football in the League of Ireland. After gaining valuable game time for the students, he signed for Paul Doolin's Cork City in 2009.

"I was playing every week for UCD and doing well," he says. "Paul Doolin got in contact with me to go to Cork, who were a massive club at the time. To be honest, we should have won the league the first

year I joined Cork, but due to troubles off the pitch, we started to struggle on it.

"The players stopped getting paid," he adds. "The club had to sell players as the money wasn't there."

Despite finishing third in the Premier that year, financial woes meant Cork would spend the next season in the First Division, initially entering as Cork City Foras Co-op. Tommy Dunne, who would later manage Galway United, took charge of the team. Duggan and his Cork side soon earned promotion back to the Premier, claiming the First Division title in 2011.

"You need a good squad with a strong starting eleven and bench," he says of what it takes to get out of the First Division. "You need that bit of quality and magic to win games. Everyone has to be in it together and work hard. You have to push each other every day."

Duggan left Cork in October 2013 and went on to join his hometown club Limerick, which he describes as a "massive" moment in his career.

"They had just won the First Division and Stuart Taylor got onto me to join the club," he says. "As soon as I signed I was made captain, which was unbelievable. It was a great honour for me."

In Duggan's second season with Limerick, they were relegated to the First Division but fought back to gain promotion to the Premier on their first attempt, in 2016.

"That was an unbelievable season," he says, adding that the captain's role made it all the more rewarding. The same season, he was named First Division Player of the Year. As it happens, at that point he almost teamed up with the man who would later become his manager on Corribside.



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"I was actually very close to signing for Cork City that year," he says. "I was onto John [Caulfield] and it was a very hard decision. The only reason I stayed was that I wanted to get Limerick back to the Premier Division."

Instead, after a further two seasons with Limerick, Duggan left for Waterford in 2019. He would spend one season in the Premier Division with the Blues, before joining Galway United in November 2019.

In 2020, the 31-year-old captained United, was voted club Player of the Year, and also made the PFAI First Division Team of the Year, in a season that saw the Tribesmen make the First Division play-off final.

Thinking back to his first campaign in the maroon, he says it was something of a topsy-turvy year, one that ended with a promotion push that just came up short.

"It was a stop-start season in terms of Covid which probably didn't help Alan Murphy at the time," he says of the former manager and club great.

"Then John Caulfield came in and the run that we went on was unbelievable. Nobody would have seen us going on the run we did halfway through the season, we just needed one or two wins to get our confidence back."

Duggan is confident in Caulfield and the coaching staff and hopes this season can be a successful one for the club.

"Galway has to be in the Premier Division, it's a massive club with unbelievable facilities," he says. "There is great young talent coming through as well so there are no excuses. It's the reason why John came here as well, he wants to bring Galway to the top division. It's really exciting times, and I think the club will see the benefits of the management team and the coaching staff that are here now."



"John was always a manager I wanted to work for," he adds. "What you see is what you get with John, he is honest and he is a winner. It's not just a case of getting back to the Premier with Galway — he wants to push the club onto another level again, and to be challenging for the top prizes in Irish football in the coming years."

The club is in full-time training this season, which offers an opportunity to improve in many departments, Duggan feels.

"It's not just the benefits of fitness alone," he says. "John and the coaches get more time to work on different aspects of the game and tactics. The lads also get to hang around together more and get to learn more about each other. There are a lot of benefits that will be very good for us."

Duggan, who has made more than 300 appearances in League of Ireland football, has set out his targets for this season.

"My goals for the season are to play every week and get promoted with the club," he says. "It's going to be tough, considering the investment teams have put into the First Division this year. There are no easy games and it will be an exciting season, but the only aim is to get back to the Premier Division. If the lads have the right attitude and work hard every day, I don't see why we can't get promoted."

"Hopefully supporters will be able to watch us in whatever way possible, and get behind the lads," he adds. "It's a tough time for them so hopefully we can get them back when it is safe to do so, and they can watch their team play."

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Is trua mór go bhfuil gortaithe ag cur as chomh mór sin do fhoireann John Caulfield. Anuas ar thubaist an briseadh cos ag Francely Lomboto, tá fadhbanna ag a leithéid Ronan Manning, Conor O'Keeffe agus Shane Doherty. Is deacair a mheas dá mbeadh fáil ar gach imreoir cén leagan amach ab fhearr a bheadh againn.



Sólás amháin dúinn dar ndóigh go bhfuil deis imeartha á fháil ag laochra eile agus seans luachmhar acu cás a dhéanamh dóibh féin. Tá súil againn go léir go dtiocfaidh Francely ar ais ceart agus níos láidre ná mar a bhí sé riamh.

Tá mná na Gaillimhe ar an mbóthar amárach i gcoinne Shelbourne. Cluiche sách cruai t'éis an cailleanas in aghaidh Loch Garman. Beidh muid ag súil go dtabharfaidh siad léargas cruinn ar an sár chumas acu.

Má dhéanann siad an méid sin bheadh duine dóchasach go néireodh leo toradh a fháil. Guíonn muid gach rath ar fhoireann Billy Clery i mBaile Átha Cliath. Tá sé tábhachtach go naithneoidh pobal na Gaillimhe sár imreoirí na foirne seo.

Leis an ardú do na srianta poiblí an tseachtain seo tá foirne sacair an chondae ag fáil faoi réir le feachtas 2021 a chríochnú. Is mór an mhaith é agus tá moladh ag dul d'oifigigh an chluiche sóisearach anseo i nGaillimh don phlean acu cúrsaí a chur sa tsiúil arís.

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Ina dhiadh sin agus uile nuair a shéidfear feadógaí beidh suim faoi leith ag Gaillimhigh i ndul chun cinn na báireoirí agus na peileadóirí. Tá rud éicint an- luachmhar ag baint leis an deireadh seachtaine seo. Guíonn muid chuile rath ar ár laochra sna geansaithe marúin.



From Chick Deacy to David Forde, some top-drawer footballers have worn the colours of Galway Rovers and Galway United. Each week in 2021, we will talk to an ex-player to recall old memories and find out what he is doing nowadays.

Ian Rossiter was a right-back who won international honours as part of Brian Kerr's Irish under-16 winning side in 1998. He played with Galway United, Newry Town and Finn Harps, as well as having three stints at Sligo Rovers.

When did you start playing for Galway United?

I started underage in 1997 after Don O'Riordan asked me would I be interested in joining after he saw me play in a regional representative side against Manchester United 15s in Galway.

What was the high point?

Making my first team debut at 16 years of age.

What was the low point?

Losing the FAI cup semi-final against Finn Harps at home in front of 7,000 people in 1999.

Who was the best player you played with?

John O'Shea.

Who was the best player you played against?

Derek O'Brien.

When did you finish up with United?

The 98/'99 season when I moved to Sligo Rovers.

Do you still follow the team's fortunes?

I always look out for the Galway United results and hope to see them return to the Premier Division as soon as possible. They are too big a club to be in the First Division.

Tell us about your family.

I am married with two boys, Shéa and Max (both football mad)

What do you do now?

I work for Eir as the national sales manager for field sales.

Tell us about the Galway managers you worked under?

While I was underage I worked under Joe Keating and Justin Neary and when I moved to the senior team, Don O'Riordan. All the guys were great, and Don was always very supportive even though I was very young to be playing senior football. I still have a close relationship with all three.



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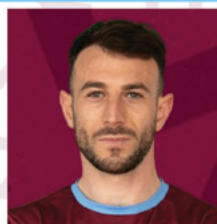


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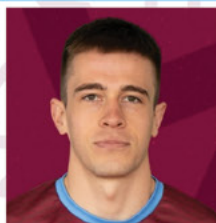


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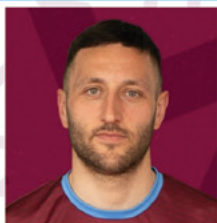
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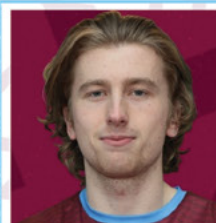


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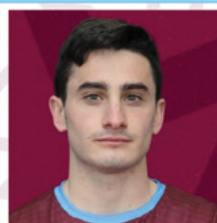


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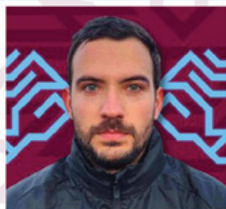
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MATCH REPORT

GALWAY UNITED 1 BRAY WANDERERS 2

07/05/2021

Eamonn Deacy Park

“It is still early days in the season, it is a marathon, and there is a long way to go. We are working hard every week to improve ourselves but we need to stop conceding sloppy goals.” – John Caulfield, Manager

Galway United defeated 2-1 by Bray Wanderers at Eamonn Deacy Park.

Bray Wanderers got the game underway on a cloudy evening at Eamonn Deacy Park.

After a cagey opening few minutes, Bray took the lead in the sixth minute. Brandon Kavanagh slipped Joe Doyle in on goal in the penalty area and the striker finished past Conor Kearns on his second attempt.

It was a strong start from the visitors and Bray should have doubled their lead in the 17th minute. Luka Lovic got on the end of a cross in the box but couldn't finish from close range to put the Seagulls two goals in front.

Bray continued to control proceedings and Kearns was forced into

making a fine save from a long-range Kavanagh strike in the 31st minute.

United fought back and equalised in the 34th minute thanks to a Ruairi Keating goal. Carlton Ubaezuonu crossed from the left side and Keating bundled the ball into the back of the net to make it 1-1.

It was an end to end finish to the first half, with United getting the best chances before the interval. After some trickery from Keating in the penalty area in the 38th minute, he set up Shane Duggan at the back-post but the midfielder blasted the ball over the crossbar



from close range.

The Tribesmen continued to pressure the Bray backline and were unlucky not to take the lead right before the half-time whistle. In the space of ten seconds, both Keating and Ubaezuonu hit the post. Ubaezuonu coming the closest with an audacious overhead kick that came off the inside of Brian Maher's post.

It remained 1-1 at the break, with United finishing the strongest out of the two sides.

After an even opening to the second period, United had the first chance of the half in the 54th minute. Keating headed the ball down to Duggan who hit a powerful strike from outside the box which Maher did well to save down low.

United began to take charge of the game and were bombarding the Bray defence, but the Seagulls' defence held firm.

Further chances fell to Mikie Rowe and Ubaezuonu late on in the half but both were unable to get a clean connection on their efforts.

After a scrappy finish to the game, Bray won the



match late on in the 90th minute thanks to a Gary Shaw header from an inswinging corner kick.

The Tribesmen went home empty-handed in a very tight affair at Eamonn Deacy Park.

Post-match reaction from John Caulfield:

“Unfortunately we

are conceding soft goals and it has been our Achilles heel in the first six or seven matches. We need to work on that.

“There was nothing between the two sides in the match. I thought we were the better team in the second half so it was disappointing to concede the corner kick at the end.

“It is still early days in the season, it is a

marathon, and there is a long way to go. We are working hard every week to improve ourselves but we need to stop conceding sloppy goals.

“It is frustrating but we go back into training tomorrow and look ahead to next week’s game. We have to be prepared for the Wexford match.”

Teams:

Galway United - Kearns, Walsh, Brouder, Nugent, Keating, Duggan, Hurley (Rowe 67'), Ubaezuonu (Wilson 86'), Place (Cunningham 67'), C. Horgan (Boylan 86'), McCormack

Booked: Ubaezuonu (61'), Rowe (80')

Goalscorer: Ruairi Keating (34')

Bray Wanderers - Maher, Barnett, Quinn, Barry, Clifford, Byrne, Doyle, Kavanagh, O'Shea (Shaw 57'), O'Farrell, Lovic

Booked: Barnett (22'), Quinn (70'), O'Farrell (81'), Barry (87')

Goalscorers: Joe Doyle (6'), Gary Shaw (90')

Referee: Mark Moynihan



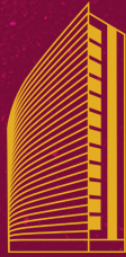
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Every week we'll meet a rival fan to get some lowdown. Tonight we talk to three Wexford supporters!

Ahmed, Amjad and Ayman make up The Travelling Pundits! They run a YouTube channel where they make vlogs following Wexford FC throughout the season. "Our aim is to attract and grow a new following to the League of Ireland and First Division in particular," they told Maroon View.

Welcome along guys and enjoy your trip to Galway! What do you make of Wexford's season?

Shocking! Despite good performances in our first five games, we ended up with no points. Then we went on to lose the following games 6-0 and 5-0.

How long are you supporting the team?

Growing up in Wexford we'd always have had a fair idea of how the club were getting on. We started following the club passionately at the start of last season.

Hasn't always been an easy watch but it sure has been entertaining.

What do you make of the management team?

The club recently parted ways with our previous manager. We believe Jason Goodison will be taking over as caretaker manager. Jason has been involved in the underage squads at Wexford FC and seems to have a great rapport with everyone at the club. He's brought a massive boost to the changing room. Hopefully this translates onto the pitch this week.

Are things solid off the pitch?

It's fair to say that after the poor run of results we've experienced this season that people can become unsettled, but we believe things are improving.

Who should we be looking out for?

Our team is packed with talented players. We feel Jack Doherty, Paul Fox and Alex O'Hanlan will cause you Galway some serious problems.

What's your prediction?

Galway United FC 1-2 Wexford FC!

Do Wexford have a weak link?

The Travelling Pundits!

Will you be at the match?

Delighted to be able to attend the game. We'll be backing the boys with everything we got. Always go home with no voice!

Who at Galway are you afraid of?

We're Wexford, we fear nobody! (Ruairi Keating and Wilson Waweru will be watched closely though).



Galway United's Ryan Connolly and Shane Dunne for Wexford Youths during United's 1-0 win in June 2014. Current United player Stephen Walsh scored the only goal of the game.
Photo : Sean Ryan

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GALWAY UNITED -V- WEXFORD FC

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TOP GOALSCORERS 2020

RUAIRÍ KEATING - 4

KYLE ROBINSON - 1

AVERAGE AGE

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BIGGEST VICTORY

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SCORED/CONCEDED p/m

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AVG. TIME 1ST GOAL SCORED

53'

73'

FIXTURES

GAMEWEEK 8

Bray Wanderers	V	Cabinteely
Galway United	V	Wexford
UCD	V	Cork City
Treaty United	V	Athlone Town
Cobh Ramblers	V	Shelbourne

RESULTS

GAMEWEEK 7

Cork City	5 - 0	Wexford
Shelbourne	1 - 0	Athlone Town
Galway United	1 - 2	Bray Wanderers
Cabinteely	1 - 0	Cobh Ramblers
UCD	3 - 2	Treaty United

DIVISION 1 TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	PTS
1 UCD	7	4	3	0	21	7	14	15
2 Shelbourne	7	4	3	0	13	7	6	15
3 Athlone Town	7	4	1	2	12	7	5	13
4 Cabinteely	6	4	0	2	8	9	-1	12
5 Treaty United	7	2	4	1	9	8	1	10
6 Bray Wanderers	7	1	5	1	7	7	0	8
7 Cork City	7	2	1	4	9	8	1	7
8 Galway United	6	1	3	2	9	8	1	6
9 Cobh Ramblers	7	1	2	4	5	14	-9	5
10 Wexford	7	0	0	7	2	20	-18	0

TOP GOALSCORERS

C. Whelan	UCD	8
R. Keating	Galway Utd	4
R. Brennan	Shelbourne	3
B. Kavanagh	Bray	3
L. Kerrigan	UCD	3
S. Meaney	Athlone	3
K. Byrne	Athlone	2
D. Casey	Cabinteely	2
C. Coleman	Cork	2
P. Cunningham	Galway Utd	2

G always United face Wexford for the 17th time this evening and look to keep up the good record. United have won half of the 16 meetings with just two for the men from the southeast and six draws, though Wexford did win a penalty shoot-out in our only encounter outside of the League.

Wexford did have a very unusual 5-4 home win over United in 2016 but have failed to score in the last five matches.

Tonight is the club's 1566th match in all competitions and the 384th regular season First Division match (excluding playoffs).

In all those matches only 15 previous times has a player managed to score in four successive games, a feat that Ruairi Keating can achieve tonight following his goals against UCD, Cobh and Bray last week.

The first such occurrence was by Kevin Cassidy who started his streak at home to Drogheda United on December 18, 1983, he followed up with goals against Athlone in the Shield, St Pat's on New Year's Day 1984 and Dundalk.

Paul McGee was the next to do it, one of four times the club's all-time leading scorer managed to net in four successive games. His streak started with a brace away at Cork City and strikes against Shelbourne, Limerick City and Bohemians gave him six goals in four matches; that came in the middle of a real purple patch for Ski which saw him notch 12 goals in 11 matches.

He went one better the following season before signing for FC Haarlem

in the Netherlands, scoring in five successive matches for all played in October 1986. Athlone Town, Home Farm twice, Bohemians and Shamrock Rovers were the teams at the receiving end!

Tommy Keane, Gerry Mullan, John 'Jumbo' Brennan (twice), Fergal Coleman (twice) and Colin Fortune also went goal crazy for the club. Coleman extended one of his streaks to five matches nearly ten years to the day after McGee became the first player to achieve it; again in five matches in the same month, November 1996, Coleman scored against Kilkenny City, St Francis, Waterford United, Limerick in the Shield Final and Monaghan United.

Alan Murphy is the only player to score in five successive appearances twice with his blitzes coming in quick succession in November 2002 followed in the first summer season in May 2003.

The following season, 2004, our French signing Damien Dupuy scored seven goals in four games, the most recent time this has happened. The final match of that streak was a home fixture against a club from the southeast, Kilkenny City; if that isn't an omen for tonight I don't know what is!

What I do know for sure is that 17 years is too long to wait for this to happen but hopefully Ruairi doesn't stop at that or in Turner's Cross next week and becomes the first player to score for six games in a row.

FIXTURES, RESULTS & LINEUPS

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SQUAD STATS

Name	Age	Pos	Min	App	Starts	Sub on	Sub off	Sub	Goals	Yellow	2nd Y	Red
M. Garrihy	19	G	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
K. Horgan	24	G	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0
C. Kearns	23	G	540	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
G. Boylan	25	D	448	6	5	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
K. Brouder	22	D	277	4	3	1	0	3	0	1	0	0
C. Horgan	21	D	258	3	3	0	2	3	0	1	0	0
C. O'Keeffe	27	D	180	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S. Walsh	30	D	394	5	5	0	3	1	0	1	0	0
S. Christopher	24	M	10	1	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0
S. Doherty	24	M	219	4	2	2	2	3	0	1	0	0
S. Duggan	32	M	530	6	6	0	1	0	0	2	0	0
D. Hurley	22	M	362	5	5	0	4	1	0	0	0	0
R. Manning	20	M	130	2	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
C. McCormack	30	M	540	6	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
M. Nugent	22	M	450	5	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
C. O'Dea	20	M	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
C. Ubaezuonu	23	M	218	4	2	2	2	4	0	1	0	0
P. Cunningham	24	A	259	6	3	3	2	3	2	0	0	0
R. Keating	25	A	535	6	6	0	1	0	4	2	0	0
C. Kelly	19	A	62	4	0	4	0	6	0	0	0	0
F. Lomboto	20	A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M. Place	23	A	223	4	2	2	2	4	0	1	0	0
M. Rowe	24	A	187	6	2	4	2	4	0	2	0	0
W. Waweru	20	A	118	6	1	5	1	5	2	0	0	0

14th May

14th May has seen the club play on 4 previous occasions with 3 wins and one draw having been achieved.

2003

Galway United 4 Mayo League 0

Marco Rapetti; Nicky Curran, Breen Geraghty, Stephen Walsh (Eoghan McHale), Mike Quirke; Stephen Maguire (Mixie Harty), Mark Herrick, John Russell, Alan Quinlan (Tony Folan); Dave Goldbey, Alan Murphy

United recorded a comfortable victory over a Mayo League XI in the League Cup group stages but failed to qualify for the next round, with Sligo Rovers winning the group.

The goals were scored by Breen Geraghty, Tony Folan, Alan Murphy and Dave Goldbey, while Mayo native Eoghan McHale came off the bench to make his only appearance for the club.

2004

Galway United 4 Monaghan United 1

Alan Gough; Nigel Keady (Luther Watson), Conor Frawley, Ronan Frawley, Mike Quirke; Mixie Harty, Colin Fortune, John Russell (Mark Herrick), Ryan Casey; Barry Moran, Dave Goldbey

Barry Moran scored the 16th hat-trick in the club's history in this comfortable

win over Monaghan United in Division 1 with Dave Goldbey also on the scoresheet. Monaghan were managed by former Galway player-manager Mick Cooke were bottom of Division 1 at the time and finished the season 11th of the 12 teams. Under Tony Mannion, United would finish a disappointing 5th and miss out on promotion for another season.

2010

Dundalk 0 Galway United 0

Barry Ryan; Seamus Conneely (Thomas Heary), Jamie McKenzie, Paul Sinnott, Rhys Meynell; Bobby Ryan, Ciaran Foley, Gary Curran, Cian McBrien (James Creaney); Anto Flood (Jonathan Keane), Karl Sheppard

Galway United achieved a 0-0 draw away to league leaders Dundalk in this Premier Division clash. Sean Connor was managing against his former club, while Dundalk featured the former United defender Garry Breen in their team.

Dundalk's season would go badly off the rails and they only finished 6th of 10 teams with United finishing the season in 8th.

2016

Bray Wanderers 1 Galway United 2

Conor Winn; Colm Horgan, Armin Aganovic, Stephen Walsh (Kilian Cantwell), Marc Ludden; Gary Shanahan, Alex Byrne, Eric Foley, Kevin Devaney; Vinny Faherty (Paul Sinnott), Ruairi Keating (Jesse Devers)

Goals from Eric Foley and Marc Ludden, his first goal in his 62nd appearance for the club, gave United the points from a Saturday evening trip to

the seaside against Bray Wanderers.

Under Tommy Dunne, United finished the season in 9th place with Bray making the top half in 6th place.

Ruairi Keating would only play 3 more matches before ending his first spell at the club - rejoining at the start of this season after a spell in the UK.



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Gaillimh Aontaithe @GalwayUnitedFC: Preview of our 1991 FAI Cup Final against @ShamrockRovers this afternoon at 3pm is available now to read below!

Featuring our road to the final, quotes from management and the full 1991 squad!

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Terry The Tiger TheGalwayTiger: Can't wait for kick off. My first time running out on the Lansdowne Road turf.

Tommy Shields @gufct: Was getting ready with Bernie O'Connell in the press box and the nice people from harp gave us cans to keep us going.

Gaillimh Aontaithe @GalwayUnitedFC: Do we have any score predictions heading in this game?

Ronan Coleman @coleman_ronan: These lads with funny haircuts from the West will enjoy their day out in Dublin. I expect a comprehensive victory for the cup specialists.

Marc Ó'Goill @MarcOGOill: Hang sandwiches after they get bate by the dubs
cueoneireland @Cueoneireland: Shtopping off in Harry's in Kinnegad on the way home....

Tom Timothy @GUFC1977: I hope we get revenge for the 1985 defeat.

Paul O'Brien @PGaillimh: Can't see either team scoring. I bet it will go to a replay.

Gaillimh Aontaithe @GalwayUnitedFC: 45' | HALF TIME | Joey Malone will be the happier of the two managers but not so happy with John Purcell who turned down 2 penalty shouts earlier in the half.

Big second half ahead for both sides, bring it on!!

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Gaillimh Aontaithe @GalwayUnitedFC: 86' | GOAAL | Lally wins a header on the half-way line, it is flicked on by Mernagh to set Keane away down the right wing. He takes a lovely touch to square it into the box where it's met by the in-rushing Johnny Glynn!

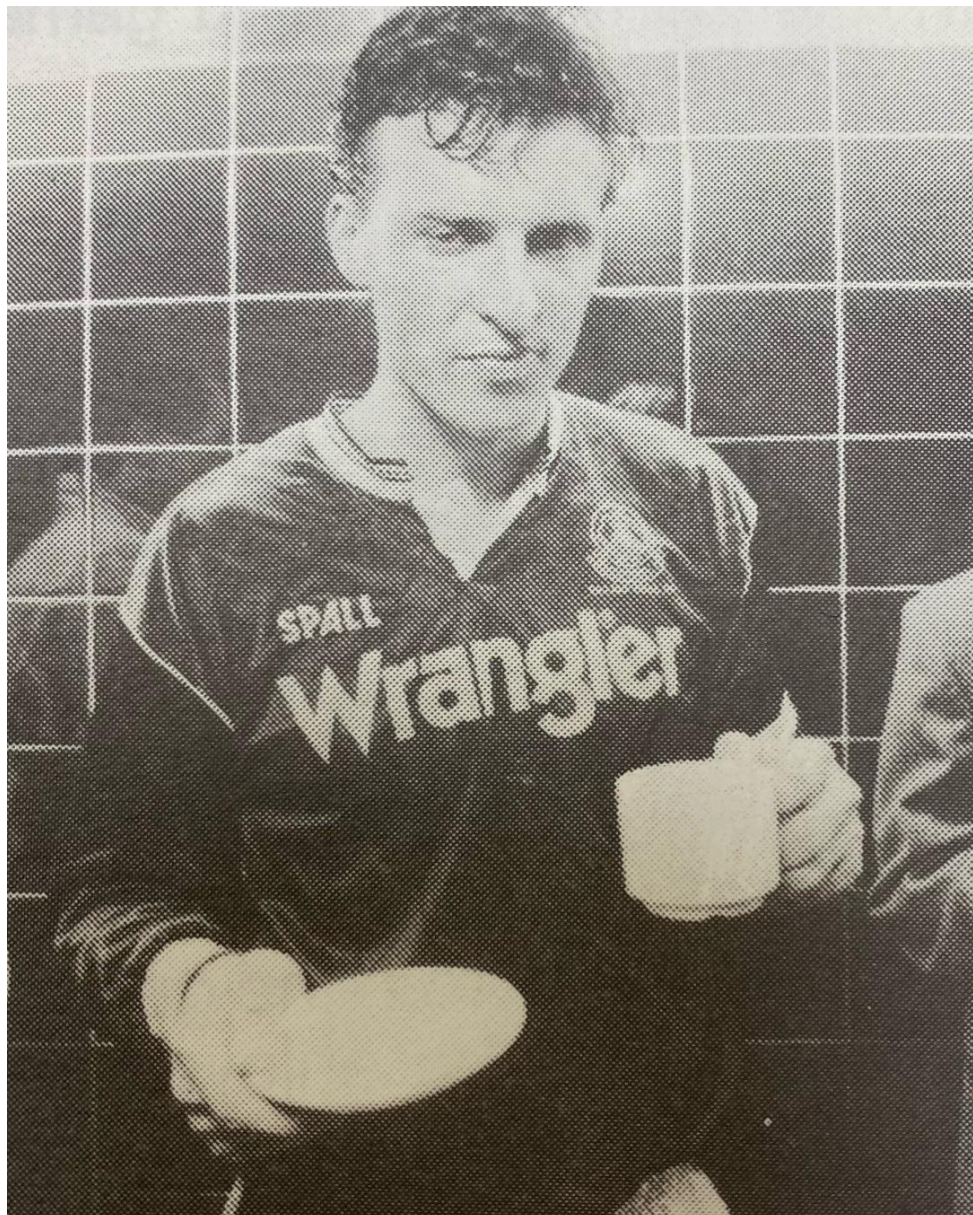
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Bernie @footontheditch: Lally to Mernagh to Keane. There won't be a cow milked down the west tonight.

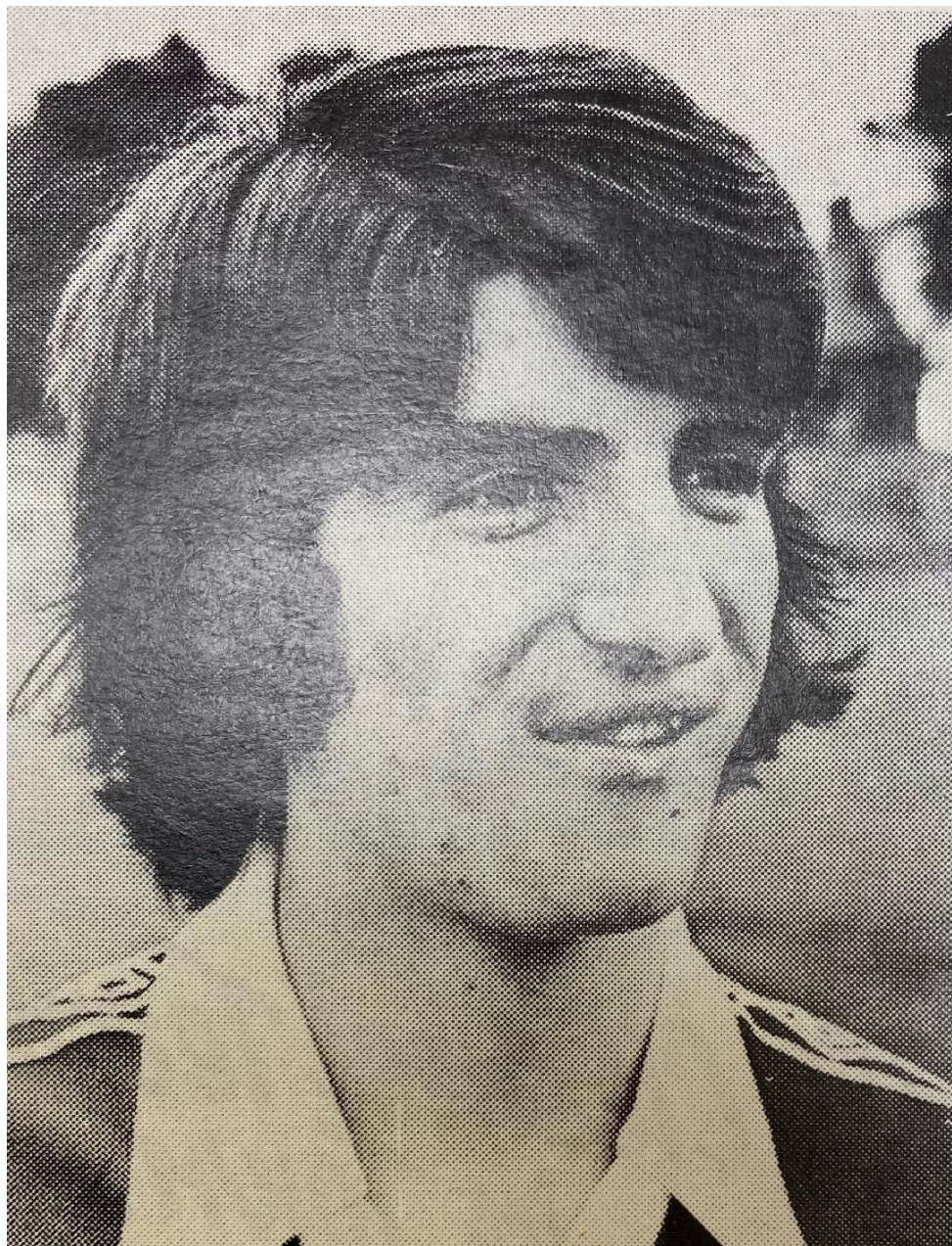
Willie Grant @WillieG10: Lally Mernagh Keane, A goal made in @WestUtd1945

Brendan Corcoran @Corkygalway: What a day, fell a few rows with the celebrations after the goal went in.

Danny Darcy/ Galway @dannydarcy72: Terrific day watching Galway United win the FAI cup today...I'm celebrating it by spending the rest of my money on pacman and coca cola in my local Merlin Park bar.#Galway



1991: Galway United captain Johnny Glynn enjoying a cup of tea in the dressing room at Lansdowne Road, shortly after scoring the winning goal in the FAI Cup Final. He played 83 times for the club



1978: Galway Rovers centre half Tommy Murphy who won the Galway Sports Star award and the Sunday Independent most improved player award. He played 120 games for the club. His brother Tony played 71 times for Galway.

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