

# KICKING

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that everyone happy is impossible. He said: "The toughest gig of all is the night-time show on RTE."  
"You can give more time but it will throw up its own issues."  
"Pundits work on Mondays and Tuesdays. Do you have to get them up there and do a live show? They'll say, 'Why can't they do a Sky situation on it like Monday Night Football?'"  
"And that's fine, but others will be working and it will be difficult."  
"People would be slamming RTE, saying they are not doing this or not doing that."  
"But I tell you put any group in there and give them the time and the amount of matches and they couldn't be doing as good a job as RTE are doing."  
"And it wouldn't matter if it is Sky or BBC that are doing it, it is really hard to do it."

# GAA

# U-20 VISION

# WAS A BAD CALL

# IT'S A RACE AGAINST TIME

**SPLIT-SEASON DISORDER . . .**  
Tomas Ó Sé says many inter-county players are feeling the burden of the new GAA schedule



**KINGDOM COME . . .** there is nothing Tomas Ó Sé can do when All-Ireland-winning senior boss Jack O'Connor (below) calls up his U-20s

# Decision was Wee bit hard

**CIARÁN BYRNE admits choosing between Louth and a return to the AFL was a no-win situation.**  
The 27-year-old ultimately opted for his county but revealed there were always going to be regrets, whatever his decision.  
Byrne was initially signed by Carlton in 2013 and made 22 AFL appearances during an injury-interrupted career before coming home in 2018.  
The midfielder (right) won a NFL Division 3 medal in April and has big ambitions for the upcoming season.  
Speaking at the launch of the Enterprise Ireland-backed Sport to Start-Up programme for 2022, Byrne said it was tough to say no.  
He explained: "It is something I dwelled over for a long time."  
"No matter what decision I made there was going to be regret."  
"With my AFL career, I only played 22 or 23 games."  
"I probably did succeed but I'm a high achiever and I want to be the best in whatever sport I pick and I see myself as a player who probably would have played 200-plus games if injuries went my way and if I had stayed over there for a wee bit longer."  
"That's just the way it panned out for me."  
"I'm happy with my decision now to be at home and hopefully next year goes well."  
Louth manager Harter has been a constant critic of the AFL's links with the GAA over the years.  
Byrne said: "It was well documented that when Cathal McShane in Tyrone considered going, Mickey spoke not so highly about the AFL."  
"It's a sport he doesn't like. You can see why a lot of people don't like it because it is poaching the talented players within counties to go and play professional sport."  
"Mickey and the likes, they can't stop a young fella from going over."  
"It's a great opportunity to go out and to pursue a sport and to make a living. I have done very well out of it."  
"I've learned a lot about myself. Financially, it was quite good as well."

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## We have too many competitions in the GAA, we can't keep everybody happy

**KERRY legend Tomás Ó Sé has slammed the rule that forbids rising stars to play senior and Under-20 football in the same year.**

The five-time All-Ireland winner has taken the reins of the Kingdom Under-20 side.  
But any player in his camp that lines out for the senior team will be ineligible for Ó Sé's side, under the rule introduced in 2018.  
Ó Sé won an All-Ireland Under-21 title in May 1998 and made his senior Championship debut that summer.  
He went on to become a hero in the Kerry defence and made 199 senior appearances in green and gold.  
But he cannot understand why any Under-20 panel should be denied their best players just because they have been chosen to play at senior level too.  
The former Gaeltacht and Nemo Rangers defender said:

**By JASON BYRNE**  
GAA CORRESPONDENT

"If there's a senior team calling rank, then teams are without their players and for the championship it's completely and totally wrong."  
"If an inter-county team are going out and playing an Under-20 championship match they should have every player that is available playing."  
"Derry, for example, have a number of players involved from their Under-20s squad in the senior squad, and Derry would have a very strong team. "Down are the same and chances are that they won't have every player available."  
Kingdom star forwards David Moran and Seán O'Shea have been the most high-profile victims of the rule.  
O'Shea and Clifford skipped Kerry to All-Ireland MFC glory in 2016 and 2017 respectively.  
But having figured at senior level, neither could line out in the Under-20 grade in 2018. The Kingdom went down by a point to Kildare in the last four without the star duo.  
And Ó Sé said: "Kerry lost to Kildare by a point without me this summer.  
But if O'Connor comes calling, Ó Sé must obey and release his players.  
He said: "Look, Jack has been very good since I took over and we had a couple of good chats, but I see no issues.  
"It is what it is, things are the way they are so if Jack comes looking there's not much we can do about it. But

at the same time we'd love to have all the players available to us and sometimes it is taken out of your control."  
The five-time All-Star defender believes the split season is helping when it comes to the GAA schedule, but joked that the year would need 15 months to find the perfect calendar.  
He feels there are too many competitions across the year between all levels – and he reckons inter-county players are suffering most.  
He said: "The GAA are doing the best they can with it, but if there was 15 months in the year we'd be better off."  
"The club championship has been brilliant but there are too many competitions."  
"There are certain players getting absolutely pummelled year in, year out."  
"You have fellas that are involved, younger lads are involved for nearly 12 months of the year."  
"It's very hard to find a solution to the whole thing, give it another couple of seasons

and we'll see how it goes but it seems to be non-stop for the inter-county lads."  
"I've heard it back – all of those fellas are gasping for a break."  
"It's not even the physicality of it, it's the mental side of it... of just being able to down tools for a couple of weeks."  
"From my own perspective talking to club players, they did enjoy having all the senior lads with them and that was great to see and to hear."  
"We have too many competitions in the GAA and we don't have the time to keep everybody happy."  
Having taken his first steps into inter-county coaching last year by joining the Offaly back-room team, Ó Sé looked destined to take the Faithful job when John Maughan departed.  
But the former pundit took the Kerry Under-20 reins instead.  
He did express an interest in taking charge of the Kingdom Under-20 side before Declan O'Sullivan took the role ahead of the 2021 campaign.  
But Ó Sé reckons it has worked out in the end.  
He said: "I showed interest in the Kerry gig the time Declan got it."  
"It came up again and I was fierce happy above in Offaly, and there's a cutting edge that every game is so vital."

ment, it's time-consuming but I was enjoying it."  
"I was nearly there but my professional life took a turn as well where I went for a principalship."  
"And I made the right decision because the amount of time going into this job was more than I thought."  
"Our focus will be getting the lads together, getting a good morale, having a good Munster championship and when the draw's made, focus on what we need to focus on."  
"It's the purest form left of the championship. You have a back door in the senior grade, no back door in the Under-20s and there's a cutting edge that every game is so vital."

**There are certain players getting absolutely pummelled year in, year out**

**HIT THE TECH . . .** at the announcement of ClubSpot's initiative, which will see an investment of up to €250,000 in grassroots GAA, are (from left) ClubSpot strategic advisor Bernard Jackman, ClubSpot founder John Hyland and ClubSpot ambassador Tomás Ó Sé

**Legal Notices**  
**Fingal County Council**  
We Aven and Daniel Martin intend to apply for planning permission for (1) Conversion of existing attic to storage/home office use (2) to replace existing side hip roof profile with gable roof (3) fit two no. rooflights to the front roof plane (4) fit two no. rooflights to the rear roof plane and all associated site works at 39 Kelly's Bay Drive, Skerries, Co. Dublin. This planning application may be inspected at the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning authority during its public opening hours. The application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the fee of €20 within the period of 5 weeks, beginning on the date of receipt by Fingal County Council of the Application.  
**South Dublin County Council**  
Permission is sought for demolition of existing rear and side single storey extension, new single storey extension, new rear partially single storey, partially two storey extension, some internal alterations, and associated site works, by Louise Kelly and Neil Heavin at 8 Knocklyon Cottages, Knocklyon Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at the offices of South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Town Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24 during its public opening hours of Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 4.00pm. The application may also be viewed on the Council's website [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie). A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to South Dublin County Council on payment of a fee of €20 within 5 weeks of receipt of the application by South Dublin County Council and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions or may refuse to grant permission.  
**SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**  
Alan McCormick, Peter McCormick and David McCormick are applying for Outline Permission for the provision of a detached 3 bed, two storey house to the side garden plot of the existing dwelling at 2 Barton Road West, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14. To include for the provision of new independent vehicular access and all associated site works. This application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of South Dublin County Council during its public opening hours of 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday, and a submission or observation may be made to the Planning Authority in writing and on payment of the prescribed fee (€20) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by South Dublin County Council of the application.  
**DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL**  
We Flober Investments Ltd intend to apply for a licence to place street furniture on the public footpath in front of Jack Neill's, 165/166 Capel Street, D1. The street furniture will consist of 10 No Tables and 40 No. chairs in a screened area measuring 6.7 Metres Long x 4.4 Metres Wide. This licence application may be inspected at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

**South Dublin County Council**  
Planning permission is sought for a Ground floor extension to rear of existing house at 24.4 Metres wide (a) with internal modifications and associated site works at Castle Cottage, Lucan Road, Palmerstown, Dublin 20 for Mark Lynch. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.