

Gaelic Games News

All-Ireland club winner Kilbride retires from Roscommon

'He has one of the most beautiful touches you'll see from a big man'

AMON DONOGHUE

Senan Kilbride has retired from the Roscommon senior football panel after eight years, telling his team-mates and management team that his time was up.

The St Brigid's attacker was to the fore as his club team captured the All-Ireland title in 2013, while also being the go-to man for his county for the guts of the past decade.

The left-footed corner forward made his championship debut for Roscommon in 2008 against Galway, spending much of his early years in the set-up competing in the lower divisions of the national league.

He missed out through injury in 2010 as Roscommon captured the Connacht title, but has since won Division Two and Three league titles.

Standout moments

However much of Kilbride's standout moments have come in the green and red of St Brigid's - featuring in a club side that has won nine county titles, four Connacht titles and an All-Ireland in the past 12 seasons.

He slotted 1-3 in the All-Ireland club final defeat of Ballymun Kickhams, having scored 1-5 in that season's Connacht final victory over Ballaghaderreen.

Senan's father, Seán, played for both Mayo and Roscommon in the 70s and 80s. While his elder brother Ian has also played alongside him for both club and county.

The 31-year-old's last appearance for the county was in the Connacht final replay defeat to



Galway in July.

Kilbride sent a departing message to his Roscommon team-mates earlier this week, with no intention of officially announcing his retirement. The news however was confirmed yesterday morning.

Roscommon GAA chairman Séamus Sweeney said: "On behalf of Roscommon GAA people everywhere I would like to thank Senan for his tremendous service to Roscommon GAA.

"I know he'll continue the great work in St Brigid's and through his work as a primary school teacher. Well done Senan and thanks for the memories."

Having won his ninth county title with St Brigid's last October, and last month competing in his eighth provincial decider in the defeat to Corofin - he will be continuing his vastly successful club career with the Kiltoom-based outfit in 2017.

His Roscommon manager Kevin McStay - also at the helm at St Brigid's for their All-Ireland success in 2013 - explained that the low-key Kilbride was hoping to make a typically fuss-free exit, never being one for the media attention that would come with a public statement.

"Senan was a total team player," McStay told The Irish Times. "It didn't matter who got the praise as long as the team was winning. A big fella, with a big heart. He was great to work

with. I couldn't speak highly enough of him. I think all the long seasons with St Brigid's didn't help.

'Modern game'

"They possibly caught up with him. Also the way the modern game is going, with all the demands, he wasn't enjoying it as much.

"We tried everything to convince him to stay on but he was honest to the end. Typical of him. He wasn't going to stick

Harte regrets not getting a crack at Dublin

Tyrone manager praises Mayo for their resilience and hunger

Tyrone manager Mickey Harte reckons his side could have challenged Dublin for this year's All-Ireland had they gotten past Mayo in the last eight.

With three All-Ireland titles already in the locker from a stellar managerial career, Harte is well placed to assess the season ahead and the one that got away this year, but he has returned again to try to achieve the ultimate 'long-term goal' of a fourth Sam Maguire.

A one-point defeat to the team that went on to lose the final by a point after a replay is a decent form-line for Tyrone, and Harte thinks his side are real contenders.

But he pointed to the example of Mayo as a team to take inspiration from, adding that their hunger to get back and battle every year was a credit to them.

"It's great to be part of an All-Ireland final even if you don't win it.

"People are talking about how many Mayo have missed and lost and all the rest of it, but how many counties have never experienced that opportunity?

"All those ones they lost, they had to be in the final so there's a lot of people in Mayo who have an experience of an All-Ireland. There's a huge amount of people who have



Mickey Harte: 'I do believe we'd have been competing with them'

played football who have never had a taste of that day. So they're well ahead of many.

"Mayo already had three All-Irelands tucked away before we got our first. I remember looking back and you'd have recognised that Mayo were All-Ireland champions on a couple of occasions before Tyrone were able to reach that height.

"I think Mayo can take great heart from the fact that they're coming back time after time, that they have quality players, they have good underage success at minor and under-21 level.

"It's going to happen some day for them. I suppose the players, whatever day it's going to happen, they'll hope that they're the ones that are on the field when it happens. I think it's a question of when rather than if it will happen."

Close enough

"It's difficult to translate somebody else's performance to how you might do, but I think you have to say we should be in that department. We'd be close enough to be able to contest something like that," said Harte.

"There's no guarantee that if we had been there that we'd have won the game or if it would have been much different. Maybe Dublin could have beaten us by more if we'd been in the final, who knows?"

"But I do believe we'd have been capable of competing with them. It would have been great to get the chance."

Promotion back to Division One for 2017 and a first Ulster title since 2010 points to an excellent season for Tyrone, but falling short in the championship annoyed the manager.

Rowing

Great expectations for 2017 as stunning year for Ireland comes to a close

LIAM GORMAN

The team of the year are rowers, the videos have gone viral and pull like a dog is the catchphrase of the day. Rowing in Ireland is coming to the end of a stunning 2016. And the strange thing is that it doesn't seem that strange.

For a while now, this minority sport has been doing the right things.

The boring stuff - corporate governance, coach education. And it appointed Morten Espersen as high-performance director. He didn't expect too much but saw no reason why a small country could not excel - he came from one, Denmark, which does.

And then, of course, there is the engine which is Skibbereen Rowing Club. Dominic Casey, that mix of Svengali and the Pope, says that when kids come through the doors of the club first they see the honours board and they ask what it is. "The next time they come in, they ask: 'How can I get on that?'"

Club honours now include Olympic silver for the O'Donovan brothers. And Casey has joined the Ireland system as a full-time coach.

Gary and Paul are a bonus, a little ephiphenomenon which took off when all the other stuff clicked into place. They are mad flights of fantasy and gear-bursting effort. Eager to please and grounded. Deft and

iron-willed - the best of west Cork, basically.

Not everything in Irish rowing has a glow. The transition of underage talent to adult level has been as thin as gruel. College athletes have not transitioned in big numbers to the international team. The three crews which did so well in Rio were the entire Olympic effort -

there was no big swell of Olympic boats behind them.

Against this backdrop, the World Championships at Rotterdam was almost as pleasing as Rio. A fine crop of home-grown coaches and young athletes looked well-suited to the big stage. Paul O'Donovan won gold, but Mark O'Donovan and Shane O'Driscoll finished fourth in the senior lightweight pair and the under-23 lightweight pair of David O'Malley and Shane Mulvaney were also just one place off a medal.

The Tokyo Olympiad could be as exciting as the one just passed. A sweet thing about 2016 was seeing Claire Lambe and Sinéad Lynch starting an Olympic fi-

nal. The Cabra girl (26) and the Donegal native, who was 39, completed each other.

The year ahead? The young talent staking their claim. An Ireland lightweight double, probably Paul and Gary, competing for top honours.

The Pull Like a Dog documentary goes out on RTE One next Tuesday at 9.25pm.

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Results

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Lune Hill Skelton 18/1; 2. Burrows Park L Tradewell 7/4 fav 3. Going For Broke A Coleman 11/2. 4. 18 ran. 2 1/4. (H Fry). Tote: £7.30, £1.10, £2.40, £3.80. Exacta: £90.10. Trifecta: £578.30. CSF: £115.30. 2.10 (2m 4f £2,395) MISS MASH (b m Multiplex - Shanti Girl) R Johnson 4/1. Premier Rose B Poole 20/1. 2. Marvelous Monty B Powell 4/5 fav. 3. 9 ran. 1 1/4. (H Daly). Tote: £5.50, £1.60, £3.70, £1.10. Exacta: £73.90. Trifecta: £123.25. Trifecta: £215.10. CSF: £73.72. 2.40 (2m 7f £5,523) BACK TO THE THATCH (b g Westerner - Melville Rose) R Johnson 16/1. 1. Scotchtown S Twiston-Davies 4/6 fav 2. Follow The Bear J McGrath 11/4. 3. 10 ran. nk. 10L (H Daly). Tote: £22.00, £3.10, £1.40. Exacta: £51.20. Trifecta: £498.60. CSF: £30.60. 3.10 (2m 7f £2,274) MAGIC MUSTARD (ch g Stowaway - Honey Mustard), Jamie Moore 10/1. 1. Sutters Mill A Wedge 5/2 fav 2. Chankillo 5

Twiston-Davies 33/1. 3. 11 ran. 1/4. (Kerry Lee). Tote: £9.90, £3.00, £1.30, £5.50. Exacta: £45.60. Tricast: £842.41. Trifecta: £385.10. CSF: £37.55. Non-runners: Kelsey, L Frank Baum. 3.40 (2m 11f £1,711) ARIAN (h f King's Theatre - Brave Betty) F Flint 33/1. 1. On Michelle W Twiston-Davies 5/2 fav 2. Royal Clare B Poste 25/1. 3. 15 ran. 3/4. (J Flint). Tote: £43.40, £9.20, £1.50, £2.00. Exacta: £186.10. Trifecta: £3468.20. CSF: £111.43. Non-runner: Bellatrix. Jackpot: Not won, pool of £6,707.46 carried over. Placepot: £25.30. Quadpot: £4.10. Chelmsford City GOING: STANDARD 12.50 (1m £12,281) NASEEM (br g Sea The Stars - Chiosina) J Crowley 5/1. Auberge Du Lac J P Spencer 3/1. 2. Garbanzo B Baker 5/1. 3. 6/4 fav. 15 ran. 1/4. (J Gosden). Tote: £8.20, £1.70, £1.10, £1.80. Exacta: £29.40. CSF: £20.04. Non-runner: Hold Tight. Trifecta: £97.00. CSF: £21.11. Non-runner: Bolt Phantom. 1.20 (1m £8,086) TELLOVOI (b Indian Haven - Lionara) D Costello 16/1. 1. Street Duel S Levey 9/2. 2. Inaan T Hamilton 10/1. 3. 6/4 fav. 15 ran. 1/4. (R C Guest). Tote: £21.80, £5.00, £2.10, £2.00. Exacta: £132.30. Tricast: £718.40. CSF: £186.10. Non-runner: Fantasy Gladiator. 1.50 (2m £3,234) KING OLAV (ch g Halling - Karamzin) J Downing 11/1. 1. Yasir Martin Harley 9/4. 2. Ryan The Giant J Fanning 15/8 fav. 3. 6 ran. 3/4. (A Carroll). Tote: £8.20, £3.40, £1.70. Exacta: £26.40. Trifecta: £78.30. CSF: £23.65. Non-runner: Sinour. 2.20 (7f £28,012) REALIZE (b g Zafeen - Reikida) S Levey 11/4 fav. 1. Donjuan Triumphant T Hamilton 6/1. 2. Dragon Mail J P Spencer 10/3. 3. 9 ran. 1/4. (S C Williams). Tote: £4.30, £1.60, £2.20, £1.40. Exacta: £193.00. Trifecta: £94.80. CSF: £20.04. Non-runner: Hold Tight. 2.50 (7f £5,175) MEDICAN EL DIABLO (b g Medicane - Al Joudha) T Marquand 5/1. 1. Higher Court S Donohoe 14/1. 2. Billokays E W Kelly 20/1. 3. evens fav. 15 ran. 1/4. (J Fox). Tote: £5.80, £1.70, £4.70, £4.80. Exacta: £100.80. Tricast: £927.75. Trifecta: £1171.60. CSF: £70.93. Non-runner: The Happy Hammer. 3.20 (1m 2f £8,086) VOGUEATTI (b f Arch - Not Here) D Muscutt 5/6 fav 1. Sea Dweller W Carson 11/4. 2. Avoidable J P Spencer 4/1. 3. 6 ran. 1/4. (M Bott). Tote: £1.80, £1.10, £1.60. Exacta: £3.30. Trifecta: £8.20, £3.38. 3.50 (1m 2f £2,234) MASTER OF HEAVEN (b g Makfi - Maid In Heaven) P Cosgrave 7/2 fav 1. Outlaw Torn J Fanning 10/1. 2. Ferryville Place S Donohoe 5/1. 3. 14 ran. 1/4. (J Boyle). Tote: £4.20, £2.10, £4.20, £1.60. Exacta: £51.60. Tricast: £185.89. Trifecta: £413.10. CSF: £39.98. Non-runners: Kaposus, My Mistress. Placepot: £183.40. Quadpot: £18.80. 4.00 (1m 11f £103,645) MAIFALIK (b f Falco - Makilia) T Eaves 16/1. 1. Caduce Magnifique J Garrity 9/4. 2. Zephyros Rob Hornby 33/1

3. 9/4. (Jav General Hazard). 13 ran. 1 1/4. nk. (M Walford). Tote: £16.50, £4.00, £1.50, £5.70. Exacta: £796.10. Tricast: £2158.27. Trifecta: £3586.10. CSF: £53.41. 4.30 (1m 11f £2,846) DEFTERA LAD (b g Fast Company - Speedbird) T J Murphy 4/1. 1. Simple Century T Eaves 20/1. 2. Tanzina L Kenny 8/1. 3. 7/4 fav. 15 ran. 1/4. (M Wigham). Tote: £2.40, £1.10, £3.00, £2.10. Exacta: £24.00. Trifecta: £86.70. CSF: £17.82. Non-runner: Waggle. 3.30 (1m 4f £2,264) MY RENAISSANCE (b g Medicane - Lehenstana) A Mullin 7/2. 1. Par Three L Kenny 12/1. 2. Top Set M Dwyer 9/2. 3. 7/2. (Jav Cougar Kid). 12 ran. 1 1/4. ns. (Sam England). Tote: £3.80, £1.50, £4.20, £2.00. Exacta: £46.80. Tricast: £203.67. Trifecta: £194.60. CSF: £51.73. 4.00 (1m 11f £103,645) MAIFALIK (b f Falco - Makilia) T Eaves 16/1. 1. Caduce Magnifique J Garrity 9/4. 2. Zephyros Rob Hornby 33/1

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