

# NFL DIVISION 4

WICKLOW 3-13  
LONDON 1-8

**THE GAME**

## Rainbow worrier

**TIPPERARY 2-24 CARLOW.....1-8**

**CARLOW** manager Anthony Rainbow was stunned as his side slumped to a 19-point defeat against Tipperary at Dr Cullen Park.

The former Kildare star admitted: "We just did not perform. We looked to be stuck to the ground."

Tipp attacker Conor Sweeney matched Carlow's entire total with 1-8, 1-6 from play.

Carlow had Paul Broderick sent off on a straight red after 10 minutes.

Tipp led 0-12 to 0-4 at half-time, but Séamus Kinsella netted a Carlow penalty. Tipp hit back with goals from Philip Austin and Sweeney.

Tipp coach Michael O'Loughlin said they had to avenge last year's home league defeat by Carlow.

He said: "Next up is Waterford, who also beat us last year."

**TIPPERARY:** P Fitzgerald; J Coughlan, P Codd, A Morrissey 0-1; G Mul-

By CHARLIE KEEGAN

### VERDICT

**TIPP** corner-forward Conor Sweeney scored as much as the entire Carlow team — and he outscored them from play. That says all you need to know about Anthony Rainbow's side.

hare, R Kiely, D Leahy 0-2; G Hannigan, P Acheson 0-1; B Fox, B Grogan 0-6, 3f, C McCullough 0-1; C Sweeney 1-8, 0-2f, M Quinlivan 0-1, P Austin 1-1. **Subs:** S O'Brien for Kiely; I Fahy 0-1 for McCullough; A Campbell for Mulhare; A Matassa 0-1; B O'Brien for Quinlivan; G Hally 0-1 for Acheson.

**CARLOW:** A O'Brien; B J Molloy, M Curry, J O'Donoghue; K Nolan, B Kavanagh, G Power 0-2; H Gahan, D Foley 0-2; P Reid, D St Ledger 0-1f, D Bambrick; P Broderick, B Murphy 0-1, S Kinsella 1-0 pen. **Subs:** J Lowry 0-1 for Nolan h-t; C Moran for St Ledger h-t; S McGrath 0-1f for Reid 4f; M Brennan for Gahan 6f; M Meaney for Curry 6f.

**REFEREE:** D Gough (Meath).



# Better Leight than never

FOR THE GLOVE OF THE GAME... Wicklow's Damian Power tries his best to fend off Barry Mitchell of London

## GLYNN GOAL HERO ON WICKLOW RETURN

By EAMON DONOGHUE

**LEIGHTON GLYNN** made a dream return for Wicklow with three first-half goals to bury a tame London challenge in Aughrim.

Broken ankle victim Glynn found the net after just six minutes following fantastic work by Conor McGraynor.

### Burst

Fifteen minutes later, the forward scored another goal — this time from the spot after big midfielder Anthony McGloughlin was taken down following a powerful burst.

And Wicklow went 13 points ahead on 27 minutes, thanks to more good work from McGraynor and the

### VERDICT

**WICKLOW** will be delighted their blend of young and old performed well. London missed team captain Lorcan Mulvey.

the management and strength and conditioning team, they've really helped me since I've come back."

London opened proceedings with a Marcus Miskelly point, although they struggled to make any inroads against a strong wind.

Five of their nine first-half attempts dropped into the arms of Wicklow keeper Robert Lambert, and they trailed 3-09 to 0-04 at the interval.

### Quashed

Conor McGraynor quashed a London revival early in the second half with a monster free into the elements.

That gave Wicklow an 11-point lead, which they maintained to the finish.

DCU student McGraynor said: "We got early goals and worked hard — and that

set the standard for the whole game.

"The ball was coming in quick and fast to us and we were working well together inside.

"But then when they did drop their sweeper back we were able to adapt.

"Winning is a habit — and hopefully we can carry that through."

**WICKLOW:** R Lambert; C Hyland, D Power, A Byrne; K Murphy 0-1, P McGloughlin 0-1, D Healy; N Gaffney, A McGloughlin 0-1; D Hayden, P McWalter 0-1, R Finn 0-2; S Furlong 0-4, 2f, C McGraynor 0-1, 1f, L Glynn 3-2, 1-0 pen. **Subs:** P Earls for McWalter 44mins; P Dalton for Hayden 64; C Murphy for Glynn 68; D Odium for Earls 54, black card; M O'Brien for Power 65, black card.

**LONDON:** E Byrne; P Butler, S Curran, S Walsh; S Hannon, S Mulligan, C McCarron; M Gottsche 0-1f, M Carroll; B Mitchell, S Kelly 0-1, J Feeney 0-1; A Moyles 1-3 2f, C McGhee, M Miskelly 0-2. **Subs:** D McCarthy for Walsh 31mins; B Collins for Feeney 44; S Hickey for Mitchell 55; A Bradley for Hannon 58; D Ryan for Gottsche 63; B Collins for Miskelly 68;

## Brad for starters

**LEITRIM.....1-11 ANTRIM.....1-6**

**ANTRIM** boss Liam Bradley labelled his side 'pathetic' after a limp first-half show in Carrick-on-Shannon yesterday.

Bradley, who saw goalscorer Niall McKeever sent off along with Conor Murray, acknowledged his team had failed to show up in the opening period.

Trailing 1-8 to 0-3 at half-time, it ultimately cost the Saffrons the game in this Division 4 NFL contest at Páirc Seán Mac Diarmada.

He admitted: "We did not turn up for the first half. We were pathetic."

Leitrim boss Seán Hargan said: "We got the win on the basis of our first-half performance. I was really pleased with the way we started."

**LEITRIM:** C McCrann; B Prior, D Wynn, P Maguire; P Brennan 0-2, G Reynolds, W McKeon; A Hickey, D

By PJ LEDDY

### VERDICT

**LIAM BRADLEY** was fuming — and it was easy to see why as his team never got out of first gear in the opening period. A better 35 followed but the damage had been done.

Moran; K Conlan 0-2, 1f, R Lowe, F Clancy; E Mulligan 0-5, 4f, T Beirne 1-1, R Cox 0-1f. **Subs:** G Hickey for Lowe 51; J Mulligan for Cox 51; D Sweeney for Clancy 52; J Glancy for A Hickey 67; D Beck for Brennan 70.

**ANTRIM:** C Kerr; K O'Boyle, M Johnston, J Crozier; T Scullion, M Sweeney, J Laverty; M McCann, N McKeever 1-0; C Murray, M Pollock, P Kelly 0-1; P Cunningham 0-1f, B Hasson, R McGrady 0-1f. **Subs:** P Maguire 0-1 for McGrady 23; T McCann 0-2, 2f for Pollock 34; B Neeson for Hasson 46; R Murray for Cunningham 52.

**REFEREE:** C Brannigan (Down).



## Clare enough for Colm

**NEW Clare manager Colm Collins** was delighted with his goal-hungry Banner at Fraher Field.

Strikes from Martin O'Leary, Shane McGrath and Michael O'Shea got their NFL Division 4 campaign off to a winning start.

Collins (left) said: "We got a couple of goals at the right time. Once we went in two points up, with the breeze to come

**CLARE.....3-10 WATERFORD..1-9**

By TÓMAS MCCARTHY

in the second half, I felt we were there. Once we got the goals, that was it."

With Gary Brennan pulling the strings in midfield, the visitors led 1-5 to 0-6 at half-time, with O'Leary netting on eight minutes. **CLARE:** P Deloughrey; D Ryan, K Harnett, M

McMahon; S Hickey, Stephen Collins, M Murphy; C O'Connor, G Brennan; S Brennan 0-1, S McGrath 1-1, Seán Collins; M O'Leary 1-1, D Tubridy 0-6, 3f, J Malone. **Subs:** P Collins 0-1 for S Brennan 41mins; M O'Shea 1-0 for Malone 41; G Kelly for Stephen Collins 59; P McMahon for Tubridy 64; K O'Connor for S Hickey 66; J Keane for Seán Collins 70.

**WATERFORD:** S Enright; D Crowley, T O Gorman, K Connery; C O Keefe, S Briggs 0-1, C Phelan; T Prendergast, S Ahearne; P Whyte 1-5, 3f, L O Lonáin, D Allen 0-1; W Hutchinson, B Wall, T Grey 0-2. **Subs:** JJ Hutchinson for W Hutchinson 45; O Keever for Prendergast 53; T Ó hUallacháin for Phelan 60; T Connors for Allen 63; J Hayden for Briggs 67.

**REFEREE:** F Kelly (Longford).

### VERDICT

**SIX** different players scored for Clare, who hit the ground running. They looked good.

When Waterford attempted to get back into the match, the Banner refused to buckle and registered 2-5 after the break.