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Physio Donal Reid consoles Ryan McHugh at the final whistle after a resounding defeat by Mayo in Croke park during the All-Ireland quarter final. Photo: Donna McBride

Donegal made a tame exit from the All-Ireland championship, when they were hammered by Mayo in Croke Park.

Early goals from Cillian O'Connor and Donal Vaughan gave Mayo a lead that they would never relinquish. Donegal lost the game by 16 points, their biggest defeat in championship football since 1946.

"You have to acknowledge the opposition and say they were on the money today and they fully deserved their win," said Jim McGuinness after the match.

Milford produced a late purple patch to win the Junior A championship in O'Donnell Park. Milford were in control at half-time, but Urris fought back in the second half. However, four late points sealed the championship for Nigel Black's team.

Cloughaneely were relegated to the Intermediate Championship, after Glenfin got the upper hand on them in MacCumhaill Park.

Donegal under 17s won the Jim McGuigan Cup in Maghera, beating Tyrone in the final. Declan Bonner's team were hugely impressive on the day, beating Monaghan in the semi-final, before playing Tyrone.

Donegal under 16s also excelled winning the Buncrana Cup. Shaun Paul Barrett's team produced a sterling performance to beat Tyrone comfortably in the final at Scarvey.

St Eunan's minor team were at their thrilling best as they pushed Buncrana aside in the Northern Board minor final by 4-18 to 1-8. However, Buncrana impressively bounced back from that disappointment to beat Aodh Ruadh in the championship semi-final and set up a decider against the Letterkenny men.

Brendan Boyce continued his development on the world stage as he set a new personal best and improved on his finish in the 2012 Olympics by four places at the World track and Field Championships in Moscow.

Boyce had a time of 3:37:56 in the 50km walk and finished in 25th position, shaving 37 seconds off his personal best.

"Brendan had the walk of his life,"

said Patsy McGonagle, the Irish athletics team manager.

It was a disappointing month for Mark English. He performed poorly at the World championships in Moscow, failing to get out of his heat, despite a strong last 100 metres.

Finn Harps' poor run of form continues in August as they lost three league games to Athlone Town, Waterford United and Cobh Ramblers.

However, Harps did pull off a brilliant result as they managed to qualify for the semi-finals of the FAI Cup after they beat Cobh Ramblers 4-0 in the quarter-final replay in Cobh.

"To step off a bus after such a long journey and turn in a performance like that showed great resilience and character and the boys have to take great confidence from that," said Hutton.

There was good news on the underage front for Harps, as their under 17 team won the prestigious Macron Galway Cup, beating CCFL in the final.

The Ulster Senior League appointed Donal O'Brien and Trevor Scanlon as the new management team of the USL Interprovincial side.

Cockhill Celtic ended the month in the driving seat for the Ulster Senior League title, after Drumkeen United lost to Derry City reserves in August.

Cockhill manager Donal O'Brien was keen for his players to keep focussed until the end of the season.

"We can't be complacent and look at fixtures and think the league is won, the reality is that if we win all our games and Drumkeen win theirs it will come down to that last game, so I won't let the boys get complacent and they know that," said O'Brien.

Letterkenny lad Dale Gorman won his first international cap for Northern Ireland when he played in a one-all draw with Scotland in Ayr.

Seamus Coleman was Ireland's captain for the final six minutes of Ireland's scoreless draw with Wales in Cardiff. It was the first time that the Killybegs men wore the captain's armband for his country.

Chloe Magee put up a gallant fight, but the Raphoe girl lost out to



Kevin Holian battles high winds with gale force gusts and torrential rain on the back of Errigal road as he powers his way to being first rider home in the annual An Post Tadhg Culbert Memorial Charity Cycle to Letterkenny. The route brought the riders through Loughanure, Crolly, Dunlewey, Glenveagh and Churchill. Photo: Declan Doherty

Hsaip Ma Pei of Chinese Taipei in the World Championships in Guangzhou in China.

Magee also lost out in the doubles, with her brother Sam as the pair lost to the Dutch pairing of Jorrit De Ruiter and Samantha Barning.

Jason Quigley took his winning streak to 28 fights, after he beat Adrian Vastine and Michal Kowalczyk at the Normandy four nations tournament in Berck, France.