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### **SENIOR**

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Age: 45

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Club: Warrenpoint

No. of years Referee: 11 at Inter County level Honours Won: 1 Down S.E.C. Medal

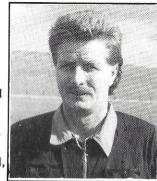
Refereed: All-Ireland Junior Final 1989,

All-Ireland Minor Semi-Final, Ulster Senior Final 1988, 2 Ulster Under 21 Finals,

Ulster Minor Final, Dr. McKenna Cup Final,

Sigerson Final 1984,

McRory Cup Final 1984, 2 World Sevens Finals (New York), 4 Down S.F.C. Finals, Ulster Referee of the Year 1988.



#### Brendan Gorman

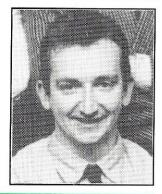
(Armagh)

Occupation: Sound Engineer Club: St. Paul's (Lurgan) No. of years Referee: 3

Honours:

Number of Ulster Minor League Games Ulster U-16 Final

2 County U-21 Finals



### MINOR

#### **BUÍOCHAS**

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# KIERAN McGURK

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Kieran McGurk's county career has lated now for over 12 years having made his debut against Offaly in the N.F.L. in October 1981. During that time Kieran has seen both the highs and lows of gaelic football.

His greatest moment would probably have come with his club side Sarsfields when in 1990 he captained them to their first ever Senior County Championship title.

Kieran first came to prominence on the County team as the player who scored the last minute goal to give Armagh their first ever victory against Kerry in their own back garden.

Since that day Kieran has gone from strength to strength and is now one of the main driving forces within the current panel. Kieran showed in the replay game with Tyrone why he has earned himself the reputation of being Armagh's penalty taking expert when under tremendous pressure he cooly side footed the ball past the approaching Finbar McConnell.

He has collected many honours during his long and illustrious county career, to date these include 2 U.S.F.C. medals, 1 Dr. McKenna Cup, 1 Railway Cup and an All-Star replacement on the trip to Canada. He also has the distinction of twice being voted Senior County Player of the Year, 1987 and 1990, by his team mates which certainly goes some way to showing the high esteem in which Kieran is held within the county.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**SUNDAY, 4TH JULY, 1993:** 

Ulster Senior & Minor Hurling FINALS in Casement Park, Belfast.

SENIOR 3.30 – Aontroim v. An Dún MINOR 2.00 – Aontroim v. An Dún (REPLAY IF NECESSARY – SUNDAY, 11TH JULY, '93)

**SUNDAY, 18TH JULY, 1993:** 

Ulster Senior & Minor Football FINALS in St. Tighearnach's Park, Clones.

SENIOR 3.30 – Doire v. Ard Mhacha or Dún na nGall MINOR 2.00 – Doire v. Dún na nGall or Tír Eoghai (REPLAY IF NECESSARY – SUNDAY, 1ST AUGUST, 1993)

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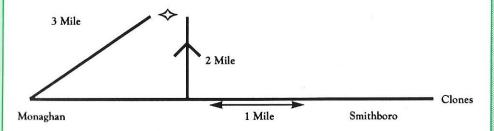
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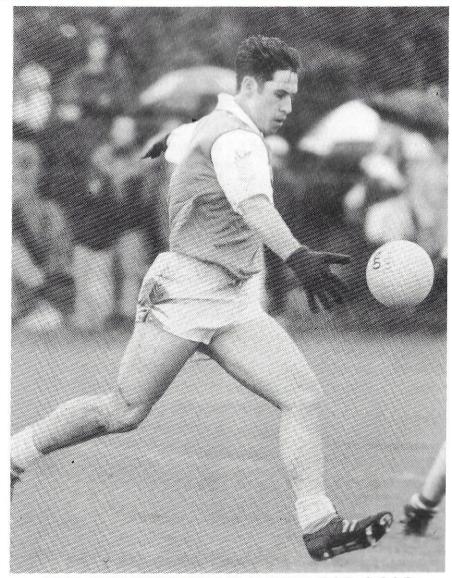
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# FACT AND FIGURES

Armagh have played a total of 8 times in BREFFNI PARK in the Ulster Senior Football Championship. the results of these reads as follows:

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by Paddy

Armagh have met Donegal on 13 occasions in the U.S.F.C. and the scoreline reads as follows:

Armagh 8 Wins

Donegal 5 Wins

Armagh have played Ulster Senior Semi-Finals in BREFFNI PARK, in 1979, 1980, 1984 and 1985, winning two and losing two.

Armagh have played Donegal only ONCE before in an Ulster Semi-Final. It was in 1949 and Armagh were victorious on that occasion.

Only 8 of the present Armagh Senior Panel have played against Donegal in an U.S.F.C. They are J. Grimley, M. Grimley, G. Houlahan, M. McQuillan, O. Reel, K. McGurk, N. Smyth and J. Toner.

Five of the present Armagh Senior Squad were members of the County Minor Squad in 1992 that defeated Donegal in the Ulster Minor Championship Final, they are K. Hagan, D. Mackin, D. Marsden, P. McGrane and B. O'Hagan.

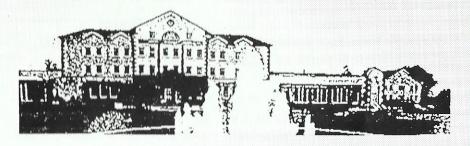
Twelve Armagh players have got themselves on the scoresheet to date in their 4 Championship matches scoring a total 7 goals and 38 points.

GERARD HOULAHAN is currently Armagh's top scorer in this years U.S.F.C. with a personal tally of 3 goals and 7 points, also he is the only player to score in all 4 championship games to date.

Seven Armagh players have made their Senior Ulster Championship debut in the current series they are:

P. McGrane, S. McConville, D. Hollywood, K. Quigley, D. Mackin, B. O'Hagan and D. Marsden.

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#### hy IEROME QUINN (BBC Radio Ulster, Commentary 3.02 - 5.00)

We've been here before, the teams are different but the circumstances the same, for today's Armagh team is a mirror image of Down's All Ireland winning team from 1991.

Before the start of that memorable campaign that ended in All-Ireland triumph Down were relieved of the favourites tag for the first time in years and even written off within their own county. This year some Armagh supporters stayed away from their first game in Irvinestown, the lack of faith in their team was obvious. In fact, there was more talk about the Armagh Minor team than the Seniors though the Minors went out that day and the Seniors are still there.

Ross Carr rescued Down against Derry at the Athletic Grounds with a very late placed-ball kick from distance in '91 to keep his team in the Championship when it looked like their number was up. Two weeks ago John Toner did exactly the same at the same venue and yes, Armagh also got it right the second time round.

Midfield was a potential problem area for Down in '91 with an injury to their number one for the position at the time, Liam Austin, but it worked to their advantage as Barry Breen slotted in superbly and Eamonn Burns enjoyed his company. Armagh recently lost both of their midfielders for the first game with Tyrone but neither were recalled for the replay.

That's where the similarities end for Armagh have used far more players already than Down did in the entire season though it has been to their benefit. Injuries have cleared up and many players have proved themselves in Championship games. From being discarded, Armagh now have a large healthy panel bubbling with confidence from their ability to come from behind, it's a great feeling to know you can trail a match without panicking.

Donegal are like Down of '92 in the respect that they look like defending champions going into a semi-final in the wrong frame of mind. Last year the reigning champions felt they would be good enough for Derry despite a winter of celebrations and now Donegal give the impression of a team whose All-Ireland and National League celebrations have caught up with them.

Injuries and the close thing in Ballybofey against Antrim have thrown considerable doubt on Donegal's chances but then again they have shown that they are a squad with the character to bite back when up against it, remember the '92 Ulster Final, and league games this year with Derry and Dublin. They are All-Ireland champions and will be out to prove that Armagh have used up more than their share of luck in getting this far. I know that sounds like I am hedging my bets and I am, because this marvellous championship is just impossible to predict!





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FIR IONAID: 16, Kieran Hagan (An Port Mor); 17, John Rafferty (St. Galls); 18, Mark Grimley (Harps); 19, Cathal O'Rourke (Dromintee); 20, Paul McGrane (Ballyhegan); 21, Gerard Reid (Eire Og); 22, Denis Hollywood (St. Michael's); 23, Shane McConville (St. Paul's); 24, Keith Quigley (Carrickcruppin).

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M. Ó Gallchoir Matt Gallagher Naomh Brid

S. Mac Cuinneagain John Cunningham Killybegs

M. Ó Seibhleain Martin Shovlin Naomh Ultan

N. Ó hEigheartaigh Noel Hegarty O-/ Naomh Columba

11 12 M. Mac Aodha S. Mac Maolain Martin McHugh Jovce McMullan Four Masters Kilcar

14 15 T. Ó Riain M. Ó Baoill Tommy Ryan Manus Boyle Killybegs 0-3 Termon

FIR IONAID: 16, Paul Callaghan (Burt); 17, Barry Cunningham (Killybegs); 18, Paul Carr (Four Masters); 19, John Duffy (Civil Service); 20, Jim McGuinness (Naomh Conaill); 21, Mark Crossan (St. Eunans); 22, James McHugh (Kilcar); 23, Declan Boyle (Killybegs); 24, Michael Gallagher (Civil Service).

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- A PLAYER FOR ALL POSITIONS

by Ciaran O'Donnell, Derry Journal

Noel Hegarty might not be the most experienced of Brian McEniff's charges. However, unquestionably, the 24 year-old Naomh Columba player is the most versatile player the Donegal senior side has had in their ranks for many seasons.

Today, Hegarty will team up with Brian Murray at midfield in the absence of the injured Anthony Molloy who underwent a recent cartilage operation. His deployment at centre field by McEniff speaks volumes for the Glencolmcille man's all-round ability.

Since breaking into the senior side a couple of seasons ago, Noel has played in the full back line, the half back line, and in the half forward line. Although he has never started a game for Donegal at midfield, he has operated for his club, Naomh Columba, on numerous occasions in that berth, so he will be no stranger to taking up such a vital role.

Hegarty underwent a nose operation earlier this year during the latter stages of the National League campaign. However, the Glen man bounced back in true fashion, and played a huge part in Donegal's remarkable comeback to force the final to a replay, when he came on at half time at centre back for Martin Gavigan who was unable to shake off the effects of a heavy bout of 'flu.

The most notable feature of Hegarty's game is his tremendous attitude to the game, and his willingness to always be involved in the thick of the action. When the going has got tough for Donegal, Noel has always been the first man to get going for them.

His new role at midfield will give Donegal a new dimension in an area which has been a cause for concern since Molloy's injury forced him to take a break from the championship scene. Hegarty is an excellent fielder, a good carrier of the ball, and certainly isn't afraid to go in search of a score when the opportunity arises.

Although one of the youngest members in the Donegal team, Noel was player-manager of the Naomh Columba side who were defeated in the final of last year's championship. The factory worker was his team's top scorer in the competition with an impressive tally of 4-32. Don't be too surpried if he notches up a few Donegal scores this afternoon against Armagh!

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Matt Gallagher of Naomh Brid played his 99th Senior Football competitive game for Donegal when he lined out against Antrim in the first round of the 1993 ulster S.F.C. And so in the Ulster S.F.C. Semi-Final Matt becomes the fifth member of the present squad to reach the century following Donal Reid (127 games), Martin McHugh (126), Anthony Molloy (115) and Joyce McMullan (114). Gary Walsh has played 94 times.

Matt made his senior inter-county debut on 15 November 981 in the N.F.L. against Laois in Ballyshannon. He had just celebrated his nineteenth birthday. He played at left corner-back. Donegal won by 0-10 to 2-3. Matt has played 55 N.F.L. games; 22 S.F.C. games; 16 Dr. McKenna Cup games and 6 Open Draw games. He missed the 1984-85, 198-86 and 1988-89 League campaigns. He has played against Armagh more often than against any other county (11 times). He has played against all counties except Sligo, Galway, Kilkenny, Limerick and London.

Matt Gallagher played on the following medal-winning Donegal teams: 1992 All-Ireland S.F.C., 1990 and 1992 Ulster S.F.C., 1985 and 1991 Dr. McKenna Cup, 1982 All-Ireland U-21 F.C., 1982 Ulster U-21 F.C.

He won the coveted All-Star award in 1992 and was on Ulster's Railway Cup-winning team in 1992 also. He was Donegal "Player of the Year" in 1991.

CLUB AND COLLEGE: Matt Gallagher played his under-age football with Aodh Ruadh, Ballyshannon and won County U-12 (1974), U16 (1978) and U18 (1979, 1980) Championship medals. He is a protegé of De La Salle, Ballyshannon, and won Loch an Iúir Cup (1976), Ulster Herald Cup (1978), McLarnon Cup (1980) and All-Ireland Senior Colleges' "B" (1980) winners' medals with De La Salle. He won a Donegal I.F.C. winners' medal with his beloved Ballintra in 1987. There are very few Donegal footballers with such a varied array of prestigious victories.

SERVICE: Like Donegal's other century-men Matt Gallagher has given tremendous service to Donegal football for the past twenty years. When it was stated that he had played 99 competitive games for his county it was commented that he never played anything but competitive games whether those games were challenges, friendlies or 'real' games. Fiercely competitive. enthusiastic, intelligent, extrovert, inspirational, committed, Matt has overcome the personal tragedy of Pauric's death to gain all the major honours in the game. His tremendous Championship campaign of 1992 with it's climax in the marking of Vinnie Murphy in the All-Ireland Final will remain etched forever on Donegal's footballing memory. And whether he kicked the ball in that famous game or whether he didn't "the small boat in a gale" has come safely ashore once more and reached another milestone in his illustrious career. Donegal Parian China will honour his one hundredth appearance in their now

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Le linn feachtas na blaina seo caite, d'imir ochtar imreoirí in gach cluiche ceanibhe, Gary Walsh, Matt Ó Gallchóir, Noel Ó bFagartaigh, Dónal Reid, Antoin Ó Luag, Máirtín Mac Aodha, Deaglán Ó Cnaimhsi agus Antoin Ó Baoill. Inniu, tá ceathrar réaltóga ar an taobh líne agus tá deis a thabhairt do imreoirí eile a gcumas a léiriú.

Is lá speisialta é fosta do Mhatt Ó Gallchóir – inniu, beidh céad cluiche imriste ag Matt do Dhún an nGall. Tráthúill go leor, d'imir sé a chéad chluiche aon bhliain déag ó shin i gcoinne Ard Mhacha agus bhain Ard Mhacha an lá sin le aon phoinnte amháin.

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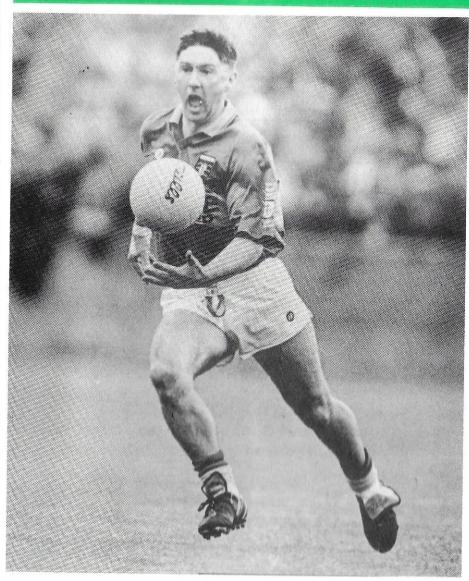
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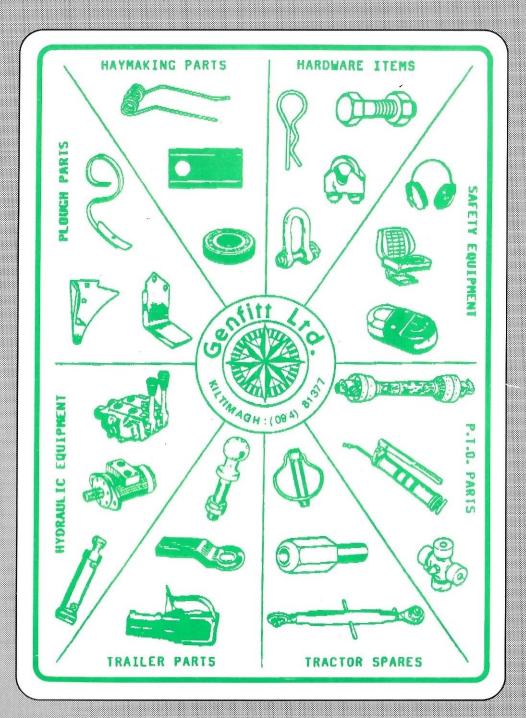
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# Red Hand youngsters look for compensation

by Michael Daly (Donegal Democrat)

With the Tyrone Seniors again out of the Ulster Championship at the first hurdle and not having won a game in Ulster since their final win against Donegal in 1989, it is again left to the young stars of Tyrone to provide some compensation for one of the best supported counties in the province.

Over the last three years the lack of Senior success has been compensated for by the great run of the U-21s. This year the Minors are looking good to fill the gap.

Both sides have played one game and the Tyrone management team of Mickey Harte and Fr. Gerard McAleer have more cause to be confident about today's outcome. Their annihilation of Fermanage by 2-14 to 2-3 was something which wasn't predicted as the Erne boys had already knocked a fancied Armagh side out of the competition. When you consider that two of that Armagh side — Diarmaid Marsden and Des Macken — will be important Senior participants today, the true picture of the all-round strength of this Tyrone side becomes clearer.

Donegal, on the other hand, while always looking a better side than Antrim, struggled to transfer their superiority to the scoreboard, even though their 1-9 to 1-5 victory was easy in the end.

Since then the Donegal management of Denis Ellis and Eamon Harvey have rearranged their troops but against Sligo on Sunday last in a curtain-raiser to the Sligo-Mayo Senior Championship tie, they had to come from eight points behind in the final quarter to earn a draw.

Their stars against Armagh were midfielder, Shane Carr, and centre half-forward, Barry Ward. Their half-forward line of McClafferty, Ward and Gillespie were their best line but others who performed really well were captain, Sean McEwen, who has just completed a year at Queens, centre half-back, Sean McGee, and cornerforward, Conal Cunningham, who despite some misses, scored 1-3.

Against Armagh, Bosco Lyons from Coalisland was a star at corner back for Tyrone who had fielded a team all making their Championship debut. Their facile win was earned without their captain, Brendan Sheehy, who was ruled out through injury. Brian Dooher at midfield and Dungannon pair, Gerard Cavlan and Mark Rodgers were very impressive/in attack.

Back in 1935 the counties met in the Ulster Minor Final – the first ever to be contested by Donegal. Tyrone won by 2-2 to 2-1 but there was an objection and a counter-objection and eventually the tie was declared null and void. Such happenings are, happily, not part of today's scene.



### MINORS

# Dún na nGall

Dathanna:

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Dessie McNamara

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Sean McEwan
St. Eunan's - Capt.

8
S. MacGiolla Chearr
Shane Carr
St. Eunans

E. Ó hEirán Eamon Haran St. Eunans

10
B. MacLochlainn
Brian McLaughlin
St. Michael's

1 1 P. MacGiolla Easpuic Pauric Gillespie Naomh Columba 1 2 P. Ó Currein Paul Curran Robert Emmetts

13 S. MacLaifeartaigh Shane McClafferty Downings 1 4
B. Mac a'Bhaird
Barry Ward
Aodh Ruadh

1 5 C. MacCuinneagáin Conal Cunningham Naomh Columba

Fir Ionaid: 16. Brian McConagle (Dungloe); 17. David Clarke (Bundoran); 18. Michael Doherty (Urris); 19. James Cullen (Termon); 20. Adrian Furey (Naomh Ultan); 21. John Doherty (Naomh Columba); 22. Michael Byrne (Naomh Columba); 23. Niall O Donnell (Ardara); 24. Joe McCarron (Urris).

# MINORS

Dathanna : Bán agus Dearg



# Tír Eoghain

E. Mac an Ghallóglaigh Eamon Gallogly Drumquin

2 S. Ó Catháin **Sean O'Kane** Killyclogher

B. Mac Donnchaidh
Barry Donaghey
Dromore

D. Mac an Ghirr
Declan McGirr
Omagh

5 D. Mac Taidhg Damian Teague Clonoe 6 C. Mac Thomáis Colin Holmes Moy 7 L. Mac Pháidin **Liam Patterson** Drumquin

P. MacCathmhaoil
Peter Campbell
Coalisland

9 B. Ó Dúchair **Brian Dooher** Aghabrack

B. Ó hÍr Barry O'Hare Cookstown

13 C: Ó Brian Colm O'Brien Dromore 11 E. Ó Cosnacháinn **Enda Cushnahan** Derrylaughan

14 M. Mac Ruairí Mark Rodgers Dungannon 12 G. Ó Cathaláin Gerard Cavlan Dungannon

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