



AIB Ulster Club Championship
Preliminary Round



Sunday, 2nd October, 1994

Fr. Tierney Park,
Ballyshannon

3.30 p.m.

Aodh Ruadh

v

**Eireagal
Ciaráin**

REITEOIR:

Michael Cranny (Down)

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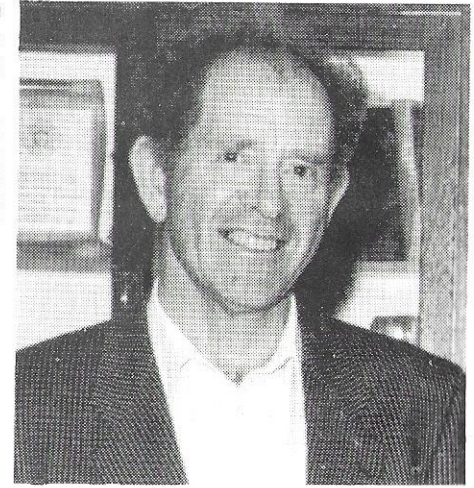


FÁILTE

Ar son fo-chumann Aoidh Ruadh, ba mhaith liom fáilte a chuir roimh na hoifigigh agus peiladoirí Eireagail Ciaráin aguch lucht leanúna ó gach áird.

On behalf of the Aoidh Ruadh club, I welcome the officers, players and supporters of the Errigal Ciaráin club and other supporters from Donegal and surrounding counties.

It's seven years since Aoidh Ruadh were involved in the Ulster Club Championship and after our great clashes with then reigning Ulster kingpins, Burren, in '86 and '87, it is fitting that we should host new Ulster champions, Errigal Ciaráin, today on our home pitch, Fr. Tierney Park.



I extend congratulations to Errigal Ciaráin on retaining their Tyrone title, but hope that we might be able to relieve them of their Ulster Championship crown.

Congratulations are also in order to the Aoidh Ruadh team and management of Sean Boyle, Joe Doherty and Conor Carney for leading the Ballyshannon club back to the pinnacle of Donegal football. It is also fitting to say thanks to everyone within our club who have helped to bring about that success — especially our Bórd na nÓg and underage managers who have kept Gaelic football very much to forefront in the town over the years.

To our senior team sponsors, McCoskers, I say a big thanks for your generous support of the club again this year, and I also thank all the other club sponsors and advertisers in this match programme.

Finally, let's hope today we have a game to match the occasion.

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Cathaoirleach, Aoidh Ruadh

MATCH PROGRAMME

Programme prepared by Park Committee, Aoidh Ruadh G.A.A. Club.

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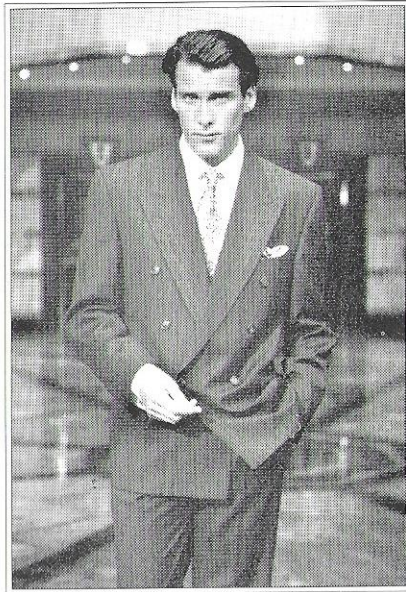
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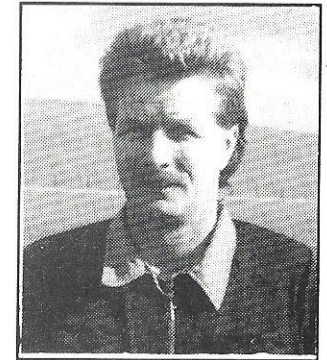
(Down)

Aged 46, Michael is married with two children and is a member of the Warrenpont club.

Michael has been refereeing for 12 years at Intercounty level and among the games he has taken charge of were the 1989 All-Ireland Junior Final, All Ireland Minor semi-final, Ulster Senior final 1988, 2 Ulster U-21 finals, Ulster Minor final, Dr. McKenna Cup final and the 1984 Sigerson Cup and McRory Cup finals. He has also taken charge of two World Sevens finals in New York and four Down S.F.C. finals.

Michael was Ulster Referee of the Year in 1988.

He also holds a Down Senior Football Championship medal.



AODH RUADH SCORERS

Val Murray	4-16
John Duffy	0-12
Damien Conlon	1-4
Sylvester Maguire	0-7
Charles O'Donnell	0-5
Brian Roper	1-2
Barry Ward	0-5
Donal Buggy	0-3
Malachy Cullen	0-3
Shane McGee	0-2
Anthony McGrath	0-1
Martin McGlynn	0-1
Ciaran Keon	0-1

Aodh Ruadh have scored 6-63 and conceded 4-43 in the Donegal Championship.

Canavan was top scorer in Tyrone

Errigal Ciarain's captain, Peter Canavan, was the top scorer in the Tyrone Senior Championship with a final tally of 3-27.

Eoin Gormley also had a fine tall of 4-6 to finish fifth in the table.

The final scoring positions were:

Peter Canavan (Errigal Ciarain)	3-27
Gerard Cavlan (Dungannon)	1-21
Brian Gormley (Carrickmore)	3-15
Peter Loughran (Carrickmore)	2-17
Eoin Gormley (Errigal Ciarain)	4-6
Paddy McGuigan (Moortown)	0-15
Gerard Corey (Trillick)	1-9
Ciaran Loughran (Carrickmore)	1-7
Colin Bell (Cookstown)	1-6
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Focus on . . . Val Murray

By Diarmaid Drummond, Aodh Ruadh PRO

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Although not as well known nationally as his more illustrious big brother, Brian, Val Murray is well known to anyone who attends club football in Donegal.

Already he has been top scorer for the Aodh Ruadh club for the past five seasons and although sometimes is criticised in his general play, he answered his critics in this year's Donegal senior final when he showed great composure to score two vital penalties.

The youngest of three brothers, Val has played Minor and U-21 for the county. In 1985 he won Ulster Minor League and Championship medals with the county.

He was just breaking into the senior ranks when the Aodh Ruadh club won their last two senior championships in 1986 and '87. He was a panel member in '87, and won an U-21 Championship

medal in 1988.

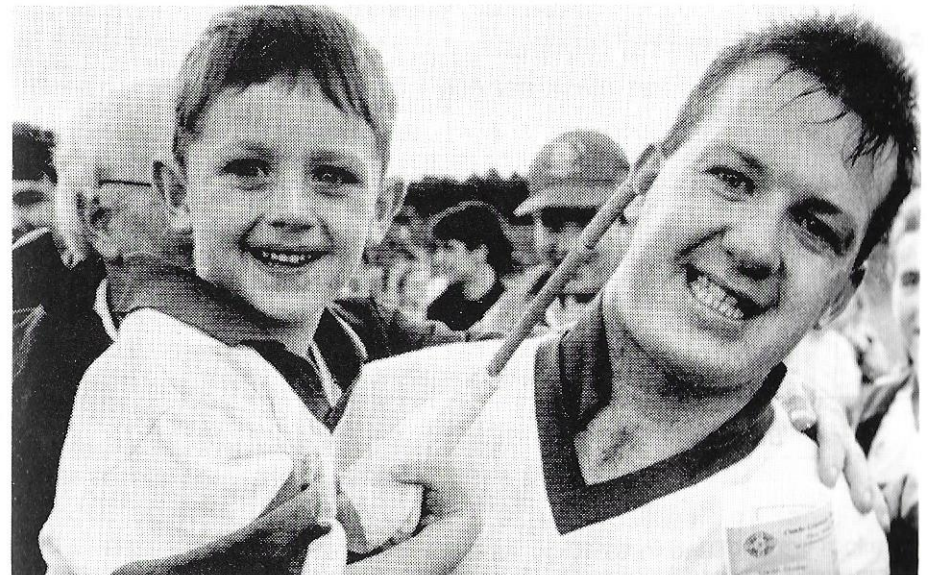
This season has arguably been his best in the green and white to date, scoring 4-16 in the Championship, well ahead of any other player in the county.

Also a very good soccer player and a Liverpool fan, Val has bagged many goals with the successful Ardara team over the past few years.

Married to Caroline, the 26-year-old barman's eldest son, Aiden, is the team's mascot and seems sure to follow in his father's footsteps.

Although Val has yet to make the senior intercounty grade, he hopes another matchwinning performance today will enhance his claims.

Although he could hardly be described as quiet, the young Murray has been letting his shooting boots do the talking this year.



Aodh Ruadh sharpshooter, Val Murray, pictured with his son, Aiden, after the Co. final victory in Ballybofey.

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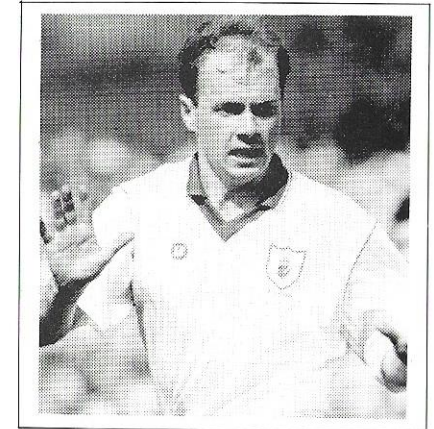
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Focus on . . . Peter Canavan

Errigal Ciaráin's captain for this occasion is Peter Canavan, a player who needs little introduction to any football follower in Ulster at the moment.

Peter has represented Tyrone at every level and his leadership and ability to drive his team on has proved very significant to Errigal Ciaráin successes to date.

Peter first came to prominence as a Tyrone Vocational Schools player when he led them in 1989 to All-Ireland success. He had another successful season with the Co. minors, before captaining the Tyrone U-21s to two successive All-Ireland titles — the only player so far to captain two U-21 All-Ireland winning teams.



Peter hopes the unprecedented success that he and his clubmates enjoyed during 1993 will stand them in good stead as they bid to retain the Ulster Club Championship.

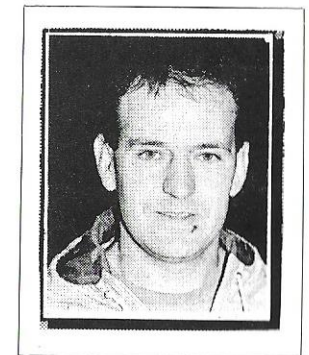
Focus on . . . Ciaran McCrory

Ciaran McCrory could be considered a veteran of the Errigal Ciaráin squad but with the years comes a wealth of experience.

A very committed player, Ciaran has thoroughly enjoyed the recent successes of the team, but is quick to acknowledge the amount of time and effort required to attain such goals.

Ciaran has also represented Tyrone at various levels in the 1980s and in 1986 captained Tyrone junior team to Ulster success.

Today, Ciaran certainly won't lack motivation as he bids to add another chapter to an already distinguished career.



At 34 years of age, the draughtsman, was one of the rocks on which Kilcar perished on in last year's Ulster Club semi-final.

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Errigal Chiaráin — a brief history

GAA activity in the parish of Airgeal Chiaráin goes back a long way with a team representing the parish, Ballygawley St. Ciarans, collecting county titles in 1926 and 1931. Incredibly, no team from the parish managed to claim the coveted title again until last year, 1993, when the current parish team, Errigal Chiaráin bridged that 62 year gap.

The aforementioned Ballygawley St. Ciaran's served the GAA interests of the parish up until 1982 when an internal dispute resulted in a section of the parish severing their allegiance to the club. The ensuing differences of opinion are well documented and best left now where they belong in the domain of history.

During the eight years from 1982 to 1990 the St. Ciaran's club continued to serve their GAA followers admirably including reaching the county final in 1989. Those who did not identify with St. Ciaran's at that time formed another grouping, namely Glencull St. Malachy's, and set about promoting the GAA in that particular area.

Relations between the two groups were strained rather than complementary and it was only when the Rev. Sean Hegarty arrived in the parish in late 1989 that any meaningful communication became possible. In the following months many long hours of discussion involving the Tyrone Co. Board and representatives from both 'groups' along with Fr. Hegarty agreed on a much sought after compromise.

During the 1990 season both groups kept

their own autonomy under the headings of Errigal Ciarain I and Errigal Ciarain II. 'Success' was limited to a Junior League title by Errigal Ciarain II's with Errigal Chiaráin I retaining their Division 1 status, previously enjoyed by Ballygawley St. Ciarans.

At the end of the 1990 season it was agreed that both teams should be picked on merit across the parish with the best players being available for Errigal Ciarain I and senior football and the remainder playing for Errigal Ciarain II in the Intermediate League.

By the end of the 1991 season the seniors were gelling as a unit who could make a serious assault on county titles while the second string struggled with life in Division 2 and eventually withdrew.

In the 1992 season the emergence of the club as it is today manifested itself under the managerial reigns of Francie Mulgrew. Unfortunately to be pipped by Carrickmore in the Championship, the club went on to finish the league campaign with eight straight wins.

It was then decided to enlist the managerial expertise of Danny Ball, fresh from back to back All-Ireland U-21 titles. He, together with trainer extraordinaire, Anthony (Doonan) Gallagher and local man, Mickey Mullin, have formulated the team which went on to make history in 1993, collecting the O'Neill Cup and following it up with a first ever Ulster Club title for Tyrone.

That's the history to date — how about the start of some more today!!

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Focus on . . . Brian Roper

By Diarmaid Drummond, Aodh Ruadh PRO

Although only 20 this year and standing at just 5'6", the sky is the limit for Brian Roper.

Known as 'Rope' or 'the wee man' to his team mates, Brian is establishing himself at senior level following a glittering underage career. It was a surprise to many observers when he failed to get selected on the Co. minor team in 1992, even though he starred for the Aodh Ruadh minor team which won the Co. Championship.

Later that year he also played a major part in the club winning their way to the Ulster Minor Club final, and on the first day of January, 1993, Brian's performance in the final against Clanna Gael of Lurgan earned him the man of the match award, as the Ballyshannon side won their first Ulster Club title.

That year also, Brian was rewarded with a place on the Ulster Colleges All-Star team along with the likes of Raymond and Ciaran Gallagher from St. Michaels.

His tally of medals include two Co. minor titles, 3 U-17 League and an U-21 Championship. He was a sub. on the Co. U-21 team this year.

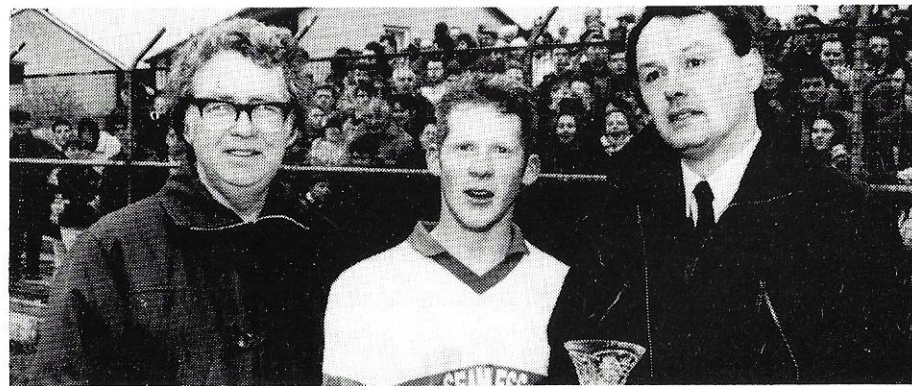
This year, following a slow start and unspectacular displays in the early rounds of the Championship, Brian tormented the Killybegs defence in the semi-final and was always prominent in the final, winning the vital first half penalty after a great defence-splitting run.

Brian is a son of the late P. J. Roper, a great club stalwart over the years and after whom the club run a Memorial U-16 Tournament each year. Dungannon from Tyrone have won the competition twice, while Dungiven from Co. Derry and Aodh Ruadh were also winners, with Clonduff from Co. Down the current holders.

Brian's younger brother, Brian, also plays for the club.

Other players in the past have shown that size matters for little, if the heart is strong. There are many examples including Peter Canavan from today's opposition, Brian Gormley, Martin and James McHugh, James McCartan, etc.

With time on his side, surely the best has yet to come from 'the wee man' Rope.



Brian Roper pictured receiving his man of the match award after Aodh Ruadh defeated Clann na nGael, Lurgan, to win the Ulster Club on 1st January, 1993. On the left is Tony McGee of the Irish News, with St. Paul's clubman, John McCartan.

Local employment helps team's cause

By Michael Daly (Donegal Democrat)

At a meeting of the Aodh Ruadh club committee last February one member of the committee, a younger member, spoke from his heart when he said the club couldn't expect to achieve anything significant if players were not able to get summer work in the area.

Like all Donegal clubs, Aodh Ruadh loses a fair share of its players to emigration but a bigger problem in recent years has been the loss of players for the summer months, usually to good paying jobs and football in the US or London.

Although some of the veterans of club committee meetings at Aodh Ruadh might have been slightly taken aback at Paul McWeeney's directness when he spoke at that February meeting, all agreed that he was right.

Jobs had been got for players in the past but for one reason or another players decided to look further afield. However, this year, as well as a lucky break that allowed John Duffy transfer back from Civil Service to Aodh Ruadh for the county championship, Aodh Ruadh were able to hold on to key players who might otherwise have gone to the bright lights to play football and earn some extra cash for College, etc.

A special work scheme which ran under the guidance of Tom Daly for the summer months was hailed from the victory platform as a very important element in achieving overall success in this year's county championship. Players such as Damien Conlon, Donal Buggy, Anthony McGrath and Brian Roper, and many others who might have been tempted to travel abroad, were kept at home

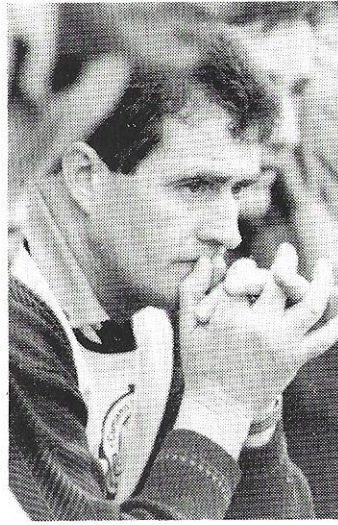
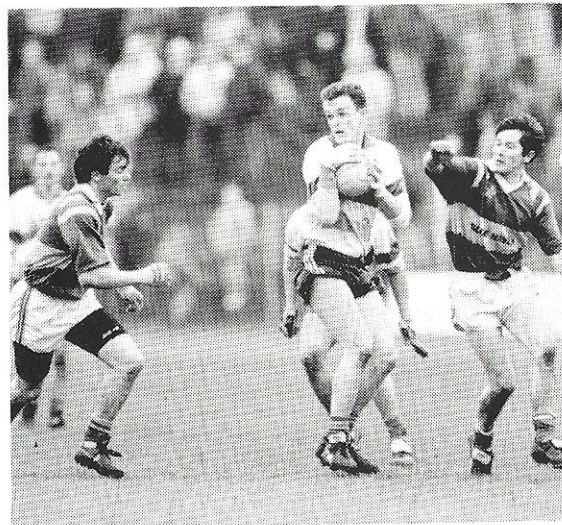
and a very strong panel of players trained together on a regular basis under the watchful eye of Conor Carney, Joe Doherty and Sean Boyle.

The panel of players, with a few exceptions, is very young. There are only four players who can claim a direct involvement in the club's previous county title success, Sylvester Maguire and Diarmaid Keon, both of whom played in the '87 final from the start and Val Murray and John Duffy who played a part during their games against Burren in the Ulster Club Championship.

Looking at the rest of that '87 Ulster Club team, one gets an idea of the huge turnover of players in the Aodh Ruadh Club:

Gary Walsh (now Burren); Joe Curran (Kuwait), Tommy McDermott (St. Brendan's, London), Conor Carney (now trainer); Diarmaid Keon, Ciaran Tinney (now sub.), Pauric Daly (retired); Sylvester Maguire, Brian Tuohy (0-1, now St. Mary's, Sligo); Gerry Curran (0-5, retired), Brian Murray (now Civil Service), John Duffy (0-1); Brendan Martin (with reserve team), Joe Doherty (now sub.), Sean Boyle (1-0, now manager). Subs., Eunan Doyle (now retired) for B. Martin; Val Murray for J. Duffy; Eunan Walsh (now Buncrana) for P. Daly, inj.; Conor Boyle (now Garda G.A.A. club, Dublin); Thomas Gallagher (now with reserves); Peter Gallagher (now with reserves); Seamus Flynn (now St. Nauls).

Looking through that team list and now with hindsight, it is much easier to understand Paul McWeeney's frustration at seeing his fellow players go off each summer. Happily, Paul has been a lot less frustrated this summer.



TOP: The Aodh Ruadh three wise men: Joe Doherty, Sean Boyle and Conor Carney.
 BOTTOM: Errigal Ciaráin's Eamon McCaffrey in action last year against Kilcar. Bottom right: Errigal Ciaráin boss: Danny Ball.

Aodh Ruadh manager's link with last Donegal Ulster Club success

Donegal successes at Ulster Club level are very limited. In fact, only one Donegal side has been successful — St. Josephs from Ballyshannon/Bundoran winning on three occasions — in 1966 and 1967 when the competition was unofficial, and in 1975.

In 1966, St. Joseph's defeated St. Johns of Belfast by 1-10 to 3-3, while a year later they overcame Crossmaglen from Armagh by 0-9 to 0-8.

In 1975 St. Joseph's defeated Castleblaney Faughs by 3-6 to 1-8 and today's Aodh Ruadh manager, Sean Boyle was one of the goalscorers on that St. Joseph's team.

On their way to the final St. Joseph's defeated Cavan Gaels by 3-8 to 1-7. The final was played in Omagh on a bitterly cold afternoon and was one of the best games ever seen at the venue.

It took the St. Joseph's side, who had to start without Thomas Quinn because of delay at a checkpoint, quite a while to settle down but a goal from a young Sean Boyle in the 21st minute put them on their way.

A second goal from team captain, Teddy Kane, six minutes into the second half left the Ballyshannon-Bundoran side in control and Billy Gavigan added the third goal five minutes from the end.

Martin Carney at midfield gave a magnificent display and others to play well were Peter Barry, Ray Sheerin, Josie

Boyle, Fr. Liam McDiad, Peter Long, Brian McEniff, Philip McLoone while Seamie Granaghan was the star of the attack.

The St. Joseph's scorers were: Teddy Kane, Billy Gavigan 1-1 each, Sean Boyle 1-0, Martin Carney and Seamie Granaghan 0-2 each.

Castleblaney: Gerry Fitzpatrick 0-5, Macartin Moore 0-2, Noel Shields 1-0, Eamon Tavey 0-1.

St. Joseph's: Alan Kane; Liam McDaid, Ray Sheerin, Josie Boyle; Brian McEniff, Peter Long, Philip McLoone; Martin Carney, Peter Barry; Billy Gavigan, Seamie Granaghan, Sean Gallagher; Sean Boyle, Teddy Kane (captain), John Murray. Sub., Pauric McShea for Murray.

Castleblaney: Kevin McNeill; Eugene Hughes, Phil Brady, Vincent McDonald; Denis Brereton, Hugh Doherty, Frank McQuillan; Pat McEaney, Dessie Mulligan; Rory Mulligan, Eamon Tavey, Barney McDonald; Gerry Fitzpatrick, Macartin Moore, Anthony McArdle. Subs., Gerry McQuillan for McEaney; Noel Shiels for McArdle.

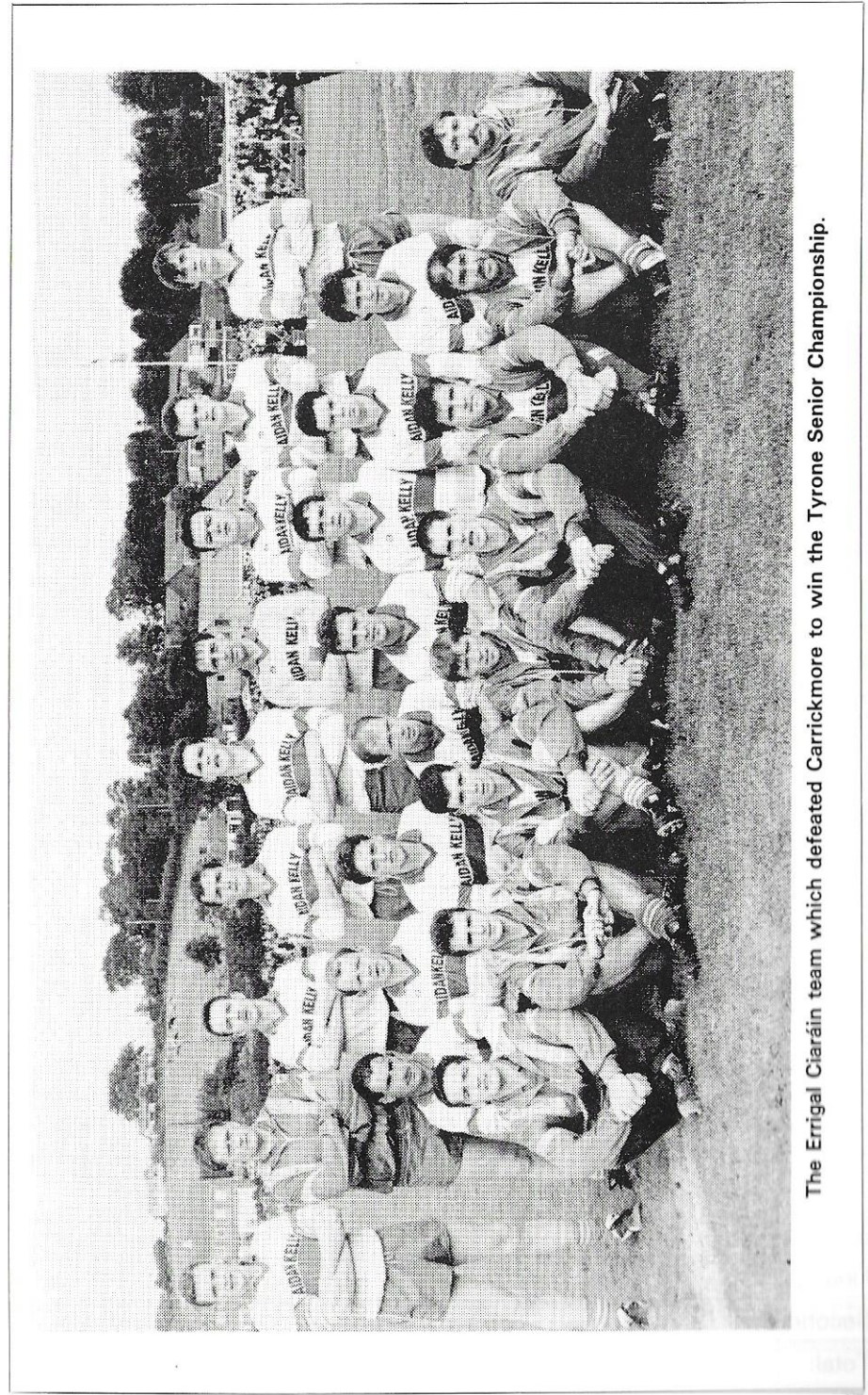
Apart from Aodh Ruadh manager, Sean Boyle, playing in that Ulster final winning team, other connections today include Aodh Ruadh 'keeper, Paul Kane, is a son of the winning captain, Teddy, and Aodh Ruadh trainer, Conor Carney is a brother of Martin.



On the Wednesday after the Co. final, GAA President, Jack Boothman visited Ballyshannon and is pictured above outside the Fr. Tierney Park with the Dr. Maguire Cup. Also in photo, back, from left, Matt Gallagher, Michael McGowan, Tom Cullen, Pat Shiel, John Travers, Alan Kane, Peter Conlon, Charles O'Donnell, Val Murray, Donal Buggy and Tom Daly. Front: Barry Ward, Gavin Bourke and Damien Conlon.

Meet the Errigal Ciarain panel

- Cathal McAnenly:** 31. 5'11". 13 st. Insurance Agent. Won Tyrone and Ulster Club '92, 2 U-21 C'ships., Div. 3 League.
- Seamus Mallon:** 19. 5'9". 12 st. Student. Tyrone and Ulster Club, Div. 3 League.
- Mickey McGirr:** 23. 6'. 11 st. Student. Tyrone and Ulster Club, Reserve C'ship.
- Colm McCann:** 29. 5'8". 10 st. Machinist. Tyrone and Ulster Club, Reserve League, Div. 1.
- Damian Mallon:** 26. 5'10". 12 st. Labourer. Tyrone and Ulster Club, represented Tyrone at V.S. level in '85 and '86.
- Eamon Kavanagh:** 27. 5'9". 11 st. Production Operator. Tyrone and Ulster Club.
- Ciaran McCrory:** 34. 5'8". 11st. 7 lb. Draughtsman. Tyrone and Ulster Club, Ulster U-21, Ulster Junior, U-21 club.
- Christopher Quinn:** 26. 5'8". 12 st. Publican. Won Tyrone and Ulster Club; represented Tyrone at V.S. and U-21 level.
- Hugh Quinn:** 24. 6'1". 12 st. Accountant. Tyrone and Ulster Club.
- Pascal Canavan:** 26. 5'11". 11st. 7lb. Teacher. Tyrone and Ulster Club, National League Div. 2, Sigerson Cup, Div. 3 League.
- Stevie Canavan:** 32. 5'7". 12 st. Butcher. Tyrone and Ulster Club, U-21 Club, Div. 3 League.
- Martin McCaffrey:** 27. 5'10". 11 st. Machine Operator. Won Tyrone and Ulster. Represented Tyrone at V.S., minor and U-21 level.
- Eoin Gormley:** 19. 6'. 12 st. Butcher. Tyrone and Ulster Club, two U-21 club, Minor League. Represented Tyrone at minor level.
- Leo Quinn:** 33. 5'5". 11 st. Butcher. Tyrone and Ulster Club, two U-21 club, Minor League. Represented Tyrone at minor level.
- Peter Canavan:** 23. 5'9". 11st. 7 lb. Teacher. Tyrone and Ulster Club, 1 Ulster Minor, 2 Ulster and All-Ireland V.S., 3 Ulster U-21, 2 All-Ireland U-21, 2 Railway Cup.
- Martin Farrell:** 32. 5'11". 11st. 7 lb. Lorry Driver. Won Tyrone and Ulster, All Ireland Freshers, Ulster Junior, two U-21 club.
- Brian Neill:** 23. 5'9". 10st. 7lb. Insurance rep. Tyrone and Ulster club, Ulster and All-Ireland V.s., Reserve C'ships.
- Paudge Quinn:** 36. 5'11". 13 st. Publican. Tyrone and Ulster club, U-21 club, Ulster Junior, Ulster Senior (2).
- Mickey Harte:** 39. 5'9". 12 st. Youth Tutor. Tyrone and Ulster club, Ulster minor, Ulster U-21.
- Conor Quinn:** 23. 6'. 12st. Coal merchant. Reserve Championships.
- Ciaran Mullin:** 30. 5'10". 11st. 7 lb. Civil Servant. Tyrone and Ulster club, U-21 club, Reserve C'ship.
- Aidan McGinley:** 20. 6'3". 13 st. Student. 1 Ulster Minor and U-16 C'ship with St. Ciaran's, Ballygawley, U-16 League.
- Sean Campbell:** 27. 6'. 12 st. Mechanic. Reserve C'ships.
- Barry Canavan:** 36. 5'8". 11 st. Joiner. Tyrone and Ulster club, U-21 club, Div. 3 League.



The Errigal Ciarain team which defeated Carrickmore to win the Tyrone Senior Championship.

AODH RUADH

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Paul Ó Catháin
(Paul Kane)

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Donncha Mac Eoin
(Donogh Keon)

3
Eamonn Ó Domhnaill
(Eamonn O'Donnell)

4
Diarmaid Mac Eoin
(Diarmaid Keon)

5
Máirtín Mac Fhloinn
(Martin McGlynn)

6
Gabhan De Burca
(Gavin Bourke)

7
Ciaran Mac Eoin
(Ciaran Keon)

8
Saibheastar Mac Uidhir
(Sylvester Maguire, capt.)

9
Cathál Ó Domhnaill
(Charles O'Donnell)

10
Briain Ó Roipear
(Brian Roper)

11
Dónal Ó Bogaigh
(Donal Buggy)

12
Maoileachlainn Ó Cuilinn
(Malachy Cullen)

13
Damain Ó Conluain
(Damien Conlon)

14
Seán Ó Dufaigh
(John Duffy)

15
Vail Ó Múirí
(Val Murray)

FIR IONAIÐ: 16, Daithi Glas (David Greene); 17, Antóin Mac Craigh (Anthony McGrath); 18, Barra Mac a Bhaird (Barry Ward); 19, Pól Ó Lochlainn (Paul O'Loughlin); 20, Seosamh Ó Dochartaigh (Joe Doherty); 21, Ciaran Mac an tSionnaigh (Ciaran Tinney); 22, Seán Mac Aoidh (Shane McGee); 23, Niall Mac Riada (Niall McCready); 24, Tómas Ó Casaide (Thomas Cassidy); 25, Garraí Ó Braonáin (Gary Brennan);

Aodh Ruadh	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	45s	Saor Ciceanna
First Half					
Second Half					
Total:					

ERRIGAL CIARÁIN

1
Cathal Mac An Anlaoi
(Cathal McAnenly)

2
Seamus Ó Meallain
(Seamus Mallon)

3
Micheal Mac an Ghiorr
(Mickey McGirr)

4
Colm Mac A
(Colm McCa)

5
Eamon Caomhanach
(Eamon Kavanagh)

6
Ciaran Mac Ruairi
(Ciaran McCrory)

7
Criostoir Ó Cu
(Christopher Qui)

8
Pascal Ó Ceandubhain
(Pascal Canavan)

9
Aodh Ó Cuinn
(Hugh Quinn)

10
Stiophain Ó Ceandubhain
(Stevie Canavan)

11
Eamon Mac Gafraidh
(Eamon McCaffrey)

12
Mairtín Mac Gafráil
(Martin McCaffre)

13
Leo Ó Cuinn
(Leo Quinn)

14
Peadar Ó Ceandubhain
(Peter Canavan, capt.)

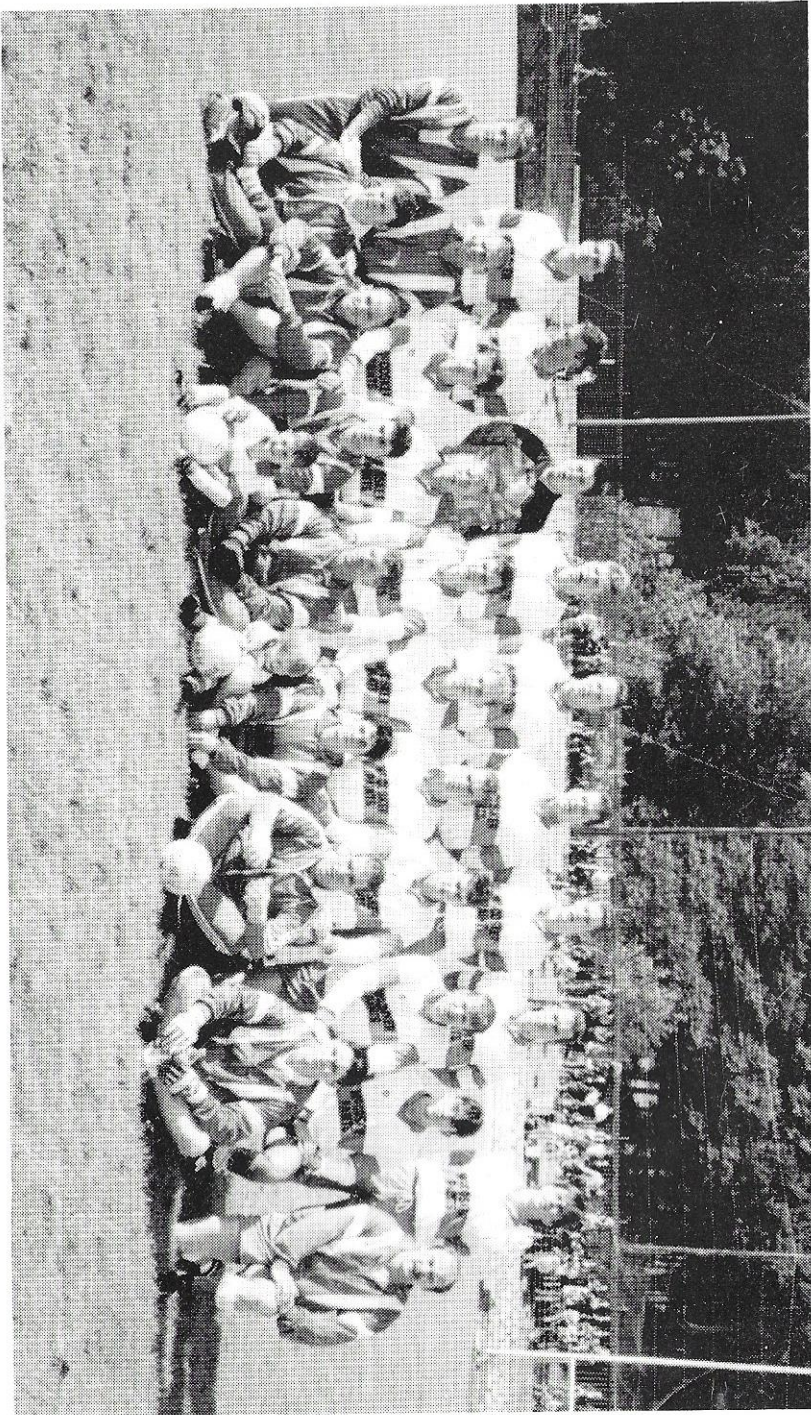
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Eoin Ó Garmga
(Eoin Gormle)

FIR IONAIÐ: 16, Ciaran Ó Meallain (Ciaran Mullin); 17, Briain Ó Neill (Brian Neill); 18, Damian Ó Meall (Damian Mallon); 19, Seán Mac Ailín (Sean Campbell); 20, Paudge Ó Cuinn (Paudge Quinn); 21, Mal Ó Fearraill (Martin Farrell); 22, Micheal Ó hAirt (Mickey Harte); 23, Peadar Ó Cuinn (Peter Quinn); Barra Ó Ceandubhain (Barry Canavan); 25, Piarais Mac Cionnaith (Pearse McKenna); 26, Conor Ó Cu (Conor Quinn); 27, Aodhan Mac Fhionnghaile (Aidan McGinley).

Errigal Ciaráin	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	45s	Saor Ciceanna
First Half					
Second Half					
Total:					

AODH RUADH PEN PICTURES

The Aodh Ruadh team who defeated Naomh Columba to win the Donegal Senior Championship.



- Paul Kane:** Goalkeeper. 23. 5'10". 15 st. Reserve C'ship., U-21, U-18, all Div. medals. Nephew of former co. keeper, Alan Kane. Plumber.
- Donagh Keon:** Defender. 25. 5'10". 12½ st. U-21 (2), Co. minor, all Div. medals, Trench Cup with Galway RTC. One of three brothers on side. Donegal Creameries agent.
- Niall McCready:** Half-back. 19. 5'8". 11 st. U-21, Minor, U-15, U-12B c'ships., Co. minor. Electrician.
- Ciaran Tinney:** Half-back. 30. 5'11". 12 st. Ulster Minor League, Senior C'ship, U-21, minor (2), U-16, U-12 medals. Publican and Sales rep.
- Ciaran Keon:** Defender. 24. 5'10". 13½ st. U-21 (2), U-18, U-16 medals, Co. minor and U-21. youngest of Keon brothers. Analyst programmer.
- Diarmaid Keon:** Half-back. 26. 5'10". 12 st. All-Ireland and Ulster U-21 c'ships., Ulster Minor C'ship, Donegal senior (2), U-21 (2), Sigerson Cup, Combined Universities. General Manager.
- Anthony McGrath:** Half-back. 20. 5'11". 12 st. Ulster Minor C'ship., Ulster Minor Club, U-21, Minor (2), U-17 (3), all Div. medals. Nephew of intercounty referee, Mick. Student.
- David Greene:** Goalkeeper. 16. 5'11". 11½ st. U-16, U-12, All Ireland Community Games. Member of Co. U-16 team. Student.
- Eamonn O'Donnell:** Full-back. 19. 6'3". 13 st. U-21, U-18 (2), U-17 (3), all Div. medals, Co. minor and U-21, Ulster Minor club. Senior Player of the year '93, All-Ireland Freshers. Brother of Charles. Student.
- Gavin Bourke:** Centre-half back. 22. 5'10½". 12 st. U-21 (2), U-18 (2), U-17, Co. Minor and U-21. Played Sigerson Cup with University of Limerick. Student.
- Paul O'Loughlin:** Defender. 29. 6'. 11½ st. Freshers Cup, League medal with Erne Gaels, Tipperary Cup in London with St. Annes. Played senior and U-21 for Fermanagh. Mechanic.
- Martin McGlynn:** Defender. 24. 6'. 11½ st. Hogan Cup with St. Mel's; played minor, U-21 and senior for Leitrim. Accountant.
- Damien Conlon:** Forward. 25. 5'10". 12½ st. U-21, U-18, U-16; Co. minor and U-21. Recently returned from England. Student.
- John Duffy:** Forward. 24. 5'10". 11½ st. U-21, senior, U-18, U-16, current county player. Has played for Tirconail Gaels and Civil Service. Student.
- Shane McGee:** Midfield of forward. 22. 6'4". 13 st. U-21, U-18, U-17. A noted basketball player. Garda.
- Donal Buggy:** Forward. 20. 6'3". 12 st. 1 Freshers, Ulster Minor C'ship, Ulster Minor Club, U-21, U-18 (2), U-17 (3), played Co. U-21. Student.
- Brian Roper:** Forward. 20. 5'6". 11½ st. U-21, U-18 (2), U-17 (3). Co. minor and U-21. Student.
- Charles O'Donnell:** Midfield. 21. 6'3". 13 st. U-21, U-18 (2), U-17; Co. minor and U-21. Sales promotion manager.
- Sylvester Maguire:** Midfield. Team captain. 31. 6'. 12½ st. All-Ireland senior and U-21, Sigerson Cup, Ulster senior and U-21, Donegal senior, U-21, U-18, U-16 and U-12. Teacher.
- Val Murray:** Forward. 26. 6'. 13 st. Senior C'ship. (2), U-21 (3), Minor League. Played minor and U-21 for county. Barman.
- Joe Doherty:** Forward. 32. 6'3". 14 st. Donegal senior, Senior Shield, Connacht minor medal with Mayo. Played minor and U-21 for Mayo. Assistant manager. Garda.
- Malachy Cullen:** Forward. 27. 5'9". 11 st. Captained U-21 to C'ship. win in '88, all Div. medals. Social Welfare clerk.
- Barry Ward:** Forward. 19. 6'1". 13½ st. U-21, U-18 (2), U-17, U-15; Co. minor and U-21 player. Student.
- Gary Brennan:** Forward. 20. 5'10". 12½ st. U-21, U-18 (2), U-17 (2), Ulster Minor Club. Current Co. U-21 player. Army.
- Thomas Cassidy:** Defender. 5'10". 12½ st. In second spell with club, also with Four Masters and Bundoran. Holder of underage medals with Aodh Ruadh. Garda.
- Sean Boyle:** Team manager. Dalton Cup, 3 Donegal S.F.C. with St. Josephs, one Ulster Club, 2 SFC with Aodh Ruadh, U-14 and U-16. Represented Donegal at u-18, u-21 and senior. Factory supervisor.
- Conor Carney:** Team trainer. Senior C'ship. in '87. Coached St. Josephs N.S. to Co. title. Principal teacher.

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1968	Bellaghy (Derry) 0-8, St. Joseph's (Donegal) 0-5	Dungannon
1969	Bryansford (Down) 1-10, Crosserlough (Cavan) 1-9	Belfast
1970	Bryansford (Down) 0-6, Newbridge (Derry) 0-3	Belfast
1971	Bellaghy (Derry) 1-11, Clanna Gael (Armagh) 0-5	Dungannon
1972	Clanna Gael (Armagh) 0-8, Ardboe (Tyrone) 1-3	Castleblaney
1973	Clanna Gael (Armagh) 0-8, St. Joseph's (Donegal) 0-3	Irvinestown
1974	Clanna Gael (Armagh) 1-7, Trillick (Tyrone) 1-4	Omagh
1975	St. Joseph's (Donegal) 3-6, Castleblaney (Monaghan) 1-8	Omagh
1976	Ballerin (Derry) 2-8, Clanna Gael (Armagh) 2-3	Omagh
1977	St. John's (Antrim) 2-10, Cavan Gaels (Cavan) 2-2	Castleblaney
1978	Scotstown (Monaghan) 1-8, St. John's (Antrim) 1-4	Dungannon
1979	Scotstown (Monaghan) 0-9, Carrickcruppin (Armagh) 0-8	Coalisland
1980	Scotstown (Monaghan) 1-4, St. John's (Antrim) 1-3	Armagh
1981	Ballinderry (Derry) 2-3, Burren (Down) 0-5	Lurgan
1982	St. Galls (Antrim) 0-15, Roslea (Fermanagh) 2-5	Coalisland
1983	Burren (Down) 1-4, St. Galls (Antrim) 0-5	Lurgan
1984	Burren (Down) 0-10, St. John's (Antrim) 2-2	Armagh
1985	Burren (Down) 0-6, Scotstown (Monaghan) 1-2	Armagh
1986	Castleblaney (Monaghan) 0-4, Burren (Down) 0-3	Armagh
1987	Burren (Down) 0-8, Kingscourt (Cavan) 0-6	Ballybay
1988	Burren (Down) 0-8, Piaras Og (Armagh) 0-3	Ballybay
1989	Scotstown (Monaghan) 2-9, Coalisland (Tyrone) 0-5	Armagh
1990	Lavey (Derry) 2-10, Kingscourt (Cavan) 0-4	Armagh
1991	Castleblaney (Monaghan) 0-8, Killybegs (Donegal) 0-6	Omagh
1992	Lavey (Derry) 0-11, Burren (Down) 1-5	Armagh
1993	Errigal Ciaran (Tyrone) 3-7, Downpatrick (Down) 1-8	Armagh

All-Ireland Club Championship winners

1991	East Kerry 5-9, Bryansford 2-7.
1972	Bellaghy 0-15, UCD 1-11.
1973	Nemo Rangers 4-6, St. Vincents 0-10.
1974	UCD 0-14, Clanna Gael 1-4.
1975	UCD 1-11, Nemo Rangers 0-12.
1976	St. Vincents 4-10, Roscommon Gaels 0-5.
1977	Austin Stacks 1-13, Ballerin 2-7.
1978	Thomond College 2-14, St. Johns 1-3.
1979	Nemo Rangers 2-9, Scotstown 1-3.
1980	St. Finbarrs 3-9, St. Grellans (Galway) 0-8.
1981	St. Finbarrs 1-9, Walterstown 0-6.
1982	Nemo Rangers 6-11, Garrymore 1-8.
1983	Portlaoise 0-12, Clann na nGael 2-0.
1984	Nemo Rangers 2-10, Walterstown 0-5.
1985	Castleisland Desmonds 2-2, St. Vincents 0-7.
1986	Burren 1-10, Castleisland Desmonds 1-6.
1987	St. Finbarrs 0-10, Clann na nGael 0-7.
1988	Burren 1-9, Clann na nGael 0-8.
1989	Nemo Rangers 1-13, Clann na nGael 1-3
1990	Baltinglass 2-7, Clann na nGael 0-7.
1991	Lavey 2-9, Salthill 0-10.
1992	Dr. Crokes (Kerry) 1-11, Thomas Davis 0-13.
1993	O'Donovan Rossa 1-7, Eire Og 0-8.
1994	Nemo Rangers 3-11, Castlebar Mitchels 0-8.

DONEGAL'S POOR RECORD IN ULSTER CLUB

Since the inception of the Ulster Club Championship in 1968 Donegal clubs have a very poor record with only one side, St. Joseph's, winning the title in 1975. St. Joseph's contested two other finals, while Killybegs were unlucky to lose out to Castleblaney Faughs in 1991.

The complete list of results for Donegal clubs in Ulster is:

- 1968** St. Joseph's 6-10, Ederney 3-3
St. Joseph's 2-7, Crosserlough 1-6
Bellaghy 0-8, St. Joseph's 0-5.
- 1969** Teemore Shamrocks 0-4, St. Eunans 0-13
Crosserlough 2-8, St. Eunans 1-6
- 1970** St. Josephs 1-6, Newbridge 0-10
- 1971** Bellaghy 1-10, MacCumhailis 0-7
- 1972** St. Eunans 0-10, Bellaghy 0-10
Bellaghy 3-10, St. Eunans 1-13 (replay)
- 1973** Tempo 1-8, St. Josephs 1-12
St. Joseph's 1-9, Ardboe 0-6
St. Joseph's 1-7, Ballinascreen 0-6
St. Joseph's 0-3, Clann na nGael 1-10
- 1974** St. Josephs 0-8, Teemore Shamrocks 0-12
- 1975** Teemore Shamrocks 1-5, St. Josephs 1-8
St. Josephs 3-8, Cavan Gaels 1-7
St. Josephs 3-6, Castleblaney Faughs 1-8
- 1976** Ballerin 1-11, St. Josephs 0-7
- 1977** Carrickmore 1-9, MacCumhailis 1-9
MacCumhailis 1-7, Carrickmore 2-8 (replay)
- 1978** Naomh Columba 0-9, St. Johns 2-7
- 1979** St. Teresa's 2-11, Bundoran 1-11
- 1980** Scotstown 2-10, Kilcar 1-7
- 1981** Ballinderry 2-9, Ardara 0-5
- 1982** Four Masters 3-2, Laragh 0-13.
- 1983** Laragh 1-9, St. Eunans 0-8
- 1984** Four Masters 1-7, Scotstown 1-13
- 1985** Scotstown 1-6, Kilcar 1-5.
- 1986** Aodh Ruadh 2-3, Burren 0-15
- 1987** Burren 1-9, Aodh Ruadh 0-12
Aodh Ruadh 1-7, Burren 2-7 (replay)
- 1988** Killybegs 0-9, Pearse Og 1-7
- 1989** Armagh Harps 1-9, Kilcar 2-5
- 1990** Naomh Columba 0-7, Lavey 0-10.
- 1991** Dungiven 1-7, Killybegs 1-11
Downpatrick 1-4, Killybegs 0-10
Killybegs 0-6, Castleblaney Faughs 0-8
- 1992** Killybegs 0-11, Enniskillen Gaels 0-6
Lavey 0-11, Killybegs 1-7
- 1993** Devenish 1-7, Kilcar 0-14
Kilcar 2-6, Errigal Ciarain 2-6
Kilcar 0-3, Errigal Ciarain 0-5 (replay)

REMEMBER '87 AND "SHORTY" TRAINOR

By P. J. Buggy, Aodh Ruadh manager '86 and '87

The name of Shorty Trainor will be remembered by all Aodh Ruadh players and mentors involved in the '86 and '87 battles with the mighty Burren. His duels with Ciaran Tinney were among the most exciting memories of the three games played. Ciaran was fast, competitive but fair and Shorty ranged all over the field setting up attacks and getting brilliant scores with his silken left foot.

In 1986 Aodh Ruadh showed their inexperience at this level when despite home advantage Burren inflicted a six point defeat on them. When the Dr. Maguire Cup returned safely to Ballyshannon in 1987, only one thought dominated the minds of mentors and players alike. Everyone was determined to gain revenge for the 1986 defeat.

Sunday, October 11th was the day that everyone looked forward to with great hope. The Good Lord ensured that the day was fine for the large Ballyshannon travelling contingent and everyone believed that a victory was possible provided the team played to its potential. The first half of the game proved to be, at times, a nightmare for the Aodh Ruadh lads as Burren once again proved why they had won so many titles in Ulster including the 1986 All-Ireland Club title. Shorty hit the crossbar and Gary Walsh was in top form with one save in particular from Paddy O'Rourke out of the top drawer.

Luckily, Gerry Curran was in top scoring form and this kept Aodh Ruadh within shouting distance at half-time.

The Aodh Ruadh mentors made a double substitution at the interval, bringing on 17-year-old John Duffy and 19-year-old Val Murray and these two lads certainly added much to the attack. When Burren were awarded an early penalty against the run of play, Gary Walsh proved equal to Brian Lavery's good effort and at last the Aodh Ruadh lads began to believe that it could be their day.

A superb 20 minutes of controlled,

attacking football saw Aodh Ruadh four points up with a minute of normal play left, and looking good for a historic victory.

Referee, Michael Greenan, played an amazing 7 minutes injury time and Burren added further evidence to the old saying that "a game is never over until the final whistle." Burren kept putting over the points when less experienced teams would have panicked and tried for goals. There was only one point in it when Burren were awarded a free 35 yards out and almost on the sideline. Unfortunately, it was also on the right side of the pitch which suited Shorty. It was a real pressure kick and everyone felt it would be an exceptional kick if he got it. But Shorty was cool and accurate and the ball sailed over the black spot and the Burren crowd were relieved.

Ballyshannon was stunned to silence and total disbelief and when Michael Greenan finally blew the full-time whistle it was 1-9 to Burren and 12 points to Aodh Ruadh, with Gerry Curran scoring nine Ballyshannon points.

Hopes were high in Ballyshannon for the replay but it was not to be. The mighty Burren's pride had been hurt and they won the replay by 2-7 to 1-7 with Tony McArdle scoring the two goals.

Burren went on to win the All-Ireland title the following St. Patrick's Day and Ballyshannon folk were left to curse their luck and Shorty's left foot and Michael Greenan's whistle and many other evil spirits that contrived against them and favoured the Down lads.

I had the pleasure of seeing Burren win their second All-Ireland title that day after a see-saw battle against a luckless Clanna Gael. But manager, Ray Morgan and 'Shorty' agreed that Aodh Ruadh had given them their toughest games on the way to the final.

The magic of Ulster Club football is back in Ballyshannon once more. Let's hope the fates are kinder in 1994. We are certainly due a rub of the green. Good luck lads.

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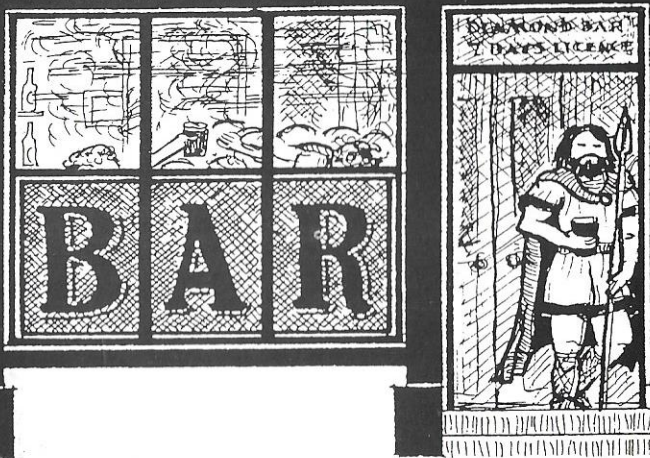
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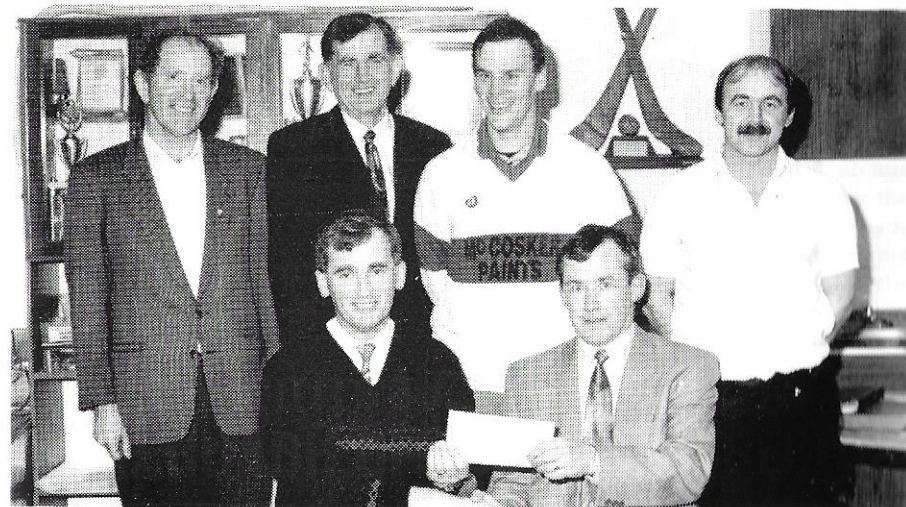
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Aodh Ruadh's senior team sponsors for 1994 are McCosker Paints. Photo shows Rossa McCosker handing sponsorship to club treasurer, Pauric O'Brien. Also included are Peter Conlon, Denis McGee, Sylvester Maguire and Sean Boyle.

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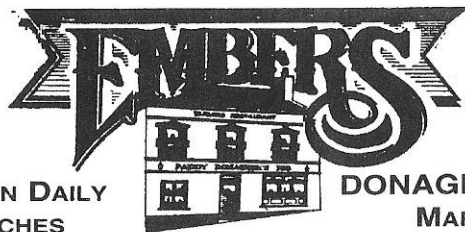
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The Seven Year itch

By Peter Campbell (Donegal Democrat)

Seven years has passed since Aodh Ruadh's last Ulster Club Championship outing against Burren; seven years in which the Ballyshannon men reached only one county final and suffered many Championship setbacks; seven years in which almost an entire team left for other pastures — two Walshs, two Currans, Boyle, McLoone, McDermott, Tuohy, Gallagher, two Murrays, Doyle, Herron.

But in that seven years one thing never changed — the underage system within the club continued to deliver more potential senior players than any other club within the county.

In that period I was involved in the club Bórd na nÓg and while my involvement was limited to aiding Willie Rogers win five National School titles with Rockfield and assisting the late Michael Shannon with the U-10s, others have been ever present in a system that could never get the credit that it deserves.

Many observers throughout the county and outside were amazed at the fact that this year no player from Ballyshannon made the Co. minor team in the Championship.

That observation was made in the knowledge that you would have to go back a long time to get a county minor team without at least one Aodh Ruadh member — another testimony to the work being done within the club at youth level.

In the past seven years, while the senior side has struggled, Aodh Ruadh have won three Co. U-21 titles while being losing finalists twice; 3 Co. minor titles, losing one final; 3 U-17 finals, 1 Co. U-16 title, 1 U-13 title and 2 U-12

titles as well as an All-Ireland Community Games title and an Ulster Minor Club on January 1st, 1993.

Seven of that Ulster Club minor winning team are in today's panel — Eamonn O'Donnell, Donal Buggy, Brian Roper, Barry Ward, Anthony McGrath, Niall McCready and Gary Brennan.

Manager of that Ulster Club winning side was Josie Boyle, who is synonymous with most underage teams from the town, but two years earlier the club just failed at the final stage of the Ulster Minor Club with a team that contained three more of today's panel — Gavin Bourke, Charles O'Donnell and Shane McGee.

That team was managed by today's Aodh Ruadh captain, Sylvester Maguire, who was recuperating on crutches from a leg break suffered a year earlier.

A couple of years later Maguire's midfield partner, Charles O'Donnell, while injured, also took a minor team to a Co. final appearance and if these two examples of players getting involved at coaching level rub off on other senior players then the future of the underage system within the club will be secure.

Having attended a few of the U-10 games in the past few weeks — an age level where one can gain probably the most enjoyment in spectating — already familiar and not so familiar names are threatening to make the headlines in the new century.

Familiar names like Buggy and Daly — but many new names are also emerging, like Wymbbs, McGurl, Reynolds, Mullaney, Patton, Lawless, Devanney, Fox, Fee, Rooney and McFadden.

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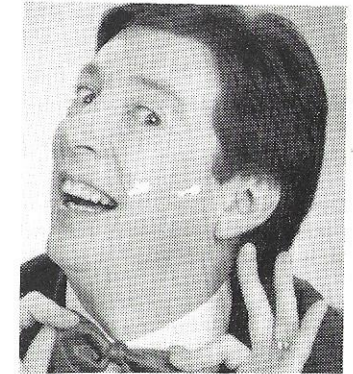
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For the record the following are the winners for 1993 and 1994:

	1993	1994
Donegal	Kilcar	Aodh Ruadh
Derry	Lavey	Bellaghy
Antrim	St. Galls	St. Pauls
Down	Downpatrick	Not completed
Armagh	Clann na Gael	Clann na Gael
Monaghan	Scotstown	Clontibret
Cavan	Kingscourt	Gowna
Fermanagh	Devenish	Lisnaskea
Tyrone	Errigal Ciaran	Errigal Ciaran

QUIZ

Compiled by P. J. Buggy

1. He won an All-Star award in 1973 and again in 1975. In 1991 he won an All-Ireland Club Football Championship medal, coming on as a sub. in the final. Who is he?
2. What former intercounty Gaelic footballer wrote the book, *Out of our Skins*?
3. Name the Monaghan man who captained UCD to All-Ireland Club football success in 1974?
4. Who captained Ulster to their first Railway Cup title in 1942?
5. When were Ulster last beaten in a Railway Cup final and by whom?
6. Who captained Tyrone to victory in the 1956 Ulster Senior final, their first ever win?
7. How many All-Ireland senior football titles have Dublin won?
8. Who was top scorer in the 1993 Ulster Senior Football Championship?
9. How many players did Ulster have on the first All-Stars football team in 1971? Who were they?
10. For which counties did the following players win Ulster Championship medals as goalkeepers: (a), Seamus Morris; (b) Patsy McAlinden.
11. Who captained Loughgiel Shamrocks to win Ulster's only All-Ireland club hurling title in 1983?
12. Two other Antrim sides have contested All-Ireland club hurling finals; unfortunately both unsuccessfully. What clubs?
13. Three Galway teams have won the All-Ireland club hurling title. Name them?
14. What clubs did the following two players represent in All-Ireland club finals (football): (a) Brendan McKiernan; (b) Pat Spillane.
15. Who captained Lavey to All-Ireland club success in 1991?
16. Name the two brothers who have captained their club to All-Ireland club football success?
17. Two men have captained both their clubs and counties to All-Ireland senior football success in the same year. One is from Dublin and one from Cork. Who are they?
18. Who won the 1993 Ulster Club hurling title?
19. Name the Donegal player who won an All-Ireland club football medal with UCD in 1975?
20. Name the captains of Donegal's two All-Ireland U-21 title winning teams in 1982 and 1987?

ANSWERS TO QUIZ:

1, Anthony McGurk of Lavey; 2, Liam Hayes; 3, Paddy Kerr; 4, John Joe O'Reilly of Cavan; 5, 1988, defeated by Leinster; 6, Jody O'Neill; 7, 21; 8, John Toner (Armagh); 9, Two, Sean O'Neill (Down), Andy McCallin (Antrim); 10, (a) Cavan 1952, 1954, 1955; (b) Down 1963, 1965, 1966; 11, Niall Patterson; 12, Ballycastle (1980), O'Donovan Rossa (1989); 13, Castlegar (1980), Kiltormer (1992), Sarfields (1993 and '94); 14, (a) Burren, (b) Thomond College who won the title in 1978; 15, John McGurk; 16, Tommy McGovern, 1986, Vincent McGovern 1988; 17, Billy Morgan (Cork), Nemo Rangers and Cork in 1973; Tony Hanahoe (Dublin), St. Vincents and Dublin in 1976; 18, Ballycran from Down; 19, Brendan Dunleavy; 20, 1982, Brian Tuohy (Aodh Ruadh), 1987, John Cunningham (Killybegs).

Snippet . . .

Congratulations to St. Paul's from Belfast who last Sunday won the Antrim Senior Football Championship for the first time. St. Paul's have been running a most successful unofficial Ulster Club Minor Football Championship since the early '80s.

The cup presented to the winners is the Jimmy McConville Cup and to date Donegal's only winners were Killybegs and Aodh Ruadh — Killybegs in '84 and '85 and Aodh Ruadh in 1992.

The Ballyshannon lads reached the 1990 final but lost rather unluckily to Dungiven by a two point margin. However, captained by John Muldoon, they defeated Armagh side, Clanna Gael, in the 1992 final. Eamon O'Donnell, Anthony McGrath, Niall McCready, Donal Buggy, Brian Roper, Gary Brennan and Barry Ward from today's panel tasted success at this level in 1992. A number of those were also involved in 1990 on a team that included Charles O'Donnell, Gavin Bourke and Shane McGee.

Snippet . . .

Cork club, St. Finbarr's have won both football and hurling All-Ireland club titles and are the only club to do so. They won their three football titles in 1980, 1981 and 1987 while they won their hurling titles in 1975 and 1978. In 1981 they actually contested both football and hurling finals. The footballers defeated St. Grellan's of Ballinasloe and the hurlers were defeated by Ballyhale Shamrocks (Kilkenny). Jimmy Barry Murphy was on two of the hurling and two football winning sides. He did not play in '87.

Snippet . . .

When Aodh Ruadh last played in the Ulster Club Championship in 1987, Tommy McDermott played his usual outstanding role at full-back. This year, Tommy won a London Club Championship medal with St. Brendan's and will play for them in the British Club Championship. Perhaps he could play against his native Aodh Ruadh later in the Championship if both teams progress.

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Aodh Ruadh record in Donegal

First round, 1st leg v Dungloe
Aodh Ruadh 2-13, Dungloe 0-11

Scorers: Val Murray 2-5, Sylvester Maguire 0-2, Anthony McGrath, Charlie O'Donnell, Donal Buggy, John Duffy, Malachy Cullen, Barry Ward 0-1 each.

First round, 2nd leg v Dungloe
Dungloe 0-6, Aodh Ruadh 0-12

Scorers: John Duffy 0-4, Shane McGee 0-3, Sylvester Maguire, Brian Roper, Donal Buggy, Barry Ward 0-1 each.

Quarter-final v Red Hughs

Aodh Ruadh 0-11, Red Hughs 0-8

Scorers: Val Murray 0-5, Charles O'Donnell 0-3, Sylvester Maguire, Malachy Cullen, John Duffy 0-1 each.

Semi-final v Killybegs

Aodh Ruadh 2-17, Killybegs 2-5.

Scorers: John Duffy 0-5, Damien Conlon 1-2, Val Murray 0-4, Brian Roper 1-1, Sylvester Maguire 0-3, Donal Buggy, Barry Ward 0-1 each.

Final v Naomh Columba

Aodh Ruadh 2-10, Naomh Columba 1-10

Scorers: Val Murray 2-2, Barry Ward 0-2, Damien Conlon 0-2, Martin McGlynn, Ciaran Keon, Charles O'Donnell, John Duffy 0-1 each.

Snippet . . .

1994 marks the 40th anniversary of the opening of the Fr. Tierney Park. At the opening in June 1954, Donegal and Armagh played an intercounty challenge, and since then the park has been host to a myriad of National, Provincial and County fixtures in both hurling and football.

The Park Committee is currently finalising plans for the next stage of development. It is hoped to have those plans finalised by the end of 1994 to mark the 40th anniversary in a special way.

Aodh Ruadh's current "Three Wise men", Sean Boyle, Joe Doherty and Conor Carney played in the draw and replay of the 1987 Ulster Club Championship against Burren. Conor lined out at left-full back, while Joe and Sean together with Brendan Martin formed a full-forward line of breathtaking speed and mobility.

Errigal Ciaráin's record in Tyrone

Friday, 20th May v Beragh
Errigal Ciaráin 2-6, Beragh 1-9.

Scorers: Peter Canavan 1-2, Eamonn McCaffrey 1-1, Pascal Canavan, Eoin Gormley, Martin McCaffrey 0-1 each.

Friday, 27th May v Beragh:

Errigal Ciaráin 3-16, Beragh 1-2

Scorers: Peter Canavan 1-7, Eoin Gormley 2-4, Hugh Quinn, Leo Quinn, Martin McCaffrey, Eamon McCaffrey, Paudge Quinn 0-1 each.

Sunday, 2nd July: Quarter-final v Galbally
Errigal Ciaráin 1-13, Galbally 0-5

Scorers: Peter Canavan 0-8, Eamon McCaffrey 0-4, Leo Quinn 1-0, Hugh Quinn 0-1.

Sunday, 7th August, Semi-final v Moortown

Errigal Ciaráin 1-11, Moortown 1-7

Scorers: Peter Canavan 1-7, Pascal Canavan, Hugh Quinn, Stevie Canavan, Eoin Gormley 0-1 each.

Sunday, 28th August: Final v Carrickmore
Errigal Ciaráin 3-5, Carrickmore 1-8

Scorers: Eoin Gormley 2-0, Damien Mallon 1-1, Peter Canavan 0-3, Brian Neill 0-1.

Snippet . . .

The most unlucky club in the All-Ireland Football Club Championship since it began in 1971 must be Roscommon's Clan na Gael. The South Roscommon side reached five finals between 1983 and 1990 but suffered defeat in all five. A Connacht side has still to win the All-Ireland Club football title. Five other Connacht sides have reached the All-Ireland final without success. They were Roscommon Gaels, Salthill, Castlebar Mitchells, St. Grellans (Ballinasloe) and Garrymore (Mayo).

Good luck to Aodh Ruadh today

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