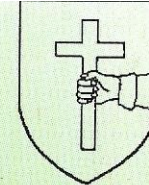


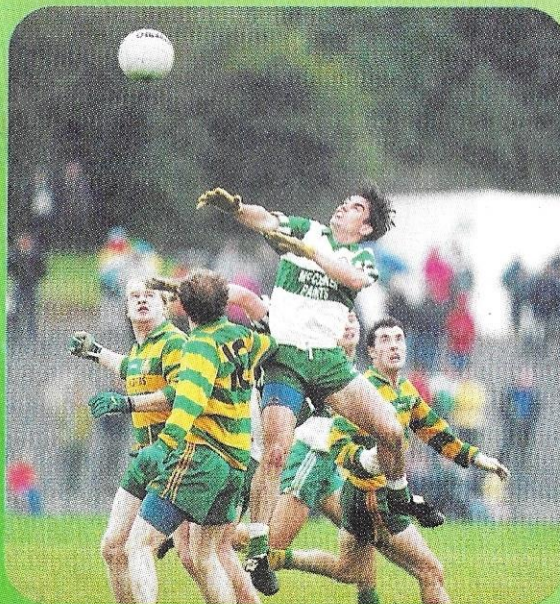


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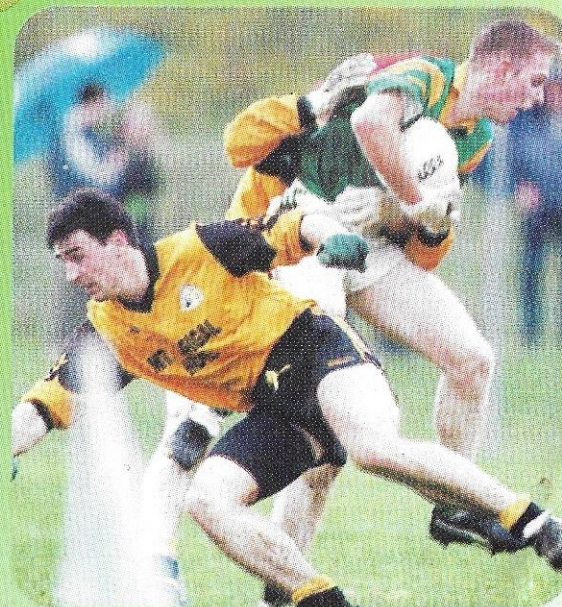
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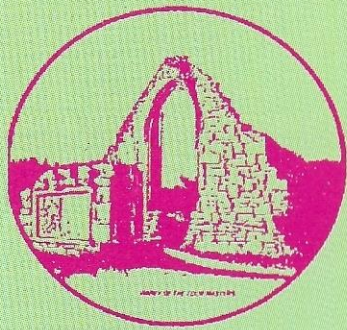
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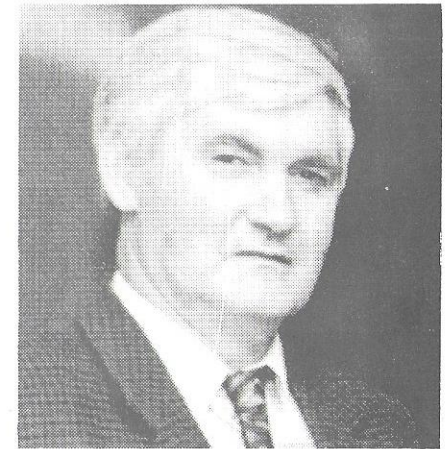
Today we reach the pinnacle of our football season in Donegal when we stage our senior County Final. A repeat of the 1994 decider between Aodh Ruadh and Naomh Columba. For over a decade now these clubs have been amongst the strongest in the county winning many county titles and providing county players to various county teams.

Today Aodh Ruadh are hoping to join Gaoth Dobhair as the club with the most senior championship titles if they can win their 12th title to-day.

N. Columba are appearing in their 6th county final of the 1990s and will be hoping to add to their success of 1978 and 1990.

It is indeed ironic that in an article by the late Sean O hEinne he gives credit to a Ballyshannon man by the name of Croal for organising gaelic football in the Glencolmkille area in 1914.

I have no doubt that today's county final will climax a great senior championship this year in Donegal while we had outstanding games. Both clubs meet in the senior reserve final and this highlights the great work being



done in both club areas.

I wish both clubs the best of luck.

Today's guests are the great St. Joseph's team who brought great honour to the county during the 1960's and 1970's. 25 years ago they won their fourth of seven titles when they defeated McCumhaills.

My thanks to all our advertisers and sponsors and a special thanks to our County PRO John McConnell for organising the publication.

**Padraig O Connachain.**

### A WORD FROM THE PRO

A special word to all those who contributed to the programme at short notice. Fr. Sean Gallagher, Michael Daly, Ciaran O'Donnell, Diarmuid Doherty, Charlie Joe McGinley, Michael McHugh. The Naomh Columba and Aodh Ruadh clubs and especially to Peter Campbell, Charlie McGloin and the staff in the Donegal Democrat. Thanks also to our sponsors and we would ask you to support them when possible. Lots of luck to the teams today and hopefully both finals will show all that is good in the game.

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## TODAY'S REFEREES

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

### Liam Brown

(Four Masters)

Liam is a Despatch Clerk with Magees of Donegal and has been refereeing for some 14 years. He will be refereeing his second county final in-a-row on Sunday.

He has been an intercounty referee for a number of years while also refereeing Ulstr Minor U-21 and N.F.L. games.

Liam is secretary of the Four Masters club and is married to Mary. They have one son, Marc.

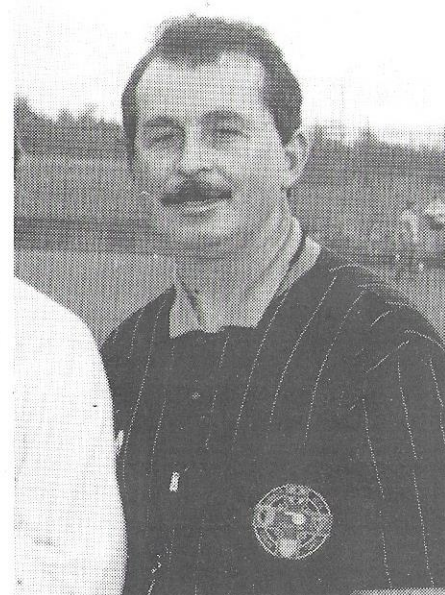


SENIOR RESERVE CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

### Hugh McGarvey

(Cloughaneely)

Hugh McGarvey from the Cloughaneely club referees today's senior reserve final. Hugh, who is 40, is married to Pauline and they have two boys and two girls. Hugh has been refereeing for ten years and his credits include the '98 All-Ireland Junior Gaeltacht final, last year's Junior B final and Minor B final and this year's Feile na nOg Div. 2 final.



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1st. round, 1st leg: McCumhaills 1-6, St. Eunans 2-13

Dungloe 1-12, Killybegs 0-10

Naomh Columba 2-11, Carndonagh 2-5

Four Masters 1-16, Buncrana 1-3

Naomh Conaill 0-7 Kilcar 0-11

St. Nauls 1-15, Cloughaneely 1-11

Burt 0-11, Aodh Ruadh 1-10

Ardara 0-17, Gweedore 0-10

1st. 2nd leg: St. Eunans 0-8, McCumhaills 0-8

Killybegs 2-9, Dungloe 0-13

Carndonagh 3-9, Naomh Columba 2-12

Buncrana 0-10, Four Masters 1-11

Kilcar 0-10, Naomh Conaill 1-5

Cloughaneely 1-9, St. Nauls 0-11

Aodh Ruadh 2-14, Burt 0-6

1st. round Play-offs Killybegs 1-14, Dungloe 0-7

Cloughaneely 2-9, St. Nauls 1-9

Quarter finals: Aodh Ruadh 1-10, Kilcar 1-7

Ardara 1-19, Cloughaneely 2-10

Naomh Columba 1-11, Four Masters 1-8

St. Eunans 0-8, Killybegs 2-2

Replay: St. Eunans 0-13, Killybegs 1-10 (A.E.T)

St. Eunans 3-8, Killybegs 0-12 (A.E.T.)

Semi finals: Aodh Ruadh 1-12, Ardara 3-8

Naomh Columba 0-9, St. Eunans 0-7

Final: Aodh Ruadh Naomh Columba



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# Player Profile

## Seamus Carr

(Naomh Columba)

Date of Birth: 3rd Aug., '63

Height: 5'7".

Weight: 13 st.

Occupation: Factory Worker

Marital status: Married to

Margaret, one daughter, Amy

(8 months)

Favourite Group: Meat Loaf

Favourite Film Star: Jodie

Foster

Toughest Opponent: Kevin Lyons,

Kilcar

Favourite Ground: Fintra.

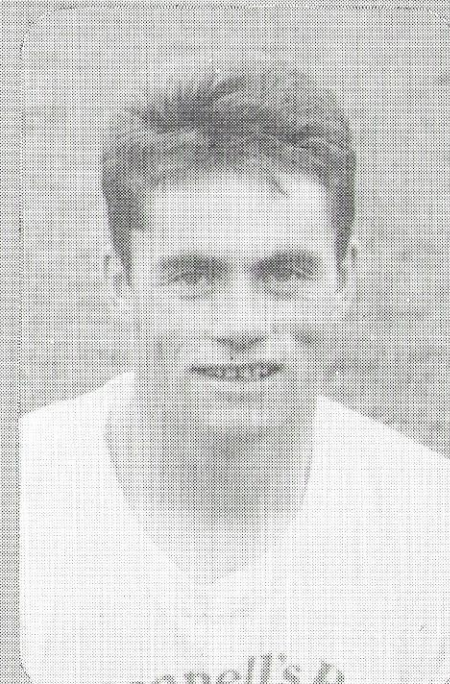
Childhood Hero: Matt Connor,

Offaly

Favourite other sports: Soccer,

Golf.

Most Memorable game played in:



1990 Co. Final

Biggest influence on career:

Connie Cunningham

Biggest disappointment: Losing in

County Finals

Young Player for the Future:

Hughie Cunningham

Your own hopes for the future: To

win a County Final

# Foireann Sinsir Naomh Columba

**Gearóid Mac a' Ghoil:** Cúl Baire, 19, 5' 11", 12 st, Slí Beatha, Student, Honours: 1 Co. Gaeltacht (Reserve), 1 Reserve League, 1 Leinster Championship (Colleges) with U.C.D, 1 Reserve Championship.

**Conal Mac Cuinneagáin:** Corner Back, 22, 5' 9", 11 st, Honours: 1 Ted Webb, Co. Minor & U21 Championship, 1 Vocational School Championship, 1 U16 Championship, dearthair le Dessie & Hughie.

**Aodh Mac Cuinneagáin:** Corner Back, 17, 5' 11", 11.5 st, Slí Beatha, Student, Honours: 1 Co. Gaeltacht (Reserve), U15 Co. Gaeltacht, 2 Vocational School Championships, 1 Reserve Championship, dearthair le Conal & Dessie. Captain of 1998 Co. Minor Team.

**Seán Seosamh Ó Dochartaigh:** Full Back, 30, 5' 10", 12.5 st, Slí Beatha, Sales Executive, Honours: 1 All Ireland, 2 Ulster Championships, 2 Railway Cups, 1 Senior Championship, 1 All Ireland Gaeltacht, 2 Co. Gaeltacht (Senior), 4 Senior League, 1 U21 Championship, 1 Minor Championship, 1 U16 Championship, 1 U14 Championship, All Star, dearthair le Eoin & George. Captaen na foirne.

**Máirtín Ó Cuinneagáin:** Half Back, 19, 5' 11", 12 st, Slí Beatha, Student, Honours: 1 Co. Senior Gaeltacht, an accomplished athlete.

**Conal Ó Gabhagáin:** Centre Half Back, 29, 6', 12 st, Slí Beatha, Factory Worker in Earagail Éisc, Honours: 1 Senior Championship, 2 Co. Gaeltacht (Senior), 3 Senior League, 1 U21 Championship, 1 Minor Championship, 1 U16 Championship, 1 U14 Championship, cousin of Séamus & Noel Mac Giolla Cearra.

**Gearóid Ó Canainn:** Half Back, 20, 5' 10", 11.5 st, Slí Beatha, Student, Honours: 1 Co. Senior Gaeltacht, 1 Senior League, Vocational School's All Ireland, Ulster Minor Championship.

**Noel Ó hEigeartaigh:** Mid-field, 28, 6', 12.5 st, Slí Beatha, Sales Executive, Honours: 1 All Ireland, 1 Ulster Championship, 2 Railway Cups, 1 Senior Championship, 2 Co. Gaeltacht (Senior), 3 Senior League, 1 Ulster Vocational School's Championship, 1 U21 Championship, 1 Minor Championship, 1 U16 Championship, 1 U14 Championship, dearthair le Pádraig.

**Noel Mac Fhionnlaigh:** Mid-field, 22, 5' 11", 12 st, Slí Beatha, Factory Worker in Earagail Éisc, Honours: 1 Co. Senior Gaeltacht, 1 U16 Championship, Co. Senior Player.

**Séamus Mac Giolla Cearra:** Corner Forward, 34, 5' 8", 12 st, Slí Beatha, Production Manager in Earagail Éisc, Honours: 1 Senior Championship, 2 Co. Gaeltacht (Senior), 1 All Ireland Gaeltacht, 4 Senior League, dearthair le Noel, uncail le Dessie Farrell.

**Pádraig Mac Giolla Easbuig:** Centre Forward, 23, 5' 11", 11.5 st, Slí Beatha, Factory Worker in Earagail Éisc, Honours: 1 Senior League, 1 Co. Gaeltacht (Senior), 1 U16 Championship, former Co. U21, mac le Pádaí Beag.

**Enda Mac Giolla Easbuig:** Half Forward, 21, 5' 8", 10.5 st, Slí Beatha, Oifigeach Óige/Youth Officer, Honours: 1 Co. Gaeltacht (Reserve), 1 Reserve League, 1 U16 Championship, 1 Reserve Championship.

**Michéal "Cook" Ó Beirne:** Corner Forward, 23, 6', 12 st, Slí Beatha, Student, Honours: 1 Co. Gaeltacht (Reserve), 1 U16 Championship, former Co. Minor.

**Pádraig Ó hEigeartaigh:** Full Forward, 32, 6', 12 st, Slí Beatha, County Coach, Honours: 1 All Ireland U21 Championship, 1 All Ireland Gaeltacht, 1 Senior Championship, 2 Co. Gaeltacht (Senior), 4 Senior League, former Co. player, dearthair le Noel.

**Eoin Ó Dochartaigh:** Corner Forward, 28, 5' 8", 10 st, Slí Beatha, Factory Worker in Rossan Teo, Honours: 1 Senior Championship, 2 Co. Gaeltacht (Senior), 3 Senior League, 1 U21 Championship, 1 Minor Championship, 1 U16 Championship, 1 Reserve Championship, dearthair le Seán Seosamh & George.

**George Ó Dochartaigh:** Corner Back, 22, 5' 11", 11.5 st, Slí Beatha, Factory Worker in Doogan Donegal, Honours: 1 Co. Gaeltacht (Senior), 1 Senior League, 1 U16 Championship, former Co. Minor, dearthair le Seán Seosamh & Eoin.

**Seán Ó Ceallaigh:** Corner Forward, 22, 5' 11", 12.5 st, Slí Beatha, Painter/Decorator, Honours: 1 Co. Gaeltacht (Reserve), 1 Reserve League, 1 U16 Championship, 1 Reserve Championship, former Co. Minor.

**Seán Ó Dochartaigh:** Midfield, 23, 6' 2", 13 st, Slí Beatha, Surveyor, Honours: 1 Co. Gaeltacht (Senior), 1 U16 Championship, former Co. Minor & Vocational Schools player.

**Noel Mac Giolla Cearra:** Corner Forward, 31, 5' 11", 13 st, Slí Beatha, Factory Worker in Earagail Éisc, Honours: 1 Senior Championship, 2 Co. Gaeltacht (Senior), 1 All Ireland Gaeltacht, 3 Senior League, underage Club honours, dearthair le Séamus, uncail le Dessie Farrell.

**Greagóir Ó Dochartaigh:** 24, 6', 13 st. Construction Manager, 2 Senior League, All Ireland Gaeltacht, U-14, U-16 Championships.

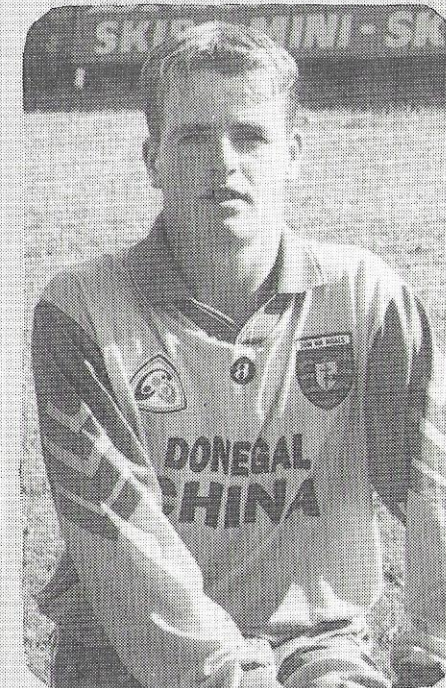
**Manager:** P.J. Mac Fhionnghaile

**Selectors:** Bernard Mac a' tSaoir  
Dessie Mac Cuinneagáin  
Seán de Búrca  
Jimmy Mac Cuinneagáin

# Player Profile

## Michael Ward

(Aodh Ruadh)



**Height:** 5'9".

**Weight:** 12 st.

**Occupation:** Joiner.

**Marital status:** Single

**Favourite Group:** Antonio Rose,

The Bee Gees.

**Favourite Film:** Shawshank

Redemption.

**Favourite Film Star:** Sandra

Bullock

**Toughest Opponent:** Brendan

Boyle (Aodh Ruadh).

**Favourite Ground:** Fintra.

**Childhood Hero:** Brian Tuohy.

**Favourite other sports:** Soccer,

Cricket, Draughts.

**Most Memorable game played in:**

Loch an Iuir Ulster final.

**Biggest influence on career:**

Willie Rogers and my father.

**Biggest disappointment:** Not

playing in 1997 Co. final.

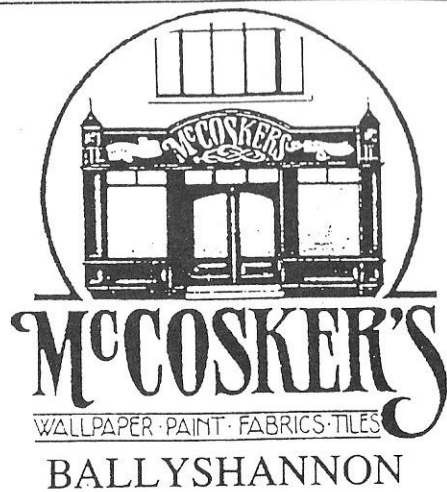
**Young Player for the Future:**

Philip O'Reilly.

**Your own hopes for the future:** To

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## Aodh Ruadh Pen Pics

**GARY WALSH:** Accountant; 33; 6'1"; 13st.

**BRENDAN BOYLE:** Student; 20; 5'10" 11st..

**EAMON O'DONNELL:** Baker; 24; 6'2"; 121/2st.

**PACKIE McGRATH:** Production Assistant; 21; 5'10"; 121/2st.

**MARTIN McGLYNN:** Accountant; 28; 5'10" 111/2st.

**GAVIN BOURKE:** Air Corps Pilot; 26; 5'9"; 121/2st.

**ANTHONY McGRATH:** Student; 23; 5'11"; 12st.

**BARRY WARD:** Student; 23; 6'; 14st.

**STEPHEN WARD:** Student; 20; 6'3"; 14st.

**BRIAN ROPER:** Monumental Sculptor; 24; 5'6"; 12st.

**JOHN DUFFY:** Quantity Surveyor; 28; 5'10"; 12st.

**NIALL McCREADY:** Electrician. 23; 5'8"; 11st.

**MICKEY WARD:** Builder; 21; 5'9"; 111/2st.

**DAMIAN CONLON:** Teacher; 29; 5'10; 13st.

**VAL MURRAY (Capt):** Barman; 30; 6'; 13st.

**KERRY RYAN:** Production Assistant; 22' 6'3"; 12st.

**DONAL BUGGY:** Sports Co-Ordinator; 24; 6'2"; 13st.

**CHARLIE O'DONNELL:** Delivery Man; 26; 6'3"; 131/2st.

**PAUL ROPER:** Electrician; 22; 5'10"; 11st.

**SHANE McGEE:** Garda; 26; 6'4"; 14st.

**PAUL O'LOUGHLIN:** Mechanic; 33; 6'1"; 13st.

**GARETH BLAKE:** Student; 18; 5'10"; 11st.

**MICHAEL GURN:** Student; 18; 6'2"; 12st.

**SYLVESTER MAGUIRE:** Teacher; 35; 6'; 121/2st.

**BRIAN TOUHY:** Garda; 36; 5'10"; 121/2st.

**PHILIP O'REILLY:** Student; 18; 5'5"; 11st.

# From hand or ground - the free taker's choice

One of the things that intrigues me these days watching football is the decision by free takers to kick frees from their hands or from the ground.

Today Aodh Ruadh will ask their captain Val Murray to hit frees and almost without fail he will opt to kick from the ground. Last Sunday Naomh Columba's Noel Hegarty kicked one marvellous 45 from the ground but if memory serves me right, he also kicked one free from the hands.

Kicking from the ground looks a more difficult option but so many 'specialist' free takers opt for the ground kick. There are exceptions, Donegal and Dungloe's Tony Boyle invariably shoots from the hands and is uncannily accurate. Peter Canavan varies from the hand to the ground.

Next Sunday, Galway's Pauric Joyce will kick from the Croke Park turf, so too Pauric Graven and Niall Buckley. Last year Maurice Fitzgerald peppered the points over from the ground but his final point, a sensational sideline effort, was from the hands.

If kicking from the hands looks easier I can enlist views to counter that. I spoke to Martin McHugh who kicked some memorable frees from far and near for Donegal - one memorable kick late in the day against Cavan in '92 is foremost in my mind.

His personal views on the subject are interesting, although consider also that he has suggested to talented Michael Hegarty from his own club to work on kicking from the hand. However, while that's his advice to the upcoming Kilcar colleague, he never ascribed to the 'from the hands free' himself:

"Kicking frees from the ground is an art and it's fading out because you can kick from the hands from frees. While ground kicking may put more strain on the hip or groin, for me it remains a real skill, a real highlight of the game and should be protected as such.



By Michael Daly, Sports Editor, Donegal Democrat

There is also the problem with players kicking from the hands because they invariably steal, maybe ten yards, before taking the kick which I think is unfair to opponents.

"However, if a player decided to kick from the hands it's something he better not decide seconds before an important kick. It needs practice also and good balance but my own preference was and will be the ground kick. In only very special circumstances would I tell a player to kick from the hands and that would depend on wind advantage and distance," he stated.

McHugh remains very much in the ground kicking camp and he wants to see the facility to kick from the hands stopped: "It should be done away with, kicking a free from the ground is an art, it should be fostered."

Manus Boyle, scorer of five of his nine points in the All Ireland final from frees, has recently switched from ground free taking to kicking from the hands. I asked him why: "I've only changed this year and the main reason is to avoid wear and tear on

my groin. When you are constantly taking frees from the ground as I have for club and county it puts additional stress on the groin and I find that kicking from the hands is less painful."

He also feels that kicking from the hands offers some advantages at club level: "We don't have a regular left footed free taker and I find that when taking those frees (from the right hand side) that I have a better return from the hands, I can get a curl on the ball and usually hit the target."

Having said all that Manus thinks that the rule allowing kicks from the hands is not good for the game: "I take advantage of the rule being there but I honestly think it's a bad rule because kicking from the ground is a real skill and it's only when you think of players like Barney Rock, Mikey Sheehy and in more recent times Charlie Redmond that you appreciate the art of striking from the ground. It's

very special."

Manus feels also that on a wet day a kick from the hands is an easier option but he added: "On a dry pitch, hot summer's day in the championship the best contact for me is still off the ground. There's a motion, it's like something you rehearse and if I got a good day and a vital kick I think I may still revert to the ground kick - but with the summer we've had I think it's hands only!"

Those are the views of just two of Donegal's top free takers but with more space and time available to me in the Democrat I will return to this topic where I am compiling the views of players such as Neilly Gallagher, Martin Carney and Joe Winston, Mickey McLoone on what they would have opted for, ground or hand, if they had had the choice while they played for the county. Indeed any views would be welcome at 072-51201.

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2

**A. Mac Craith**

Anthony McGrath

3

**E. O Domhnaill**

Eamonn O'Donnell

4

**B. O Baoill**

Brendan Boyle

5

**M. Mac Fhloinn**

Martin McGlynn

6

**P. Mac Craith**

Patrick McGrath

7

**G. de Burca**

Gavin Bourke

8

**B. Mac a Bhaird**

Barry Ward

9

**S. Mac a Bhaird**

Stephen Ward

10

**S. O Dufaigh**

John Duffy

11

**N. Mac Creadaigh**

Niall McCready

12

**B. O Roipear**

Brian Roper

13

**M. Mac a Bhaird**

Michael Ward

14

**D. O Conluain**

Damien Conlon

15

**V. O Muiri (c)**

Val Murray

**Fir Ionad:** 16, **C. O Domhnaill** (Charlie O'Donnell); 17, **S. Mac Uidhir** (Sylvester Maguire); 18, **K. O Riain** (Kerry Ryan); 19, **P. O Roipear** (Paul Roper); 20, **D. O Bogaigh** (Donal Buggy); 21, **B. O Tuathaigh** (Brian Tuohy); 22, **S. Mac Aoidh** (Shane McGee); 23, **G. de Blaca** (Garret Blake); 24, **M. O Gallchoir** (Martin Gallagher); 25, **P. O Raghallaigh** (Phillip O'Reilly); 26, **M. O Gurn** (Michael Gurn).

## Naomb Columba

1

**G. Mac a Ghoill**

Gerard McGill

2

**A. O Cuinneagain**

Hugh Cunningham

3

**S. S. O Dochartaigh**

John Joe Doherty (c)

4

**C. O Cuinneagain**

Conal Cunningham

5

**M. O Cuinneagain**

Martin Cunningham

6

**C. O Gaibheagain**

Conal Gavigan

7

**G. O Canainn**

Gerard Cannon

8

**N. O hEigheartaigh**

Noel Hegarty

9

**N. Mac Fhionnlaoidh**

Noel McGinley

10

**S. Mac Giolla Chearra**

Seamus Carr

11

**P. Mac Giolla Easpaig**

Padraig Gillespie

12

**E. Mac Giolla Easpaig**

Enda Gillespie

13

**M. O Beirn**

Michael Byrne

14

**P. O hEigheartaigh**

Paddy Hegarty

15

**E. O Dochartaigh**

Eugene Doherty

**Fir Ionad:** 16, **G. O Dochartaigh** (Georgie Doherty); 17, **S. O Ceallaigh** (John Kelly); 18, **S. O Dochartaigh** (John Doherty); 19, **C. Mac Daibhid** (Ciaran McDevitt); 20, **N. Mac Giolla Chearra** (Noel Carr); 21, **C. O Dochartaigh** (Kevin Doherty); 22, **G. O Dochartaigh** (Gregory Doherty).

# G.A.A. TEASER

1. What club have won the most Donegal S.F.C. titles?
2. Name the referee who blew time early in the Clare v Offaly All-Ireland Hurling semi-final?
3. Who will referee the All Ireland football final next Sunday?
4. Who is Chairman of the Donegal G.A.A. Minor Board?
5. In what county would you find the G.A.A. Club "Hospital"?
6. Who is the captain of the Galway senior football team?
7. What county did Brian Lacey the Kildare corner back previously play for?
8. Name the two teams competing in today's Derry senior football final?
9. What Ulster man was defeated for the G.A.A. presidency by Joe McDonagh in 1995?
10. Who sponsors the Donegal G.A.A. Summer Camps?
11. Declan Brown plays Inter county football for what county?
12. Who is the manager of the Irish compromise rules football team?
13. Name the G.A.A. pitch in Irvinestown?
14. Who are the All Ireland Hurling club champions?
15. What county did Babs Keating in 1997.
16. Who are the All Ireland camogie champions?
17. Who was the only goalkeeper to score a point in this year's Donegal S.F.C.?
18. What famous former Kerry players now manage their county's Minor Footballers?
19. What Laois Minor is going for his third All-Ireland medal on Sunday next?
20. Who are the current Leinster Club football champions?

ANSWERS TO G.A.A. TEASER  
 1, Gweedore; 2, Jimmy Cooney; 3, John Bannon (Longford); 4, John Friel; 5, Limerick; 6, Ray Silke; 7, Tipperary; 8, Belaghy; 8, Sean McTeague; 10, A.L.B.; 11, Tipperary; 12, Cork; 13, St. Molaises Park; 14, Birt (Offaly); 15, Laois; 16, Cork; 17, Tony Blake (St. Eunan's); 18, Charlie Nelligan and Mikey Sheehy; 19, Brian McDonald; 20, Erins Isle.

# An Chraobh '98

An tAth. Seán Ó Gallchoir

Ba ar an Dumhaigh ar an Domhnach 10ú Bealtaine a thoisigh Craobh na Sinsear 1998. Seacht bhfoireann déag a bhí san iomaíocht agus ba iad na Rossa agus Ard a'Rátha a thug aghaidh ar a chéile sa réamhbhabhta ar an dara Domhnach sin de mhí na Bealtaine. Bhuaigh Ard a'Rátha go héascaidh agus bhuaigh said ar Na Rossa arís sa dara cluiche in Ard a'Rátha.

Ní raibh ábhar iontais an-mhór ar bith sa chéad bhabhta. B'ábhar dóchais taispeántaisí baile fhoirne Inis Eoghain. Chríochnaigh Carn Domhnach ar chomhscór le Naomh Columba: thug Beart scanradh do Aodh Ruadh, B.A.S.: agus ní raibh idir Bun Cranncha agus Na Ceithre Máistrí ach ceithre phointe. Ach nuair a rinne na trí foirne an turas ó dheas as Inis Eoghain níor éirigh chomh maith sin leo agus d'fhág siad slán leis an Chraobh. Bhí buaidh chuimsitheach ag Naomh Adhamhnán ar Sheán Mac Cumhaill i mBealach Féich ach ní raibh cuma chomh maith sin orthu sa dara cluiche nuair a chríochnaigh siad ar chomhscór le fearaibh na Finne. Measadh go rachadh na ceithre coimhlintí eile go dtí an tríú cluiche. Ní hamhlaidh a tharla. Chuir foirne Naomh Conall agus Ghaoth Dobhair díomá ar a lucht leanta nuair a chaill siad sa bhaile agus as baile in éadan Chill Chartha agus Ard a'Rátha fá seach. Bhí trí chluiche de dhíth ar Chloich Cheannfhaola sular chlógadh siad Naomh Náille agus ar na Cealla Beaga sular bhuaill siad An Clochán Liath. Shíl go leor go bhféadfadh Antoin Ó Baoill agus a chuid fear crothadh maith a bhaint as Craobh na bliana seo agus bhí an chuma ar an scéal go ndéanfadh siad amhlaidh nuair a

bhual siad Na Cealla ar an Chlochán Liath. Ach nuair a fuair Marc Ó Baoill an cúl conspóideach cinniúnach i bhFionntrá dhírigh na Rosantóirí a bhfearg ar an réiteoir nach dtug aird ar an mhaor agus thit an tóin astu sa tríú cluiche.

## OCHTAR FÁGTHA

Bhí ceithre clubaí móra an Iar-Dheiscirt sna cluichí ceathrú – ceannais arís eile. Agus bhí buaidheanna measartha furasta ag Ard a'Rátha in éadan Chloich Cheannfhaola agus ag Naomh Columba in éadan Na Ceithre Máistrí. Rinne na hionadaithe Roper agus Sylvester ródach ar Chill Chartha agus bhí cuid fear Bhéal Átha Seanaidh sa chluiche leath-cheannais. Beidh trácht go ceann i bhfad ar an cheathrú cluiche ceathrú-ceannais. Chríochnaigh Naomh Adhamhnán agus Na Cealla Beaga ar chomhscór dhá uair agus sa tríú cluiche tharla an chinniúint chéanna do Bharra Mac Gabhann agus do Mhánus Ó Baoill is a tharla daofa i gCluain Eois i Mí na Súl Buí nuair a sciobadh an cluiche uathu sa bhomaite dheireannach. Troideadh cath ansin agus croitheadh lámha ina dhiaidh.

## CEATHRAR FÁGTHA

Sa chéad chluiche leath-cheannais bhuaigh Aodh Ruadh ar Ard a'Rátha le pointe amháin sin fhearhainn. Chaith Ard a'Rátha ar shiúl é. Mheas go leor go raibh Craobh na bliana seo i ndán de Naomh Adhamhnán ach chuir Naomh Columba deireadh leis an tuairimíocht sin agus shroich siad an cluiche ceannais don seisiú huair sna nóchaidí. Tá Craobh eile tuillte acu.

# AODH RUADH IN THE NINETIES

## An tAth Seán O Gallchóir

1990	1	Aodh Ruadh 1-9	Killybegs 0-15	
	2	Aodh Ruadh 0-8	Killybegs 1-15	First Round
1991	3	Aodh Ruadh 0-11	Kilcar 1-13	
	4	Aodh Ruadh 0-11	Kilcar 1-11	First Round
1992	5	Aodh Ruadh 4-7	Glenfinn 1-6	
	6	Aodh Ruadh 3-11	Glenfinn 2-6	
	7	Aodh Ruadh 2-7	Kilcar 0-9	
	8	Aodh Ruadh 3-8	Kilcar 0-11	
	9	Aodh Ruadh 1-9	Cloughaneely 1-9	
	10	Aodh Ruadh 2-15	Cloughaneely 1-4	
	11	Aodh Ruadh 1-7	Naomh Columba 1-9	Semi Final
1993	12	Aodh Ruadh 1-10	Naomh Columba 0-10	
	13	Aodh Ruadh 1-6	Naomh Columba 0-12	
	14	Aodh Ruadh 1-5	Naomh Columba 0-9	First Round
1994	15	Aodh Ruadh 2-13	Dungloe 0-11	
	16	Aodh Ruadh 0-12	Dungloe 0-6	
	17	Aodh Ruadh 0-11	Red Hughs 0-8	
	18	Aodh Ruadh 2-17	Killybegs 2-5	
	19	Aodh Ruadh 2-10	Naomh Columba 1-10	Final
1995	20	Aodh Ruadh 3-14	Na Rossa 0-6	
	21	Aodh Ruadh 4-18	Na Rossa 0-2	
	22	Aodh Ruadh 2-12	Kilcar 2-5	
	23	Aodh Ruadh 1-7	Killybegs 2-5	Semi Final
1996	24	Aodh Ruadh 3-14	Killybegs 1-10	
	25	Aodh Ruadh 0-12	Killybegs 1-12	
	26	Aodh Ruadh 0-11	Killybegs 0-11	
	27	Aodh Ruadh 2-14	Killybegs 2-17	First Round
1997	28	Aodh Ruadh 2-8	Ardara 1-5	
	29	Aodh Ruadh 4-8	Ardara 0-11	
	30	Aodh Ruadh 0-10	Gaoth Dobhair 1-7	
	31	Aodh Ruadh 1-13	Gaoth Dobhair 1-7	
	32	Aodh Ruadh 1-17	N. Conall 0-8	
	33	Aodh Ruadh 2-7	St. Eunan's 1-11	Final
1998	34	Aodh Ruadh 1-10	Burt 0-11	
	35	Aodh Ruadh 2-15	Burt 0-6	
	36	Aodh Ruadh 1-10	Kilcar 1-7	
	37	Aodh Ruadh 1-12	Ardara 3-5	
	38	Aodh Ruadh	Naomh Columba	Final

# GLEN IN THE NINETIES

## An tAth Seán O Gallchóir

1990	1	Naomh Columba 3-9	Gaoth Dobhair 0-10	
	2	Naomh Columba 3-14	Gaoth Dobhair 1-5	
	3	Naomh Columba 0-10	Glenfinn 0-4	
	4	Naomh Columba 2-10	Kilcar 1-11	
	5	Naomh Columba 0-10	Killybegs 0-9	Final
1991	6	Naomh Columba 2-11	N. Conall 0-9	
	7	Naomh Columba 2-8	N. Conall 0-9	
	8	Naomh Columba 2-13	Dungloe 1-4	
	9	Naomh Columba 1-6	Killybegs 2-16	Semi Final
1992	10	Naomh Columba 2-8	N. Conall 3-8	
	11	Naomh Columba 1-12	N. Conall 1-7	
	12	Naomh Columba 1-15	N. Conaill 1-8	
	13	Naomh Columba 1-10	Gaoth Dobhair 1-5	
	14	Naomh Columba 1-9	Aodh Ruadh 1-7	
	15	Naomh Columba 0-9	Killybegs 0-12	Final
1993	16	Naomh Columba 2-8	Termon 1-4	
	17	Naomh Columba 1-9		Termon 1-4
	18	Naomh Columba 0-10	Aodh Ruadh 1-10	
	19	Naomh Columba 0-12	Aodh Ruadh 1-6	
	20	Naomh Columba 0-9	Aodh Ruadh 1-5	
	21	Naomh Columba 2-8	Cloughaneely 0-11	
	22	Naomh Columba 0-8	Killybegs 0-12	Semi Final
1994	23	Naomh Columba 0-11	N. Conall 0-9	
	24	Naomh Columba 1-10	N. Conall 0-8	
	25	Naomh Columba 3-11	Kilcar 0-11	
	26	Naomh Columba 3-9	Ardara 1-12	
	27	Naomh Columba 1-10	Aodh Ruadh 2-10	Final
1995	28	Naomh Columba 1-9	McCumhalls 1-9	
	29	Naomh Columba 1-15	McCumhalls 1-9	
	30	Naomh Columba 2-9	Red Hughs 2-8	
	31	Naomh Columba 1-5	St. Eunan's 0-4	
	32	Naomh Columba 1-6	Killybegs 0-10	Final
1996	33	Naomh Columba 0-12	Red Hughs 1-3	
	34	Naomh Columba 0-12	Red Hughs 0-9	
	35	Naomh Columba 0-13	Bundoran 1-6	
	36	Naomh Columba 1-13	Bundoran 1-6	
	37	Naomh Columba 2-3	St. Eunan's 0-9	
	38	Naomh Columba 1-10	St. Eunan's 0-6	
	39	Naomh Columba 1-10	Dungloe 0-11	
	40	Naomh Columba 1-7	Killybegs 1-8	Final
1997	41	Naomh Columba 0-11	Red Hughs 1-8	
	42	Naomh Columba 4-11	Red Hughs 1-8	
	43	Naomh Columba 1-4	St. Eunan's 1-11	Quarter
1998	44	Naomh Columba 2-11	Carndonagh 2-5	
	45	Naomh Columba 2-12	Carndonagh 3-9	
	46	Naomh Columba 1-11	Four Masters 1-8	
	47	Naomh Columba 0-9	St. Eunan's 0-7	
	48	Naomh Columba	Aodh Ruadh	Final
	Won 34	Drew 4	Lost 9	

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# AODH RUADH & NAOMH COLUMBA

## How they've done in 1998

Aodh Ruadh - Games Played (L)-League (C) Championship

Aodh Ruadh - 0-4 Naomh Columba 1-10(L)

Ardara 1-10 Aodh Ruadh 2-12 (L)

Aodh Ruadh 0-14 McCumhailis 1-8 (L)

Four Masters 0-9 Aodh Ruadh 0-14 (L)

Gweedore 1-9 Aodh Ruadh 0-12 (L)

Na Rossa 0-10 Aodh Ruadh 2-17 (L)

Aodh Ruadh 0-12 Naomh Conaill 1-12 (L)

Kilcar 1-10 Aodh Ruadh 1-11 (L)

Aodh Ruadh 2-17 Burt 1-6 (L)

Aodh Ruadh 4-13 St. Nauls 0-4 (L)

Aodh Ruadh 3-18 Dungloe 0-7 (L)

Burt 0-11 Aodh Ruadh 1-10 (C)

Aodh Ruadh 2-14 Burt 0-6 (C)

Aodh Ruadh 1-10 Kilcar 1-7 (C)

Aodh Ruadh 1-12 Ardara 3-5 (C)

Games played 15; Won 12; Drew 1; Lost 2

Average score for (goals and points combined) 0-16 against 0-10

Naomh Columba (G) - Gaeltacht

Ardara 2-11 Naomh Columba 2-7 (G)

Aodh Ruadh 0-4 Naomh Columba 1-10 (L)

Naomh Columba 1-10 St. Nauls 1-5 (L)

Killybegs 0-12 Naomh Columba 0-11 (L)

Dungloe 1-14 Naomh Columba 2-11 (L)

McCumhailis 3-4 Naomh Columba 1-9 (L)

Naomh Columba 1-15 Cloughaneely 1-4 (L)

St. Eunans 3-10 Naomh Columba 2-12 (L)

Naomh Columba 3-11 Four Masters 1-9 (L)

Naomh Columba 1-12 Na Rossa 0-9 (L)

Naomh Columba 2-8 Gweedore 1-9 (L)

Naomh Columba 2-8 Kilcar 2-5 (L)

Naomh Conaill 3-8 Naomh Columba 2-12 (L)

Naomh Columba 2-11 Carndonagh 2-5 (C)

Carndonagh 3-9 Naomh Columba 2-12 (C)

Naomh Columba 1-11 Four Master 1-8 (C)

Naomh Columba 0-9 St. Eunan's 0-7 (C)

Games Played 17; Won 12; Drew 1; Lost 4

Average score for 0-15 against 0-12

## County S.F.C. Roll of Honour

12. Gweedore
11. Aodh Ruadh
7. St. Joseph's, St. Eunan's, Dungloe
6. Killybegs, McCumhailis
5. Kilcar
4. Ardara
3. Bundoran, Four Masters
2. Naomh Columba
1. Castlefin, Letterkenny Rovers

# Aodh Ruadh and Naomh Columba

## County Final Facts

An tAth. Seán Ó Gallchóir

Aodh Ruadh, Ballyshannon, have won the Donegal S.F.C. eleven times:

1929	Aodh Ruadh 0-7	Killygordon 0-5
1932	Aodh Ruadh 1-7	Dungloe 0-1
1937	Aodh Ruadh 3-8	Gaoth Dobhair 4-2
1939	Aodh Ruadh 0-6	Gaoth Dobhair 0-4
1942	Aodh Ruadh 2-8	Glenties 1-4
1943	Aodh Ruadh 1-9	Convoy 2-1
1951	Aodh Ruadh 1-6	St. Eunans 1-5
1986	Aodh Ruadh 1-8	Killygordon (Red Hughs) 0-5
1987	Aodh Ruadh 2-10	Kilcar 1-7
1994	Aodh Ruadh 2-10	Naomh Columba 1-10
1997	Aodh Ruadh by protest St. Eunans.	

Aodh Ruadh have lost five finals (1940, 1945, 1956, 1957 and 1989). They contest their seventeenth final today.

If Aodh Ruadh win to-day they will equal Gaoth Dobhair's record of 12 County Senior Championship titles.

Naomh Columba have won the Donegal S.F.C. twice. 1978: Naomh Columba 1-12, Gaoth Dobhair 0-10. 1990: Naomh Columba 0-10, Killybegs 0-9.

Naomh Columba have lost four finals, all in the nineties (1992, 1994, 1995, 1996). They contest their seventh final to-day.

St. Joseph's (Ballyshannon-Bundoran) were County Senior Football Champions on seven occasions – 1965, 1968, 1970, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976. It could be said, therefore, that the Dr. Maguire Cup has come to Ballyshannon on 18 occasions.

The 1952 Senior Champions, Killybegs, included players from Killybegs, Kilcar and the present Naomh Columba.

Aodh Ruadh and Naomh Columba have met in one County S.F.C. final – in 1994 when Aodh Ruadh won by 2-10 to 1-10, the last time Aodh Ruadh won the Championship on the field of play. The teams were:

**Aodh Ruadh:** Paul Kane; Donagh Keon, Eamonn O'Donnell, Ciaran Keon (0-1); Martin McGlynn, Gavin Bourke, Diarmuid Keon; Sylvester Maguire (Capt.) and

Charlie O'Donnell (0-1); Brian Roper, Damien Conlon (0-2), Malachy Cullen; John Duffy (0-1), Donall Buggy, Val Murray (2-2). Subs (used): Barry Ward, Shane McGee, Paul O'Loughlin.

**Naomh Columba:** Kevin Doherty; Eunan McIntyre, John Joe Doherty (Capt.), Patrick Cunningham; Noel McGinley, Dessie Cunningham, Conal Cunningham; Conal Gavigan and Damien Gillespie; Eugene Doherty (1-1), Martin Gillespie, Pauric Gillespie (0-6); Seamus Carr (0-1), Paddy Hegarty (0-1), Noel Hegarty. Sub (used): Paul O'Donnell (0-1).

The winning Naomh Columba team of 1990 was: Kevin Doherty; Conal Gavigan, John Paul Curran, John Joe Doherty (Capt.); Sean Gavigan, Noel Hegarty (0-1), Paul Carr; Desie Cunningham and Paddy Gavigan; Seamus Carr (0-5), Paddy Hegarty (0-2), Paul McIntyre; Noel Carr, Michael McNelis (0-1), Michael Oliver McIntyre (0-1). Sub (used): Damien Gillespie.

Sean Gavigan and Michael Oliver McIntyre also played on the winning 1978 Glen team (the only two to have played on the two winning Glen teams). Rory McNelis played on the 1978 team and went on to win Championship medals with Killybegs in 1988 and 1991.

Two players have played in all five of Aodh Ruadh's County final appearances in the eighties and nineties – 1986, 1987, 1989, 1994 and 1997. They are Sylvester Maguire and Diarmuid Keon (played in the first four, came on as a sub. in 1997). They have won 4 S.F.C. medals each.

Five players have played in all five of Naomh Columba's County final appearances in the nineties – 1990; 1992, 1994, 1995, 1996. They are John Joe Doherty, Dessie Cunningham, Noel and Paddy Hegarty and Seamus Carr (played in the first four, came on as a sub in 1996).

Leading the County S.F.C. Roll of Honour are:  
 12.. Gaoth Dobhair.  
 11.. Ballyshannon.  
 7.. St. Eunan's, St. Joseph's and Dungloe.

Naomh Columba's Championship record in the nineties is truly amazing:

1990	Champions	(v Killybegs).
1991	Semi-Finalists	(v Killybegs).
1992	Finalists	(v Killybegs).
1993	Semi-Finalists	(v Killybegs).
1994	Finalists	(v Aodh Ruadh).
1995	Finalists	(v Killybegs).
1996	Finalists	(v Killybegs).
1997	Quarter-Finalists	(v St. Eunan's).
1998	Finalists	(v Aodh Ruadh).

They will be glad it is not Killybegs to-day!

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# 1978 - Glen's Greatest Year

## An tAth Seán O Gallchóir

Twenty years have passed since Naomh Columba's greatest year 1978. It was the year of the four great victories, the Donegal Senior Football League (for the second time), the U-21 F.C. (for the first time), the All-Ireland Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta (for the first time) and, sweetest of all, the Donegal Senior Football Championship (for the first time).

The league and the Gaeltacht had been captured before the championship began. Ten straight wins saw the "Democrat" cup recaptured and home venue facilitated the 'Gaeltacht' victory, beating An Fhairche (Clonbur) by 1-14 to 1-3 in the final.

## CHAMPIONSHIP

Leagues and "Gaeltachts" are fine but the Championship is the real thing. Eleven teams set out on the 1978 senior championship trail and old heads nodded when Ardara took the 'gus' out of all-conquering Glen by beating them by 1-14 to 0-11 in the first leg in Ardara. The defeat was avenged in Páirc na nGael when Glen won by 1-9 to 0-3. The play-off in Tírconnaill Park was a cliffhanger with Naomh Columba winning by a single point 2-6 to 1-8. This victory saw Glen straight into the semi-final against Ballyshannon who had eliminated Bundoran. Both semi-finals were played in Ballybofey on August 13. Gaoth Dobhair beat St. Eunan's 1-5 to 0-5 and Naomh Columba beat Ballyshannon 0-12 to 1-7. The teams that day were:

**N. Columba:** Mícheál Ó Donnabháin, Francis Cunningham, John McGinley, John J. McLaughlin, Seán Gavigan, Paddy McIntyre, Des Daly, Michael Gallagher (0-3), Michael O. McIntyre, Seán Gara (0-1), Colm Ward (0-1), Rory McNelis (0-1), Denis Gara, Pádraig Carr, Bernard McIntyre (0-6), Subs: (used): Michael Breslin and Kevin McGinley.

**Ballyshannon:** Fergal Gallagher, Jim Gallagher, Ray Sheerin, Niall Tuohy, Chris McGuinness, Teddy Kane, Seán Gallagher, Kieran McGinley (0-1), Thomas Quinn (0-1), Séamus Flynn (0-4), Michael Melly, Paddy Kelly (0-1), Hugh McGowan. Subs: Louis Boyle and Seán Slevin (1-0).

## 1978 FINAL

The final was on August 27th in McCumhaill

Park. In-form Glen in their first final. Defeated 1977 finalists Gaoth Dobhair going for their twelfth title. It was nip-and-tuck all the way. Glen led 0-5 to 0-4 at half-time; 0-12 to 0-9 with five minutes left when Carrick's Pádraig Carr scored the goal that still cheers lonely hearts on winter nights in the Windy City. Naomh Columba 1-12, Gaoth Dobhair 0-10. The line outs were:

**Naomh Columba:** Mícheál O Donnabháin, Seán Gavigan, Francie Cunningham, John J. McLaughlin, Michael O. McIntyre capt., Paddy McIntyre, Des. Daly, Michael Gallagher (0-4) and John McGinley, Seán Gara (0-2), Colm Ward, Rory McNelis (0-1), Kevin McGinley (0-1), Pádraig Carr (1-2), Bernard McIntyre (0-2), Subs (used): Finian Ward and Séamus Carr.

**Gaoth Dobhair:** Pádraig McGinley, Pádraig McBride, John Diver, Tommy McMemamin, Paddy Bonnar, Antóin Carroll, Dermot Coll, Francie Carroll (0-1), Séamus McGarvey, Doalty Sweeney (0-6), Vincent Breslin, Neilly Gallagher (0-1), Donal McGee, Thady Kearey, Peter Breslin (0-1), Subs: Seán Mulligan (0-1).

Referee: Colm McBride (Convoy).

There is some dispute as to whether Michael Gallagher is credited with a Pádraig Carr point. No doubt a trans-Atlantic phonecall deep into some night will clarify the matter! But that night in 1978 was a long hot August night from Carrick to Malinbeg.

## U-21 F.C.

It was back to Ballybofey a fortnight later for the U-21 final. Glen and Ballyshannon again. Glen again triumphant 0-8 to 0-5. In the rain, Rory McNelis seven points. Michael Gallagher was the captain. Mícheál O Donnabháin, Colm Ward, Seán Gavigan and Denis Gara also completed the 'double'.

And 1978 could have been better still! After 58 minutes of the first round Ulster Club Championship match in Ballyshannon it was Glen 0-9, St. John's 1-6. And Glen were pressing for the winner when the Johnnies broke away and Andy McCallin pointed and then came an Antrim goal to see the Ulster champions led by Peter McGinnity home.

Dá mba ar an Chaiseal a d'imreofaí é (mar ba dhual) bheadh athrú scíl ann agus an lá le fir Ghlinne ach cé bheadh ag gearán fá 1978 agus cupaí agus coirn ag teacht isteach go Gleann chomh tiubh le briathra as béal Phadaí Beag!

# St. Joseph's Bundoran/Ballyshannon - a breed apart

While they may have been the envy of club teams throughout the county, the famous St. Joseph's team of Bundoran/Ballyshannon brought footballing to new heights in the period they spent together. They were, without doubt, the greatest club team of their generation in the North West.

Having already picked up the Donegal Senior championships in 1965, 1968 & 1970 and taking the runners up spot in 1967 & 1969, the two year final gap till 1973 must have been enormous for this illustrious and exceptionally talented bunch of footballers.

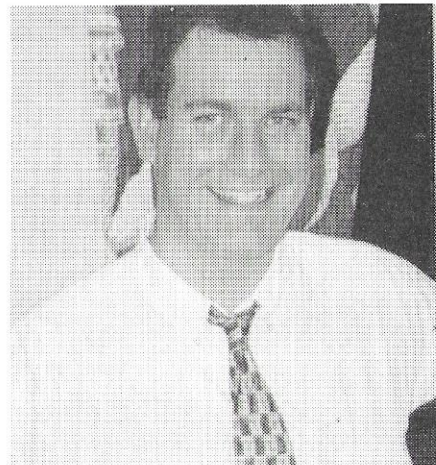
As the records book show, they were indeed a breed apart with 1973 heralding a fine blend of familiar and new faces.

The team being honoured today by the Donegal GAA County Board are testament to the calibre of players being produced in the county at the time. Hot on the heels of the county's first Ulster Senior Championship victory of 1972, the green and gold's contained no less than six representatives from St. Joseph's, in the final against Tyrone.

1973 was also a turning point, as Joseph's went on to take four titles on the trot, emulating the famous Gaoth Dobhair side of the 1940's, before they finally split in 1977.

Even then the chapter did not end as Bundoran, in their own right, went onto take the inaugural Donegal Intermediate Championship in 1977 and the Senior Championship in 1979.

In the following years, Aodh Ruadh of Ballyshannon were also to show that their star had not waned and titles in 1986 and 1987 heralded a new generation of talented players in the Erne Town, that also saw two titles this decade, including the one they were awarded last year.



By: Michael McHugh, Donegal Democrat

## OLD RIVALS

The '73 team won the Maguire Cup in Glenties by virtue of a 1-8 to 1-6 win over old rivals Sean MacCumhail's, who had taken the title in 1971, following their three in a row success of the early 1960's.

Sadly three of the St. Joseph's squad that day have now passed to their eternal reward, but their memory lives on in the annals of the GAA.

The Donegal Democrat of August 31st, 1973 report described the game as "a rugged hard-fought sixty minutes of football where St. Joseph's emerged worthy winners. The game made up in excitement what it lacked in football finesse."

The report continued: "Winning 1-4 to 0-3 at half-time, St. Joseph's went on to take the title by two points, 1-8 to 1-6, but they had to fight all the way against a team that never let up.

"Had the winners made the most of their opportunities up front, with greater accuracy when they had the chances, the margin might have been much greater,

but then again MacCumhail's were even more at fault, and time after time saw their finishing shots even from frees that should have been certain points, curve away to the outside of the uprights."

The report added: "Both teams played an open style of football in which teamwork was seen at its best, concerted moves bringing the ball from end to end. At midfield the St. Joseph's pairing of Josie Boyle and Peter Barry had rare duels with P. J. McGowan and Michael Lafferty in which the former had the edge and kept the forwards well supplied, especially Seamie Granaghan whose fast solo runs were a feature. That he did not produce results was a great tribute to the MacCumhail's defenders who took no chances."

After the interval, St. Joseph's were knocked back when John Bradley hammered home a MacCumhail's goal to leave just a point between the sides, 1-4 to 1-3. Seamie Granaghan pointed from a free and added two from play as the Barry/Boyle combination began to win midfield. But a brace of scores from Hugh

Gillespie kept the crowd on their toes and St. Joseph's took the brave step of introducing then 17-year-old P. J. McGuinness who went on to play an important part in securing victory.

The cup was presented to St. Joseph's captain Alan Kane by Tom Walsh, Chairman of the County Board. The teams under referee S. McGarvey were:

St. Joseph's: Alan Kane; Liam McDaid, Pauric McShea, Michael Pat Daly; Brian McEniff, Teddy Kane, Billy McLoone (RIP); Peter Barry (1-1), Josie Boyle; Seamie Granaghan (0-4, one free), Thomas Quinn, Sean Gallagher (0-1); Billy Gavigan (0-1), Brendan McHugh (RIP), Paul McLoone (0-1). Subs: Declan O'Carroll for B. McHugh; P. J. McGuinness (RIP) for L. McDaid.

Sean MacCumhail's: Anthony McFeely; Martin Griffin, Liam McMenamin, Michael Doherty; Eugene Gallagher, Tommy McMenamin, Brendan Dunleavy; Michael Lafferty, P. J. McGowan; Des McDermott (0-1 free), Frankie McFeely, Kevin O' Hara; Hugh Temple 0-2, Hugh Gillespie 0-3, John Bradley 1-0. Subs: Brendan Lafferty for D. McDermott; Seamus Kane for F. McFeely.



St. Josephs, 1973.

# Tigh Bhiddy

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Buail isteach chugainn fá choinne deoch

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# A tough one to call

It's hard to believe that it's been eight years since Naomh Columba last won the Dr. Maguire Cup.

A memorable day for everyone associated with Glen ended in a narrow one point victory, 0-10 to 0-9.

Since that famous success, Naomh Columba have earned the tag of "Nearly Men", after loosing four of the last seven finals, including three in a row between '94 to '96.

By all accounts, this could well be the year that Glen can finally kill off that Co. Final hoodoo.

While everyone outside Glen were anticipating a repeat of last year's controversial clash between Aodh Ruadh and St. Eunan's of Letterkenny, Naomh Columba failed to read the script and overpowered St. Eunan's in last week's semi final in Tir Chonaill Park.

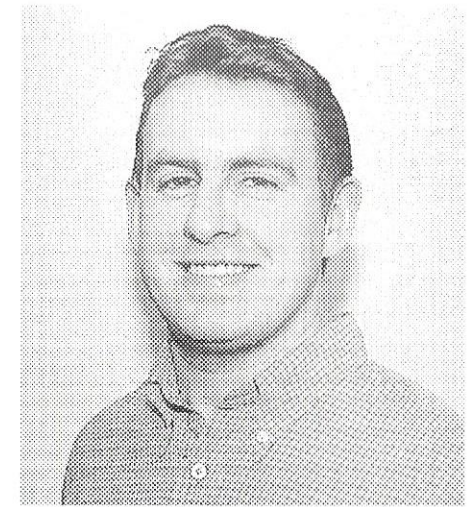
Much has been said about the performance of the two Noels - Hegarty and McGinley - at centrefield in the semi final, and in today's final, they will again have a crucial role to play.

But there is so much more to this Glen team. They boast a defence that Bill Clinton's lawyers would be proud of with Conal Gavigan, John Joe, Hughie Cunningham and Gerard Cannon in great form in the four games in the championship to date.

John Joe, an injury doubt before last Sunday's semi final, gave another inspirational display and Gavigan saw off the threat of Brendan Devenney when the county man came on for the final 20 minutes.

Glen have also plenty of talent in attack, not least, Seamus Carr who manager PJ McGinley rates as the best club forward in the county.

Aodh Ruadh haven't been firing on all cylinders in 1998 but who would dare to write them off on Co. Final day?



**By: Diarmaid Doherty**  
Donegal People's Press

Right throughout the team there is no end of talent and experience even down to the substitutes bench which featured Charlie O'Donnell, Kerry Ryan and Sylvie in the semi final.

Aodh Ruadh, champions by default in 1997, are determined to do their talking on the pitch in this year's final. They have the players to do it but too many haven't been producing the goods for their club this year.

It'll be interesting to see what role the versatile Niall McCreadie will have in today's game. He may well feature away from his favoured half back position where the return of Gavin Bourke bolstered the side in the semi final.

Elsewhere big games will be needed from John Duffy, Brian Roper and Val Murray in attack while Barry and Stephen Ward will have to be on top of their game at midfield.

The sides last met in the Co. Final in 1994 with Aodh Ruadh winning a memorable match 2-10 to 1-10. With an equally close encounter in store today, it's a tough one to call.



# Action Replay in Reserve Final

Today's curtain raiser, the Senior Reserve Final has a de ja vous feel about it with the teams of course meeting for the second year in succession in the grade. The reserve team in every club are usually the unsung heroes of the parish. The senior team of course being the be all and end all of focus by the majority of club supporters. Having to leave home early every Sunday for your match, and then watch as the crowd move in for the main attraction would do little to encourage most players, but reserve players are a toughened bunch and keep playing through thick and thin in the hope of their day in the sun. The strength of most clubs visibly lies with their second strings. If their reserve team is going well it usually moans that the senior team is on the same upward trend, with players being kept under pressure to keep their places as the "junior" snap at their heels in the hope of making the big time. With a surplus of senior players adding also to the strength of their Reserve side.

Today's final opponents add credibility to this opinion, with both teams having been to the forefront in both Senior and Reserve football in the past number of years. Aodh Ruadh will undoubtedly be looking for revenge for last year's final defeat by the Glen men, on a 0-8 to 0-5 scoreline at the same venue.

From their side last year Kerry Ryan and Brendan Boyle have moved on to the Senior team, but their loss has been softened with the inclusion of former senior player, Eunan Doyle and minors Shane McShea, Brian Merrifield and Philip O'Reilly, with David Downey's return to midfield also a major boost to their chances. On the Naomh Columba side of things Gerard McGill, Hugh Cunningham, Eugene Doherty, Enda Gillespie and John Kelly have moved on to the main stage, but despite this Glen have kept a very strong look about their first 15. Co. Minor panellists Michael Byrne and Steven Kennedy, former senior 'keeper

Kevin Doherty, Kevin Cunningham and Cathal McGinley are all more than adequate replacements. Like last year the compliment of County minors on show is unusually high with Byrne and Kennedy lining up against the Ballyshannon trio of Philip O'Reilly, Michael Gurn, and Gareth Blake, with the performances of Gurn and Blake crucial to Aodh Ruadhs chances.

On their way to the final the teams have had somewhat contrasting fortunes. Aodh Ruadh strolling through Burt in the first round, beating Kilcar by 8 points in the quarter final and winning by the same margin against Cloughaneely in the semi, although the scoreline somewhat flattered the winners. Naomh Columba however have had to work all the way for their results after disposing of Carndonagh fairly easily in the opening round. A 2 point victory over a good Four Masters side in the quarter final, and a Michael McNelis goal in the semi-final against an excellent Dungloe side on Sunday last giving the edge, with Kevin Doherty's last minute saves proving crucial to the outcome. The management teams are both the same as last year with Maurice McLaughlin and Didi Drummond at the helm for Ballyshannon and Player Manager McNelis being assisted by Declan Cunningham and Michael Gillespie for the Glen men.

With both sides having won one title in the grade to date (Aodh Ruadh winning the inaugural title in 1990). The winners will move level with Kilcar and St. Eunans at the top of the roll of honour. The other winners being Dungloe in '95 and Gweedore in '93.

So best of luck to both teams, and remember, if you come and watch the game or even come towards the end of it, give them the applause and credit they deserve, because without the reserve players, a lot of clubs senior teams would have very little to shout about.

# Reserve Path To Final

1st round, 1st leg: Naomh Columba 2-13, Carndonagh 0-4.

2nd leg: Carndonagh 1-6, Naomh Columba 2-12.

Quarter final: Naomh Columba 0-10, Four Masters 1-5.

Semi-Final: Naomh Columba 1-6, Dungloe 0-6.

1st. round, 1st leg: Burt 0-7, Aodh Ruadh 2-17.

Aodh Ruadh 3-15, Burt 0-4.

Quarter Final: Aodh Ruadh, 1-12, Kilcar 0-8.

Semi final: Aodh Ruadh, 2-13, Clochaneely 2-5.

Final: Naomh Columba, Aodh Ruadh.

## THE JOHN GALLAGHER MEMORIAL CUP

In today's senior reserve final the winners will receive the John Gallagher Memorial Cup. First presented in 1995 the trophy was donated by the Ardara Club to commemorate one of their greatest clubmen who died suddenly in January, 1995. A former secretary of both the Ardara and Tirconnail Gaels clubs, John managed the first Ardara reserve team back in 1977 continuing on for a number of years as well as managing the first Ardara third team in the early eighties. A staunch believer in the ethos of reserve and junior football, it is a fitting tribute to John's loyalty to the game that the winners of the championship receive a trophy named after a great gentleman and gael.

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## Aodh Ruadh

	1 <b>C. O Braoin</b> Carl O'Brien	
2 <b>M. O Gallchoir</b> Martin Gallagher	3 <b>B. O Treabhair</b> Barry Travers	4 <b>K. O Laighleas</b> Kevin Lawless
5 <b>P. O Raghailigh</b> Philip O'Reilly	6 <b>B. O Gallchoir (c)</b> Barry Gallagher	7 <b>M. O Baoill</b> Mark Boyle
8 <b>M. O Gurn</b> Michael Gurn	9 <b>D. Ó Domhnaigh</b> David Downey	
10 <b>S. O Se</b> Shane McShea	11 <b>D. O Sleibheann</b> Dermot Slevin	12 <b>S. Mac Giolla Easpaig</b> John Gillespie
13 <b>G. de Blaca</b> Garret Blake	14 <b>D. Mac Aonghusa</b> Darren McGuinness	15 <b>E. O Duail</b> Eunan Doyle

**Fir ionad:** 16, **G. Mac Suibhne** (Gregory Sweeney); 17, **S. O Maolduin** (John Muldoon); 18, **S. Mac a Bhaird** (Shane Ward); 19, **D. Hoey** (David Hoey); 20, **B. O Merrifield** (Brian Merrifield); 21, **P. O Treabhair** (Paddy Travers); 22, **B. Mac Ranail** (Bobby Reynolds); 23, **M. O Laighleas** (Michael Lawless); 24, **S. MacGrimes** (James Grimes); 25, **D. Mac Craith** (Damien McGrath); 26, **G. Mac Aonghusa** (Gerard Ferguson); 27, **M. Mac Craith** (Michael McGrath); 28, **D. O Hannigan** (Donal Hannigan); 29, **S. O Treabhair** (Jack Travers); 30, **A. O Baoill** (Anthony Boyle); 31, **R. O Mathuna** (Reamoin Matthews); 32, **B. Mac Eachairteagh** (Brian McCaffrey); 33, **T. Mac Phelim** (Thomas McPhelim); 34, **E. Mac Phaidin** (Enda McFadden).

## Naomb Columba

	1 <b>C. O Dochartaigh</b> Kevin Doherty	
2 <b>C. Cuinnea</b> Kevin Cunnea	3 <b>C. Cuinnea</b> Kieran Cunnea	4 <b>C. O Gadhra</b> Kieran Gara
5 <b>B. Mac Fhionnlaoidh</b> Brian McGinley	6 <b>C. Mac Fhionnlaoidh</b> Kevin McGinley	7 <b>M. O Beirn</b> Michael Byrne
8 <b>D. Mac Giolla Easpaig</b> Damien Gillespie	9 <b>G. O Neill</b> Gabriel O'Neill	
10 <b>D. Mac Fhionnlaoidh</b> Dermot McGinley	11 <b>M. Mac Niallais</b> Michael McNelis	12 <b>S. O Cuinneagain</b> Danny Cunningham
13 <b>M. Mac Giolla Easpaig</b> Martin Gillespie	14 <b>S. O Cinneide</b> Steven Kennedy	15 <b>P. O Domhnaill</b> Pol O'Donnell

**Fir Ionad:** 16, **C. Mac Fhionnlaoidh** (Cathal McGinley); 17, **T. O Beirn** (Terence Byrne); 18, **P. Hardy** (Paul Hardy); 19, **C. Mac Daibhidh** (Ciaran McDevitt); 20, **B. O Dochartaigh** (Brendan Doherty); 21, **T. Cuinnea** (Terence Cunnea); 22, **M. Mac Giolla Easpaig** (Michael Gillespie); 23, **D. Mac Giolla Cearra** (Damien Carr); 24, **B. O Canainn** (Brendan Cannon); 25, **E. O Dochartaigh** (Eoin Doherty).

## Loista Urraíochta Naomh Columba

Ba mhaith le C.L.C. Naomh Columba buíochas ó chroí a thabhairt do na daoine/comhlachtaí sea a leanas a thug urraíocht dúinn i gcaitheamh na bliana:

KIK Spóirt, Gleann Cholm Cille.	Údarás na Gaeltachta.
Earagail Éise Teo, Mín an Aoire.	Blue Haven, Cill Chartha.
Tigh Bhiddy, An Caisel.	O'Donnell's Bar, Mín an Aoire.
Glen Head Tavern, Gleann Cholm Cille.	Carrick Providers, An Charraig.
Roarty's Bar, An Caiseal.	Doc's Bar, An Charraig.
McGinley's Bar, An Charraig.	David Enright, Building Contractor, An Charraig.
Óstan Ghleann Cholm Cille.	Andy's Bus Service, Mín an Aoire.
Doogan Donegal Teo, Cill Chartha.	McGeehan Coaches, Baile na Finne.
G.C.K. Glass Engraving, Gleann Cholm Cille.	Patrick Doherty, Plant Hire, Mín an Aoire.
Teach an Gheata, An Clochar, An Carraig.	Curran's Minibus Hire, Bogach.
Oideas Gael, Gleann Cholm Cille.	Colm Ó Dochartaigh, Taxi, Gleann Cholm Cille.
Óstán Shliabh a Laig, An Charraig.	Eddie Jones, Taxi, Gleann Cholm Cille.
Míchéal McGoilla Easbuig, Accountant and Tax Consultant.	Ulster Bank, Na Cealla Beaga.
Josie McLoughlin, Plumbing and Heating Contractor.	Glencolumbkille Launderette.
An Clachan (Folk Village), Gleann Cholm Cille	Biallann na Seanscoil, Mín an Aoire.
Conal Éamonn, Seirbhís Bus, Gleann Mhálainne.	Leonard Byrne & Sons, An Caiseal.
Joe Haughey, Seirbhís Bus, Teileann.	Frankie Craig, An Mhálainn Bhig.
Siopa Ó Gadhra, An Caiseal.	J. Quinn, Supermarket, An Charraig.
Cnoitáil Rossan Teo, An Mhálainn Mhóir.	Silver Strand Restaurant, An Mhálainn Bhig.
Bá Dhun na nGall, Baile na Móna, Cill Chartha.	J. Kelly & Sons.
Seanus McLaughlin's Garage, An Charraig.	Conal McLoone, Butchers.
Josie Boyle, Monaghan Milk, Cill Chartha.	Wurth Ireland.
	Adrian McGuire, Butcher, An Charraig.
	Martin Cunningham, Teach a' Lása, Gleann Cholm Cille.

## Player Profile

### Caoimhin Mac Fhionnghaile

(Naomh Columba)

*Date of birth:* 4th March, 1975.

*Height:* 5'8".

*Weight:* 11 st.

*Occupation:* Mechanic

*Marital status:* Single

*Favourite Group:* Roxette.

*Favourite Film Star:* Bruce Willis

*Favourite position:* Centre half back.

*Honours won:* 1 Res. League, 1 Co. Gaeltacht (Res.), 1 Co. Gaeltacht (sen.), 1 Ted Webb, 1 V.S., 1 Reserve Championship.

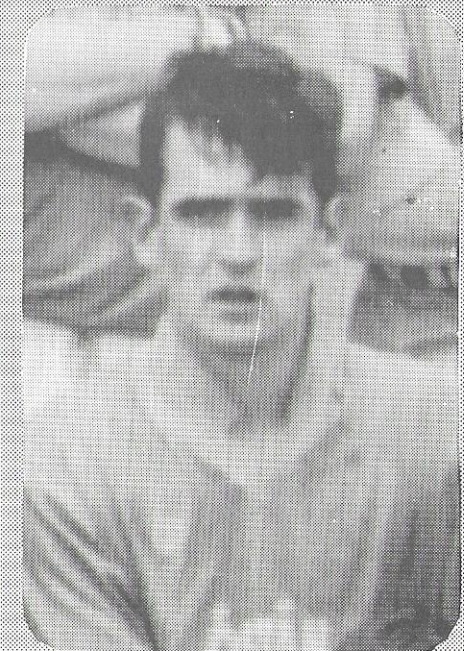
*Toughest Opponent:* Ciaran O Suilleabhain (Píarsaigh na Dromaide, Ciarrai)

*Favourite Ground:* Páirc Thír Chonaill, Dún na nGall.

*Childhood Hero:* Jack Ó Sé.

*Favourite other sports:* Squash, snooker.

*Biggest influence on career:* Michael O. Mac a' tSaoir, Michéal Mac Niallghais.



*Most Memorable game played in:* Reserve Championship quarter-final v Ardara 1995.

*Biggest disappointment:* Losing U-21 final to Ardara, 1995.

*Young Player for the Future:* Gary Ó Cinnéide (Naomh Columba).

*Hopes for the future:* To win another Reserve Championship today and to stay free of injury.

*Changes to the game:* Look after our county players in a more generous way.

# Aodh Ruadh Reserve Pen Pics

**ANTHONY BOYLE:** Forward; Age, 17; Height, 6'; Weight, 11st.; Student; Honours: U-16 Championship; U-13 C'ship; U-12 C'ship.

**EUNAN DOYLE:** Forward; 34; 5'9"; 12st.; Hons.: 2 Senior C'ships; Senior League; Senior Shield; U-21 C'ship; Minor C'ship; U-16 C'ship; U-12 C'ship; All-Ireland Colleges – Electrician.

**COLEMAN KERR:** Forward; 34; 5'10"; 14st.; Fisheries; Hons: Captain Fanad Gaels to Junior C'ship '85; Reserve League.

**PADDY TRAVERS:** Forward; 18; 5'9"; 13st.; Student; McLarnon Cup; U-16 C'ship; U-13 C'ship; U-12 C'ship.

**JACK TRAVERS:** Forward; 17; 5'10"; 111/2st.; U-16 C'ship; U-13 C'ship; U-12 C'ship.

**RÉAMOIN MATTHEWS:** Forward; 5'10"; 121/2st.; Recently transferred from Curryduff to Aodh Ruadh.

**BRIAN MERRIFIELD:** Forward or back; 17; 6'; 12st.; U-16 C'ship; U-12 C'ship.

**JOHN MULDOON:** Forward; 24; 6'2"; 14st.; Shopkeeper; Hons.: Reserve League; U-21 C'ship; Minor C'ship; Ulster Minor Club; Herald Cup.

**KENNETH McGURRIN:** Forward. 21; 5'9"; 11st.; Student; Hons: Reserve League; U-16 C'ship; All-Ireland Community Games; McCarron Cup.

**BOBBY REYNOLDS:** Back; 21; 5'10"; 12st.; Student; Hons: U-16 C'ship; 2 Reserve League.

**DAVID HOEY:** Utility. 20; 5'10"; 12st.; McLarnon Cup; All-Ireland Community Games; U-16 C'ship; U-12 C'ship.

**BARRY GALLAGHER (Captain):** Back; 28; 6'1"; 13st.; Builder; Hons: Senior League C'ship; Reserve League; U-21 C'ship; Minor C'ship; U-16 C'ship.

**MARK BOYLE:** Half Back; 19; 5'10"; 111/2st.; Student; Hons.: U-16 C'ship; U-12 C'ship; McLarnon Cup.

**DAMIEN McGRATH:** Half Back; 18; 5'9"; 12st.; Student; Hons: Reserve League; U-16 C'ship; U-13 C'ship; U-12 C'ship.

**MICHAEL McGRATH:** Half Back; 18; 5'8"; 11st.; Student; Hons.: U-16 C'ship; U-13 C'ship; U-12 C'ship; Reserve League.

**GREG SWEENEY:** Goalkeeper; 20; 5'10"; 14st.; Milkman; Reserve League; U-16 C'ship; U-12 C'ship.

**CARL O'BRIEN:** Goalkeeper; 17; 6'; 12st.; Former U-16 player; U-16 C'ship; U-12 C'ship.

**GERARD FERGUSON:** Back; 20; 5'10"; 12st.; Student; Hons: 2 Reserve League; U-12 C'ship; U-16 C'ship; McLarnon Cup.

**BARRY TRAVERS:** Back; 21; 6'; 13st.; Student; Hons.: 2 Reserve League; U-16 C'ship; All Ireland Community Games; McLarnon Cup.

**KEVIN LAWLESS:** Back; 19; 5'9"; 12st.; Student; Hons.: Reserve League; U-16 C'ship; U-12 C'ship.

**SHANE McSHEA:** Half Forward; 18; 6'; 111/2; Student; U-16 C'ship; U-13 C'ship; U-12 C'ship; Reserve League.

**DARREN McGUINNESS:** Forward; 19; 6'; 111/2st.; Student. Hons: Reserve League; U-16 C'ship; U-15 Og Sport; McLarnon Cup; U-12 C'ship.

**JOHN GILLESPIE:** Forward; 21; 5'10; 12st; U-16 C'ship; Hons: U-16 C'ship; All-Ireland Community Games; Reserve League.

**JAMES GRIMES:** Forward; 23; 5'8"; 11st.; Hons: Reserve League; U-21 C'ship; Minor C'ship; Ulster Minor Club C'ship.

**SHANE WARD:** Forward; 18; 5'9"; 11st.; Hons.: Reserve League, U-16 C'ship; U-13 C'ship; U-12 C'ship.

**GARRETT BLAKE:** Forward; 18; 5'10"; 111/2st.; Hons.: Ulster Minor C'ship and League; Reserve League; U-16 C'ship; U-13 C'ship; U-12 C'ship; McLarnon Cup.

**MICHAEL LAWLESS:** Back; 17; 5'10"; 111/2; Student; Hons.: U-16 C'ship; All Divisional Medals; U-16 Co. Player '97.

**BRIAN McCAFFREY:** Half Back; 16; 5'10"; 11st.; Student; U-16 C'ship.

**ENDA McFADDEN:** 17; 5'10"; 11st.; Student; Hons.: U-16 C'ship; U-13 C'ship; U-12 C'ship.

**THOMAS McPHELM:** Back; 16; 5'9"; 11st.; Student; U-16 C'ship.

**DERMOT SLEVIN:** Midfield; 34; 5'11"; 131/2; Forestry; Hons.: Senior C'ship; Senior League; Ulster Minor League; Minor C'ship; U-21 C'ship; U-16 C'ships; U-12 C'ships.

**MICHAEL GURN:** Midfiel; 18; 6'2"; 13st.; Student; Hons.: McLarnon Cup; U-16 C'ship; U-12 C'ship.

**DAVID DOWNEY:** Midfield; 23; 6'2"; 13st; Teacher; Hons.: Reserve League; U-21 C'ship; Minor C'ship; Ulster Minor Club.

**DONAL HANNIGAN:** Corner Forward; 17; 6'2"; 131'2st.; U-16; U-13; U-12 C'ships.

# Player Profile

## Dermot Slevin

(Aodh Ruadh)

*Height:* 5'11".

*Weight:* 14 st.

*Occupation:* Forestry Worker

*Marital status:* Single

*Favourite Group:* REM, Ocean

*Colour Scheme.*

*Favourite Film:* Rain Man.

*Favourite Film Star:* Robert de Niro.

*Honours won:* Ulster Minor

League, Senior C'ship, U-21, Minor, U-16, U-12 c'ships.

*Former Co. minor:*

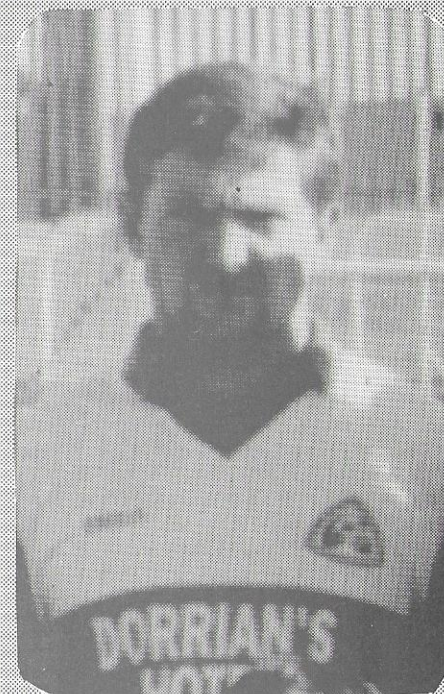
*Toughest Opponent:* They're all tough.

*Favourite Ground:* Fr. Tierney Park.

*Childhood Hero:* Paul McStay.

*Favourite other sports:* Boxing, soccer, rugby.

*Most Memorable game played in:* Ulster Minor League final 1982.



*Biggest influence on career:* My father and Jackie McDermott.

*Biggest disappointment:* Missing senior finals of '86 and '87.

*Changes to the game:* More consistent referees.

*Young Player for the Future:* Michael Gurn.

*Your own hopes for the future:* Ten-in-a-row and European Cup for Glasgow Celtic.

# Foireann Tacaíochta Naomh Columba

**CAOIMHÍN Ó DOCHARTAIGH:** Cúl baire; Aois, 28; Airde, 6'; Meáchan, 12st; Slí Beatha, Factory Worker; Honours: 1 Senior Championship; 2 Senior League; 2 Co. Gaeltacht (Senior and Reserve), U-21 C'ship.

**BRIAN MacFHIONNLAOIGH:** Half back; 19; 6'; 12st; Apprentice Builder; Hons.: 1 Co. Gaeltacht (Reserve); U-15 Co. Gaeltacht; 1 Reserve C'ship; Deartháir le Cathal.

**CIARÁN Ó CUINEA:** Full back; 25; 5'11"; 12st.; Fitter/Turner; Hons.: 2 Co. Gaeltacht (Senior and Reserve); 1 Reserve League; 1 U-16 C'ship; 1 Minor C'ship; 1 Reserve C'ship; deartháir le Terence.

**CAOIMHÍN Mac FHIONNGHAILE:** Centre back; 23; 5'10"; 11st.; Mechanic. Hons.: 1 Reserve League; 1 Co. Gaeltacht (Reserve); 1 Co. Gaeltacht (Senior); 1 Ted Webb Championship; 1 Vocational School C'ship; 1 Reserve C'ship; Captaen na foirne.

**CIARÁ Ó GADHRA:** Corner back; 24; 5'11"; 13st.; Fisherman; Hons.: 1 Reserve League; 1 Co. Gaeltacht (Reserve); U-12 Championship; 1 Reserve Championship.

**BRENDAN Ó DOCHARTAIGH:** Half back; 20; 5'9"; 12st.; Factory Worker; Hons.: 1 Co. Gaeltacht (Reserve); 1 Reserve League; 1 Reserve C'ship; Cousin of Caoimhín.

**CAOIMHÍN MacCUINNEAGÁIN:** Corner Back; 19; 5'10"; 11st.; Student; Hons.: 1 Co. Gaeltacht (Reserve); 1 U-15 Co. Gaeltacht; U-13 and U-14 Hurling and Football Championships; 1 Reserve C'ship.

**MÍCHÉAL Ó BEIRNE:** Half Back; 18; 6'; 11st.; Student; Hons.: 1 Co. Gaeltacht (Reserve); U-15 Co. Gaeltacht; 2 Vocational School C'ship; 2 Schoolboys C'ship; 1 Reserve C'ship.

**DAMIEN Mac GIOLLA EASBUIG:** Midfield; 30; 6'1"; 12st; Fisherman; Hons.: 1 Senior C'ship; 2 Senior League; 2 Co. Gaeltacht (Senior and Reserve); 1 Reserve League; U-14, U-16, U-18, U-21 C'ships; 1 Reserve C'ship; Former Co. player at underage level.

**CIARÁN Mac DAIBHID:** Midfield; 23; 6'1"; 14st.; Muinteoir Scoile; Hons.: 1 Co. Gaeltacht (Reserve); 1 Reserve League; 1 All Ireland Colleges Medal with St. Pats, Drumcondra; 1 Reserve C'ship.

**GABRIEL Ó NÉILL:** Midfield; 29; 5'9"; 11st.; Builder; Hons.: 1 Co. Gaeltacht (Reserve); 1 London C'ship; 1 Reserve C'ship.

**PÓI Ó DOMHNAILL:** Half forward; 27; 5'7"; 10st.; Barman; Hons.: 2 Senior League; 1 Reserve League; 2 Co. Gaeltacht (Senior and Reserve); 1 Reserve C'ship.

**MÁIRTÍN Mac GIOLLA EASBUIG:** Centre half forward; 29; 5'8"; 12st.; Factory Worker; Hons: 1 Senior C'ship; 3 Senior League; 2 Co. Gaeltacht (Senior and Reserve); 1 Reserve League; U-14, U-16, U-18, U-21 C'ships; 1 Reserve C'ship.

**DÓNAL Mac CUINNEAGÁIN:** Half Forward; 29; 5'9"; 11st.; Múinteoir Scoile; Hons.: 1 Senior League; 2 Co. Gaeltacht (Senior and Reserve); 1 Junior B C'ship; U-14, U-16- U-18, U-21 C'ships; 1 Reserve C'ship.

**MICHÉAL MacNIALLAIS:** Centre forward; 36; 5'10"; 11st.; Knitwear Factory Manager; Hons.: 1 Senior C'ship; 4 Senior League; 1 All Ireland Gaeltacht; 3 Co. Gaeltacht; 1 Reserve C'ship; Team Manager.

**DIARMUID Mac FHIONNLAOIGH:** Half forward; 21; 5'7"; 12st.; Factory Worker; Hons.: 1 Senior League; 1 Reserve League; 1 Co. Gaeltacht (Reserve); U-16 C'ship; 1 Reserve C'ship.

**PÓL Ó HARDAIGH:** Corner forward; 20; 5'7"; 10st.; Factory Worker; Hons.: 1 Reserve League; 1 Co. Gaeltacht (Reserve); 1 Schoolboys C'ship; 1 Reserve C'ship.

**STIOFÁN Ó CINNEIDE:** Full forward; 17; 5'7"; 10st.; Factory Worker; Hons.: Various underage club honours.

**MICHÉAL Mac GIOLLA EASBUIG:** Half back; 29; 5'8"; 12st.; Chartered Accountant and Project Manager. Hons.: 1 Senior C'ship; 1 Senior League; 2 Co. Gaeltacht (Senior and Reserve); 1 Reserve League; U-14, U-16, U-18, U-21 C'ships; 1 Reserve C'ship.

**DAMIEN MacGIOLLA CEARRA:** Corner foward; 19; 5'6"; 10st.; Fás Worker; Hons.: 1 Co. Gaeltacht (Reserve); 1 U-15 Co. Gaeltacht; 1 Reserve C'ship.

**TERENCE Ó CUINEA:** Corner back; 20; 6'1"; 11st.; Plumber; Hons.: 1 Reserve C'ship; Deartháir le Ciarán.

**BRENDAN Ó CANAINN:** Half forward; 17; 5'8"; 11st; Student; Hons.: 1 U-15 Co. Gaeltacht.

**EOIN Ó DOCHARTAIGH:** Corner back; 23; 5'7"; 10st.; Barman; Hons.: 1 U-16 Co. C'ship.

**CATHAL Mac FHIONNLAOIGH:** Half back; 17; 5'8"; 11st.; Student; Hons.: U-14 Vocational Schools; Title, deartháir le Brian.

**TERENCE BEIRNE:** Half forward; 17; 6'; 12st.; Student; Hons.: Various underage club honours.

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