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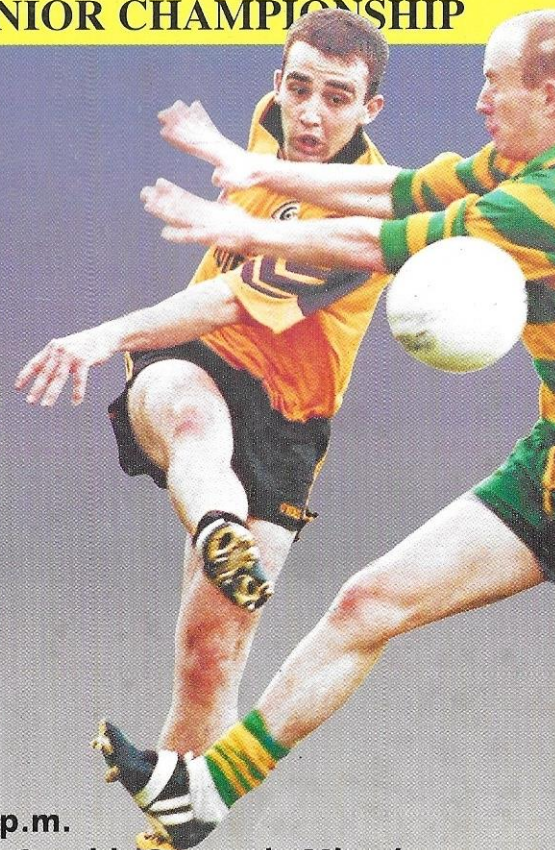
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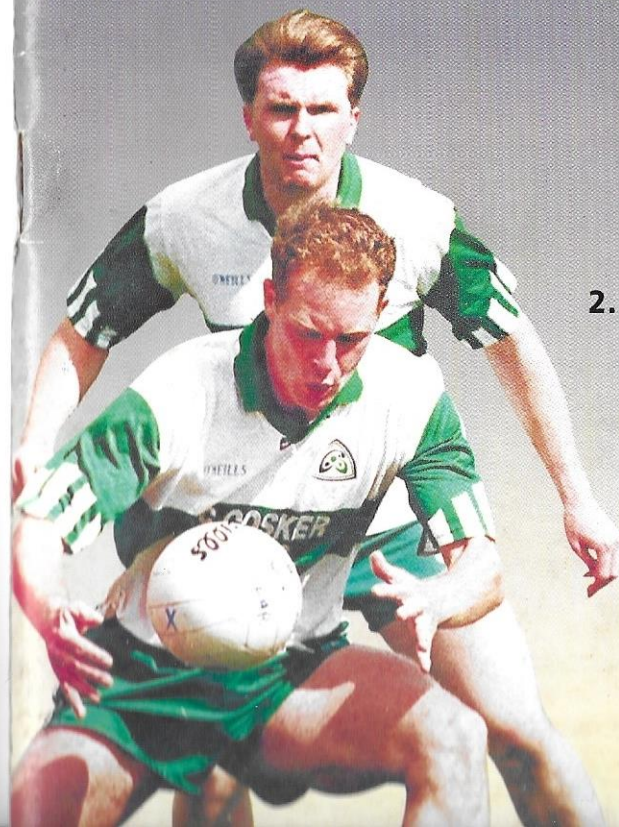
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Todays Abbey Hotel Senior Final brings together the two best club teams in the county in Aodh Ruadh and St. Eunans. Both sides have played some excellent football to date in their respective campaigns and are truly deserving of their places in todays decider, some of the best footballers in the county are on show today and I feel that the game could be a final to remember.

The County Minor Football final makes a welcome return to senior final day and also promises to be an exciting affair, with both clubs having taken some very impressive "scalps" on their way to todays match.

Over the years County Final day had been synonymous with the men from the Gaeltacht and it is refreshing to see them back on the big stage after some lean years at underage level. Trying hard to stay neutral on this one. The Ardara lads contest their 5th Minor Final of the decade looking for their third win in that time. The only thing I'm sure about in this game is that whoever carries the Domhnaill Mac a' Bhaird cup home will have done so after a hard fought battle.

One of the highlights of today's activities is the honouring of the "Men of '74" who captured only our second Ulster title in Clones that year. Indeed one of my first trips to Headquarters was to that memorable semi-final against the tribesmen, Donegal, just losing out narrowly on the day. Today affords us the occasion of honouring some of the greatest players ever to wear a Donegal jersey and I'm sure that they will get a great reception from the crowd. A sincere thanks to these players for the great memories they have given us and I hope they and their partners enjoy todays opportunity to reminisce of times gone by.

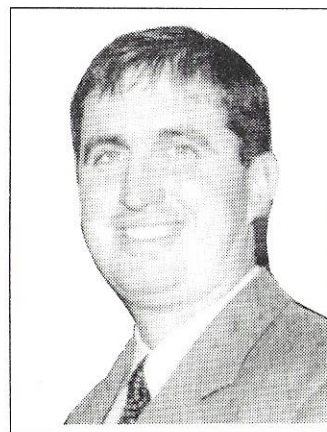
Tifeann ócaid an lae inniú mar-tabhachtach i saol C.L.C.G. an chondae, de bharr go bhfuil Telefís Na Gaeilge (Mar bhfearr aithne orthu) agus inar dtugtar TG4 orthu anois, ag teipean beo na cluichí seo. Tá onór omós agus uraim tuillte ag TG4 ar shoin an nochtadh agus an moladh a thug siad do Peilí Gaelacha, cultur agus air dteanga ducháis ag gach leibhéal.

Caithfidh mé comhghairdeacháis crofuil agus buiochás mhór a thabhairt d'on staisiun seo. Ba mhaith buiochas a thabhairt fosta do ghaelach an chondae ar shoin an cead a fuair muid na cluichi seo a iompar beo go ceithre choirnail na tíre.

I would like to take this occasion to sincerely thank our Senior Championship and Division One League sponsors. The Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town, for their support and very generous sponsorship of this years competition. Thanks to Jim White and Liam Clancy and all involved in the business for the financial support they have given to C.L.C.G. in the past year. They are continuing the tradition set by the former owners, Dom Breslin and family who were always great friends of C.L.C.G. in the county.

Finally to all who have helped in anyway in making this day possible, our stewards, the MacCumhaill club, match officials and our supporters, I hope you all enjoy your day and hopefully the last County Final of the millennium will leave us looking for more of the same in the years to come.

*Le meas,
Sean MacConaill, Cathaoirleach, Bord na Chondae.*





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TODAY'S REFEREES

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Jimmy White

Age: 39

Occupation: assistant manager of Burtonport Fishermen's Co-op, based in Burtonport.

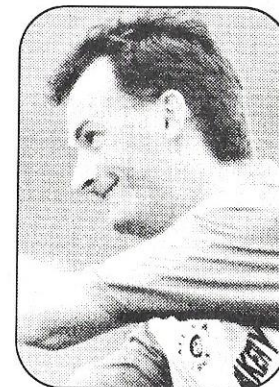
Married to Teresa, sister of Noel & Patrick Hegarty of Glen and County Fame. Jimmy and Teresa have three children, girls, Marie Dawn, age 9, Catherine 8 and Tara 6.

Jimmy enjoyed refereeing at underage level for many years. Indeed he refereed a senior league game between Kilcar and Gaoth

Dobhair in 1978 at the age of 18. His late father Tommy also served as a referee and but for his playing and managerial career, Jimmy would have been refereeing some 10 years ago at least.

He resumed his duties in 1997 after a playing career in which he won five senior championships and three senior league medals with his club Killybegs. This year Jimmy refereed two Ulster minor league games and was linesman for the Ulster Minor Championship tie between Derry and Cavan.

He took charge of the semi final between Aodh Ruadh and Gaoth Dobhair



and on Sunday next he will be taking charge of his first senior final. He loves refereeing and would encourage as many players as possible to blow the whistle when their playing days are numbered.

MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

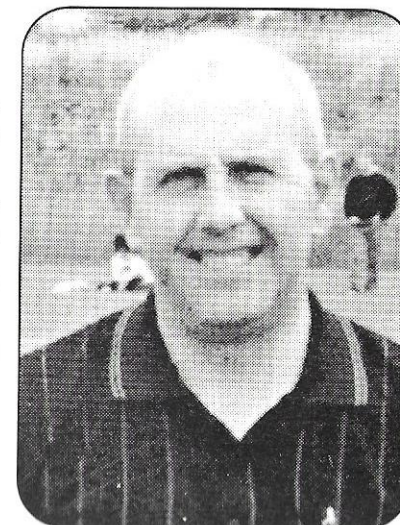
Connie O'Gara

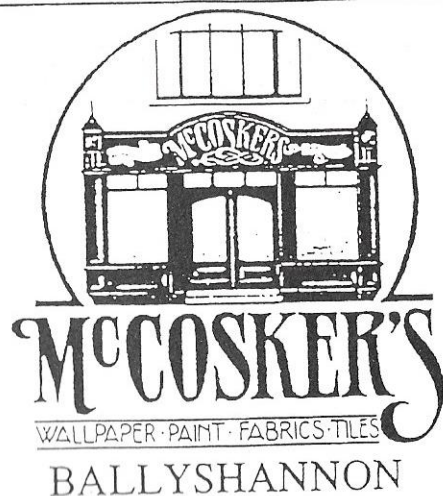
The Naomh Columba club man has been refereeing for four years and is presently chairman of the Referees' Board.

Sunday's Minor final will be his fourth major final, having refereed Junior B, the '97 Minor final and the U-21 final earlier this year.

Connie played for Naomh Columba up until 1990 and has Senior League and Gaeltacht medals as well as Minor and U-21.

Married to Brenda, they have two children Connie and Stacey.

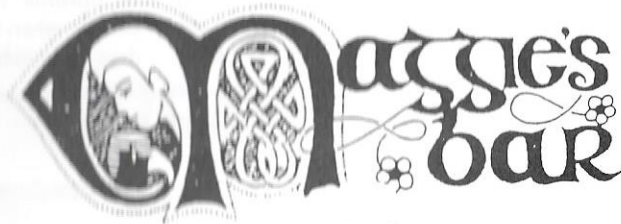




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Aodh Ruadh and St. Eunan's – County Final Facts

An tAth Seán Ó Gallchóir

* Aodh Ruadh, Ballyshannon, have won the Donegal Senior Football Championship 12 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 0-2.

1942–Aodh Ruadh 2-8, Glenties 1-4.

1943–Aodh Ruadh 1-9, Convoys 2-1.

1951–Aodh Ruadh 1-6, St. Eunan's 1-5.

1986–Aodh Ruadh 1-8, Red Hugh's 0-5.

1987–Aodh Ruadh 2-10, Kilcar 1-7.

1994–Aodh Ruadh 0-10, N. Columba 1-6.

1997–Aodh Ruadh 2-7, St. Eunan's 1-11

(won protest)

1998–Aodh Ruadh 1-11, N. Columba 0-11.

They have lost 5 finals (1940, 1945, 1956, 1957, 1989). They contest their 18th final today.

* St. Eunan's Letterkenny, have won the Donegal Senior Football Championship 7 times:

1948–St. Eunan's 1-7, Gaoth Dobhair 2-1.

1956–St. Eunan's 0-8, Ballyshannon 1-2.

1960–St. Eunan's 0-11, Gaoth Dobhair 0-3.

1967–St. Eunan's 1-13, St. Joseph's 1-9.

1969–St. Eunan's 0-10, St. Joseph's 1-4.

1972–St. Eunan's 2-12, Clanna Gael 1-8.

1983–St. Eunan's 0-8, Ardara 0-3.

St. Eunan's have reached the county final on eleven other occasions: 1944, 1946, 1947, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1955, 1958, 1974, 1997. The 1950 final was not played and the 1997 final was lost following a protest.

* Letterkenny Rovers won the 1927 County Championship and contested the 1926 and 1930 finals.

* St. Joseph's (Ballyshannon-Bundoran) were County Senior Football champions on 7 occasions - 1965, 1968, 1970, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976. It could be said, therefore, that the Dr. Maguire Cup has come to Ballyshannon on 19 occasions.

* Leading the Donegal Senior Football Championship Roll of Honour are:

12–Gaoth Dobhair and Ballyshannon.

7–St. Eunan's, St. Joseph's, Dungloe.

* St. Eunan's and Aodh Ruadh have met three times in County Senior Football Championship Final - 1951, 1956, 1997.

* Sylvester Maguire is the only player to have played in Ballyshannon's last five successful finals.

* It would seem that Jimmy White is the first referee since 1957 to referee a Donegal County Senior Football Championship Final having already won a Senior Championship medal. Peadar McGeehin refereed the 1957 final.

Other senior medal winners to referee the senior final include: John McDermott (Ballyshannon), Owenie McFadden (Gweedore), Tom Gallagher (Ardara).

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It's a chance to redress the saga of 1997-Houston

by Charlie McGinley, Derry People/Donegal News

There is a saying in football that if your not on a team in a major final the next best thing is to be in management. That's the position, St Eunan's boss, Michael Houston finds himself in again for the second time in three seasons and if his charges pull off a win today, Houston admitted this week it would be "a dream come true"

Two years ago the St Eunan's college schoolteacher watched his side defeat Aodh Ruadh (Ballyshannon) by just a single point to capture the Dr Maguire Cup. The Cathedral town men had been reduced to fourteen men early in the second half and endured an astonishing seven minutes of injury time to lift the title for the first time in fourteen years.

The players, management, and supporters revelled in the glory and the town celebrated for days. However the title was taken off St Eunan's in the boardroom after Ballyshannon successfully lodged an objection over the eligibility of Leslie McGettigan.

The saga has been well documented but is still a bitter pill to swallow. Houston believes Sunday's final offers his players the opportunity to redress the painful memories of the 1997 final.

"The final gives the players the chance to show how good they are. They are a great bunch of players and it is every manager's dream to lift a county title. I am quietly confident we can take them but the hunger has got to be there to do it. It's a goal we set ourselves at the start of the year and hopefully we can pull it off," Houston said.

The Glenfin was appointed manager of St Eunan's in 1994. He spent four studying to be a Physical Education Teacher in Thomond College in Limerick from 1974-78.

The highlight of his college days came in 1978 when Thomond participated and won the Limerick county club championship. They went on to win the Munster and All-Ireland titles in the 1977-78 season. Houston played at right full and right half back on the side which included players like Mike and Pat Spillane (Kerry), and Brian Talty (Galway).

He made his senior debut for Donegal in a National League match against Fermanagh in 1977 and played in the 1979 semi-final against Monaghan.

The call came back from Glenfin in 1984 and Houston won two Senior Shield medals and a Senior Gaeltacht medal. He rejoined St Eunan's in 1991, won a Junior Championship title in 1993 and acted as trainer to the senior squad before taking over the

mantle from Seamus Temple in 1994.

"It's a great occasion for the club and an opportunity for the players to achieve something special. There is a great spirit in the club and an appearance in the county final enhances all the work that has been going on within the club over recent years. It's a vindication of the work that has been happening in the past three to four years," he said.

Houston accepts his side got the championship off to a slow start but have made steady progress.

"We got off to a sluggish start in Glenties. That wasn't altogether that surprising because we hadn't got the lads together as a collective unit because of work commitments and others who were in Dublin. After a one point defeat in Glenties we got together and in the replay we were convincing winners. We played with much more fluency, cohesion and spirit in the second leg and that has carried since," he added.

"Against Ardara we had to work hard for the win but we came away in the second half and after a slow start to the semi-final against Four Masters we pulled away. The team has been well conditioned by our trainer, Sean Reilly who has made a very positive contribution to our success so far. He has applied a rigorous training structure and his training philosophy is very good," he said.

The St Eunan's manager believes Sunday's game will be won or lost at midfield.

"The midfield area will be crucial to the outcome of Sunday's game. If can break even in there and get the ball in directly to the forward line it could swing the game in our favour. Ballyshannon are the top team in the county and we will have to be at the absolute peak of our game to win" the team manager said.

Houston cast his eye over Ballyshannon in their semi-final win over Gweedotie and was impressed.

"They have some very good quality players such as Brian Roper and John Duffy and the midfield pairing is very strong. The defence don't give away many frees. It will take a good team to beat them. I feel we have the squad to challenge for this one and we will not be far away. it's down to how the players perform on the day," he said.

On a personal note the team manager said it would be a dream come true for him to lead to the side to victory.

"It's means everything to me to win this game. It would redress the saga of 1997. It's any manager's dream," he concluded.

Video Video Video

Extract 1982 GAA Year Book

by: Packie Keeney

It's the 1998 senior county final at MacCumhaill Park between Ballintra and Lifford (I don't know what happened all those other great teams like Ardara, Kilcar, Four Masters, etc). The television cameras are in the Ballintra dressing rooms (covering the event to be shown on local television that night). A giant video screen erected above the scoreboard is watched by the eager spectators to see when the teams will leave the dressing rooms to take the field. Cameras are posted around the pitch with the two main cameras in their perches on the front of the new sideline spectators stand. During the game Ballintra veteran full-back Matt Gallagher is having the better of exchanges with the Lifford attack. Lifford decide to move in another "old fashioned" veteran Johnny Thompson to curb the domineering Matt. Matt talks a lot to Johnny, but to the delight of the Lifford supporters, Johnny puts the ball in the Ballintra net!!! Then all eyes turn to the giant video screen to watch the action replay of the goal.

Fiction, you might say, but whatever about whoever contests that final, one thing is assured, it will be well and truly filmed by video much more sophisticated than we have to-day.

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Co. Final on Sunday

Comfortable passage to final for Eunan's

Looking back over St. Eunan's championship campaign to date, you could be forgiven for saying that of the two finalists, St. Eunan's had the most comfortable passage to the final.

Granted they never actually met any of the county's big guns along the way, but going right back to the first round, they were only seconds away from what would have been a disastrous early exit from the competition.

That of course was in the first round play off in Falcarragh against Naomh Chonaill, when John Haran proved the unlikely hero with a last gasp goal and a point to break the hearts of the Glenties men.

Given that he had been left out of the side for St. Eunan's first match against Naomh Chonaill, it was indeed ironic that Haran was to end up his team's saviour. Since then, Haran has been one of the highlights of this St. Eunan's team with inspirational performances in the centre of the field in the quarter and semi finals.

Ardara provided the



By: Diarmaid Doherty
Donegal People's Press

opposition for St. Eunan's in the Quarter Final. Given the fact that they had knocked out Dungloe in the first round, Ardara were certainly going to be no easy pushovers for Eunan's.

And that is indeed how events turned out in MacCumhaill Park in mid-August when the young Ardara side pushed their opponents right to the end.

St. Eunan's though were just that bit too strong and their greater experience and sheer strength in the

right areas of the park saw them run out winners by 1-16 to 1-12, with Charlie Mulgrew getting their goal early in the second half.

The semi final against Tom Conaghan's Four Masters was a strange affair to say the least. The sides went in level at 0-6 apiece at the break but St. Eunan's ran out comfortable winners after a blistering second half performance.

Kevin Winston and team captain, Brendan Kilcoyne got the goals as the Letterkenny side won by 2-16 to 0-7.

That victory left St. Eunan's back in the final against Aodh Ruadh - a club who '97 aside, have not tasted defeat in a County Senior final in over 50 years.

Victory today would mean so much to both clubs, their towns and their supporters. Defeat is simply unimaginable.

The teams are very evenly matched - probably more so than two years ago when St. Eunan's won by a point. Would it be any great surprise if we were to find ourselves back here again for a replay?

Best wishes to St. Eunan's from

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Aodh Ruadh 90 years old

On October 24th next, the Aodh Ruadh Club will be 90 years old, having been founded in 1909. The club was founded after a public meeting was inspired by a call from the local branch of the Gaelic League "to consider the advisability of having some Irish games started in the town.

The club was founded on Sunday, 24th and at the meeting the admission fee to the games was fixed at one shilling and a membership fee of one penny per week was levied.

The first hurling and football practices took place in the 'Workhouse Meadow', now known as Munday's Field at West Rock on Sunday, October 31st, 1909.

Capitalising on the local talent available and particularly on an established hurling tradition, the club since its inception has met with significant success in both hurling and football and has the following successes:

Senior Hurling Co. Champions: 1924, 1929, 1964, 1966 (Erne Valley), 1975, 1977.

Intermediate Hurling Co. Champions: 1996.

Junior Hurling Co. Champions: 1994.

U-12B Co. Hurling Champions: 1992

U-16B Hurling Champions: 1994, 1995.

U-12 Football Champions: 1973, 1974, 1976, 1990, 1991, 1997.

U-12B Football Champions: 1987.

U-13 Champions: 1993.

U-15 Ogsport: 1979, 1990, 1981, 1994.

Ulster Ogsport: 1994.

U-16 Champions: 1974, 1978, 1979, 1986, 1993, 1995, 1997.

U-17 League: 1989, 1990, 1991.

U-18 champions: 1935, 1936, 1937, 1961, 1963, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1988, 1990, 1992.

Minor League: 1980, 1982, 1986.

U-21 Champions: 1981, 1982, 1988, 1989, 1993.

Senior Reserve champions: 1990, 1998, 1999.

Senior Reserve League: 1994, 1996, 1998.

Senior Champions: 1929, 1932, 1937, 1939, 1942, 1943, 1951, 1986, 1987, 1994, 1997, 1998.

Senior League: 1930, 1941, 1944, 1945, 1947, 1955, 1997.

Div. 4 League: 1982.

Ladies Senior Football champions: 1995.

Intermediate Camogie: 1990, 1998.

U-14 Camogie: 1987.

U-16 Camogie: 1988, 1989.

The development of Fr. Tierney Park culminated in the opening in 1954, and in the eighties further progress was made with the erection of the first ever stand in the county. Other major development in recent years has been the purchasing of Munday's Field (where the club played its first games) and the building of modern dressing rooms and tunnel onto main pitch.

Recently a further development has taken place with the building of a press box and dressing rooms, which will be ready for use soon.

The club was also the first in the county to have a club shop from which all club gear, etc., can be purchased, along with other Gaelic games literature, flags, county jerseys, etc.

Over the years numerous players from the club have represented the county at all levels, while at administration level, the club also has a very high level of involvement.



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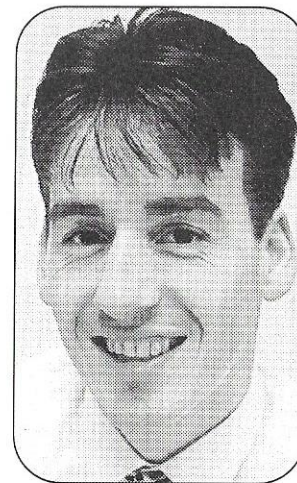
St. Eunan's GAA Club was formed in 1930 and in its first year of existence, the senior team reached the championship final which they lost to Dungloe, 3-2 to 2-3.

The first task the officers of the club set themselves upon its formation was the acquisition of a proper site for its activities. Little time was wasted in this regard and they purchased a field of just over seven acres at Sallaghane on the outskirts of Letterkenny for £300 and named it O'Donnell Park.

The official opening of the venue took place on May 2, 1937. The double header that day consisted of a hurling match between Donegal and Antrim and a football match between Donegal and Armagh.

St. Eunan's next appearance in a county final came in 1944. However, they were denied championship glory in 1944, and in their subsequent two final decider appearances in 1945 and 1946 by the famous Gweedore team.

Two years later, they eventually made the breakthrough and defeated the four in a row winning Gweedore side by



By Ciaran O'Donnell
Donegal Democrat

1-7 to 2-1 to capture their first senior crown. St. Eunan's qualified for the finals of 1949, 1950, 1951 and 1952, but they had to wait until 1956 to be crowned champions again after beating Ballyshannon 0-8 to 1-2. In 1960 they beat Gweedore 0-11 to 1-3 in 1960 to claim the title, overcame St. Joseph's 1-13 to 1-9 in the 1967 decider and two years later, outscored the same opposition 0-10 to 1-4.

2-12 to 1-8 was the winning margin over Clan na Gael (now Four Masters) in the senior final of 1972. In 1974, they met St.

Joseph's and again, the Cathedral Town got the upper hand, winning 1- to 1-4.

Nine years elapsed before Eunan's were back in the big time and in the low scoring final of 1983, they beat Ardara 0-8 to 0-3.

While the club's senior side failed to make an impression in its golden jubilee year of 1980, they did lift the junior championship title and thus secured the one accolade which had eluded them up until then.

1980 was also the year St. Eunan's were winners of the All-Ireland Club of the Year in their category.

In recent years, the club has made tremendous strides in relation to hurling, the senior ladies have earned a reputation as the best and most consistent group of players in Donegal, while the camogie team made a winning return to competition when winning the county title recently.

In its distinguished 69 year history, the club has also won the under-21 football title twice, the minor football championship eleven times and eleven under-16 football crowns.



Action from the 1997 Final.

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Player Profile

Damien Daly

(St. Eunan's)

Age: 23.

Height: 5'9".

Weight: 11 st.

Occupation: Student.

Marital Status: Single.

Favourite Group: Beautiful
South.

Favourite Film: Shawshank
Redemption.

Favourite Film Star: Mel
Gibson.

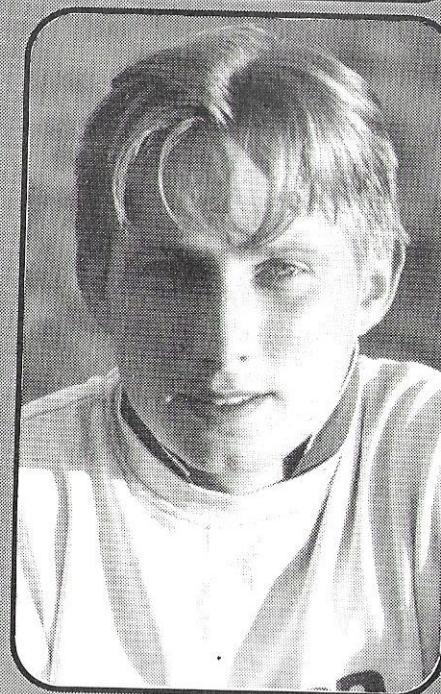
Toughest Opponent: Sean White
(Ardara).

Favourite Grounds:
MacCumhaill Park.

Childhood Hero: Eunan
MacIntyre.

Favourite other Sport: Soccer,
Darts.

Most Memorable Game: 1997
County Final.



Biggest Influence on Career:
Raymond Blake, Martin
Anderson and Brendan Roche.

Biggest Disappointments: Losing
1993 Ulster Minor Final.

Young Player of the Future:
Kieran 'Doc' Doherty.

Your own hopes for the Future:
To win many more County
Finals with St. Eunan's and to
find a nice Brunette.

AODH RUADH SENIOR TEAM

1. **G. Breathnach**
(Gary Walsh)
2. **B. O Baoill**
(Brendan Boyle)
3. **E. O Domhnaill**
(Eamonn O'Donnell)
4. **G. de Burca**
(Gavin Bourke)
5. **M. Mac Fhloinn**
(Martin McGlynn)
6. **P. Mac Craith**
(Patrick McGrath)
7. **N. Mac Creadaigh**
(Niall McCready)
8. **B. Mac a Bhaird**
(Barry Ward)
9. **S. Mac a Bhaird**
(Stephen Ward)
10. **S. O Dufaigh**
(John Duffy)
11. **D. O Conluain (c)**
(Damien Conlon)
12. **M. O Gurn**
(Michael Gurn)
13. **B. O Roipear**
(Brian Roper)
14. **D. O Bogaigh**
(Donal Buggy)
15. **G. de Blaca**
(Garrett Blake)

Fir Ionad: 16, K. O Rian (Kerry Ryan); 17, A. Mac Craith (Anthony McGrath); 18, P. O Roipear (Paul Roper); 19, V. O Muiri (Val Murray); 20, M. Mac a Bhaird (Michael Ward); 21, S. Mac Uidhir (Sylvester Maguire); 22, C. O Domhnaill (Charles O'Donnell); 23, P. O Lochlainn (Paul O'Loughlin); 24, S. O Maolduin (John Muldoon); 25, B. O Treabhair (Barry Travers); 26, P. O Raghallaigh (Philip O'Reilly); 27, D. Mac Giolla Eoin (Donagh Keon); 28, S. O Se (Shane McShea).

Aodh Ruadh	Cuil	Cúillíní	Seachtai	45m	Saor Ciceanna
1 adh Leath					
2adh Leath					
Iomlán					

ST. EUNAN'S SENIOR TEAM

1. **A. De Bláca**
Tony Blake
2. **M. Mac Gaotháin**
Maurice McGeehin
3. **B. Mac Diarmada**
Brian McDermott
4. **P. Mac Gaotháin**
Peter McGeehin
5. **S. Ó Scanlaín**
Jonathon Scanlon
6. **B. Mac Giolla Chaoín**
Brendan Kilcoyne
7. **A. Mac Laifeartaigh**
Adrian McClafferty
8. **M. Ó Crosaín**
Mark Crossan
9. **P. Ó Dubhda**
Paul O'Dowd
10. **T. Ó Gallachóir**
Terrance Gallagher
11. **S. Ó Harruín**
John Harren
12. **C. Ó Maolcraoibhe**
Charlie Mulgrew
13. **B. Ó Deabhannaigh**
Brendan Devenney
14. **C. Mac Uinstóin**
Kevin Winston
15. **D. Ó Daláigh**
Damien Daly

Subs.: 16., **P. Mac Griannach** (Peter Greaney); 17., **P. Ó Craimhsí** (Paul Crampsie); 18., **U. Mac Fhloinn** (Vincent McGlynn); 19. **B. Mac Gaotháin** (Brian McGeehan); 20., **S. Ó Suilleabháin** (Shane Sullivan); 21., **A. Ó Maolagáin** (Adrian Mulligan); 22., **R. Ó Maolagáin** (Ronan Mulligan); 23., **B. Ó Tionnaigh** (Barry Tinney); 24., **E. Ó Domhnaill** (Enda O' Donnell); 25., **S. Ó Raghallaigh** (Sean Rielly).

St. Eunan's	Cuil	Cúillíní	Seachtai	45m	Saor Ciceanna
1 adh Leath					
2adh Leath					
Iomlán					

AODH RUADH SENIORS

PLAYER PROFILES

GARY WALSH: Goalkeeper. Age 34. 6'1". 13 st. Accountant. 1 All Ireland S.F.C., 3 Donegal S.F.C., 2 Down S.F.C., U-21, U-18, U-16, U-12 F.C., Herald Cup, Senior Shield.

BRENDAN BOYLE: Defender. 21. 5'10". 11 st. Student. 2 Reserve League, U-16 F.C., All Ireland Community Games, Loch an Iuir, McLarnon Cup, 1 S.F.C.

EAMONN O DONNELL: Defender. 24. 6'2". 13st. Baker. Ulster U-21 F.C., Ulster Minor Club, 3 S.F.C., U-21, U-18 F.C., Senior League, Senior Shield.

GAVIN BOURKE: Defender. 27. 5'11". Air Corps Pilot. 3 S.F.C., 1 S.F.L., U-21, Minor F.C., Cumann na mBunscoil.

MARTIN MCGLYNN: Defender. 29. 5'10". 12 st. Accountant. 1 Hogan Cup, 3 S.F.C., 1 Senior League, Senior Shield, former Leitrim Co. Player.

PATRICK McGRATH: Defender. 22. 5'11". 12 st. Production Assistant, 1 S.F.C., Senior League, Ulster Minor Club, U-18, U-16 F.C., Loch an Iuir, played Co. U-21 '98.

NIAL McCREADY: Defender. 24. 5'8". 11 st., Electrician. 3 S.F.C., Senior League, Ulster U-21 F.C., Ulster Minor Club, Minor Championship. Current Co. Senior Player.

BARRY WARD: Midfield. 24. 6'1". 13 st., Student, Ulster U-21 F.C., Ted Webb Cup, 3 S.F.C., Senior League, Ulster Minor Club, U-18, U-21 F.C., Current Co. Senior Player.

STEPHEN WARD: Midfield. 21. 6'3". 14 st., Student, 2 S.F.C., Senior League, 2 Reserve League, McLarnon Cup, Loch an Iuir Cup, U-12, U-16 F.C., All Ireland Community Games.

JOHN DUFFY: Forward. 29. 6'. 12st. Quantity Surveyor. 4 S.F.C., Senior League, 2 U-21 F.C., Minor, U-16 F.C., Colleges All Star, current Co. Senior Player.

DAMIEN CONLON: (Captain) Forward. 29. 5'10". 12st. Teacher. 3 S.F.C., Senior League, 2 U-21 FC, Minor and U-16 championship.

MICHAEL GURN: Forward. 19. 6'2". 12st. Student. 1 Reserve Championship, 1 S.F.C., 2 Reserve Leagues, McLarnon Cup, U-16, U-12 c'ships, Ulster Colleges All Star.

BRIAN ROPER: Forward. 25. 5'8". 12st. Monumental Sculptor. 3 S.F.C., Senior League, Ulster U-21 and Minor championships, Ulster Minor Club, U-21 and U-18 Co. C'ships, Ulster Colleges All Star, current Co. Senior Player.

DONAL BUGGY: Forward. 25. 6'3". 13st. Leisure Centre Manager, 3 S.F.C., Senior League, U-21 and Minor Championships, Ulster minor and U-21 championships, Ulster Minor Club, Cumann na mBunscoil.

GARRET BLAKE: Forward. 19. 5'11". 12st. Student. Ulster Minor championship, Ulster Minor League, 1 S.F.C., 1 Reserve Championship, 2 Reserve League, U-16, U-13, U-12 c'ships, McLarnon Cup, Ulster Colleges All Star.

ANTHONY McGRATH: Defender. 25. 5'11". 12st. Student. 3 S.F.C., Senior League. Ulster U-21 and Minor c'ships, Ulster Minor Club, Minor C'ship.

SYLVESTER MAGUIRE: Player Manager. 35. 6'. 12st. Teacher. All Ireland S.F.C., Sigerson Cup, Ulster S.F.C., Ulster U-21 F.C., All Ireland U-21 F.C., 5 S.F.C., Senior League, 2 U-21, 3 Minor, 2 U-16, and U-12 Co. C'ship.

VAL MURRAY: Forward. 31. 6'. 12st. Barman. 5 S.F.C., Senior League, 3 U-21 F.C., 1 Minor League, Ulster Minor League, Ulster Minor Championship.

KERRY RYAN: Defender/Midfield. 23. 6'3". 13st7". Production Assistant, 2 S.F.C., Senior League, Reserve League, Intermediate and Junior Hurling Championship.

PAUL ROPER: Defender. 23. 5'10". 11st. Electrician. 3 Reserve League, 1 S.F.C., 3 U-21 F.C., U-21, Minor c'ships, Ulster Minor Club.

MICHAEL WARD: Forward. 22. 5'10". 12st7". Builder, 2 S.F.C., Senior League, 3 Reserve League, U-16 F.C., All Ireland Community Games, Loch an Iuir Cup.

JOHN MULDOON: Midfield. 24. 6". Shop Manager. 1 S.F.C., Senior League, 3 Reserve League, Minor Championship.

BARRY TRAVERS: Defender. 22. 6". Student. 1 Reserve Championship, 2 Reserve League, Minor championship.

SHANE McSHEA: Forward. 19. 6". Student. 1 Reserve Championship, 2 Reserve League, McLarnon Cup, U-16 and U-12 c'ship.

CHARLIE O DONNELL: Midfield. 27. 6"3"14st. Self Employed. 3 S.F.C., Senior League, 3 U-21 F.C., 2 Minor F.C., U-17 League

DONAGH KEON: Defender. 28. 6". 13st. Company Director. 3 S.F.C., Senior League, U-21 and Minor F.C.

PHILIP O REILLY: Defender. 19. 5'8". 11 st, Student, 1 S.F.C., 1 Reserve C'ship, 2 Reserve League.

ST EUNANS SENIORS

PLAYER PROFILES

Tony Blake: 27, Civil Engineer, 6'2"

14.5st Honours: 2 London and British Championships, 1 U21.

Peter McGeehin: 29, R and D Engineer, 5'11", 12st. 2 Senior Leagues.

Maurice McGeehin (Mossy): 25, Student, 6'2", 14st. Ulster U21, Senior reserve, & County C'ship (Limerick), 1 League.

Brian McDermott (Barney): 23, Woodwork Teacher, 5'9", 12st. 2 Minor, 1 U21, 1 U16 2 U14 C'ships

Jonathon Scanlon: 23, Hospital Administrator, 6', 13st. 2 Minor 1 U21 C'ships, League 97, County Panel '97/98.

Adrian McClafferty: 21, Student, 5'10", 13st U 16, 2 Minor, U 21, Ulster Minor C'ships, 1 League.

Paul Crampsie: 26, Postman, 6'3", 15st. U 12, U21 Junior C'ships

John Haran: 22, Student, 6'4", 14st. U 14, U 16, U 18 C'ship, Hogan Cup '94, Connacht Junior C'ship, Connacht Senior C'ship B.

Barry Tinney: 27, Store Manager, 5'9", 12.5st. County Minor & U21 Capt., U14, 2 U18, U21 C'ship, League.

Charlie Mulgrew: 38, Sales Manager, 5'11", 13.5st. All Ireland 92, County C'ship '83, U14, U16, 2 U18, U21, 3 Ulster C'ships, McKenna Cup.

Mark Crossan: 28, Bar Manager, 5'11", 12.5st. All-Ireland '92, 1 U21, 1 Ulster C'ship, League

Brendan Devenney: 23, Sales Rep., 5'11", 13.5st. 1 U 18, Junior C'ships, Div. 4 & Div 1 Leagues.

Damien Daly: 23, Student, 5'9", 11 st. 1 U14, 2 U18, 1 U21, C'ships, League

Paul O'Dowd: 22, Student, 6', 14st. 1 U16, 2 Minor, 1 U21 C'ships, League

Shane Sullivan: 22, Student, 6'3", 14st. 1 U21, 2 Minor, Sen. Reserve C'ships, Trench Cup.

Kevin Winston: 21, ESB Network Technician, 6', 13.5st. County Minor '94-'96, U14, U16, 3 U18, U21 C'ships, League.

Terrance Gallagher: 30, FAS Supervisor, 5'9", 11st. 3 London & British C'ships, 2 McLarnon Cup.

Brendan Kilcoyne: 28, Bank Official, 6'1", 13st. 2 County C'ships (Sligo) 4 League C'ships (4 Sligo).

Brian McGeehin: 31, Food Engineer, 5'10", 11st. League

Peter Greaney: 35, Computer Store Owner, 6' 2", 14st. Connacht C'ship '86 & '85, Minor '82, All Ireland Junior, League (Donegal 86)

Vincent McGlynn: 39, Lab Technician, 6'5", 14st. U 21 C'ship.

Sean Reilly: 31, Physical Therapist, 6'1", 13st. League, County Minor & U21.

Adrian Mulligan: 22, Student Garda, 5'10", 11st. County U16, 2U18, U21 C'ships

Ronan Mulligan: 21, Student Garda, 5'10", 13st. Ulster Minor, 2 County U18, 1 U21 C'ships.

Enda O'Donnell: 31. 6'1", 13 st. Physical Therapist. Legue, Co. Minor and U-21.

Aodh Ruadh to date

FIRST ROUND

Aodh Ruadh 2-7, Naomh Mhuire 0-8

Naomh Mhuire 1-9, Aodh Ruadh 1-9

Quarter-final - Aodh Ruadh 0-17, Killybegs 1-13

Semi-final - Aodh Ruadh 2-15, Gaoth Dobhair 0-9

SCORERS:

Garret Blake	1-15
Brian Roper	1-12
John Duffy	1-3
Damien Conlon	1-3
Donal Buggy	1-1
Barry Ward	0-3
Val Murray	0-3
Paul Roper	0-2
Niall McCready	0-2
Michael Gurn	0-1
Anthony McGrath	0-1
Brendan Boyle	0-1
Stephen Ward	0-1

Aodh Ruadh have scored 5-48 and conceded 2-39 in four games.



Aodh Ruadh's top scorer
Garrett Blake

St. Eunan's to date

FIRST ROUND

Naomh Chonaill 0-7, St. Eunans 0-6.

St. Eunans 3-7, Naomh Chonaill 1-3.

St. Eunans 2-10, Naomh Chonaill 1-10.

Quarter-final - St. Eunan's 1-16, Ardara 1-12.

Semi-final - Aodh Ruadh 2-16, Four Masters 0-7.

SCORERS:

Brendan Devenney	0-24
John Haran	2-5
Kevin Winston	3-2
Shane Sullivan	1-3
Brendan Kilcoyne	1-2
Brian McGeehin	0-5
Mark Crossan	0-4
Paul O'Dowd	0-3
Jonathan Scanlon	0-2
Damien Daly	0-2
Paul Crampsie	0-1
Brian McDermott	0-1
Charlie Mulgrew	0-1

St. Eunans have scored 8-55 and conceded 3-37 in five games.



St. Eunan's top scorer
Brendan Devenney

Player Profile

Packie McGrath

(Aodh Ruadh)

Date of birth: 2/3/77.

Height: 5'10½".

Weight: 12 st.

Occupation: Craftsman.

Marital Status: Single.

Favourite Song: "We are the champions". Brings back great memories of the celebrations last year.

Favourite Actor: David Jason.

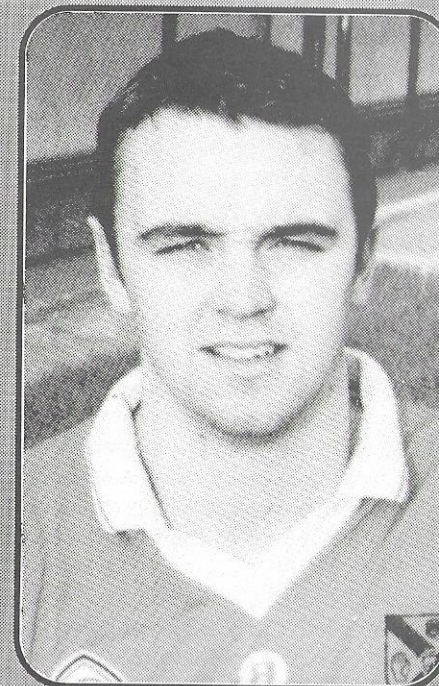
Toughest Opponent: Damien Diver.

Favourite Grounds:
MacCumhaill Park.

Childhood Hero: Martin Shovlin

Favourite other Sport: Horse
Racing (when I win).

Most Memorable Game: Last
years County Final against
Naomh Columba.



Biggest Influence on Career: My
father Pat.

Biggest Disappointment: Being
dropped for the '97 County
Final against St. Eunans.

Young Player of the Future:
Brian McCafferty (Aodh
Ruadh).

Your own hopes for the Future:
To play well and win on
Sunday and to make a break
through in the Ulster Club.

Top two have reached the final ... but what now?

By Charlie Collins, Highland Radio.

Since the draw for the 1999 Senior Football Championship made it obvious that reigning champions Aodh Ruadh and St. Eunan's could only meet if both reached the final, the general feeling throughout the county was that it was likely that both teams would come through to contest what will be hopefully a cracker of a game today.

It was a dangerous presumption to make that both would make it here today, especially when one considers that Aodh Ruadh had the likes of Glen, Killybegs and Kilcar in their half of the draw and despite being in what many considered the easier half of the draw, St. Eunan's had the pressure of perhaps feeling they had something to prove in 1999, always a difficult burden to carry into a championship campaign.

Their quarter-final win over Killybegs was impressive but Aodh Ruadh will have learned little from their semi-final victory over a Gweedore side which appeared somewhat overawed by the occasion.

Likewise St. Eunan's showed form in the quarter-final victory over Ardara which had clearly deserted them in earlier games, and while their second half display against Four Masters was impressive they hardly looked comfortable in the opening half of that game.

I would always say that forwards win games, I know that appears to be stating the obvious but reflecting on today's game it throws up what for me anyway is a fascinating situation.

Aodh Ruadh have potentially the best

forward division in club football in the county while St. Eunan's best unit over the last couple of years has been their defence. It would be too simplistic to say that whichever of these units have the better day then their team should win, but it is a fact that could have a huge influence on the outcome. Here's another that could make a difference! Aodh Ruadh are almost certain to give Niall McCready the job of containing Brendan Devenney. If the Ballyshannon man were to come out tops in this most interesting of duels and his forward line were again to produce the goods then surely there can only be one winner in those circumstances. If, however, Devenney proved to be the master in his head to head with McCready and St. Eunan's defence were to produce their best the pendulum would certainly swing the other way.

Today's final contains all the ingredients for a super game. There is little between these two fine teams and apart from their football skills other things like nerves, commitment and determination will also be factors on that pitch today.

For some reason, and I am not at all sure why, my head has been telling me that Aodh Ruadh should be favourites and can overcome the pressure to win another title. However, as a Letterkenny man, first and last, it is no surprise that whatever the head is saying the heart believes that this St. Eunan's team will win today, and again it is hard to say exactly why, except perhaps that despite what some might say it does no harm at all to sometimes let the heart rule the head. We shall see!

Ócáid Iontach

le: Séamus de Faoite

(Oifigeach na Gaeilge)

Táimid ag scaoileadh anuas an bhrat ar imeachtaí craoibhe laistigh den chontae le cluichí ceannais an lae inniu. Ar dhóigeanna bliain shuntasach a bhí inti agus is fiú a rá go dtaispeánann sé an caighdeán ard a bhí inár gcluichí ag gach leibhéal. Rinne an chuid is mó dena clubanna iarrach a bhí i ndáiríre agus tá comhghairdeas tuillte acu dá bharr.

Tá cluichí craoibhe na sinsear agus na mionúir ar mhór-thaispeántas na bliana agus tá mé cinnte go n-aontóidh a lán daoine liom go bhfuil an dá fhoireann is fearr sa chontae i gcoimhlint le chéile i gcluichí craobh ceannais an lae inniu agus rún daingean acu corn an Dr. Mhic Uidhir a thabhairt leo abhaile. Rug an dá fhoireann na sala leo i mbabhtaí tosaigh an chomórtas agus ní féidir le aon duine dabht a bheith acu faoi chrógacht agus faoi chalmacht Naomh Adhamhnáin, Leitir Ceanainn agus Aodh Ruadh, Bhéal Átha Seanaidh. Sháraidh Naomh Adhamhnáin ar fhoireann na gCeithre Maistí agus choinnigh Aodh Ruadh smacht ar fhoireann Ghaoth Dobhair le linn an dá chluiche leath-cheannais. Cibé scéal é, féadfaidh sibh a bheith cinnte de run amháin – beidh coimhlint ghéar ghasa agus scileanna peile den scoth idir dhá fhoireann atá ar chochéim san chluiche peile inniu.

Is mór-thaispeántas i gconaf cluiche craobh ceannais na contae, mar bíonn ardchaighdeán fiúntach peile ann i gcónaí. Is ábhair griosaithe den dhá fhoireann gur seo an cluiche deireannach craoibhe den mhíleaois seo. Is onóir agus is pribhléid a bheith ábalta a rá go raibh an bhua ag d'fhoireann agus dhéanfar gach iarracht an sprioc seo a bhaint amach. Guímid gach rath agus ádh ar an dá fhoireann. Tá súil agam go mbeidh an bhua ag an fhoireann is fearr agus ag Cumann Lúthchleas Gael i ndeireadh na dála.

Ní thig linn dearmaid a dhéanamh dena

mionúir ach in oiread. Ba cheart den choimhlint seo a bheith géar agus táimid ag súil le cluiche ar dóigh idir Ard a'Rátha agus Gaoth Dobhair.

Seo na chéad cluichí croibhe atáthar a imirt ar pháirc nua agus athchoirithe Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill. Cuireadh a lán pleanáil, iarracht agus airgead isteach sa tógra seo agus tá buíochas mór tuille ag an Oifigeach Forbartha, Mícheál MacCraith. Thig linn a bheith mórtasach agus brodúil as páirc imeartha den scoth.

Tá áthas orm a rá go n-aithníonn Bord na Contae géaga eile denár gcultúir fosta. Cuireann muid fáilte mhór roimh TG4 (Teilifís na Gaeilge) atá ag craoladh an cluiche ceannais sinsear beo agus a chraolfaidh an cluiche ceannais mionúir míos moille san tseachtain. Is é seo a gcéad chuir ar Pháirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill agus tá súil agam nach seo a gcúairt dheireannach. Thug na meáin chumarsáide seirbhís ar dóig dúinn le blianta fada anois. Chuidigh an fuaim agus an focal le focal le toradh ár gcluichí. Bhí Raidió na Gaeltachta, Raidió Highland agus Raidió N.W. i gconaf ar thús cadhnaíochta chomh maith lenár bpaipéir áitiúla. Tugann muid buíochas dóibh uilig ar son a dtacaíocht agus a gcuidiú.

Ar eagla go ndéanfainn dearmad, táimid ag tabhairt onóir inniu d'fhoireann eachtach na bliana 1974, a bhain clú agus cáil amach dóibh féin. Ní dhéanfaidh muid dearmad ar a n-iarrachtaí mar churaídh Uladh. Thuill siad níos mó nó corn an Anglo-Celt. Is trua nach corn "Sam" a fuairadar.

Mar fhocal scoir, is fuarast dearmad a dhéanamh in amanna dár reiteoirí. Gan iad cá mbeadh ár gcuid cluichí. Ár mhuíochas do Shéamus de Faoite agus Conall Ó Gadhra. Beidh bhur ndéanadh maith go leor inniu.

Down mastered at second attempt

By Peter Campbell (Donegal Democrat)

1974 saw the coming of age for Donegal football with another milestone, after mastering Ulster kingpins Down at the third attempt in an Ulster final.

That should probably read, the fourth attempt, as the 1974 decider went to a replay. Donegal had lost Ulster finals in 1963 and 1966, but at last they got the better of the Mourne men after two very close encounters.

There are many memories of the two games, and then of failing to the Johnny Tobin-inspired Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final, after losing Seamus Bonner through injury in the first half.

However, Donegal needed a late pointed free from Neilly Gallagher to get a second chance at the Ulster cherry. In the second game they were staring defeat in the face, trailing by nine points, but staged a remarkable recover, thanks in no small way to expertly taken Seamus Bonner penalties, and a match-winning late goal from Kieran Keeney.

FIRST GAME

In the first game, which ended Donegal 1-14, Down 2-11, had a dramatic opening with a goal at either end, Hughie McClafferty for Donegal and Cecil Ward for Down. At half-time, Down held a narrow advantage, 1-7 to 1-5.

Donegal switched Martin Carney to centre-half back with Anthony Gallagher going to midfield, but they were hit with a second Down goal by Peter Rooney to trail by 2-7 to 1-6. Donegal brought in Paul McGettigan and Michael Carr and slowly whittled away the Down lead to one point with four minutes left.

Peter Rooney increased the lead but Michael Carr pointed a free before Neilly Gallagher's equalising score.

REPLAY

Donegal snatched victory in the replay by 3-

9 to 1-12. They trailed by a point, 0-6 to 0-5, at the break, but the second half started with a whirlwind of Down attacks to open up a 0-10 to 0-5 gap after only four minutes. A goal from Sean O'Neill opened the gap further to 1-12 to 0-6 and Donegal looked dead and buried.

However, substitute Gerald McElwee was only minutes on the field when he won a penalty for Seamus Bonner to goal. A Neilly Gallagher free was followed by a second penalty, this time Bonner being hauled down. Again Bonner made no mistake to reduce the margin to two points.

Paul McGettigan pulled another point back and then Seamie Granaghan equalised. With two minutes remaining a Finian Ward free arrived in the square via Joe Winston and sub. Kieran Keeney fisted the winning score to the net.

Noel McCole had replaced the injured Alan Kane in goals for the replay and one of the features of the game was a remarkable save from Sean O'Neill in the first half.

The Donegal team which played in the replay was: Noel McCole; Donal Monaghan, Pauric McShea (capt.), Andy Curran; Brian McEniff, Anthony Gallagher, Finian Ward; Michael Lafferty, Martin Carney; Seamie Granaghan, Hugh McClafferty, Neilly Gallagher; Joe Winston, Seamus Bonner, Michael Carr. Subs., Paul McGettigan for Lafferty; Gerald McElwee for McClafferty, Kieran Keeney for Carr.

Rest of panel: Alan Kane, P. J. McGowan, Damien Judge, John Boyce, Martin Griffin, John Quinn, Danny Gillespie.

Down: Joe O'Hare; Brendan Sloan, Dan McCartan, Brian Hamill; Cathal Digney, Mark Turley, Martin Slevin; Donal Gordon, Peter Rooney (c); Cecil Ward, Mickey Cunningham, Colm McAlarney; Peeter McGrath, Sean O'Neill, Willie Walsh. Subs., Bill Gardiner for Walsh; Eugene Grant for McGrath; Clem Stewart for McAlarney.

Referee: Patsy Devlin (Tyrone).



Our picture shows the team before the start of the All-Ireland semi-final. Back row, l. to r., K. McCreedy, Anthony Gallagher, Donal Monaghan, Noel McCole, Seamus Bonner, Paul McGettigan, Hughie McClafferty and Finian Ward. Front, l. to r., Martin Carney, Andy Curran, Neilly Gallagher, Seamie Granaghan, Pauric McShea (capt.), Brian McEniff, Michael Lafferty and Joe Winston.

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Ádh Mór ar Ghasúraí Ghaoth Dobhair

MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

A refreshing pairing

Like the senior final, the two best minor teams in the county have made it all the way to this year's Minor Championship Final

Gweedore, who captured the last of their seven minor titles back in 1987, are appearing in their first minor showpiece in twelve years.

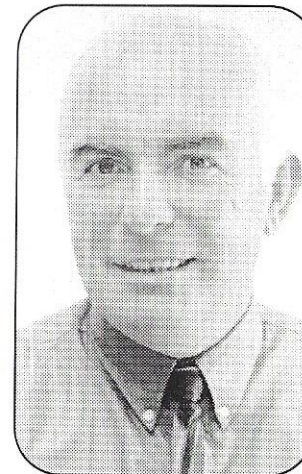
And while Ardara are bidding for their third minor crown of the '90's and ninth in all, there is still a refreshing look about today's pairing.

This afternoon's opponents who share twenty eight minor final appearances equally between them, are meeting only for the third time on minor county final day.

Gweedore won the first clash in 1958 by a single point 2-5 to 2-4, Ardara avenged that defeat seven years later with a 1-9 to 0-7 victory. Ardara emerged victorious once again in the low scoring 1983 minor decider - the men from the South West coming out on top, 1-3 to 0-2.

Both teams have been most impressive on route to this afternoon's final. In their opening round Gweedore dispensed with Cloughaneely over two games with considerable ease.

It was not just as easy for Packy McGinley's men in the quarter final clash with St



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Michael's. A late goal sealing the 1-15 to 1-11 victory for the Gaeltacht men. In the semi final the well oiled Gweedore machine hit Aodh Ruadh for 2-7, conceding a mere four points for a most impressive victory.

Ardara's route on the otherhand has proved a little more hazardous, though it could be argued that they have come through the much tougher side of the draw.

It took three games to separate them and their great rivals Naomh Columba although highly fancied Four Master's proved no match for James McHugh's side in the quarter final.

Their semi final encounter

with Glenfin proved Ardara's stiffest test. In a thrilling contest, it took a replay plus extra time to see them through to today's showdown.

Both of today's teams have their share of county minors and U16' players. Gweedore have four of Anthony Molloy's minor squad - Sean Sweeney in goals, Joseph Duffy in defence Kevin Cassidy and Paul Rua McBride in attack.

Also in the forward line is Patrick McGarvey a young man who has carved out quite a reputation for himself in senior championship football already this season.

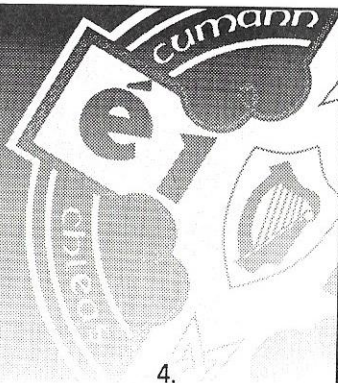
Irish compromise rules international Brendan Boyle, along with county minor defender Aidan McHugh are the more experienced members of the Ardara side.

McHugh has been hampered by injury in this campaign and has been reduced to a substitute role in most games to date.

Derek Boyle younger brother of Brendan, Stephen McHugh, Johnny Herron and John McGill are all part of Martin McHugh's county U16 squad.

Given both club's proud tradition combined with the talent on display in this tie has all the ingredients to be a really super Minor Final.

ARD A RATHA MINOR TEAM



1. **B. Mac a Ghoill**
Brian McGill
2. **S. O Cinneide**
John Kennedy
3. **D. O Cuinneagain**
Daniel Cunningham
4. **P. O Gallchoir**
Patrick Gallagher
5. **A. Mac Aoidh**
Aidan McHugh
6. **S. O hEairin**
Johnny Herron
7. **K. O Dochartaigh**
Kenneth Doherty
8. **B. O Baoill**
Brendan Boyle
9. **M. De Faoite**
Matthew White
10. **S. Mac Uaiteir**
Stephen Watters
11. **S. Mac Aoidh**
Stephen McHugh
12. **L. Mac Uaiteir**
Lee Watters
13. **P. de Creag**
Frank Craig
14. **D. O Baoill**
Derek Boyle
15. **S. Mac a Ghoill**
Johnny McGill

Subs.: 16., **D. O Briain** (Dessie O'Brien); 17., **D. O Briain** (Daniel O'Brien); 18., **C. O Domhnaill** (Cian O'Donnell); 19., **D. Mac Duibhir** (David McDyre); 20., **T. O Fiannai** (Tommy Feeney); 21., **S. Mac Nicholl** (Stephen Nicholson); 22., **M. O hEairin** (Marty Herron).

Ard a Ratha	Cuil	Cúillíní	Seachtai	45m	Saor Ciceanna
1 adh Leath					
2adh Leath					
Iomlán					

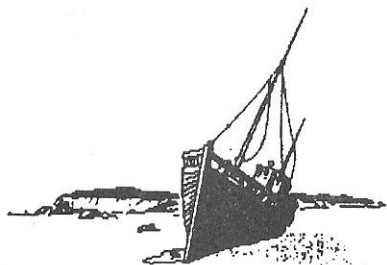
GAOTH DOBHAIR MINOR TEAM



1. **S. Mac Suibhne**
(Seán Sweeney)
2. **J. Ó Fearraigh**
(Jonathan Ferry)
3. **C. Ó Maoldomhnaigh**
(Cathal Maloney)
4. **P. Ó Fearraigh**
(Paul Ferry)
5. **P. Mac Suibhne**
(Paul Sweeney)
6. **B. Mac Eamharcaigh**
(Brendan McCafferty)
7. **D. Ó Dochartaigh**
(Daniel Doherty)
8. **C. Ó Cassaide**
(Kevin Cassidy)
9. **S. Ó Dubhaigh**
(Joseph Duffy)
10. **S. Mac Suibhne**
(Josephy Sweeney)
11. **P. Mac Gairbheith**
(Patrick McGarvey)
12. **T. Ó Duibhir**
(Thomas Diver)
13. **E. Mac Giolla Bhríde**
(Owenie McBride)
14. **P. R. Mac Giolla Bhríde**
(Paul "Rua" McBride)
15. **C. Ó Dugáin**
(Charles Doogan)

Ionadaithe: 16. S. Ó Dochartaigh (Seimí Doherty); 17. C. Mac Giolla Bhríde (Ciarán McBride); 18. G. Ó Cailín (Gavin Campbell); 19. É. Mac Aoidh (Éamonn McGee); 20. S. Mac Pháidín (Josephy McFadden); 21. C. Ó Fearraigh (Ciarán Ferry); 22. Dónal Mac Giolla Bhríde (Dónal McBride); 23. C. Ó Fríl (Christopher Friel); 24. S. Ó Cailín (Sean Campbell)

Gaoth Dobhair	Cuil	Cúillíní	Seachtai	45m	Saor Ciceanna
1 adh Leath					
2adh Leath					
Iomlán					



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ARD A RATHA MINORS

PLAYER PROFILES

Stephen McHugh: Age, 16; Position, Forward; Occupation, Student; Honours, 1999 Ted Webb Championship; S. West Og Sport C'ship; Co. U-14 Vocational School C'ship; Member of this year's S. West U-16 Super League winning team.

Matthew Whyte: 18; Forward; Student; Honours: Co. U-16 Champions in 1996; Co. Minor Championship in 1997; Co. U-16 Vocational Championship; Cumann na mBunscoil Championship.

Frank Craig: 18; Forward; Student; Honours: Co. U-16 C'ship in 1996; Co. Minor C'ship in 1997; Co. U-16 Vocational School C'ship.

Derek Boyle: 16 years; Forward; Student; Honours: 1999 Ted Webb C'ship; Captain of this year's S. West U-16 Super League winning team; Brother of midfielder Brendan Boyle; Cumann na mBunscoil C'ship; S. West Og Sport C'ship.

Daniel O'Brien: 18; Back; Student; Honours: Cumann na mBunscoil C'ship; Co. Vocational Co. U-16 C'ship.

Johnny McGill: 15; Forward; Student; Honours: Member of Co. U-15 Development Squad; S. West Og Sport C'ship; Member of this year's S. West Super League U-16 team.

John Kennedy: 18; Back; Student; Honours: Co. U-16 in 1997; Co. U-16 C'ship in 1996; Co. Minor C'ship in 1997.

Cian O'Donnell: 16; Back; Student; Honours: S. West Og Sport C'ship; Cumann Na mBunscoil C'ship; Co. Vocational School U-14 C'ship; Member of S. West U-16 Super League winning team.

Dessie O'Brien: 16; Back; Student; Honours: S. West Og Sport C'ship; Co. Vocational School U-14 C'ship; Member of S. West U-16 winning Super League team 1999.

Brendan Boyle: 17; Back; Student; Honours: Represented Ireland in the Compromise Rules in Australia this year. Donegal Co. Minor player; Co. U-16 C'ship in 1996; Co. Minor C'ship in 1997; Co. Vocational School U-16 C'ship; Cumann na mBunscoil C'ship.

Stephen Watters: 18; Forward; Student; Honours: Co. U-16 C'ship in 1996; Co. Minor C'ship in 1997; Co. Vocational School C'ship.

Lee Watters: 17; Forward/Midfield; Student; Honours: Co. U-16 Vocational School C'ship; Cumann na mBunscoil C'ship.

Brian McGill: 17; Goalkeeper; Apprentice Builder; Honours: Ted Webb runners-up medal in 1998; Co. U-16 C'ship in 1996; Co. Minor C'ship in 1997.

Patrick Gallagher: 15; Corner back/half back; Student; Honours: Cumann na mBunscoil C'ship; Member of Divisional U-16 Superleague team this year; S. West Divisional Og Sport C'ship.

Daniel Cunningham: 18; Half Back; Student; Honours: Co. U-16 C'ship in 1996; Co. Minor C'ship in 1997.

Kenneth Doherty: 16; Half Back; Student; Honours: Cumann na mBunscoil C'ship; S. West Divisional Og Sport C'ship.

Aidan McHugh: 18; Back; Factory Worker; Honours: Played for Donegal in this year's Minor C'ship; Co. U-16 C'ship in 1996; Co. Minor C'ship in 1997; Co. Vocational U-16 C'ship.

Johnny Herron: 16; Back; Student; Honours: 1999 Ted Webb C'ship; Co. Vocational U-14 C'ship; S. West Divisional Og Sport C'ship; Member of the S. West U-16 Super League winning team 1999.

Marty Herron: 18; Forward; Student; Honours: Co. U-16 C'ship 1996; Co. Minor C'ship 1997; Co. U-16 Vocational School C'ship.

David McDyre: 18; Back; Student; Honours: Co. U-16 C'ship 1996; Cumann na mBunscoil C'ship.

Tommy Feeney: 15; Forward; Student; Honours: S. West Og Sport C'ship; Cumann na mBunscoil C'ship.

Stephen Nicolson: 16; Back; Student; Honours: S. West Og Sport C'ship; Cumann na mBunscoil C'ship.

Player Profile

Brendan Boyle

(Ard An Ratha)

Date of Birth: 12th Feb., 1982.

Height: 6'2".

Weight: 13 st.

Occupation: Student.

Fav. Group: Robbie Williams and Stereophonics.

Favourite Position: Centre Half Back.

Honours Won: U-16

Championship 1996. Minor C'ship 1997. Bunscoil and U-15 Voc. School C'ship.

Played for Ireland against Australia in the Compromise Rules Series in Australia. Played for Donegal in this years Ulster Minor C'ship.

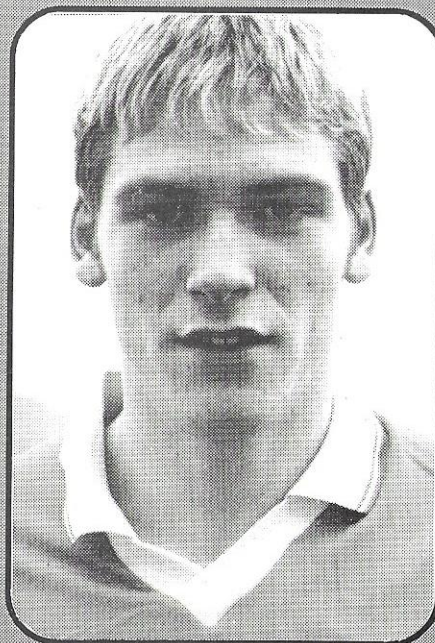
Toughest Opponent: Brendan Coulter, Down.

Favourite Grounds: Pearse Memorial, Park, Ardara.

Childhood Hero: Anthony Molloy and Jack O'Shea.

Favourite other Sport: Pool and Pitch and Putt.

Most Memorable Game: Minor Final in 1997 against St. Eumans.



Biggest Disappointments: Ulster final defeat in 1999 and defeated by the Australians in the Compromise Series in Australia.

Person you would most like to meet: Roy Keane.

Biggest Influence: on your career so far: My father and James McHugh (Ardara).

Favourite Player: Trevor Giles, Meath and Brendan Devenney.

Hopes for the Future: To win as many championships as possible. Stay injury free and play for Donegal.

GAOTH DOBHAIR MINORS

PLAYER PROFILES

Brendán Mac Eachmharaigh: Dáta Breithe: 26/8/1981. Airde: 6' 0". Meáchan: 12 cloch. Onóracha. Faoi 14 Glasgow Cup Winners. Faoi 15 Gaeltacht Winners. Faoi 18 B School Winners.

Pádraig Mac Gairbhí: 15/06/1981. 5' 11". 12 cloch. Faoi 14 Glasgow Cup Winners. Faoi 15 Gaeltacht Winners. Faoi 18 B School Winners (1998). Faoi 18 A Schools County Winner (1999). Senior championship player for Gweedore (1999).

Tomás Ó Duibhir: 15. 6' 0". 12 cloch. Faoi 16 Craobh Scoile Dhún na nGall (1999). Faoi 19 Craobh Scoile Dhún na nGall (1999). Faoi 16 Buaiteoirí Ted Webb Chontae Dhún na nGall (1999).

Ciarán Ó Fearraigh: 10/07/1983. 6'. 11 cloch. Faoi 12 National School League Winners (1993, 1994). Faoi 14 Club Football A North West r-up (1995). Faoi 16 (1997). Faoi 18 (1998). Faoi 14 Club Hurling B County Winners (1996, 1997). Faoi 15 School Level A runners-up (1998). Faoi 16 School Level A (1999). Faoi 18 School Level A (1999).

Seosamh Mac Suibhne: 27/04/1981. 6' 1". 12 cloch. Faoi 12 Hurling. Faoi 14 Glasgow Éire Cup. Faoi 15 Gaeltacht. Faoi 18 Schools B (1998). Faoi 18 Schools A (1999).

Seán Ó Cailín: 18. 5' 10". 10.8 cloch. Faoi 15 Comórtas Peil na Gaeltachta (1996). Faoi 12 B C.L.C.G. Senior Schools (1993). Faoi 18 B C.L.C.G. Senior Schools (1998, 1999). Faoi 18 A (1999). Faoi 12 Hurling Championship (1993). Faoi 14 Glasgow Éire Cup (1993, 1994).

Seosamh Mac Pháidín: 8/05/1984. 5' 7". 10 gloch. Faoi 14 Schools Gaelic County Champions. Faoi 15 School of Excellence

Séimí Ó Dochartaigh: Aois: 17. 5' 8". 10.10 cloch. Faoi 12 Runners-up C.L.C.G. (1993). Faoi 15 Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta (1996). Faoi 16 B Senior Schools Championship (1999). Faoi 18 Senior Schools Championship (1999). Faoi 12 B Hurling Championship (1993). Faoi 14 B Hurling Championship (1995). Faoi 18 A Hurling Championship Runners-up (1999).

Éamonn Mac Aoidh: 15. 5' 10". 9 cloch. Faoi 12 Bunscoil North West Winners (1994). Faoi 14 Bunscoil North West Winners (1994). Faoi 14 A Vocational Schools.

Ciarán Mac Giolla Bhride: 21/03/1982. 6' 3". 12 cloch. Corn Bunscoilteacha (1993, 1994, 1995). Faoi 12 Runners-up (1993). Glasgow Éire Cup Winners (1993, 1994). Faoi 15 Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta (1996). Faoi 16 B County Schools (1999). Faoi 18 A County Schools (1999). Faoi 12 County Hurling (1993). Faoi 14 County Hurling (1995).

Pól "Rua" Mac Giolla Bhride: 17. 5' 10". 11 cloch. Corn Bunscoilteacha (1993, 1994, 1995). Faoi 15 Comórtas Peile na Gaeltacht (1996). Faoi 16 B County Schools (1999). Faoi 18 A County Schools (1999). Faoi 18 B County Schools (1998). Ulster Minor Championship runners-up medal (1999). Faoi 15 County Panel (1997). Faoi 16 County Panel (1997, 1998). County VS panel (1999).

Caoimhín Ó Cassaide: 18. 6' 0". 12 cloch. Faoi 15 Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta (1996). Faoi 18 B Vocational Schools. Faoi 18 B Vocational Schools. Glasgow Éire Cup (1993, 1994). Faoi 12 County runners-up. Member of VS Team (1998, 1999).

Cathal Ó Dugáin: 18. 5' 7". 9 cloch. Faoi 15 Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta (1996). Faoi 18 B Vocational Schools (1998). Faoi 18 A Vocational Schools (1999). Faoi 14 Glasgow Éire Cup (1993, 1994). Faoi 12 County runners-up (1993).

Pól Mac Suibhne: 6/06/1982. 5' 11". 11 cloch. Corn Bunscoilteacha (1993, 1994, 1995). Faoi 12 Runners-up (1993). Glasgow Éire Cup Winners (1993, 1994). Faoi 15 Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta (1996). Faoi 16 B County Schools (1999). Faoi 18 A County Schools (1999). Faoi 18 B County Schools (1998). Faoi 12 County Hurling (1993). Faoi 15 Member of County Team (1997). Faoi 12, 14 agus Minor North West

Dónal Mac Giolla Bhride: 11/11/1984. 5' 10". 9 cloch. Corn Bunscoilteacha (1994, 1995, 1996, 1998). Faoi 12, 14 agus Minor North West. Faoi 16 B County Schools (1999). Faoi 14 County Hurling Final (1996, 1997).

Eoghan Mac Giolla Bhride: 17/08/1982. 5' 10". 11 cloch. Faoi 12 Runners-up (1993). Glasgow Éire Cup Winners (1993, 1994). Faoi 15 Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta (1996). Faoi 12, 14, 18 North West. Faoi 16 Vocational Winners

Seosamh Ó Dubhagh: 7/03/1981. 6' 0". 13 cloch. Faoi 12 Runners-up (1993). Glasgow Éire Cup Winners (1993, 1994). Faoi 15 Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta (1996). Faoi 12, 14, 16, 18 North West. Faoi 18 A County Schools (1999). Faoi 18 B County Schools (1998). Ulster Minor Championship runners-up medal (1999). County VS panel (1998, 1999).

Pól Ó Fearraigh: 5/05/1983. 5' 11". 11 cloch. Corn Bunscoilteacha (1994, 1995, 1996). Faoi 18 Corn Gairm Scoileanna an Chontae. Faoi 16 Corn Gairm Scoileanna an Chontae. Faoi 14 Corn an Chontae in iománaíocht. Faoi 16 Corn an Chontae in iománaíocht

Cathal Ó Maoldomhnaigh: 25/05/1981. 6' 2". 10.5 cloch. Corn Bunscoilteacha (1992, 1993, 1994). Glasgow Éire Cup Winners (1993, 1994). Faoi 15 Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta (1996). Faoi 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18 North West. Faoi 14 County Schools. Faoi 16 County Schools. Faoi 12 B County Hurling

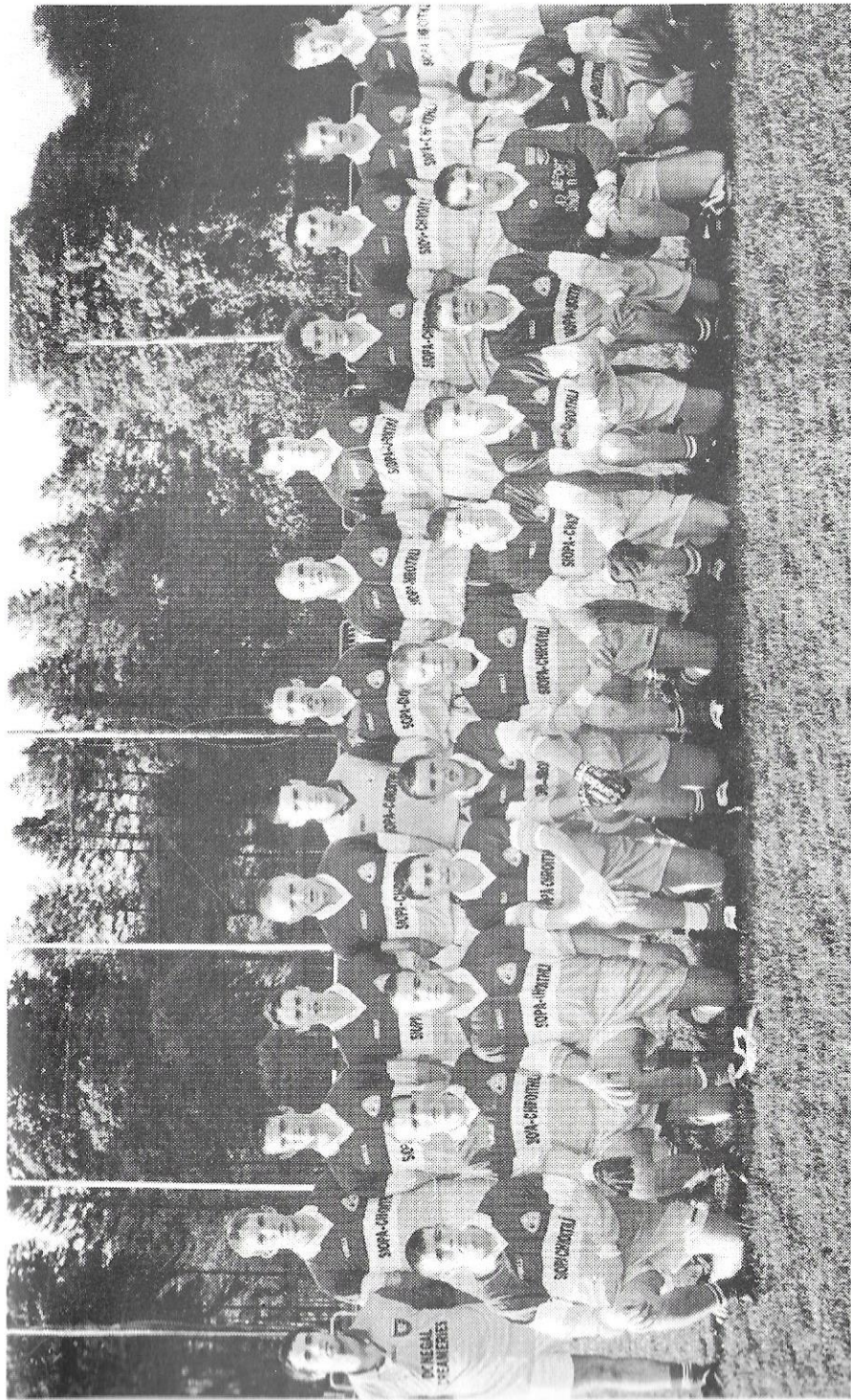
Dónall Ó Dochartaigh: 5/09/1981. 5' 11". 10 cloch. Corn Bunscoilteacha (1994, 1995, 1996). Faoi 15 Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta (1996). Faoi 16 Corn Gairm Scoileanna an Chontae. Faoi 12 A Corn an Chontae in iománaíocht. Faoi 12 A, 13A, 14A North West. Faoi 12 B Corn an Chontae in iománaíocht (1993). Faoi 12 A Corn an Chontae in iománaíocht runners-up

Seán Mac Suibhne: 18. 6' 1". 12 cloch. Corn Bunscoilteacha (1992, 1993, 1994). Glasgow Éire Cup Winners (1993, 1994). Faoi 15 Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta (1996). Faoi 12, 14, 15, 16 North West. Faoi 18 A Co. Schools. Faoi 18 B Co. Schools. Faoi 12 B Co. Hurling. Co. Minor Goalkeeper (1999).

Jonathan Ó Fearraigh: 17. 5' 10". 0 cloch. Corn Bunscoilteacha (1992, 1993, 1994). Glasgow Éire Cup Winners (1994). Faoi 12 Club Football runners-up (1993). Faoi 14, 16 (1987, 1988), North West. Faoi 16 Co. Schools. Faoi 18 Co. Schools. Faoi 12 Co. Hurling (1993). Faoi 12 Co. Hurling runners-up (1994). Faoi 14 Co. Hurling (1996).

Criostóir Ó Fril: 16. 5' 10". 10 cloch. Faoi 12 Cumann na mbunscoilteanna (1994). Faoi 16 C.L.C.G. na Gairm Scoile (1999).

Gavin Ó Cailín: 18. 5' 10". 10.8 cloch. Faoi 15 Comórtas Peil na Gaeltachta (1996). Faoi 12 B C.L.C.G. Sen. Schools (1993). Faoi 18 B C.L.C.G. Sen. Sch. (1998). Faoi 18 A (1999). Faoi 12 Hurling Championship (1993). Faoi 14 Glasgow Éire Cup (1993, 1994).



Player Profile

Kevin Cassidy

(Gaoth Dobhair)

Date of Birth: 7th August 1981.

Height: 6'.

Weight: 12.7st.

Married/Single: Single.

Occupation: Student – Pobal
Scoil Ghaoth Dobhair.

Honours Won: U-15 Peil na
Gaeltachta 1996. U-18 A. &
B. County Schools Titles.
Donegal Vocational School
team '98, '99. County Minor
team 1999.

Favourite Player: Anthony
Tohill.

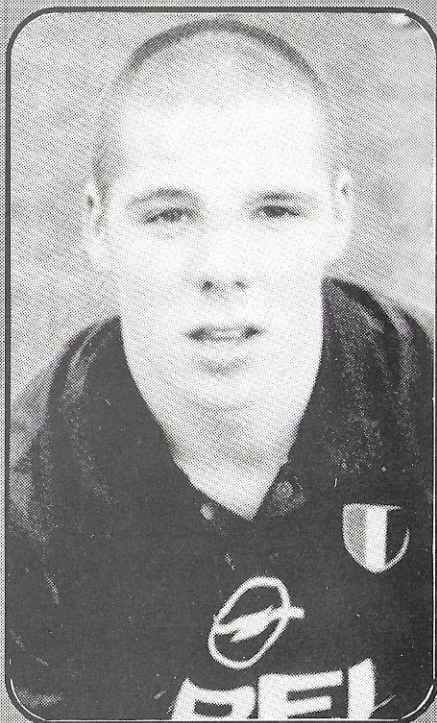
Favourite Ground: St.
Tiernach's Park, Clones.

Toughest Opponent: Brendan
Boyle (Gaoth Dobhair).

Favourite Other Sports: Golf,
Soccer.

Most Memorable Game: Kilcar v
Gaoth Dobhair, 2nd Replay
Senior C'ship 1999.

Biggest Disappointment: Losing
Ulster Minor Final '99.



Biggest Influence on Career: Joe
Diver, Pat Shovlin, Eamonn
McGarvey.

Favourite Food: Steak & Chips.

Favourite Group: U-2.

Favourite Film Star: Robert de
Niro.

*Person you would most like to
meet:* Gazza.

Hopes/Ambitions for future: Win
the Minor Final, a Senior
C'ship, and play Senior
football with Donegal.



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