

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Dhún na nGall



i bPáirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill, Bealach Féich
De Domhnaigh, 4ú Samhain 2012,

R.T.É Raidió na Gaeltachta

Craobh Chluiche Ceannais Sinsir an Chondae 2012, 4.00 i.n.

(RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta Championship Final)

NAOMH CONALL v NAOMH ADHAMHNÁN

Réiteoir: Robbie O Donnell (Naomh Muire)

Seas Le: Séamus Mc Gonigle Líne: Kieran Mc Shea Ceathrú Oifigeach: Mark Dorrian



Craobh Cluich Ceannais Cúlta an Chondae 1.45 pm

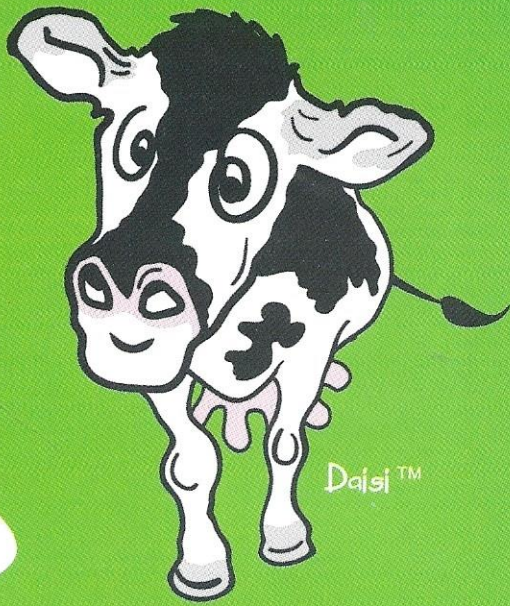
(RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta Championship Reserve Final)

Cluiche Cheann Fhaola v Na Ceithre Máistirí

Réiteoir: Michael Mc Shane (Cill Chartha)

Seas Le: Martin Coll Líne: Connie Doherty Ceathrú Oifigeach: Siobhán Coyle

Clár Oifigiuil: €3



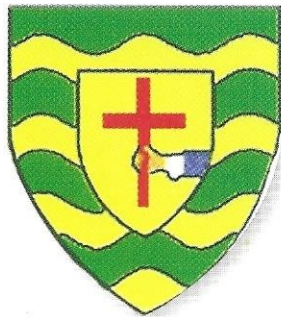
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Teachtaireacht an Chathaoirligh

Cuirim fáilte roimh gach duine go Páirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill inniu go dtí Cluiche Ceannais Radio na Gaeltachta 2012 an Chontae idir Naomh Conall agus Naomh Adhamhnán agus freisin Comórtas Craobh an Chontae Cúltaca idir Cloch Cheann Fhaola agus Na Ceithre Maistiri. Tá súil agam go mbeadh lá brea spoirtíúil againn agus go mbeadh an aimsir go mhaith.

Today is our showpiece day and the biggest day in our county calendar in what has been an historic year for Gaelic Games in our county with the winning of our second All Ireland Title. The county is very much on a high with achievement on the field of play and awards attained off it. Congratulations to all the award winners remembering of course all the others who all played huge roles in Donegal's marvellous success. To have got to County Final stage with all the inter county activity has been an achievement by the CCC. It is difficult to afford our county team every possible opportunity of preparation and still be fair to our club players who suffer greatly with the county's success. Good debate and study has occurred with regard to our fixtures programme but maybe more thought needs to be given to our Senior Championship format. Four Masters have a right to feel annoyed with the fixture schedule leading into the county semi-final and it is a situation we must not allow to happen again.

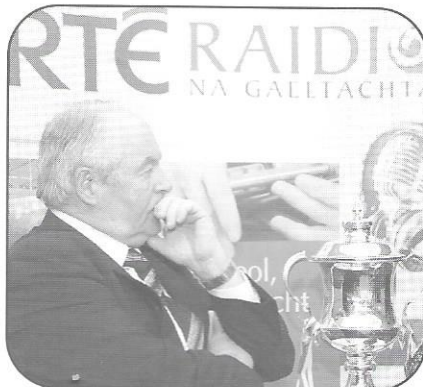
Both St. Eunan's and Naomh Conaill have achieved notable success in recent years and the contest today promises to

be an absorbing one with two well prepared teams and an abundance of talent on each side. The winners will not have any time for celebration with our champions playing All Ireland Champions, Crossmaglen on the following Sunday. I want to thank Comhairle Uladh and Armagh for agreeing to a weeks postponement to assist us with our schedule. Cloghaneely and Four Masters will contest an interesting curtain raiser and I want to wish good luck to all four clubs contesting our finals today. Good luck also to both our referees today, Michael Mc Shane and Robbie Ó Donnell and their respective officials and hopefully they will not have too difficult a task ahead of them.

Today we also pay tribute to our All Ireland U21 Winners of 25 years ago. They were a tremendous collection of players, many of whom went on to win our first All Ireland Senior Title in 1992. It is difficult to believe that it was 25 years ago but the 30 years since 1982 and our first U21 Title have brought Donegal many honours although some have also eluded us.

I want to thank Donegal people for their magnificent support this year and hope you were rewarded with joy in the county's success and that you enjoy both county finals this afternoon.

P. S. Mac Gabhann,
Cathaoirleach



Ramelton Town Band



Ramelton Town Band was set up as a music group in 1992 and progressed to becoming a marching band in 1993. The Band entered its first competitions in 1994 and have competed in the Donegal Marching Bands Association, The Northern Province, The Fleadh Cheoil and the Ulster Marching Bands Association competitions.

The Ramelton Town Band was one of the forces behind the formation of the Ulster Marching Bands Association. The Band has won 56 band competitions, inclusive of 14 county titles, 11 Ulster titles, 6 All Ireland Fleadh Ceoil titles, and one Four Provinces All Ireland title.

The Band is the current All Ireland Senior Title holders, having won in Cavan in 2012.

Ramelton Town Band has 46 members, ranging in age from five years up to 28 years old.

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**Wishing Four Masters Senior Reserve Team Management
& Players the very best of luck in today's County Final!**

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CLÁR AN LAE

Dé Domhnaigh, 4ú Samhain 2012

- 1.00 pm Gates open
- 1.27 pm. Cloich Ceann Fhaola take the field and line up for team photograph
- 1.30 pm. Na Ceithre Maistirí takes the field and line up for team photograph
- 1.45 pm **Senior Reserve Final Cloich Ceann Fhaola V Na Ceithri Maistirí**
- 3.00 pm. **Presentation of the Trophy by PJ Mac Gabhann, Cathaoirleach Bhord na Condae**
- 3.10 pm. Ramelton Town Band
- 3.10 pm 1987 All Ireland Under 21 Champions assemble in the Stand
- 3.20 pm 1987 Champions proceed to the pitch
- 3.25 pm. Introduction of the 1987 All Ireland Under 21 Champions
- 3.38 pm. Naomh Conall take the field and line up for team photograph
- 3.40 pm. Naomh Adhamhnán take the field and line up for team photograph
- 3.50 pm Both teams line up for parade
- 3.58 pm. National Anthem
- 4.00 pm **2012 RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta Donegal Senior Football Final**
Naomh Conall v Naomh Adhamhnán
- Half Time Ramelton Town Band.
U12 Go Games Blitz Presentation
- 5.30 pm. **Presentation of the MAN OF THE MATCH award sponsored by Ann Mc Geehin.**
- 5.35 p.m. **Presentation of the Dr Maguire Trophy by PJ Mac Gabhann, Cathaoirleach Bhord na Condae**

Amhrán na bhfiann

Sinne Laochra fáil,
Atá faoi gheall ag Éireann,
Buíonn dár slua
Thar tír nár tháinig chughainn
Fé múid bheith saor,
Sean-tír ár sinsear feasta

Ní fhágfar faoin tíoran ná faoin tráill.
Anocht a theámsa bhearna baoil
Le gean ar Ghael chun baís nó saol
Le gunnaí scréach faoi láimhe na bpiléar
Seo libh canaigh amhrán na bhfiann.

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02. Fireworks, smoke canisters, gas- horns, bottles, glasses, cans, flags, banners, poles and other similar articles or containers, including anything which could or might be used as a weapon, are not permitted within the ground and any person in found to be in possession of such an article or container may be refused entry or ejected from the ground
03. The consumption of alcohol is not permitted within the ground and spectators are not permitted to bring alcohol into the ground.
04. The unauthorized climbing of any structure, walls or buildings in this ground strictly forbidden.
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06. Under no circumstances is it permitted to throw any object the pitch.
07. Unauthorised persons are not permitted to enter upon the field of play.
08. Any person who fails to comply with the instruction from a Garda or Steward may be ejected from the ground.
09. In general, the right of admission is reserved to the Ground Management.
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12. The Ground Management reserve the right for it's servants or agents to remove from the ground any person who does not comply with the Ground Regulations or whose presence in the ground could reasonably be construed as constituting a source of danger, nuisance or annoyance to other spectators.
13. All persons in the grounds are reminded of their obligation under Section 18(3) of the Fire Services Act 1981 to ensure that their behaviour does not present a danger from fire to anyone using the grounds.

Robbie O'Donnell

Robbie is from the Naomh Muire Club and started his refereeing in 1997. He has refereed at all levels in the county and has refereed every final in the county to date other than the Minor Final. He has also refereed at Ulster Under 21, Junior and Intermediate Finals and two All-Ireland Semi Finals together with a National League Final in Croke Park.

He is married to Marion and has five children, Robert, Emma, Jade and twins Jack and Thomas.



Michael McShane

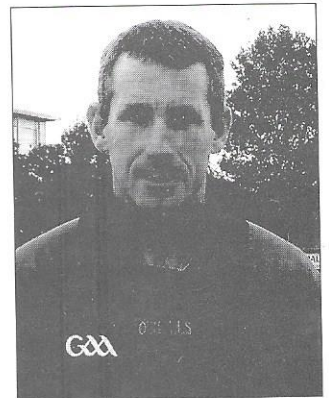
Michael McShane is a member of the Cill Chartha Club. Michael is married to Breege and has 3 sons, Aaron, Ryan and Oisín.

Michael refereed The Junior A Final in 2011, Intermediate Reserve in 2010. He has also refereed at all stages of the Senior Championship including the County Semi Final this year. Michael was the first Referee to receive the Liam Brown Award in 2011.

Michael has won Senior, Senior Reserve and Junior Championships with his Club and also County and All Ireland Gaeltacht titles both in Junior and Senior Level.

He also won under 21 and Junior Championship titles in New York.

His umpires today are Gavin O'Donnell, Michael McFadden, Dermot Cannon and Ross Brady who are all members of the Cill Chartha Club.



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Adhamhnáin team from all at

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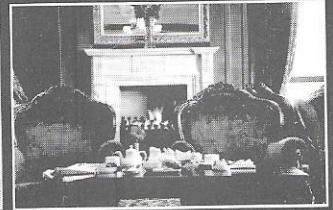
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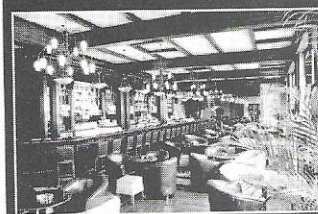


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A pattern emerging in Donegal football?

Alan Foley (Donegal Democrat)

ALTHOUGH it's said to be a more democratic era in Gaelic football - nationally at least - there's a pattern beginning to develop as Naomh Conaill and St Eunan's meet in the final of Ráidíó na Gaeltachta SFC for the third time in eight seasons.

Since Naomh Conaill upset the apple cart to defeat the Letterkenny side in 2005, only two other teams - Gaioth Dobhair in 2006 and Glenswilly 12 months ago - have broken the duopoly.

Of the two, it's been claimed that Naomh Conaill have had the smoother path to this year's final. St Naul's and Bundoran were accounted for without having to hit the upper gears, while Four Masters' red light on the petrol gauge finally lit midway through the second half of the semi-final.

Two years ago, though, when Naomh Conaill's Thompson brothers, Anthony and Leon, scored late goals to sneak a most dramatic semi-final win in many years against Glenswilly, those in blue and white were swinging from the O'Donnell Park rafters in celebration.

At the same venue last Sunday week, Naomh Conaill's supporters whisked out like one would when leaving a wake.

Of course they would be honest enough to admit their passage was not as impressive or as exciting as in 2010, when they went onto defeat Killybegs in the final. But their achievement now is the same as then. The team has developed and aren't the outsiders they were for so long. Impressive underage structures and a litany of successes, particularly at U-21 level, has elevated their status.

Perhaps their early season league form, when they had their four county panellists - Leo McLoone, Anthony Thompson, Dermot Molloy and Marty Boyle - on board might be a more apt reading of their height of achievement this term to date.

Don't forget they came to Letterkenny and defeated St Eunan's 1-12 to 1-10 in a pretty competitive All-County League Division One encounter on Easter Bank Holiday Monday. If Naomh Conaill can get back to that level again on Sunday they will be difficult to beat.

St Eunan's, barring the occasional blip here and there, have been the most consistent side in the county this season. Their case was aided as only really Rory Kavanagh was an absentee for the majority of their league outings - as Kevin Rafferty was injured - and they evolved when required. It's three years since their three-in-a-row but lots has changed around Sallaghgraine since then.

A week after the All-Ireland final win, the team under the joint-management of Michael McGeehin, Eamon O'Boyle and Brendan Devenney were given as comprehensive a three-point loss at home as one would care to see, with Kilcar the victors.

But rather than wallow in self pity, Kavanagh, John Haran, David McGinley and other senior players took responsibility and by the time they rolled into Towney, St Eunan's were a different side and a win put them back in the championship.

Their third game against Kilcar was similarly nip and tuck, decided only by a brave Ross Wherity goal 90 seconds into stoppage time, when he could probably hear people roaring in his ears to take the point.

Killybegs let themselves down in the quarter-final but St Eunan's were clinical and then, in the last four, Dungloe were in the match until just after the break before Lee McMonagle and Mark McGowan settled the encounter with goals in a 3-6 to 0-6 win.

In this condensed and uncompromising shotgun championship in the north-west it has come down to instinct and when the dust is cleared from the surface, arguably the two best teams remain.

When the bookmakers' odds were penned before a ball was thrown into the air, only St Michael's, who went so close last year, separated Sunday's finalists.

Naomh Conaill started the season at 3/1, while St Eunan's were twice that price. Now, though, it's evens for those from the Cathedral Town, with the team from Davy Brennan Park only marginally lengthier at 11/10.

Odds will count for little when Robbie O'Donnell hoists the ball high this afternoon. It's what happens on the day that counts. These two know each other well enough now.

Faoi 10 Naomh Adhamhnán

AMBER TEAM

Ronan Coady
Oisín Farren
David Smith
Tony Gallagher
Thomas Conway
Kieran Tobin

Ciaran Moore
Oran Brogan
Mark Cannon
Josua Hay
Lorcan O'Donnell
Eoin Dowling

BLACK TEAM

Luke Cassidy
Cormac Logue
Joe Harkin
Russell Forde
Sean Lyons
Matthew Noonan

Noel O'Donnell
Liam Hannigan
Niamh Walsh
Paul O'Donnell
Donnachadh Devenney
Ciaran Quinn
Gavin Forde

Captaen Chloich Cheann Fhaola - Caoimhín Ó Scanláin

Is ónar domhsa a bheith mar captaen ar an fhoireann seo inniu.

Foireann briomhar a chuir obair mhór isteach in sna cluichí a d'imir said go dtí seo.

In our league campaign we finished top of division two unbeaten, and we have been waiting and training hard for the championship to start.

Dungloe proved tricky opposition in the first round taking us to a third game. We beat local rivals Gaoth Dobhair in the quarter finals. We probably had our best performance of the season in the second half against St. Eunans holding them scoreless. Four Masters will prove to be our biggest test to date, with a wealth of experience in their team, having contested the last few finals, but it is one that our youthful team will gladly embrace.

Emigration has been a factor for our club these last few years, but in turn it has given youth a chance with up to five minors, playing most championship games to date. We will no doubt have great support here today as we have had all year. We hope this won't be our last championship final appearance this year as a club, as our minors and U21 teams are also in championship semi finals.

On behalf of the players we would like to thank the club for all their support and especially to manager Joe Kelly and his mentors for taking us this far.

Tá súil agam go mbeidh an lá linn inniu.

Chloich Cheann Fhaola 2012 Pen Pictures – (Club Panel)

No:	Name	Ainm	Occupation	Age	Height	Weight
1	Shaun McClafferty	Seán MacLaifeartaigh	Student	18	6ft	14st 5
2	Sean Gallagher	Seán Ó Gallchoir	Bar PerSon	19	5" 10	12.5st
3	Eamon Curran	Éamonn Ó Cuireáin	Unemployed	26	5"11	12st 10
4	Martin Ferry	Máirtín Ó Fearraigh	Student	18	5"11	11st
5	Kevin Scanlon	Caoimhín Ó Scanlain	Sky Engineer	34	6" 1	13.5st
6	Sean Sweeney	Seán Mac Suibhne	Student	25	6ft	13st
7	Lee O'Brien	Lee Ó Briain	Student	17	5"10	11st
8	Michael McCausland	Micheál MacCaisleán	Student	22	6" 5	15st
9	Stephen Rodden	Stiofán Ó Rodáin	Student	19	6" 1	12.5st
10	Darren Ferry	Dairean Ó Fearraigh	Student	20	5" 10	12st
11	Paddy Cannon	Pádraig Ó Ceannain	Student	23	6ft	12.5st
12	Shaun McBride	Seán Mac Ghiolla Bhríde	Factory Worker	23	5" 8	12st
13	John Harley	Seán Ó hAirligh	Student	18	5" 10	10st 7
14	Paul Sweeney	Pol Mac Suibhne	Teacher	21	6ft	12st 9
15	John Fitzgerald	Seán Mac Gearailt	Student	18	6ft	10st
16	Michael McGinley	Micheál Mac Fhionnghaile	Carpenter	32	6" 1	14st
17	Brian McElroy	Brian Mac Giolla Rua	Self Employed	37	5"11	12.5st
18	Donal Curran	Donál Ó Cuireáin	Electrician	29	5" 11	13st
19	Kevin Doohan	Caoimhín Ó Dubhchoin	Student	23	6ft	12st
20	Darren Whoriskey	Dairean Ó Fuaruisce	Student	24	6" 1	13st 6
21	James Gallagher	Séamus Ó Gallchoir	Sports Therapist	32	6ft	14st
22	Martin Maguire	Máirtín MacÍomhair	Student	23	6" 1	13st
23	Cillian Gallagher	Cillian Ó Gallchoir	Student	17	5"8	10st 9
24	Ciaran Boyce	Ciarán Ó Buaidhe	Student	20	6ft	11st
25	Brendan Mulhern	Breandán Ó Maolchiarain	Miner	30	5" 9	13st
26	Antony Brady	Antoin Ó Bradaigh	Student	19	5"7	12st

Chloich Cheann Fhaola

1.

Seán MacLaifeartaigh
Shaun McClafferty

2.

Seán Ó Gallchoir
Sean Gallagher

3.

Éamonn Ó Cuireáin
Eamon Curran

4.

Máirtín Ó Fearraigh
Martin Ferry

5.

Caoimhín Ó Scanlain (C)
Kevin Scanlon (Capt)

6.

Seán Mac Suibhne
Sean Sweeney

7.

Lee Ó Briain
Lee O'Brien

8.

Micheál MacCaisleán
Michael McCausland

9.

Stiofán Ó Rodáin
Stephen Rodden

10.

Dairean Ó Fearraigh
Darren Ferry

11.

Pádraig Ó Ceannain
Paddy Cannon

12.

Seán Mac Ghiolla Bhríde
Shaun McBride

13.

Seán Ó hAirligh
John Harley

14.

Pol Mac Suibhne
Paul Sweeney

15.

Seán Mac Gearailt
John Fitzgerald

FIR IONAD

16	Micheál Mac Fhionnghaile	<i>Michael McGinley</i>	22	Máirtín MacÍomhair	<i>Martin Maguire</i>
17	Brian Mac Giolla Rua	<i>Brian McElroy</i>	23	Cillian Ó Gallchoir	<i>Cillian Gallagher</i>
18	Donál Ó Cuireáin	<i>Donal Curran</i>	24	Ciarán Ó Buaidhe	<i>Ciaran Boyce</i>
19	Caoimhín Ó Dubhchoin	<i>Kevin Doohan</i>	25	Breandan Ó Maolchiarain	<i>Brendan Mulhern</i>
20	Dairean Ó Fuaruisce	<i>Darren Whoriskey</i>	26	Antoin Ó Bradaigh	<i>Antony Brady</i>
21	Seamus Ó Gallchoir	<i>James Gallagher</i>		Manager: Joe Kelly	

Na Ceithre Maistrí

1.

Seán Ó Máirtín
Sean Martin

2.

Leon Mac Aodha
Leo Mc Hugh

3.

Barra Ó Fearchair
Barry Farragher

4.

Seán Ó Baoil
John Boyle

5.

Pádraig Ó hAirmhí
Paoric Harvey

6.

Sean Mac Giolla Easpaig
Shane Gillespie

7.

Barra Ó Dónaill
Barry O'Donnell

8.

Cathal Ó Gallchoir
Charlie Gallagher

9.

Diollún Ó Maoldúin
Dillon Muldoon

10.

Diollún Mac an Bhaire
Dillon Ward

11.

Gearóid de Briotún
Gareth Britton

12.

Caoimhín Ó Breasláin
Kevin Breslin

13.

Déaglán Mac Maonghail
Declan Mc Monagle

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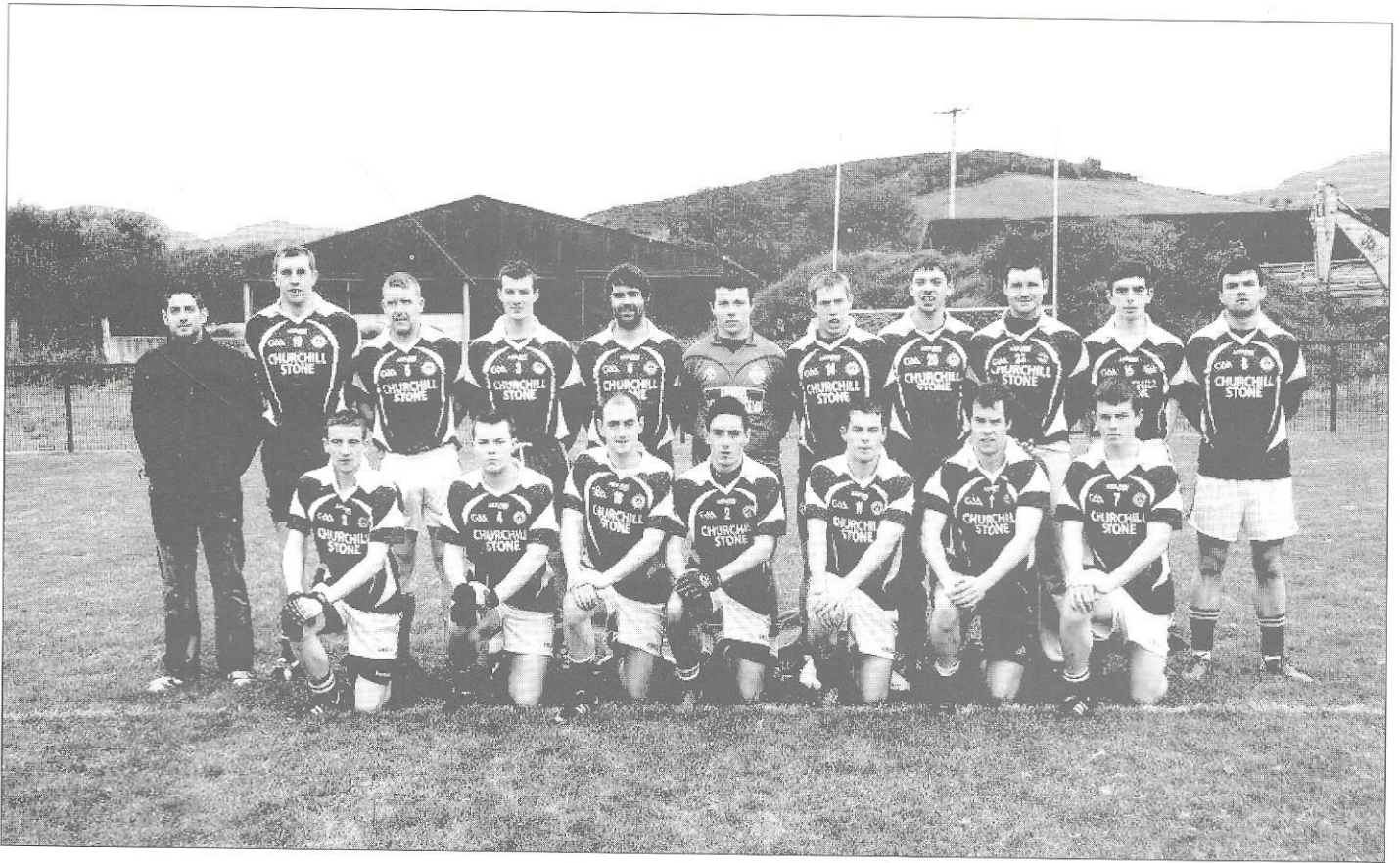
Breandán Ó Caiside (C)
Benny Cassidy (Capt)

15.

Conchubhar Mac Daibhéid
Conor Mc Daid

FIR IONAD

16	Séamus Mac Daibhéid	<i>James Mc Daid</i>	23	Eiméid Ó Duagáin	<i>Emmet Doogan</i>
17	Déaglán Ó Buiséil	<i>Declan Bushell</i>	24	Deasún Mac Giolla Cheara	<i>Jason Carr</i>
18	Pól Mac an tSaoir	<i>Paul Mc Intyre</i>	25	Conchubhur Ó Domhnaill	<i>Conor O'Donnell</i>
19	Éanna Ó Cnáimhsí	<i>Énda Bonner</i>	26	Dónall Ó hEaraile	<i>Daniel Harley</i>
20	Ryan Ó Maolmochóire	<i>Ryan Earley</i>	27	Ruairí Ó Domhnaill	<i>Rory O'Donnell</i>
21	Seán de Brún	<i>Shane Browne</i>	28	Zak Balogan	<i>Zak Balogan</i>
22	Stiofán Ó Gréacháin	<i>Stephen Graham</i>		Manager: Damien Dunnion	



Foireann Cúlta Ca Chloich Cheann Fhaola



Foireann Cúlta Na Ceithre Maistirí

Naomh Conaill - Leo Mac Giolla Uain

It's great to be back in the county final, and it's always great to be playing football this time of year. After an unbelievable year for Donegal, it's good to be back playing with our club mates. It's been a long year for club players throughout the County. It's great for our club players, that after such a long wait for championship to take place, we've got back to the final. I think all the players also appreciate how much club football means to the people of Glenties, and for that reason, we're so glad to have come this far. A special request has been made by Seamus and Cathal; to give the girlfriends some appreciation for all their hard work throughout the year! We're not expecting anything easy on the day and I think either way, the game will go right to the wire, but we're delighted to have made it this far.

Naomh Conaill 2012 Pen Pictures

No:	Name	Ainm	Occupation	Age	Height	Weight		
1	Stephen Mc Grath		Stiofán Mac Craith			Student	23	6'2 12.5st
2	Stephen Molloy		Stiofán Ó Luaigh			Sales Rep	23	5'10 10.5st
3	Johnny Bonner		Seán Ó Cnaimhsi			Builder	29	6'0 13st
4	Jason Campbell		Jason Ó Caímhaoil			Student	20	6'0 11.5st
5	Eoin Waide		Eoin Mac Uaid			Student	24	5'10 12st
6	Cathal Ellis		Cathal Ó hEilís			Student	20	6'1 13st
7	Marty Boyle		Mairtín Ó Baoill			Construction Manager	28	6'1 11st
8	Martin Regan		Mairtín Ó Riagain			Teacher	27	6'0 13.5st
9	Anthony Thompson		Antoin Mac Tomais			Student	26	6'0 13st
10	Brendan Mc Dyre		Breandán MacDuibhir			Construction	25	5'9 10.5st
11	Leo Mc Loone		Leo Mac Giolla Uain			Student	23	6'1 13st2lb
12	Dara Gallagher		Darragh Ó Gallachóir			Student	24	6'1 13st
13	Dermot Molloy		Diarmaid Ó Luaigh			Builder	22	6'0 14st
14	Johnny Mc Loone		Seán Mac Giolla Uain			Butcher	33	6'0 12st
15	Leon Thompson		Leon Mac Tomais			Unemployed	25	5'8 11.5st
16	Ronan O'Donnell		Rónan Ó Domhnaill			Student	19	6'0 11.6st
17	Thomas Donaghue		Tomás Ó Donachu			Sales Rep	27	6'0 12st
18	John O'Malley		Seán Ó Maille			Student	19	5'9 12st
19	Seamus Corcoran		Séamus Ó Corcorain			Student	22	6'0 12.5st
20	James Doherty		Séamus Ó Dochartaigh			Student	18	5'10 11.7st
21	AJ Gallagher		Antoine Seosamh Ó Gallachóir			Student	22	5'11 11st
22	Ciaran Thompson		Ciarán Mac Tomais			Student	18	6'1 10.5st
23	Aaron Thompson		Aaron Mac Tomais			Bar Worker	29	5'9 11.5st
24	Dominic Bonner		Doiminic Ó Cnaimhsi			Construction	27	5'11 12.5st
25	Eunan Doherty		Adhamhnán Ó Dochartaigh			Student	19	5'7 11st
26	Hughie Gallagher		Aodh Ó Gallachóir			Student	19	5'10 11st
27	Mark Gallagher		Marc Ó Gallachóir			Student	18	6'1 11st
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30	Ciaran Brennan		Ciarán Ó Braonáin			Student	19	6'2 10.8st

Naomh Conaill - Path to the final

Sunday 30th September

1st Round 1st Leg

Naomh Conaill 1-09 0-03 St Nauls

Sunday 14th October

Quarter Final

Naomh Conaill 1-10 0-05 Bundoran

Saturday 6th October

1st Round 2nd Leg

St Nauls 0-06 0-12 Naomh Conaill

Sunday 21st October

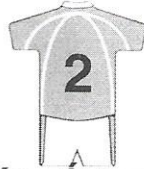
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Naomh Conall



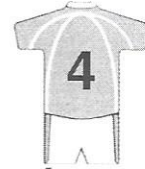
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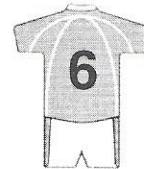
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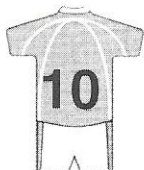
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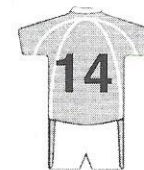
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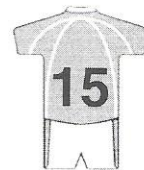
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Fir Ionaid:

16 Rónán Ó Domhnaill

Ronan O'Donnell

21 Antoine Seosamh Ó Gallachóir

AJ Gallagher

17 Tomás Ó Donnchú

Thomas Donaghue

22 Ciarán Mac Tomáis

Ciaran Thompson

18 Seán Ó Maille

John O'Malley

23 Aaron Mac Tomáis

Aaron Thompson

19 Séamus Ó Corcoráin

Seamus Corcoran

24 Doiminic Ó Cnaimhsí

Dominic Bonner

20 Séamus Ó Dochartaigh

James Doherty

Managers: Martin Doherty / Stephen Mc Kelvey

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Naomh Adhamhnáin



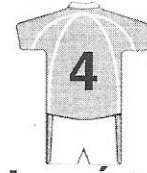
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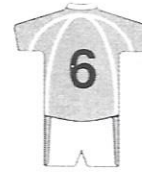
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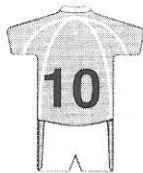
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Conall Ó Dúin
Conal Dunne



Ciarán Ó Searcaigh
Ciaran Sharkey



Conchúr Ó Giobúin
Conor Gibbons



Seán Ó hEaráin
John Haran



Seán Mac an Bheatha
Sean McVeigh

Fir Ionaid:

- 16 Sean Mac Giolla Cearra
- 17 Caoimhín Ó Raifeartaigh
- 18 Ciarán Mac Grianna
- 19 Caolan Mac a Bhaird
- 20 Daithí Mac Fhionnghaile
- 21 Aistín Ó Mearáin
- 22 Damien Mac Laifeartaigh
- 23 Adrian Mac Laifeartaigh

- John Carr
- Kevin Rafferty
- Ciaran Greene
- Caolan Ward
- David Mcginley
- Austin Marron
- Damian McClafferty
- Adrian McClafferty

- 24 Dará Maolcraoibhe
- 25 Donncha O Gallachóir
- 26 Conaill Mac Fhionnghaile
- 27 Damien Ó Mairtín
- 28 Seán Ó hEansie
- 29 Pádraig Mac Gabhann
- 30 Barra Mac Gaoithín

- Dara Mulgrew
- Donnacha Gallagher
- Conal Mcginley
- Damien Martin
- Sean Hensey
- Paddy Mc Gowan
- Barry Mc Geehin

JOINT MANAGERS: Eamonn Ó Baoill, Micheal Mac Gaoithin agus Breandan O Duibheannaigh

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St. Eunan's Captain, Mick Martin

It's a great honour and privilege for me to lead out a famous club like St. Eunan's on County Final day. To play for your club in a County Final is a very proud day and to captain your club is extra special. I remember growing up going to the finals in 1997, 1999 and 2001 and how those famous St. Eunan's victories inspired me and they continue to do so.

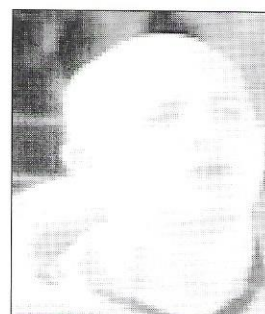
I was very fortunate to play in the finals of 2008 & 2009 and remember them with great pride. It is fantastic to reach the county final in 2012 in what has been both an historic and fantastic year for Donegal football. I would like to congratulate Jim McGuinness and everyone involved in Donegal's fantastic journey over the summer months and thank them for giving us all such a great year, but especially my club mates Rory Kavanagh and Kevin Rafferty who both picked up All-Ireland medals on that historic September day.

I would like to wish our opponents, Naomh Conaill all the best today and we look forward to another great battle with them. I would also like to wish the best of luck to the referee and his team and hope they enjoy the day.

Hopefully we can give the supporters of St. Eunan's and Naomh Conaill and all the neutrals in attendance a county final to remember.

Is mise...

Micheál Ó Mairtín - Naomh Adhamhnán

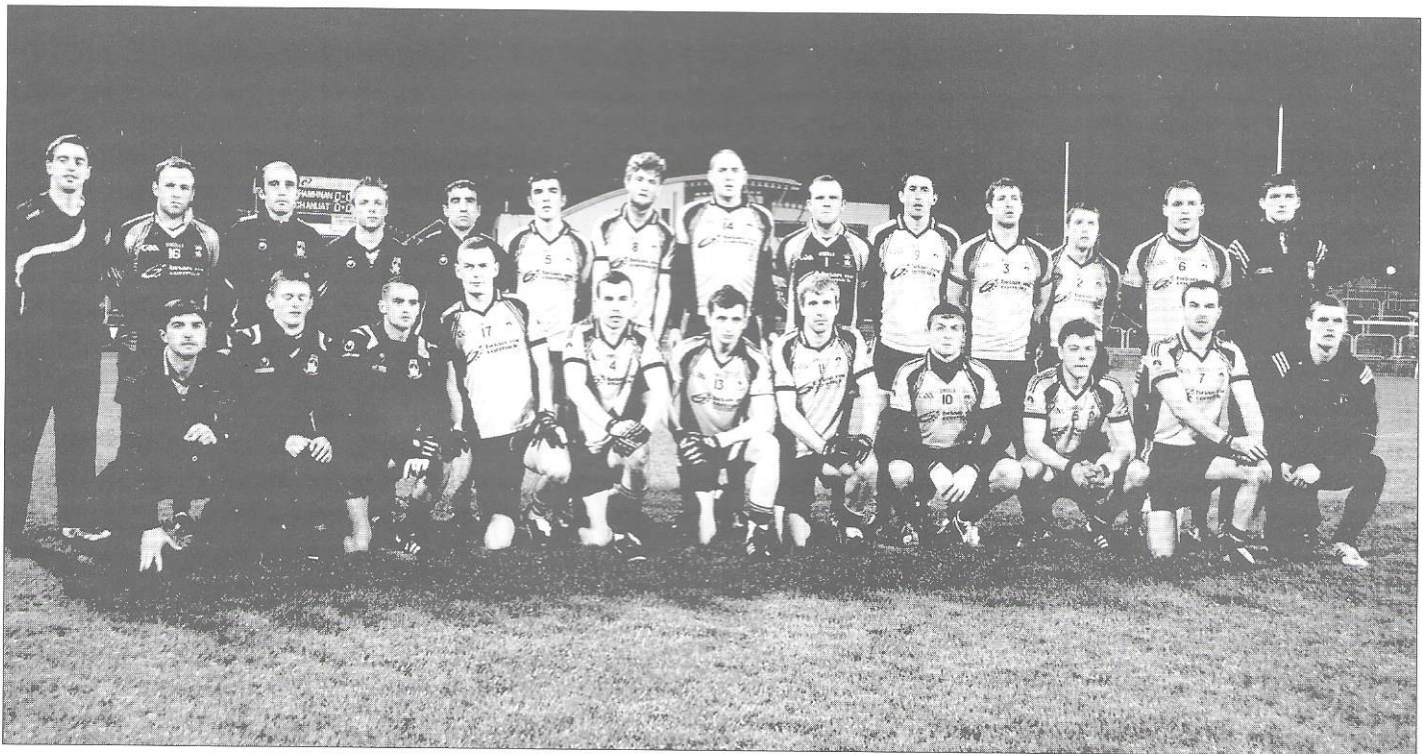


2012 Pen Pictures – (ClubPanel) St. Eunan's

No:	Ainm	Name	Occupation	Age	Height	Weight
1	Seán Pól Ó Cléirigh	JP Clarke	Computer Engineer	32	6' 2"	13st
2	Éamonn Ó Bhraonáin	Eddie Brennan	Teacher	32	5' 9"	13st
3	Micheál Ó Mairtín (c)	Michael Martin Capt.	Factory Operative	26	6' 1"	13.5st
4	Conchúr Ó Páirce	Conor Parke	Student	18	5' 10"	11st
5	Peadar Ó Duibheann	Peter Devine	Student	20	5' 11"	11.5st
6	Éamonn Ó Dochartaigh	Eamonn Doherty	Student	22	6'	12st
7	Marcús Mac Gabhann	Mark McGowan	Co. Council Worker	24	5' 11"	11st
8	Ross Ó Fabhartáigh	Ross Wherity	Student	24	6' 4"	13.5st
9	Ruairí Ó Caomhánach	Rory Kavanagh	Teacher	30	6' 2"	13.5st
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11	Conall Ó Dúin	Conal Dunne	Accountant	29	5' 11"	12.5st
12	Ciarán Ó Searcaigh	Kieran Sharkey	Teacher	28	5' 9"	12st
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14	Seán Ó hEaráin	John Haran	Teacher	36*	6' 3"	14.5st
15	Seán Mac an Bheatha	Sean McVeigh	Student	22	6'	13st
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21	Aistín Ó Mearáin	Austin Marren	Garda	27	6'	12st
22	Damien Mac Laifeartaigh	Damian McClafferty	Computer Technician	30	5' 10"	12st
23	Adrian Mac Laifeartaigh	Adrian McClafferty	Computer Programmer	34	5' 10"	12.5st
24	Dará Maolcraoibhe	Dara Mulgrew	Student	18	5' 11"	11.5st
25	Donncha Ó Gallachóir	Donnacha Gallagher	Sports Nutritionist	23	6' 2"	13.5st
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Foireann Sinsir Naomh Conaill



Foireann Sinsir Naomh Adhamhnáin

As I took the field

As I took the field in September 1997 for my first County final as a young 20 year old I didn't think that in 2012 on the day of my 36th birthday that I would run out again for my 11th County Final. There have been many up's and down's along the way with victories in 97, 99, 01, and the recent 3 in a row of 2007, 08, 09. There were dark days also with defeats in 2000, 2002, 2005 to today's opponents Naomh Conaill and the following year to Gaoth Dobhair. As captain in 2006 it was particular tough but I was lucky enough to be captain again the next year in 2007 when we defeated our near neighbour Glenswilly.

Over the years we have been lucky in St Eunan's to have great players and great Managers and also great members who keep the club going in good times and bad.

County final day is always a very special day, filled with all kinds of emotions and depending on the final result it can be the best or worst day of your life, but that is the real beauty of sport . County Finals throughout the country have become the real jewel in the G.A.A.'s crown because its when brothers and friends and families come together and the sense of joy when you win with your friends is brilliant. This years final takes on more significances because now the eyes of the country are on Donegal after becoming All Ireland Champions and to win the title in the same year as Donegal won Sam would be extra special.

You know you are getting old when you look around the dressing room and see Lee Mc Monagle putting on his boots and remember teaching him as a young lad in 6th class in Scoil Colmcille or Darragh Mulgrew and remember all the positive words of encouragement his father Charlie gave us older players when we started out playing senior football for St Eunan's all those years ago. I hope St Eunan's can win another title today but it won't be easy against an excellent Naomh Conaill team who are hungry for success also. I hope in 16 years time that the young lads like Lee Mc Monagle, Darragh Mulgrew, Conor Parke, and Caolan Ward can look back at today with happy memories of their first county title and hopefully not their last.

John Haran
Naomh Adhamhnán

Dream fulfilled

It's a great feeling to be involved in today's county final. As a young boy growing up I always aspired and dreamt to play on county final day. Having been involved in finals already, they are great days for the club, for players, families and supporters.

On behalf of the lads I want to thank our management set up of Martin Doherty, Stephen Mc Kelvey, Michael Gallagher, trainer Sean Noonan, our physio Hugh Breslin, ball boys Vinny, Eunan, Dave and chef Muriel. In terms of preparation and organisation of the team, everything has been top notch and the squad has responded to the great set up and we are lucky to have them.

I have trained and played under many coaches down through the years and along with the rest I would like to thank you all for your hard work. The Naomh Conaill team today is the result of the massive work being done at underage levels and having success at minor and under 21 level this past few years, hopefully we can continue this success at senior level.

Today we are up against our rivals St. Eunans and both squads know each other really well. I would be good friends with a few of them (well maybe not on the pitch!!) They are a fantastic side with quality players all over the field and it is no surprise at all that they have had numerous success stories in the past few years.

I suppose you could say it's been a very long season due to Donegals All Ireland win. It wasn't easy going to training on a Tuesday night (minus Leon and Wade!!) after hearing championship was put back several times. However, the commitment and attitude of the lads and everyone involved has been first class. Hopefully our efforts will be rewarded. When the ball is thrown in its all about who performs best on the day.

Like every championship game, I'm sure this one will come down to the wire and serve up a cracking county final for all you supporters.

Cathal Ellis
Naomh Conaill

SWEET SIXTEEN

Fr. Seán

It seems that the 2012 S.F.C. final is the seventeenth S.F.C. meeting of Naomh Adhamhnán and Naomh Conall/Na Gleanntaí.

1.	1939	Na Gleanntaí	1-13	N. Adhamhnán	2-2	first round
2.	1944	N. Adhamhnán	2-8	Na Gleanntaí	2-5	semi-final
3.	1965	Na Gleanntaí	1-10	N. Adhamhnán	1-9	semi-final
4.	1974	N. Adhamhnán	2-9	Na Gleanntaí	1-8	semi-final
5.	1995	N. Adhamhnán	1-14	N. Conall	0-10	quarter-final
6.	1999	N. Conall	0-7	N. Adhamhnán	0-6	
7.	1999	N. Adhamhnán	3-7	N. Conall	1-3	first round
8.	1999	N. Adhamhnán	2-10	N. Conall	1-10	
9.	2001	N. Adhamhnán	1-9	N. Conall	2-5	semi-final
10.	2002	N. Adhamhnán	0-9	N. Conall	0-6	quarter final
11.	2005	N. Conall	1-5	N. Adhamhnán	0-8	
12.	2005	N. Conall	0-10	N. Adhamhnán	1-5	final
13.	2007	N. Conall	5-6	N. Adhamhnán	1-8	
14.	2007	N. Adhamhnán	1-14	N. Conall	0-5	first round
15.	2007	N. Adhamhnán	2-7	N. Conall	1-6	
16.	2009	N. Adhamhnán	0-13	N. Conall	0-7	final
17.	2012	?				

N. Adhamhnán	won	:10
N. Conall	won	:5
Draw		1

Na Gleanntaí - Eighth Final – Two Titles

1.	1922	Caisleán na Finne	beat	Na Gleanntaí
2.	1941	Gaoth Dobhair	0-10	Na Gleanntaí 2-3
3.	1942	Béal Átha Seanaidh	2-8	Na Gleanntaí 1-4
4.	1965	N. Iosef	1-7	Na Gleanntaí 0-10
	1965	N. Iosef	1-11	Na Gleanntaí 0-10
5.	2005	N. Conall	1-5	N. Adhamhnán 0-8
	2005	N. Conall	0-10	N. Adhamhnán 1-5

6.	2009	N. Adhamhnán	0-13	N. Conall	0-7
7.	2012	N. Conall	1-15	Na Cealla Beaga	0-8
8.	2012				

Naomh Adhamhnán – Twenty Eighth Final – Twelve Titles

1.	1944	Gaoth Dobhair	4-10	N. Adhamhnán	3-4	
2.	1946	Gaoth Dobhair	0-7	N. Adhamhnán	0-6	
3.	1947	Gaoth Dobhair	1-9	N. Adhamhnán	0-3	
4.	1948	N. Adhamhnán	1-7	Gaoth Dobhair	2-1	
5.	1949	Gaoth Dobhair	2-12	N. Adhamhnán	3-4	
6.	1950	N. Adhamhnán	v	Dún na nGall		not played
7.	1951	Béal Átha Seanaidh	1-6	N. Adhamhnán	1-5	
8.	1952	Na Cealla Beaga	0-9	N. Adhamhnán	1-5	
9.	1955	Gaoth Dobhair	1-7	N. Adhamhnán	1-4	
10.	1956	N. Adhamhnán	0-8	Béal Átha Seanaidh	1-2	
11.	1958	An Clochán Liath	1-6	N. Adhamhnán	0-9	
		An Clochán Liath	2-6	N. Adhamhnán	2-5	
12.	1960	N. Adhamhnán	0-11	Gaoth Dobhair	0-3	
13.	1967	N. Adhamhnán	1-10	N. Iosef	0-13	
		N. Adhamhnán	1-13	N. Iosef	1-9	
14.	1969	N. Adhamhnán	0-10	N. Iosef	1-4	
15.	1972	N. Adhamhnán	2-12	Clanna Gael	1-8	
16.	1974	N. Iosef	1-8	N. Adhamhnán	1-3	
17.	1983	N. Adhamhnán	0-8	Ard a' Rátha	0-3	
18.	1997	Adh Ruadh, B.Á.S.	2-7	N. Adhamhnán	1-11	AGÓID
19.	1999	N. Adhamhnán	1-19	Aodh Ruadh, B.Á.S.	1-11	
20.	2000	Ard a' Rátha	1-9	N. Adhamhnán	0-7	
21.	2001	N. Adhamhnán	1-10	Na Ceithre Máistrí	0-8	
22.	2002	Gaoth Dobhair	1-11	N. Adhamhnán	0-10	
23.	2005	N. Conall	1-5	N. Adhamhnán	0-8	
		N. Conall	0-10	N. Adhamhnán	1-5	
24.	2006	Gaoth Dobhair	1-5	N. Adhamhnán	0-6	
25.	2007	N. Adhamhnán	0-12	Gleann tSúilí	1-3	
26.	2008	N. Adhamhnán	2-13	An Tearmann	1-8	
27.	2009	N. Adhamhnán	0-13	N. Conall	0-7	
28.	2012					

Roll of Honour – 1920-2011

14	Gaoth Dobhair: 1935, 1938, 1941, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1949, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1961, 2002, 2006.
12	Béal Átha Seanaidh: 1929, 1932, 1937, 1939, 1942, 1943, 1951, 1986, 1987, 1994, 1997, 1998.
12	Naomh Adhamhnán: 1948, 1956, 1960, 1967, 1969, 1972, 1983, 1999, 2001, 2007, 2008, 2009.
7	An Clochán Liath: 1930, 1931, 1933, 1936, 1940, 1957, 1958.
7	Naomh Iósaef: 1965, 1968, 1970, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976.
6	Ard a' Rátha: 1923, 1926, 1928, 1981, 2000, 2004.
6	Na Cealla Beaga: 1952, 1988, 1991, 1992, 1995, 1996.
6	Seán Mac Cumhaill: 1959, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1971, 1977.
5	Cill Chartha: 1925, 1980, 1985, 1989, 1993.
3	Bun Dobhráin: 1920, 1934, 1979.
	Na Ceithre Máistrí: 1982, 1984, 2003.
2	Naomh Columba: 1978, 1990.
2	Naomh Conall: 2005, 2010.
1	Gleann tSúilí 2011.
1	Baile Dhún na nGall: 1924.
1	Caisleán na Finne: 1922.
1	Ruagairí Leitir Ceanainn: 1927.

(17 winning clubs)

FOUR GREAT VETERANS

* N. Adhamhnán are contesting their eleventh final in sixteen years (1997-2012). John Haran has played in nine of the previous ten finals (missing out in 2002). Kevin Rafferty, Rory Kavanagh and Conal Dunne have all played in the last eight

N. Adhamhnán finals and will make it a remarkable nine to-day.

Donegal downed Kingdom in 1987 too

By Peter Campbell (Sports Editor, Donegal Democrat)

Today on county final day there is a departure from the norm when honouring a team from the past with the All-Ireland winning U-21 Donegal team being remembered.

The multi-talented squad was backboned by the players from Killybegs, who had dominated underage football around that time.

Under the management of current county chairman, PJ McGowan, assisted by Jimmy White and Joe Winston, they needed a replay to finally close out the final against a Kerry side that included Mick Galwey, who was to later to represent Munster and Ireland at rugby with distinction.

It was no surprise that Manus Boyle was the main marksman for Donegal, something that he was emulate throughout his career, hitting big totals in the big games.

One of the memories of the final is of captain John 'Razda' Cunningham doing a jig on the platform after he was presented with the Clarke Cup by Mick Loftus, then President of the GAA. In what must have been the longest ever All-Ireland winning campaign at this level, Donegal had to play eight matches to finally succeed, with their Ulster final and All-Ireland final games going to replays.

They had started with a one point win over Fermanagh at the end of March in their only home game of the campaign, before accounting for Derry, Armagh and Monaghan (after replay). In the All-Ireland semi-final they defeated Laois in Carrick-on-Shannon before travelling to take on Kerry in Tuam. A John Cunningham penalty helped them to a replay and in the replay a month later in Dr. Hyde Park, Roscommon, they were victorious by 1-12 to 2-4.

The full campaign was as follows:

March 14, Ballyshannon, preliminary round

Donegal 2-7, Fermanagh 2-6

Scorers: Luke Gavigan 2-0; Manus Boyle 0-4; Dermot Ward 0-2, Barry McGowan 0-1.

April 4, Bellaghy, first round

Donegal 3-5, Derry 1-7

Scorers: Manus Boyle 1-3; Barry Cunningham 1-1; Tommy Ryan 1-0; Brian Mor Gallagher 0-1

April 19, Lurgan, Ulster semi-final

Donegal 1-9, Armagh 1-6

Scorers: Manus Boyle 1-3; Paddy Hegarty, Luke Gavigan 0-2 each; Joey McDermott, Barry McGowan 0-1 each.

May 3, Irvinestown, Ulster final

Donegal 0-7, Monaghan 1-4

Scorers: Dermot Ward 0-2; Manus Boyle, Barry Cunningham, Joey McDermott, Barry McGowan, John Sweeney 0-1 each.

May 10, Irvinestown, Ulster final replay

Donegal 1-11, Monaghan 0-8

Scorers: Paddy Hegarty 1-1; Manus Boyle, Dermot Ward, Barry McGowan, Barry Cunningham 0-2 each; Luke Gavigan, Tommy Ryan 0-1 each.

May 17, Carrick-on-Shannon, All-Ireland semi-final

Donegal 1-7, Laois 1-6

Scorers: Dermot Ward 1-1; Manus Boyle 0-4, Barry McGowan, Tommy Ryan 0-1 each.

June 7, Tuam, All-Ireland final

Donegal 1-7, Kerry 0-10

Scorers: Manus Boyle 0-4; John Cunningham 1-0 pen; Barry Cunningham, Luke Gavigan, Dermot Ward 0-1 each.

July 5, Dr. Hyde Park, Roscommon - All-Ireland final replay

Donegal 1-12, Kerry 2-4

Scorers: Manus Boyle 1-7; Tommy Ryan, Seamus Ward, Dermot Ward, Paddy Hegarty and Barry McGowan 0-1 each.

The full scoring list from the eight games read

Manus Boyle 3-28

Dermot Ward 1-9

Luke Gavigan 2-4

Barry Cunningham 1-5

Paddy Hegarty 1-4

Barry McGowan 0-7

Tommy Ryan 1-3

John Cunningham 1-0

Joey McDermott 0-2

Brian Mor Gallagher 0-1

John Sweeney 0-1

Seamus Ward 0-1

The team in final replay was: Danny Gallagher (Dungloe); John Joe Doherty (Naomh Columba), John Connors (Dungloe), Thomas Maguire (Ardara); Diarmaid Keon (Aodh Ruadh), John Cunningham (Killybegs, capt), Paul Carr (Naomh Columba); Barry Cunningham (Killybegs), John Ban Gallagher (Killybegs); Paddy Hegarty (Naomh Columba), Tommy Ryan (Termon), Barry McGowan (Killybegs); Dermot Ward (Glenfin), Manus Boyle (Killybegs), Luke Gavigan (Ardara). Sub used: Seamus Ward (Glenfin).

For the first game in Tuam, the same team started with Conor White (Killybegs) and Joey McDermott (Glenfin) coming on as substitutes.

Others on the panel included:

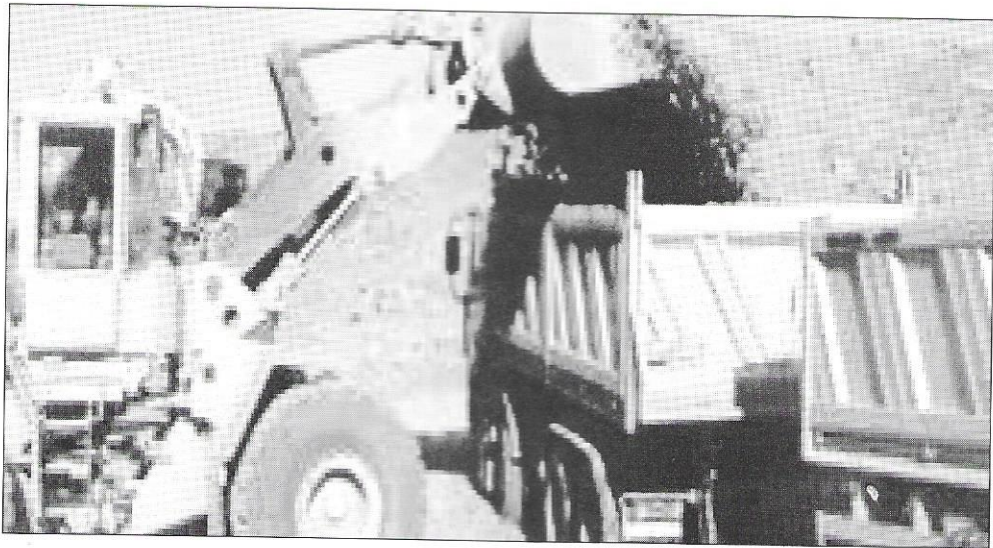
Brian Gallagher (Gaoth Dobhair); Cormac McGarvey (Naomh Mhuire); Peter McIntyre (St. Eunan's); Emmet Golden (Bundoran); John Sweeney (Dungloe); and Semus Doohan (Cloughaneely).



Donegal U-21 team 1987

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St. Eunan's Path to the Final

by Paul McGovern, PRO Naomh Adhamhnáin

1st Round, 1st Leg - O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny September 30th

Naomh Adhamhnán 1-05 Cill Chartha 1-08

On a windy day in O'Donnell Park, the home side got their Championship campaign off to a slow start against the men from Towney. After both sides had formed a guard of honour for All-Ireland winning players Rory Kavanagh and Kevin Rafferty from Eunan's and Mark McHugh and Patrick McBrearty for the Kilcar men, it was the Kilcar outfit that stole the advantage in the first leg meeting. McHugh lined out at centre-half back with McBrearty manning the '40'. McBrearty was to prove to be the top scorer on the day chipping in with 1-04 of the Kilcar total, though well marshalled throughout by Eamonn Doherty – all his points came from free's – his goal 7 minutes from time proved to be the decisive score and opened up a 6-point cushion at that stage before a late, late John Haran goal reduced the arrears to 2 points.

1st Round, 2nd Leg – Towney, Kilcar October 7th

Cill Chartha 0-10 Naomh Adhamhnán 1-12

Eunan's travelled to Towner knowing only a win would be good enough to keep their Championship ambitions alive. Eddie Brennan, Conor Parke, Kevin Rafferty and veteran John Haran were restored to the starting line-up and it was Haran who claimed man of the match honours for his industrious display – perhaps stung from being left out of the first 15 the previous week he felt he had a point to prove! Mark McGowan has been deadly from the placed ball right throughout the championship and once again any fouls were punished to the maximum. With Eunan's starting very well but still only having a two-point half time cushion, it was the veteran Haran who teed up Ross Wherity for the games only goal and most crucial score in the second period to set up a mouthwatering play-off in Convoy the following Thursday night.

1st Round play-off – Convoy October 11th

Naomh Adhamhnán 2-08 Cill Chartha 2-05

Played under the lights on the magnificent playing surface in Convoy, the two teams clashed for a third time in front of a huge crowd and an epic struggle ensued between two well set up, determined teams. Eunan's settled quicker than their southern counterparts but were having trouble making their superiority tell on the scoreboard, finding Kilcar's blanket defence hard to break through. The Black & Amber led by 0-06 to 0-03 at the half-time whistle but a lightning fast start to the second half saw Kilcar edge in front after netting two goals – the second a

somewhat dubious penalty awarded by the county's best referee, Jimmy White and confidently struck home by McBrearty. This seemed to turn the tie in favour of the Towner men but the evergreen David McGinley, barely on the field one minute found himself in space behind the Kilcar defence and coolly slotted home the games crucial score to level matter once again with his first touch. With the teams still knotted deep into injury time after exchanging points, Ross Wherity found himself through on goal and rather than taking the easier point, he buried to the back of the net to send the Eunan's support into delirium.

Quarter-Final – Ballybofey October 14th

Naomh Adhamhnán 2-15 Na Cealla Beaga 0-07

With both teams having come through 1st round play-offs, there was certainly a worry of fatigue and minor knocks for both sides to deal with in this north v south clash. Eunan's came out of the blocks fast once again. They grabbed a 1-07 to 0-02 interval lead after a stunning goal from Donegal midfielder, Rory Kavanagh. With Conor Gibbons and Conall Dunne also chipping in with points from play and free's, the Eunan's men stretched out their lead early in the second half which allowed them to rest some key players before a second stunning goal from substitute, Caolan Ward ended the Fishermen's challenge.

Semi-Final – Ballybofey October 20th

Naomh Adhamhnán 3-06 An Clochan Liath 0-06

As in 2009, the semi-final opponents were Dungloe who had surprised many with their stunning win over champions Glenswilly in O'Donnell Park the previous week. As with the game in 2009, this was a tough, dour encounter but semi-finals are about winning and not pretty football. Again goals proved crucial to the Eunan's cause and it was youngster Lee McMonagle, captain of last year's Co. Minor championship winning team who was the talisman on this occasion, contributing two goals to the cause. The third goal was scored by Mark McGowan who has been outstanding in the run to this year's Final and must certainly be in Jim McGuinness' thoughts for the Donegal panel in 2013 along with Eamonn Doherty. The St. Eunan's management team of Brendan Devenney, Eamon O'Boyle and Michael McGeehin will certainly be happy with how they have been able to use up a strong panel over the course of this year's championship run with player's of the calibre of Ciaran Greene, Damien McClafferty, Adrian McClafferty, Ciaran Sharkey, Caolan Ward, Darragh Mulgrew and David McGinley to name but a few being confined to a very strong subs bench over recent matches, it may well be the team with the strongest twenty comes out on top in today's decider.



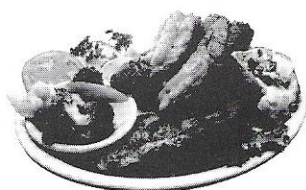
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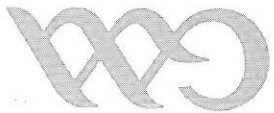
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Sam Maguire - Did You Know?

By Paul McGovern, PRO Naomh Adhamhnan

1. Like many of the greatest Irish Republicans and Patriots such as Daniel O'Connell and Charles Stewart Parnell, Sam Maguire was actually a Protestant (Church of Ireland).
2. He was born in Dumanway in West Cork in 1879 and had 4 brothers and 6 sisters.
3. He attended National School in Ardfield in Cork - the same school later attended by a certain Michael Collins.
4. He emigrated to London at 20 years old to work in the British Civil Service and as a keen Gaelic Footballer joined the London Hibernians team that lost 4 All-Ireland Finals in a row between 1900-1903, twice to Dublin and once each to Kerry and Tipperary.
5. In 1907 he became the Chairman of the London County Board where his Vice-Chairman was none other than Liam McCarthy, after whom the All-Ireland Hurling Trophy is named.
6. He is widely believed to have been Michael Collins' chief intelligence officer in London and when Scotland Yard began investigating him in connection with the assassination of prominent soldier, military advisor and politician Sir Henry Wilson in 1922, he fled back to Ireland.
7. He went to work for the newly established Irish Civil Service but his loyalty to Collins and the anti-treaty side led to many clashes with his superiors and his eventual dismissal.
8. He returned to Dumanway in Cork but died of TB at just 48 years of age in 1927.
9. The Sam Maguire Cup was made in his memory in 1928 at a cost of £300 - over €20,000 in today's money. It was designed by Silversmith, Matthew Staunton.
10. Kildare were the first recipients of the Sam Maguire Cup when they defeated Cavan in the Final by a score of 2-06 to 2-05.
11. A new Cup was presented to the Meath team of 1988 after their victory over Cork after a replay by 0-13 to 0-09.
12. Dumanway Doheny's facilities in Cork are known as Sam Maguire Park and a statue of the man himself now stands proudly in the plaza in Dumanway town centre.



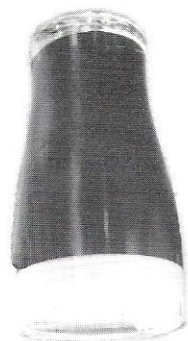
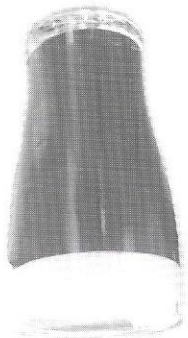
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