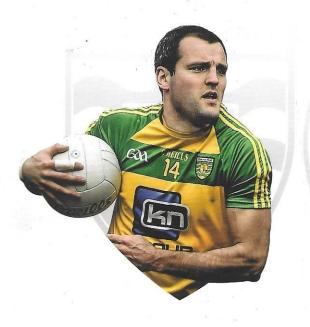


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## **DÚN NA NGALL V TÍR EOGHAIN**

17ú Iúil 2016, Páirc Thiarnaigh Naofa, Cluain Eois

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## **TODAY'S GAMES**

SUNDAY 17THJULY 2016 ST. TIERNACH'S PARK, CLONES

## ELECTRIC IRELAND ULSTER GAA FOOTBALL MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

THROW IN 12:00pm





## DOIRE V DÚN NA NGALL

Standby: Sean Laverty (Aontroim)

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#### Mial McKenna Muineachán)

Minal is a member of the Engrale GAA club in Co.
Monaghan. He began his refereeing career in 2005 and joined the Ulster refereeing panel in 2011, where he has officiated at



all evels including Ulster Club Championship, Ulster Under 21 Championship, Ulster Minor Championship and Dr McKenna Cup.

Mial pined the National Refereeing Panel in 2014 and has refereed numerous games in the NFL including Sigo v Tipperary back in March this year. He refereed the Monaghan Senior County Final in 2015 between Monaghan Harps and Scotstown.

This is Niall's first Ulster Minor Championship Final.

#### ULSTER GAA FOOTBALL SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

THROW IN 2:00pm





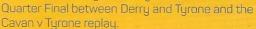
#### DÚN NA NGALL V TÍR EOGHAIN

Referee: David Coldrick (An Mhí) Standby: David Gough (An Mhí) Linesman: Barry Cassidy (Doire)

Sideline Official: Martin McNally (Muineachán)
Umpires: Seamus McCormack, Conor Dourneen
Stephen O'Hare and James Matthews

#### David Coldrick (An Mhí)

David is no stranger to duty in the Ulster Senior Football Championship. Today will mark the fourth time that he has taken charge of the provincial decider. He also took charge of this year's



He has been on the inter-county panel for some fourteen seasons and has officiated at Senior Championship games in all four provinces. In 2006, he took charge of his first AIB All-Ireland Club Senior Football Final.

David joined the ranks of All-Ireland Senior Football Championship Final referees in 2007 when he controlled the Kerry and Cork decider. He followed this up in 2010 when he took charge of the Cork and Down decider and 2015 for Dublin v Kerry.

The Meath official won Minor and Under-21 Football Championship medals with Kilcloon-Moynalvy and is now a member of the Blackhall Gaels Club.

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Micheal Ó hOsain Uachtarán Chomhairle Uladh

# CLASTER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS



#### Amhrán na bhFiann

Sinne Fianna Fáil A tá fé gheall ag Éirinn, buion dár slua Thar toinn do ráinig chugainn, Fé mhóid bheith saor. Sean tír ár sinsir feasta Ní fhagfar fé'n tiorán ná fé'n tráil Anocht a théam sa bhearna bhaoil, Le gean ar Ghaeil chun báis nó saoil Le guna screach fé lámhach na bpiléar Seo libh canaídh Amhrán na bhFiann.

## RÉAMHFHOCAL

#### PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

Ba mhaith liom fáilte a chur roimh na foirne agus an lucht leanúna a tháinig go Páirc Thiarnaigh Naofa, Cluain Eois inniu ó Thír Eoghain agus ó Dhún na nGall. Molaim go hard gach duine a chuidigh leis na himreoirí seo thar na mblianta le ullmhú le himirt ag an ardchaighdeán spóirt seo.

It is a great honour to welcome all here today for the Ulster Senior Football Championship Final between Tir Eoghain and Dún na nGall. It is an eagerly awaited Final and is the first time that they have met at this stage since 1989, when a replay was required. Dún na nGall remarkably feature in their sixth Final in a row. Tir Eoghain return after a six year lapse and will be keen to record the same outcome as the 2010 Final. The fact that both counties required a replay in their respective Semi Final underlines the competitive nature of our provincial championship. I express my thanks to all teams who participated in this year's championship and in doing so, wish all remaining Ulster teams the best of luck in the All Ireland series.

In the Minor Final, Dún na nGall and Doire compete for the Fr Murray Cup as they both seek to regain this title after a short lapse. Doire are the current holders as they face a Dún na nGall side who won the 2014 Final.

The Ulster Final day is special. Today we see the GAA at its best. We look at the past, enjoy the present and look to the future. The Down team of 1991 who won the Ulster title will be honoured today and we remember with pride their great achievement of 25 years ago. We also acknowledge the Tyrone team from 1956 who won the counties first ever Ulster Senior Championship. Sixty years on we welcome all the surviving members from that history making team. We also will have descendants of family representatives from the 1916 Finalists Aontroim and Muineachan while all 9 counties will be represented in our parade prior to the Senior Final. Then, of course, we have the main event, as we enjoy the present with two compelling Finals in the minor and senior grades.

I acknowledge and thank all the Ulster Council and Muineachán GAA personnel involved in hosting today's games. The capability of our grounds personnel was stretched to the limit after two draws in both Semi Finals. I acknowledge the professional approach of all those involved in the organisation of our games and particularly to Kingspan Breffni Park and St Tiernachs Park, Clones for the manner in which they controlled these replays. Everyone plays their part, supporters and stewards, medics, match officials and players, sponsors, local authorities, media, County Boards and Provincial Council. A special word of thanks to all the doctors who have provided the essential medical cover at our games this year, it is greatly appreciated.

I also wish all four teams, their County Boards and management every success in their respective outings today. To our match officials I wish them an enjoyable day and one that they play a significant role in ensuring fair play within the rules of our game. Finally, to you the supporters; your attendance here today makes these summer Sundays the special events they have become. Your support, attendance and attention is highly valued and we hope the experience of today will encourage you to join us again in 2017.

Michael Ohosain

Micheal Ó hÓsain Uachtarán Chomhairle Uladh





## **YOUR SAFETY**

### PLEASE MAKE IT A DAY TO REMEMBER



Please note the following regulations. We ask for your full co-operation with stewards and other valunteers who are doing their best to ensure you enjoy the match. If you fail to co-operate it may be necessary to refuse you entry or, if inside the stadium, to ask you to leave.

Please do not bring anything into the stadium that can be used as a weapon or that will cause interference with others. This includes fireworks, smoke canisters, bottles, flagooles, banners. We do not allow alcohol in the ground. We ask you not to climb onto walls, stands and other buildings. Likewise, we ask you to refrain from making unnecessary noise that will annoy other spectators near you. That includes the likes of air horns or radios.

Please do not use foul, abusive or offensive language. There are families and children present. We ask you not to enter the field of play during or after the game for health and safety reasons. Occasionally we may be required to search patrons entering the ground. If you refuse to be searched you may be refused entry. Please do not obstruct gangways or stairwells etc. Also, please do not engage in behaviour that may cause a fire or other cangerous event.

The Officers on duty reserve the right to remove you from the ground if you do not comply with these simple regulations. Our intention is simply to ensure that all our supporters can enjoy the match.

#### **FIRST AID**

First Aid is provided at today's venue by Order of Malta personnel with ambulances located behind the Gerry Arthurs' Stand, at the rear of the Hill and at the corner between the Pat McGrane and Eastern Stand.

#### LOST CHILDREN

Children who have become separated from their parents/ guardians should be brought to the designated First Aid Points.

#### SAFETY NOTICE

We have established this policy for health and safety reasons, to avoid serious injury or death. We thank you for your co-operation, and hope you enjoy the match.



#### National Anthem Singer

Kathryn Mullan of Robert Emmet's Slaughtneil is the current Ulster Champion in Scór Sinsear Solo Singing. A proud Gaeilgeoir, Kathryn volunteers at her local Irish and cultural centre, An Carn, and works as a ceannaire in Machaire Rabhartaigh Gaeltacht College during the summer. She is currently undertaking a degree in Maths at Queen's University, Belfast.

## **CLÁR** AN LAE

111.34	Doire amach ar an bPairc
111.37	Dún na nGall amach ar an bPairc
111.40	Oifigigh an Cluiche amach ar an bPáirc
111.45	
111.53	Three Flagbearers at side line, in front of the
	Main Stand
111.54	Match Officials (followed by the County Flagbearers)
	line up 20m in front of Gerry Arthurs Stand
111.55	Teams line up for the Respect Handshake beside
	Officials/Flagbearers
1158	Perform the Respect Handshake
1159	Cathaoirleach shakes the Match Officials hands and
	then is led back to the side line by all three flags
1200	Tús an Cluiche: Doire v Dún na nGall
1232	
1233	Cumann na mBunsol
1241	
1242	
114	Críoch an Chluiche
117	Presentation of Fr Murray Cup to winning Captain by
	Olibhear Ó Gealagain, Leas Uachtarán Comhairle Uladh
122	Introduction of All Counties and Centenary Teams –
	Aontroim & Muineachán 1916
126	Introduction of Jubilee Team – Tir Eoghain 1956
134	Both County Secretaries to present Team Lists in
	Referees room
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1.38	Tír Eoghain amach ar an bPairc
1.40	Oifigigh an Cluiche amach ar an bPáirc
1.45	Coin Toss
1.48	Match Officials (followed by the County Flagbearers) line up 20m in front of the Gerry Arthurs Stand
1.49	Teams line up for the Respect Handshake beside Officials/Flagbearers
1.50	Provincial Flagbearer & Cathaoirleach Cuige at the sideline in front of Gerry Arthurs Stand
1.51	Cathaoirleach Cuige, led by the Provincial Flagbearer, shakes the Match Referee's hand and remains in the line.
1.52	Perform the Respect Handshake
1.53	Paráid
1.54	Cathaoirleach Cuige shakes the rest of the Match Officials hands
1.55	The Referee/Match Officials go to centre field.
	Cathaoirleach Cuige, led by the Provincial Flagbearer, returns to his seat.
1.57	Minute Silence - Seamus Mac Geidigh
1.58	Amhrán na bhFiann
2.00	Tús an Cluiche: Dún na nGall v Tír Eoghain
2.37	Half Time / Leath Am
2.38	Introduction of Jubilee Team - An Dún (1991)
2.52	Start of Second Half
3.29	Críoch an Chluiche Shinsir
3.34	Presentation of Anglo Celt Cup to Captain of the Ulster Champions by Micheal Ó hÓsain, Uachtaran, Comhairle Uladh



## A WORD FROM OUR SPONSORS

Welcome to the clash of the titans – a Ulster Football Final like no other! eir is very proud to play a small part in supporting yet another magnificent season, and today both Tyrone and Donegal fight it out with the dream of making it to Croke Park and ultimately becoming 2016's All-Ireland Football Champions.

eir, like the GAA, forms a part of the fabric of Irish community, connecting homes up and down the country. We believe in connecting people in better ways every day, and today we are all united as we cheer on our heroes and support our team. Only recently, eir signed a new five year sponsorship deal with the GAA which further cements our strong relationship with the organisation.

Once again we have reached out to fans online - and we haven't been disappointed. Fan support from all corners of the globe has helped these teams get to where they are today: your shout really does count, spurring on these athletes with a pride that resonates long after the Final whistle. **Enjoy the game!** 

Richard Moat, CEO eir Group



It is an honour to be here in St Tiernach's Park as sponsor of the GAA All-Ireland Senior Football Championships and today's Ulster Senior Football Final. This sponsorship is very important to us at AIB, as is our proud sponsorship of the AIB GAA and Camogie Club Championships, and we are delighted to once again be "Backing Club and County."

Today Donegal and Tyrone will face off in the Ulster Senior Football Final for the first time since 1989. This Donegal side are no strangers to the Ulster Final having won three of the last five title clashes but Tyrone are

determined to claim back the Cup last won in 2010. The meeting of these two Ulster powerhouses will surely make for an interesting battle.

This is AIB's second season backing club and county, and we are delighted to continue our support of GAA at all levels. The hard work and dedication during the autumn and winter months at club level fuels the county competition and seeing these players here today representing their club at county level is something very special.

On behalf of AIB, I would like to congratulate Donegal and Tyrone on reaching the Ulster Senior Football Final and we wish both teams the best of luck.

Denis O'Callaghan Head of Retail Banking, AIB



On behalf of SuperValu, I would like to warmly welcome you all to Clones today to see these two great sporting counties battle it out, in what is sure to be a great Ulster Football Final.

As proud sponsors, I congratulate the players from Donegal and Tyrone— it is a real demonstration of their dedication and commitment to our national sport.

At SuperValu, 'We Believe in Local' and nothing represents local more than the GAA, with its strong heritage and deep roots in every community across Ireland.

2016 marks SuperValu's seventh year as sponsor of the GAA All-Ireland Senior Football Championship and we are proud to say that it is a partnership that continues to grow from strength to strength, demonstrating the natural synergies between SuperValu and the GAA.

With 221 stores, SuperValu is at the heart of towns and villages across Ireland. Similar to the GAA, our independent retailers strive to build vibrant local communities by supporting local producers, local jobs and local clubs.

We witnessed a fantastic showcase of skill and determination this season so far and I have no doubt that today's game will be just as exciting. I wish both teams, their management and all the fans, the best of luck in today's Ulster Football Final

Martin Kelleher Managing Director, SuperValu





## DÜN NA NGALL

### **ULSTER MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP**

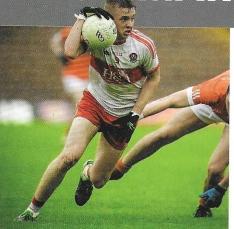
## **SUMMARY**

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Perfectly timed goals when their teams needed them most went a long way towards getting Derry and Donegal into today's Minor Final. The Oak Leafers were five points behind Armagh at the start of the second half of their Semi-Final when Patrick Coney struck for a goal that got the reigning champions back on track.

In their Quarter-Final against Antrim, Donegal were also behind by five points with 10 minutes left when Niall O'Donnell found the net and kick-started their comeback

The Saffrons had opened the Championship with an impressive preliminary round win at Brewster Park against Enniskillen. Goals from Michael Hagan, Eoin Nagle, Dermot McErlaine and Kevin Small helped the visitors to a 4-10 to 2-9 victory.

Title holders Derry were out next and established their 2016 credentials immediately with a 1-15 to 0-10 victory over Tyrone at Celtic Park. They did most of their best work after the break, having led bu a point, 0-8 to 0-7, after the first 30 minutes. After the sides were level at 0-9 apiece, Damian McErlain's charges took control. Derry reeled off three unanswered points then, even when Tyrone did answer, the Oak Leafers grabbed 1-2 without any reply until the end. Corner-back Conor McCluskey scored the goal in injury-time.

Armagh also helped themselves to an injury-time goal in their Quarter-Final win over Cavan and, like Derry's effort, Callum O'Neill's green flag served as an exclamation mark on a quality display in which Rian O'Neill scored their opening goal early on. Callum O'Neill's late palmed effort completed a 2-14 to 1-12 win.

Down the road in Clones later the same day Monaghan's strong first half display laid the foundations for their 1-13 to 0-11 Quarter-Final win over Down. They led 1-6 to 0-2 at the break, the goal coming from James Wilson. The young Mournemen did rally in the second half and narrowed the gap to four points before the dismissal of Finn McIlroy allowed Monaghan some breathing room as they completed a five-point win.

Donegal's title hopes were in serious trouble in their Quarter-Final against Antrim at Corrigan Park. Saffron substitute Eamon Fyffe scored 2-3 in the second half but, when O'Donnell's goal was followed a minute later by another, Shaun Paul Barrett's side had turned a five-point deficit into a one-point lead.

O'Donnell added two more points and Kieran Gallagher kicked another to see Donegal through to the Semi-Final. Patrick Coney's goal for Derry in their last four clash with Armagh in Clones came with the Orchard county leading 0-8 to 0-3, and got them back into the game. Goalkeeper Ben McKinless kept them there with a couple of brilliant saves and it was Armagh who needed an equaliser from Cathair McGeary to force extra-time. While Armagh could only manage two scores after that Derry got eight to run out comfortable 1-17 to 0-14 winners in the end.

Donegal also had six points to spare at the end of their Semi-Final against Monaghan but they had to withstand a strong Farney fightback at Kingspan Breffni Park. Donegal led 2-7 to 0-5 at half-time, with Jason McGee and Eoghan McGettigan scoring their goals. Robbie McAllister and Conor Leonard found the net for Monaghan after the break but Odhran McFadden-Ferry's green flag in between helped Donegal stay at arm's length.

Donegal ended up 3-15 to 2-12 winners to set up a mouth watering repeat of last year's Semi-Final.



## PREVIEW

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OH to be a Donegal fan. These are heady, heady times for those of a green and gold persuasion.

If you include this today's double appearance, the county has been involved in 12 provincial Finals since 2010 at senior, U21 or minor level.

Perhaps most surprising is the fact that today's Final with holders Derry is only the second Ulster Final appearance for the minors following their eight-point win over Armagh in the 2014 decider.

Donegal have had a reputation in recent years for being ahead of the curve at U18 level, but they have stumbled along the way. It has been a level they have always struggled at though with only Monaghan winning less Ulster titles since the competition's inception bac in 1930.

They nearly stumbled this year too but not for the first time Niall O'Donnell provided a star turn as they saw off a strong Antrim side in the Quarter-Final. The St Eunan's man chipped in with a brilliant 2-5 in the second half to secure a four-point win for Shaun Paul Barrett's side.

The performance levels were much improved for the Semi-Final against Monaghan, but they still gave up 2-12 leaving a concession average of 15.5 points per game en-route to the Final.

It's a fair assessment to suggest that their weakness lies in defence, but that's only because they have such a brilliant midfield and attack. Up front O'Donnell has long been pin-pointed as a future star, but he is not working alone. Eoghan McGettigan, who successfully had a suspension overturned ahead of the Semi-Final, is a real goal threat while Shane McGrath has been a creative hub since coming on midway through the Quarter-Final meeting with the Saffrons.

They have something special in midfield though in the pairing of Jason McGee and Kieran Gallagher. They're big, strong and work hard. They also carry a scoring threat with both getting on the scoresheet against Antrim and Monaghan.

That duo will have to be at their best because they are coming up against a Derry team that has already shown both style and substance.

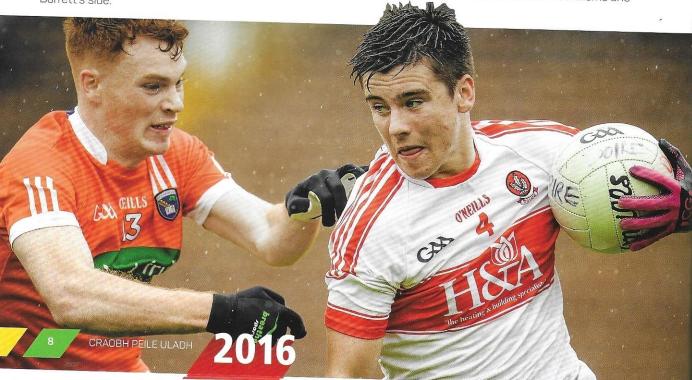
Damian McErlain's side had a horrible opener on paper as they came up against perennial achievers Tyrone. Reputations mattered little to them though as they produced some superb football, made all the better by the fact that the rain was driving down throughout, to record an eight-point win.

Corner-back Conor McCloskey's goal may have come in injury time, but the game was already up at that stage. Their 16 scores on the day were spread over 10 players with Larry Kielt in particular taking some lovely points.

If that was the style, then the substance came in their Semi-Final victory over Armagh. Paul McGrane had developed a confident, aggressive side and when the Orchard county moved five ahead they looked well on course to secure a repeat of the '14 Final.

Derry fought back though and with goalkeeper Ben McKinless keeping them in the game they forced extratime. Keeping Armagh scoreless in the first half of those additional 20 minutes provided the platform for victory.

McErlain does have some injury concerns. Arthur McWilliams and







Gearoid McLaughlin are carrying knocks but should be fit to start.

The Derry minors have provided a beacon of light for Oakleaf fans. While Donegal fans have become accustomed to Ulster Final day, their neighbours have not. Since the Millennium they have appeared in two senior Finals, both lost, and three u-21 Finals, also all lost.

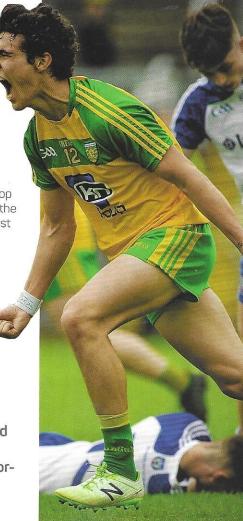
Mnor Final appearances number four in the same period but, crucially, three of those have been won. The minor wins in 1989-90 were the last time the county did back-to-back at any of those three age groups in Ulster. They need this badly.

For that to happen they need to avoid a repeat of their slow start

against Armagh. They have to stop Donegal breaking at speed from the back. They need to make the most of their chances when they are presented with openings in limited space.

In their midfield pairing and O'Donnell Donegal have three gems though. Barrett's side showed against Monaghan that they have genuine quality and they were mature enough to fend off the Oriel's third-quarter comeback in the last round.

The Tir Chonaill men should do their bit as the county tries to emulate their seniorminor double from two years ago.



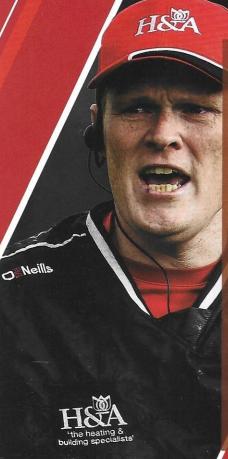


for a 5 Star performance!"









#### **DAMIAN MCERLAIN**

Doire Manager

It is fantastic to lead Derry Minor Footballers to a second Ulster Final in as many years. This is a totally new team who have worked tremendously hard as individuals and in embracing the team culture needed to survive at intercounty level. Last year's Ulster success has whetted the appetite for young players in Derry to emulate that squad, and the desire to play for Derry is very evident among the lads which is great to see.

The work being done at club level in the county is beginning to shine through, with the talent that is at our disposal and being in back to back Finals highlighting that.

Donegal represent the toughest of challenges today and have been seriously strong at this level for a number of years now. They gave us a lesson in Celtic Park earlier in the year, so we know the scale of the task ahead in Clones today. Ulster Championships are never handed out, they are seriously hard earned and that's why it's a special province.

I'd like to thank the players and management team for their total commitment to this campaign - it is humbling to lead a team as dedicated to achieving the best possible results and development. Our County Board and Club Derry deserve credit for their total support of this group in their efforts and of course our main sponsor H&A who make it all possible for all our county teams - hopefully they will get further return on their investments this year.

Today is a special day in Clones for all of Ulster to embrace. I wish all four teams the very best of luck.

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## **HEAD TO HEAD**

#### SHAUN PAUL BARRETT

Dún na nGall Manager

It's a great honour and privilege for everyone in the squad and backroom team, to be here today representing Donegal in the Ulster Minor Final. It's been a great journey to date to reach this milestone.

At the start of the year this day seemed a long way off, but we have cherished every moment and the time has flown. It takes great sacrifice and commitment also from so many people to bring this group to this stage in their development. Many people have played their part in this journey. To the club and school coaches throughout the county, the coaches working with Development Squads from U14 up, especially Brian McCabe and his backroom team, who all contributed to the development of these young men, I would like to say thanks. To the families and clubs, these young men are a credit to you. Donegal football has been on the crest of a wave for the last number of years and its important that we keep driving forward.

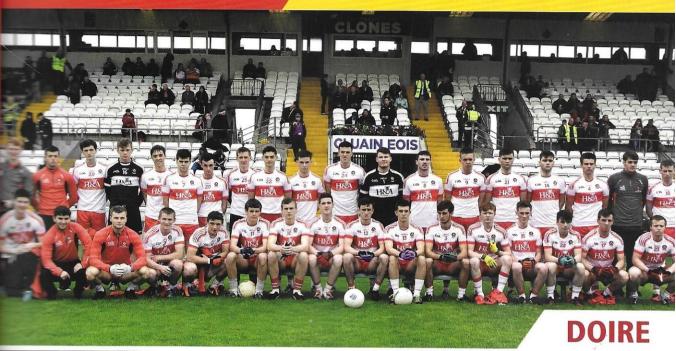
Great credit must go to Mick Murphy and Anthony Harkin for their promotion of Games Development and Coaching in the county. I would like to thank the clubs that made their pitches available to us throughout the year, especially Gweedore, St Eunan's, Ardara, Glenties, Downings and Buncrana. To the County Board, especially Sean Dunnion, Cieran Kelly, Aideen Gillen, Mick Mc Grath and Frankie Doherty we appreciate your continued support.

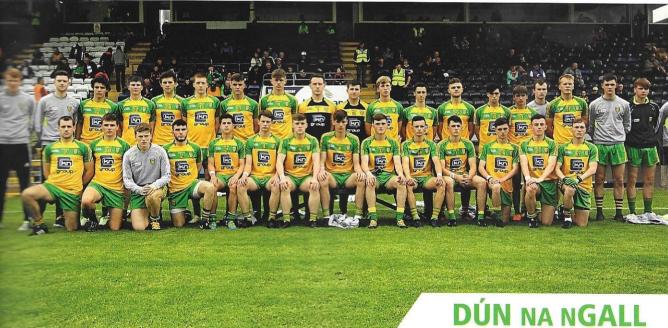
To the sponsors of Donegal GAA without you we would not be here. To the management team of Neilly, Noel, Luke, Darren, Paddy, Conal and Anthony a massive thank you for your commitment, dedication and belief in everything we are doing. Finally, a special thanks to you the supporters for your support, and please let your support be heard today, these young men have earned it.



## ULSTER MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP THE TEAMS







THE DERRY MINORS HAVE PROVIDED A BEACON OF LIGHT FOR OAKLEAF FANS. WHILE DONEGAL FANS HAVE BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO ULSTER FINAL DAY, THEIR NEIGHBOURS HAVE NOT. Niall McCoy - Gaelic Life







## DOIRE



#### FÍR IONAID/SUBSTITUTES

16. Oran Hartin, Leim An Mhadaidh 17. Jon Paul Devlin, Baile na Scríne 18. Seamus Higgins, Dún Geimhin

19. Larry Kielt, Cill Ria 20. Mark McGrogan, Droichead Nua 21. Odhran McKeever, Dún Geimhin

22. Sean Mortimer, An Charraig Bhan 23. Conor Quinn, Baile Eochaidh 24. Ronan Young, Machaire Fíolta





















#### FIR IONAID/SUBSTITUTES

Naomh Náille

Carl Dunnion, Sean Mac Cumhaill 17. Shane McGrath, Aodh Ruadh 18. Ryan Connors, An Clochán Liath

**Eoghan McGettigan** 

Naomh Conaill

- 🔁 Daniel Lyons, Cill Chartha 20. Brian O'Donnell, Cill Chartha 21. Stephen Carr, Gleann Fhinne
- Gary Molloy, Cill Chartha 23. Aaron Deeney, Naomh Adhamhnáin 24. Cieran McGinley, Naomh Mícheál









**Enda McCormick** 

An Tearmainn

## ULSTER MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**TEAMS & SCORERS** 

#### Sunday 15th May

Preliminary Round at Brewster Park Fear Manach 2-09 Aontroim 4-10

Fear Manach: G Doherty; J Cassidy, J McCaffrey, C Cameron; C McGee, N Tierney, S McGullion; D O Cathain, D McGurn (0-1); E Curran (0-1), T Boyd, T Bogue; P Oa O'Reilly (0-2), E Beacom (1-2), C Jones (0-3). Subs: C Quinn for T Bogue, M Og McGarrigle (1-0) for T Boyd, D Dolan for D McGurn, C McNally for E Beacom, C McBrien for C McGee, C McGann for C Quinn.

Aontroim: G Smith; M Donnelly, S Kelly, P Mulholland; P Finnegan (0-1), P McCormick, M McNamee; N McKeown, J Maybin; E McCabe (0-1), D McErlain (1-0), E Nagle (1-0); L Quinn (0-4), K Small (1-2), M Hagan (1-1). Subs: E Fyffe (0-1) for M Hagan, M Doherty for L Quinn, J Finnegan for J Maybin, J Cooley for M McNamee.

Referee: Dan Mullan (Doire)





Quarter Final at Celtic Park Doire 1-15 Tír Eoghain 0-10

Doire: B McKinless; C McCluskey (1-0), G McLaughlin, A Bradley; P McGrogan (0-1), S Downey, S McErlain; P Coney, O McWilliams (0-2); L Kielt (0-4), B Cassidy (0-1), P Quigg (0-1); C Doherty, F Higgins (0-2), E Bradley (0-1). Subs: L McWilliams (0-2) for B Cassidy, S Higgins (0-1) for L Kielt, O McKeever for G McLaughlin, C Quinn for O McWilliams.

Tír Eoghain: B Gallen (0-1); T Hurl, E Donnelly, J McGurk; T Corr, C Grimes, P McCartan; J Devlin (0-1), C Goodwin; B Molloy, T Carney (0-2), P Donaghy; E McNabb (0-2), M McGleenan (0-2), D Kerr (0-2). Subs: O Sludden for B Molloy, B McNulty for E Donnelly.

Referee - Anthony Marron (Muineachán)

#### Sunday 29th May

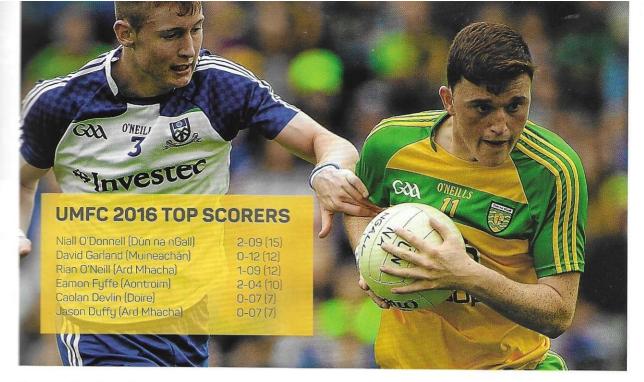
Quarter Final at Kingspan Breffni Park An Cabhán 1-12 Ard Mhacha 2-14

An Cabhán: K Fitzsimons; P O'Reilly (0-1), P Meade, M Magee; D Kennedy, L Fortune, P Rogers; C Brady (0-1), J McCabe; S Smith (0-1), T Donohoe (0-1), R O'Neill (0-2); R Curran, C Smith (0-5), E Cooney. Subs: J Smith (1-0) for E Cooney, G Smith (0-1) for R Curran, C Rehill for J McCabe, C Madden for S Smith, O Pierson for R O'Neill, C Mussi for P O'Reilly.

Ard Mhacha: M Nugent; J McAlinden, B McCambridge, D Loye; C McGeary, Conor O'Neill, R Owens; Callum O'Neill (1-0), E McDonnell; R McQuillan (0-3), R O'Neill (1-5), C McConville; J Duffy (0-4), S Loye, R McSherry. Subs: M Girvan for E McDonnell, E McCabe (0-1) for C O'Neill (BC), K McAlinden (0-1) for C McConville, S McAlinden for R McSherry (BC).

Referee - Ciaran Mooney (An Dún)





### Quarter Final at Clones Muineachán 1-13 An Dún 0-11

Muineachán: J Kirk; J Walsh, C Lennon, O Quinn; P McMahon (0-1), R Mohan, F Hanratty; C Leonard, P Finnan; R O'Connor, J Wilson (1-1), A Courtney; D Garland (0-8), M Bannigan (0-1), F Connolly (0-1). Subs: R McAlister for A Courtney, F Beggan for R O'Connor, S Burns (0-1) for J Wilson, C Doyle for J Walsh (BC).

An Dún: D Ross; C Killen, S Fitzpatrick, F Mcllroy; J Connery, P Laverty, C Cox; O McConvey, D Catterson; O McCabe (0-2), S Murdock, C Tinnelly; C McCrickard (0-2), D Murdock (0-5), L Kerr (0-1). Subs: D Treanor for J Connery, J Sloane for C Tinnelly, R Beatty (0-1) for S Murdock, P Fegan for C Killen (BC), O Donnelly for S Frtzpatrick.

Referee - Mark Dorrian (Dún na nGall)

#### Quarter Final at Corrigan Park Aontroim 2-7 Dún na nGall 2-11

Aontroim: G Smith; M Donnelly, S Kelly, P Muholland; P Finnegan, P McCormick, D McCormick; N McKeown, J Maybin; E McCabe, D McErlain (0-1), E Nagle (0-1); M Doherty, K Small (0-1), M Hagan (0-1). Subs: E Fyffe [2-3] for M Hagan, J Finnegan for M Doherty, M McNamee for J Maybin, M Hamill for S Kelly, M Doherty for M Donnelly, S Duffin for D McErlain.

Dún na nGall: G Mulreany; S Ferry (0-1), A McCrea, M Curran; O Shiels, JD Boyle, A McLaughlin (0-1); J McGee (0-1), K Gallagher (0-1); N Boyle, N O'Donnell (2-5), E McCormick; O McFadden, E McGettigan, P Mogan (0-2). Subs: S McGrath for J McGee (BC), B O'Donnell for E McCormick, R Connors for O McFadden (BC), S Carr for A McLaughlin.

Referee - Maggie Farrelly (An Cabhán)

#### Sunday 19th June Semi Final at Clones

### Doire 1-17 Ard Mhacha 0-14 (AET)

Doire: B McKinless; C McCluskey, G McLaughlin, C Doherty; P McGrogan, E Concannon, S McErlain; P Coney (1-1), O McWilliams; L Kielt, L McWilliams, P Quigg (0-2); S Downey, F Higgins (0-4), E Bradley (0-2). Subs: S Higgins (0-1) for L Kielt, C Devlin (0-7) for L McWilliams, J P Devlin for O McWilliams, A Bradley for E Concannon, B Cassidy for E Bradley, O McKeever for S McErlain, O Hartin for B McKinless (BC).

Ard Mhacha: M Nugent; J McAlinden, B McCambridge, D Loye; C McGeary (0-1), C O'Neill, R Owens (0-3); C O'Neill, E McDonnell (0-1); R McQuillan, R O'Neill (0-4), C McConville (0-1); J Duffy (0-3), S Loye (0-1), R McSherry. Subs: M Girvan for E McDonnell, K McAlinden for S Loye, E McCabe for C O'Neill, F Mackin for J McAlinden.

Referee - Niall Cullen (Fear Manach)

#### Saturday 25th June

#### Semi-Final at Kingspan Breffni Park Dún na nGall 3-15 Muineachán 2-12

**Dún na nGall:** G Mulreany; S Ferry, A McCrea, M Curran; O Shiels (0-1), J D Boyle (0-1), A McLaughlin (0-2); J McGee (1-2), K Gallagher (0-1); N Boyle, N O'Donnell (0-4), O McFadden Ferry (1-0); P Mogan, E McGettigan (1-2), S McGrath (0-1). **Subs:** B O'Donnell for P Mogan (BC), G Molloy (0-1) for J D Boyle, S Carr for O McFadden Ferry, R Connors for A McLaughlin.

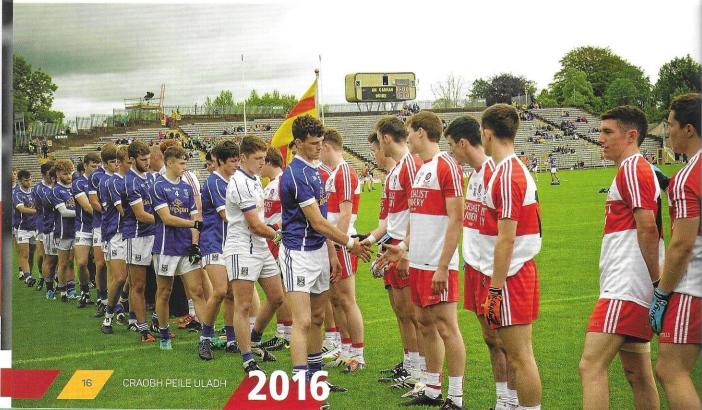
Muineachán: J Kirk; J Walsh, C Lennon, F Beggan; P McMahon, R Mohan, F Hanratty; C Leonard (1-0), P Finnan; R O'Connor, J Wilson (0-3), R McAllister (1-2); D Garland (0-4), M Brannigan (0-3), F Connolly. Subs: A Courtney for R McAllister, D Hughes for J Wilson.

Referee - Paul Faloon (An Dún)

## ULSTER MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP ROLL OF HONOUR 1930 - 2015



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Aontroim - 8 Titles Doire - 12 Titles

Ard Mhacha - 12 Titles Dún na nGall - 5 Titles

An Cabhán - 6 Titles Muineachán - 4 Titles

An Dún - 10 Titles Tir Eoghain - 22 Titles



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Liam McConalogue (St. Mary's Convoy)







All GAA Clubs are very lucky that they have outstanding volunteers. Here in St. Mary's Convoy, we have one such person in Liam McConalogue. Born in Cornagillagh, off the Convoy-Glenmaquin road, Liam has been a GAA stalwart all his life.

After Liam's playing days, he turned his hand to the Boardroom, where he held a number of different positions, all of which he did with meticulous dedication. He also held officer positions with the Northern Board and has represented our club as a delegate to both the Northern and Senior Boards.

Even though he had a busy schedule with all of this, he still found time to lend a hand to help with the coaching of most of the young players in our club. Some of the players that Liam helped to coach were lucky later on to go on to win County Titles.

Arranging of transportation, making sure jerseys, shorts and socks are brought to and returned from the laundrette is never a problem to Liam. When people turn up for home games, Liam has the flags out, scoreboard set up, jerseys hung up and all ready to go, making life easy for the managers. When team sheets have to be written out in Irish, Liam is to the fore again. And if that wasn't enough, he can be seen being a linesman or umpire.

St. Mary's GAA, are not the only people to benefit from the time that Liam is willing to give to help others. Donegal GAA have also tapped into his talents and Liam has been a gateman at inter-county and club championship games, for a number of years. On top of this volunteer work to the GAA, Liam still finds time to serve other local community groups and committees.

All the jobs that no one sees being done, but are done, are carried out by volunteers like Liam. We in St. Mary's are indeed very lucky to have such a dedicated volunteer. We are honoured to have been given this opportunity to highlight Liam's involvement in our club and would like to say a massive thank you to him for everything he does. Let's hope he will help us for a long number of years to come.

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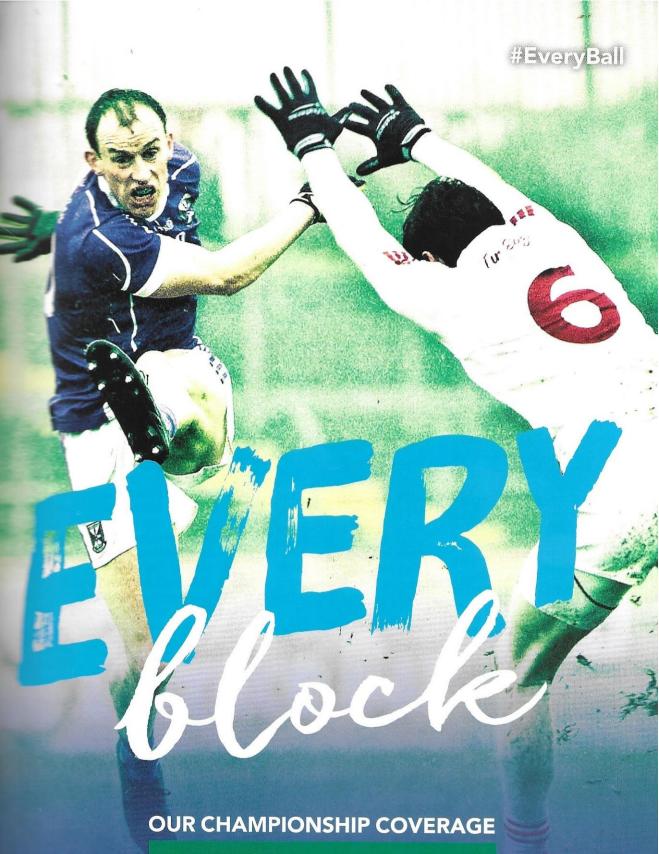
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## **SENIOR PREVIEW**

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**KEVIN FARRELL** 



SOME things in life just don't need the hard sell. Today's confrontation between two headstrong neighbours pushing lofty agendas in Ulster and beyond is arguably a case in point.

In their four provincial head-to-heads over the past five summers - 2014 the exception - the men from Tir Chonaill emerged with a full set of bragging rights. During that period, they also beat a stubborn path back to the country's top table. The triumphant delivery of 'Sam' to the county under Jim McGuinness's shrewd steer in 2012 emphatically rubber-stamped their arrival after two decades of slumber.

Mickey Harte, meanwhile, has had to harness a ceaseless and painstaking Red Hand rebuild - practically since Tyrone's drive for a third successive Anglo-Celt Cup in 2011 was abruptly checked by the obsessed and hungry Donegal in the Semi-Final.

Dermot 'Brick' Molloy's late goal proved the difference that day in what would prove to be a watershed of sorts in both counties for opposite reasons.

While McGuinness would go on to deliver a first Ulster title to Donegal in 19 years with that unapologetic blanket of ultra-defensive football, some of Tyrone's most decorated footsoldiers of the success-laden 'Noughties' were suddenly at a crossroads.

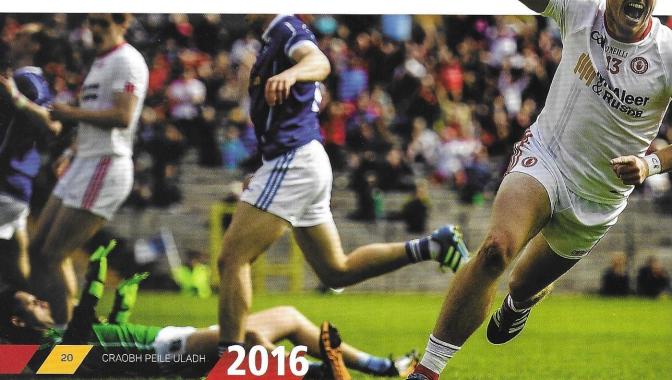
The Tyrone/Armagh Ulster title duopoly of 13 years had finally been breached. When a second successive narrow Semi-Final victory for Donegal followed in 2012, McGuinness would have felt that a fatal psychological blow to Tyrone's old guard had been delivered.

Prior to the following year's Quarter-Final meeting, Mickey Harte remained bullish about owing McGuinness's reigning Ulster and All-Ireland champions some payback. It didn't happen though. Donegal retained ownership of the rivalry, even though their summer title defences didn't quite pan out as they had planned.

Last year's Preliminary Round had a familiar outcome. Tyrone pressed and prodded in Donegal's half for long spells after the break, but patient and incisive counterattacking from Rory Gallagher's men and a couple of late game-clinching frees from skipper Michael Murphy kept the prying Red Hands at bay.

Donegal are now into their sixth Ulster SFC decider on the trot. It's an impressive feat only eclipsed on this beat by the Down dynasty who won seven from a dozen consecutive finals between 1958 and '69. A fourth title triumph in their run - a first for Gallagher two terms into his tenure - would surely cement their status as Ulster's leading lights, especially with Monaghan already bounced out of this year's bigger picture.

It might also hit the mute button on the critics who yell they are now a county whose legs have gone - despite their average squad age of around 26. Last year's All-Ireland Quarter-Final clipping by Mayo becomes the dissenters' most convenient exhibit.





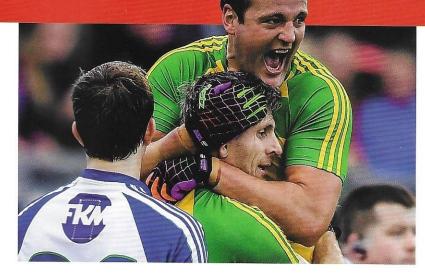
Yet in the wake of their Ulster Semi-Final replay win over the Farneymen, captain MIchael Murphy insisted they pay no heed to criticism from outside their own circle. Being written off is nothing new to Donegal these days, he reminded.

The revived O'Neill County, meanwhile, contests a first Ulster Final since defeat of Monaghan in 2010 sealed those back-to-back crowns ahead of the looming sea change in the province's order of merit. Harte's hyped and youthful outfit are the bookies' favourites for this encounter. Yet despite annexing the McKenna Cup and the Division Two title, the whispers persist that they still have a bit to prove on the bigger days as this year's flatter challenges recede.

Their defeat to Kerry in last August's Al-Ireland Semi-Final was the last time they faced a top tier team in competitive fare, but Harte has had them playing like a top tier team whose League status this year was a misleading anomaly. Their promotion was as surefooted as could be.

Both counties have certainly posted statements of intent ranging from solid to sublime on their collision course towards this seductive Ulster decider. Despite the dismissal of fullback Neil McGee prior to the interval, Rory Gallagher's charges brushed aside a listless Fermanagh in the second half with daylight to spare in Ballybofey. Title-holders Monaghan were then dethroned after a Semi-Final replay at Kingspan Breffni Park. Despite that single-point success, Danegal were the more enterprising side by some distance against a county they had lost two of the last three Ulster finals to.

Tyrone, meanwhile, bounded off the back of Division Two silverware in April to cruise past a dismal Derry at Celtic Park with consummate ease. Three Semi-Finals goals, though,



were then shipped with the Hands leaving the back door open for a David Givney-inspired Cavan to pilfer an unlikely draw. Yet a virtuoso display from the tireless Petey Harte would punctuate a trigger-happy replay as a demolition job on Terry Hyland's side at today's venue was promptly served up.

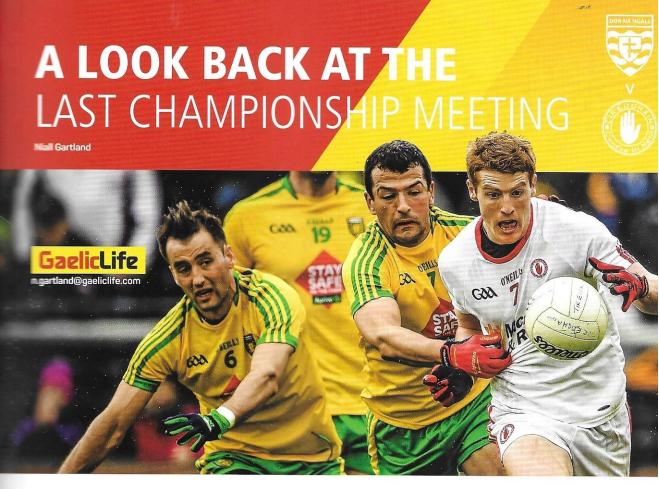
The out-gunned Breffnimen did bag 2-17 during their 10-point reverse, prompting the wily Tyrone manager to warn of the perils of such a generous concession rate when the ruthless pack from Donegal comes hunting. The Red Hands' own final tally of 5-18 became the highest score posted in an Ulster SFC match since Armagh's 7-13 against Tyrone in 1951.

The heavy artillery which both teams boast will once again be primed. Yet the very similar counter-attacking styles which have served each so well, so far will surely need a tweak in light of the occasion. The air will be much tighter in every nook of St Tiernach's Park. And despite the prolific firepower in both camps, opportunities from play could be at a premium should a claustrophobic staring contest develop.

Tyrone, though, do possess players of fine calibre and there's no shortage of running power to light the way. Petey Harte, scoring midfielder Mattie Donnelly and Tiernan McCann are all perpetual motion. Colm Cavanagh, ably supported by Justy McMahon, has risen to the occasion in a sweeping role. The evergreen Sean Cavanagh at centrefield continues to be the anchor of the high-energy gameplan flaunting a middle eight that can turn a 14-man defence into marauding attack in a blink. The inside options of Ronan O'Neill and Connor McAliskey are also quality operators.

Donegal, though, have their own hit squad to hurt Mickey Harte's brain. Injured midfielder Neil Gallagher will be missed, yet the attacking pedigree of MIchael Murphy, Odhran Mac Niallias, Paddy McBrearty and the McHugh contingent provides a gallery of potential game winners with rich previous. Paddy McGrath, Frank McGlynn and the returning Neil McGee, meanwhile, will thrive on hassling, harrying and breaking attacking hearts from the first ball to the last whistle.

Fingernails will be tested in every nervous corner of Clones this afternoon. The greater experience of Donegal, though might win them this Anglo-Celt Cup and a kinder route towards September - if only by the skin of their teeth and a kick of the ball.



THE last time these two sides met was in a feisty Ulster Championship Preliminary Round clash at a wet and windy Ballyboyfey exactly 427 days ago today.

It was Tyrone and Donegal's fourth meeting in five years and it followed much the same plot-line as its prequels: the Red Hands gave it the proverbial one hundred and ten percent but Donegal came out on top, this time by 1-13 to 1-10.

From this possibly partisan Tyrone perspective, more than a few moments and themes have lodged themselves in my mind from last year's encounter – albeit the final scoreline admittedly wasn't one of them.

Donegal dug the foundations for their win with an early blitz that possibly caught Tyrone by surprise, but Darren McCurry's precise finish to the corner of the net in the 10th minute had a settling effect on the rest of his side. It's also worth mentioning that it remains the only goal Tyrone have scored in just over 280 minutes of championship football against Donegal this decade – little wonder McCurry celebrated in

a manner befitting a man nicknamed the 'Dazzler' – but I digress.

Tyrone outscored Donegal by six points to one between the 20th and 33rd minute, but their opponents struck a decisive blow on the cusp of half-time when Martin McElhinney finished soccer-style to the net.

Rory Gallagher's side led by 1-8 to 1-6 at the interval and it was a frustrating second-half from this Tyrone man's perspective. Time and time again, the Red Hands fell into a pattern of passing the ball around the middle to little obvious effect, albeit two Conor McAliskey wonder scores drew matters level at 1-10 apiece in the 51st minute.

Tyrone failed to score for the remaining 20 minutes and three mammoth points from Michael Murphy (two frees, 1'45) sent Rory Gallagher's men on their merry way to a Quarter-Final clash against Armagh.

It'd be remiss not to mention that the game hardly passed without 'incident' either. A scuffle at halftime and two late sending offs to Neil Gallagher and Sean Cavanagh tell its own story, while Rory Gallagher was unhappy with Justin McMahon's hands-on policing of Donegal talisman Michael Murphy – it'll be interesting to see if they renew acquaintances today.

WITH THE BENEFIT OF HINDSIGHT, IT MARKED THE PREMATURE HIGHLIGHT OF DONEGAL'S YEAR. THEY MARCHED THEIR WAY TO THE ULSTER FINAL BEFORE LOSING THEIR CROWN TO MONAGHAN FOR THE SECOND TIME IN THREE YEARS, AND THEY BOWED OUT OF THE ALL-IRELAND RACE IN A 2-13 TO 0-11 DEFEAT TO MAYO IN THE ALL-IRELAND OUARTER-FINAL

For Tyrone, meanwhile, it now looks like a watershed moment. Mickey Harte's new-look side built up a head of steam in the Qualifiers and ended up giving Kerry a fright in last year's All-Ireland Semi-Final. Still, they haven't beaten Donegal – or any of the heavy hitters for that matter – in Championship football for the guts of a decade now, so nobody in Tyrone will be expecting a stroll in the park this afternoon. I know I'm not...

## ULSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP ROLL OF HONOUR 1888 - 2015

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### **SENIOR ROLL OF HONOUR**

An Cabhán - 37 Titles

An Dún - 12 Titles

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An Dún - 12 Titles

Doire - 7 Titles

Dún na nGall - 8 Titles Muineachán - 16 Titles

Tir Eoghain - 13 Titles



## ONE MINUTE WITH...

#### EOGHAN "BAN" GALLAGHER

Club: Killybegs

Favourite Position: Midfield

Favourite Pitch:

McDevitt Park - Old Fintra

Hobbies: Pitch & Putt

Childhood hero: Karl Lacey

Best Player you have played with: Michael Murphy

Best Player you have played against: Brian Sheehan

Best game you have been involved in: Ulster Minor Final 2014

Best game you have ever seen: 2014 All Ireland Semi Final Donegal v Dublin

Best trainer within the squad: Karl Lacey and Paddy McGrath

Worst trainer within the squad:

Best motivator within the squad:

Pre Match meal: Pasta & Chicken

Same seat in dressing room

Favourite Song: James Locke -I'll take you home again Kathleen

Favourite Film: Law abiding citizen

Favourite Holiday Destination: Orlando Florida

Favourite Drink: Coke

Favourite Meal: Steak and chips

Best advice ever received: Fail to prepare, prepare to fail

Biggest influence on career: Dad

Club Volunteer of note: Paul McCrudden

Song you listen to before big games: James Locke -I'll take you home again Kathleen

Most important skill: Use of both feet

Biggest Strength in your game: Shooting

Area of your game you would like to improve: Shooting

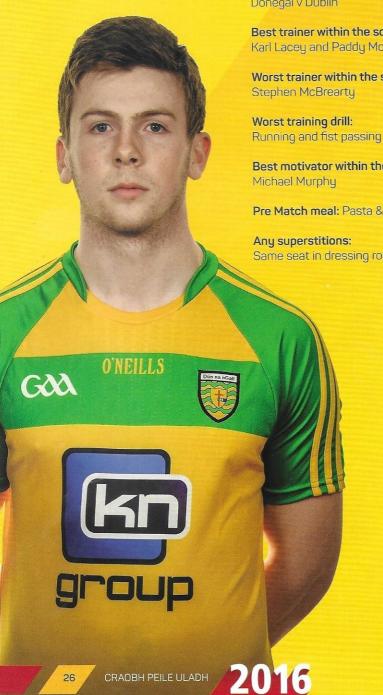
Which club do you like to see do well apart from your own: Bryansford Co Down

Which county do you like to see do well apart from your own: Galway

Advice for youngsters: Practice the skills you are worst at the most

Young Player within your club to look out for: Michael Statham

Best thing about the GAA: Brings people together



## ONE MINUTE WITH...

#### PADRAIG McNULTY

Dub: Dungannon

Favourite Position: Midfield

Facurite Pitch: Croke Park

- Spending time with friends

Thidhood hero: Peter Canavan

Bast Player you have played with: Barard Cavlan

Best Player you have played

against: Caolan Loughran

Best game you have been involved County Final 2014 v Trillck

Best game you have ever seen: 2008 All Ireland Final

Best trainer within the squad: Aidy

Warst trainer within the squad:

Nane

The Donnelly (Running Match)

Test motivator within the squad:

Test motivator within the squad:

Test motivator within the squad:

Match meal:

Any superstitions: None

Favourite Song: Ride with me -

Favourite Film: Braveheart

Favourite Holiday Destination:

Favourite Drink: Coffee

Favourite Meal: Mexicana pizza on a Sunday evening

Best advice ever received:

Play with a smile and give it your all

Biggest influence on career:

Nigel McBride (only downfall he's from Armagh)

Club Volunteer of note:

Budley McHugh

Song you listen to before big games: Black Skinhead – Kayne

West

Most important skill: First Touch

Biggest Strength in your game:

Running with the ball

Area of your game you would like to

improve: Shooting

Which club do you like to see do well apart from your own: Killyman

Which county do you like to see do well apart from your own: Cork

**Advice for youngsters:** Keep practising the basic skills of the game

Young Player within your club to look out for: Brian McNulty

**Best thing about the GAA:** Passion

@padraigmcnulty1







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## ULSTER GAA SUPPORTS SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL





Aidan Crawford, Regional President of SVP, is delighted that Ulster GAA has chosen the Society as its charity partner. He explains: "It is great news that both organisations have an opportunity to work together.

The Society is a volunteer-led charity and has more than 1600 dedicated volunteers across our 183 Conferences in the north. We also have a very active, engaged and growing youth section, which includes groups across many schools and colleges.

We focus on person to person contact. Our volunteers carry out 900 weekly home visits to those in need, offering friendship and assistance and the Society provides practical support in the form of heating, food and electricity, as required. In addition, our volunteers visit people in hospital and in prison, offering support to those who are unerable and isolated.

Through crèches and breakfast and afternoon clubs, we help families in their local areas and we provide peaceful respite in our Centre, Clare Lodge in Newcastle. "These are just some of the very local services we provide and our Vincentians are all committed, caring individuals who give up their own time to carry out the Society's work. We are present in every city, town, village and townland across the province, allowing us to identify and assist those living in poverty.

"Our last annual report highlighted how we distributed more than £3 million worth of funds to those in need locally. More than £1 million of this was spent on direct support for families and individuals, with more than £667,000 spent on fuel and a further £368,000 on clothing and furniture. Our network of 31 shops across the Region supports our work and helps raises vital funds within local communities.

"In recent months the Society of St Vincent de Paul has swiftly reacted to the needs and plights of refugees both at home and abroad. Our volunteers have been at the frontline of assisting families in need by providing a 'funds for food' initiative, clothes and footwear

"We aim to make the most difference that we can with the resources that we generate through our retail shops or are kindly granted by our benefactors. In the last few years the Society has witnessed a 100% increase in the demand for its services and, in light of this; we are encouraging new volunteers to join us to help local communities.

"Without your generosity, we simply couldn't continue to tackle the alarming and saddening levels of need that exist in our region. I would like to thank you for taking the time to read about our work."

If you wish to donate to the Society or if you feel you would like to become a volunteer, please get in touch at info@svpni.co.uk or call 028 9035 1561



ULSTER SENIOR CHAMPIONS



## WHERE THE MONEY GOES



emance and Strategic Development is a core pillar to all the activities of user GAA. We currently hold a level of full assurance by Sport NI and emuce fully audited accounts at the end of each financial year to outline our members where their money is spent.

Ulster GAA reinvests approximately 84% of its annual income on an ongoing basis back to Club, County and Community Projects

**EXPENDITURE 2015:** 

16%

Operational Ulster GAA costs

12%

Championship & Team Expenses Players Injury Fund

51%

Coaching & Games

12%

Community & Club Development

3%

Club & County Infrastructure

4%

Grants to
Associated Bodies

## MAGHERAFELT CÚCHULAINNS

### AT THE ALL BRITISH COMPETITIONS 2016



Last weekend our Cuchullian
Cup winning team, Magherafelt
Cuchullains participated at All
Britain Competitions hosted by
Council of Britain at Greenford
the present home of Tir Conaill
Gales. Teams from Gloucestershire,
Hertfordshire, Lancashire, London,
Scotland, Ulster, Warwickshire and
Yorkshire participated.

Four days of activities for Primary and Secondary Schools, and Club Teams at Under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 & 18 took part. 2000 juveniles enjoyed a feast of Hurling, Camogie, Ladies Football & Gaelic Football.

The team made-up of players from Rainey Endowed School and St Marys Grammar and they have been coming together for training since their victory in the Cúchulainn Cup in March. Ulster GAA place much value on the Cúchulainn Cup project which is their flagship cross-community project through which to engage with people not traditionally associated with our Games. Following a series of training sessions, the team have also travelled to Dublin where they had

an opportunity to train in Parnell Park, meet GAA Director General Paraic Duffy, and have a tour of Croke Park.

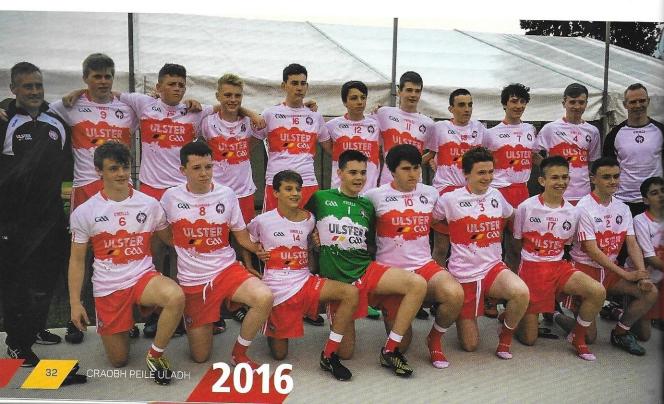
Ulster GAA's record in the All British Competitions has varied with teams from Roe Valley, Belfast and Dungannon, having mixed fortunes in the past. Competing at the U16 level, the Magherafelt Cúchulainns will face teams from all across Britain. Regardless of the results on the pitch, the real value of such an experience is profoundly seen on the young men, as they forge meaningful and lasting friendships. Teachers from each school will also travel with the group, without whom the project would not be possible.

While in London the group had a packed schedule. Between competition and a challenge game with Tir Chonaill Gaels, they took a city-tour of London, spent some time in Thorpe Park, and left a little time for some shopping also! Speaking about the Cúchulainn Cup project Ulster President Michael Hasson, who accompanied the travelling party, said,

"This is a fantastic opportunity for these young men to spend time with their peers, learning about a sport they may have very little experience of, and visiting a city such as London. Ulster GAA are very proud of their tradition with the Cúchulainn Cup and of affording the opportunity to young people to extend their horizons by a trip such as this. Hopefully we will see some of these young men playing for our GAA clubs in the months and years ahead".

The All British Competitions took place at Greenford Playing Fields, home of Tír Chonaill Gaels. With over 400 teams taking part, it was an epic festival of Gaelic Games.

Much credit is due to the ABC organising committee under the leadership of John Gormley, Lloyd Colfer and the all action Brendie Brien. Uachtaran Cumann Luthchleas Gael Aogán Ó Fearghail was on hand to carry out the numerous presentations.

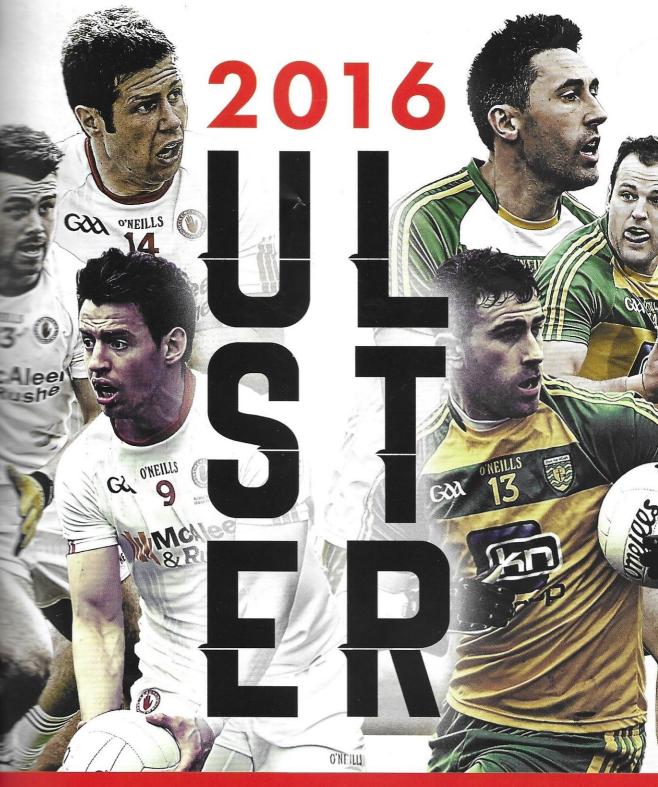






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## **DÚN NA NGALL**

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#### Eamon Doherty



Club: Naomh Adhamhnain Age: 25 Height: 6ft Weight: 14st

#### Stephen McBrearty



Club: Cill Chartha Age: 20 Height: 6ft Weight: 12st

#### Peter Boyle



Club: Aodh Ruadh B.A.S. Age: 23 Height: 6ft Weight: 13st

#### Eoghan <u>"Ban"</u> Gallagher



Club: Na Cealla Beaga Age: 20 Height: 5ft 11 Weight: 13st

#### Rory Kavanagh



Club: Naomh Adhamhnáin Age: 33 Height: 6ft 2 Weight: 14st

Caolan McGonagle



Club: Bun Crannacha Age: 20 Height: 6ft 3 Weight: 14st

#### Kieran Gillespie



Club: Gaoth Dobhair Age: 19 Height: 6ft 1 Weight: 14st

#### **Michael Carroll**



Club: Gaoth Dobhair Age: 18 Height: 6ft 2 Weight: 14st

#### **Karl Lacey**



Club: Na Ceithre Máistrí Age: 31 Height: 5ft 11 Weight: 14st

#### Odhrán Mac Niallais



Club: Gaoth Dobhair Age: 23 Height: 6ft 1 Weight: 12st

#### Patrick McBrearty



Club: Cill Chartha Age: 22 Height: 6ft Weight: 13st

#### Martin McElhinney



Club: Naomh Micheal Age: 27 Height: 6ft 1 Weight: 13st

#### CAPTAIN Michael Murphy Club: Gleann Súili Age: 26 Height: 6ft 2 Weight: 14st

#### Colm McFadden



Club: Naomh Mícheál Age: 32 Height: 6ft 2 Weight: 14st

#### Neil Gallagher



Club: Gleann Súilí Age: 33 Height: 6ft 4 Weight: 15st

#### Hugh McFadden



Club: Na Cealla Beaga Age: 22 Height: 6ft 3 Weight: 14st

#### Eamonn McGee



Club: Gaoth Dobhair Age: 32 Height: 6ft 3 Weight: 14st

#### **Neil McGee**



Club: Gaoth Dobhair Age: 30 Height: 6ft 2 Weight: 13st 7

#### Caolan Ward



Club: Naomh Adhamhnáin Age: 23 Height: 6ft 3 Weight: 12st 7





Mark Anthony McGinley



Cub: Naomh Mícheál Age: 26 Height: 6ft 1 Weight: 13st 7

Frank McGlynn



Club: Gleann Fhinne Age: 29 Height: 5ft 10 Weight: 13st

#### Paddy McGrath



Club: Ard an Rátha Age: 27 Height: 5ft 10 Weight: 12st

#### **Eoin McHugh**



Club: Cill Chartha Age: 21 Height: 5ft 8 Weight: 11st

#### Mark McHugh



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Club: Cill Chartha Age: 22 Height: 5ft 9 Weight: 11st 7

#### Rory Carr



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#### Martin O'Reilly



Club: Seán Mac Cumhaill Age: 23 Height: 5ft 10 Weight: 12st

#### Jamie Brennan



Club: Realt Na Mara Age: 19 Height: 5ft 9 Weight: 12st

#### Anthony Thompson



Club: Naomh Conaill Age: 30 Height: 6ft Weight: 13st 7

#### Ciaran Thompson



Age: 21 Height: 6ft 1

#### **Christy Toye**



Club: Naomh Mícheál Age: 33 Height: 6ft 3 Weight: 14st 7

#### **David Walsh**



Club: Naomh Brid Age: 33 Height: 5ft 11 Weight: 13st

#### Michael Boyle

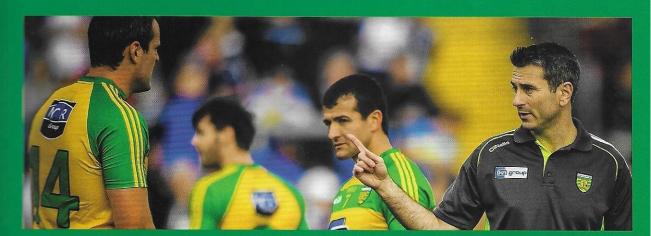


Club: An Tearmainn Age: 28 Height: 6ft Weight: 14st

#### Lorcan Connor

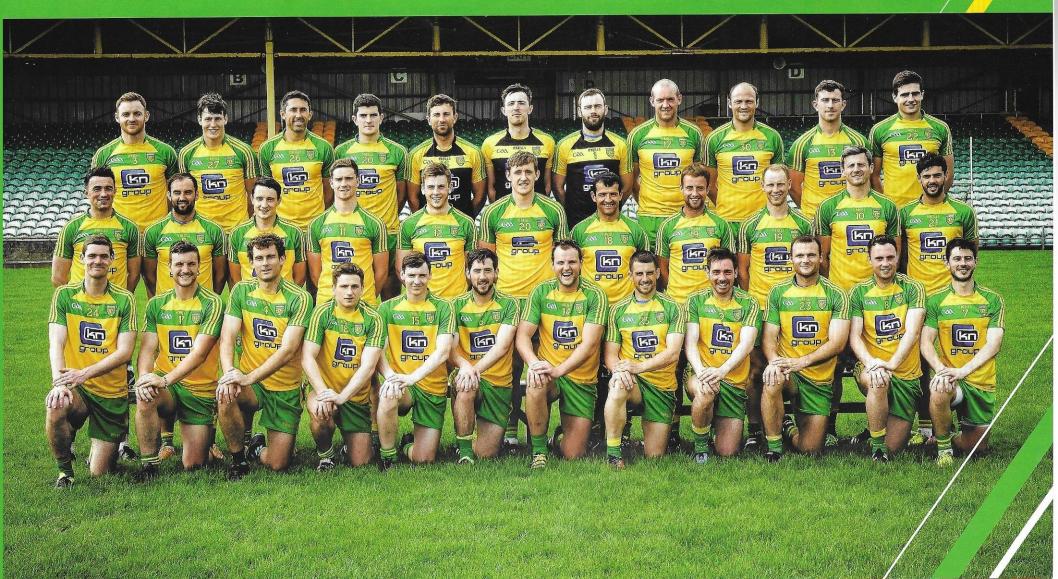


Club: Na Dúnaibh Age: 19 Height: 5ft 8 Weight: 11st **7** 



## DÚN NA NGALL







## THIS SHOULD MAKE FOR A TREMENDOUS CONTEST BETWEEN TWO TEAMS REALLY INTENT ON BEING CROWNED ULSTER CHAMPIONS FOR 2016.

#### **RORY GALLAGHER**

It's a great honour for me this afternoon to lead the Donegal Senior Football team in this our sixth provincial Final in a row which is a new record in the history books of Donegal GAA. We are also chasing our fourth title in 6 years which would be another record but we face a formidable challenge from our neighbours Tyrone here today in St. Tiernach's Park in Clones.

This is a huge testament to the players in particular that have been involved over these past 6 years but they have been energised and enthused by the new players that have come through during the past two years as well.

We have played this afternoon's opponents many times in the recent years both in league and championship, building up a very healthy rivalry along the way, all of which makes for a great game today. Tyrone are building a new team again under Mickey Harte and after a very comprehensive win over Derry in the Quarter-Final, they like ourselves against Monaghan also needed a replay to overcome Cavan in their Ulster Semi-Final. This should make for a tremendous contest between two teams really intent on being crowned Ulster Champions for 2016.

From my own perspective, I would like to thank the full squad of players for all the effort and commitment they have shown to date this season. A word of thanks also to the backroom team, the medical staff, the conditioning coaches, the County Board, our sponsors the KN Group and the MCR Group and the many clubs who have given up their facilities so freely these past few months. Finally, I must also mention our huge number of supporters who have been truly magnificent during this Ulster campaign to date.

#### **MICHAEL MURPHY**

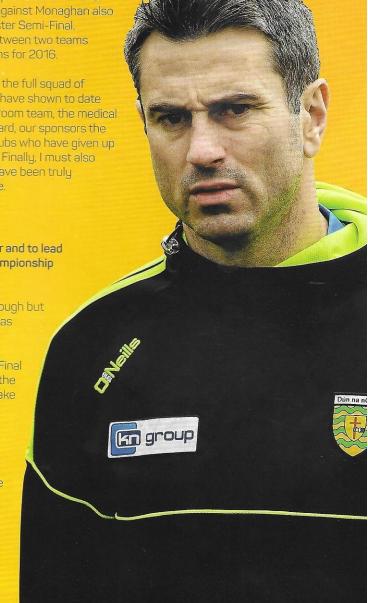
It's a great honour to captain Donegal this year and to lead them out in today's Ulster Senior Football Championship Final will give me immense pride.

I am looking forward to what I believe will be a tough but sporting encounter with a Tyrone team which has shown great form in this year's campaign.

Furthermore, I hope the occasion of the Ulster Final will give both teams the opportunity to display the football that they are capable of playing and make it a great occasion to be part of.

However, hopefully by the end of the day the Anglo Celt will be in Donegal.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the huge Donegal support who have followed us throughout this year's campaign. It is greatly appreciated by us all.









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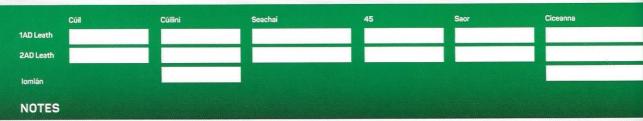
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19. Eamonn McGee, Gaoth Dobhair 20. Leo McLoone, Naomh Conaill 21. Hugh McFadden, Na Cealla Beaga

22. Christy Toye, Naomh Mícheál 23. Eoghan Bán Gallagher, Na Cealla Beaga 24. Ciaran Thompson, Naomh

25. Colm A. McFadden, Naomh Mícheál 26. Mícheál Carroll, Gaoth Dobhair





















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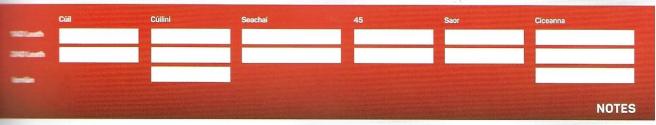
#### TYRONE SENIOR TEAM

Manager: Mickey Harte Asst. Manager: Gavin Devlin



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- 16. Michael O'Neill, Cluain Eo 17. Mark Bradley, Coill an Chlochair 18. Rory Brennan, Trí Leac
- 19. Conor Clarke, An Omaigh 20. Pádraig Hampsey, Oileán a'Ghuail 21. Conall McCann, Coill an Chlochair
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   23. Kieran McGeary, Cabhán a'Chaortainn
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   25. Jonathan Monroe, An Charraig Mhór
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### TÍR EOGHAIN







### THE ULSTER CHAMPIONSHIP IS SPECIAL AND PEOPLE REALLY WANT TO WIN IT

#### **MICKEY HARTE**

We're delighted to be back in an Ulster Final after a gap of 6 years. We felt that it was important to get back to this stage. I know that when I was watching and playing throughout the 60's and 70's that an Ulster Final was a rare occurrence for Tyrone so it's good to be back.

The Ulster Championship is special and people really want to win it. It is the most competitive Football Championship in the country as there is real value to winning it and getting to the last 8 without any further disruption.

Tyrone v Donegal games have been extremely competitive over the last number of years.

Preparations have gone well and we have no fresh injury worries. Competition for places has been immense and considering that the occasion of an Ulster Final will be a new experience for many of the players there has been a great anticipation both within the squad and throughout the county. It's always been a blessing to be able to work with the top players in Tyrone. I've been privileged with the opportunity and now seeing this new generation of players come along and develop the way they have is exciting, especially with Sean Cavanagh being the last man standing from the 03 crop, and working with them as they have become top class Gaelic footballers has been fantastic for me. A sincere thanks to Gavin Devlin, Peter Donnelly and to all of the backroom team, it truly has been a team effort and the work they have put in to get us to this point has been has been immense!

Thanks to our sponsors McAleer & Rushe and O'Neill's Sportswear, our Brand Partners Donnelly Vauxhall, Bank of Ireland, Deep River Rock and of course the ongoing contributions of the Club Tyrone membership.

#### **SEAN CAVANAGH**

It has been six years since we have competed in a Provincial Final and we are proud to be representing all 52 clubs in Tyrone on the biggest day in the Ulster GAA calendar. Today is the first opportunity for the majority of our squad to be part of such a prestigious game and we will endeavour to do our best for our county, our clubs and our families.

We have enjoyed success this season but today's game represents our biggest challenge. Whilst we have shared some very competitive games, I would like to highlight the utmost respect that the players and supporters of our proud counties have for one another.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Club Tyrone, Tyrone County Board, our main sponsors McAleer & Rushe, O'Neill's and our other corporate sponsors for their continued support and generosity. Our management team lead by Mickey Harte, Gavin Devlin and Peter Donnelly deserve the highest praise for their tireless efforts to allow us to perform as best we can. They are ably assisted by a support group and a special word of thanks for a special man who has been the heartbeat of Tyrone Senior teams for the past 26 years, Mickey Moynagh. I would like to offer a heartfelt thank you for everyone who offers their unwavering support to our team. In particular to our wives, partners, girlfriends, children, parents and the wider Tyrone GAA family.

I also remember today, my Father in Law, Charles Vernon who recently passed away, a gentleman, a true Gael.

Good luck to Donegal, may the best team win...

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#### TÍR EOGHAIN

#### **PEN PICS**

Niall Morgan



Club: Éadan na dTorc Age: 25 Height: 6ft 1 Weight: 13st 1

Aidan McCrory



Club: Aireagal Chiaráin Age: 28 Height: 5ft 11 Weight: 12st 8

#### Ronan McNamee



Club: Achadh Uí Aráin Age: 24 Height: 6ft 1 Weight: 13st 12

Cathal McCarron



Club: An Droim Mór Age: 28 Height: 6ft Weight: 13st 12

Tiernan McCann



Club: Coill an Chlochair Age: 24 Height: 6ft 1 Weight: 12st 13

Niall Slut



Club: An Droim Ma Age: 24 Height: 5 Weight: 12st 11

#### **Peter Harte**



Club: Aireagal Chiaráin Age: 25 Height: 5ft 11 Weight: 12st 13

#### Colm Cavanagh



Club: An Mhaigh Age: 28 Height: 6ft 4 Weight: 14st

#### Matthew Donnelly



Club: Trí Leac Age: 25 Height: 6ft Weight: 13st 12

#### Cathal McShane



Club: Eoghain Ruadh Uí Neill Age: 20 Height: 6ft 2 Weight: 12st 10

#### **Mark Bradley**



Club: Coill an Chlochair Age: 22 Height: 5ft 7 Weight: 11st 2

#### Darren McCur



Club: Éadan na dT Age: 23 Height: 5 Weight: 12st 8

#### CAPTAIN Sean Cavanagh



#### Connor McAliskey



Club: Cluain Eo Age: 24 Height: 5ft 10 Weight: 12st 8

#### Ronan O'Neill



Club: An Omaigh Age: 23 Height: 5ft 10 Weight: 12st 4

#### Michael O'Neil



Club: Cluain Eo Age: 27 Height: 6 Weight: 13st 12

#### Rory Brennan



Club: Trí Leac Age: 22 Height: 6ft Weight: 12st 4

#### Pádraig Hampsey



Club: Oileán a'Ghu Age: 22 Height: 6 Weight: 13st 12

## McAleer & Rushe

O'NEILLS



Conall McCann



Chlochair Age: 23 Height: 6ft 2 Weight: 12st 2

#### Kieran McGeary



Club: Cabhán a'Chaortainn Age: 21 Height: 5ft 11 Weight: 12st 8

#### Justin McMahon



Club: An Omaigh Age: 30 Height: 6ft 2 Weight: 13st 5

#### Ronan McNabb



Club: An Droim Mór Age: 26 Height: 5ft 11 Weight: 12st 8

#### Padraig McNulty



Club: Dún Geanainn Age: 24 Height: 6ft 4 Weight: 14st

**Conor Meyler** 



Club: An Omaigh Age: 21 Height: 5ft 11 Weight: 12st 8

#### Jonathan Monroe



Cub: An Charraigh hór Age: 23 Height: 5ft 11 Reight: 12st 13

#### **Barry Tierney**



Club: An Omaigh Age: 24 Height: 5ft 11 Weight: 12st 6

#### Conor Clarke



Club: An Omaigh Age: 24 Height: 6ft 2 Weight: 14st 5

#### **David Mulgrew**



Club: Ard Bó Age: 18 Height: 6ft Weight: 12st 2

#### Frank Burns



Club: Cabhán a'Chaortainn Age: 21 Height: 6ft Weight: 13st 5

#### Hugh Pat McGeary



Club: Cabhán a'Chaortainn Age: 23 Height: 6ft Weight: 13st 1

#### Joe McMahon

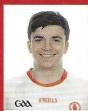


Cub: An Omaigh

Age: 32 Height: 6ft 2

Weight: 13st 12

#### Lee Brennan



Club: Trí Leac Age: 19 Height: 5ft 9 Weight: 11st 2

#### **Niall McKenna**



Club: Domhnach Mór Age: 26 Height: 6ft 1 Weight: 12st 13

#### Richard Donnelly



Club: Trí Leac Age: 23 Height: 6ft 2 Weight: 14st

#### Sean Fox



Club: Coill an Chlochair Age: 21 Height: 6ft Weight: 13st 3



### SAFEGUARDING IN THE GAA



The GAA relies heavily on the time and commitment freely given by our volunteers and without this the opportunities for children and young people to participate in sport may not exist.

In order to make these opportunities a positive experience for all concerned it is vital that all those taking responsibility for young people in the association are appropriately vetted and adequately trained for the role. All clubs must be compliant with both legal and best practice safeguarding requirements placed on them as providers of services through sport to children and young people.

#### **E-VETTING**

In order to comply with legislation in all counties and the rules of the Association, all persons working with children or young people in a voluntary or paid capacity, must be vetted prior to commencing their role. Those who are involved in the management of individuals appointed to work with children or young people in your club must also be vetted. Vetting is carried out by AccessNI or the Garda vetting unit as appropriate, where they return criminal history information on the applicant.

This enables Ulster GAA to make more informed recruitment decisions in relation to the suitability of the applicant for the role. Ulster GAA process applications for vetting checks free of charge, for our Volunteers at a clubs request. We remind all clubs that they should not permit anyone to work with their children or young people in the Club until they have been suitably Vetted and approved for their role.

#### **CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

Outlines the minimum appropriate levels of behaviour, practice and conduct required from our Young Players, Coaches, Supporters, Parents/Guardians, Referees, Officials and Clubs. Clubs should ensure that all members have signed up to the code of behaviour for the 2016 season.

Our Games - Our Code,

the Joint Code of Best Practice in Youth Sport for the GAA brings together the collective good practice experiences of our Associations while also recognising the legislative, organisational and statutory guidance that governs our work with young people and children.

Our Games – Our Code will assist us in supporting and directing our members and all units of our Associations in our work with underage teams in a coordinated and developmental manner

Our underage players will spend some of the most enjoyable days of their lives playing our games and socialising with their friends through GAA activities. Whether attending or playing GAA matches, playing Ladies Football or Camogie, or participating in Rounders or Handball activities, they will do so during some of the most important developmental years of their lives. Our role and our responsibility is to

ensure that they benefit from and participate in our Gaelic Games in a safe and enjoyable environment and where our Games are conducted in a spirit of fair play and where everyone working on our behalf emphasises respect, equality, safety and non-discrimination in all aspects of our work with children and young people.

In following this Code, your club should be able to create and maintain the safest possible environment in which your children can play and participate in Gaelic Games and Activities and wherein the retention of your players and volunteers is at an all-time high.

For more information on Safeguarding in your club please contact bernie.fox.ulster@gaa.ie



#### **REFLECTIONS** AN DÚN 1991

Brian McAvoy, County Secretary 1991





Patrons at today's Ulster Final will have the option to pay tribute to the Down team of 1991 when they will be formally recognised by the Ulster Council. While they may be the half-time attraction today, there is no doubting the fact that they were the centre stage at St. Tiernach's Park on 28 July 1991.

On that date the Paddy O'Rourke led side - managed by the indefatigable Peter McGrath who 25 years later is still in intercounty management - produced a masterclass performance to record a comprehensive victory (1-15 to 0-10) over favourites and defending Ulster Champions Donegal. Such was the nature of the performance that the rest of the country, who had been immersed all summer by the infamous Dublin-Meath saga, suddenly realised that there were GAA matches happening beyond 'The Pale'.

Indeed 'The Irish Press' the following day was to boldly remark, "in Clones last night they were talking about new favourites for the All-Ireland football title as Down swept to an impressive and comprehensive victory."

While there was an inner belief within the Down camp that this year and this team, with it's blend of youth and experience, were on the verge of greatness, everyone kept their feet firmly on the ground. While they dared to dream they knew that they couldn't sleepwalk to glory.

For me it was a defeat at the hands of Donegal earlier that year that showed signs that exciting things could well be happening for Down in 1991. While the Tir Conaill side may have triumphed in that Dr McKenna Cup Semi-Final in Ballyshannon, there was a sense of purpose to Down's play that suggested that there was a tenacity and purpose in the squad that hitherto had not surfaced.

Not that you might have thought that when they scrambled past Armagh in a dour opening Ulster Championship encounter in Newry. Mickey Linden's first half penalty was the crucial score of the game and while many people lamented the performance of both teams, and compared it to the second instalment of Dublin v Meath which took place on the same day, what people didn't fully appreciate was the horrendous weather conditions in which the game was played. 'The Marshes' was undoubtedly true to its name that day.

An Ulster Semi-Final against Derry in Armagh's Athletic Grounds was Down's next assignment and all was going to plan when Down held a seven points advantage ten minutes into the second half. However the Oak Leafers rallied and it took a long range Ross Carr free in the third minute of stoppage time to salvage a draw.

The replay two weeks later at the same venue was an evening fixture, which was quite unusual at the time, but with Ross Carr once again to the fore and scoring nine points in the process, Down made no mistake at the second time of asking and marched on to their first provincial decider in five years.

## AT THE ALL-IRELAND BANQUET PADDY O'ROURKE REMINDED THE PLAYERS OF THE SCALE OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENT AND THAT THEY WERE NOW HOUSEHOLD NAMES NOT ONLY IN DOWN BUT THROUGHOUT IRELAND.

That Ulster Final victory over Donegal was in many ways the day that this particular Down team came of age. They had reached the National League Final the previous year where they went under to Meath but there was something about their performance in Clones that made people take note. There was now a buzz about the county that hadn't been witnessed in many years. Replica jerseys, which had not previously captured the imagination of the GAA fan, suddenly became a new phenomenon and Down sponsors Kersten Hunik - sponsorship was also new to the GAA at the time suddenly, like the players, became a household name.

Kerry stood between Down and the All-Ireland Final. More people turned out to watch training sessions than attended many club league games. The fact that Down had never lost to Kerry in the Championship added an extra spice to the encounter but the squad remained focussed on the job in hand. Although unlucky to be a point in arrears at the interval, there was always the feeling that Down held the better cards and in the second half their power and poise came to the fore.

There were a few missed heartbeats along the way as a few good scoring chances went a begging but when Peter Withnell cracked home his, and Down's, second goal eight minutes from time, the fans began thinking of the return journey to Dublin on the third Sunday in September.

So polished was Down's second half performance that Kerry only scored once in that period, with that point from Pat Spillane proving to be his last ever in a Kingdom jersey. While we all have particular memories of games, one lasting image from that day is that of Barry Breen, his head bandaged, moving up and down the Croke Park sward and match

commentator the great Micheal O' Muircheartaigh telling the world of the exploits of 'Lazarus' in a red and black jersey.

It was 23 years since an All-Ireland title had come to Ulster and it was not only Down but the whole of the province that had arisen from the dead. Meath, who would be playing their tenth championship game of the year, stood between the Mournemen and a fifth All-Ireland title. But just like the Down teams of the sixties before them, there was a swagger and panache to this team that earned the respect of a nation.

Ulster GAA President, the late Fr Dan Gallogly attended the last training session two days before the Final. His parting shot to the players was 'bring home Sam and I'll die happy.' At the victory celebration on the Sunday night he begged for 'an extension'. That All-Ireland victory over Meath was the first in a generation for all of Ulster and what a Final it was.

Down led by four points at the break and a whirlwind start to the second half witnessed them go eleven points clear - and then came the Meath comeback! All season they had been coming back from seemingly impossible situations and while they came close, this time there was to be no reprieve. As Meath reduced the deficit to just two points with time running out, the coolest man on the pitch was the experienced Down captain Paddy O'Rourke. During a break in play he asked the referee Seamus Prior how much time remained. He was told '30 seconds' and when Paddy won possession in the next play, he drove the ball high and far into the Hogan Stand....the rest is historu!

Down had again re-written the GAA history books and the manner in which they did it won them many

admirers. Meath were a great team but found Down a bridge too far in '91. As Pete McGrath so memorably put it; "They said that Meath couldn't be beaten. We were the team that beat the team that couldn't be heaten."

At the All-Ireland banquet Paddy O'Rourke reminded the players of the scale of their achievement and that they were now household names not only in Down but throughout Ireland. He told them to enjoy the success but to do nothing that would in any way tarnish the wonderful image that they had earned for themselves.

He not need have worried for the greatest legacy to the team of 1991 is not their achievements on the field but the content of the character of those who achieved it. How fitting it is that they are honoured today.



## TROPHY REVIEW & HISTORICAL WORKGROUP

The Trophy Review and Historical Workgroup has been set up by the Ulster Council to carry out a full audit of all trophies, past and present, including Scor. This audit will be recorded by the Ulster Council as a definitive database of all trophies in Ulster for future reference. It will be arranged that photographs of each trophy will be taken and included in the database to be used when needed.

As part of this audit the workgroup will identify all missing and retired trophies in the province. They will also develop a draft criteria for identifying and accepting future trophies for retirement.

Once the audit is complete all trophies will be valued and we plan to refurbish all trophies by 2017.

This refurbishment work will include inscriptions on all trophies. We plan to have special carrying cases for trophies to be protected and kept in good condition while being transported to matches and other events as required.

Moving forward it will be the duty of the workgroup to develop protocols for trophies on matchdays, following matchday and loans at any other times. It will be their responsibility that once the protocols are developed that they are strictly adhered to. They will also ensure that all new competitions have a trophy allocated.

Any recommendations of renaming trophies will be the responsibility of the group also.

The workgroup's other main responsibility will be to update and collate historical records to the Ulster Council. These record will be regarding games, office publications and also moving images archives. The workgrountend to provide these records publication online. They will use links with other groups at national level to create as extensive an archive of records as possible.

lar Uachtaran Chomahirle Uladi Martin McAviney is the Chairpe of this group and if you would li any further information please contact the Servicing Officer Paul McKillop at

paul.mckillop.ulster@gaa.ie



## REFLECTIONS CLUICHE CEANNAIS PEILE ULADH 20 1

Mar chuid den chomóradh agus ceiliúradh 1916 ag Chomhairle Uladh CLG, thíos tá cuntas gairid ar an chraobh peil sinsear Uladh sa bhliain stairiúil sin.

Monaghan defeated Antrim in the Ulster Senior Football Championship Final of 1916 in Clones on a scoreline of Monaghan 2-3; Antrim 0-2. The Irish News of Monday 25th September carried the following report of the previous day's match:

The Final in the Ulster Gaelic Football Championship between Monaghan and Antrim was played at Clones yesterday Sunday, in the presence of a considerable crowd of spectators. Mr. Thomas Clarke Fermanagh acted as referee.

After the throw-in Monaghan rushed but the ball went wide. Play remained in Antrim territory for a minute or two, when the latter cleared but failed in a gallant attempt to score. There was some nice play in midfield until Farrelly sent forward for Monaghan. A 50 for Monaghan followed and was taken by O'Grady who scored a goal, the ball going over Coburn's head. The game became very fast up and down the field. In the last attack by Antrim, Rea, Gorman and Ahearne distinguished themselves, but luck and the wind were against them. The half-time score was Monaghan 2 goals 2 points, Antrim Nil.

On resumption, play was up and down until Antrim got a free in mouth of goal, from which Quinn scored a point. Just previous to this a player each from Monaghan and Antrim were ordered off by the referee for holding. Some dull play followed. Ahearne got hurt and Poynter came on in his place. Monaghan forced the pace, but after a severe tussle failed to score. Towards the end players and spectators grew somewhat excited, Monaghan partisans alleging foul play against some of the Antrim players.



Result: Monaghan 2-3, Antrim 0-2.

Monaghan team 1916

MUINEACHÁN: Larry O'Reilly (goal), J Downey (capt.), George McEneaney, Standish O'Grady, F O Duffy, S Califf, John Marray, J Connolly, Jim Farrelly, P Gartlan, Owen Marray, I McCaffrey, J Kiely, John McKenna and James Marron. AONTROIM: Hugh Ward (goal), Jim Best, Edward Carabine, S Coburn, Dan Ahearne, E Gorman, Owen Brennan, Pat Murray, John Hale, William Rea, Dan Campbell, Sean McKeown, T Diamond, Joe Gallagher and Dinny Quinn.

#### Ulster Senior Championship Results 1916

25 June:	Wattlebridge	An Cabhán 2-3	Fear Manach 0-1				
2 July:	Clones	Muineachán 2-5	Doire 0-1				
23 July:	Camlough	Aontroim 0-4	Ard Mhacha 0-1				
Semi-Finals:							
20 Aug:	Belturbet	Muineachán 4-3	An Cabhán 1-5				
27 Aug:	Portaferry	Aontroim 1-3	An Dún 1-0.				
Final							
24 Sept:	Clones	Muineachán 2-3	Aontroim 0-2.				
It is fitting that 100 years on from the 1916 Ulster Final that we have							
representatives from both counties here today signifying the role that their							
family members played a century ago.							

#### Ulster Senior Football Championship first time winners

Eight of the nine Ulster counties have won the Ulster SFC.

The first time these Counties won the Ulster Senior Football Championship

is as follows:

9 Sept 1888 Drogheda Muineachán 0-3 An Cabhán 0-1 (Replay)
12 Oct 1890 Blaris, Lisburn Ard Mhacha 2-8 Tír Eoghain 1-2.
6 Dec 1891 Smithborough An Cabhán 1-11 Ard Mhacha 0-0.
1891-1901 No Ulster championships were organised during this period.
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5 Apr 1902	Belfast	Aontroim 3-5	Ard Mhacha 2-5 (1901 Fin
29 Jul. 1956	Clones	Tír Eoghain 3-5	An Cabhán 0-4.
27 Jul 1958	Clones	Doire 1-11	An Dun 2-4.
9 Aug 1959	Clones	An Dún 2-16	An Cabhán 0-7.
30 Jul 1972	Clones	Dún na nGall 2-13	Tír Eoghain 1-11.

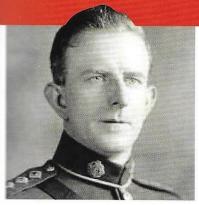
Padraig Ó Connachtain, Dún na nGall



#### REFLECTIONS

#### EOIN O'DUFFY RUNAI COMHAIRLE ULADH (1912 - 1923)





B'fhéidir go bhuil amhráin ar nós Viva La Quinta Brigada ag ráit rud éigin eile ar ghníomhartha Eoin Ó Dubhaigh le linn an chogaidh Spannish Sibhialta sna tríochaidí ach tá sé cinnte gur glac sé páirt agus ról larnach sa CLG I gCúige Uladh ag tús an 20ú haois.

The GAA as well as the country was going through tumultuous times in the early part of the 20th century. The year 1913 proved to be a momentous year, not alone for the GAA but for Ireland. It witnessed the purchase of Jones' Road grounds by the GAA as well as the foundation of the Irish Volunteers. Both were to have a profound effect on the history and culture of Ireland for the years to come. In 1913 also Ulster had a new Provincial Secretary as Eoin D'Duffy was elected in November 1912 to succeed S.J. Magill who was stepping down.

Patrick Whelan, Ulster President told the meeting that O'Duffy, then the Monaghan County Secretary was an Irish speaker, an ardent supporter of the GAA and a most energetic young man and as the Ulster Council would shortly be conducting its business in Irish he would be an ideal man. In accepting the post O'Duffy promised "to keep the flag of the Gael flying in Ulster".

This then became the launching pad of a man who was destined to contribute much to the GAA, a gifted and dynamic organiser who

became Ulster's representative on the Central Council for many years, became Commandant of the Fifth Northern Brigade IRA during the War of Independence, became T.D. for Monaghan, later still became Chief Commissioner of the Garda Siochana and then became a figure of controversy as leader of the Blueshirts in the thirties.

He served as Secretary of Ulster from 1912 until 1923 and held the Treasurer's post from 1925 to 1934. The bane of the Ulster Council's life at that time was lack of money and O'Duffy was soon active in promoting fund raising activities in aid of the Council. He organised inter-county medal competitions and also challenge games in Croke Park. He brought forward new rules on expenses being paid to counties—No expenses when playing in own county: County playing outside own county expenses paid from designated towns only e.g. Ballybofey for Donegal: Train fares only allowed when travelling by train: Only 4 cars allowed when travelling by road @ 1s. per mile from designated centres: Only 17 players allowed for travel and hotel. He also negotiated that the proceeds of the replay of All Ireland Hurling Final between Cork and Dublin in 1920 would go to Ulster.

Another difficulty that confronted the Ulster Council in these years was the lack of organisation in some counties. In his report to the 1914 Convention O'Duffy welcomed Derry and Tyrone who had recently been organised. A former Monaghan Secretary Joe Murray was sent to Donegal to help form a County Board. O'Duffy became an active member of the Irish Volunteers in 1917 and along with Dan Hogan (brother of Michael who was shot on Bloody Sunday at Croke Park in 1920) they organised the Volunteers all over Ulster. To combat the British authorities request for permits to be issued for the staging of gaelic games, O'Duffy was one of the main organisers of Gaelic Sunday on 4th August 1918 where it is estimated that gaelic games were played in every parish in Ireland. Along with Hogan they were eventually arrested and spent some time in Crumlin Road jail Belfast.

Another occasion when he was arrested was during the adjourned Ulster Convention of 17th April 1920. Minutes of the meeting report: "During the meeting armed aliens surrounded the place and invaded the room. The Secretary was taken away by the military oppressors. Meeting was only suspended and members wished the Secretary God Speed and good wishes for a safe return. For some time the meeting was carried on under the eyes of the oppressors as an armed guard was placed on the room".

As a delegate at a Central Council meeting in 1929 to select a successor to Luke O'Toole General Sec. GAA O'Duffy again played a significant role in shaping the future of the Association. Padraig Ó Caoimh Cork had 11; Frank Burke Dublin had 10 and Hugh Corvin Belfast had 2. On elimination Corvins 2 votes went to Burke but O'Duffy who had voted for Burke on first count gave his vote in the second count to O'Caoimh. The Corkman was acknowledged as one of the great Secretaries of the GAA. It was subsequently told that O'Duffy had agreed with Patrick Pearse's sister to support Burke who was then headmaster of St. Enda's. This he did in the first count and feeling that he had satisfied honour by supporting Burke he proceeded to vote in the second count who he felt was best for the job.

> Padraig Ó Connachtain, Dún na nGall

### **ULSTER SCHOOLS**COME TOGETHER





For almost the past ninety years, the pupils attending schools and colleges in Ulster have been served by the selfless work of the various committees charged with arranging games and competitions.

The Ulster Colleges Council, founded in Armagh in 1928, was joined thirty years later by the Ulster Secondary Schools Committee, who were tasked to cater for the growing number of Secondary Intermediate Schools in Northern Ireland. A request by Galway's Jack Mahon and endorsed by Art McRory saw the schools of Monaghan, Donegal and Cavan join the rest of Ulster in forming the Ulster Vocational Schools in 1968.

We are blessed in our schools to have so many teachers who are willing to give so much of their time and energy in promoting Gaelic Games with the fortunate few enjoying their rewards in the winning of Ulster and All-Ireland titles.

The record of Ulster Schools at All-Ireland level over the past seventy years is one to be envied as the Hogan Cup, Inter County Vocational All-Ireland, O'Keefe Cup and All Ireland 'B' crowns are regular visitors to schools across the province.

The benefits of this strong base at schools' level, encouraged by the support from our Principals, is reflected in the achievements of the club and county teams throughout the province.

On May 13th 2016 in Quinn's Corner, Ulster Colleges and Ulster Vocational Schools, conducted their Final AGMs, before coming together as Ulster Schools, where they were welcomed by John Devaney, who had been given the task by Martin McAviney, of assisting the amalgamation of both of these bodies. John deserves praise for all of his tireless work during his period in office.

At this inaugural meeting, those present were addressed by Oliver Galligan, Comhairle Uladh, who thanked all for their work on behalf of their schools and assured them that the new body would have the blessing and financial backing of Comahirle Uladh in the promotion of Ulster Schools.

The task of the new committee is to encourage participation by providing meaningful competitions

Back Row: Noel Ward, Carl McCabe, Kieran McGourty, Sean McGourty (Treasurer), Alastair McGilligan, Jody Gormley, Richard Thornton, David Treanor (Treasurer), Raphael Gatt (PRO).

Front Row- Gareth Coyle, Sean O'Connor, Paddy Linden (Vice-Chairman), Jimmy Smyth (Chairman), Seamus Woods, (Secretary), Mark Grogan (IT Officer), Paul Maxwell (Delegate to Ulster Council), Peadar Hynes.

and opportunities for the young people in our 131 schools to embrace all positive aspects of our games.

THE NEW ULSTER
SCHOOLS WILL CATER
FOR EVERYONE WITH
COMPETITIONS IN SIX
FOOTBALL AND FOUR
HURLING GRADES,
ALL OF WHICH WILL
BE OVERSEEN BY THE
NEW COMMITTEE AND
ADMINISTERED BY THE
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### THE PRIZES ON OFFER TODAY





In the GAA we take our Cups seriously, even to the extent of being on first-name terms with many of them! Most of our Cups are named after people or organisations who made significant contributions to the GAA and/or to Ireland. So it is with the two on offer in Clones today. Both are things of substance, beauty, tradition and significance. Cherish them as part of our Gaelic heritage.

#### **FR MURRAY CUP:**

ULSTER MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Fr Larry Murray (1883-1941) is unique in that Provincial Championship Cups in both Ulster and Leinster are named after him. A native of Carlingford he was educated in St Patrick's College, Armagh and in Maynooth but was actually ordained a priest in St Paul, Minnesota, USA in 1910. In 1918 he returned home, working his passage as a ship's stoker due to travel visa difficulties with the British Consulate in New York.

Founder of the An tUltach magazine and Coláiste Bhríde at Rannafast he served as a priest in Louth and Tyrone and became a religious inspector of schools, all the while working tirelessly at promoting underage GAA and pursuing his other great passion, archaeology.

Fr Murray died aged just 58 in 1941 and in 1943 the Louth GAA County Committee purchased three Cups, each a replica of the Ardagh Chalice, in his honour. One went to the Louth Minor Football Championship and the other two to the Leinster and Ulster Minor Football Championships." Oddly, the Ulster Fr Murray Cup went into storage for 40 years and was first presented to Derry's Dermot McNicholl in 1983. Up to then, Corn na Deoraidhe (The Exiles Cup) served as the Ulster MFC trophy. It now sits proudly in the Ulster GAA HQ in Armagh.



#### THE ANGLO CELT CUP:

ÚLSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Cups named after newspapers are not uncommon in the GAA: we have the Irish Press Cup (All-Ireland Minor Hurling), the Irish Independent Cup (All-Ireland Junior Football) and the Irish News Cup (Ulster U21 Football). But the oldest of them all is our Anglo-Celt Cup.

The Anglo-Celt was and remains an important building block in Ulster GAA. After the turmoil of the previous decades, the Ulster Council worked hard in the 1920s to get the GAA here on a firm footing.

Although then in its thirties in age terms, the Ulster Senior Football Championship still had no suitable trophy to award to its winners.

The cash-strapped Council faced a dilemma until John F. O'Hanlon, the managing director of the Anglo-Celt newspaper, stepped forward in 1925 and donated a Cup.

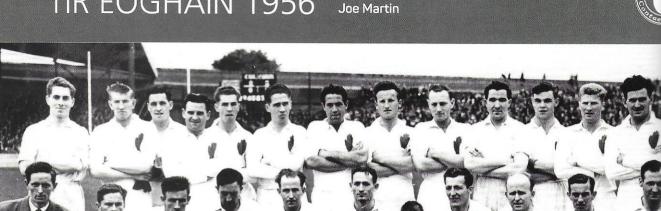
A much smaller Cup than the current substantial version, the new Anglo-Celt Cup was, very appropriately, first won by Cavan who would go on to lift it another 23 times over the following 37 years.

That original Cup was lost after the 1962 Final and when Down won their fourth Ulster title in 1963 – against Donegal in front of a huge crowd in Breffni Park – it was George Lavery who had the honour of being the first Captain to receive the new Anglo-Celt.

Since then it's circulated round our Province, visiting Armagh (10 times), Cavan (4), Derry (6), Donegal (7), Dowl (8), Monaghan (4) and Tyrone (11). Such is the strength of the Ulster Championship, the Anglo-Celt remains welcome and prized wherever it goes.

### **REFLECTIONS**TÍR EOGHAIN 1956

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TYRONE - ULSTER CHAMPIONS 1956

Back, left to right: H. Donnelly, J.J. O'Hagan, D. McCloskey, T. Campbell, S. Donnelly, D. Donnelly, H. Kelly, B. McP. Corey, J. McAleer, F. Higgins, J. Taggart, P. Donaghy, T. Turbett.

Front, left to right: J. Casey. M. Kerr, P. Quinn, M. Quinn, E. Devlin, P. Devlin, mascot, J. O'Neill, J. Devlin, I. Jones, F.

Missing from photograph Mick Cushnahan

## The 29th July 1956, was a truly momentous day in the history of the GAA in Tyrone. On that day in Clones, Tyrone broke through a huge psychological barrier to win the county's first Ulster Senior Football title by defeating Cavan by 3-5 to 0-4.

Prior to 1956, Tyrone had been among the poor relations of Ulster football, whereas Cavan had almost completely dominated the Ulster scene for forty years. Cavan had won a total of thirty-two Ulster titles, had played in ten All-Ireland Finals and had won five All-Ireland Championships. Tyrone on the other hand had failed to progress beyond the first round on thirty-three occasions; they had appeared in only two Ulster Finals - in 1933 and 1941, and on both occasions had suffered crushing defeats to Cavan.

They had played Cavan in fourteen Ulster championships and had been beaten on each occasion – often by a huge margin. Their All-Ireland minor victories in 1947 and 1948 had not brought the anticipated success at senior level, and they seemed destined to languish with Down, Derry, Donegal and Fermanagh among the counties that had not as yet won an Ulster title.

The ghosts of past failures and the years of heart-breaking defeats were firmly laid to rest, however, in 1956 when Tyrone defied the odds

to score a most comprehensive victory over the reigning Ulster champions. Following victories over Derry and Monaghan, Tyrone led in the Final from start to finish. Ahead by 1-1 to 0-3 at half-time, they dominated the second half, adding another two goals and four points as against Cavan's single point.

As the rain poured down, Tyrone made light of the troublesome wind which was blowing against them and produced a brand of football which, in the words of the "Irish Independent" reporter, "bewildered their seasoned opponents who



reeled, rallied and finally collapsed under its impact". In that brilliant second half they were "yards faster to the ball, inches higher to the catch, and miles ahead in rugged determination".

Although Tyrone were subsequently defeated narrowly in the All-Ireland Semi-Final by Galway (who went on to win the Sam Maguire Cup), the victory of 1956 was a watershed in the story of the GAA in the County. While it would be thirty years before Tyrone would reach an All-Ireland Final (1986) and almost another twenty years before they would win an All-Ireland senior title, the achievement of 1956 provided the inspiration for subsequent Tyrone teams.

It was a huge milestone along the road that would culminate in the winning of the Sam Maguire Cup in 2003, 2005 and 2008.

#### The Tyrone team was:

Thady Turbett, Brian McSorley, Jim Devlin, Pat Donaghy, Sean Donnelly, Paddy Corey, John Joe O'Hagan, Jody O'Neill (captain), Patsy Devlin, Iggy Jones, Jack Taggart, Frank Donnelly, Mick Kerr, Frank Higgins, Donal Donnelly.

The other members of the 1956 panel were: Hugh Kelly,
Paddy Quinn, Dermot McCluskey,
Michael Quinn, Hugh Donnelly,
Patsy McSorley, Mick Cushnahan,
Jim McAleer, Tony McKenna,
Eddie Devlin, Tommy Campbell,
Mick McIlkenny.

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#### **NATIONAL PITCH MAINTENANCE**

#### WORK GROUP

This group was formed to assist County's and Clubs in the maintenance of their pitches. When we think that throughout our Association there has been huge investment made in developing green field facilities, probably in the region of 1.5 Billion pounds and then in a lot of cases these facility's are poorly maintained.

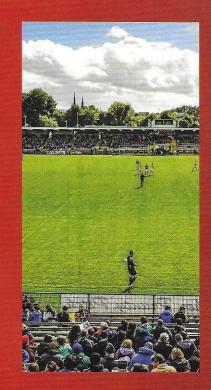
Leaving them unavailable for long periods of time to our association and playing members, this can be avoided and the optimum usage can be achieved by a simple maintanance program.

THE AIM OF THE NATIONAL WORKGROUP IS TO EDUCATE THOSE WHO LOOK AFTER OUR GROUNDS, TO GIVE THEM PRACTICAL

ADVICE REGARDING ISSUES SUCH AS FERTILISING, MOWING, WEED CONTROL AND IDENTIFICATION, SEED SELECTION AND MACHINERY THROUGH EDUCATION WORK DAYS AND ACCESS TO ONLINE MATERIAL

This will be done through Provincial Work groups, unfortunately the one organised for Ulster on the 2nd July had to be cancelled but will be rescheduled for a latter date.

Should you have any queries, contact your County Development Officer or Eddie Hughes (Ard Mhacha) who is the Ulster representative on the National committee.



#### **STATS 2016**

#### THE FACTS



#### DÚN NA NGALL V TÍR EOGHAIN From Play From Play **SCORES SCORES** From Set Pieces 39% 25% From Set Pieces

AVERAGE SCORE

18.09 Tír Eoghain

#### AVERAGE GOALS SCORED



**AVERAGE GOALS** CONCEDED



#### TOP SCORER



#### THE FACTS

They will cancel each other out or one will find that magic needed to unlock those excellent defences. Don't take your eyes off it for 70mins?



#### **FIXTURES**

#### ULSTER SENIOR **CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Fermanagh (V) Antrim



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#### **ULSTER GAA PLAYERS'**

#### **ACADEMY 2016**



Up to 100 young Gaelic players from across Ulster attended this year's Ulster GAA Player Academy, with high hopes of making a name for themselves playing for their county in years to come.

The players all under 16 years, follow in the footsteps of some of Ulster's finest players including Donegal's Michael Murphy, Monaghan's Kieran Hughes, Antrim's Neal McManus and Down's Danny Toner in being selected to participate in the prestigious Player Academy at such a young age.

During the two-day Academy the players received coaching from some of Ulster's top GAA coaches as well as sessions on nutrition, health and wellbeing as well as injury and recovery. There is no doubt that the 100 players leave the Ulster University inspired and determined to work hard towards their future Gaelic careers.

Ulster GAA President, Michael Hasson, welcomed the initiative and commented "When the best talented young players in both Gaelic Football and Hurling come together for this academy I am filled with hope and enthusiasm for Gaelic Games in

Ulster. In a few years, these players will be pulling on their county jerseys and playing Gaelic at the highest level. The 2016 Ulster GAA Player Academy aims to prepare young players for the hard work and commitment it takes to be the best in Ulster."

A number of high profile guests visited the camp to share their experiences with the players and also to inspire them for the future. The footballers met with current Tyrone and Ireland star and All Star winner Mattie Donnelly, while the hurlers met with current Antrim Senior Hurling star Simon McCrory.

"The Player Academy is in its 14th year and we are delighted to have provided support to many fine players who have gone on to play at the highest level of their sport."

Some of the sessions delivered included:

- Sports Science/ Video Analysis – Kevin McGuigan
- Functional Warm Up/ Tackling –
   Peter Donnelly
- Skill Development –
   All Coaches
- Nutrition & hydration Gregory McGovern
- Player Welfare/Anti Doping – Ryan Mellon
- Recovery/Foam
   Rollers Gareth O'Neill

Following the camp the footballers will now play a representative game against Dublin and the hurlers will travel to the Connacht Centre of Excellence where they will play two games against Galway and a Connacht select team.



### BLOOD SUBS NEEDED

Did you know that 70,000 patients need a blood transfusion here every year, equating to one in four of us needing a transfusion at some stage in our lives. We are all aware of the need for greater blood donations, but often we pay only lip-service to this very important issue with only one in 450 members of our community actively donating. It is important not only to donate, but to do so regularly. The transfusion service needs 3,000 donations every week as blood has a shelf-life of just 35 days.

Ulster GAA has teamed-up with the Irish Blood
Transfusion Service, Northern Ireland Blood
Transfusion Service, the Public Health Agency, to
raise awareness of this vital service, and ultimately
to increase blood donations through our "Blood Sub"
campaign.

The GAA community is no stranger to rallying members in the spirit of giving, but this initiative is asking you to give something a little different! Having successfully initiated a number of health campaigns to improve the physical and emotional wellbeing of members, as well as enhancing their personal safety, Ulster GAA are calling on their members to get informed, encourage, support, organise, and if possible, DONATE!

As an individual you can donate blood at a public session that best suits yourself. There may be one close to home or your workplace that allows you to drop in at a time that's convenient. You can find details of where and when public sessions are taking place by following the links at



http://www.nibts.org for northern counties and

http://www.giveblood.ie for southern counties.

You can also be added to their mailing lists to receive notification as to when a session is coming up.





Ulster GAA is targeting GAA clubs to actively get involved. Clubs can do any of the following:

#### HOST AN INFORMATION TALK

The NI Blood Transfusion Service can deliver an information talk at your local club which will raise awareness of the donation process and showcase examples of who you can help by donating blood. The Irish Blood Transfusion Service can provide clubs with literature; and clubs should visit Ulster GAA Blood Submicrosite for more information.

#### HOST A BLOOD DONATION CLINIC

Not every club will be in a position to host a session, and in many areas there will already be an existing blood donation site, but if there is a gap, perhaps you can fill it. Use Ulster GAA's Blood Sub microsite for more information.

#### **ENCOURAGE OTHERS**

Promote awareness of public sessions and encourage those around you to donate. If you are hosting a session in your club involve other groups within your community to maximise the impact of hosting a donation clinic. Use Ulster GAA's Blood Sub microsite for more information.

#### WWW.ULSTERGAA.IE/BLOODSUB

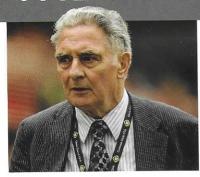
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### VOLUNTEERS TO THE FORE





Every Volunteer in the GAA is a highly valued member of the organisation. Do you know that the Volunteer standing in front of you today has made many sacrifices to be here as part of an event control team necessary for our games to take place.

Take Frank Kennedy from Dungannon - Frank has been involved with the Ulster Council for 54 years - what sacrifices have Frank and his family not made in order to help Ulster GAA stage their games. Frank along with his travelling companions, Noel Devlin (involved with Ulster GAA for 41 years), Paul Rushe and Pearse Kilpatrick have travelled to every game in Ulster this year. Their journey started last January with the Dr McKenna Cup, took in all the Ulster Championship Football and Hurling games then moved on to represent Ulster by stewarding in Croke Park. Their season will only end for a short break in December after the Ulster Club Championships. Some amount of

games, venues and miles! Yet these men wouldn't have it any other way, making friends, sharing stories and when one game is over looking forward to the next one.

Noel Hughes from Middletown is another volunteer who has covered many miles during this championship. A health problem didn't stop Noel going to any games and despite having to make manu journeys to Belfast for treatment Noel never missed a game - indeed his travelling companions reckon he was more punctual than ever! When Senior Steward Leo Keenan from Pountzpass suffered a serious heart attack at his work in the spring time his fellow stewards didn't think Leo would make any Ulster Championship games this year. Not only has Leo made a great recovery, he was in Cavan to help out at their home game with Armagh and attended many games since - dedication or what?

So if you are meeting Seamus
O'Hare from Antrim or Pat Leahy
from Monaghan, being directed
through a stile by Michael Crilly
from Derry or Jim McGivern from
Down, being shown to your seat
by Michael Graham from Cavan,
getting media registration from
Mark Nelson from Tyrone, receiving
Ulster hospitality from Hugh Foy
of Fermanagh or Edward Molloy
from Donegal spare a thought for

the 200 plus volunteers. They are here today for your health and safety, to welcome you with a smile, and to share in your enjoyment or disappointment.

All of the Stewards, Gatemen and Volunteers here today would like to send best wishes to Brendan Kirk, the current Deputy Chief Steward for Ulster GAA. Brendan Kirk (pictured), from Armagh was the Chief Steward with Ulster GAA for over a decade and everyone would like to wish Brendan well as he recovers from surgery. His meticulous preparation, punctuality and attention to detail has been missed during the 2016 Ulster Championship. However, we are all aware that Brendan will meet his current challenge head on and will not be found wanting. Brendan, take care of yourself and we hope to see you back at these games in the near future.

The sacrifices all of these people and their families make to ensure your enjoyment at our games and on match days are only really known by the Volunteers themselves and those close to them. Ulster GAA is fortunate to have people like these in our midst; to each and everyone of them Go raibh mile agaibh go leir.

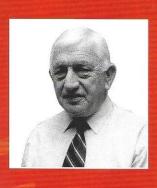
Michael Geoghegan PRO, Ulster GAA















#### Jimmy Treacy (An Charraig Mhór)

Throughout the whole of his adult life, Jimmy Treacy has been deeply involved, in a voluntary capacity, in the activities of the GAA at Club, County and National level.

As a young footballer, he won Minor and Senior County Football Championships with his native Carrickmore and he represented Tyrone at minor level in 1957. As a student and teacher in Manchester and Nottingham, he won two East Midland Football Championships before going to work in America, where, in addition to playing for the Tyrone club in Philadelphia, he took on the role of Club Secretary. On his return to Ireland in 1966, he took up a teaching post in Clonoe, played for the O'Rahillys club and served as Club Secretary for six years. During this period, he had an influential role in the ongoing development of the club, including the development of the social centre which opened in 1973.

Since the early 1970s, Jimmy has devoted his considerable talent and energy to the promotion and development of the GAA at county and national level. A member of the Tyrone County Board for more than two decades, during most of which he was the county's representative on the Central Council, Jimmy served two terms as County Chairman, was Chairman of the Grounds Committee in Tyrone, was a member of the GAA 's Management Committee for two terms, and was a trustee of the Association. He and his brother, Owen, had the distinction of both being members of Central Council at the same time – Owen representing the North American Board, Jimmy representing the Tyrone County Board.

Within Tyrone, his wise guidance was an important element in steering the county with sensitivity through many of the difficult issues which arose during the

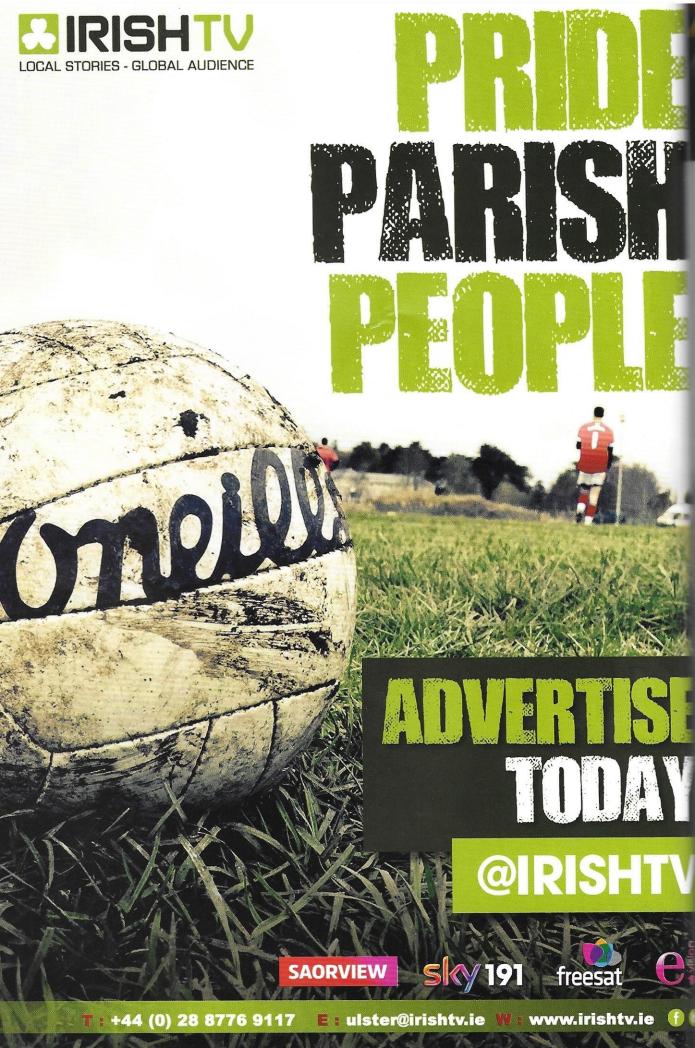
years of the Troubles. In addition, he played a key role in helping put in place new under-age coaching arrangements, which laid the foundations for many subsequent coaching programmes within the county, and team management structures which brought Tyrone three Ulster Senior titles in the 1980s.

As Chairman of the Grounds Committee, he was very influential in important initiatives for grounds development and helped many clubs in the county with access to funding sources at provincial and national level. With a keen awareness of the importance of recalling and celebrating the work of previous generations of Tyrone players and volunteers, he Association in the county was published in Centenary Year (1984). He was also the key driver behind the Millennium Initiative, begun in 1995, which raised almost half a million pounds in voluntary contributions over a five year period to support the preparation of Tyrone teams, the development of facilities, coaching and the promotion of cultural heritage, and which was the forerunner of the enormously successful Club Tyrone initiative.

At national level, Jimmy's contribution was also considerable. He was a member of Central Council when the hugely significant decision about the major development Croke Park was taken; he was a member, and for fifteen years Chairman, of the Bye-laws subcommittee which dealt with the bye-laws of every unit of the Association in Ireland and overseas. In addition, his was an influential voice in bringing the local perspective to the discussions about the complex and often sensitive issues that faced Central Council in relation to the situation in the North.

For almost fifty years, Jimmy Treacy has consistently made an enormous contribution at local and national level to the work of the GAA. It is through the selfless, dedicated, painstaking and time-consuming work of people like Jimmy, given in a voluntary capacity and as a labour of love, that the Association in Tyrone has reached new heights and that the GAA at national level continues to play such an important part in the social and cultural life of the country.

Joe Martin



### ULSTER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP 2016 TEAMS & SCORERS



#### Sunday 15th May

Preliminary Round at Brewster Park Fear Manach 1-12 Aontrim 0-9

Fear Manach: C Snow; M Jones, C Cullen, M O'Brien; D McCusker (0-1), J McMahon, B Mulrone; E Donnelly, A Breen (0-1); P McCusker, R Jones, R Lyons; R Corrigan, S Quigley (1-1), T Corrigan (0-9). Subs: C Flaherty for R Lyons, D Teague for R Corrigan, D Kelly for A Breen, P Cadden for P McCusker.

Aontroim: C Kerr; K O'Boyle; R Johnston, N Delargy; P McBride, M Johnston, J Laverty; J Carron (0-1), M McCann; M Fitzpatrick, K Niblock, M Sweeney (0-1); B Neeson (0-2), C Murray, T McCann (0-3). Subs: S McVeigh for C Murray, D McAleese for J Laverty, R Murray (0-1) for M Fitzpatrick, S Burke (0-1) for B Neeson.

Referee - Sean Hurson (Tír Eoghain)

#### Sunday 22nd May

Quarter Final at Celtic Park Doire 0-12 Tir Eoghain 3-14

**Doire:** T Mallon; O Duffy, B Rogers, K McKaigue (0-1); K Johnston, C McKaigue, G McKinless; N Holly, D Heavron (0-2); S Heavron, J Kielt (0-5), C McFaul; N Toner, E McGuckin, M Lynch (0-1). **Subs:** D McBride for O Duffy, R Bell (0-2) for E McGuckin, C O'Boyle for S Heavron, E Brown (0-1) for M Lynch, G O'Kane for K Johnston, C McAtamney for N Holly.

**Tir Eoghain:** M O'Neill; A McCrory, R McNamee, C McCarron; T McCann, N Sludden, P Harte (1-0); C Cavanagh, M Donnelly (0-1); C McShane (0-1), M Bradley, R Donnelly (0-1); C McAliskey (0-2), S Cavanagh (0-1), R O'Neill (2-2). **Subs:** D McCurry (0-4) for M Bradley, P McNulty (0-1) for R Donnelly, J Munroe (0-1) for C McShane, P Hampsey for C McCarron, K McGeary for N Sludden, B Tierney for C McAliskey.

Referee - David Coldrick (An Mhí)

#### Sunday 29th May

Quarter Final at Kingspan Breffni Park An Cabhán 2-16 Ard Mhacha 0-14

An Cabhán: R Galligan (0-1); P Faulkner, K Clarke, R Dunne; F Flanagan, C Moynagh (0-1), N Murray; T Corr, C Mackey; D McVeety (1-1), G McKiernan (0-3), M Reilly (1-0); D Givney (0-1), M Argue, S Johnston (0-7). Subs: C Brady for N Murray, E Keating for M Argue, J Brady (0-2) for E Keating (BC), K Brady for P Faulkner, G Smith for S Johnston, L Buchanan for G McKiernan.

Ard Mhacha: P Courtney; J Morgan, C Vernon, M Shields; A Mallon, A Forker, C McKeever; B Donaghy, E Rafferty (0-4); R Grugan, T Kernan (0-2), C O'Hanlon; C Watters, S Campbell (0-8), G McParland. Subs: A Findon for C O'Hanlon, M McKenna for C Watters, S Connell for C Vernon, J McElroy for E Rafferty, S Heffron for J McElroy (BC).

Referee - Eddie Kinsella (Laois)

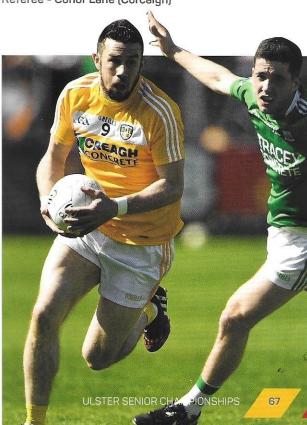
#### Sunday 5th June

Quarter Final at Clones Muineachán 2-22 An Dún 0-9

Muineachán: R Beggan (0-3); K Duffy, D Wylie, R Wylie; D Mone, C Walshe, V Corey; K O'Connell (0-1), D Hughes; S Carey (0-1), D Malone (0-1), R McAnespie (0-1); C McCarthy (0-2), K Hughes (1-2), C McManus (0-8). Subs: O Duffy (1-0) for R McAnespie, F Kelly for D Mone, P Finlay for K Hughes, D McKenna (0-2) for C McCarthy, D Clerkin (0-1) for V Corey, T Kerr for S Carey.

An Dún: S Kane; G Collins, G McGovern, D O'Hagan; D McKibbin, A Carr, D O'Hanlon (0-2); P Turley, K McKernan; C Maginn (0-2), M Poland (0-1), J Murphy; C McGovern, C Harrison, B O'Hagan (0-1). Subs: D O'Hare (0-2) for B O'Hagan, H Brown for P Turley (BC), P Devlin (0-1) for J Murphy, J Flynn for D McKibbin, D Turley for G Collins, R Mallon for C Maginn.

Referee - Conor Lane (Córcaigh)





#### Sunday 12th June

Quarter Final at Ballybofey Dún na nGall 2-12 Fear Manach 0-11

**Dún na nGall:** M A McGinley; P McGrath, N McGee, E McGee; R McHugh, F McGlynn (0-1), A Thompson; R Kavanagh, H McFadden; E McHugh (0-2), M McElhinney (0-1), O Mac Niallais (2-1); P McBrearty (0-3), M Murphy (0-1), M O'Reilly (0-2). **Subs:** L McLoone for R Kavanagh, C Toye for L McLoone, R Kavanagh for F McGlynn, M McHugh for M McElhinney, C McFadden (0-1) for P McBrearty.

Fear Manach: C Snow; M Jones, C Cullen, M O'Brien; D McCusker, J McMahon, B Mulrone (0-1); E Donnelly (0-1), A Breen; P McCusker, R Jones (0-1), R O'Callaghan; R Corrigan, S Quigley (0-1), T Corrigan (0-7). Subs: D Kelly for C Cullen (BC), N Cassidy for R Corrigan, R Lyons for A Breen, C Jones for J McMahon, D Teague for P McCusker, C Flaherty for M O'Brien.

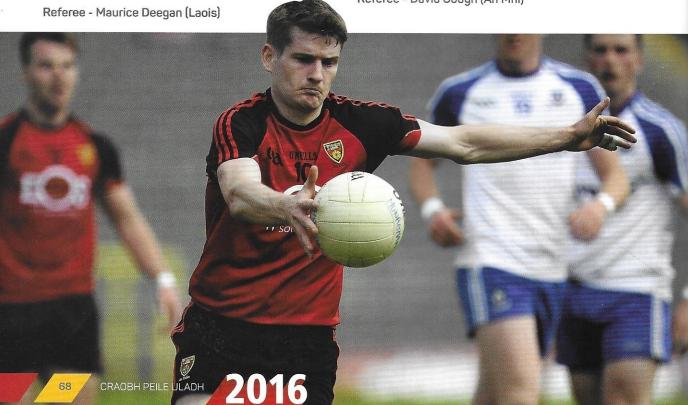
#### Sunday 19th June

Semi Final at Clones Tír Eoghain 0-16 An Cabhán 3-7

**Tir Eoghain:** M O'Neill; A McCrory, R McNamee, C McCarron; T McCann, N Sludden (0-1), P Harte (0-1); C Cavanagh (0-1), M Donnelly (0-2); C McShane (0-1), M Bradley, R Donnelly (0-1); C McAliskey (0-2), S Cavanagh (0-1), R O'Neill (0-5). **Subs:** R Brennan for M Bradley, C Meyler for C McShane, D McCurry (0-1) for R Donnelly, P McNulty for C McAliskey.

An Cabhán: R Galligan (0-1); K Brady, K Clarke, R Dunne; F Flanagan (0-1), C Moynagh (1-0), N Murray (0-1); T Corr (0-1), J McEnroe; D McVeety (0-1), G McKiernan, M Reilly; D Givney (2-0), C Mackey (0-1), S Johnston (0-1). Subs: E Keating for S Johnston, C Brady for K Brady, P Faulkner for K Clarke, J Brady for C Moynagh, G Smith for J McEnroe.

Referee - David Gough (An Mhí)



#### Saturday 25th June Semi Final at Kingspan Breffni Park Dún na nGall 1-11 Muineachán 0-14

**Dún na nGall:** M A McGinley; P McGrath, C Gillespie, E McGee; A Thompson, K Lacey (0-1), E McHugh (0-1); R Kavanagh, M McElhinney; R McHugh, O MacNiallais (1-0), F McGlynn; P McBrearty (0-5), M Murphy (0-3), M O'Reilly. **Subs:** M McHugh for F McGlynn, C Toye (0-1) for R Kavanagh, E Ban Gallagher for M O'Reilly.

Muineachán: R Beggan; C Walshe, D Wylie, R Wylie; F Kelly, V Corey, K Duffy; K O'Connell (0-2), D Hughes; S Carey (0-1), O Duffy (0-1), R McAnespie; C McCarthy (0-2), K Hughes, C McManus (0-8). Subs: D Mone for D Wylie, D McKenna for C McCarthy, C Boyle for C Walshe (BC), J McCarron for S Carey, D Clerkin for R McAnespie.

Referee - Joe McQuillan (An Cabhán)

#### Saturday 2nd July

Semi Final Replay at Kingspan Breffni Park Dún na nGall 0-17 Muineachán 2-10

Dún na nGall: M A McGinley; P McGrath, C Gillespie, E McGee; R McHugh, K Lacey, F McGlynn (0-1); R Kavanagh (0-1), O MacNiallais; A Thompson (0-1), M McElhinney (0-1), E McHugh; P McBrearty (0-4), M Murphy (0-5), M O'Reilly (0-3). Subs: M McHugh (0-1) for A Thompson (BC), C Toye for M McElhinney, E Ban Gallagher for M O'Reilly, M McElhinney for O MacNiallais.

Muineachán: R Beggan; C Walshe (0-1), D Wylie, R Wylie; K Duffy, V Corey, F Kelly; D Hughes, K O'Connell; O Duffy (0-1), R McAnespie, S Carey (1-1); D McKenna, K Hughes, C McManus (1-4). Subs: N McAdam for D Wylie, D Malone for D McKenna, C Boyle (0-1) for R Wylie, C McCarthy for S Carey, J McCarron (0-2) for K Hughes, D Mone for F Kelly.

Referee - Maurice Deegan (Laois)

#### Sunday 3rd July Semi Final Replay at Clones Tír Eoghain 5-18 An Cabhán 2-17

**Tir Eoghain:** N Morgan (0-1); A McCrory, R McNamee, C McCarron; T McCann, J McMahon (0-1), R McNabb; C Cavanagh, M Donnelly (0-3); C McShane (0-2), N Sludden (0-1), P Harte (2-4); C McAliskey (1-2), S Cavanagh (0-2), R O'Neill. **Subs:** R Brennan (1-0) for R McNabb, D McCurry for C Cavanagh, J Munroe (0-1) for C McShane, M Bradley (1-1) for R O'Neill, P Hampsey for R McNamee, B Tierney for N Sludden.

An Cabhán: R Galligan (0-1); K Brady, R Dunne, J McEnroe; F Flanagan (0-1), C Moynagh (0-2), N Murray; T Corr, K Clarke (0-1); D McVeety, G McKiernan (0-7), M Reilly (0-1); D Givney (0-1), C Mackey (1-3), E Keating. Subs: J Brady (1-0) for D Givney, J McLoughlin for J McEnroe, C Brady for K Brady, P Faulkner for N Murray, M Argue for M Reilly, G Smith for D McVeety.

Referee - David Coldrick (An Mhí)

#### USFC 2016 TOP SCORERS

Conor McManus (Muineachán) 1-20 (23) Tomas Corrigan (Fear Manach) 0-16 (16) Peter Harte (Tír Eoghain) 3-05 (14) Ronan O'Neill (Tír Eoghain) 2-07 (13) Patrick McBrearty (Dún na nGall) 0-12 (12) Odhran Mac Niallais (Dún na nGall) 3-01 (10) Gearoid McKiernan (An Cabhán) 0-10 (10) Michael Murphy (Dún na nGall) 0-09 (9) Connor McAliskey (Tír Eoghain) 1-06 (9) Stefan Campbell (Ard Mhacha) 0-08 (8) Seanie Johnston (An Cabhán) 0-08 (8) David Givney (An Cabhán)





## ULSTER TOP SCORERS **1948 - 2015**

2015	Conor McManus (Monaghan)	1-16 (19)	
2014	Conor McManus (Monaghan)	1-16 (19)	
2013	Martin Dunne (Cavan)	0-17 (17)	
2012	Colm McFadden (Donegal)	2-18 (24)	
2011	Eoin Bradley (Derry)	2-10 (16)	
2010	Paul Finlay (Monaghan)	0-14 (14)	
2009	Paddy Cunningham (Antrim)	0-19 (19)	
2008	Steven McDonnell (Armagh)	1-17 (20)	
2007	Thomas Freeman (Monaghan)	1-15 (18)	
2006	Oisin McConville (Armagh)	3-25 (34)	
2005	Stephen O'Neill (Tyrone)	1-26 (29)	
2004	Colm McFadden (Donegal) &	1-13 (16)	
2003	Oisin McConville (Armagh) Peter Canavan (Tyrone)	1-38 (41)	
2003	Rory Gallagher (Fermanagh)	4-12 (24)	
2002	Rory Gallagher (Fermanagh)	0-16 (16)	
2000	Rory Gallagher (Fermanagh)	1-19 (22)	
1999	Oisin McConville (Armagh)	3-18 (27)	
1998	Joe Brolly (Derry) &	0 10 (27)	
	Tony Boyle (Donegal)	0-13 (13)	
1997	Joe Brolly (Derry)	3-15 (24)	
1996	Peter Canavan (Tyrone)	3-13 (22)	
1995	Peter Canavan (Tyrone)	0-20 (20)	
1994	Peter Canavan (Tyrone)	1-17 (20)	
1993	John Toner (Armagh)	0-23 (23)	
1992	Enda Gormley (Derry)	0-25 (25)	
1991	Ross Carr (Down)	0-21 (21)	
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1990	Manus Boyle (Donegal)	1-16 (19)
1989	Martin McHugh (Donegal)	2-16 (22)
1988	Stephen Conway (Tyrone)	0-17 (17)
1987	Enda Gormley (Derry)	0-20 (20)
1986	Brendan Mason (Down)	3-17 (26)
1985	Eamon McEneaney (Monaghan)	3-16 (25)
1984	Frank McGuigan (Tyrone)	0-19 (19)
1983	Derek McDonnell (Cavan)	4-11 (23)
1982	John Corvan (Armagh) &	
	Peter McGinnity (Fermanagh)	1-09 (12)
1981	Eamonn McEnaney (Monaghan) &	
	Brendan McGovern (Down)	1-17 (20)
1980	Patsy Hetherington (Tyrone) &	1 00 (45)
4070	Patsy Kerlin (Tyrone)	4-03 (15)
1979	Kieran Finlay (Monaghan)	1-18 (21)
1978	Donal Donohoe (Cavan)	0-12 (12)
1977	Brendan Kelly (Derry)	2-10 (16)
1976 1975	Steve Duggan (Cavan) Willie Walsh (Down)	1-22 (25)
1974	Seamus Bonnar (Donegal)	3-08 (17) 6-04 (22)
1973	Patsy Hetherington (Tyrone)	0-17 (17)
1972	Joe Winston (Donegal)	0-17 (17)
1971	Sean O'Connell (Derry)	1-18 (21)
1970	Andy McCallin (Antrim)	3-15 (24)
1969	Sean Woods (Monaghan) &	0-10 (2-7)
1000	Gene Cusack (Cavan)	3-07 (16)
1968	Paddy Doherty (Down)	1-17 (20)
1967	Charlie Gallagher (Cavan)	0-19 (19)
1966	PT Treacy (Fermanagh)	4-13 (27)
1965	Charlie Gallagher (Cavan)	2-29 (35)
1964	Charlie Gallagher (Cavan)	0-19 (19)
1963	Harry Laverty (Donegal)	2-10 (16)
1962	Seamus McMahon (Cavan) &	
	Frankie Donnelly (Tyrone)	0-11 (11)
1961	Paddy Doherty (Down)	1-16 (19)
1960	Con Smith (Cavan)	1-17 (20)
1959	Paddy Doherty (Down)	1-17 (20)
1958	Paddy Doherty (Down)	3-14 (23)
1957	Frankie Donnelly (Tyrone)	1-14 (17)
1956	Frankie Donnelly (Tyrone) & Victor Sherlock (Cavan)	2-07 (13)
1955	Peter Donohoe (Cavan)	0-14 (14)
1954	Brian Gallagher (Cavan)	0-14 (14)
1954	Art O'Hagan (Armagh)	3-04 (13)
1952	John Joe Cassidy (Cavan)	1-07 (10)
1951	Joe McCallin (Antrim)	3-14 (23)
1950	Peter Donohoe (Cavan)	3-14 (23)
1949	Peter Donohoe (Cavan)	4-10 (22)
1948	Peter Donohoe (Cavan)	3-12 (21)
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### ULSTER GAA SUPPORTS CANCER FOCUS NORTHERN IRELAND



#### **KEEP SAFE IN THE SUN THIS SUMMER!**

Cancer Focus Northern Ireland has developed a strong relationship with the Ulster GAA over the past few years; with members availing of informative leaflets, health checks and smoking cessation assistance.

During the Ulster Championships the focus has shifted to helping members understand the importance of taking care in the sun – even here in Ireland! Skin cancers are increasingly common in this part of the world, but there are some things we can all do to minimise our risk.

Whether you are playing, coaching or spectating follow these simple tips to make sure you and your family stay safe in the sun:

- · Seek shade between 11am and 3pm
- · Cover up with a hat, T-shirt and sunglasses
- Use a sunscreen with SPF 15 and 4 star or more UVA protection
- Check moles for changes in size, colour and shape.
- Skin cancer can grow from a freckle, mole or a normal area of skin.
- · Look out for new growths



Children's skin is especially sensitive to the sun and can burn more easily than adults' so make sure that children are aware of and follow the above rules. If you are coaching a team or running a competition this summer it's a good idea to have some sun screen available, provide shaded or indoor areas for teams when they aren't playing and encourage all children to keep covered with a hat and t-shirt.

If you require any further information about keeping safe in the sun visit the website www.careinthesun.org

If you are concerned about skin cancer you can call the Cancer Focus free information and support helpline on **0800 783 3339** or email one of the charity's nurses on helpline@cancerfocusni.org



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#### **SEAMUS MAC GEIDIGH**

#### AN OBITUARY





Nuair a chroith mé lámh le Séamus Mac Géidigh go luath maidin Luan Cincíse seo caite agus bricfeásta ite againn in Ostán Ghobnatan i mBaile Bhúirne, ba bheag an cheapadh a bhí agam gurbh é sin an uair dheireanach againn a bheith i gcomhluadar a chéile.

Bhí a chuid oibre déanta ag Séamus ag Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta agus é féin agus a shean-chomrádaí Paddy Beag Mac Giolla Easpaig ag tabhairt an bhóthair ó thuaidh orthu féin. Ní raibh mé féin ag gliondáil go tráthnóna.

Tráthnóna Dé Sathairn seo caite ba dheireanaí a chuala mé a ghlór – ag tráchtaireacht ar bhua Dhún na nGall ar Mhuineachán i gCluiche Leathcheannais Uladh. Thug a chontae dúchais na cosa ar éigin leo, ach mar is dual don deachraoltóir ba é an chuma chéanna a bhí ar ghlór Shéamuis agus a bheadh dá mba iadsan a chaill de chúilín.

Ar an gclár a rinne Raidió na Gaeltachta in omós don tráchtaire maidin Dé Máirt, sa stiúdeo céanna inar chuir sé féin clár an lae roimhe i láthair, rinne an t-anailísí Hughie Mac Laifeartaigh cur síos ar an gcaoi a mbíodh Séamus ag áiteamh air gan 'muid' a thabhairt ar foireann a gcontae dúchais. Ní hé nach raibh oiread de shúil aige go ndéanfadh siad an ghaisce agus a bhí ag gach

dhuine eile i nDún na nGall, ach ba é an chéad dualgas a bhí air cuntas neodrach a thabhairt dá chuid éisteoirí ar fad ar a raibh ag tarlú os a chomhair amach

#### TÚS ÁITE AG FREAGRACHT NA CRAOLTÓIREACHTA AR CHÚRSAÍ SLEACHTA.

Bhí 'umhlaíocht', 'uaisleacht', 'gnaíúlacht' agus 'daonnacht' ar chuid de na focail ba thúisce a húsáideadh le cur síos ar phearsantacht Shéamuis ar an gclár omóis sin a craoladh agus gan scéala a bháis ag sroichint na mílte a chuir aithne air ó thosaigh sé ag obair do Raidió na Gaeltachta i 1988. Chuir cainteoir i ndiaidh cainteora tuilleadh leis na focail údaí, chuile cheann acu ag cur le tréithe an fhir a bhí scioptha gan choinne uainn agus gan an ceann féin acu nach raibh tuillte go maith aige.

Rith sé liom ina dhiaidh sin nach focail a bhí iontu a d'oirfeadh do dhaoine go leor a chuireann iad féin chun cinn mar iriseoirí agus mar anailísithe i gcuid áirithe de meáin shearbha na haoise seo.
Fós, is iad na focail sin ba mhó a thugann léargas ar an gcúis nárbh aon ghnáth-dhuine Séamus Mac Géidigh.

Chaith mé cuid mhaith de dheich mbliana fichead ag obair leis agus cé go raibh os cionn 300km eadrainn, is beag lá nach labhraíodh muid lena chéile. Fós ní cuimhin liom aon aragóint a bheith eadrainn riamh

BHÍ IOMARCA MEASA AG SÉAMUS AR DHAOINE GO DTIOCFADH SÉ AR AN IONSAÍ AGUS AR AON DATH, BÍ CINNTE GO RAIBH PÉ PLEAN A BHÍ AIGESAN I BHFAD NÍOS FEARR NÁ DO CHEANN'SA.

Dá bharr sin bhí eolas maith agam ar a raibh déanta aige dá lucht éisteachta ó thaobh craoltóireachta agus tuiscint ar a dhílseacht dóibh, ach, nó gur chuala mé an tAth. Seán Ó Gallchóir, an tAth. Brian Ó Fearraigh, Séamus Ó Briain agus a chomharsa Pádraig Mac Laifeartaigh ag caint ar an gclár sin de chuig RnaG atá luaite agam. níor thuig mé chomh mór agus a bhí Séamus sáite i ngraithí pobail i nGhort a Choirce agus i gCloich Cheannfhaola. Ach arís, ní hionadh sin, mar ní raibh rian den mhórtas ag baint leis an bhfear.

Ba uaigneach an áit iad stiúdeoanna Raidió na Gaeltachta i gCasla, i mBaile na nGall agus go háirithe ar na Doirí Beaga an mhaidin tar éis a bháis, gan aon choineáil siar ag a chomrádaithe oibre ar na deora. Is uaigní ná sin anois é a theach ar an Ardaí Bheag, áit a bhfuil a bhean Dolores, a mhac Dónal agus a iníonacha Éadaoin agus Póilín faoi bhrón.

Is boichte sin ar fad go mór go d'uireasa a chara dhíl, Gaelach. Sólás agus faoiseamh dóibh siúd atá faoi uaigneas i do dhiaidh agus ar dheislámh Dé go raibh tú féin Mártan Ó Ciardha



#### **GAEILGE SA CHLUB**

Ulster GAA's commitment to promoting Irish language, culture and heritage has been reaffirmed by the announcement of the 'Gaeilge sa Chlub' scholarship scheme for 2016-17.

Ulster GAA have just announced scholarships for GAA members applying for Ulster University's Irish Language Diploma from September 2016 in what is the fourth year of this collaboration with Ulster University. Over 70 scholarships have been awarded to date and it is likely that this commitment from Ulster GAA will benefit a further 30 learners in the year ahead.

The Gaeilge sa Chlub ('Irish in the Club') scholarship scheme for adult learners of Irish is a joint initiative from Ulster GAA and Ulster University which aims to promote the use of Irish within clubs throughout Ulster by providing

financial assistance to GAA members who sign up for a Diploma in Irish Language course.

Welcoming another year of the partnership Ulster GAA President Michael Hasson said.

"Ulster GAA is delighted to once again encourage GAA members to take up the Irish language, to learn it and to use it. Through this joint initiative with Ulster University, GAA members of all ages across Ulster will be able to study Irish and gain a University qualification. We hope the successful GAA members who receive scholarships will come back and promote Irish in their own local club."

Dr Malachy Ó Néill, Head of School of Irish Language and Literature at Ulster University highlighted the continued success of the collaboration with Ulster GAA; "The Irish Diploma at Ulster University continues to be a fantastic pathway to a high level of proficiency in Irish. This financial support for GAA members enables students to receive up to 50% reduction in course fees, opening the door to third-level education for many. This partnership encourages GAA members to take up the Diploma with many progressing to the Degree course thereafter."

For further information on the Diploma in Irish, contact Mrs Ros O'Hagan at r.ohagan1@ulster.ac.uk or 028 7167 5277 (Course at Cookstown and Magee) or Sharon McKee at s.mckee@ulster.ac.uk or 028 95367482 (courses at Belfast).

Anyone interested in applying for the Irish Diploma Scholarships from Ulster GAA are asked to contact Fionntan O'Dowd for further information: 028 (048) 3751 7180 or email: fionntan.odowd.ulster@gaa.ie.



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- Niall Baine
- Colum Higgins
- Jonathan Lavelle
- Aaron Reilly
- 5 Callum Donnan
- 6 Sean Mac a Bháird Tabhóg NS
- 7 Cillian Bonner

- 12 Niall Breslin

- 8 Daithi Sheils
- 9 Cal O'Brien
- 10 Paddy McCann
- 11 Oran Rehill
- 13 Donal Gallagher
- 14 Ruairi McAteer
- 15 Ethan Gilligan
- 16 Aaron Cassidy
- 17 Darragh McDwyer Urbleshannu NS

- St Patrick's PS Loup St Columban's PS Belcoo
- Ballybay NS
- Our Lady & St Mochua's PS
- Derrynoose
- St Patricl's PS Hilltown
- SN Mhín a Ghabhann
- Mullahoran NS
- St Brigid's PS Ballymena
- St Mary's PS Portglenone
- Crosserlough NS
- Scoil Iosagáin Buncrana
- Stramore NS
- Ballyholland PS
- Cloughoge PS
- St Mary's PS Tempo
- 18 Fionbharr McKee Holy Family PS Magherafelt

- Marcus O'Hara
- 2 Darragh Needham Blackstaff NS
- 3 Ruairi Ó Mianáin
- Niall Burden

- 7 Ben Cullen
- 8 Thomas Kiernan
- 9 Diarmuid Martin
- 10 Daniel Smyth
- 11 Conor Casey
- 12 Conn Sweeney
- 13 Conor Kane
- 15 Cormac O'Reilly
- 17 Seán McMonagle
- 18 Harry Henry

- St Ronan's PS Lisnaskea
- St Brigid's PS Tirkane
- Moneydarragh PS Longstone
- Michael McSorley Armagh CBS
- Tiarnan Campbell All Saints' PS Tattysallagh
  - Edendork PS
  - Ballynarry NS
  - St Therese of Lisieux PS Belfast
  - St Colman's PS Lambeg
  - St Patrick's NS Loch Gowna
  - St Colmcille's PS Carrickmore
  - St Joseph's PS Galbally
- 14 Conor McConville St Patrick's Crossmaglen
  - St Malachy's PS Kilcoo
- 16 Adam McLoughlin St John's PS Swatragh
  - Corduff NS
  - Holy Trinity PS Enniskillen

#### TWINNING WORK OF ULSTER GAA

Ulster GAA continues to work to support our twinned bodies in Britain and Canada. We have supported Canada in Referee Development, Club Officer and Club Development and Coaching and Games projects throughout the year.

Congratulations to Brian Farmer, former Chairperson of the Canadian GAA Board. Brian has been awarded the 2016 Irish Person of the Year in Toronto. Sean Harte has become President of the Canadian GAA Board, we wish Sean well in his role and assure him of our continued support.

We have also had ongoing contact with our colleagues in the Council of Britain GAA. Ulster GAA has worked closely with the British Provincial Council and in particular with the President Sean Hackett to seek and obtain funding from Sport England, Scotland and Wales as a National governing body which will be of immense benefit to the Provincial Council & Counties of Britain.

Ulster GAA have worked closely with the Council of Britain GAA to strengthen their practices and policies around the Safeguarding of children and young people in sport. We continue to assist them. in their implementation of this area of governance in line with both legal and best practice guidelines.

Warwickshire and in Canada which also has substantially enhanced the games and assisted in the wider understanding of the rules and the standards as they apply in Ireland.

Our Development Officers Maura McMenamin and Fionntan O'Dowd travelled to Toronto in November 2014 as part of this twinning partnership with Canada to deliver a Club Development Seminar with the Toronto Clubs and the Divisional

This is an outworking of our arrangements of dividing Canada

provide coaching support to one zone and officer training and club development to the other zone each year. Our President and Vice President have previously attended the Canadian Convention and continued to build the relationship between Canada and Ulster.

Our Cuchulainn project attended the All British Competitions in London last weekend and this is also linked to strengthening the overall development of our games in Britain.

Useful contacts: Provincial Council of Britain http://www.britain.gaa.ie/

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