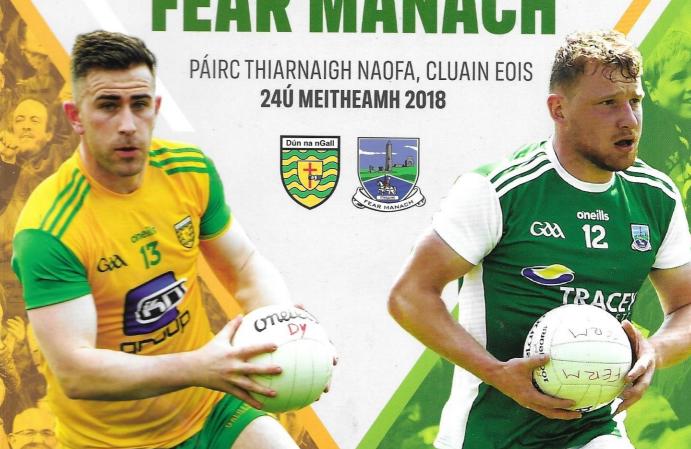


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# DUN NA NGALL FEAR MANACH



EIRGRID ULSTER **UNDER 20 FOOTBALL FINAL** 



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SUNDAY 24TH JUNE | ST TIERNACH'S PARK

## EIRGRID ULSTER GAA FOOTBALL UNDER 20 CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

## ARD MHACHA v DOIRE 11.45AM (Extra time & finish on day if required)



## Referee

Sean Laverty (Aontroim)

## Standby

Conor Dourneen (An Cabhán)

## Umnires

Justin McErlain, John Laverty, Raymond Graffin and Donal Laverty

## **SEAN LAVERTY (AONTROIM)**

Sean is a member of the St Ergnat's club in Moneyglass, Co Antrim. He refereed the Antrim Senior Football Championship Finals in 2014 and 2015. He has taken charge of Minor, Under 21 and Dr McKenna Cup games within the province since 2014.

Enda McFeely (Dún na nGall)

James Lewis (Fear Manach)

Noel Mooney (An Cabhán)

Sideline Official: Dan Mullan (Doire)

Sideline Official

In 2015, he referred the Ulster Junior Football Club Championship Final between Rockcorry and Faughanvale. He refereed the 2017 Bank of Ireland Dr McKenna Cup Final between Derry and Tyrone.

## **ULSTER GAA FOOTBALL SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL**

## **DÚN NA NGALL V FEAR MANACH 2.00PM**



## Referee:

David Gough (An Mhí)

## Standby:

Joe McQuillan (An Cabhán)

## **Umpires:**

Eugene Gough, Stephen Gough, Terry Gough and Dean Gough.

## **DAVID GOUGH (AN MHÍ)**

David is a member of Slane GFC and he is the Education and Games Development Officer on St. Patrick's Campus, DCU. He is currently in his 6th year on the National Referees Elite Panel.

In 2013 he took charge of the All Ireland U21 Final and the National League Division 2 Final in 2014. In 2015, he refereed the All Ireland Minor Final between Kerry and Tipperary. Just this year he refereed the All Ireland Club Final on St. Patrick's Day between Corofin and Nemo Rangers. He has refereed All Ireland Semi Finals for the past two years, the 2016 Dublin v Kerry match and last year's Mayo V Kerry replay.

He took charge of the USFC First Round game between Donegal and Cavan and also refereed the All Ireland Qualifier Round 1 game between Westmeath and Armagh. As a player, David won a Hogan Cup Medal with St. Pats Navan in 2001.

## REAMHFHOCAL PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

Ba mhaith liom fáilte a chur roimh na foirne agus an lucht leanúna a tháinig go Páirc Thiarnaigh Naofa inniu ó Fhear Manach 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 Fermanagh and Donegal. We experienced a much more condensed format this year with 8 games played over a six week period as our players, officials and spectators enjoy another championship season. It is a historical occasion as these two neighbours have never previously met in an Ulster Senior Football Final.

Donegal are looking to reclaim the Anglo Celt Cup for the first time since 2014 and have defeated Cavan, Derry and Down to reach this year's decider. Fermanagh are still searching for that elusive first title and defeated both Armagh and Monaghan to reach the Ulster Final for only the sixth year in their history (1914, 1935, 1945, 1982 and 2008 which required a replay).

I wish to express my thanks to all this year's teams who participated in this year's championship and in doing so, wish all remaining Ulster teams best wishes in the All Ireland series. We all look forward in anticipation to what the "Super 8's" bring to the All-Ireland Football Championship.

The Senior Final will be preceded by the Under 20 Football Final. This age grade replaces the Under 21 competition and the cup is in memory of former An Runai Comhairle Uladh, Danny Murphy. It is fitting that Danny is honoured on the biggest day in the Ulster GAA calendar. The Eirgrid Ulster Under 20 Final sees Ard Mhacha and Doire compete for the Corn Donall Ó Murchu as they both seek to become the first ever winners of this grade.

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 Derry team of 1993 who won the Ulster and All Ireland titles will be honoured today and we remember with pride their great achievement of 25 years ago. Then we have the main event, as we enjoy the present with two compelling finals in the Under 20 and Senior grades. It is also an opportunity for the stars of the future to shine in today's arena. Cumann na mBunscol children will display their skills as all counties will be represented in the exhibition games here today.

In 2018, Cancer Focus has been chosen as the charity for Ulster GAA. Cancer Focus is a local cancer charity working since 1969 to reduce the impact of cancer on people's lives. They provide care and support services for cancer patients and their families.

I acknowledge and thank all the Ulster Council and Muineachán GAA personnel involved in hosting today's games. Everyone plays their part; supporters and stewards, medics, match officials and players, sponsors, local authorities, media, Council.

I also wish all four teams, their County Boards and management every success in their respective outings today and the match officials whose role should never be overlooked.

Finally, to you the supporters. Your support, attendance and attention is highly valued and we hope the experience of today will encourage you to follow our counties as they take on the mantle of Ulster representatives in the final stages of the All-Ireland Football Championship.

Micheel Ohosen

Micheal Ó hÓsain Uachtarán Chomhairle Uladh

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## 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.

Amhrán na bhFiann will be led this afternoon by Dearbhla Scallon, who is the current Amhránaíocht Aonair All Ireland Champion in Scór Sinsear and is from An Gortín, Naomh Pádraig. Dearbhla has been the County Champion for a number of years. She is equally talented as a traditional musician and is a fluent Irish speaker.

# **SAFETY REGULATIONS**

exertate the following regulations. We ask for your full coand other volunteers who are doing the best to ensure you enjoy the match. If you fail to co-operate the necessary to refuse you entry or, if inside the stadium, to leave.

House do not bring anything into the stadium that can be used weapon or that will cause interference with others. This modules fireworks, smoke canisters, bottles, flagpoles, banners. We do not allow alcohol in the ground.

was you not to climb onto walls, stands and other buildings. We ask you to refrain from making unnecessary noise mem will armoy other spectators near you. That includes the likes of air homs or radios.

There are and children present. We ask you not to enter the field and safety reasons. The standard we may be required to search patrons entering me ground. If you refuse to be searched you may be refused Please do not obstruct gangways or stairwells etc. Also, do not engage in behaviour that may cause a fire or other tlamperous 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

## **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 Fastern 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. Please co-operate with the safety announcements and in particular the end of match arrangements for exiting as there are contingency plans in place for the O'Duffy Terrace. Details will be announced on the P.A. system.

# **CLÁR AN LAE**

Mhacha amach ar an bPáirc

Masam Doire amach ar an bPáirc

Tagigh an Cluiche amach ar an bPáirc

Mattern Presentation of Corn Donall Ó Murchu by the Murphy family

III.45am Tus an Cluiche: Ard Mhacha V Doire

m: Half Time / Leath Am

And Mhacha to leave the field immediately am half time whistle. Doire to leave the field

once Ard Mhacha have cleared the field

m Cumann na mBunsol

m Crìoch an Chluiche Cumann na mBunscol

Start of Second Half / Tús an dara leath

End of Game / Crioch an Chluiche

Presentation of Donall Ó Murchu Cup to winning Captain by Oilibhear Ó Gealagain,

Leas Uachtarán Comhairle Uladh Entertainment by St Michaels Band

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Both County Secretaries to present

Team Lists in Referees room

Dün na nGall amach ar an bPáirc

Fear Manach amach ar an bPáirc

Oifigigh an Cluiche amach ar an bPáirc

Paraid (Dun na nGall closest to the perimeter

& Fear Manach on the inside)

Amhrán na bhFiann

Iliis an Cluiche: Dún na nGall V Fear Manach

Half Time / Leath Am

Dun na nGall to leave the field immediately

on half time whistle. Fear Manach to leave the field once Dún na nGall have cleared the field

2.40pm Introduction of Jubilee Team - Doire (1993) 2.50pm Photograph of Doire Jubilee Team

2.53pm Start of Second Half / Tús an dara leath

3.32pm Críoch an Chluiche Shinsir / Críoch an Chluiche Shinsir

3.34pm Interview with winning team manager

Presentation of Anglo Celt Cup to Captain of the Ulster Champions by Micheal Ó hÓsain, Uachtaran, Comhairle Uladh

If the Senior Game finishes in a draw, a replay will take place. If Extra Time is required in the Under 20 Game, see below

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1.10pm Start of First Period of Extra Time

1.22pm

1.25pm Start of Second Period of Extra Time

1.37pm

1.38pm

1.40pm Presentation of Donall Ó Murchu Cup to winning Captain by Oilibhear Ó Gealagain, Leas Uachtarán Comhairle Uladh

1.44pm Dún na nGall amach ar an bPáirc

1.47pm Fear Manach amach ar an bPáirc

1.49pm Entertainment by St Michaels Band Oifigigh an Cluiche amach ar an bPáirc

1.50pm 1.54pm

1.57pm Paraid

2.03pm

Tús an Cluiche: Dún na nGall V Fear Manach

2.43pm Half Time / Leath Am

2.45pm Introduction of Jubilee Team - Doire (1993)

2.55pm Photograph of Doire Jubilee Team

Start of Second Half / Tús an dara leath 2.58pm

Críoch an Chluiche Shinsir / Críoch an Chluiche Shinsir 3.37pm

Interview with winning team manager

3.42pm Presentation of Anglo Celt Cup to Captain of the Ulster Champions by Micheal Ó hÓsain, Uachtaran,

Comhairle Uladh

# A WORD FROM OUR SPONSORS

On behalf of everyone at eir I would like to welcome supporters of both Donegal and Fermanagh to Clones this afternoon and to congratulate the two teams for reaching today's final. They are very worthy of their places in the decider and I wish them the best of luck as they battle it out for the Anglo-Celt Cup.

At eir, we firmly believe that the story of the football championship isn't solely about what happens on the pitch however. It's also about you the fans. We have a keen focus on bringing you closer to the action by

finding innovative new ways to help you enjoy the big match experience because we know that you want to be able to keep right up to speed with all the most up to date information around big games like today's.

As the GAA's Official Telecoms
Partner, we are constantly striving
to meet those needs. eir is all about
connecting people and there is no
better network at doing just that
all over the island of Ireland than
the GAA. We will continue to work
closely with them to connect fans to
the games and to each other as the

championship develops. Finally, on behalf of eir, I hope you enjoy today's game. May the best team win and safe travels home afterwards.



AIB is delighted to be here at Clones, Monaghan as sponsor of the GAA All-Ireland Football Championships, to watch what promises to be an intriguing clash between Donegal and Fermanagh in the Ulster Senior Football Final. This will be a historic first ever meeting between the two counties in an Ulster Senior Football final. Donegal have claimed eight Ulster Senior Football titles, while Fermanagh will be aiming for their first ever Ulster title.

AIB's 27 year association with GAA dates back to 1991/1992 with our sponsorship of the AIB GAA Club Championships. In May of this year we proudly welcomed a further 5-year extension to both our Club

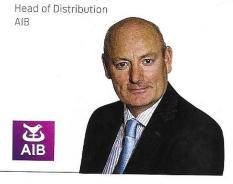
and County sponsorship and are delighted that AIB is one of the GAA's longest continued sponsors.

AIB is particularly proud that our involvement with GAA backs both Club and County competitions. We greatly admire the dedication and commitment shown by so many people in clubs right around the country and understand that without clubs there would be no County Championships for us to enjoy.

AIB's involvement with GAA however extends well beyond the sponsorship with many of our staff volunteering, mentoring and playing at both Club & County Level.

We wish all those involved with the Donegal and Fermanagh panels all the very best today and for the remainder of the GAA All-Ireland Championships. We are delighted to be involved and excited by the summer of sport that awaits.

DENIS O'CALLAGHAN



On behalf of SuperValu, I would like to warmly welcome you all to St. Tiernach's Park today, to see these two proud sporting counties battle it out, in what is sure to be an enthralling Ulster Senior Football Championship Final.

I would like to congratulate the players from Donegal and Fermanagh, their loyal supporters and all those who worked hard to bring both teams here today.

As a long-standing sponsor of the GAA All Ireland Football Championships, SuperValu is getting #BehindTheBall this summer and is set to reinforce its unwavering support and commitment, to local communities across Ireland.

#BehindTheBall will see retailers donate 110,000 footballs to clubs across the country, by the end of this year's championship. This initiative is designed to get children, as young as six, playing football and exercising regularly.

In addition to giving away footballs, we will also be releasing a "Take 10" video series. This will teach parents, basic coaching skills, to help their kids become future stars.

We have 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 their fans, the best of luck in today's final.







we know when we are mentally and physically well but sometimes we need a little extra support.

Here are five simple steps to practice every day:

## Connect



## Connect

Connect with the people around you: family, friends, colleagues and neighbours at home, work, school or in your local community. Think of these relationships as the cornerstones of your life and spend time developing them. Building these connections will support and enrich you every day.

## Be active



## Be active

Go for a walk or run, cycle, play a game, garden or dance. Exercising makes you feel good. Most importantly, discover a physical activity that you enjoy; one that suits your level of mobility and fitness.

## Take notice



## Take notice

Stop, pause, or take a moment to look around you. What can you see, feel, smell or even taste? Look for beautiful, new, unusual or extraordinary things in your everyday life and think about how that makes you feel.

## Keep learning



## **Keep learning**

Don't be afraid to try something new, rediscover an old hobby or sign up for a course. Take on a different responsibility, fix a bike, learn to play an instrument or how to cook your favourite food. Set a challenge you will enjoy. Learning new things will make you more confident, as well as being fun to do.

## Give



## Give

Do something nice for a friend or stranger, thank someone, smile, volunteer your time or consider joining a community group. Look out as well as in. Seeing yourself and your happiness linked to the wider community can be incredibly rewarding and will create connections with the people around you.

The five ways to wellbeing were developed by the New Economics Foundation. Artwork designed in association with Belfast Strategic Partnership.

# UNDER 20 PATHS TO FINAL

BY SEAN O'NEILL, THE IRISH NEWS

## 25TH MAY - QUARTER FINAL

FERMANAGH 0-10 ARMAGH 2-14 - BREWSTER PARK, ENNISKILLEN

PETER McDonnell's charges produced a strong second half showing to see off Fermanagh, eventually easing home by 10 points. Rian O'Neill and Conor Turbit were the Armagh goalscorers in an ultimately convincing win.

The Erne youngsters had led early in the game, before O'Neill struck to put his side two up, the four man move started by the Crossmaglen man on the edge of the 'D' before being finished clinically by him.

Armagh led by three at the break, and their advantage was extended to seven when Turbit netted in the second period. That too came at the end of a fine team move involving seven players moving the ball at speed before the Clann Eireann player finished to the bottom corner.

Fermanagh's cause was not helped when they lost Lorcan McStravick, top-scorer Callum Jones and Johnny Cassidy to injury. This allowed their opponents to coast home.

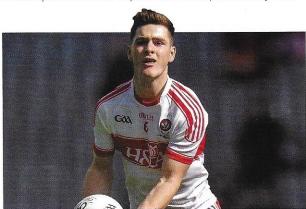
## 3RD JUNE - QUARTER-FINAL

DERRY 0-16 DONEGAL 2-9 AT HEALY PARK, OMAGH

DERRY had to battle back from the concession of two first half goals to just about deserve this narrow win. Initially both sides prioritised defence, with Donegal's Peter McEniff often joining Odhran McFadden O Fearraigh to mark Derry's influential full-forward Callum Brown, and Derry dropping Shea Downey back into defence and swiftly switching around their man markers.

Donegal's first goal arrived in the 12th minute when Conor O'Donnell played in Peadar Mogan to shoot low to the net. Their second came 10 minutes later, when, again down the left flank, Paddy Dolan soloed toward goal before firing home.

Donegal then seemed in total command when Jason McGee pointed twice to put them five up, but Derry, who



Derry's Padraig McGrogan in action

had Ben McCarron sent off in the 55th minute, had other ideas.

Six points either side of half-time, including three from Oisin McWilliams and two from McCarron, laid the foundations for their win.

## 8TH JUNE - SEMI FINAL

ARMAGH 2-22 TYRONE 0-24 AT THE ATHLETIC GROUNDS, ARMAGH

THIS was a tremendous match, requiring two periods of extra time, but which was unfortunately overshadowed by an ugly brawl in the closing stages. That was a shame, because the crowd at the Athletic Grounds was treated to a cracker.

At various stages, both teams looked like they had done enough to win, and each side were as defiant as the other. Fitness, as much as anything else contributed to Armagh's triumph.

Tyrone just about shaded the first half and at the end of a nip and tuck second half, needed a fine score from Paul Donaghy to force extra time. Armagh seized control immediately in the first period when Jason Duffy palmed a goal, but the Red Hands fought back and were a point up when the melee broke out.

When this calmed, Armagh equalised through sub Justin Kearns and finished the game stronger in the second extra time period, with scores from Conor Maginness, Rian O'Neill and Kevin McAlinden sealing the victory.

## 10TH JUNE - SEMI-FINAL

DOWN 2-15 DERRY 2-17 AT ST TIERNACH'S PARK, CLONES

DERRY clawed their way back from 10 points down to make it through to the Ulster decider. The signs were ominous for Derry when their opponents registered two early goals, from Pierce Laverty and Aaron Devlin, to help the Mourne lads to a 2-8 to 0-7 interval lead.

Derry's fight back began when Lorcan McWilliams dispatched a 34th penalty, and seven minutes later Callum Brown won his own ball before grabbing a second.

Further scores were added from Oisin McWilliams, his twin Lorcan, who finished with 1-7, Ben McCarron and Conor Doherty as Derry went into the lead with seven minutes to go.

Down had their captain Oisin McConvery dismissed but stayed in the game with Liam Kerr hitting two points. Derry though had the wind in their sails and got over the line with late points from Lorcan McWilliams and Conleth McShane.



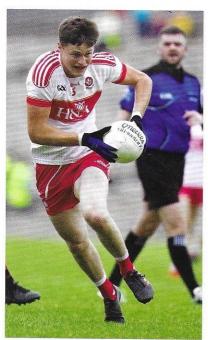
UNDER 20 PREVIEW
ARMAGH V DERRY BY RONAN SCOTT

## GaelicLife

Can a team, shorn of so many players have a realistic chance of winning an Ulster Final? Most would say it is unlikely, unless you are a Derry codology practitioner trying to channel the spirit of Seamus Heaney to take poetic licence with the narrative of this game.

One such approach might be to point to Mickey Donnelly's comments in this week's Gaelic Life, when he argued that his team were really a glorified Under 19 side, which leaves them at a disadvantage against an older Armagh team. But that won't wash.

This Derry team has serious quality. The county's minor teams have won two out of the last three Ulster titles. Those players have filtered into Mickey Donnelly's team. I presume they no longer call Clones the venue for provincial finals, but now call it their summer retreat.



Derry's Dara Rafferty

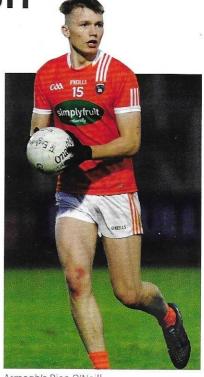
Padraig McGrogan and Conor Doherty were used regularly by Damian McErlain during the senior team's league campaign. Oran Hartin the goalkeeper, Oisin and Lorcan McWilliams, as well as Callum Brown were part of the team that reached the All-Ireland Minor Final last year, along with McGrogan and Doherty.

That sort of experience is what every manager tells us they want from their players, and we can expect that it will be brought to bear in this weekend's final. It has certainly helped them on their way to this year's decider. They edged past Donegal in the quarter-final, having been trailing 2-5 to 0-8 at half time. Yet during the second half the free taking of Jude McAtamney and Oisin McWilliams' brilliant score taking got them over the line.

In the semi-final they had another close encounter, a 2-17 to 2-15 victory against Down in Clones. This time it was goals from Lorcan McWilliams and Callum Brown that earned them the result.

Armagh's route to the finals saw them beat Fermanagh easily in the quarter-finals, 2-14 to 0-10. Rian O'Neill and Conor Turbitt got the goals during that game to see off a Fermanagh team that had been hit by serious injuries which curtailed their challenge.

One of the disappointments of this year's Under 20 tournament has been that their clash with Tyrone was actually a brilliant game, overshadowed by an ugly brawl. All the pundits queued up to try on the outrage hat in a variety of jaunty angles. But posturing doesn't solve the problem.

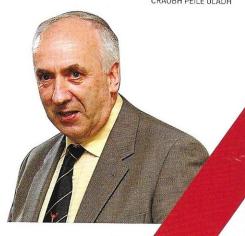


Armagh's Rian O'Neill

Football should be about entertainment, and pride in your club and county. There's no pride in giving a man a dig in the head. There was classy football on that day though. So much so that Oisin McConville went on the radio and said that he would have been willing to pay in twice to watch that game of football such was the quality on display. It is a shame that that is not what will be remembered.

It is also a shame that Armagh are going to be so short handed for this game that they may be out of it before a ball is thrown in. What we can expect, is that both teams will be out to put some pride into their jersey. Under 20 football, just like Under 21's before it, is the perfect amalgmation of free-flowing minor football mixed with the physicality of the senior game.

And despite the absences, that is what we will get.



# **CORN DÓNALL Ó MURCHÚ**

## ULSTER UNDER 20 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

In Memory of Danny Murphy (1949-2016)

This year we have seen the introduction of the Ulster U20's Football Championship which has replaced the Under 21 grade. Today's final will be a great contest between Derry and Armagh, with both teams competing for the inaugural 'Danny Murphy Cup'.

Whoever wins today will write themselves into a special piece of history in the record books of Ulster GAA, by becoming the first title holders of this very special trophy.

A three handled Cup in the Art Nouveau style made by Sharman D. Neill of Belfast, it is an extremely rare piece of antique Irish silver in the Art Nouveau style and is hallmarked Dublin 1905.

The cup has been very kindly donated by the Murphy Family in memory of Danny and will be officially presented to the Ulster Council just prior to the throw-in of today's U2O Football Championship Final by members of the Murphy Family who are present here today.

Danny died aged just 67 on the 7th December 2016 while still holding the Administration Office of Secretary/Chief Executive of Ulster GAA; he was a very loyal stalwart to the GAA in Ulster for over three decades and it is a very fitting tribute to Danny that the Council have named the U20's Football Championship Cup in his memory.

A native of Burren in Co. Down, Danny made a significant contribution to the GAA in Ulster, Ireland and across the globe; through twinning partnerships, Danny was also a vital support strand to the GAA in Britain and Canada.

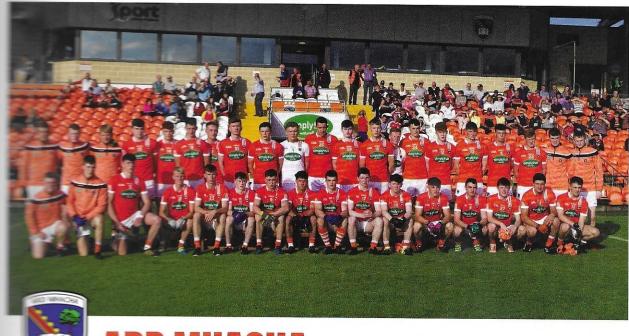
Danny was first elected to serve on the Ulster Council in 1981 as the Down GAA delegate to the Council. Throughout Danny's time on the Ulster Council he held every Officership possible - PRO, Treasurer, Vice-Chairperson, President to Secretary and Chief Executive Officer of Ulster GAA.

To this day, Danny is the only person to have held the positions of both President and Secretary at the same time. A former Vice-President of the Association Danny served on many National Committees as well as holding many positions on the Down County Committee including Chairperson of Down GAA.

The Ulster Council is very grateful to all of the Murphy Family and thank them most sincerely for this very generous gift and we know that the Corn Dónall Ó Murchú will be cherished as part of our Gaelic heritage and Danny's memory will live on for many years to come.



# **UNDER 20 TEAMS**







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# MHACHA ARMAGH

Manager: Peter McDonnell





























## **DERRY**

**Manager: Mickey Donnelly** 

# **DOIRE**















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# THE STORY SO FAR 2018 ULSTER U20FC TEAMS & SCORERS



## PRELIMINARY ROUND

DONEGAL 2-21 CAVAN 0-10 IN CELTIC PARK

Donegal: E O'Boyle; A Deeney, M Curran, P McEniff; N Boyle (1-0), S O'Fearraigh, P Mogan (0-2); J McGee, P Dolan (0-1); O Gallen (0-2), O McFadden O'Fearraigh, C O'Donnell (0-1); N O'Donnell (1-12), S McDevitt (0-1), S McGrath (0-2). Subs: R Cunningham for N Boyle, C McFadden for S McDevitt, T Govorov for O Gallen, E McCormack for J McGee, S Carr for O McFadden O'Fearraigh (BC), L Molloy for N O'Donnell.

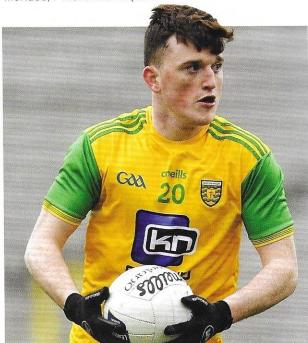
Cavan: G O'Rourke; P O'Reilly, L Fortune, F McAvinue; C O'Reilly (O-1), C Brady, P Rogers; J Smith (O-1), C Rehill; L Molloy (O-1), T E Donohoe (O-1), S Smith (O-1); O Pierson (O-1), C Smith (O-2), L Reilly. Subs: C Madden (O-1) for L Reilly, R O'Neill (O-1) for S Smith, G Daly for C O'Reilly, E Cooney for L Reilly (BC).

Referee: Paul McKeever (Aontroim)

## **QUARTER FINALS**TYRONE 0-17 MONAGHAN 2-8 IN HEALY PARK

Tyrone: B Gallen (O-1); A Fox, C Quinn, C Shields; M McKearney, R McCusker, C Goodwin (O-1); R Gormley, T Loughran; M Murnaghan, E McNabb (O-3), R Gray (O-1); J Garrity, M McGleenan (O-2), P Donaghy (O-5). Subs: C Grimes for M McKearney, P Og McCartan (O-1) for M Murnaghan, T Drayne (O-3) for T Loughran, D Jones for E

McNabb, P Mullan for C Quinn.



Donegal's Niall O'Donnell

Monaghan: J Kirk; R Mohan (0-1), C Lennon, D Connolly; C Doyle (0-1), F Connolly (0-1), D McDonnell (1-0); L Og Murray, R O'Toole; D Hanley, M Bannigan (0-3), F Hanratty (0-1); C Leonard, D Garland (0-1), O McElligott (1-0). Subs: S Monaghan for O McElligott, F Beggan for D Hanley, C Burns for R O'Toole.

Referee: Paul Faloon (An Dún)

## FERMANAGH 0-10 ARMAGH 2-14 IN BREWSTER PARK

Armagh: E Mulholland; J McAlinden, B McCambridge, D Loye; C McGeary, N McGuinness, R Owens (0-1); E McDonnell (0-2), C O'Neill; R McQuillan (0-1), S Loye, R Garvey; C Turbit (1-1), J Duffy (0-2), R O'Neill (1-6). Subs: J Kearns for S Loye, R Magennis (0-1) for R Garvey, D Luckie for C McGeary, S McAlinden for D Loye.

**Fermanagh:** A Keenan; J McCaffrey, U Kelm, E Sheils; C Quinn, J Cassidy, P Breen; M Og McGarrigle, E Beacom; C Jones (0-3), D McGurn (0-3), E Curran (0-1); P Og O'Reilly, L McStravick (0-3), S McGullion. **Subs:** C McBrien for L McStravick, C McGee for C Jones, T Bogue for E Curran, P Doherty for J Cassidy.

Referee: Enda McFeely (Dún na nGall)

## DOWN 4-15 ANTRIM 3-13 IN PÁIRC ESLER

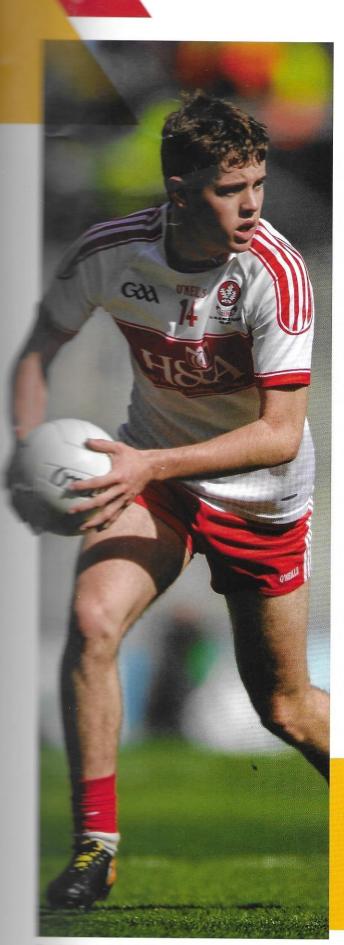
Down: D Ross; B Gallen, F McIlroy, A Lynch; C Cox, O McConvey, S Annett; L Middleton, J Connery (0-2); O McCabe (1-2), P Laverty (1-1), D Guinness (0-4); A Devlin (0-1), C McCrickard (2-2), G McKibben (0-1). Subs: J McCartan for J Connery, L Kerr (0-2) for A Devlin, R Martin for B Gallen, R Fegan for O McCabe, C Gorman for G McKibben.

Antrim: C Walsh; M Hamill, S Kelly, A Mulholland; E McCabe (O-1), D McCormick, P McCormick; J Smith (O-2), D Smith (O-1); E Nagle, T McAteer (O-1), D McErlain (O-1); K Small (1-3), E Fyffe (1-2), L Quinn (1-2). Subs: M McNamee for M Hamill, P Finnegan for S Kelly, M Hagan for J Smith, R Kelly for K Small, D Smith for D McErlain.

Referee: Maggie Farrelly (An Cabhán)

## DERRY 0-16 DONEGAL 2-9 IN HEALY PARK

Derry: O Hartin; S McKeever, D Rafferty, C McShane; J McAtamney (0-4), C McCluskey, P McGrogan; C Brown (0-1), O McWilliams (0-3); C Doherty, S Downey, B McCarron (0-3); M McGrogan, L McWilliams (0-3), D Cassidy (0-2). Subs: E Concannon for C McShane, B Cassidy for M McGrogan, E Bradley for L McWilliams, M Bradley for D Cassidy, H McGurk for O McWilliams.



**Donegal:** E O'Boyle; M Curran, O McFadden Ferry, P McEniff; P Mogan (1-0), A Deeney, L Gavigan (0-1); J McGee (0-2), C O'Donnell; S McDevitt, N O'Donnell (0-2), P Dolan (1-3); S McGrath, O Gallen, N Boyle. **Subs:** E McCormick (0-1) for S McDevitt, T Govorov for M Curran, R Cunningham for O Gallen, S Carr for L Gavigan, R Doherty for N Boyle.

Referee: Anthony Marron (Muineachán)

## **SEMI FINALS**

ARMAGH 2-22 TYRONE 0-24 IN THE ATHLETIC GROUNDS (AET)

Armagh: E Mulholland; J McAlinden, B McCambridge, D Loye; C McGeary, Conor O'Neill (0-2), R Owens (0-1); E McDonnell (1-0), Callum O'Neill; R McQuillan (0-2), D Luckie, C Turbit (0-4); R Magennis, J Duffy (1-1), R O'Neill (0-7). Subs: J Kearns (0-1) for C McGeary, K McAlinden (0-2) for E McDonnell, C Magennis (0-1) for R Magennis, S McCarthy for McCambridge, R Garvey (0-1) for J McAlinden

Tyrone: B Gallen; C Grimes, C Quinn, C Shields (0-1); M McKearney, R McCusker, C Goodwin; R Gormley (0-1), B Kennedy (0-1); M Murnaghan, E McNabb (0-6), R Gray; J Garrity, M McGleenan, P Donaghy (0-7). Subs: D McGuigan (0-1) for M McKearney, T Drayne (0-2) for M Murnaghan, D Kerr for R Gray, T Carney (0-4) for M McGleenan, T Loughran (0-1) for R Gormley, J Campbell for J Garrity.

Referee: Niall McKenna (Muineachán)

## DERRY 2-17 DOWN 2-15 IN CLONES

**Derry:** O Hartin; S McKeever, C McCluskey (O-1), E Concannon; S Downey, C Doherty (O-1), D Cassidy; M McGrogan, D Rafferty; B McCarron (O-4), O McWilliams (O-3), J McAtamney; C Doherty, C Brown (1-0), L McWilliams (1-7). **Subs:** C McShane (O-1) for McAtamney, M Bradley for McGrogan, A Tohill for Downey, A Bradley for Doherty, E Bradley for L McWilliams.

**Down:** D Ross; B Gallen, F McIlroy, A Lynch; C Cox (0-1), O McConvey, S Annett; L Middleton, J Connery; O McCabe, P Laverty (1-1), D Guinness (0-3); A Devlin (1-2), C McCrickard (0-4), A Magee (0-1). **Subs:** J McCartan (0-1) for Devlin, L Kerr (0-2) for Middleton, G McKibben for Magee, R Martin for Gallen, R Fegan for Connery.

Referee: Conor Dourneen (An Cabhán)

## **TOP SCORERS:**

Niall O'Donnell (Dún na nGall) 1-14 (17)

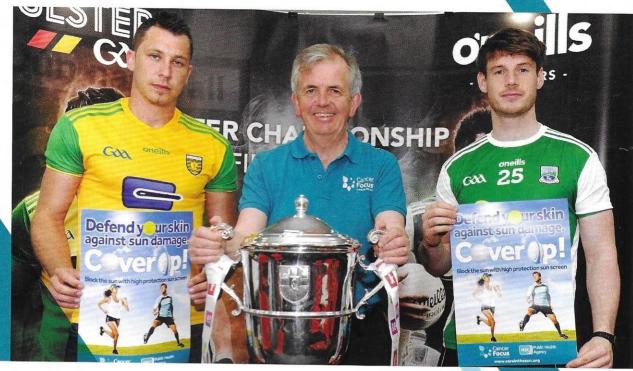
Rian O'Neill (Armagh) 1-13 (16)

Lorcan McWilliams (Doire) 1-10 (13)

Paul Donaghy (Tír Eoghain) 0-12 (12)

Conor McCrickard (An Dún) 2-06 (12)

McWilliams



Donegal's Paul Brennan, Gerry McElwee (Cancer Focus) and Fermanagh's Tomás Corrigan promoting the 'Care in the Sun' campaign

# CANCER FOCUS TEAMS UP WITH ULSTER GAA

Ulster GAA has announced its new charity partnership with Cancer Focus NI. Established in 1969 Cancer Focus NI has enjoyed a long-standing partnership with Ulster GAA, which will develop in years to come.

Cancer Focus NI provides care and support for cancer patients and their families, funds research and raises awareness of cancer symptoms and causes. Campaigning for improvements in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment is another important objective.

"Our message is positive - almost half of cancers can be prevented by maintaining a healthy weight, eating healthily, being active, taking care in the sun, limiting alcohol and not smoking", said Cancer Focus NI's Gerry McElwee.

"We empower people to incorporate simple healthy steps into your daily life. If you can persuade some friends to get involved in a group effort - even better".

"Cancer Focus NI's comprehensive range of services includes the 'Keeping Well' programme delivering services into the heart of our communities, including workplaces, schools, sports venues and shopping centres with our three vans providing health checks, information and support to groups and individuals. We bring stop smoking support, information and resources to community and health centres. We've free counselling and support services, a confidential NurseLine (0800 783 3339) and therapeutic activities such as singing, art and creative writing".

Cancer Focus NI's 15 year partnership with Ulster GAA provides health awareness and training days for Ulster Council coaches supported with work in the counties and individual clubs. Since 2008, the Championship has highlighted skin cancer awareness, with sunscreen and information distributed at games. Ulster GAA piloted the UV Index Monitor programme as part of the "Care in the Sun" campaign. This

programme was extended during the 2018 Ulster Championship. In 2010 we launched the smoke-free Ulster Championship and in 2017, Cancer Focus NI became Ulster GAA's cancer services provider.

As Cancer Focus NI approaches its 50th anniversary, we're confident the GAA community will embrace this partnership which complements the GAA's health and wellbeing drive. We will continue to work hand in hand supporting local people whilst raising awareness and vital funds.

Call 028 9066 3281 or visit www.cancerfocusni.org





# DER 20 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW THE DAY PROTOCOL

- umhairle instructed at their meeting on 23rd 2018, that relevant games that 22rd after normal playing times should 22rd as follows:
- Proceed to Extra time as provided for in T.O Cuid II
- The same are still level, an additional two periods much seach way will be played.
- **The end of the first phase** of Extra Time and the **contract of the first phase** of Extra Time and the **contract of the second phase**.
- In the second phase of Extra time and exceed five minutes.
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- Fstill level, a "Free taking competition" to de-
- modicate to the referee in which order (1 to 5) the
- a pers above must be chosen from players who examples are considered in the game, either in normal time or
- The state of the s
- The Referee will decide which end the free taking com-
- will toss a coin in the presence of the two captains to
- ere evill ensure two goal umpires are in place at in which the competition is being played into.

- Frees will be taken by each of the five players from a position of their choosing on the 65m line (Hurling) or from approximately the centre of the line marking the semi-circle (33m) in Football. Frees in football may be taken from the hands or off the ground.
- In Hurling, frees shall be taken in accordance with the provisions of T.O 2017 Cuid II –Rules of Set Play Riail 2.5 (a) and (b) and Rules of Foul Play 4.24, 4.25 and 4.27.
   Breaches of these provisions will render frees null and void and they cannot be retaken.
- In football, frees shall be taken in accordance with the provisions of T.O 2017 Cuid II Rules of Set Play - Rule 2.5 and Rules of Foul Play 4.23, 4.24 and 4.26. Breaches of these provisions will render frees null and void and they cannot be retaken.
- Frees will be taken for points only, with no goalkeeper / defenders facing the free-takers.
- Only the players involved in the free taking competition, as well as the Referee Linesmen and two umpires are permitted on the pitch – in football all players (9) to be at midfield and behind the semi-circle being used for the free kicks; in hurling all players (9) to be on or around the 45m line behind the 65 from which the frees are being taken
- All other players, managers, officials, backroom personnel etc should be at their designated sideline area, and off the field of play when the free-taking competition is taking place.
- The game is awarded to whichever team scores more of their 5 frees.
- If still level then sudden death frees to be taken using the same 5 players in order (i.e. first sudden death free is taken by the player who took the first free for each side, 2nd sudden death free if required to be taken by the player who took the 2nd free and so on).
- If a player scores in sudden death and his direct opponent misses, the game is awarded to the team of the player who has scored.
- The sudden death element will continue until such time as there is a definite outcome (i.e. returning to the first player(s) and repeating the sequence again if required)

On behalf of all at EirGrid I would like to welcome you to St Tiernach's Park in Clones for what promises to be a very exciting EirGrid GAA Football U20 Final between Armagh and Derry.

As an organisation, we are proud to have partnered with the GAA since 2015 to sponsor this competition. During this time, we have seen players develop their skills at this age group and then go on to excel at senior level.

2018 has seen some significant changes in this competition, from the age grade to the time of year it is played, however one element that remains ever present is the immense talent on display. This competition has given some extremely exciting games to date and as we come to the final stages we look forward to even more exciting football.

EirGrid develops, manages and plans the flow of electricity across the land so that every community in Ireland can function and every person in Ireland can maximise the opportunities available to them. Our task is to deliver a safe, secure and reliable supply of electricity now and into the future and to do this we have a team of 500+ employees throughout the island of Ireland.



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Our team's commitment to consistently deliver for every community in the country is reflective of the players' commitment to deliver for their own communities through the work they put in for both their clubs and counties.

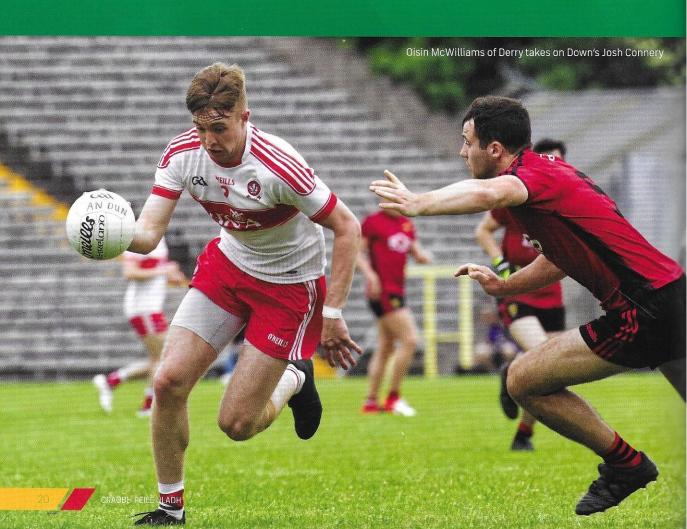
I would like to thank all those who make this competition such a success and I would also like to thank the supporters for taking the time to be here today.

Finally, I want to extend our very best wishes to both squads and their management teams in today's final.

Go raibh maith agaibh.

## VALERIE HEDIN

Head of External Communications EirGrid Group





ULSTER 2018 FOOTBALL **CHAMPIONSHIPS** 

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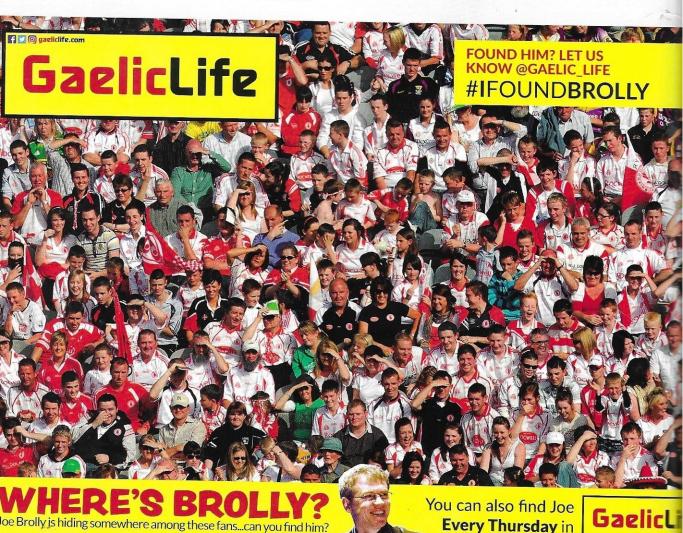
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# MARY BOYLE KILLYBEGS

acyle is one of many local volunteers who many local volunteers who many could not do without. Mary many begs in 1969 from Ballinamore, Co attend the Cert School (LYIT Tourism where she met and fell in love with local larges Boyle.

The of the first "Ronnies" to settle in Killybegs and Charles went on to get married and charles went on to get married and second with the McKeown's of Leitrim and Longford part of her pedigree, it was no second with the local club, and second local c

The position of Treasurer and Secretary for a contract, she also gathered and washed the kit, is the tea room where everyone is welcomed to the Referee (even if he gave a few wrong are all treated as equals.

The section the tea room Mary can be found cleaning out the dressing rooms, baking at home and mary food for Ladies and Mens Senior and Reserve well as participating in club meeting and taking the section of the sect

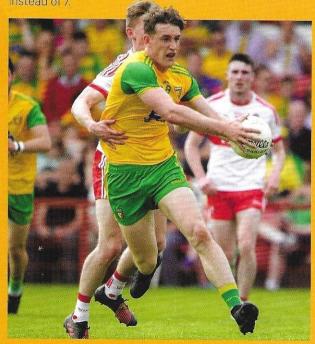
The tray of goodies and a cup of tea for some of the car people in the cars who are unable to make the cars the tea room. Visit the Killybegs tea room once the care back for more of her trademark corned and salad sandwiches.

was part of a small team helping organise Tickets and continues to be a member of the executive

A lifelong member of the GAA who is never too busy to help out at any level, a member who encourages and helps any officer if help is required.

Two of Mary's sons Declan and Mark played Minor Football for Donegal, while daughter Claire is the club's PRO and a member of the senior ladies team. She has instilled her love of the GAA into all of her children, and it's not unusual to see Mary's children up and around Fintra with David missing very few matches.

As one of her children pointed out, 'sure if you want to be sure of meeting Mum for a cuppa, go to Fintra on a match day'. In recent years Mary has taken a little more time to herself so you might see her in Fintra 5 times a week instead of 7.



Killybeg's and Donegal's Hugh McFadden on the move.



DRIVE the road from Pettigo, hugging the shores of Lough Erne and head on towards Belleek and chances are you'll weave in between Fermanagh and Donegal a half-dozen times or so. From Belleek, it's a short skip to Ballyshannon, where that other Rory Gallagher honed his musical skills.

But for all that these two counties are so interwoven, they've been virtual strangers in Championship terms for the last decade and a bit.

The last time the green and white met the gold and green in provincial summertime battle was two years ago, but that had been the only Championship contest between the neighbours in 10 years.

Donegal had appeared in the previous five consecutive Ulster Finals so it was no surprise that that they emerged as winners by 2-12 to 0-11 that day in Ballybofey,

their quarter-final win putting them on the path to a sixth provincial decider in-a-row which they lost to a resurgent Tyrone team.

Rory Gallagher patrolled the sideline for Tír Chonaill that day, watching as Odhran Mac Niallais swooped for two goals in what was fiery derby encounter. In fact, just like Donegal's Ulster semi-final win over Down this year, this 2016 featured a first half red card for defender Neil McGee.

That decision by referee Maurice
Deegan came at a pivotal point
in the game after Fermanagh had
worked hard to claw back some
ground following Donegal dominant
start

The first of Mac Niallais's goal capped an impressive start by Gallagher's men, which saw them open up a 1-5 to 0-3 lead before Fermanagh got the gap back to two points before the game's turning point.

McGee was given a red card for a strike on Ruairí Corrigan and Fermanagh were awarded a penalty and a chance to take a half-time lead. However, Sean Quigley saw his effort saved by Donegal keeper Mark Anthony McGinley. A typically strong third quarter saw Donegal finally kill of a determined Fermanagh side, Mac Niallais's second three-pointer on 44 minutes giving them the cushion over Pete McGrath's.

In a year after they had enjoyed a memorable run to an All-Ireland quarter meeting with Dublin, McGrath's men were hoping for another decent run in the Qualifiers and hopes were high after beating Wexford, but they were eventually edged out by Mayo.

Donegal, after their Ulster Final defeat to Tyrone, beat Cork before losing out to eventual All-Ireland champions Dublin in the All-Ireland the final to overcome among some managers conquerors Mayo.

as Fermanagh came to great times in that 2016 munter, the final result was not prise, given Donegal's recent mance in the province, but it did an improvement in Donegal's mass in the Championship state in neighbours – albeit men 10-year gap in the rivalry.

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Later SFC quarter-final sequence when selected in 2000 which selected in 2000 which seems and precord a first separation win over Donegal sears, thanks largely to their sears and 1-6 before being forced mough injury.

the year before the back

qualifier to fall back on the Donegal manager called time on his spell in charge of the county's senior footballers – that was Declan Bonner.

The Na Rossa clubman will come up against Gallagher today again, only he'll not be plotting how to stop him on the pitch, rather how to better the Erne boss's well-oiled gameplan.

Eventual champions Armagh put paid to Fermanagh's Ulster ambitions in 2000 but the Ernemen once again were drawn against Donegal in their opening match of the historic 2001 renewal.

For the first time, there was the safety net of the new All-Ireland qualifier system, but before that, the neighbours had to do battle in a Preliminary Round tie in Ballybofey. They couldn't be separated that day with a late rally from Donegal closing a three-point Fermanagh lead, thanks in part to a couple of late points from Adrian Sweeney after a Stephen Maguire looked to have put Fermanagh on the next round.

However, the Ernemen weren't to be denied a second time and Gallagher was once again the scoring star six days later in the replay at Brewster Park, his O-7 helping them to a 1-9 to O-11 win before they eventually fell to Monaghan in the Ulster quarterfinal.

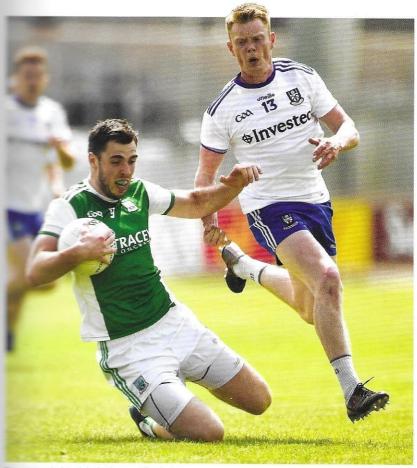
And in a twist of fate, the new back door system threw up a third Fermanagh-Donegal meeting in that year's Championship in the form of a first round qualifier. The Ernemen had home advantage but that wasn't enough to stop Donegal exacting revenge and leaving Brewster with a six-point win, Brendan Devenney's personal tally of 0-6 proving crucial.

For the third time in four years, Fermanagh and Donegal began their Ulster Championship campaigns against each other and, for the third time, it was the Ernemen who advanced, although this was much more low-scoring affair, Fermanagh winning the Brewster Park 0-10 to 0-6.

Donegal, however, were warming to the back door system by this stage and recovered from that defeat to reach the All-Ireland semi-final, where they lost to Armagh who set up a first ever all-Ulster All-Ireland Final with Tyrone.

It was Fermanagh's turn to take a journey to the All-Ireland last four in 2004 and it was victory over their neighbours that set them on their way. A fourth round qualifier win over Donegal in Clones set them up for their memorable All-Ireland quarter-final win over Armagh before their epic journey was eventually ended by Mayo in the semi-final replay.

Donegal finally scored an Ulster Championship win over Fermanagh in 2006 at Brewster Park (0-11 to 0-8) and have won the most recent Ulster Championship tie between the sides in 2016, but if those matches in the early years of this century have taught Declan Bonner and Donegal anything, it's that they can't underestimate Fermanagh... and Rory Gallagher.



are library holds tight in the semi final win

# **ULSTER FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

## FORMAT TO CHANGE FROM 2020

Changes are to be introduced to the Ulster Senior Football Championship from 2020. The Ulster GAA Competitions Control Committee have decided that from that year teams which play in the Preliminary Round will be exempt from playing in the province's opening fixture for two years. The change will mean that just five counties will be included in the Preliminary Round draw for the 2022 Championship and the championships thereafter.

Ulster GAA Provincial Secretary Brian McAvoy explained the rationale for the change saying; "For many years the draw for the Ulster Championship has been conducted on the basis that all nine counties entered the bowl at the outset and the first two teams drawn played in the Preliminary Round. There was a time when the draw worked on a two-year cycle and there were indeed occasions when a county had to play in the Preliminary Round for four consecutive years."

"In my Annual Report to the Ulster Convention in January I highlighted the fact that Ulster was the only province that operated a 'straight' draw and that each of the other provinces had some 'conditions' attached to their Football Championship Draw.

"This in itself was not a valid reason for change but a close study showed how the Championship draw 'favoured' some counties over others when it came to Preliminary Round appearances. Cavan for example have played in the Preliminary Round on seven occasions since the millennium, while Derry have been drawn to play in it on just two occasions.

"While some may validly argue that this is just the luck of the draw, the statistics paint a picture which shows that teams which contest the Preliminary Round have a very poor record when it comes to actually winning the Ulster title. On only four occasions has a team that played in the Preliminary Round gone on to win the Ulster title; Cavan in 1945, Armagh in 2005 and Donegal in 2011 and 2012."

The decision of the Ulster Competitions Control Committee is not retrospective, so nine counties will be included in the draw for the 2019 Ulster Championship. The two counties which are drawn to play in the Preliminary Round will not feature in the Preliminary Round draw for the 2020 and 2021 Championships.

Seven counties will be included in the Preliminary Round draw for the 2021 Championship and from the 2022 draw onwards just five counties will be included in the draw for the Preliminary Round game.

Brian McAvoy said; "It will come as no surprise that counties prefer not to be playing in the Preliminary Round and while some counties will in all probability continue to be 'favoured' by the draw more than others, this change will hopefully add some measure of equilibrium to the statistics. While there is no ideal figure, a two-year exemption strikes the correct balance as a one-year exemption was unlikely to bring about much meaningful change, while a three-year exemption would result in just three counties being in the Preliminary Round draw and this would significantly increase the prospect of repeat pairings."

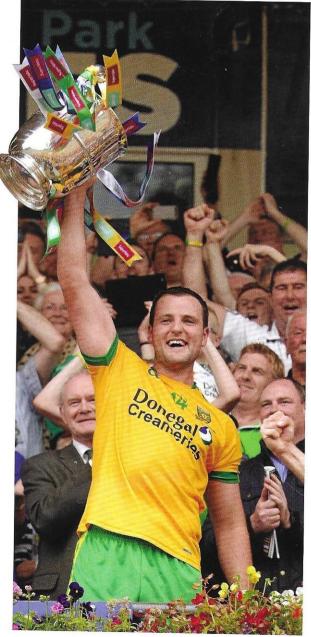
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2014	TYRONE	٧	DOWN	DRAW TYRONE
2013	CAVAN	٧	ARMAGH	CAVAN
2012	CAVAN	٧	DONEGAL	DONEGAL
2011	DONEGAL	٧	ANTRIM	DONEGAL
2010	DERRY	٧	ARMAGH	ARMAGH
2009	FERMANAGH	٧	DOWN	FERMANAGH
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2006	CAVAN	٧	DOWN	DOWN
2005	FERMANAGH	٧	ARMAGH	ARMAGH
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ARMAGH	4	3
CAVAN	6	2
DERRY	2	0
DONEGAL	5	4
DOWN	4	2
FERMANAGH	6	4
MONAGHAN	3	1
TYRONE	3	2

# **ULSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP ROLL OF HONOUR 1888-2017**

'17	Tír Eoghain	2-17	An Dún	0-15	Clones
'16	Tír Eoghain	0-13	Dún na nGal	l 0-11	Clones
'15	Muineachán	0-11	Dún na nGal	l 0-10	Clones
'14	Donna Houte	0-15	Muineachán	1-09	Clones
'13	Muineachán	0-13	Dún na nGal	l 0-07	Clones
'12	Dún na nGall	2-18	An Dún	0-13	Clones
'11	Dún na nGall	1-11	Doire	0-08	Clones
'10	Tír Eoghain	1-14	Muineachán	0-07	Clones
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'07	Tír Eoghain	1-15	Muineachán	1-13	Clones
'06	Ard Mhacha	1-09	Dún na nGall	0-09	Croke F
'05	Ard Mhacha	2-08	Tír Eoghain	0-14	Croke P
R:	Ard Mhacha	0-13	Tír Eoghain	0-11	Croke P
'04	Ard Mhacha	3-15	Dún na nGall	0-11	Croke P
,03	Tír Eoghain	1-17	An Dún	4-08	Clones
R:	Tír Eoghain	0-23	An Dún	1-05	Clones
'02		1-14	Dún na nGall	1-10	Clones
'01	Tír Eoghain	1-13	An Cabhán	1-11	Clones
'00	Ard Mhacha	1-12	Doire	1-11	Clones
'99	Ard Mhacha	3-12	An Dún	0-10	Clones
'98	Doire	1-07	Dún na nGall	0-08	Clones
'97	An Cabhán	1-14	Doire	0-16	Clones
'96	Tír Eoghain	1-09	An Dún	0-09	Clones
'95	Tír Eoghain	2-13	An Cabhán	0-10	Clones
'94	An Dún	1-17	Tír Eoghain	1-11	Clones
'93	Doire	0-08	Dún na nGall	0-06	Clones
'92	Dún na nGall	0-14	Doire	1-09	Clones
'91	An Dún	1-15	Dún na nGall	0-10	Clones
'90	Dún na nGall	0-15	Ard Mhacha	0-14	Clones
'89	Tír Eoghain	0-11	Dún na nGall	0-11	Clones
R:	Tír Eoghain	2-13	Dún na nGall	0-07	Clones
'88 '87	Muineachán	1-10	Tír Eoghain	0-11	Clones
'87 '87	Doire	0-11	Ard Mhacha	0-09	Clones
'86	Tír Eoghain	1-11	An Dún	0-10	Clones
'85 '04	Muineachán	2-09	Doire	0-08	Clones
′84 ′82	Tír Eoghain	0-15	Ard Mhacha	1-07	Clones
'83	Dún na nGall	1-14	An Cabhán	1-11	Clones
'82 '80	Ard Mhacha	0-10	Fear Manach	1-04	Clones
'80 '70	Ard Mhacha	4-10	Tír Eoghain	4-07	Clones
'79 '78	Muineachán	1-15	Dún na nGall	0-11	Clones
·78	An Dún Ard Mhacha	2-19	An Cabhán	2-12	Clones
176	Ard Mhacha Doire	3-10	Doire	1-05	Clones
76 R:		1-08	An Cabhán	1-08	Clones
n.	Dolle 0	-22	An Cabhán	1-16	Clones

<b>'75</b> (	AET) Doire	1-16	An Dún	2-06	Clones
′74	Dún na nGall	1-14	An Dún	2-11	Clones
R:	Dún na nGall	3-09	An Dún	1-12	Clones
'73	Tír Eoghain	3-13	An Dún	1-11	Clones
'72	Dún na nGall	2-13	Tír Eoghain	1-11	Clones
'71	An Dún	4-15	Doire	4-11	Belfast
'70	Doire	2-13	Aontroim	1-12	Clones
'69	An Cabhán	2-13	An Dún	2-06	Belfast



Michael Murphy holds aloft the Anglo Celt in 2014

"68	An Dún	0-16	An Cabhán	1-08	Belfast
"67	An Cabhán	2-12	An Dún	0-08	Clones
'66	An Dún	1-07	Dún na nGall	0-08	Belfast
165	An Dún	3-05	An Cabhán	1-08	Clones
'64	An Cabhán	2-10	An Dún	1-10	Belfast
163	An Dún	2-11	Dún na nGall	1-04	Cavan
"62	An Cabhán	3-06	An Dún	0-05	Belfast
'61	An Dún	2-10	Ard Mhacha	1-10	Belfast
160	An Dún	3-07	An Cabhán	1-8	Clones
'59	An Dún	2-16	An Cabhán	0-07	Clones
'58	Doire	1-11	An Dún	2-04	Clones
"57	Tír Eoghain	1-09	Doire	0-10	Clones
'56	Tír Eoghain	3-05	An Cabhán	0-04	Clones
55	An Cabhán	0-11	Doire	0-08	Clones
'54	An Cabhán	2-10	Ard Mhacha	2-05	Clones
153	Ard Mhacha	1-06	An Cabhán	0-05	Belfast
152		1-08	Muineachán	0-08	Cavan
'51	Aontroim	1-07	An Cabhán	2-03	Clones
150	Ard Mhacha	1-11	An Cabhán	1-07	Clones
149	An Cabhán	1-07	Ard Mhacha	1-06	Clones
48	An Cabhán	2-12	Aontroim	2-04	Clones
'47	An Cabhán	3-04	Aontroim	1-06	Clones
46	Aontroim	2-08	An Cabhán	1-07	Clones
'45	An Cabhán	4-10	Fear Manach	1-04	Clones
144	An Cabhán	1-09	Muineachán	0-05	Clones
43	An Cabhán	2-03	Muineachán	0-05	Cavan
'42	An Cabhán	5-11	An Dún	1-03	Dundalk
141	An Cabhán	3-09	Tír Eoghain	0-05	Armagh
'40	An Cabhán	4-10	An Dún	1-05	Cavan
'39			ha Abandoned		Castleblayney
R	An Cabhán	2-03	Ard Mhacha	0-07	Croke Pk
38	Muineachán	2-05	Ard Mhacha	2-02	Armagh
"37	An Cabhán	0-13	Ard Mhacha	0-03	Castleblayney
'36	An Cabhán	1-07	Muineachán	0-07	Castleblayney
'35	An Cabhán	2-06	Fear Manach	2-01	Belturbet
'34	An Cabhán	3-08	Ard Mhacha	0-02	Castleblayney
33	An Cabhán	6-13	Tír Eoghain	1-02	Armagh
32	An Cabhán	2-04	Ard Mhacha	0-02	Monaghan
'31 '20	An Cabhán	0-08	Ard Mhacha	2-01	Dundalk
'30 '29	Muineachán Muineachán	4-03	An Cabhán	1-05	Carrickmacross
R:	Muineachán	1-04 1-10	An Cabhán An Cabhán	1-04	Cavan
	An Cabhán		Ard Mhacha	0-07	Carrickmacross
'28	Muineachán	2-06		1-04	Cavan
'27 '26	An Cabhán	3-05 5-03	Ard Mhacha Aontroim	2-05	Armagh
25	An Cabhán			0-06	Cavan
R:	An Cabhán	2-03 3-06	Aontroim Aontroim	3-00	Monaghan Rollurbat
24	An Cabhán	1-03	Muineachán	0-01	Belturbet
R:	An Cabhán	2-03	Muineachán	1-03	Belturbet
23	An Cabhán	5-10	Muineachán	1-03	Ballybay
22	Muineachán	2-03	An Cabhán	1-01	Clopes
R:	Muineachán	3-04		2-03	Clones
21	Muineachán		An Cabhán Doire	3-03	Belturbet
21	with lead ldf)	2-02	Doire	0-01	Clones

'20	An Cabhán	4-06	Ard Mhacha	1-04	Cootehill
'19	An Cabhán	5-06	Aontroim	0-02	Clones
'18	An Cabhán	3-02	Aontroim	0-00	Belturbet
'17	Muineachán	4-02	Ard Mhacha	0-04	Clones
'16	Muineachán	3-01	Aontroim	0-02	Clones
'15	An Cabhán	3-02	Muineachán	2-05	Belturbet
R:	An Cabhán	0-04	Muineachán	0-03	Clones
<b>′14</b>	Muineachán	2-04	Fear Manach	0-02	Newbliss
'13	Aontroim	2-01	Muineachán	1-02	Newbliss
'12	Aontroim	2-02	Ard Mhacha	0-01	Castleblayney
'11	Aontroim	2-08	An Cabhán	0-04	
′10	Aontroim	3-04	An Cabhán	0-01	Dundalk
'09	Aontroim	1-09	An Cabhán	0-04	Clones
'08	Aontroim	1-08	An Cabhán	0-04	· Clones
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'06	Muineachán	2-10	Aontroim	1-02	Clones
'05	An Cabhán	0-07	Muineachán	0-04	Clones
'04	An Cabhán	0-05	Ard Mhacha	0-05	Armagh
R:	An Cabhán	0-05	Ard Mhacha	0-05	Cavan
R:	An Cabhán	0-08	Ard Mhacha	0-04	Newbliss
'03	Ard Mhacha	2-02	Aontroim	1-04	Belfast
'01/0	<b>2</b> Aontroim 3-0	5	Ard Mhacha	2-05	Belfast
1892	<b>- 1900</b> No Ch	ampion	ships		

\*An Cabhán represented Ulster in 1895 All-Ireland Semi-Final\* Cavan Slashers (An Cabhán) Armagh Harps (Ard Mhacha)

Abandoned Smithboro R: An Cabhán

R:	An Cabhán	1-11	Ard Mhacha	0-00	Smithboro	
'90	Harps (Ard Mi	nacha) 2	2-08			
	Owen Roe O'N	veill's (Tí	r Eoghain)	1-02	Lisburn	
'89	No Championship					
'88	Inniskeen Gra	ittans (N	luineachán)	0-02		
	Maghera McG	inns (Ar	0-02			
R:	Muineachán	0-03	An Cabhán	0-01		

## **SENIOR ROLL OF HONOUR**







14 TITLES







8 TITLES





16 TITLES 15 TITLES



## REFLECTIONS ON THE

# **2018 ULSTER CHAMPIONSHIP**

# BRIAN MCAVOY SHARES A FEW THOUGHTS AHEAD OF HIS SECOND ULSTER FINAL AS PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

Today we make our way to St Tiernach's Park in Clones for the final instalment (barring a replay of course) of the 120th Ulster Senior Football Championship.

Walking up Church Hill in Clones on the third Sunday in July has been a tradition over many years – but not this year! The condensed Championship format has meant an Ulster Final on the last Sunday in June. Now there's a change.

A change of month and a change of teams and fate has decreed that we have a unique final pairing – the first ever final between Donegal and Fermanagh. It's a final that few predicted, though in the eyes of many Donegal were fancied to reach the Ulster Final by virtue of the fact that they were in the side of the draw that avoided Monaghan and Tyrone (you have to go back to 2008 for a county other than these three to have won the Ulster title).

The men from Tír Conaill have had a relatively comfortable passage to the final with comprehensive victories over Cavan, Derry and Down but things were not so straightforward in the other side of the draw. Armagh had got the better of Fermanagh in the Allianz League Division Three Final but the Erne men got revenge in Brewster Park to set up a semi-final meeting with Monaghan, who overcame Tyrone in a dramatic 'clash of the titans' battle at Healy Park.

It was back to Omagh for that Fermanagh-Monaghan encounter and this was the game that had got everyone talking. Although Fermanagh have been on a crest of a wave since the Rory Gallagher-Ryan McMenamin combination came on board, few outside of Fermanagh (and indeed many in it) expected them to get the better of the star-studded Farney men and reach their first Ulster Final since 2008.

After finally seeming to crack the 'Erne code' Monaghan went in front as the game entered stoppage time but that late fisted goal from Eoin Donnelly has ensured that the team captain will always have a special place in the annals of Fermanagh GAA history.

An intriguing final awaits – this time last year Rory Gallagher was preparing Donegal for an assault on the Sam Maguire Cup through the qualifier route – today he's managing his native county against Donegal in the Ulster Final.

Can Rory lead Fermanagh to a first ever Ulster title in their sixth final appearance or will the experience and overall strength of Donegal win the day? This afternoon will tell the tale.

There is no doubt that most pundits expect Michael Murphy to be raising the Anglo Celt Cup aloft for the fourth time today but as that great Fermanagh supporter Fr Brian D'Arcy remarked after that great semi-final win; "Fermanagh have never lost an Ulster Final played in June!" He, and thousands of other Fermanagh supporters, will be hoping that that remains the case after today.

## BRIAN MCAVOY.

Ulster GAA Provincial Secretary





# 1 MINUTE WITH CIARÁN THOMPSON

Laoch d'óige - Childhood hero:

Best game you have been involved

Mark Anthony McGinley, never trains!

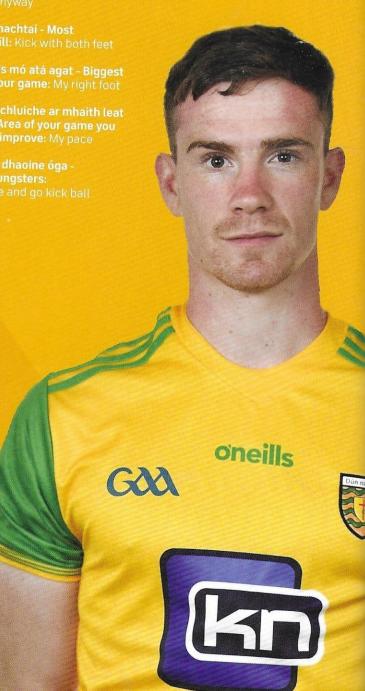
ann - Best motivator within the

An scannán is fearr leat -

**Favourite Holiday Destination:** 

to before big games: Mix of stuff.

a fheabhsú - Area of your game you



# 1 MINUTE WITH PAT CADDEN



Club: St Patrick's Donagh

Áit is fearr ar an pháirc - Favourite Position: Goalkeeper/Full forward

An Pháirc imeartha is fearr -Favourite Pitch: Donagh

Caithimh aimsire - Hobbies: Soccer and Golf

Laoch d'óige - Childhood hero: **Anthony Tohill** 

An t-imreoir is fearr ar imir tú leis -Best Player you have played with: Shane McDermott

An t-imreoir is fearr a d'imir tú ina éadan - Best Player you have played against: Kevin McGuckin

An cluiche is fearr ar imir tú ann -Best game you have been involved in: Fermanagh v Monaghan Semi Final and winning the Championship Final with club in 2008

An treanálaí is fearr ar an fhoireann -Best trainer within the squad: Paul McCusker

An treanálaí is measa ar an fhoireann - Worst trainer within the squad: Ciaran 'Banty' McBrien

An duine is spreagúla ar an oireann - Best motivator within the squad: Eoin Donnelly

Aon phisreog - Any superstitions: Put my left sock and left boot on first

An t-amhrán is fearr leat - Favourite Song: Boxer rebellion - If you run

An scannán is fearr leat -Favourite Film: The town

Áit is fearr do laethanta saoire -Favourite Holiday Destination: Lanzarote

An béile is fearr leat -Favourite Meal: Chicken dinner An chomhairle is fear a fuair tú -Best advice ever received:

Don't beat yourself up. Learn from every game/training and move on. It's only a game

An tionchar is mó ort mar imreoir -Biggest influence on career: My father and Ogi Cadden. Managed my whole youth football teams

Oibrí deonach ar leith sa chlub: Club Volunteer of note: Tony Cannon

An t-amhrán a n-éisteann tú leis roimh chluichí - Song you listen to before big games: Tinchy Stryder -Written in the stars

An scil is tábhachtaí -Most important skill: Willing to listen and learn

An bua peile is mó atá agat -Biggest Strength in your game: Calm on the ball

An chuid den chluiche ar mhaith leat a fheabhsú - Area of your game you would like to improve: Right foot

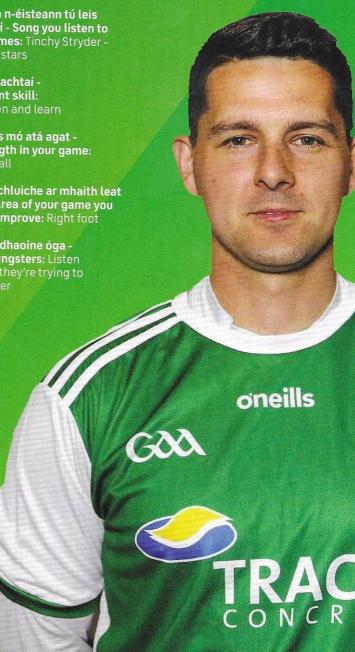
Comhairle do dhaoine óga -Advice for youngsters: Listen to your coach they're trying to make you better

Imreoir óg sa chlub a mbeidh iomrá air sa todchaí - Young Player within your club to look out for: Cameron

An rud is fearr fán CLG - Best thing about the GAA: Celebrating after a game with family, friends and

@patcadden13

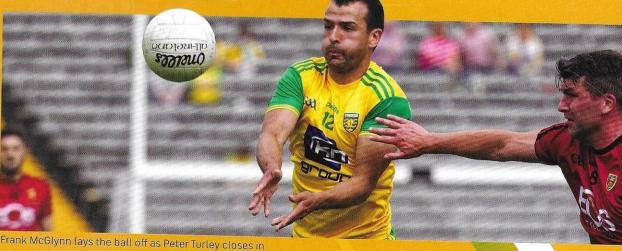
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# **BALLYMONEY CÚCHULAINNS**

Uster GAA will be represented at the All Britain
Competition this year by the young players from
Ballymoney Cúchulainns. The team made up of pupils
from Our Lady of Lourdes School and Dalriada School
were successful in Ulster GAA's Cross Community Project
The Cúchulainn Initiative" back in March.

The Cúchulainn Initiative aims to afford young people from different community backgrounds the opportunity to engage with one another, and to educate people not traditionally involved with the GAA more about the Association. New to the programme in 2018 was the introduction of a girls' competition, with Belfast, Banbridge, Foyle and Magherafelt the participating areas. Taking part in the boys' competition for the first time were Antrim and Ballymoney, with Belfast and Enniskillen returning once again having been involved in previous years.

In preparation for the Cúchulainn Initiative Blitz schools participated in "GAA Taster Sessions" in which pupils who had never played Gaelic games or had very little interaction in the Games were taught the basic skills of Gaelic Football and Hurling.

In addition "Getting to Know the GAA" presentations were delivered to the participating schools which helped to promote greater understanding and respect for other cultures; a key aim of the Cúchulainn Cup programme.

Ballymoney Cúchulainn's have been preparing for the competition since the start of June under the guidance of Ulster GAA staff and their teachers. As well as weekly coaching sessions they plan to travel to Dublin for a training session in Parnell Park before making the short trip to Croke Park to learn a little more about the association.

Ulster GAA would like to extend thanks to the ABC Committee and the Provincial Council of Britain for inviting our Cúchulainn team once again, it is hoped that the Ballymoney Cúchulainns will represent the GAA in Ulster as well as their predecessors.

This initiative has been funded by The Executive Office through their Good Relations Programme.

For more information on the Cúchulainn Initiative contact Fionntán O'Dowd: Fionntan.odowd.ulster@gaa.ie



# LOOKING BACK ATTHE LAST CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING

## 2016 ULSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

## **DONEGAL 2-12 FERMANAGH 0-11**

SUNDAY 12TH JUNE 2016, BALLYBOFEY

Donegal and Fermanagh last met in the Ulster Championship two years ago, in what was a convincing result for Rory Gallagher's side.

Fermanagh had went into the game after accounting for Antrim in the Ulster preliminary round stages, 1-12 to 0-9. Donegal approached the game with a run of five defeats to their name during the National League, and pressure was on their manager to emulate the success of Jim McGuinness.

The performance proved that Rory Gallagher's team were in a good place. Yet this was a game with a number of exciting incidents. The main one being the loss of Neil McGee to a red card sending off, after he got over-acquainted with Ruairi Corrigan's jaw line as he carried the ball out of defence.

Kevin Cassidy, writing in Gaelic Life the following week, said that he had seen Neil McGee burst out of defence plenty of times, but on that occasion, he carried his leading arm a little too high. He also said that his Gaoth Dobhair team mate likes to play the game on the limit, a characteristic flourish of understatement which we have come to know and love from Cass.

What we also recall from that game was the languid brilliance of Odhran MacNiallais strolling round Ballybofey as if he had the keys to the club house in his breast pocket.

He gave the net its first shimmy on 12 minutes, then he flicked in his second major in the second half to make it 2-7 to 0-8.

We shouldn't forget the fine save that Mark Anthony McGinley made to deny Sean Quigley a goal towards the end of the first half. Had that goal went in, Fermanagh would have been enjoying Pete McGrath's droll take on the first half, comfortable in the knowledge that they would return to the field leading.

Instead it was Rory Gallagher's team who were in at half time in front. In fact, in the aftermath of the game, Gallagher said that his team really should have been farther ahead than just two points.

McGrath had a similar assessment, as he felt that Fermanagh were the better side during swathes of the first half. Yet it was clear who the better team was during the second period of the game, as Donegal stretched away.

Interestingly, Cassidy felt that the Donegal win masked some serious issues that would be addressed later down the line in 2016. He felt that they lacked depth, and were perhaps over reliant on the more senior players.

Donegal would go on to beat Monaghan in the Ulster Championship semi-final after a replay, but Tyrone would beat them by two in the decider. They defeated Cork in round four of the qualifiers, and then met Dublin in the All-Ireland quarter-finals but came up short by 1-15 to 1-10.

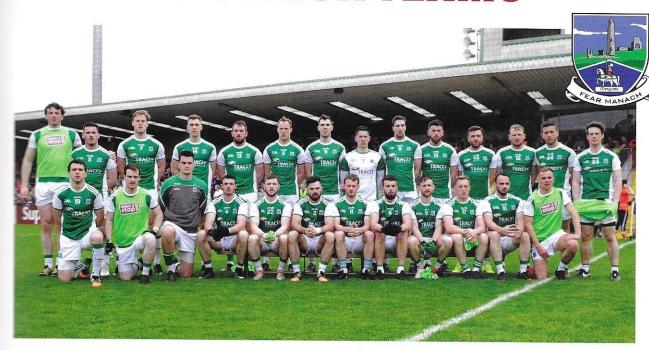
Fermanagh beat Wexford in round one of the qualifiers, but exited at the hand of Mayo.

Some things change, some things stay the same, as in 2018, Neil McGee is suspended yet again, but Donegal are a very different proposition, with a more attacking strategy adopted, and a lot more younger players leading the line for the county.

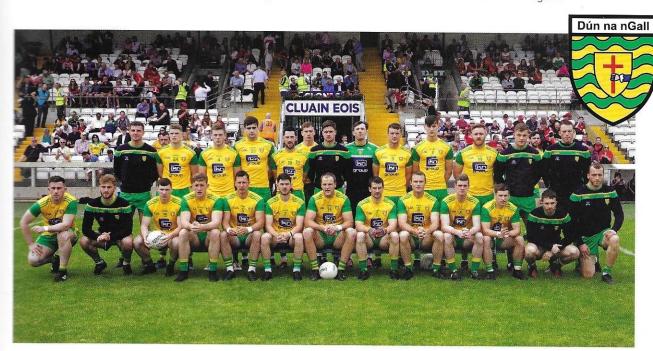


Eoin Donnelly and Odhron Mac Niallais rise high

# **TODAY'S SENIOR TEAMS**



Back Row (L-R); Tom Clarke, Barry Mulrone, Lee Cullen, Conall Jones, Sean Quigley, Che Cullen, Ryan Jones, Patrick Cadden, Eoin Donnelly, Seamus Quigley, Ryan McCluskey, Aidan Breen, Ryan Lyons and Tomás Corrigan Front Row (L-R); Eamon McHugh, Ruairi Corrigan, Thomas Treacy, Michael Jones, Daniel Teague, Kane Connor, Declan McCusker, James McMahon, Ciaran Corrigan, Cáin McManus, Paul McCusker and Eamonn Maguire



**Back row (L-R);** Daire Ó Baoill, Conor Morrison, Eoghan Bán Gallagher, Caolan McGonagle, Mark McHugh, Ciaran Thompson, Brendan McCole, Mark Anthony McGinley, Leo McLoone, Michael Langan, Eamonn Doherty, Tony McClenaghan and Liam Mailey.

Front row (L-R); Paddy McBrearty, Stephen McMenamin, Jamie Brennan, Hugh McFadden, Paul Brennan, Ryan McHugh, Michael Murphy, Paddy McGrath, Neil McGee, Caolan Ward, Darrach O'Connor, Cian Mulligan and Ciaran McGinley.

# **DONEGAL PEN PICS**



## **Brendan McCole**



Club: Naomh Naille Age: 19 Height: 5ft 11 Weight: 13st

## **Caolan McGonagle**



Club: Bun Cranncha Age: 21 Height: 6ft 3 Weight: 14st

## **Caolan Ward**



Club: Naomh Adhamhnáin Age: 24 Height: 6ft 3 Weight: 13st

## Cian Mulligan



Club: Gaoth Dobhair Age: 20 Height: 5ft 11 Weight: 12st

## **Ciaran McGinley**



Club: Cill Chartha Age: 29 Height: 6ft 2 Weight: 14st

## **Ciaran Thompson**



Club: Naomh Conaill Age: 22 Height: 6ft 1 Weight: 14st

## **Conor Morrison**



Club: Naomh Adhamhnáin Age: 21 Height: 6ft Weight: 12st

## Darach O'Connor



Club: Bun Cranncha Age: 21 Height: 5ft 7 Weight: 12st

## **Eamon Doherty**



Club: Naomh Adhamhnáin Age: 26 Height: 6ft Weight: 14st

CAPTAIN

Michael Murphy Club: Gleann tSúilí

## Eoghan Bán Gallagher



Club: Na Cealla Beaga Age: 21 Height: 5ft 11 Weight: 13st

## Frank McGlynn



Club: Gleann Fhinne Age: 30 Height: 5ft 10 Weight: 13st

## Hugh McFadden



Club: Na Cealla Beaga Age: 23 Height: 6ft 3 Weight: 14st

## **Jamie Brennan**



Club: Realt na Mara Age: 22 Height: 5ft 9 Weight: 12st

## Leo McLoone



Club: Naomh Conaill Age: 29 Height: 6ft Weight: 14st

## Mark Anthony McGinley

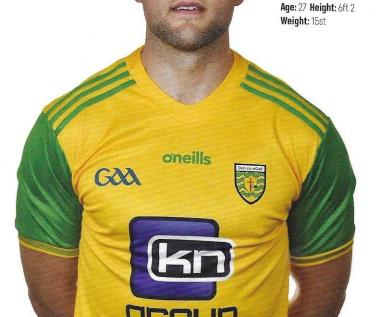


Club: Naomh Micheál Age: 27 Height: 6ft 1 Weight: 14st

## Mark McHugh



Club: Cill Chartha Age: 26 Height: 5ft 10 Weight: 12st



# **DONEGAL PEN PICS**



## **Martin McElhinney**



Club: Naomh Micheál Age: 28 Height: 6ft 1 Weight: 13st

## Martin O'Reilly



Club: Sean Mac Cumhail Age: 24 Height: 5ft 10 Weight: 12st

## **Michael Langan**



Club: Naomh Micheal Age: 21 Height: 6ft 2 Weight: 14st

## **Nathan Mullins**



Club: Naomh Uinseann Age: 28 Height: 6ft 1 Weight: 13st

Neil McGee



Club: Gaoth Dobhair Age: 31 Height: 6ft 2 Weight: 14st

## Niall O'Donnell



Club: Naomh Adhamhnáin Age: 19 Height: 5ft 9 Weight: 13st

## Odhran MacNaillais Paddy McGrath



Club: Gaoth Dobhai Age: 26 Height: 6ft Weight: 13st



Club: Ard an Rátha Age: 28 Height: 5ft 10 Weight: 13st

## **Patrick McBrearty**



Club: Cill Chartha Age: 23 Height: 6ft Weight: 13st

## **Paul Brennan**



Club: Realt na Maraz Age: 26 Height: 6ft Weight: 13st

## **Ryan McHugh**



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

## **Shaun Patton**



Club: Naomh Adhamhnáin Age: 22 Height: 6ft Weight: 13st

## Stephen McBrearty



Club: Cill Chartha Age: 22 Height: 6ft Weight: 14st

## Stephen McMenamin

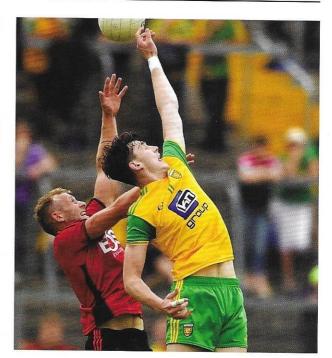


Club: Aodh Rua Age: 21 Height: 6ft Weight: 13st

## **Tony McClenaghan**



Club: Bun na Phobail Age: 22 Height: 6ft 2 Weight: 14st



Donegal's Michael Langan and Down's Darren O'Hagan compete for possession during the USFC Semi Final

## 2018 ULSTER GAA FOOTBALL

# **U15 BRIAN MCLERNON CUP**

A lifelong member of the Derrylaughan Kevin Barry's club, Brian McLernon served his club, his county, his province and the GAA nationally with distinction.

He began as a player for the Kevin Barry's and went on to play in five Tyrone Senior County Finals throughout the 1960's eventually winning his last one in 1967 against Carrickmore. Brian also served as a club administrator from his early days, initially as Assistant Secretary which was followed by over a decade as Club Secretary from 1964 to 1975.

Joining the County Board in 1974, Brian became the Tyrone representative to Comhairle Uladh in 1977.

He continued in this role until he was elected as Uachtarán Comhairle Uladh, which he served as from 1992 to 1994. During his time as Ulster President, he was also a member of Coiste Bainistí nationally which oversaw the first part of the redevelopment of Croke Park during this period. Brian remained active within the Association after this and served for a number of years as Chairman of the Scór committee and also was a member of the Grounds committee.

The Ulster Under 15 Football competition is in memory of a great gael. See below the current standings for this competition.

## **SECTION A**

	Р	W	L	D	Pts
DERRY (Q)	3	3	0	0	6
TYRONE RED (Q)	3	2	1	0	4
ANTRIM	3	1	2	0	2
DONEGAL GREEN	3	0	3	0	0

## DOLLNID 1

Tyrone Red 3-28 Donegal Green 3-08 Derry 7-15 Antrim 0-05

## **ROUND 2**

Antrim 3-08 Tyrone Red 4-08 Donegal Green 1-11 Derry 8-22

## ROUND 3

Derry 1-18 Tyrone 3-11 Donegal Green 1-10 Antrim 6-10

## **SECTION B**

	P	W	L	D	Pts
CAVAN (Q)	3	3	0	0	6
DOWN	3	2	1	0	4
DONEGAL GOLD	3	1	2	0	2
FERMANAGH	3	0	3	0	0

## **ROUND 1**

Down 3-09 Cavan 4-09 Donegal Gold 2-13 Fermanagh 1-08

## ROUND 2

Down 3-17 Donegal Gold 1-04 Fermanagh 2-03 Cavan 5-17

## ROUND 3

Cavan 7-13 Donegal Gold 0-10 Fermanagh 0-07 Down 4-14

## SECTION C

	P	W	L	D	Pts
MONAGHAN (Q)	2	1	1	0	2
ARMAGH	2	1	1	0	2
TYRONE WHITE	2	1	1	0	2

## **ROUND 1**

Armagh 4-11 Monaghan 2015

## **ROUND 2**

Monaghan 5-10 Tyrone Red 1-04

## ROUND 3

Tyrone Red 2-16 Armagh 2-08

## SEMI FINALS

Tyrone Red V Cavan Derry V Monaghan

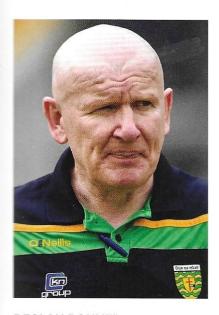
## FINAL

Saturday 7th July in Derrylaughan

## A VIEW FROM THE TOP

## THE THOUGHTS OF DONEGAL'S MANAGER AND CAPTAIN





DECLAN BONNER

DONEGAL SENIOR MANAGER

It is a great honour for me to lead Donegal in today's final. The Ulster Final here in Clones is a very special occasion, one that I've been fortunate enough to experience as a player and as a manager, and we're delighted to be part of it again.

It's 2014 since we last brought the Anglo Celt Cup back to Donegal, and we'll be doing all in our power to have it in the front of our team bus tonight.

As a group, the players and all the backroom team, medical staff and conditioning coaches have put in a tremendous effort all season – every single one of them has put in a huge effort to bring us to Clones today. While we were disappointed to have been relegated from Division 1 of the Allianz League, we used the competition to blood new players and worked on developing a new style of play. We took great learning from the league, and I believe it has stood to us in the championship to date.

We are, of course, pleased with our performances in the championship against Cavan, Derry and Down, but we know we have more improving to do.

Fermanagh have been a revelation in this championship and have taken

a couple of big scalps in previous rounds. We will have to be on our toes to make sure we don't become their third scalp of the summer!

We expect them to provide us with our most difficult challenge in the championship so far, and we have prepared ourselves as diligently as possible to meet that challenge.

I would like to thank the players for all the commitment and effort they have shown to Donegal football. I also appreciate the support from our team mentors, backroom staff, medical personnel, county board and our sponsors, KN Group and The Abbey Hotel.

Our supporters have been with us every step of the way and that has been of great benefit to us. We really do appreciate them for the way they follow us in such numbers and we hope to give them plenty to shout about this afternoon.

Dún na nGall abú.



## MICHAEL MURPHY

DONEGAL SENIOR CAPTAIN

It is a tremendous honour for me to captain my county in today's Ulster GAA Senior Football Championship final.

I have been fortunate enough to raise the Anglo Celt Cup in the past, but it is 2014 since our last win and that feels like a very long time ago.

While we senior players have experienced success here in the past, we have many new players in the squad and we will all be pulling together in a common cause today;

to become the 2018 champions of Ulster.

Fermanagh have had some very good results in the championship to date, and we know they will bring a big challenge.

Our supporters have given us phenomenal backing this season, even with the games coming so thick and fast. They have outnumbered our opponents in every game so far, and it is something we players can sense, and feed off, on the pitch.

Thank you for your support -we are proud to represent you.









## NA NGALL DONEGAL Manager: Declan Bonner















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## FERMANAGH FEAR MANACH Manager: Rory Gallagher





## FEAR MANACH/SUBSTITUTES

16. Thomas Treacy An Deibhinis 17. Cian McManus Tigh Mor 18. Ciaran Corrigan Droichead Mhig Uidhir 19. Eamon McHugh Doire Ó gConaile 20. Tom Clarke Lios na Scéithe

21. Ruairi Corrigan Cill Náile 22. Daniel Teague Droichead Mhig Uidhir 23. Tomás Corrigan Cill Náile 24. Ryan Lyons Gaeil na h-Eirne 25. Eamonn Maguire Naomh Padraig

26. Ryan McCluskey Inis Ceithleann











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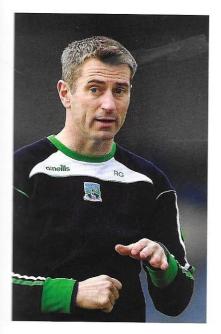




## A VIEW FROM THE TOP

## THE THOUGHTS OF FERMANAGH'S MANAGER AND CAPTAIN





## **RORY GALLAGHER**

FERMANAGH SENIOR MANAGER

We are delighted to be back in the county's first Ulster Final since 2008. We look forward to putting in a performance that reflects the effort put in by our players and back room team throughout the year.

I want to thank the County Board for the unconditional support they have given us since we got together. Massive thanks to our sponsor Patsy Tracey of Tracey Concrete for his support in helping the team prepare to their full potential. I would also like to thank Club Eirne and all who contribute to Fermanagh GAA, days like today are a reward for your efforts.

I wish to acknowledge the entire panel for the dedication and pride they have shown in representing Fermanagh since the start of the year and thank their families for their continued support.

To Ricey , Shane , Ronan and Leon and the rest of the back room team thanks for your coaching , hard work and loyalty to date.

To our passionate supporters thank you for the brilliant support throughout the year. We have had some fantastic days so far this year with your support driving us to victory.

Together we will give everything in a bid to win our first ever Ulster Title.



## **EOIN DONNELLY**

FERMANAGH SENIOR CAPTAIN

We as a squad are proud to represent the county of Fermanagh in the Ulster Football Final 2018. It is our belief that Fermanagh is fully capable of achieving success at senior level in Ulster and at the beginning of this year we set out with the intention of being here today.

After overcoming Armagh in Brewster Park and Monaghan in Omagh we are prepared for the final challenge in the Ulster Championship today. Players, management and the entire backroom team have put in a huge commitment and determination thus far and look forward to the final today.

It is with the fantastic backing of our families, partners, friends and supporters of Fermanagh football that we have been able to reach this Ulster Championship final. Our support at games in this year's Ulster Championship has been invaluable and has been a great boost to the players on the pitch. We know today that the Fermanagh supporters will continue to push us on to achieving our goal.

We thank everyone that has helped us to date including our sponsors and we recognise and appreciate the fantastic fundraising work done by Club Eirne to facilitate our county squads. We urge all supporters to get involved with Club Eirne at this exciting time for Fermanagh football.

Of course the heart of Fermanagh football lies in our clubs where dedicated volunteers coach, train and mentor the youth of the county. This is the bloodline for our senior teams of the future and I take this opportunity to highlight the many unsung heroes developing football at grassroots, long may it continue.

Fermanagh abú!

## FERMANAGH PEN PICS



## Aidan Breen



Club: Tempo Maguires Age: 25 Height: 6ft Weight: 13st 7

## **Barry Mulrone**



Club: Devenish Age: 30 Height: 5ft 10 Weight: 13st

## Che Cullen



Club: Belnaleck Age: 24 Height: 6ft 3 Weight: 14st

## Cian McManus



Club: Teemore Shamrocks Age: 21 Height: 5ft 8 Weight: 12st

**Ciaran Corrigan** 



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

Ciaran McBrien



Club: Belnaleck Age: 26 Height: 5ft 8 Weight: 12st

## **Conall Jones**



Club: Derrygonnelly Harps Age: 26 Height: 6ft 3 Weight: 13st

## **Conor McGee**



Club: Ederney St Joseph's Age: 20 Height: 6ft 2 Weight: 12st

## **Daniel Teague**



Club: Maguiresbridge Age: 24 Height: 5ft 8 Weight: 13st

CAPTAIN Eoin Donnelly

## **Declan McCusker**



Club: Ederney St Josephs Age: 27 Height: 5ft 9 Weight: 12st

## **Eamon Maguire**



Club: St Patricks Donagh Age: 34 Height: 5ft 8 Weight: 11st 7

## **Eamon McHugh**



Club: Derrygonnelly Harps Age: 29 Height: 5ft 10 Weight: 12st

## Jack McCann



Club: Erne Gaels Age: 22 Height: 5ft 10 Weight: 12st

## **James McMahon**



Club: Roslea Shamrocks Age: 23 Height: 5ft 10 Weight: 12st

## **Jonny Feely**



Club: Belcoo Age: 26 Height: 5ft 9 Weight: 13st

## **Kane Connor**

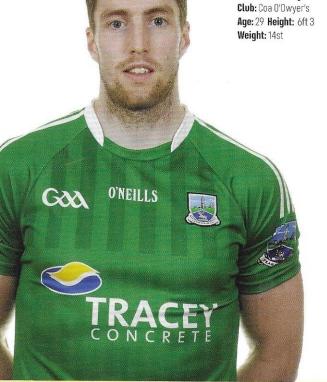


Club: Belnaleck Age: 25 Height: 5ft 10 Weight: 12st

## Lee Cullen



Club: Belnaleck Age: 24 Height: 6ft 2 Weight: 13st



## FERMANAGH PEN PICS



## Lorcan McStravick



Club: Tempo Maguires Age: 19 Height: 6ft Weight: 12st

## **Michael Jones**



Club: Derrygonnelly Age: 30 Height: 5ft 10 Weight: 12st

## Pat Cadden



Club: St Patricks Donagh Age: 31 Height: 5ft 10 Weight: 12st

## **Paul McCusker**



Club: Ederney St Josephs Age: 29 Height: 5ft 9 Weight: 12st 7

## Ruairí Corrigan



Club: Kinawley Brian Borus Age: 25 Height: 5ft 6 Weight: 11st 7

**Ryan Jones** 



Club: Derrygonnelly Harps Age: 27 Height: 6ft 3 Weight: 14st

## Ryan McCluskey



Club: Enniskillen Gaels Age: 37 Height: 5ft 11 Weight: 13st

## **Ryan Lyons**



Club: Erne Gaels Age: 25 Height: 6ft Weight: 13st

## **Seamus Quigley**



Club: Roslea Shamrocks Age: 29 Height: 6ft 1 Weight: 14st

## **Sean Quigley**



Club: Roslea Shamrocks Age: 25 Height: 6ft 0 Weight: 14st

## **Thomas McCaffrey**



Club: Erne Gaels Age: 24 Height: 5ft 9 Weight: 12st

## **Thomas Treacy**



Club: Devenish Age: 27 Height: 6ft 4 Weight: 14st

## **Tiarnan Daly**



Club: Derrygonnelly Harps Age: 25 Height: 6ft 2 Weight: 13st

## Tomas Clarke



Club: Lisnaskea Emmetts Age: 23 Height: 6ft 4 Weight: 15st

## **Tomas Corrigan**

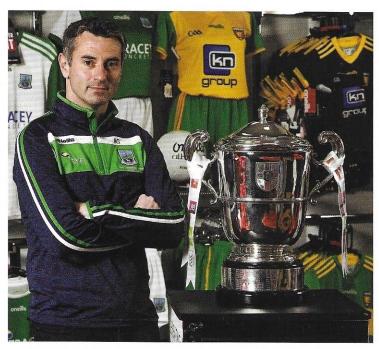


Club: St Oliver Plunketts Eoghan Ruadh Age: 27 Height: 5ft 10 Weight: 12st 8

## **Ultan Kelm**



Club: Erne Gaels Age: 18 Height: 6ft 1 Weight: 14st



Rory Gallagher and Fermanagh are within touching distance of their first ever Anglo Celt

## 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 and that all clubs are 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 be vetted prior to commencing their role. Those who are involved appointed to work with children or 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 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.

## MAINTAINING APPROPRIATE LEVELS OF BEHAVIOUR IN OUR WORK WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

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 for the 2018 season.

## SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN SPORT

This three hour workshop should be completed every three years by those working with your children and young people in your club and is an essential requirement prior to commencement of position.

## CODE OF BEHAVIOUR (UNDERAGE)

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. The 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, Handball of GAA for All 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 nondiscrimination 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



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## 1993 TODAY'S JUBILEE TEAM DOIRE

## BY DERMOT MCPEAKE

Most men haven't played in a county final. Very few men have played in multiple county finals. And almost no men have played two county finals in two different counties seven days apart. But Eamonn Coleman wasn't like most men.

25 years ago the wee professor of people emerged a victor from the old Clones changing rooms perched high up in the corner of the O'Duffy terrace. "We won this game between February and May on the training fields of Ballymaguigan and Maghera," he boomed. It was July 18th, 1993, a day on which the rain fell incessantly during a summer that lasted forever.

To discuss Eamonn Coleman is to probe the soul of his county itself. His story, and relationship with Gaelic football - carved in Oak from an early age when he trained as a 14-year-old with that prince of players, Jim McKeever - was like all great love stories and relationships: not without friction, but enduring nonetheless.

## "Seamus, I always knew you were a bit of a rascal."

Eamonn's own words, spoken from the flat of his back on a Sunday in 1967, and recalled by his man-marker for the day, Lissan's Seamus McRory.

"As Eamonn attempted to sidestep me, he tripped on a rush bush and literally fell across my feet," says McRory. "The referee, a future prominent county board official, blamed me! But Eamonn flashed that impish smile and just said 'would you ever lift me up from this bed of Lissan rushes?' So I did."

Following that game between Lissan and Ballymaguigan, 14 years passed before the men would speak again. Having won a Derry championship with Ballinderry in 1981, Coleman fielded for Athlone in the Westmeath final 7 days later, scoring three points, but ending up on the losing team. McRory had attended the game, now being a Longford native. He had also watched Coleman the previous weekend.

"I had to renew acquaintances," explains McRory. "I went to congratulate Eamonn on his magnificent, personal performance. Though never referring to the time we last had met or indeed who I was, he looked up at me with that knowing and unforgettable look.

"Sure it was easy playing here' he said. 'There were no rushes to contend with!"

Coleman's elephantine memory and acute understanding of people is something which radiated throughout his life. His fun loving – yet often spiky - public persona was one



thing, but his ability for subtle brilliance was shrouded. Just as it should be.

It was May 30th, 1992. As dusk fell over Saint Oliver Plunkett's Park in Greenlough, some of the Lavey players suddenly dashed from the pitch midway through a championship game with Newbridge.

Hugh A McGurk, in attendance to watch his sons and his club, took ill and passed away aged 76 years. The game was abandoned. Naturally, it was a night that Johnny McGurk will never forget.

"The following year we were preparing to play Down in the Ulster Championship in Newry," recalls McGurk. "A few days before the game, Eamonn took me aside. Away from the rest of the players, he spoke quietly. He asked me did I know what date the game was on.

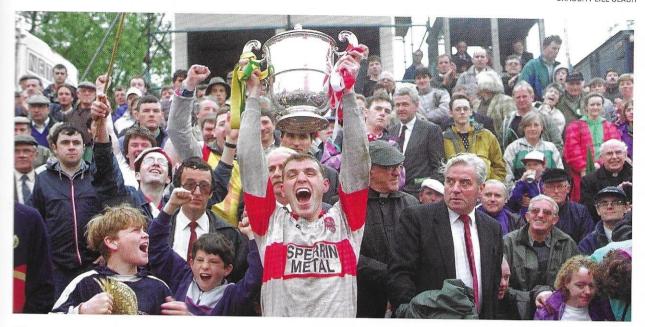
"'My father's anniversary', I replied.

"So, you'll be delivering a big performance then,' he said. 'You're on (James) McCartan.'"

Contrary to public opinion of the time, Derry emerged from the Marshes as comfortable winners. Coleman emerged to face the media in fine form.

'Youse boys know nathin' about football' he famously taunted the waiting reporters, pointing at the 3-11 to 0-09 score still showing on the board.

Johnny McGurk had held James McCartan scoreless and Derry marched on with newly earned belief.



"That was Eamonn," says McGurk, who went on that summer to kick Derry's greatest ever point. "He was the man at the back of the bus holding court and playing cards. He was involved in all the slagging.

"I love taking money off you, McGurk', he'd say, whilst rubbing his belly in laughter looking a reaction. No-one else could have brought that group of players together at that time."

And together they still are, today, 25 years on. Minus the wee general.

So, how did it all happen? How did the 14-year-old Jim McKeever-inspired boy become the bobbin around which an historical tale was woven? A Derry team that was beaten by Down in '88, by Donegal in '89, hammered by Donegal in '90 in front of 5,000 people at Clones, was grabbed by the scruff of the neck by Coleman and went toe to toe with the world and the would be All-Ireland champions of 1991 the following summer. The Mourne men were lucky to salvage a replay in the Athletic Grounds and Derry were frustrated by Donegal again a year later. But in 1993 the dam eventually burst.

Was it Adrian McGuckin's St Pat's Maghera football factory? Brian McIver's revolution at St Pius'? Brendan Convery and Lavey's plan to 'sneak up on an All-Ireland from behind and grab it by the...'?

Hours of chat there, which, at the end of the day, is what the GAA family does best. It was also a past-time Coleman excelled at. A man of the people, most knew Eamonn via his musings in the media.

"I started as a trainee with the Irish News in 1999," says Paddy Heaney. "I'd ring him to get injury news on Cavan. He understood what journalists needed. We'd spend 10 minutes on Cavan and I'd have enough to do me. Then he'd say: 'And what about Derry, Paddy?'

"We'd talk then for another hour. Derry football and this player and that player. That's where his heart always was."

Eamonn Coleman led Derry to Ulster finals in Clones in 1992 and 1993. His last was in 2000. Beaten by a single

score by Armagh, Eamonn shook Brian McAlinden's hand and wished him well, one football man to another.

And then he fumed at all around him.

Brilliant cutting one-liners were thrown at the ghosts of officials and absorbed with glee by waiting Dictaphones and scratched furiously onto notepads. He had been suspended earlier in the year for comments made in the media but he had said exactly what he meant his entire life and he wasn't going to stop now. "They can't suspend me now," he bellowed. Here was a man who had moulded a team that had 'rare skills and big-boned men but remained somehow a blue-collar outfit'. A group who went on to be leaders of men, first climbing the steps of the Hogan stand and then to the top of multiple professions. Yet, a group who were all undeniably led by one alpha male. A man who left school at 16, became a bricklayer and whose voice was instantly recognisable with the rhythm of the Loughshore - direct, clipped, and unvarnished, yet brimming with emotion. And there was a certain magic in that distinctive staccato beat. It could charm, cajole and when needed, cut through ice. A man who knew his own mind but had a genuine respect for the opinions of others. A man with that rare gift in life, the ability to listen, was then asked in that dark Clones corridor to summarise his thoughts there and then...He didn't take long.

"I started with Derry and finished with Derry. I've enjoyed it," came the reply.

## THE ROAD TO VICTORY:

USFC Quarter Final:	Derry	3-11	Down	0-9
USFC Semi Final:	Derry	0-19	Monaghan	0-11
USFC Final:	Derry	0-08	Donegal	0-06
Al Semi Final:	Derry	0-15	Dublin	0-14
Al Final:	Derry	1-14	Cork	2-08

# ULSTER GAA YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAMME

Ulster GAA is delighted to announce It's new Young Leaders Programme targeting outstanding young GAA volunteers from across Ulster's nine counties. This exciting and innovative programme will be the first of its kind in Ulster and has been made possible with the support of the Coca-Cola Thank You Fund.

Ulster GAA President Michael Hasson explains, "Ulster GAA has developed an outstanding Volunteer Development Pathway providing training and support for club officers. We also have hundreds of young people taking part in the highly successful GoldMark Programme which recognises the contribution of young people volunteering in sport. However, we have identified a gap in providing training and support for building the capacity of young GAA volunteers. This new and exciting programme will help address this by training and developing young leaders in a range of areas, which will not only benefit them in their present and future GAA engagements, but also in their education and working life.

"We are absolutely delighted to have been selected by the Coca-Cola Thank You Fund for a €5000 award to help plan and deliver this excellent programme."

The Programme will be delivered through a leadership academy targeting young people aged 16-24 Years, which will run across 4 days taking place on 23rd, 24th, 30th & 31st July 2018 in Tyrone centre of excellence Garvaghey. It will include a 25-hour Club Placement at

their local club with the placement being overseen by a club mentor who will help the young people put the knowledge learned into practice.

All skills learned will assist with the personal development of the young person, providing them with strong transferable skills and knowledge which will not only help them in a GAA setting but also in their quest for further education or employment.

The key modules to be delivered will include GAA Coaching foundation award, Safeguarding Young people, Heart start/Lifesaving skills, as well as Event & Volunteer Management, Health & Wellbeing, Governance, Nutrition & Lifestyle, Sport Science Performance & Analysis, GAA for all Module and Communication & Marketing.

Ulster GAA believe this programme will be one of its kind for GAA volunteers in Ulster, the programme is targeted at 16-24 years with 3 from each of Ulster's Nine Counties.

All applications MUST be received by the deadline of 5pm Monday 9th July 2018 by either email to ashelene. groogan.ulster@gaa.ie or by post to Ashelene Groogan, Young Leaders, Ulster GAA, Ceannaras Uladh, 8-10 Market Street, Armagh, BT61 7BX. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

Anyone interested in applying for the Young Leaders Academy should log onto: www.ulster.gaa.ie/ youngleaders or contact Ashelene Groogan on 028 37517 180 or email ashelene.groogan.ulster@gaa.ie



# PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS OF ULSTER GAELIC FOOTBALL REFEREES.

## WHAT IT TAKES TO REFEREE IN THE U17 AND U20 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

Understanding the physical demands of a sport is critical to prepare for optimum performance. This is no different with Referees. As the needs and demands of the game increase, so must the physical abilities of the Referee in order to keep up with game play.

With the use of a Global Position System (GPS), we have been able to monitor and analyse what it physically takes to officiate Gaelic Football in Ulster. Our Ulster Panel Referees each wore a GPS device under their jersey and received an individual breakdown of their physical performance after their game. Here is an overview of what our Ulster Gaelic Football Referees have physically performed whilst officiating in the 2018 Ulster U17 and U20 Football Championships.

The table shows the Average GPS Results in Normal Time in each competition. Referees that officiated in the U17 Football Championship covered on averagegreater Total Distances, High Intensity Running Distances and a greater average Work Rate compared to the Ulster U20 Championship.

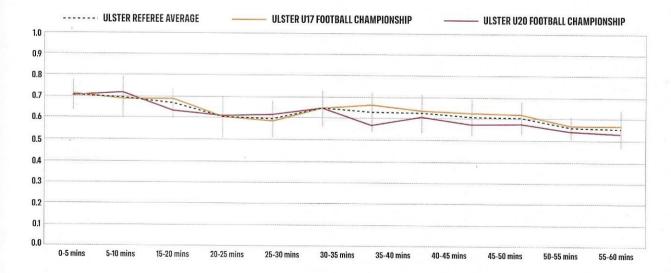
Considering the technical abilities of the age group, the U2Os are potentially better at maintaining possession compared to U17s. This could possibly mean the Referee has to transition along with the play more often in a U17 game compared to a U2O game. Alternatively, referees at the U2O level are potentially more experienced. Thus possibly anticipating potential transitions and movement of play with better positioning, thus running less.

Results also show Referees in the U2Os Championship covered on average greater High Speed Distances compared to the U17 Championship. In the U2Os Championship, it is expected that referees would have to keep up with an athlete that is physically faster, with the ability to move the ball faster with stronger kicking capabilities. Thus potentially explaining their greater average High Speed Distance.

The graph shows the average Work Rate in the U17 and U20 championship across Normal Time (excluding Additional Time). Referees in both competitions are covering similar distances in each 5 minutes of game play in the first half. However, the 5 minute Work Rate of the Referees in the U17 Championship is consistently above average and noticeably above the average of the U20 Championship in the second half. This could also explain why referees in the U17 championship are covering greater total distances than in the U20 Championship.

In order to get a full understanding of the differences between both competitions, a more in depth analysis needs to be performed. However, at first glance the results show what it takes to physically officiate in the Ulster U17 and U20 Championship. This information will guide our referee's physical preparation to optimize performance and mentally prepare our referees on what it physically takes to referee at the highest level of Ulster's U17 and U20 competitions.

By Mike O'Donnell - Sport Science Officer Ulster GAA



Competition	Average Duration (mins)	Average Total Distance (m)	Average High Intensity Distance >4.5m/s (m)	Average High Speed Distance >6m/s (m)	Average Work Rate (m/min)	Top Speed (m/s)
Ulster U17 Championship (11 Games)	67.3	8486	1724	220	126.3	6.8
Uster U20 Championship (6 Games)	67.5	8245	1584	269	122.5	6.8

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## U12.5

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St Patrick's Maghera Oisin McGrath B Shield Holy Trinity Cookstown Oisin McGrath C Shield St Joseph's Donaghmore Oisin McGrath E Shield St Killian's Garron Tower

## U13.5

D'Alton Cup D'Alton Shield Irish News Cup Faul Cup Fr Mallon Cup Flynn Cup

St Patrick's Cavan St Mary's Magherafelt St Pius X Magherafelt St Joseph's Donaghmore De La Salle Belfast St Joseph's Newry St Patrick's Banbridge

St Patrick's Maghera 3-13 St Colman's Newry 4-09 5-06 Aquinas Belfast St Ciaran's Ballygawley 6-08 Dean Maguirc Carrickmore 4-09 4-06 St Killian's Garron Tower Sperrin Integrated Magherafelt 5-12

3-08 2-07 3-07 2-08 3-06 1-05



St Eunan's Letterkenny Treanor Cup Winners



Loreto Coleraine Rannafast Shield Winners

## U14.5

Corn na nÓg McDevitt Cup Gerry Brown Cup Ennis Cup Corn Mac Neasa

St Patrick's Cavan St Pius X Magherafelt St Joseph's Donaghmore St Colm's Draperstown St Patrick's Dungiven St Colman's Ballynahinch

St Patrick's Maghera 4-14 St Paul's Bessbrook 4-10 Sacred Heart Omagh 6-09 Moville CC 6-13 St Patrick's Dungannon 6-05 Drumragh Integrated 12-11

0-06 1-09 6-05 3-07

6-08

## **U15.5**

Brock Cup	Abbey CBS	1-04	St Patrick's Maghera	0-05
Treanor Cup	St Eunan's Letterkenny	0-07	St Louis' Ballymena	1-02
Paddy O'Hara Cup	Dean Maguirc Carrickmore	7-11	Loreto Coleraine	0-11
McAvoy Cup	Holy Cross Strabane	1-12	Lismore Craigavon	2-07
Nagle Cup	St Patrick's Dungiven	2-12	St Benedict's Randalstown	1-07
Mulholland Cup	TBC			



St Patrick's Banbridge Flynn Cup Winners

## U16.5

Rannafast Cup	St Patrick's Cavan	0-13	St Michael's Enniskillen	1-08
Rannafast Shield	Loreto Coleraine	5-08	St Paul's Bessbrook	1-12
Rafferty Cup	Holy Trinity Cookstown	2-12	St Patrick's Keady	1-07
Arthurs Cup	Loreto Milford	1-09	PS Gaoth Dobhair	1-03
Pat King Cup	Ballybay CC	1-14	De La Salle Belfast	3-06
Corn Cúchulainn	St Columban's Kilkeel	1-07	St Joseph's Coalisland	0-05
ע Reilly Cup	Dominican Portstewart	2-09	St John's Dromore	2-06



Loreto Milford Arthur Cup Winners



Finn Valley Stranorlar Ward Cup Winners

## U18.5

MacRory Cup	St Ronan's Lurgan	1-09	St Mary's Magherafelt	1-07
MacCormack Cup	St Ronan's Lurgan	3-11	St Patrick's Maghera	1-07
MacLarnon Cup	St Eunan's Letterkenny	2-06	Holy Trinity Cookstown	1-09
Replay	Holy Trinity Cookstown	2-08	St Eunan's Letterkenny	0-13 (AET)
Markey Cup	Carndonagh CS	3-08	St Columba's Stranorlar	1-10
O'Doherty Cup	Colaiste Ailigh	3-11	Ballybay CC	2-10
<b>W</b> ard Cup	Finn Valley Stranorlar	2-07	Colaiste Oiriall Monaghan	2-06
Nolan Cup	St Patrick's Dungiven	2-09	Blessed Trinity Belfast	1-01



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## ULSTER GAA PUT REFEREE HEALTH TOP OF AGENDA

In February 2018, Ulster GAA held their free referee health checks at a specially arranged mobile clinic at the Tyrone GAA Centre in Garvaghey.

This annual initiative offers the opportunity for all referees on the provincial panel to avail of a full screening health check free of charge.

Speaking at the clinic, Ulster GAA President Michael Hasson said: "The health and wellbeing of all our members is very important and we continue to promote healthy living and lifestyles to our membership, especially players and officials, who are obviously the most active".

"The focus of our games is usually on the players but recent research has shown that some referees are covering similar distances to players in our top games.

A referee needs to run the length and breadth of the pitch throughout a full game so these checks are essential".

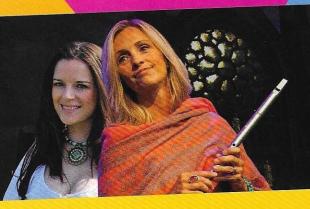
"These health checks give our referees a clear picture of their medical position at the start of the new season and the opportunity to get any health concerns checked out".

The mobile clinic health checks were facilitated by the team from 3fivetwoGroup.



Pictured from the left are: Conor McGourty (Ulster GAA Player Welfare Officer), Jim O'Rourke (Ulster Referees Secretary), Jim Murray (Ulster Referees Chairman), Niall McKenna (Referee), Stephen Donnelly (Ulster Games Administration Manager) and Michael Hasson (Ulster GAA President) pictured with Kerry & Frances from 3fivetwo Group at the Ulster Referees Health Checks.



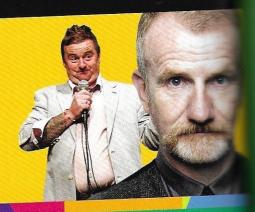


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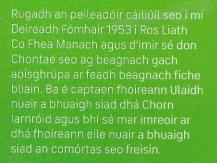






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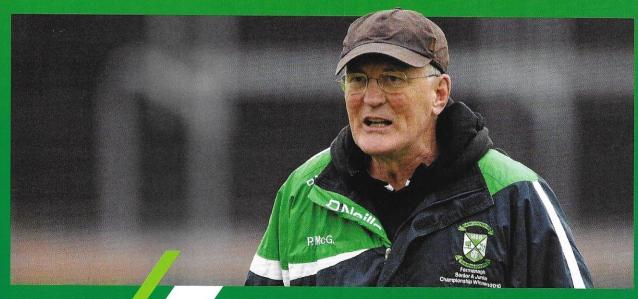


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## A LOOK BACK ATTHE FINALS

AS WE SIT HERE TODAY IN 2018, WE REFLECT ON THE ULSTER FINALS THAT HAVE PRECEDED THIS GREAT DAY. WE TAKE A QUICK LOOK AT THE FIVE ULSTER SFC FINALS SINCE 1968.

## **1968 - DOWN** 0-16 **CAVAN** 1-08

CASEMENT PARK, BELFAST

The now familiar pairing of the 1960's Down and Cavan once again drew the crowds to Casement Park for the Ulster Final.

There were two points between the sides at half time after a cagey first half with Down shading the honours and with 20 minutes to go the sides were level, was the tide turning in favour of Cayan?

Down had other ideas and with Colm McAlarney magnificent at Midfield and inspired by the accurate kicking of Paddy Doherty Down pulled away adding nine point to Cavan's lone score. A late Cavan goal added some respectability but Down were winners by 0-16 to 1-8.

## 1978 - DOWN 2-19 CAVAN 2-12

ST TIERNACH'S PARK, CLONES

Ten years on the name McAlarney was again to the fore as the skill subtlety and footballing brain of the long striding school teacher played a major part in Down winning a ninth Ulster title before a crowd of 27,500 spectators.

At half time Cavan had led by 1-6 to 0-8 but driven on by the great "Arkle" himself Down powered away in the second half with goals from Joe Byrne and the young E.T McGivern.

It was fitting that Colm McAlarney should lift the Anglo Celt as Down were winners by 2-19 to 2-12 and James McCartan Senior had now managed Down to an Ulster Senior Title after a seven year lapse.



# The Down from who beat Caron. AN DÚN Dathanna: Buí (Orange—Ulster colours)



## 1988 -MONAGHAN 1-10 TYRONE 0-11

STTIERNACH'S PARK, CLONES

The blue of Monaghan faced off against the red of Tyrone in the Ulster Football Final at Clones 30 years ago. Nudie Hughes punished an Aidan Skelton fumble to score a vital first half goal to put Monaghan into a 1-3 to 0-3 lead.

Stephen Conway from placed balls and a great score from Kevin McCabe kept Tyrone in touch. By the time Michael Cranney blew the half time whistle, the teams were tied at 1-4 to 0-7.

Points from Gerry McCarville and Ray McCarron kept Monaghan in front early in the second half. Conway jabbed over two more frees to bring the gap back to one but Monaghan sub Stefan White edged it back out to two. Tyrone piled forward in the closing stages and a Noel McGinn claim for a last gasp penalty was waved away as Monaghan held on to win by 1-10 to 0-11.

## 1998 - DERRY 1-7 DONEGAL 0-8

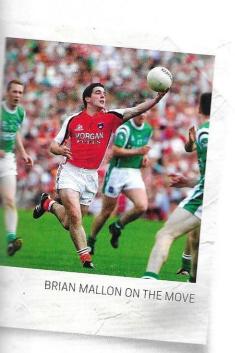
## ST TIERNACH'S PARK, CLONES

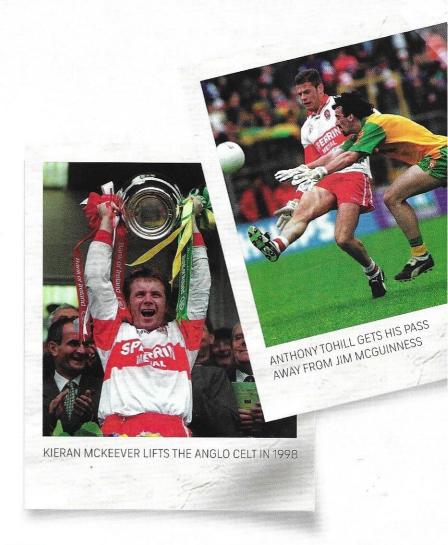
An injury time goal from Joe Brolly was the deciding score in this pulsating Ulster Final. The sides were nip and tuck throughout, with Tony Boyle leading the Donegal attack with three points. On a wet and windy day, reminiscent to their 1993 Ulster final meeting, both defences dominated a low scoring encounter. Brendan Devenney kicked two points for Donegal, managed by a certain Declan Bonner, who led by two points midway through the second half.

However, they would fail to score in the final 20 minutes as Derry slowly reeled them in. Joe Cassidy and Gary Magill pointed for Derry and with the sides level and a replay seeming the most likely outcome. Cue the introduction of Geoffrey McGonagle from the Derry bench. A long ball from Anthony Tohill was gathered by the Dungiven man, who set up his club mate Brolly for the decisive goal.

**Derry scorers:** J Brolly 1-2; G Magill 0-2; E Burns, D Dougan, J Cassidy 0-1

**Donegal scorers:** T Boyle O-3; B Devenney O-2; J Duffey, A Sweeney, N Hegarty O-1 each





## 2008 – ARMAGH 2-08 FERMANAGH 1-11 ST TIERNACH'S PARK, CLONES

**Fermanagh:** E Maguire 1-0; M McGrath, M Little (2f), C McElroy 0-2 each; S McDermott, T McElroy, M Murphy, R Keenan (1f), S Doherty 0-1 each

**Armagh:** S McDonnell O-6 (1f); R Clarke 1-1; F Moriarty 1-0; K Toner O-1

Fermanagh staged a remarkable comeback to force a draw with favourites Armagh in a thrilling Ulster Final. Finnian Moriarty netted a first half goal as Armagh established a four-point lead at the break, and when Ronan Clarke goaled straight after the restart, it looked like Armagh might run riot. To their credit, Fermanagh refused to bend the knee, and buoyed by a Eamon Maguire goal, set about cutting the deficit. Martin McGrath and Mark Little reduced the gap to one before an injury time score from Shaun Doherty levelled things.

## REPLAY ARMAGH 1-11 FERMANAGH 0-08 STTIERNACH'S PARK, CLONES

Armagh claimed the Ulster title after coming good in the second half of this replay at Clones. Fermanagh had dominated the early stages, but failed to make their dominance count on the scoreboard, going in level at the break after nine kicking first half wides. They were made to pay for that poor shooting in the second half as Armagh got on top thanks to energetic and industrious Brian Mallon. His runs were a constant thorn in the Fermanagh side and he set up scores for Ronan Clarke and Tony Kernan pushed the gap to four before Steven McDonnell netted to seal the win.

Fermanagh: E Maguire, T Brewster (1f) 0-2 each; D Kelly, R Keenan, M Little (1f), S McCabe 0-1 each

Armagh: S McDonnell 1-2 (1f); A Kernan O-4 (4f); R Clarke, T Kernan (1f) O-2 each; B Mallon O-1

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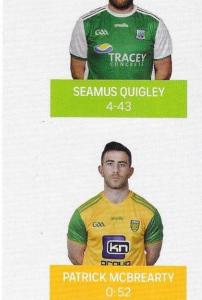
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**AVERAGE SCORE** 

0.9

1.2

AVERAGE GOALS SCORED

1.1 8.0

AVERAGE GOALS CONCEDED

## THE FIXTURES

SAT 19TH MAY SFC QUARTER FINAL 7,00PM





SUN 20TH MAY SFC QUARTER FINAL 4.00PM



TÍR EOGHAIN 1-16 V MUINEACHÁN 1-18

**SEMI-FINAL** 

SUN 3RD JUNE 2.00PM

FEAR MANACH 1-08 W MUINEACHÁN 0-10



SUN 24TH JUNE | 2.00PM







SAT 26TH MAY SFC QUARTER FINAL 7.00PM

AN DÚN 1-18 V AONTROIM 0-14



2/4/2

SUN 27TH MAY SFC QUARTER FINAL 4.00PM



DOIRE 0-16 V DÚN NA NGALL 2-16



SEMI-FINAL

SUN 10TH JUNE 4.00PM



AN DÚN 1-12 V DÚN NA NGALL 2-22

SUN 13TH MAY SFC FIRST ROUND 4.00PM











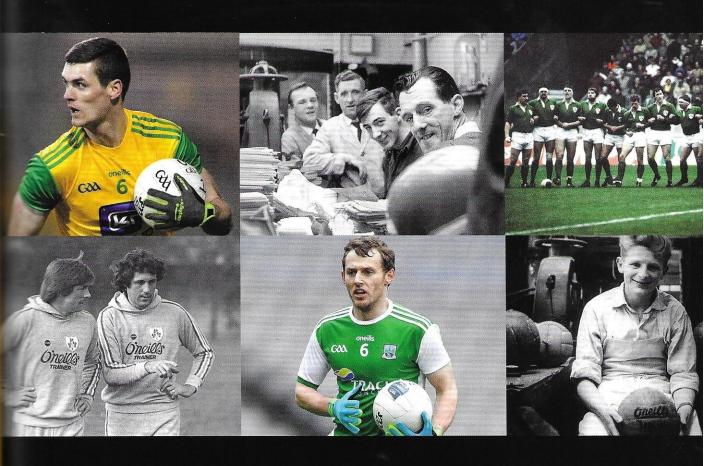








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## SUBWAY

# ULSTER GAA PLAYER ACADEMY

The Annual Ulster Council 2 Day Subway Player Academy (Elite camp) takes place on the 2nd and 3rd of July in the Sports Science facilities of the University of Ulster, Jordanstown.

Now in its 15th year the Camp has been in the past targeted towards players in their last year at U-16 level but with the minor grade now down to U-17 level the Camp is now focused at players U-15 level.

93 players in total attend (48 Football and 45 Hurling) which is made up of the most promising players from each of the 9 counties in Ulster.

Throughout the duration of the camp, the players benefit from the knowledge and expertise of the Ulster Council Staff as well as Staff from SINI while simultaneously gaining access to the world class facilities that are in the University.

The players are afforded the opportunity to improve their own knowledge in different areas which will ultimately enable them to improve their own game, such as:

- Functional Movement Analysis
- Nutrition/Hydration
- Athlete Mental Health
- Activate Warm-Ups
- Player Lifestyle
- Recovery Sessions

In addition, the players are introduced to GPS Analysis with players monitored on distances they travel as well as speed and areas of the field they cover while playing Small and Full sided games.

There are field sessions which focus on Skill Development. The areas covered are Kicking for possession/scores, Tackling/Blocking, Ball retention/support play, game sense, long striking/striking on the run, High catching and gaining possession.

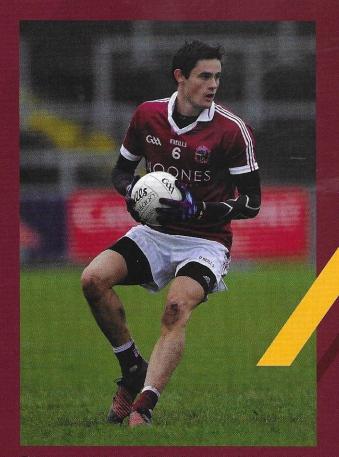
Each year, we also invite a leading figure within the world of Gaelic Games to come and give a talk to the players. For example we have had Kieran McGeeney, Terence Mc Naughton, Sean Cavanagh, Peter Canavan and Neill McManus attend and this year we will have the honour of having Chrissy McKaigue in our presence and I'm sure the players will look forward to hear what he has to say on what it takes to get to the top.

Indicative of the effect that these camps have on our youth of today is provided when alot of the past players of the camp have gone on to represent their county from minor up to Senior level.

Players such as Michael Murphy, Conall Jones, Paddy McBrearty, Tomas Corrigan, Ryan McHugh and Cian McManus who all indeed feature in todays Ulster Senior Final as well as Conor O'Neill, Ben McCarron, Rian O'Neill and Lorcan McWilliams who feature in the U-20 Final have all attended the Camp.

This trend is also evident with our hurling attendees where names such as Neil McManus, Aidan Kelly, Aaron Graffin and Nathan Curry have all came through to play at senior inter-county level.

We wish them all the best of luck and we hope to see a number of players who attend this years camp playing in Ulster Finals in the years to come.



This year's special guest will be Chrissy McKaigue

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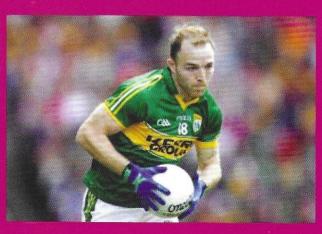
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## PAUL MCGRATH

## BELCOO O'RAHILLY'S

If you want something done around the Belcoo O'Rahilly's club then you go to one person and one person only, Paul McGrath.

Currently McGrath plays for Belcoo Senior football team in Division 2 of the Fermanagh Senior football league, he also manages the Girls U-13, U-14 and U-16 teams, he is also manager of the Boys U-15 and U-17 teams in his beloved club, while he has now also taken on the role of training the Belcoo Senior Ladies.

When you also throw into the administrative side of it McGrath who is 32 years of age also acts as the Club Youth Officer and Public Relations Officer, while also just finishing off stints as Club treasurer and Club secretary in the last couple of years.

In the month of May just past, McGrath was either at the training field, away with a team at a match or playing for the Seniors himself in 28 of the 31days of the month.

McGrath, who is an accountant with Gerard O'Brien Accountants in Derrylin is hugely modest and thinks nothing of the work and the countless hours that he puts in for his club, "There's not a whole pile else to be at in Belcoo and the football club is most definitely the heartbeat. I get an awful lot out of coaching the next generation of boys and girls here, to see them develop, improve and grow is hugely rewarding, we've some great characters among our youth setup".

He continued "I enjoy the club hugely, there are a lot of good people in it and I've a great support network around me, winning the Intermediate Championship last year was a huge thing for the club and for many of the Youth members it's the first time they seen the adult mens team lift a trophy. It brought a good buzz to the area in what was our centenary year".





McGrath was involved with Fermanagh Seniors for one year back in 2011, while he is a key attacker for Belcoo Senior Football side as they aim to make it back up to Division 1 for the 2019 season. McGrath really enjoys all aspects of the game, "As I edge towards the end of my time playing I suppose the years don't me long going in, the 2007 league title success doesn't seem that long ago but it actually is. I really enjoy the hard yards in training, you can always get better, the work done during the week seems worth it with a win on match days, there is no excuse for not working hard and you do what you can in the hour you play for the lads round you in the same sky blue jersey".

The well-spoken McGrath is also a keen admirer of social media and the Belcoo O'Rahilly's club website is one of the most clicked on websites in all of the Fermanagh clubs. "Yeah I always try to get a few pics of each game that takes place and then get a match report up on the website. It's nice at Youth Presentation times to look back through the slide show and I've done a few end of season review Booklets as a keepsake. It's good too for people who aren't around Belcoo anymore and its great for people to be able to see images and read up on a game that they might have missed".

The talented McGrath is also a keen golfer and an excellent soccer player for Lisbellaw United, he agrees that sport is a great social event, "I suppose sport is a great way of bringing people together and even if you aren't taking an active playing role there is so many other roles from health and well being, coaching, committee and social media for people to take up nowadays".

Paul McGrath has volunteered endless hours for Belcoo O'Rahilly's, his drive and enthusiasm for the game and his club sets him apart from countless other people.





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# **2018 ULSTER GAA FOOTBALL** U16 BUNCRANA CUP

## **SECTION A**

	P	W	L	D	F	A	PD	Pts
TYRONE (Q)	2	1	0	1	49	21	+28	3
MONAGHAN	2	1	0	1	30	27	+3	3
FERMANAGH	2	0	2	0	16	47	-31	0

FERMANAGH 1-08 MONAGHAN 1-11 TYRONE 5-18 FERMANAGH 0-05 MONAGHAN 0-16 TYRONE 0-16

## **SECTION A**

	P	W	L	D	F	А	PD	Pts
DONEGAL (Q)	2	2	0	0	35	11	+24	4
DOWN	2	1	1	0	23	26	-3	2
ARMAGH	2	0	2	0	7	28	-21	0

ARMAGH 1-01 DOWN 1-12 DOWN 2-02 DONEGAL 0-22 DONEGAL 1-10 ARMAGH 0-03

## **SECTION A**

	P	W	L	D	F	A	PD	Pts
DONEGAL (Q)	2	1	1	0	37	26	+11	2
DOWN	2	1	1	0	17	16	+1	2
ARMAGH	2	1	1	0	26	38	-12	2

ANTRIM 2-04 DERRY 0-06 DERRY 5-16 CAVAN 1-13 CAVAN 1-07 ANTRIM 0-07

## **QUALIFYING BLITZ**

The six remaining counties who failed to top their groups participated in a Qualifying blitz in Garvaghey for the remaining Semi Final spot, with Monaghan progressing.

## **SEMI FINALS**

## Saturday 21st April

Tyrone 6-19 Derry 0-06 Donegal 4-10 Monaghan 0-08

## **ROLL OF HONOUR**

2017	Tír Eoghain	1-09	1-06	Dún na nGall
2016	Muineachán	6-11	6-11	Doire
2015	Muineachán Muineachán	2-11 1-12	1-12 2-07	Doire (Replay) Doire
2014	Muineachán	3-08	1-11	Ard Mhacha
2013	Dún na nGall	3-06	0-03	Tír Eoghain
2012	Dún na nGall	2-09	2-08	Tír Eoghain
2011	Tír Eoghain	3-09	0-07	Doire
2010	Doire	1-14	1-09	Dún na nGall
2009	Doire	1-20	2-08	Tír Eoghain
2008	Dún na nGall	1-07	1-05	Tír Eoghain

## FINAL

## Sunday 6th May

Donegal 1-12 Tyrone 1-11

Eoin De Burca scored the vital goal of the game for Donegal just before half-time as they ran out deserving winners over holders Tyrone. Daniel Fullerton scored an injury time penalty for the Red Hands to reduce the gap to one, but in truth they were well beaten on the day by an organised Donegal.

DONEGAL: Daithi Roberts (O-1); Richard O'Rourke, Shane Meehan, Dylan Dorrian; Eoin de Burca (1-0), Jack Gallagher, Domhnall Mac Giolla Bhride; Eoin Dowling (O-1), Kealan Dunleavy (O-1); Carlos O'Reilly (O-1), Senan Rooney, Ciaran Moore; Johnny McGroddy, Luke Doherty (O-4), Eric Carr (O-5). Subs: Kieran Tobin for Gallagher 7 inj, Jamie Grant for S Meehan 15, Connor Roarty for Dorrian (55).

**TYRONE:** Stephen McMenamin; Seamus Sweeney, Caolan Mulgrew, Niall Devlin; Packie Quinn, Shea Daly (O-1), Brian Conway; Michael McGleenan, Michael McCann; Aaron McGrath, Daniel Fullerton (1-5), Eoin Montgomery; Ronan McHugh (O-2), Mark Devlin (O-1), Shea Browne (O-2). Subs: Ethan Neill (O-1) for P Quinn 39, Shea Gallagher for A McGrath 46, Rory Burns for E Montgomery 46.

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## THE STORY SO FAR

## 2018 USFC TEAMS & SCORERS

## PRELIMINARY ROUND

**SUNDAY 13TH MAY** 

Donegal 2-20 Cavan 1-15 in Ballybofey

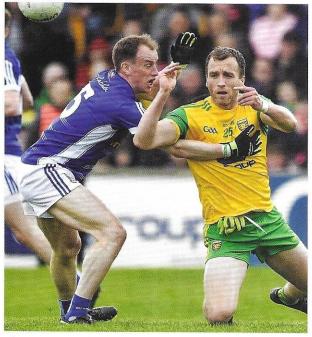
DONEGAL: S Patton; E Ban Gallagher, N McGee, C Ward (O-1); S McMenamin, P Brennan, R McHugh (1-0); H McFadden, L McLoone (O-1); C Thompson (O-3), M Langan (O-3), F McGlynn; P McBrearty (O-4), M Murphy (O-6), J Brennan (O-2).

**Subs**. C McGinley for C Thompson, E Doherty for S McMenamin, C Mulligan (1-0) for R McHugh, M McHugh for F McGlynn, S McBrearty for J Brennan.

CAVAN: R Galligan; J McLoughlin, P Faulkner, N Murray (0-1); K Brady, C Brady, C Moynagh; K Clarke, B Magee (0-1); C Mackey (0-2), O Kiernan, E Flanagan; C O'Reilly (1-3), G McKiernan (0-7), C Bradley.

**Subs.** F Reilly for K Brady, N Clerkin for N Murray, A Cole (0-1) for B Magee, D McVeety for E Flanagan.

Referee: David Gough (Meath)



Ciaran McGinley fends off Martin Reilly from Cavan

## **QUARTER FINAL**

SATURDAY 19TH MAY

Fermanagh 0-12 Armagh 0-7 in Brewster Park

**FERMANAGH:** P Cadden; K Connor, C Cullen, M Jones; B Mulrone (0-1), J McMahon, L Cullen (0-1); E Donnelly, R Jones (0-2); P McCusker, D McCusker (0-1), A Breen; Sean Quigley (0-1), C Jones, Seamus Quigley (0-6).

**Subs:** C Corrigan for Sean Quigley, D Teague for P McCusker, E Maguire for A Breen, C McManus for K Connor, T Clarke for C Jones.

**ARMAGH:** B Hughes; P Burns, A McKay, B Donaghy; C Mackin, G McCabe, M Shields (0-1); C Vernon, B Crealey; R McShane, A Forker, N Grimley; E Rafferty (0-2), A Murnin, G McParland (0-1).

**Subs:** N Rowland for B Crealey, J McElroy for C Mackin, R Grugan (0-3) for G McParland, J Hall for R McShane, E McGeown for E Rafferty.

Referee: Paddy Neilan (Roscommon)

## **QUARTER FINAL**

**SUNDAY 20TH MAY** 

Tyrone 1-16 Monaghan 1-18 in Healy Park

**TYRONE:** N Morgan; P Hampsey (O-1), R McNamee, C McCarron; T McCann, F Burns, C Meyler; C Cavanagh, M Donnelly (O-1); C McShane (O-1), N Sludden (O-2), P Harte (O-1); L Brennan (O-3), C McAliskey (O-6), M Bradley.

**Subs:** R O'Neill for M Bradley, D McClure for C Cavanagh, M McKernan (1-1) for C McCarron, K McGeary for L Brennan, HP McGeary for T McCann, C McCann for R O'Neill.

MONAGHAN: R Beggan (0-4); D Mone (0-1), D Wylie (0-1), R Wylie; K Duffy, V Corey (1-0), K O'Connell; N Kearns, D Hughes; F Kelly (0-1), J McCarron (0-2), D Ward; R McAnespie (0-1), K Hughes, C McManus (0-6).

**Subs:** C McCarthy (0-1) for D Ward, O Duffy for J McCarron, C Walshe (0-1) for D Mone.

Referee: David Coldrick (Meath)

## QUARTER FINAL

**SATURDAY 26TH MAY** 

Down 1-18 Antrim 0-14 in Páirc Esler

**DOWN:** M Reid; C Flanagan, B McArdle (O-1), A Doherty (O-3); D O'Hagan, N McParland, C Mooney (O-1); P Turley, N Donnelly; K McKernan (1-1), C Maginn, S Millar (O-2); D O'Hare (O-7), C Harrison (O-1), R Millar.

**Subs:** S Dornan (O-2) for K McKernan (BC), J Flynn for R Millar, D McKibbin for C Mooney, R McAleenan for C Flanagan, C McGrady for C Harrison, N Madine for D O'Hare.

**ANTRIM:** C Kerr; P Healy, P Gallagher, N Delargy; K O'Boyle, R Johnston, J Laverty; P McAleer, N McKeever; M Sweeney, C Murray (0-4), R McCann; R Murray (0-2), M Fitzpatrick (0-1), P McBride (0-4).

**Subs:** C Duffin (0-1) for P Gallagher, S Beatty for N McKeever, K Healy (0-2) for R McCann, D Lynch for J Laverty, O Eastwood for P McAleer, M McCarry for P Healy.

Referee: Derek O'Mahony (Tipperary)

## **QUARTER FINAL**

**SUNDAY 27TH MAY** 

Derry 0-16 Donegal 2-16 in Celtic Park

**DERRY:** B McKinless; P McNeill, B Rogers, K McKaigue; K Johnston, C McKaigue, S L McGoldrick; C McAtamney, M Bateson; P Cassidy, E Bradley (0-8), P Coney; E Lynn, S McGuigan, M Lynch (0-5).

**Subs:** L McGoldrick for S L McGoldrick, J Doherty for M Bateson, C McWilliams for B Rogers, N Toner (0-1) for S McGuigan, J Kielt (0-2) for C McAtamney, P Hagan for P Cassidy.

**DONEGAL:** S Patton; P McGrath, N McGee, E Ban Gallagher; C Ward, F McGlynn, P Brennan; H McFadden (1-0), L McLoone (0-3); C Thompson, M Langan, R McHugh (0-2); P McBrearty (0-8), M Murphy (0-2), J Brennan (0-1).

**Subs:** S McMenamin for N McGee, O MacNiallais for M Langan, C Mulligan (1-0) for P Brennan, C McGinley for C Thompson, D O Baoill for P McGrath, M McHugh for F McGlynn.

Referee: Maurice Deegan (Laois))



Antrim's Conor Murray takes on Darren O'Hagan

## SEMI-FINAL SUNDAY 3RD JUNE

## Fermanagh 1-8 Monaghan 0-10 in Healy Park

**FERMANAGH:** P Cadden; K Connor, C Cullen, M Jones; B Mulrone, J McMahon, L Cullen; E Donnelly (1-0), R Jones; P McCusker, D McCusker, A Breen (0-2); Sean Quigley (0-3), C Jones (0-1), C Corrigan.

**Subs:** D Teague for M Jones, R Corrigan for P McCusker, T Corrigan (0-2) for Sean Quigley, T Clarke for C Corrigan, R Lyons for C Jones.

MONAGHAN: R Beggan; K Duffy, D Wylie (0-2), R Wylie; D Mone, V Corey, F Kelly (0-1); K O'Connell, D Hughes; K Hughes, N Kearns, D Ward; R McAnespie (0-1), J McCarron, C McManus (0-5).

**Subs:** C McCarthy for D Ward, D Malone for J McCarron, C Walshe (0-1) for F Kelly, O Duffy for K Hughes, C Boyle for D Mone, S Carey for V Corey (BC).

Referee: Conor Lane (Cork)

## SEMI-FINAL SUNDAY 10TH JUNE

## Donegal 2-22 Down 1-12 in Clones

**DONEGAL:** S Patton; P McGrath, N McGee, E Gallagher; C Ward (0-1), P Brennan (0-2), R McHugh (0-2); H McFadden, L McLoone (1-0); C Thompson (0-1), M Langan, F McGlynn; P McBrearty (0-6), M Murphy (0-5), J Brennan (1-3).

**Subs:** D O Baoill for Langan, O MacNiallais for McLoone, C Mulligan for Thompson, S McMenamin (O-1) for Gallagher, M McHugh (O-1) for McGlynn, E Doherty for P Brennan.

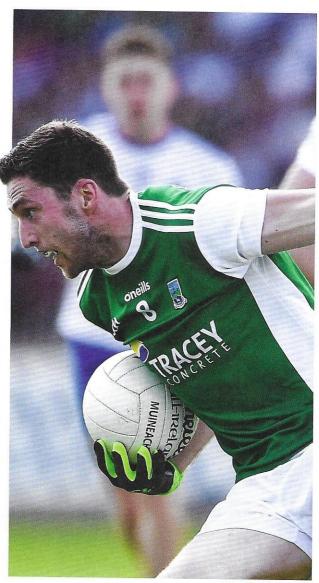
**DOWN:** M<sup>\*</sup>Reid; C Flanagan, B McArdle, A Doherty; D O'Hagan, N McParland, C Mooney (O-1); P Turley, N Donnelly (1-1); K McKernan, C Maginn (O-2), S Millar; D O'Hare (O-4), C Harrison (O-4) R Millar.

**Subs:** R Johnston for R Millar, R Wells for McParland, S Dornan for S Millar, C Poland for Doherty, D McKibben for Turley, F Flynn for McKibbin.

Referee: Anthony Nolan (Wicklow)

## **TOP SCORERS**

PATRICK MCBREARTY	Dún na nGall	0-18 (18)
MICHAEL MURPHY	Dún na nGall	0-13 (13)
CONOR MCMANUS	Muineachán	0-11 (11)
DONAL O'HARE	An Dún	0-11 (11)
JAMIE BRENNAN	Dún na nGall	1-06 (9)



Eoin Donnelly holds tight

## GAEILGE SA CHLUB

Ulster GAA, in association with Ulster University, have announced a £10,000 investment for GAA club members to undertake third level study in the Irish Language for the academic year 2018/19.

In its sixth year, the Gaeilge sa Chlub initiative invites GAA club members to apply for a scholarship to assist them with the course fees for studying a Diploma in Irish from the Ulster University. Successful scholars will be required to commit to running an effective Irish Language project back in their GAA club after 6 months study.

Launching Gaeilge sa Chlub 2018/19
Ulster GAA President Michael
Hasson said, "Ulster GAA is proud
to once again invest in helping GAA
grassroots develop their knowledge
and understanding of the Irish
Language. We are committed to the
promotion of Irish in all GAA settings
and the Gaeilge sa Chlub initiative
encourages scholars to develop
their knowledge through a work
experience project back in their club.
This means, not only do individual
GAA members benefit from their

participation in the Gaeilge Sa Chlub initiative, but their club also benefits by the promotion of Irish in their club.

"We are delighted to work in association with Ulster University in delivering this initiative and I encourage all those GAA members from across Ulster's nine counties to get applying for this scholarship.

Speaking at the launch Malachy O'Neill from Ulster University said, "The Irish Diploma is a very popular course for Ulster University and we are delighted to once again have Ulster GAA on board to assist some students with their course fees. The Gaeilge sa Chlub initiative encourages the use of the Irish Language back in GAA club settings and this gives our students the perfect setting for developing their knowledge and use of the language."

Past recipient of the "Gaeilge sa Chlub" bursary, Damien Mór Ó Néill, has now completed his degree with first class honours. Speaking at a recent event he said " After years of independent study and informal classes, I took up the UU diploma in Cookstown and it made a major difference. You are given a firm

structure and it is the springboard to advanced Irish. The GAA members' bursary through Ulster GAA's 'Gaeilge sa Chlub' initiative was a great help. With the diploma completed, I moved onto the part-time UU degree in Belfast and completed it recently.

Today I work as an Irish Language Development Officer with Cairde Uí Néill in Coalisland and I am happy to say that Irish Language is thriving in the area and we are always looking at ways to promote the Irish within our local GAA clubs."

All applications MUST be received by the deadline of 5pm Friday 7th September 2018 by either email to ashelene.groogan.ulster@gaa.ie or by post to Ashelene Groogan, Gaeilge Sa Chlub, Ulster GAA, Ceannaras Uladh, 8-10 Market Street, Armagh, BT61 7BX. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

Anyone interested in applying for a Gaeilge Sa Chlub Scholarship should log onto: www.ulster.gaa.ie/ gaeilgesachlub or contact Ashelene Groogan on 028 37517 180 or email ashelene.groogan.ulster@gaa.ie





## E PAST DECADE

PLAYED 55 WON 38 LOSS 16 DRAW 1

USFC R1 **USFC QF USFC SF** 

Donegal 2-20 Cavan 1-15 Derry 0-16 Donegal 2-16 Donegal 2-22 Down 1-12

USFC OF **USFC SF** AIQ R2A AIQ R3A

AIQ R4A

Donegal 3-19 Antrim 1-09 Tyrone 1-21 Donegal 1-12 Donegal 0-12 Longford 0-07 Meath 1-14 Donegal 1-15 Donegal O-14 Galway 4-17

USFC OF **USFC SF** USFC SF R AIQ R4B AI QF

Donegal 2-12 Fermanagh 0-11 Monaghan 0-14 Donegal 1-11 Donegal 0-17 Monaghan 2-10 USFC FINAL Tyrone 0-13 Donegal 0-11 Cork 1-15 Donegal O-21 Dublin 1-15 Donegal 1-10

USFC R1 **USFC QF USFC SF** AIQ R4B AI OF

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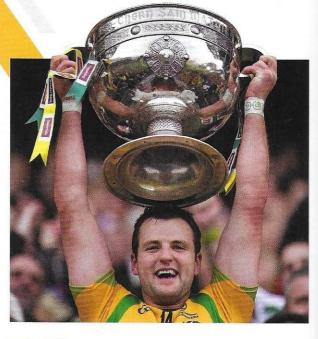
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**USFC OF USFC SF** AIQ R4 AI QF

Donegal 2-10 Tyrone 0-10 Donegal 0-12 Down 0-09 USFC FINAL Monaghan 0-13 Donegal 0-07 Laois 0-08 Donegal 0-14 Mayo 4-17 Donegal 1-10



USFC R1 **USFC OF USFC SF** USFC FINAL AI QF AI SF

AI FINAL

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USFC OF AIO R1

Donegal 2-10 Down 1-15 Armagh 2-14 Donegal 0-11

USFC OF AIQ R1 AIQ R2 AIQ R3 AIQ R4

AI QF

Antrim 1-10 Donegal 0-12 Donegal 2-13 Carlow 1-06 Donegal 0-13 Clare 1-07 Donegal 2-13 Derry O-18 AET Donegal O-14 Galway O-13 Cork 1-27 Donegal 2-10

**USFC OF** AIO R1 AIQ R2

Donegal 1-12 Derry 1-14 Donegal 3-11 Roscommon 1-09 Donegal 0-15 Monaghan 0-16



## THE PAST DECADE PLAYED 34 | WON 20 | LOSS 13 | DRAW 1



**USFC QF** USFC SF

Fermanagh 0-12 Armagh 0-07 Fermanagh 1-08 Monaghan 0-10

AIQ R1B

USFC Prelim Monaghan 1-20 Fermanagh 1-11 Armagh 0-20 Fermanagh 0-11

**USFC QF** AIQ R1B

AIQ R2B

USFC Prelim Fermanagh 1-12 Antrim 0-09 Donegal 2-12 Fermanagh 0-11 Wexford 1-11 Fermanagh 0-19 Mayo 2-14 Fermanagh 1-12

**USFC QF USFC SF** AIQ R2A AIO R3A

AIQ R4A AI QF

Fermanagh 1-13 Antrim 0-08 Monaghan 1-20 Fermanagh 0-13 Fermanagh 1-21 Antrim 0-11 Fermanagh 1-14 Roscommon 0-16 Westmeath 0-07 Fermanagh 1-13 Dublin 2-23 Fermanagh 2-15

**USFC OF** AIQ R1A

Fermanagh 3-13 Antrim 2-18 Laois 1-19 Fermanagh 2-15

**USFC QF** AIQ R1 AIQ R2

Cavan O-13 Fermanagh O-11 Westmeath 1-15 Fermanagh 3-10 Cavan 1-14 Fermanagh 0-10

## 2012

USFC OF AIQ R1

Down 2-10 Fermanagh 1-08 Fermanagh 0-15 Cavan 3-13

**USFC QF** AIO R1

Derry 1-18 Fermanagh 1-10 London 0-15 Fermanagh 0-09

**USFC QF USFC SF** AIQ R2

Cavan 0-13 Fermanagh 1-13 Fermanagh 2-08 Monaghan 0-21 Fermanagh 0-07 Armagh 0-11

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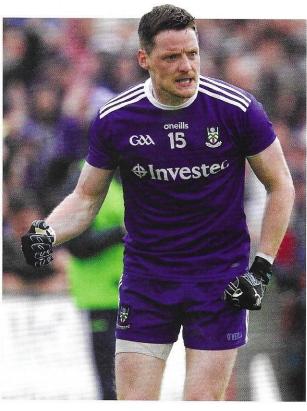
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Monaghan 0-10 Fermanagh 2-08 Fermanagh 1-11 Derry 1-09 Armagh 2-08 Fermanagh 1-11 Armagh 1-11 Fermanagh 0-08 Kildare 0-11 Fermanagh 0-05



## **ULSTER TOP SCORERS** | 1948-2017

2017	Conor McManus (Monaghan)	2-13 (19)	1992	Enda Gormley (Derry)	
2016	Conor McManus (Monaghan)	1-20 (23)	1991	Ross Carr (Down)	(
2015	Conor McManus (Monaghan)	1-19 (22)	1990	Manus Boyle (Donegal)	
2014	Conor McManus (Monaghan)	1-16 (19)	1989	Martin McHugh (Donegal)	
2013	Martin Dunne (Cavan)	0-17 (17)	1988	Stephen Conway (Tyrone)	(
2012	Colm McFadden (Donegal)	2-18 (24)	1987	Enda Gormley (Derry)	(
2011	Eoin Bradley (Derry)	2-10 (16)	1986	Brendan Mason (Down)	
2010	Paul Finlay (Monaghan)	0-14 (14)	1985	Eamon McEneaney (Monaghan)	
2009	Paddy Cunningham (Antrim)	0-19 (19)	1984	Frank McGuigan (Tyrone)	
2008	Steven McDonnell (Armagh)	1-17 (20)	1983	Derek McDonnell (Cavan)	1
2007	Thomas Freeman (Monaghan)	1-15 (18)	1982	John Corvan (Armagh) &	
2006	Oisin McConville (Armagh)	3-25 (34)		Peter McGinnity (Fermanagh)	
2005	Stephen O'Neill (Tyrone)	1-26 (29)	1981	Eamonn McEnaney (Monaghan)	&
2004	Colm McFadden (Donegal) &	2 Z		Brendan McGovern (Down)	
	Oisin McConville (Armagh)	1-13 (16)	1980	Patsy Hetherington (Tyrone) &	
2003	Peter Canavan (Tyrone)	1-38 (41)		Patsy Kerlin (Tyrone)	
2002	Rory Gallagher (Fermanagh)	4-12 (24)	1979	Kieran Finlay (Monaghan)	
2001	Rory Gallagher (Fermanagh)	0-16 (16)	1978	Donal Donohoe (Cavan)	
2000	Rory Gallagher (Fermanagh)	1-19 (22)	1977	Brendan Kelly (Derry)	
1999	Oisin McConville (Armagh)	3-18 (27)	1976	Steve Duggan (Cavan)	
1998	Joe Brolly (Derry) &		1975	Willie Walsh (Down)	
	Tony Boyle (Donegal)	0-13 (13)	1974	Seamus Bonnar (Donegal)	(
1997	Joe Brolly (Derry)	3-15 (24)	1973	Patsy Hetherington (Tyrone)	(
1996	Peter Canavan (Tyrone)	3-13 (22)	1972	Joe Winston (Donegal)	(
1995	Peter Canavan (Tyrone)	0-20 (20)	1971	Sean O'Connell (Derry)	85
1994	Peter Canavan (Tyrone)	1-17 (20)	1970	Andy McCallin (Antrim)	
1993	John Toner (Armagh)	0-23 (23)	1969	Sean Woods (Monaghan) &	
	Marie Barrell			Gene Cusack (Cavan)	
			1968	Paddy Doberty (Down)	



1975	Willie Walsh (Down)	3-08 (17)
1974	Seamus Bonnar (Donegal)	6-04 (22)
1973	Patsy Hetherington (Tyrone)	0-17 (17)
1972	Joe Winston (Donegal)	0-26 (26)
1971	Sean O'Connell (Derry)	1-18 (21)
1970	Andy McCallin (Antrim)	3-15 (24)
1969	Sean Woods (Monaghan) &	
	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 (1.9)
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)
1953	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)	3-18 (27)
1949	Peter Donohoe (Cavan)	4-10 (22)
1948	Peter Donohoe (Cavan)	3-12 (21)
VALUE OF THE PARTY		

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## THE ANGLO CELT CUP

## **ULSTER 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.

Such is the strength of the Ulster Championship, the Anglo-Celt remains welcome and prized wherever it goes.

# 2018 ELECTRIC IRELAND ULSTER GAA FOOTBALL MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP SUMMARY



2018 marked a change for the Minor Football Championship in Ulster, with beaten teams now benefitting from a second chance up to the semi finals stage. Coupled with the change in age grade from U18 to U17, it has been unfamiliar territory for all involved, but there is no doubt that the quality and excitement on offer has only heightened thanks to the new format. Four games have required extra time to find a winner, with Cavan and Tyrone taking the direct route to the semi finals by winning their two games to date.

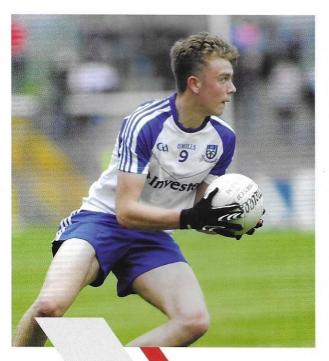
## PRELIMINARY ROUND

Doire 2-14 Muineachán 2-13 (AET)

## **ROUND 1**

Aontroim 0-08 Fear Manach 2-08 Dún na nGall 1-10 Tír Eoghain 5-12 An Dún 0-11 Ard Mhacha 0-08 (AET) An Cabhán 0-18 Doire 1-14 (AET)

Following their last gasp, extra time winner against Monaghan seven days previous, Derry were at it again when their game with Cavan needed two phases of extra time in over 100 minutes of football to find a winner. Jack Trainor was the hero for Cavan with the crucial late score that separated the sides. Achlin O'Cathain and Oisin Jackson scored the goals for Fermanagh in their victory over Antrim, with Mark Hayes scoring 2-4 as Tyrone rattled five goals past a lacklustre Donegal. The remaining Round 1 game was another that needed extra time, with Down eventually overcoming Armagh in a low scoring affair.



## **OUALIFIER ROUND 1**

Aontroim 0-07 Muineachán 3-12

## **ROUND 2**

An Dún 0-09 Tír Eoghain 2-11 Fear Manach 1-07 An Cabhán 2-09

## **QUALIFIER ROUND 2**

Ard Mhacha 1-05 Doire 3-14 Dún na nGall 1-10 Muineachán 1-12

After comfortably overcoming Antrim in the Qualifiers Round 1, Monaghan travelled to Ballybofey in Round 2. Donegal had led by three points at half time, and even stretched that lead to five into the second half, but Monaghan slowly reeled them in two claim a two-point victory. Joining them in the next round of the Qualifiers were Derry, who had Eoghan Hawe and Enda Downey in fine scoring form against Armagh.

Semi final spots were at stake in the two Round 2 games, with Cavan and Tyrone progressing. Fionntán O'Reilly scored a crucial late goal for Cavan as they overcome a stern challenge from Fermanagh, who had Conor Love weigh in with 1-4 of his own. Daniel Fullerton and Mark Hayes bagged the goals for Tyrone in their victory over Down at Páirc Esler.

## **QUALIFIER ROUND 3**

An Dún 1-16 Muineachán 1-20 (AET)

Doire 2-11 Fear Manach 0-05

For the second time this summer Monaghan needed extra time to progress to the semi-finals, this time at the expense of a gallant Down side. Ryan Connolly's late free for the Mournemen forced extra time, part of a personal haul of 0-6. However, he was eclipsed by Aaron Mulligan, with the Latton clubman weighing in with 0-7 in a clinical display of shooting. Eoghan Hawe grabbed both the Derry goals in the other game, bringing his total to five goals in four games, as the Oakleaf moved into the last four as they bid to retain their Minor title from last year.

Sunday 1st July Semi Finals at the Athletic Grounds, Armagh An Cabhán V Muineachán (5.15pm) Tír Eoghain V Doire (7.00pm)

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## MATCH 1 - ROSLEA ROAD END

- 1. Oisin McGorman Scoil Mhuire, Latton, Monaghan
- 2. Conor Mulligan, St. Mary's Primary School, Fermanagh
- 3. Conor Sharpe Mullahoran National School, Cavan
- 4. Tom Lunny St. Ronan's Primary School, Fermanagh
- 5. David Crilly Dromintee Primary School, Armagh
- 6. Liam McEnhill St. Teresa's Primary School, Belfast
- 7. Ciaran Brady St. Mary's Primary School, Derry
- 8. Matthew Cearbhallain Scoil Rois, Monaghan
- 9. Conor Burns Scoil Naomh Eanna, Monaghan

- 1. James O'Hanlon St. Clare's Abbey, Newry, Down
- 2. Tom Plunkett St. Patrick's National School, Cavan
- 3. Seaghan Mac Cormaic Taobhog S.N., Dun na nGall
- 4. Tiernan Ward Scoil Mhuire, Glenties, Donegal
- 5. Barra McEvoy St. Malachy's Primary School, Down'
- 6. James Moriarty Tannaghmore Primary School, Armagh
- 7. Ryan McKeever St. Mary's Primary School, Antrim
- 8. Jude Bryson Faughanvale Primary School, Derry
- 9. Cathal Mac Cubhtaigh Gaeilscoil Lorgan, Monaghan

## MATCH 2 - O'DUFFY TERRACE END

- 1. Euan McAreavey Tannaghmore Primary School, Armagh
- 2. Dara Cathcart St. Naile's Primary School, Fermanagh
- 3. Luke Gilmartin Castletara National School, Cavan
- 4. James Tierney Holy Trinity Primary School, Fermanagh
- 5. Corey Walsh Holy Child Primary School, Belfast
- 6. Craig McGuinness Faughanvale Primary School, Derry
- 7. Aaron Quinn Saint Peter's Primary School, Tyrone
- 8. Mickey Joe McGlinchey Our Lady of Lourdes Primary, Tyrone
- 9. Conor Devlin St. Patrick's Primary School, Tyrone

- 1. Cian Kearney Killygarry National School, Cavan
- 2. Eoghan Hegarty Cashel National School, Donegal
- 3. Brendan McLaughlin St. Patrick's Boy's National School, Dones
- 4. DJ Farrell St. Patrick's Primary School, Down
- 5. Rory Fearon St. Patrick's Primary School, Down
- 6. Luke Hanna St. Mary's Primary School, Armagh
- 7. Daire Stil O'Loinsigh Gaeilscoil Eanna, Aontroim
- 8. Cormac Og McCloskey Saint Mary's Primary School, Demi
- 9. Oisin Lynch Saint Patrick's Primary School, Tyrone



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It has now become traditional for groups of underage players to participate in half time games, in the promotion of both the RESPECT campaign and the GoGames philosophy. During these games the underage players display the many skills they have developed through their participation in Cumann na mBunscol and Club competitions.

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