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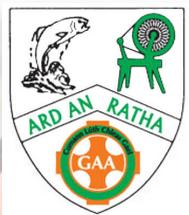


## Cluiche Ceannais - Craobh Peile Sinsear A and B 2021

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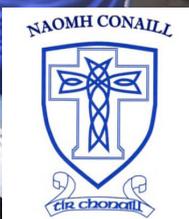
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# Fáilte on Cathaoirleach

Mar Chathaoirleach CLG Dhún na nGall, ba mhaith liom fáilte a chur romhainmh go léir anseo inniu go Páirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill i mBealach Féich. Tá sé deas go bhfuil daoine abalta freastal ar chluichí arís agus ar ndóigh cuireann sé seo chomh mór leis an atmaisféar fosta.

Beidh Naomh Adhamhnain agus Naomh Conaill ag casadh ar a cheile sa chluiche sinsear agus ní raibh morán idir na foirne seo insna cluichí móra sa chraobh le blianta beaga anuas. Tá Naomh Adhamhnain ag imirt in eidean Ard a' Ratha sa chluiche ceannais B. Sílim nach mbeidh mórán idir na foirne inniú i gceachtar den dá chluiche agus tá mé cinnte go mbeidh dhá chluiche de ard-chaiighdea again

On behalf of CLG Dhún na nGall I welcome you all to Páirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill today, especially all the Officers, past and present, and the players, mentors, and supporters from the competing Clubs.

The GAA is Ireland's largest and most vibrant sporting and cultural organisation. Founded in 1884 it has over the subsequent century and a quarter spread into every part of Ireland and has been transported by Irish emigrants into every corner of the world. 95% of its huge volume of activity is at club level, and the participation in a county final at whatever age group/grade, is still the biggest game of the year for those involved. The pride in representing your Club on County Final day is something that remains with you for the rest of your life.

Today we have two of the top Clubs in Donegal once again appearing in our Senior Football Final. CLG Naomh Conaill and CLG Naomh Adhamhnain are no strangers to this big occasion although St Eunans appear with a new young team and Naomh Conaill are the form team in recent years. I've no doubt it will lead to a very entertaining game and may be the best team win. I also welcome the players, mentors and officers associated with CLG Ard an Ratha and again CLG Naomh Adhamhnain who contest our Senior B final, the best of luck to both teams in their endeavours today.

Please support our championship sponsor Michael Murphy Sports and Leisure, and to all our GAA sponsors mentioned elsewhere in today's match programme, I thank you all for your generosity in helping our games to grow. To our man of the match sponsors it's a lovely recognition to achieve.

I welcome the 1996 County Champions of 25 years ago CLG Na Cealla Beaga who are special VIP guests here today and I'm sure they will enjoy their regrouping and old memories from a time when they contested seven county Senior finals in a nine year period winning 5 of them.



Our match Officials I thank you all for assisting in conjunction with a very efficient County Competitions Control Committee in delivering a complete programme of fixtures in a tight calendar. Under the Government Covid-19 regulations and the guidelines of headquarters in Croke Park you have completed your fixtures programme on schedule. Thanks to the chairman of that committee Séamus O Domhnaill and I know he will pass on our thanks to all the committee for their sensible and silent workings throughout the year.

CLG Dhún na nGall present a very special and rare award to special achievements in Donegal GAA when we feel the occasion occurs. Some years back it was presented to the late Jack Hannigan CLG Séan Mac Cumhaill who following a lengthy club footballing career was the man who controlled the tunnel gate here in MacCumhaill Park. Many people will tell you, control it he did, right up until his 100th birthday. It didn't matter what badge you wore or who you were, if Jack said you weren't getting in... you didn't get in. Today we recognise John Murphy Donegal town, who celebrated his 90th birthday a few weeks ago and today he attends his 80th County Senior football final in Donegal. I've known John Murphy all my life and he is a walking encyclopaedia of GAA knowledge and facts. We are delighted to recognise your lifetime input to the GAA in Donegal, and enjoy your day with us as a VIP guest. You can read more on John elsewhere in today's programme.

This month also sees the arrival of the new Donegal jersey in time for the perfect Christmas present for all Donegal fans. It carries a shadow print of the names of our 40 clubs and the new sponsors on the sleeves - London and Dublin based POD-TRACK owned by Paul O'Donnell from Glencolmille and also GOBAL HYDRATE who are our new hydration partners as we introduce a new tetra pack water carton as we attempt to remove plastic containers from Donegal GAA grounds. Donegal GAA are the first county to take this responsible step towards a sustainable future. We also acknowledge the continued sponsorship, on the back of the new jersey, of our long association with Liam Clancy in the Abbey Hotel and the change of ownership of KN on the front to CIRCET, with special thanks to Donagh Kelly.

Finally as GAA members we continue to exercise caution in relation to Covid-19. It is still in the midst of our communities. Despite gigantic steps forward with a third round of vaccinations already started, we all have a role to play in encouraging responsible behaviour especially around social gatherings.

Tá súil agam go mbeifidh achán duine sult agus taithneamh as an ocaid.

**Mick McGrath**  
Chairperson Donegal GAA

# CLUICHE CEANNAIS CHRAOBH SHINSEAR 2021 DHÚN NA NGALL

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## CLÁR AN LAE

Dé Domhnaigh 7ú Samhain 2021

- 14:25 Marching Band
- 14:20 1995 & 1996 County Champions assemble in the Stand
- 14:25 1995 & 1996 County Champions proceed to the pitch
- 14.50 Both Club Secretaries to present Team Lists in Referees Room
- 14.55 Naomh Conaill amach ar an bpáirc
- 14.57 Naomh Adhamhnáin amach ar an bpáirc
- 15.00 Oifigigh an Chluiche amach ar an bpáirc
- 15.05 Toss
- 15.09 Three minute warning before Amhrán na bhFiann
- 15.11 One minute warning before Amhrán na bhFiann
- 15.12 Amhrán na bhFiann. Players should stand to attention respectfully facing the flag. At least 30 seconds will be provided to teams after the anthem, this is to allow for any team huddles or warmups before they are required to get into position for the start of the game.
- 15.15 Tús an chluiche  
A water break will take place between the 15th & 20th minute of the half\*\*
- 15:49 Leath-am. Naomh Conaill to leave the field immediately on half time whistle. Naomh Adhamhnáin to leave the field once Naomh Conaill have cleared the tunnel
- 16:00 Tús an dara leath  
A water break will take place between the 15th & 20th minute of the half
- 17.33 Críoch an chluiche
- 17:35 Presentation of the MAN OF THE MATCH award sponsored by Ann McGeehin
- 17:37 Presentation of the Dr. Maguire Cup by Mick McGrath, Cathaoirleach Bhord an Condae
- 12.35 Both Club Secretaries to present Team Lists in Referees Room
- 12.40 Ard a Ratha amach ar an bpáirc
- 12.43 Naomh Adhamhnáin amach ar an bpáirc
- 17:00 Oifigigh an Chluiche amach ar an bpáirc
- 17.10 Toss
- 17.15 Tús an chluiche  
A water break will take place between the 15th & 20th minute of the half\*\*
- 17:49 Leath-am. Ard a Ratha to leave the field immediately on half time whistle. Naomh Adhamhnáin to leave the field once Naomh Adhamhnáin have cleared the tunnel
- 18:00 Tús an dara leath  
A water break will take place between the 15th & 20th minute of the half
- 18:35 Críoch an chluiche
- 18:40 Presentation of the Senior B Cup by Mick McGrath, Cathaoirleach Bhord an Condae

# Brónach Harkin

Brónach Harkin is 17 years old, she is from the Isle of Doagh, Clonmany. Brónach is a member of CLG Iorras and is the current Scór na nÓg county champion. Brónach has a great love of traditional Irish music and traditional singing. She has participated in Scór na nÓg over the years in instrumental music and solo singing. Brónach is proud to represent her club and county by singing Amhrán na bhFiann in MacCumhaill Park today.



## Amhrán na bhFiann

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Ní fhágfar faoin tíorán ná faoin tráil  
Anocht a théim sa bhearna baoil,  
Le gean ar Ghaeil chun báis nó saoil  
Le gunnascreach faoi lámhach na bpiléar  
Seo libh canaigí Amhrán na bhFiann.

## Ground Regulations

01. All persons entering this ground are admitted only subject to the following Ground Regulations and to the Rules and regulations of Cumann Luthchleas Gael. Entry to the ground shall be deemed to constitute unqualified acceptance of all these Rules and Regulations.
02. Fireworks, smoke canisters, gas- horns, bottles, glasses, cans, flags, banners, poles and other similar articles or containers, including anything which could or might be used as a weapon, are not permitted within the ground and any person in found to be in possession of such an article or container may be refused entry or ejected from the ground
03. The consumption of alcohol is not permitted within the ground and spectators are not permitted to bring alcohol into the ground.
04. The unauthorized climbing of any structure, walls or buildings in this ground strictly forbidden.
05. Unnecessary noise from the use of radio sets, gas-horns and behavior likely to cause confusion or nuisance of any kind, including foul or abusive language, is not permitted in any part of the ground.
06. Under no circumstances is it permitted to throw any object the pitch.
07. Unauthorised persons are not permitted to enter upon the field of play.
08. Any person who fails to comply with the instruction from a Garda or Steward may be ejected from the ground.
09. In general, the right of admission is reserved to the Ground Management.
10. The Ground Management reserves the right to refuse admission to or eject any person who refuses to be searched by a member of the Garda Síochana.
11. Any person who remains in or obstructs a gangway or circulation area may be ejected from the ground.
12. The Ground Management reserve the right for it's servants or agents to remove from the ground any person who does not comply with the Ground Regulations or whose presence in the ground could reasonably be construed as constituting a source of danger, nuisance or annoyance to other spectators.
13. All persons in the grounds are reminded of their obligation under Section 18(3) of the Fire Services Act 1981 to ensure that their behaviour does not present a danger from fire to anyone using the grounds.

# Trophy Presentation Guidelines

Covid Guidelines advise the physical handing over of cups be avoided. Instead the winning captian trophy should lift the trophy directly rather than it being presented to him. Trophies should remain in the presentation area once the captain has completed his speech. Special attention will be paid to facilitating speeches. The sharing of microphones will be avoided; with two people speaking there will be two microphones available to avoid their sharing.

County Boards were advised to retain trophies until a later date after the presentation is completed but CLG Dhún na nGall have decided to allow the winning team to retain the Intermediate Trophies. It is expected, however, that the clubs will be sensitive to Covid guidelines in the use, and sharing, of the trophy.



Commentary for TG4's broadcast of the 2021 Senior County final will be from Garry MacDonncha and Jarlath Burns. The commentary for the Senior B stream, will be supplied by Ciaran Cannon and Damian Diver.



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# Killybegs - Winners of Greatest Ever Donegal Senior Championship in 1996

(Peter Campbell - Donegal Democrat)

The 1996 Donegal senior championship was probably the greatest ever championship in Donegal with Killybegs having to play nine games to win their fourth title of the '90s, and for most of the team, a fifth title, having won also in 1988.

The South and South-West had something of a monopoly on the senior championship in the early and mid 1990s and this was certainly borne out in 1996. Games were hotly contested with little between the powerhouses of Killybegs, Aodh Ruadh, Kilcar, Ardara and Naomh Columba, who kept battling to finals, only to invariably meet Killybegs or Aodh Ruadh.

In 1996 Killybegs, under the management of Pauric McShea, started out losing to Aodh Ruadh in Fintra but turned it around in Fr Tierney Park to take it to a third game. It ended all square in Tirconaille Park and it took extra-time in a fourth game to separate them. And just when Killybegs thought it might get easier, they needed three games to get to the semi-final as a Jonathan Boyle-inspired Ardara put up great resistance. They overcame Kilcar in the semi-final with Naomh Columba awaiting in the final.

The decider was played in atrocious conditions on the last Saturday in September in MacCumhaill Park (due to the infamous All-Ireland final between Meath and Mayo replay on the following day). By that stage Killybegs and Naomh Columba were meeting for the fourth time in a final, and it was no surprise that there was just a point between them at the finish - Killybegs 1-8, Naomh Columba 1-7.

The match report in the Democrat was in no doubt that Killybegs were worthy winners, having done the spadework in the first half. Manus Boyle, not for the first time, was central to their win, hitting 0-7 in total, while also setting up the first point for Barry Cunningham and it was his 50m free that led to the Killybegs goal, Paul Callaghan fisting to the net in the 8th minute.

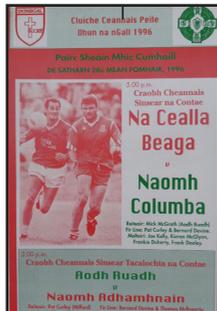
Five Manus Boyle points left Killybegs ahead by 1-6 to 0-2 at half-time. Naomh Columba, as was their way, fought back. Paddy Hegarty won a penalty for Noel to goal while a



minute earlier David Meehan had denied Eugene Doherty.

Substitute Michael Byrne cut the lead to three but Manus replied with his 6th and 7th points to lead by four with nine minutes left. Seamus Carr again cut the lead as John Cunningham was dismissed on a second booking. Naomh Columba tried to the finish with two Noel Hegarty points but again they came up short.

**KILLYBEGS:** David Meehan; Brian Conaghan, Denis Carbery, Anthony Boyle; Trevor McNern, John Cunningham, Peter McGinley; Barry McGowan (capt), John Ban Gallagher; Mark Boyle, Barry Cunningham (0-1), Paul Callaghan (1-0); Conor White, Manus Boyle (0-7,4f), Conal Gallagher. Sub: Shane McGuinness for C Gallagher 50. Rest of panel: Jimmy White, Dermot McGuinness, Arthur Meehan, Tony Hegarty, Eamonn Glancy, Seanie McGinley, Paul Murrin, Andrew Mullin, John Baker Boyle.



**NAOMH COLUMBA:** Martin Gillespie; Georgie Doherty, John Joe Doherty (capt), Patrick Cunningham; Noel McGinley, Dessie Cunningham, Gerard Cannon; Gregory Doherty, Gabriel O'Neill; Conal Cunningham, Noel Hegarty (1-3,pen,2f), Pauric Gillespie; John Paul Curran, Paddy Hegarty (0-1), Eugene Doherty (0-1). Subs: Seamus Carr (0-1) for Curran 22; Michael Byrne (0-1) for O'Neill 38. Rest of panel: Conal Gavigan, Dermot McGinley, Gerard McGill, Brendan Doherty, David Gillespie, Kevin McGinley, Martin Cunningham.

Referee: Mick McGrath (aodh Ruadh)

**FOOTNOTE:** The 1996 Co final programme had an interesting article on the scoring records of both teams in the 1995 and 1996 campaigns.

Manus Boyle finished with an incredible tally of 4-55 in nine championship games in 1996 - almost 7.5 points per game. He was also the leading scorer in the Donegal 1995 championship with 0-21. Pauric Gillespie was Naomh Columba's top scorer in 1996 with 2-28 but he was kept scoreless in the final."

**The 2021 Jubilee Team  
1996 Senior County Champions - Na Cealla Beaga**



## Enda McFeely – Referee Senior A Club Championship Final



Refereeing out of the Naomh Mhuire club in Convooy, Enda McFeely started officiating in 2012 and joined the Ulster Academy in 2015. He has previously taken charge of under 17 Ulster minor league and championship games and under 20 championship as well as Ulster club senior and intermediate league and championship. Enda has refereed in eleven finals including the 2019 first County final (there were two replays).

He previously refereed the 2014 minor B final, the 2015 Junior B final, 2016 Ulster senior league final, 2016 minor A final, 2017 Senior Gaeltacht final, 2017 Scottish Junior and Senior finals in Glasgow, 2017 Senior championship final and the 2018 Intermediate championship final. Enda has officiated in every round of the 2021 Donegal Championship. TG4 viewers will already be familiar with him following the Cill Chartha v Naomh Conaill semi-final two weeks ago.

Enda would like to thank his wife Emer for all her support, his son Shane and those who have officiated with him in this difficult time for all involved with Gaelic games including his team today - Jimmy White, Mark Dorrian and Sean McDaid.

## Today's Officials

### Intermediate A

Referee: Enda McFeely

Standby Referee: Jimmy White

Linesperson: Mark Dorrian

Fourth Official: Sean McDaid

### Intermediate B

Referee: Kenneth Byrne

Standby Referee: Jimmy White

Linesperson: Mark Dorrian

Fourth Official: Sean McDaid

## Kenneth Byrne – Referee Senior B Club Championship Final



Kenneth Byrne is a member of the Naomh Columba club and is a secondary school teacher in St Columba's College Stranorlar. Kenneth is married to Denise and has 2 sons Ryan and Luke.

He started refereeing in 2017. He has previously won the Senior B competition in 2005 and this will be his first time refereeing an adult final. He is looking forward to the final today between Ard an Rátha and Naomh Ádhamhnáin.

Kenneth would like to take this opportunity thank his umpires - Garvan Ward, Raymond Blain, Marc Brown and Gerard McGenra - and the three officials - Jimmy White, Mark Dorrian and Sean McDaid.

# 1 Minute with Odhran Doherty

**Áit is fearr ar an pháirc / Favourite Position:** Half Back

**Caitheanh Aimsire / Hobbies:** Davy Brennan Memorial Park

**Caithimh aimsire / Hobbies:** Like to try hit a golf ball

**Laoch d'óige / Childhood hero:** Karl Lacey

**An t-imreoir is fearr ar imir túleis / Best Player you have played with:** Anthony Thompson - getting better with age

**An t-imreoir is fearr a d'imir túina éadan / Best Player you have played against:** Michael Murphy

**An cluiche is fearr ar imir túann / Best game you have been involved in:** 2020 county final against Kilcar

**An treanálaí is fearr ar an fhoireann / Best trainer within the squad:** Big Cha McGuinness. Always first man on the field and gives 100% effort every night.

**An treanálaí measa ar an fhoireann / Worst trainer within the squad:** Nathan Byrne. Heard he's asking for a new set of hammies off Santa for Christmas

**An duine is spreagúla ar an fhoireann / Best motivator within the squad:** Brendan McDyer

**Aon phisreog / Any superstitions:** Same seat in the changing room

**An t-amhrán is fearr leat / Favourite Song:** Earth, Wind and Fire - September

**An scannán is fearr leat / Favourite Film:** Stepbrothers

**Áit is fearr do laethanta saoire / Favourite Holiday Destination:** Magaluf

**An béile is fearr leat / Favourite Meal:** Chicken and Pasta

**An chomhairle is fear a fuair tú / Best advice ever received:** "Make him kick it" Connie Doherty

**An tionchar is mórt mar imreoir / Biggest influence on career:** Family

**Oibrídeonach ar leith sa chlub / Club Volunteer of note:** Martin Shanky and Muriel Hegarty

**An t-amhrán a n-éistean túleis roimh chluichí / Song you listen to before big games:** Numb - Linkin Park

**An scil is tábhachtaí / Most important skill:** Kick Passing

**An bua peile is móotáagat / Biggest Strength in your game:** Running

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

**Comhairle do dhaoine óga / Advice for youngsters:** Never doubt yourself, train hard and enjoy the process

**Imreoir óg sa chlub a mbeidh iomráir sa todchaí / Young Player within your club to look out for:** Oran Doherty

**An rud is fearr fán CLG / Best thing about the GAA:** it brings a lot of joy to people of all ages

**Batman / Superman -** Batman

**Up Early / Lie in -** Up early

**Chinese / Pizza -** Pizza

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# The Great John “Spud” Murphy

by GERRY McLAUGHLIN, DONEGAL POST (2017 Interview)

“Wait till I tell ya!” The great John “Spud” Murphy is in full flow in Donegal Town. Donegal Bay is as flat as a silver coin below John’s well appointed home on the Old Golf Course Road as this seanchai, storyteller and general seer talks about his great passion for all things Donegal GAA. For John has been faithfully following Donegal for 85 years since back in 1936! His home is a museum of memorabilia to the past that this very alert 90-year-old has faithfully preserved in homage to his beloved Tir Chonail. His living room is strewn with photographs and memories of times past, of sepiá tinted heroes who wore cloth caps and often cycled to play all over Donegal.

It is all here, Donegal in all its triumphs and tragedies in the home of probably the county’s greatest GAA fan. The stats don’t lie as he has been at every Donegal county final since 1940 and every All-Ireland final from 1953 to 2014. “I got into a car with Sean Slevin, Robbie McShea and Hugh Daly, who was county secretary in 1953 and the first thing Hugh did was to hand me my first ever All-Ireland ticket. “I was high up in the crow’s nest in the Cusack Stand and you were nearer Heaven than you were Croke Park.” He hasn’t missed an Ulster final since 1946 and had 62 All-Ireland’s in a row. And even though his eyesight is not quite as good as it was, John’s forensic memory, ability to simplify the complex, and dole out a telling line remain undimmed. He does not just give you the year of a particular event, but the actual date as well. Also, there is no need to ask too many questions for listening to John is like walking down a winding pleasant country road of golden memories, as he segues from one major event to another, from one major team to another and all capped with pithy observations.

His great memory stretches back to his early childhood days where he was born in Ballyhaunis in County Mayo in August 1931 and seeing the first ever Mayo team coming home with the Sam Maguire in 1936. “I was only five, but when I saw so many grown men crying in delight, I was a GAA man.” Thereafter his life is a tale of two south Donegal towns. John and his family came to live in Chapel Street in Ballyshannon in October 1936, and he later moved to Donegal Town to live in and around 1960 where he rose to the rank of Post Master. “I have never left this county since, except to go on holidays”.

In between, he was a dedicated and hardy corner back for his truly beloved Aodh Ruadh, served as secretary in the 1950s, and was also a county board delegate in the 1940s and 1950s. When he moved to Donegal Town to live in 1959, after coming to work there in 1950, he was a very active treasurer, county board delegate and once went for the post of county treasurer in 1966. John also ran a very successful bingo and was heavily involved until 1973. But his early youth in the 1940s was filled with Aodh Ruadh giants like John “Dodger” McDermott Mick Melly, Bob Gallagher, Red Jack Gallagher, Mick Slevin, P J Goan, Jim “The Natch” and Dan “Gulliver” Doherty, to name but a few.

“In every decade Ballyshannon had at least one footballer that played Railway Cup football going back to the 1920s” he said. They also took county titles as regularly as tea and John has kindly given the “Post” a lend of a photograph of the 1945 team that won the Democrat Cup. Ten years later John was a very proud member of another Aodh Ruadh team that won a Democrat Cup in 1955. He played until 1960 when he moved to Donegal Town. In a parallel but very important universe John followed the great Donegal teams of

those cloth-capped years. Apart from his Aodh Ruadh heroes he saw the legendary Hiudai Beag Gallagher, Peadar McGeehin, Cookie Boyle, the O’Donnell’s from Dungloe, and Big Frank O’Donnell, the ex principal of Rockfield NS who used to play with Aodh Ruadh in the winter time and then head back down to Towney to play with his native Kilcar in summer.



John has been there on all the big occasions, at the NFL semi-final in 1952 when Donegal made their first ever appearance in Croke Park against a star-studded Cork team that included three Kerry men, who went on to play for their own county the following year and win an All-Ireland title. He was there in 1954 when Kerry beat Donegal in the All-Ireland Junior final and his neighbours Jackie McDermott played a blinder for Donegal when he was moved to midfield from goals for the second half. John saw the first ever Donegal team to reach an Ulster Final in 1963 when they were demolished by Down before a huge crowd in Breffni Park. Three years later he saw Aodh Ruadh’s Mickey McLoone captain a much better Donegal team to another Ulster final against Down. Donegal could have won this one and to say that John was not happy with the way Joe Lennon marked Mickey McLoone that day is putting it very mildly.

For John, Frankie McFeely from Ballybofey is a true Donegal great and certainly the county and country’s greatest ever midfielder and it was a very emotional day for John when the elegant McFeely collected the county’s first ever Anglo Celt trophy. John was there in 1974 when Pauric McShea was captain, in 1983 with Mickey Lafferty and in 1990 when Anthony Molloy raised the Anglo Celt high. And the decision to play Manus Boyle at left corner forward was key to the county winning its first ever All-Ireland title in 1992, is John’s firm belief. That was a great team as was a different type of team that took the title under Jim McGuinness in 2012. But for John, the Donegal team of the mid 1960s that contained Railway Cup stars like Seamus Hoare, Bernard Brady, Frankie McFeely, Paul Kelly, Sean O’Donnell, P J Flood, Brian McEniff, Mickey McLoone, Seamie Granaghan and Pauric McShea was definitely the county’s most gifted side. Given the thankless task of picking his best ever Donegal John not only picks his A team but also a B team.

A Team; Paul Durcan (Four Masters), Donal Monaghan (Four Masters), Mick Melly (Aodh Ruadh), Damian Diver (Ardara), Sean O’Donnell (Dungloe), Karl Lacey (Four Masters), Anthony Gallagher (St Eunan’s), Frankie McFeely (Sean MacCumhail’s), Sean Ferriter (St Eunan’s), Mickey McLoone (Aodh Ruadh), Michael Murphy (Glenswilly), “Red Jack” Gallagher (Aodh Ruadh), Hudie Beag Gallagher (Gaoth Dobhair), Tony Boyle (Dungloe), Manus Boyle (Killybegs)

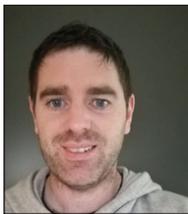
B Team; Charlie Campbell (Dungloe), John Joe Doherty (Naomh Columba) Pauric McShea (Aodh Ruadh), Barry McGowan (Killybegs), Jim “Natch” Gallagher (Aodh Ruadh), Bernard Brady (Bundoran), Frank McGlynn (Glenfin), Jim McFadden (Gaoth Dobhair), Neil Gallagher (Glenswilly), Martin Carney (Aodh Ruadh), Seamus Bonner (Four Masters), P J Goan (Aodh Ruadh), Colm McFadden (St Michael’s), Adrian Sweeney (Dungloe), Patrick McBrearty (Kilcar). Different class!!

## Bainisteoir, Naomh Conaill, Martin Regan

Thar ceann imreoirí agus lucht bainistíochta C.L.G. Naomh Conaill ba mhaith liom fáilte a chur roimh gach duine anseo inniu chuig Cluiche Ceannais an Chontae. County Final Day is the pinnacle of club football in Donegal and it is a great honour for me to lead my club Naomh Conaill on this very special day in the Donegal GAA calendar.

This is a very special year for our club as we commemorate and celebrate the centenary of its founding. I wish to acknowledge and praise those people who established the club in 1921 and those people who for the last 100 years have kept the club going through the difficult times and the good times.

I wish to thank our footballers and all involved in team management who have put in such hard work and dedication during the year to ensure that every effort was made to get us all here today. On behalf of the players and management I would like to thank the committee and club members in Naomh Conaill for their continued help and support. To the Naomh Conaill supporters, who continually support us, day in and day out and



who are always there to cheer us on and to our families who have made huge sacrifices to allow us to prepare as best we can for this game and all games throughout the year- thank you. I want to take this opportunity to thank our main sponsor, The Harcourt Hotel and all other sponsors who have so kindly donated to us

throughout the year.

Today we renew acquaintances with St. Eunan's, who have been the standard bearer in Donegal football for so long. What they have achieved as a club, both on and off the field, is remarkable. Their facilities are magnificent, they have teams at all grades and levels in Gaelic football, Hurling, Ladies football and Camogie and are continuously dining at the top table in all levels also. They are the benchmark all clubs in Donegal are striving to reach and I hope both teams today can serve up a game worthy of this great occasion.

Tá súil agam go mbeidh cluiche breá spórtúil againn agus go mbainfidh sibh uilig sult agus taitneamh as an ócáid. Go dté sibh slán abhaile.

## Captaen, Naomh Conaill, Ciaran Thompson

On behalf of the Naomh Conaill players, I would like to give a warm welcome to all supporters who made it here today, and to those watching at home and around the world. County Final day is a huge occasion in the GAA calendar and one that we are immensely proud to be involved in.

St Eunans and Naomh Conaill have both been there or thereabouts the last number of years and this is testament to the hard work and dedication from players and the backroom teams in both clubs. Additionally, the brilliant



work being carried out at underage level within the two clubs must be noted and a huge thanks to all involved throughout the last number of years.

We have built up a very healthy rivalry with Eunans in recent years and hopefully this will continue in good spirit here today. Finally,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped out Naomh Conaill in any way, to get to where we are today, in what is our centenary year, it is greatly appreciated! Go raibh maith agat.

## Cathairleach Naomh Conaill, Martin Smith

On behalf of everyone involved in Naomh Conaill GAA I want to wish Martin Regan his selectors, entire backroom team and the panel of players the very best of luck in the county final. What Martin and his backroom team along with the players have achieved in these last number of years is outstanding and we owe them all a great debt of gratitude.

This year 2021 our club is celebrating our centenary and it would be great to add the Dr Maguire Cup to what already has been a great year. As a lot of you may know our club is trying to improve our club facilities this year. Already we have upgraded our gym and we are currently installing flood lights on our pitch. None of this work could have been done without the help of so many people. I want to say a special word of thanks to our many volunteers in the club, who go about their work sometimes unnoticed. Also, to my fellow officers in the club who without their help we would not be able to function. The work they do behind the scenes is what keeps the whole club going and I thank them for all they do. To my fellow executive members thank you for your support over the last year and for all your hard work. I would also like to pay tribute to all



those who played their part over the last 100 years to make us what we are today.

These passed number of years has been a difficult time for everyone and GAA clubs have been hit hard by not been able to raise funds to keep our Clubs going. For this I would like to thank our sponsors who have

stuck with us during this time and to all our wonderful supporters who are always there for us.

To our fantastic players who have done so much for our community over the years, you never say die attitude is unbelievable and you have given us so much joy and happiness. I also want to thank your families and all your coaches who have helped you all along the way. Today we are going for 3 in row senior titles and this year a league and championship double and I'm confident that you can achieve this remarkable achievement. My I also congratulate our reserve team who won the reserve league. And a special mention to our 3rd team and management who won the Senior C championship for the first time.

Finally, I offer the sympathy of the club to all the families in the parish who have lost loved ones this past year.



**Good luck to Naomh Conaill today in the Senior County final**

## Paths to the Final

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The draw for the Senior Championship placed three of the four favourites - Gaoth Dobhair, St Eunans and Naomh Conaill - in the same pot but the Cathedral men's happiness was tempered when they were drawn for their first game at home to Kilcar. Leading well at half-time they succumbed to a second half comeback from Towney men to go down 1-10 to 1-12. Nor were they convincing against Termon or Realt na Mara, who are now contesting the Relegation final, only pulling away against both late in the game. A very convincing win against an up-and-coming Aodh Ruadh, however, in Round 4 gave a better indication of where they were heading in the competition.

Naomh Conaill also failed to light up the headlines during their Championship league campaign. In their opening game they had just three points to spare 0-11 to 0-8 against Glenfin. In Round 2 a whirlwind opening against Aodh Ruadh put them in command but the Ballyshannon side hauled themselves back and were deemed unlucky to have only shared the points, scoring 1-10 to Naomh Conaill's 2-7. It seemed the jolt the reigning champions needed when they ran 1-20 past Termon, who managed six points, in Round 3 but seem to falter again in Glenswilly a goal being the difference between the sides.

In contrast to Naomh Conaill and St Eunans, the other perceived giants of Donegal championship football, Kilcar and Gaoth Dobhair, strolled through the league stages. Thus, the quarter-final draw looked daunting for Naomh Conaill when they drew Gaoth Dobhair in the quarterfinal and the winners of Kilcar and Sean MacCumhail in the semi-final, if they made it that far. Gaoth Dobhair never really got out of the blocks as Naomh Conaill conjured a commanding performance very much at odds with their earlier form. In the semi-final they showed this was no flash in the pan. Only three points separated them from Kilcar and the side in blue and gold had a late goal dis-allowed but few would dispute that Naomh Conaill were very much on top at crucial junctures in the game and particularly during the second half.

St Eunans were generally seen as having the easier side of the draw. Naomh Naill were reduced to 14 men very early in their quarterfinal and Eunans left it late to power to an expected victory. A Naul's goal levelled matters - 1-3 to 0-6 - coming up to the second half water-break but the Cathedral town team took command to run out 2-12 to 2-5 winners. In the semi-final, their opponents St Michaels hopes of an upset faded when a key defender saw red early in the second quarter. Eunans only had five points to spare at the end but never looked in bother in a game played in atrocious conditions.

And so to the final. St Eunans have failed to hit top gear against 14-man opposition while having impressed mightily in the difficult side of the knock-out stages Naomh Conaill are many people's favourite to win three in a row in their historic centenary year. The story of the championship so far though is not to read too much into recent results. Both sides played what was in front of them and both efficiently strode to victory. It's all set for an intriguing final.

Elsewhere in this Programme, Ryan Ferry assesses the final from a Naomh Conaill perspective, Conor Breslin looks at St Eunans and Frank Craig previews the Ardara v St Eunans B final.

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# OFFICIAL GAA PLAYING RULES CHANGES 2021

## DENYING A GOAL SCORING OPPORTUNITY: HURLING

(Senior Inter-County only)

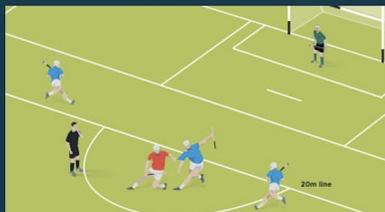
If any of the following infractions are committed, on an attacking player with a goal-scoring opportunity, either inside the 20-metre line or the semi-circular arc.

- (a) To pull down an opponent or
- (b) To trip an opponent with hands, arm, leg, foot, or hurley or
- (c) To use the hurley in a careless manner

the following penalties shall apply -

- (i) A penalty puck shall be awarded to the team affected.
- (ii) Additional to being issued a caution (yellow card), the offender shall be sent to the sin bin for 10 minutes.

**Exception:** If the infraction is a second cautionable infraction, the offender shall be ordered off for the remainder of the game, including extra-time when played.



## TEMPORARY SUBSTITUTION:

A player who sustains a suspected head injury, if instructed by the referee, shall temporarily leave the field of play for further assessment before the player's fitness to return is determined.



## ADVANTAGE RULE FOOTBALL & HURLING

When an aggressive foul is committed, the referee may allow the play to continue if he considers that this presents the potential of a goal-scoring opportunity or another advantage to the team offended by creating or capitalising on time and space.

He shall signal that advantage by raising an arm upright and shall allow the advantage to run by maintaining his arm in the upright position for up to five seconds after the foul or for less time if it becomes clear that no advantage has accrued.

If he deems no advantage to have accrued, he may subsequently award a free for the foul from where it occurred, except as provided under exceptions (v) and (vi) of Rule 2.2.

He shall apply any relevant disciplinary action.



## INTERFERING WITH A KICK/PUCK OUT

It's now a foul to interfere with a goalkeeper by jumping up and down, waving hands or hurley, or any other physical or verbal interference considered by the referee to be aimed at distracting the player taking the kick/puck out.



## MISCONDUCT AT GAMES BY TEAM OFFICIALS

(Inter-County only)

The following changes were made to the rules around misconduct at games by team officials and the introduction of the issuing of yellow & red cards and match suspensions in place of term suspensions for several infractions.

Yellow cards can now be issued to team officials for the following infractions.

- To make an unauthorised incursion onto the field of play.
- To challenge the authority of a referee, umpire, linesman or sideline official.
- To threaten or to use abusive or provocative language or gestures to an opposing player or team official.
- To threaten or to use abusive or provocative language or gestures to a player of own team.

Red cards can now be issued to team officials for the following infractions.

- To use abusive language to a referee, umpire, linesman or sideline official.
- To engage in disruptive conduct.
- Any type of physical interference with an opposing player or team official.
- To interfere with the playing of the game.
- Minor physical interference with (e.g. laying a hand on, pushing, pulling or jostling), threatening or abusive conduct towards, or threatening language to, a referee, umpire, linesman or sideline official.
- Any type of assault on a referee, umpire, linesman or sideline official.

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# The Boys are Back in Town

by CONOR BRESLIN, OCEAN FMS

Winning championship titles has always been second nature to the St Eunans club over the past two decades, however having not appeared in a county final since 2015, and with a team reliant on youth and vigour, the class of 2021 are ready to write a new chapter in their clubs' extraordinary history.

For so long, St Eunans had been the undisputed kingpins of Donegal football, having appeared in twelve county finals in fifteen seasons between 1999 and 2015. However, for the past six years, the Cathedral men had to settle for being the ones looking on from the bleachers, as untold success and purposeful strides have been made elsewhere throughout the county, with Naomh Conaill, who aim to capture their third county title in-a-row, in what would be a fitting tribute in their club's 100th year.

Meanwhile, the Letterkenny men having been working swiftly in the background on recapturing their glory days that was spurred on by a golden generation of players, and in doing so ushered in one of their finest ever players in Rory Kavanagh to guide what is now a new St Eunans' team to the most sought-after prize in Donegal football.

"It's about giving new blood the chance to experience the big day. I have had good experience of it as a player, having played in eleven county finals, so I built a fairly good base there and now it's about sharing that with the players, by encouraging them and making them aware that there is still unfinished business to do," said the St Eunans boss.

Kavanagh made no bold promises when taking over the managerial role from Richard Thornton earlier this year. In wondering where the time has gone, Kavanagh has admitted that it has been a strange but exciting transition from player to gaffer. "There's a mixture of emotions. For me it's a new experience as a manager. It's exciting. I'm going from just worrying about myself, to worrying about thirty other lads. But for the minute we're happy where we're at. We have young players and they're hungry, and for me that's key, so it's not surprising the position that we're in. I got a sense last season that the desire was there to go a couple of steps further and be successful like we have been at underage, so hopefully we can produce it on Sunday."

Kavanagh's side were wounded early at the hands of Kilcar in the opening round, with the Towney men coming from five points down



at half-time to defeat Eunans by two points, while also keeping the Letterkenny men scoreless for twenty-two minutes in the second half.

However, St Eunans quickly recovered from this minor setback to produce comfortable victories over, Termon, Aodh Ruadh, Realt na Mara, a fourteen-man St Nauls team in the quarter-final, and a fourteen-man St Michaels in the semi-final, reaching their 28th ever county final in doing so. However, a huge bulk of the talk surrounding Eunans has been on their naivety and inability to play for a full sixty-minute match, which Kavanagh disagrees with. "I wouldn't agree fully with what's been said about us. Yes, we have sometimes been inconsistent in matches, but we had to absorb some injuries along the way as well. There's a number of factors we look at when accessing performances. Against St Michaels in the semi-final, the conditions were dreadful, and we were playing against a strong wind, and even in that we were still level at half-time. So, you have to look at that side too."

Kavanagh is fully aware that his side, are huge underdogs coming up against a gallant and experienced Naomh Conaill team in their fifth final in succession, who also had to do battle with both Gaoth Dobhair and Kilcar in the knockout stages. "A final's a final, it doesn't bother us. At the end of the day, it's fifteen on fifteen. You always got a real sense of purpose from Naomh Conaill, especially now more than ever. That's why they're there. They have a serious cohesion and understanding of each other's role. They're so impressive to look at, so we know we'll have to be at our very best to beat them."

Both St Eunans and Naomh Conaill are very alike in the way they've come here, with many doubting both teams' earlier performances in the championship, on top of a serious transition in both teams from the players of yesteryear to youth, and finally alongside the stewardship of two young managers in Kavanagh and Martin Regan, each of whom know all too well what it's like to lift the Dr Maguire Cup. Regardless of championship format debates, Covid-19, or official club objections, some things never change, as once more 30 men from St Eunans, and Naomh Conaill will march behind the band on county final day for the fifth time in history, and there is no doubt in anyone's mind that it is going to be a ferocious spectacle.

# Fo-cumainn Naomh Conaill-A Brief History

Founded in 1921 the club has served the Glenties, Fintown and Edeninfagh areas very well since then. The club caters for underage from nursery right up to U-18, U21 and seniors. There is also a very active Ladies branch covering underage and adult teams.

In the early days it was the senior players who were mostly catered for. While teams did contest County Finals in the 1920's, 1930's and 1940's no trophies were ever won. It would be 1965 that we saw another team reach a senior final again only to lose out in a replay to a very good St Joseph's (Bundoran/Ballyshannon) team. Indeed, having won the Junior Championship the previous year hopes were high in this senior final, but it was not to be. In the following years there was some success at the under-age and Intermediate levels, but it would be forty years before we reached another senior final. In 2005 a very young side reached the final against St Eunan's and after a replay the Dr Maguire Cup came to the Parish for the first time. At this time a string of U21 teams came to the fore, playing in 8 consecutive finals between 2006 and 2013 winning five in all.

We reached a senior final in 2009 but lost out to St Eunan's. In 2010 we regained the Dr Maguire Cup at the expense of Na Cella Beaga and went to the final of the Ulster Club Championship only to go down to a powerful Crossmaglen team. We lost out in the 2012 final to St Eunan's but when we renewed acquaintance in the 2015 final the Boys in Blue came out on top. That year too we won the Comortas Peile na Gaeltachta Naisiunta for the first time when it was played in Ardara and we retained the title in 2016 when the final was played in Co. Corcaigh.

We were back in the Senior Championship final again in 2017 with St Eunan's. This time out they revenged for the 2015 defeat. We qualified for the final once again in 2018 with Gaoth Dobhair as opposition. The last time these sides met at this stage of the competition was in 1941 when the Maghergallan men were victorious. That trend was to be continued and Gaoth Dobhair went on to win Ulster and then advanced to the final of the All-Ireland Club Championship only to be beaten by Corofin.

With Gaoth Dobhair as the defending Donegal and Ulster champions, we were to lock horns with them again in the 2019 Co Final. After an exciting trilogy of games, it took the 2nd replay

to separate the sides and on a memorable Wednesday night 30th October we emerged as Co-Champions. In the Ulster club Championship, we beat Castlerahan (Cavan) in the quarter final and Clontibret (Monaghan) in the semi. However, a slick Kilcoo outfit defeated us in the final in Omagh and the Seamus Mc Ferran Cup went east to the Mourne County.

Onwards to 2020 and we were back in the senior county final by virtue of a one-point victory over St Eunans in the semi-final on 13th Sept 2020!

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the 2020 final v Kilcar was not played until 14th August 2021. The game ended all square after extra time and was decided on penalties where we emerged victorious, thus securing back-to-back county titles (2019 & 2020).

2021 is of course the centenary year of our club, on 29th August 1921, men of vision formed our great club at the inaugural meeting in the Market Hall, Glenties and it was fitting that 100 years later, 29th August 2021, the chairman of CLG Dhun na nGall, Mick McGrath was present in our home pitch, Davy Brennan Memorial Park to present us with the 2021 Division 1 and Division 1B (Reserve) League Cups.

During our centenary year we also won the Senior 'C' Championship for the first time in the club's history.

In the group stages of the '21 senior championship we had victories over Glenfin, Termon and Glenswilly and drew with Aodh Ruadh, Ballyshannon. We defeated Gaoth Dobhair and Kilcar in the quarter and semi finals respectively and so we find ourselves in the co final again against old adversaries, St Eunans!

It would indeed be a fitting end to a successful centenary year if we could win three in a row county senior titles!

The fact that we are here again today competing for the premier GAA trophy in the county is testimony to the hard work and commitment of those who have been involved at both adult and underage level in the club. Indeed, the club has competed in and enjoyed numerous successes at all underage competitions down through the decades and we owe a great deal to those who look after and coach our underage teams to such a high standard.

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AJ Gallagher	31	6ft	Full Back	Safety Instructor
Anthony Thompson	35	6ft 1"	Half Back	Engineer
Eoin Waide	33	5ft 11"	Half Back	Ground worker
Leo Mc Loone	32	6ft 1"	Half Forward	Teacher
Ciaran Thompson	26	6ft 2"	Midfield	Teacher
Marty Boyle	37	6ft 1"	Half Back	Machine Operator
Dermot Molloy	30	6ft	Forward	Construction
Ethan O'Donnell	24	6ft	Wing Back	Fibre network planner
Brendan Mc Dyer	34	5ft 10"	Half Forward	Wind farm manager
Charles Mc Guinness	24	6ft 3"	Full Forward	Coach Driver
John O'Malley	28	5ft 10"	Forward	Student
Jeaic Mc Kelvey	22	5ft 10"	Half Back	Student
Eunan Doherty	28	5ft 9"	Half Forward	Accountant
Keelan Mc Gill	21	6ft 1"	Half Back	Student
Nathan Byrne	20	6ft 3"	Midfield	Student
Seamus Corcoran	31	6ft	Centre Forward	Garda
Stephen Molloy	32	5ft 10"	Centre Back	Sales Rep
Hughie Gallagher	28	5ft 11"	Half Back	NCT Technician
Odhran Doherty	21	5ft 11"	Half Back	Defence Force
Ciaran Brennan	28	6ft 2"	Half Back	Accountant
Kiaran Gallagher	23	6ft 3"	Midfield	Occupational Therapist
JD Boyle	23	5ft 9"	Forward	Student
Jason Campbell	30	6ft 1"	Full Back	Defence Force
Ultan Doherty	23	6ft	Corner Back	Architectural Technician
Daragh Gallagher	34	6ft 1"	Half Forward	Biologic Technician
Jordan O'Donnell	23	6ft 2"	Goalkeeper	Student
Shean Roarty	20	6ft 1"	Forward	Commis chef
Paudie Brennan	34	6ft 4"	Goa;keeper	Teacher
Connor Roarty	18	5ft 10"	Forward	Factory worker
Eoghan Mc Gettigan	23	5ft 11"	Half Forward	Student
Daniel Gildea	18	5ft 8"	Half Forward	Student



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Shane O'Donnell	20	5ft 8"	Half Forward	Student
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Padraig McGettigan	19	5ft 9"	Full Forward	Student
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## Oráid Rory Kavanagh – Bainisteoir Naomh Adhamhnáin

We are delighted to be back in a county final after a six year wait. For the players , some have been here before and have experienced the big day but I'm particularly pleased for the younger generation. To get a chance to experience county final day for the first time is something they will always remember.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors at the Mt Errigal Hotel. To Terry and all the family, your continued support throughout the year is much very appreciated by all within our group. I would also like to thank Damien Daly and all the Kernan's team for helping the team prepare in the best way possible for Sunday's game . Some people have wished to remain anonymous in their support of the team and to them we remain as grateful as ever .

To all the management team who have worked tirelessly to help the players arrive at this point- we would not be here today without your time and dedication to the cause. I want to thank each of you. To the members of our club who are living away from home and who have been kind enough to send messages of support to the team.

We feel that support every day. To all club members who have decorated the town with flags and bunting over the past week -a massive thanks to all of you.

We also remember deceased members and how proud they would be today to see the boys take the field. We play for them.

We face formidable opponents today in Naomh Conail who are chasing a three in a row. They bring a huge amount of experience and hunger to get the job done in their Centenary year. They are playing with a lot of confidence this year but our young team are hungry too and we look forward to a good contest .

Finally, I want to say thanks to all the families of the players who have been brilliant in their support of the team all year. I know the boys feel that energy on the pitch so make your voices heard again today. It's feels so good to have you back at our games again.

To my own family ,as ever, I am indebted to you for your patience and understanding for all the sacrifices you make throughout the year.

Up the BLACK and AMBER.

## Focal beag ó Chathairleach Naomh Adhamhnáin – John Haran

As Chairman of St Eunan's GAA Club I am delighted for us to be back in both Senior A and Senior B Co Finals. Co Final day is the Blue Ribbon event for Donegal GAA and an absent of six years has only increased the excitement and antipant for this year's final around the Cathedral Town.



The achievement of our Senior Hurlers last Saturday was just brilliant and has given everyone in the club a great boost going into today's finals. St Eunan's has a proud tradition and I know both our teams will do themselves

and our club justice today.

I want to thank Rory Kavanagh and his backroom team for their dedication and committment throughout the year. Also Conor Morrison and his backroom team who have done a great job getting our Senior B team to the Final. I also want to thank

all our sponsors who generosity is greatly appreciated.

Finally I want to wish all the match officials the best of luck today

## Captain's Say, Niall O'Donnell - Naomh Adhamhnáin

Firstly, I would like to thank the management team for giving me the opportunity to captain St.Eunan's seniors this year. It is a huge honour for me and my family to be captain of this fantastic bunch of players and lead them out on county final day. It's something I dreamed of doing at a young age and to be given the chance to do it I am honoured and grateful.



throughout the year. They have given everything over the last couple of months for St.Eunan's. We are facing a tough task but there is no better opportunity for us to show case our hard work and ability than on county final day.

Secondly I would like to thank the players for all their hard work and honesty

It has been a fantastic couple of weeks for our club with the St Eunan's senior ladies winning along with our hurlers overcoming Setanta in the county hurling final. Let's just hope us and the reserves can add to the collection.

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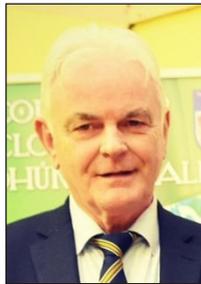
# Forbhreathnú gairid ar ghníomhaíochtaí cultúrtha sa chontae

le Caitríona Nic Suibhne agus Fergus Mac Aoidh CLG Dhún na nGall

Cuireann an Chumann Luathcleas Gael an-béim ar cur chun cinn na Gaeilge. Ón bhliain 1884 ar aghaidh, bhí ról lárnach ag ár dteanga in imeachtaí agus rialacha an C.L.G. Rial 1.4. Aidhmeanna Breise: “The Association shall actively support the Irish language, traditional Irish dancing, music, song, and other aspects of Irish culture...” Tá seo a dhéanadh ag CLG Dhún na nGall. Seo forbhreathnú gairid ar chuid de na príomhghníomhaíochtaí cultúrtha atá ar siúil ag CLG Dhún na nGall.



atá thart agus ó'n am i láthair) a faigheann an deis Amhrán na bhFiann a cheol ag gach ceann de na cluichí craobhchomórtais thábhachtacha i nDún na nGall. Tá muid fíor bródúil as caighdeán ár n-amhránaithe atá againn sa chontae.



**Tráth na gCeist Bord:** Tá suim mhór i nDún na nGall sa chomórtas seo atá go hiomlán i nGaeilge agus ta sé ar siúl sa chontae achán bhliain (taobh amuigh den dá bhliain seo cáite) ó thoisigh an comórtas sa bhliain 2007.

**Scór:** Tháinig méadú mór i nDún na nGall ar líon na gclubanna agus na ngrúpaí a ghlacann páirt i Scór. Le cois sin d'éirigh go maith linn ag leibhéal Uladh agus leibhéal Uile Éireann. Le linn tréimhse gairid (ó 2016) bhain muid 9 dteideal Uladh agus 4 theideal Uile Éireann san iomlán. An mór chuid díofa seo (5 Uladh agus 3 Uile Éireann) i Scór na nÓG. Tá muid brodúil go bhfuil Dún na nGall anois ar cheann de na contaetha is mó le rá in Éirinn ó thaobh rannpháirtíochta i Scór leis an mórchuid de na clubanna ag glacadh páirt. Idir Scór na nÓg agus Scór sinsir, ghlac thart fa 38 de na clubanna sa chontae páirt bliain amháin ar a laghad le cúig bliain anuas.

Cé gur cuireadh deireadh leis an chomórtas ag leibhéal naisiúnta ar feadh seal, lean Dún na nGall ar aghaidh. Thar na blianta ghlac thart fá 25 de na clubanna sa chondae páirt agus le roinnt blianta anuas déirigh go maith le Tráth na gCeist Bord i nDún na nGall.

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**Amhrán na bhFiann:** Is iad Seaimpíní Contae Scór (ó'n am

# Naomh Conaill focused ahead of Eunans' Test

by RYAN FERRY, DONEGAL NEWS

THERE are few teams in the entire country who know county final day quite like this Naomh Conaill side. If you include the trilogy of deciders against Gaoth Dobhair in 2019, this is their eighth final in six years.

There may be a few nerves, but the players will have a well-established routine at this stage and nothing will disrupt their plans too much today. It says a huge amount about Martin Regan's team and the coaching they have received that they are able to come back year after year and reach the big stage.

There have been some disappointing days but in recent years, time after time, they have found a way to come out on top when it really matters. That being said, there were some whispers that perhaps their powers were on the wane as they stuttered past Glenfin in their championship opener and then drew with Aodh Ruadh.

They backed that up with wins over Termon and Glenswilly, but their championship really came alive in the quarter-final with Gaoth Dobhair. Regan's men showed their intent with a terrific 1-10 to 0-8 victory. Naomh Conaill backed that up the following week by beating Kilcar by three points in the semi-final. They have already taken out two of the big-hitters in the competition and will now be eyeing up St Eunan's to complete the hat-trick.

It has been well documented that Naomh Conaill have a strong panel but they have needed it this year. Eoghan McGettigan did his cruciate during the summer and the county panellist is a huge loss.

They have had three months to get their heads around his absence, but Ciaran Brennan and Kieran Gallagher have picked up injuries during this championship, while AJ Gallagher only returned for the semi-final with Kilcar. Gallagher has been Naomh Conaill's regular full-back but Jason



Campbell has deputised superbly in his absence. Ultan Doherty and Kevin McGettigan are tight-marking defenders, while veteran Anthony Thompson still brings huge know-how and craft to the backline. 'Transition players' were all the rage as Tyrone won the All-Ireland earlier this year, and Naomh Conaill have plenty of players who fit into that category.

The likes of Eunan and Odhran Doherty, Jeaic Mac Ceallbhuí and Ethan O'Donnell are just as comfortable in defence as in attack and they can be devastating on the counter attack. Ciaran Thompson is undoubtedly their star man and he regularly produces the goods when his side needs him. Leo McLoone is battling as hard as ever and he won't shy away from winning the dirty ball, while at full-forward, Charlie McGuinness is leading the line superbly. McGuinness brings huge workrate, but crucially he also knows where the posts are, while there are plenty of options off the bench if need be.

Naomh Conaill won't lack for motivation when the ball is thrown in today. They are going for three successive titles, while a win would also open the door back into Ulster where they might have a point to prove after losing the provincial decider in 2019. However, Naomh Conaill haven't enjoyed the success they have had by getting side-tracked at the crucial moment.

They appreciate that a big challenge awaits from St Eunan's, and that they will have to deliver a top class display to win. Regan said: "It's a county final. I don't think either ourselves or Eunan's will be thinking about Ulster at this stage.

"We have a huge battle ahead of us.

"The three in-a-row would be gret and it sounds brilliant and all that but all our focus is on getting a performance and seeing where that takes us."

# Bomaite Le Darragh Mulgrew, Naomh Adhamhnáin

**Áit is fearr ar an pháirc / Favourite Position:** Midfield

**An Pháirc imeartha is fear / Favourite Pitch:** O'Donnell Park/ Breffni Park

**Caitimh aimsire / Hobbies:** GAA, Soccer, Basketball and massive fan following Marvel and Star Wars

**Laoch d'óige / Childhood hero:** Kevin "King" Rafferty/Conal Dunne

**An t-imreoir is fearr ar imir túleis / Best Player you have played with:** Kevin "King" Rafferty

**An t-imreoir is fearr a d'imir túina éadan / Best Player you have played against:** Martin McElhinney/Cathal McShane

**An cluiche is fearr ar imir túann / Best game you have been involved in:** First Championship game against Dungloe

**An treanálaí is fearr ar an fhoireann / Best trainer within the squad:** Cormac Finn

**An treanálaí measa ar an fhoireann / Worst trainer within the squad:** No One

**An duine is spreagúla ar an fhoireann / Best motivator within the squad:** Sean McVeigh (effort in training)

**Aon phisreog / Any superstitions:** None

**An t-amhrán is fearr leat / Favourite Song:** Sunday Morning by Maroon 5

**An scannán is fearr leat / Favourite Film:** Avengers' Infinity War/Remember the Titans

**Áit is fearr do laethanta saoire / Favourite Holiday Destination:** Ski-ing in Austria

**An béile is fearr leat / Favourite Meal:** Pat's Pizza

**An chomhairle is fear a fuair tú / Best advice ever received:** "Go out and play"

**An tionchar is móort mar imreoir / Biggest influence on career:** My dad

**Oibrídeonach ar leith sa chlub / Club Volunteer of note:** Anne Forde / Mr Lotto Adrian Shields

**An t-amhrán a n-éisteann túleis roimh chluichí / Song you listen to before big games:** Whatever is playing in the Dressing Room

**An scil is tábhachtaí / Most important skill:** Handling

**An bua peile is móatáagat / Biggest Strength in your game:** Workrate

**An chuid den chluiche ar mhaith leat a fheabhsú / Area of your game you would like to improve:** Backing myself

**Comhairle do dhaoine óga / Advice for youngsters:** Go out and enjoy the game

**Imreoir óg sa chlub a mbeidh iomráir sa todchaí / Young Player within your club to look out for:** Brian Drum, Lorcan Keeney and David HerHorgan

**An rud is fearr fán CLG / Best thing about the GAA:** Passion/Family

**Batman / Superman -** Batman

**Up Early / Lie in -** Up early

**Chinese / Pizza -** Pizza

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# Intriguing Senior B Decider

by FRANK CRAIG, DONEGAL NEWS

## **A reserve SFC title has the potential to breathe new life into Ardara's fortunes.**

A difficult period at senior level, where they remain on the periphery of matters, might well get the jump-start it needs if their second string were to go to the well against St Eunan's at the weekend in Páirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill .

Indeed, the winner's trophy is named after John Gallagher an Ardara stalwart for many years, and it would be a fitting memento to his memory if Ardara were to prevail. The Pearse Memorial Park men are an interesting mixture of youth and experience and boss Anthony Harkin, Donegal's 1992 All-Ireland winning trainer, hopes that fusion of legs and guile can upset the odds against the Letterkenny men.

"We have played seven games to get to this final, so it has been a fairly intense campaign. But we know that Eunan's will present a big challenge with Brian McIntyre and Lee McMonagle among many others.



"Our lads have been working very hard and we are looking forward to this final. The trophy is named after one of our club stalwarts John Gallagher who was a great servant for many years, and it would be a great honour to his memory if we could do that."

For Black and Amber boss Conor Morrison, he says silverware for his group would be a massive endorsement of their hard work all year.

"The senior and reserve sides train together. They are both pushing each other on. We have up and coming players, with a blend of experience, that we want to hopefully progress onto the senior set-up. It's really gelled for us in the Championship.

"I feel we're battle hardened going into the final. Naomh Conaill were favourites against us but we dug it out. We played Ardara in the League and we know they are a strong and physical team. Some of their older lads I'd know from playing against them in senior football. It's going to be a very interesting contest."

## Captain's Say, Oisín O'Donnell - Ard an Ratha

Firstly I would like to thank Anthony for giving me the privilege of captaining this great group of players in the county final today. This group has a great mixture of youth and experience and have shown great grit and determination over the last couple of weeks to reach today's final and hopefully it can become a great



stone for our younger players to make the leap to senior football in the coming years.

To our management, I would like to thank them for the countless hours they have sacrificed in getting us to and ready for today's game. And finally I would like to thank our fans for their great support all year, hopefully we can do them proud today.

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## Focal beag ó Chathaoirleach Ard an Ratha – Sean Mac Conaill

On behalf of CLG Ard an Ratha we would like to wish our reserve team the very best of luck in today's Senior B final. The team have worked hard under manager Anthony Harkin all year and have an ideal mix of experienced players who have done it all at Senior level for the club and good young players who we hope will progress to the Senior team in the future.



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Reaching the final has given the Club a great boost at the end of our Centenary year where we celebrated 100 years as a club on the 21st of October last. The competition is always an important one for us as the John Gallagher cup for the Senior B Championship is named after one of our greatest club servants who passed away in 1996, so it would be a great achievement for our players to take it home for the first time. Best of luck to them in their efforts to win the cup today.

## Oráid Anthony Harkin – Bainisteoir Ard an Ratha

It has been an honour and a privilege to manage the Ardara reserve team this year in our 100 years in existence. This is our seventh championship game and all these players have trained at the same level as our seniors under Damian Devaney. It is a pity the reserve players in the county get so little media coverage, as they work as hard as senior players travelling long distances to games and putting in long hours at training. They have all worked hard in silence but at least two teams are getting recognition today. The final today against St Eunan's is a special day for all the players and their family's in both clubs to savour, as it is not every year you reach the county



final. The old proverb comes to mind "When you take a drink of water remember the men who dug the well"

Reaching a final is the culmination of many years hard work by club coaches and officials in both clubs so well done to them for all their hard work as we would not be here today without them. A thought for Zack Gallagher who broke his collar bone in the semi final and has not missed a game all year, we wish you a speedy recovery. Thanks to all the officials for their hard work as without them we would have no games. I hope we get a good day so all the players can showcase off all their skills and may the best team win.

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## Fo-cumainn Ard an Ratha - A Brief History

CLG Ard an Ratha celebrated 100 years since its foundation on the 21st of October last with a celebration in Pearse Memorial Park to mark the occasion. The Club have been to the fore in GAA activities in the County ever since, with 6 Senior Championship being won (1923,1926, 1928,1981, 2000,2004) 2 Comortas Peile Na Gaeltachta victories in 1998 and 2009, 3 Ladies Intermediate Championships (2002,2012,2015) and countless Under-Age championships in both boys and girls football over the years.

The Club grounds at Kentucky boast 2 full sized playing pitches, Floodlights, state of the art clubhouse, kicking wall and are currently building a new Club gymnasium at the old dressing room end.

All Ireland medal winners at Senior level have included Anthony Molloy (Capt), Martin Gavigan and Anthony Harkin (Coach) in 1992, Paddy McGrath in 2012, and All Ireland Junior LGFA medal winners in 2003 for Charlene McHugh, Aoife McDonnell and Mairead Gallagher.

The annual Club Tournaments at U8, 10 and 12 level are a huge highlight as over 100 matches are played at various grades on each day. At administration level the Club have provided numerous County Officers since Sean O'Caseide first became County Chairman in 1925.

As a club we hope that our next 100 years is as fulfilling and worthwhile for the Parish of Ardara as the first Century was..!



## Bomaite Le Shane Mooney, Ard an Ratha

**Áit is fearr ar an pháirc / Favourite Position:** Wing Back

**An Pháirc imeartha is fear / Favourite Pitch:** O'Donnell Park

**Caithimh aimsire / Hobbies:** Football and Farming

**Laoch d'óige / Childhood hero:** Michael Murphy

**An t-imreoir is fearr ar imir túleis / Best Player you have played with:** Brendan Boyle

**An t-imreoir is fearr a d'imir túina éadan / Best Player you have played against:** Cian Rooney

**An cluiche is fearr ar imir túann / Best game you have been involved in:** U-14 Championship Final

**An treanálaí is fearr ar an fhoireann / Best trainer within the squad:** Shane Whyte

**An treanálaí measa ar an fhoireann / Worst trainer within the squad:** We all work hard

**An duine is spreagúla ar an fhoireann / Best motivator within the squad:** Meechen Boyle

**Aon phisreog / Any superstitions:** No

**An t-amhrán is fearr leat / Favourite Song:** Viva la Vida

**An scannán is fearr leat / Favourite Film:** Gladiator

**Áit is fearr do laethanta saoire / Favourite Holiday Destination:** Spain

**An béile is fearr leat / Favourite Meal:** Pizza

**An chomhairle is fear a fuair tú / Best advice ever received:** Never give up

**An tionchar is mórt mar imreoir / Biggest influence on career:** Paddy McGrath

**Oibrídeonach ar leith sa chlub / Club Volunteer of note:** Jordan Boyle

**An t-amhrán a n-éisteann túleis roimh chluichí / Song you listen to before big games:** Enimen, "Not Afraid"

**An scil is tábhachtaí / Most important skill:** Kicking with both feet

**An bua peile is móotáagat / Biggest Strength in your game:** Tackling

**An chuid den chluiche ar mhaith leat a fheabhsú / Area of your game you would like to improve:** Shooting with both feet

**Comhairle do dhaoine óga / Advice for youngsters:** Train hard

**Imreoir óg sa chlub a mbeidh iomráir sa todchá / Young Player within your club to look out for:** Shane Sweeney

**An rud is fearr fán CLG / Best thing about the GAA:** Playing with your friends

**Batman / Superman -** Batman

**Up Early / Lie in -** Up early

**Chinese / Pizza -** Pizza

**Twitter Account -** Not applicable

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# Ard an Ratha – Player Pen Pics

Name	Age	Height	Position	Occupation
Cathal Gallagher	28	6ft 4"	Goalkeeper	Primary Teacher
Shane Mooney	19	5ft 10"	Half Back	Student
Paddy Gallagher	37	5ft 10"	Full Back	Financial Advisor
Kevin Slowey	36	5ft 11"	Half Back	Secondary School Teacher
Charlie Kennedy	19	5ft 9"	Back	Student
Oisín O'Donnell	30	5ft 8"	Back	Graphic Designer
Stephen Boyle	33	6ft 1"	Back	Construction Consultant
Francis Boyle	24	6ft 1"	Half Back	Hotel Manager
Brendan Boyle	41	6ft 2"	Midfield	Primary School Teacher
Shaun McConnell	18	6ft 4"	Half Forward	Carpenter
Paul Watters	30	5ft 8"	Half Forward	Civil Engineer
Johnny Sweeney	22	6ft 0"	Forward	Plumber
Peter McHugh	43	5ft 9"	Corner Forward	Contractor
Niall McCrossan	23	6ft 5"	Full Forward	Engineering Student
Joe Kitterick	18	5ft 10"	Corner Forward	Student
Matthew McGlynn	19	6ft 3"	Goalkeeper	Apprentice Mechanic
Oisín Brennan	22	6ft 3"	Full Forward	Sales Engineer
Eoghan Harkin	20	6ft 2"	Half Forward	Student
Emmett Byrne	21	6ft 0"	Half Forward	Student
Johnny Herron	38	6ft 0"	Midfield	Quantity Surveyor
Daniel McHugh	19	5ft 11"	Half Forward	Barman
CJ Lafferty	19	6ft 0"	Back	Physiology Student
Matthew Maher	35	5ft 10"	Centre Back	Construction
Brian Whyte	22	6ft 3"	Back	Quantity Surveyor
Ethan Kelly	27	6ft 4"	Midfield	Content Creator
Conor Gallagher	24	5ft 11"	Half Back	Apprentice Electrician
Conor McCrossan	20	6ft 5"	Corner Back	Engineering Student
Niall McMenamin	19	5ft 11"	Half Back	Gas Plant operator
Joseph Sweeney	22	6ft 0"	Midfield	Student
Zach Gallagher	20	6ft 1"	Midfield	Electrician
Liam McShane	19	6ft 3"	Half Forward	Entertainment Specialist



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**Shaun McConnell**



**Paul Watters**



**Johnny Sweeney**



**Peter McHugh**



**Niall McCrossan**



**Joe Kitterick**

<b>FIR IONAD</b>	16 Matthew McGlynn	24 Brian Whyte
	17 Oisín Brennan	25 Ethan Kelly
	18 Eoghan Harkin	26 Ethan Kelly
	19 Emmett Byrne	27 Conor Gallagher
	20 Johnny Herron	28 Conor McCrossan
	21 Daniel McHugh	29 Niall McMenamin
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Conal McGinley



Conall Dunne



Sean Breen



Cormac Finn



Conor McEniff



Lee McMonagle



Paddy McGowan

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18 Jake Whelan  
19 Conor Harley  
20 Eddie Blake  
21 Niall Hannigan

22 Ciaran Moore  
23 Oisín McGarvey  
24 Matthew Gallagher  
25 Mick Martin  
26 Ciaran McIntyre  
27 Thomas Grant



# St Eunan's B – Player Pen Pics

Name	Age	Height	Position	Occupation
Conor Harley	28	5ft 11"	Half Forward	Teacher
Sean Halvey	23	5ft 7"	Corner Back	Data Scientist
Sean Ryan	21	6ft	Half Back	Student
Jordan O'Dowd	24	6ft 3"	Midfield	Student
Paddy McGowan	32	6ft 0"	Forward	Teacher
Niall Hannigan	22	5ft 11"	Half Forward	Student
Daragh Toal	23	6ft 1"	Full Back	Student
Oisín McGarvey	21	5ft 10"	Half Back	Student
Conal McGinley	29	6ft 2"	Midfield	Physiotherapist
Mick Martin	36	6ft	Full Forward	Carer
Niall Forde	22	5ft 9"	Goalkeeper	Student
Ciaran Moore	19	6ft 1"	Half Forward	Student
Sean Breen	21	5ft 11"	Forward	Student
Conor McEniff	26	6ft 0"	Half Forward	Hotel Manager
Cormac Finn	20	5ft 11"	Half Forward	Student
Brian MacIntyre	22	5ft 8"	Half Back	Network Planner
Lee McMonagle	27	6ft 0"	Full Forward	Fitness Instructor
Michael McGroary	22	6ft	Defender	Student
Eoin O'Boyle	21	6ft 1"	Goalkeeper	Chutney Chef
Donal Higgins	20	5ft 10"	Half Back	Student
Matthew Gallagher	23	6ft 4"	Goalkeeper	Student
Jake Whelan	23	6ft 0"	Forward	SNA
John Gibbons	27	5ft 11"	Corner Back	Accountant
Ciaran McIntyre	31	5ft 10"	Corner Back	Software Tester
Thomas Grant	26	5ft 10"	Half Back	Teacher
Eddie Blake	34	5ft 11"	Corner Forward	Network Planner



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# Bomaite Le Conal McGinley, Naomh Adhamhnáin

**Áit is fearr ar an pháirc / Favourite Position:** Midfield

**An Pháirc imeartha is fear / Favourite Pitch:** O'Donnell Park

**Caithimh aimsire / Hobbies:** Fantasy Football, bagging turf

**Laoch d'óige / Childhood hero:** Dathí Teague

**An t-imreoir is fearr ar imir túleis / Best Player you have played with:** Kevin Rafferty

**An t-imreoir is fearr a d'imir túina éadan / Best Player you have played against:** Gearóid McKiernan of Cavan

**An cluiche is fearr ar imir túann / Best game you have been involved in:** 2014 Ulster Club QF v Roslea in O'Donnell Park

**An treanálaí is fearr ar an fhoireann / Best trainer within the squad:** Jordan O'Dowd

**An treanálaí measa ar an fhoireann / Worst trainer within the squad:** Eddie Blake - has a sore back

**An duine is spreagúla ar an fhoireann / Best motivator within the squad:** Lee the Goat / Conor Morrison

**Aon phisreog / Any superstitions:** Left boot goes on first

**An t-amhrán is fearr leat / Favourite Song:** Letterkenny Town ft. Brian Kelly

**An scannán is fearr leat / Favourite Film:** Any Tarantino Movie

**Áit is fearr do laethanta saoire / Favourite Holiday Destination:** Glencolmcille

**An béile is fearr leat / Favourite Meal:** Bacon and Cabbage

**An chomhairle is fear a fuair tú / Best advice ever received:** Get the ball and let it on

**An tionchar is mórt mar imreoir / Biggest influence on career:** My Family

**Oibrídeonach ar leith sa chlub / Club Volunteer of note:** Máire Green

**An t-amhrán a n-éisteann túleis roimh chluichí / Song you listen to before big games:** Fatboy Slim, Right Here, Right Now

**An scil is tábhachtaí / Most important skill:** High Fielding

**An bua peile is móatáagat / Biggest Strength in your game:** Shooting, but I am told not to

**An chuid den chluiche ar mhaith leat a fheabhsú / Area of your game you would like to improve:** Speed

**Comhairle do dhaoine óga / Advice for youngsters:** Focus on skills, not the gym

**Imreoir óg sa chlub a mbeidh iomráir sa todchaí / Young Player within your club to look out for:** Oisín Scanlon

**An rud is fearr fán CLG / Best thing about the GAA:** Playing for your Club/parish

**Batman / Superman -** Batman

**Up Early / Lie in -** Up early

**Chinese / Pizza -** Chinese

**Twitter Account -** Not applicable

**Twitter Account -** Not applicable, came off it a while back - get me on Bebo



## Captain's Say - Eoin O'Boyle Naomh Adhamhnáin B

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the team and management to welcome all our supporters who have travelled here to support us and the seniors today

We were disappointed with our league campaign but all the hard work throughout the year has paid off in the championship, overcoming Glenties and Gweedore to reach the final against a strong Ardara team. We have a good mix of youth and experience in our squad and hopefully a few members can push on and play senior championship football for St. Eunan's for years to come.



I am privileged to captain St. Eunan's and to lead the team out on to the pitch here in MacCumhaill Park today is a great honour for me. I'd like to thank our management team Conor Morrison, John Colman, Seamus Morrison and Dave Whelan and all other backroom team members for all their dedication and hard work during the year. I would also like to thank our sponsors Kevin Bradley at Highland Bakery, Terry and Loretto Mc Eniff for the use of the hotel all year around. I would finally like to wish good luck to the referee and his officiating team today.

## Banisteoir Naomh Adhamhnáin B – Conor Morrison

Ar dtús is onóir iontach domsa a bheith mar bhainisteoir Naomh Adhamhnáin, Sinsear B 2021, go háirithe le hiad a threorú go dtí an ócáid iontach seo inniu, Cluiche Ceannais an Chontae anseo i bPáirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill i mBealach Féich. Turas suimiúil a thug muid go dtí an lá seo inniu agus níl aon dabht go bhfuil dúshlán crua romhainn inniu le foireann Ard an Rátha.

Ba mhaith liom an deis seo a ghlacadh le mo bhuíochas a chur in iúl do no himreoirí agus do m'fhoireann bhainistíochta uilig a rinne obair na gcapall i rith na bliana.

Ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas ó chroí a chur in iúl dár gcuid urraithe uilig as a dtacaíocht fosta, míle buíochas go háirithe do mhuintir Leitir Ceanainn a thug tacaíocht iontach dúinn agus d'urraí ár bhfoirne Caoimhín Ó Brolcháin ó 'Highland Bakery'. Ag deireadh an chluiche seo inniu tá súil agam go mbeidh toradh dearfach ann d'fhoireann Naomh Adhamhnáin.

Firstly, I would like to take the time to mention how much of an honour it is to be Manager of St. Eunan's Senior B team for the 2021 season, especially for the honourable occasion of a County Final here in Park Sean MacCumhaill, Ballybofey.



It's been an eventful journey to get as far as today's final, a narrow one point victories over both Glenties and Gaath Dobhair in the quarter and semi finals respectively. Victories that will stand to our lads going into today's final. There's no doubt that we have a tough task ahead of us against Ardara. Our players are looking forward to the challenge that lies ahead and playing to the game and not to the occasion.

Personally I would like to take this opportunity to thank the players and my backroom team for their hard work and dedication throughout the season, thank you to our team sponsor Kevin Bradley of Highland Bakery, Terry & Loreto McEniff of the Mount Errigal Hotel and especially to the people of Letterkenny for their support and encouragement throughout the season. A big thank you to today's referee, linesmen / lineswomen and umpires who without them the game would never take place, something we can take for granted in the heat of battle whilst on the sideline.

At the end of the game I hope the result to be in the favour of St. Eunan's, however I will take more pride in watching our players progress on to playing Senior A Football for St. Eunan's.



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