

**DONEGAL HAS BLOODLESS VICTORY AT KILCAR**

NEWS FROM ALL PARTS.

By "CELT."

**Antrim Give Home Side a Walk Over**

Donegal 3 goals 3 points  
Antrim 1 goal 2 points.

**LIFELESS FRIENDLY ENCOUNTER**  
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A crowd representing a £30 gate congregated to Towney Park, Kilcar, on Sunday, but were thoroughly disappointed for Antrim as the result of a breakdown enroute arrived half-an-hour late, and the referee, Mr. J. Maguire, Fermanagh, had no option but to award the match to Donegal. Banners bearing Gaelic slogans of welcome spanned the streets. Towney Park, with its natural grand stand, was in fine shape, the turf was dry and everything pointed to a lively encounter. Mr. P. O'Gara (Tim), was in charge of field arrangements which were very capably carried out. The friendly game which was played only partially compensated the crowd, for it was a dull, rather lifeless affair and football was never of a high order. It had its periodic thrills but long periods of drab play made the game monotonous. The teams under Mr. J. Maguire Fermanagh, were as follows:—

Donegal—P. McNelis, J. Gallagher, V. M'Hugh, E. Cannon, J. Boyce, M. Malley T. Campbell, J. Quinn, P. Gillespie, F. O'Gorman, P. M'Gill, J. Bradley, J. Molloy, P. J. Goane, H. Dunlop.

Antrim—J. Williams, M. M'Mahon, H. M'Nulty, J. Keegan, F. Hamill, D. M'Kandall, M. Deighan, J. Wilson, S. M'Keown, J. Tierney, A. Murphy, J. Bronnan, J. Reddicks, P. Lenfesty, J. Tohill.

**THE GAME.**

Donegal, playing with a wind advantage, opened up strongly, but the forwards were too prone to kicking wildly and several good scoring opportunities were wasted. The Antrim defenders repulsed several promising Donegal raids in a convincing fashion before Gillespie placed F. O'Gorman well for a grand goal, the Bundoran man's shot beating the visitors' keeper all the way from 15 yards. Play was rather lifeless for a period until Antrim broke away and McNelis saved at point blank range from Murphy. Donegal had a number of wides as the result of erratic forward play but pressure was maintained and Goane put the home county further ahead with a goal. Just before the interval Boyce had a point, from 30 yards, to give Donegal a seven points lead, Antrim failing to register in this half.

**SECOND HALF.**

Play was keen for a period after the resumption, but soon the pace was relaxed and play became of a mediocre nature. Antrim sparkled in short passing but their forwards were usually dispossessed by Donegal defenders before they could become a real menace. Murphy, the most dangerous of the visitors, brought hope to Antrim when he notched a beautiful point. Gillespie was on the mark for Donegal with a point. In an Antrim raid Tierney notched a grand goal after McNelis had executed three brilliant saves in succession. Murphy reduced Donegal's lead shortly afterwards, with a point. Donegal struck back and a point per Bradley and a goal per Goane clinched the issue in Donegal's favour.

Result:—Donegal, 3 goals 3 points; Antrim, 1 goal 2 points.

**The Kilcar Affair.**

Antrim's failure to arrive in time to fulfil their Ulster Football League tie with Donegal at Kilcar was a disappointment to the big crowd of spectators that travelled from many parts of the county to see the game, the friendly which was played was, in my opinion, a poor consolation to the crowd. Antrim cannot be blamed, however, as a gallant effort was made by the party to get to Kilcar in time and the breakdown that caused the delay was of course unexpected. These things will happen, however, now and then despite the greatest precautions, and I am certain that those who congregated to Kilcar on Sunday will appreciate this fact. It is unfortunate, however, that such things should happen as they injure the support accorded to the games.

**TYRONE COME TO THE RESCUE.**

Tyrone did Donegal a good turn by beating Armagh at Omagh last Sunday. Donegal and Armagh were joint leaders and by surrendering the points, Armagh fall to second place and Donegal is now in the top position with 8 points from five matches played. Armagh has now lost two games and Donegal need only draw with Tyrone at Ardara on Sunday to be League Champions and holders of the "Dr. Lagan Cup" for the second year in succession. I said in my notes last week that Armagh would find it extremely difficult to take a brace of points from the O'Neill county men at Omagh as points are hard to collect at that venue. Donegal were lucky to take away a valuable brace on October 10th, Bradley's goal a few minutes from time clinching the issue in Donegal's favour. I saw a decided improvement in the Tyrone team that did duty against Donegal on Oct. 10th and the side which gave such a feeble display against Donegal at Omagh in the "Dr. McKenna Cup" earlier in the season, and I mentioned this fact to a few Armagh men on Oct. 24th at Armagh, and said that this county would find it difficult to beat Tyrone at Omagh. He laughed at me and said Armagh would have little difficulty in disposing of Tyrone. He did not remember that Armagh was forced to share the points with the O'Neill county men at the same venue last year. To day he is a sadder and a wiser man.

**THE GAME AT ARDARA.**

The visit of Tyrone to Ardara which has aroused unusual interest for some time past should attract a record crowd to this popular South-West Donegal venue considering the importance of the tie as far as Donegal is concerned. The close game when the counties met at Omagh and Tyrone defeat of Donegal challengers will no doubt contribute to the attraction attached to this fixture, which will, in my opinion, be a needle affair from start to finish. Donegal must either win or draw to keep ahead of Armagh as I consider it will be easy for Armagh at Mulla baun next Sunday against Antrim. The form book points to a Donegal victory,

but as I said last week football is a game of surprises and the unexpected may happen. It did at Omagh last Sunday and it is not in the realm of chance that it should happen at Ardara on Sunday next. But I cannot see Donegal falling to the O'Neill county men, even allowing for Tyrone's improvement in recent weeks and their defeat of Armagh last Sunday. Donegal annihilated Armagh at Maghera-gallen, but fell in the return game at the Primatial City.

Those in charge of G.A.A. affairs in Donegal are taking no chances and the strongest possible team the county can field will be on view at Ardara. Maxwell, who was injured at Armagh, will make a welcome appearance as centre full back. His inclusion will give the team renewed confidence. Donegal will be without Tommy Campbell, the brilliant Bundoran right half-back, who has gone to London, Boyce who has deputised for him on several occasions will fill this position. A. O'Gorman, the Ballyshannon forward, who is at present in Monaghan, will travel to assist his county and it is expected that D. Gillespie, formerly of Gweedore, who is in the Army at Galway, will be able to come to Ardara to figure on the team. I am informed he is a brilliant forward. Coll, half back, who was absent at Kilcar, will be on view at Ardara. J. Doherty, Bundoran, who has been absent from the side in the last two games through illness, will be fit for the Ardara game. Donegal will be without Boyle (Dungloe) who has gone to Dublin. A spirit of friendly rivalry exists between Donegal and Tyrone, the O'Donnell and O'Neill clans, therefore, football followers are assured of a rousing encounter at Ardara on Sunday. The game is timed for 3.30 and the referee is Mr. S. Dolan, Derry.

The Donegal team to do duty on Sunday will be from the following—P. McNelis (Glenties), J. Gallagher (Gweedore), J. Maxwell (Ardara), E. Cannon (Kilcar), J. Boyce (Glenties), M. Malley (Ballyshannon), P. Coll (Gweedore), J. Quinn (Castlefin), P. Gillespie (Gweedore), J. Doherty (Bundoran), F. O'Gorman (do.), A. O'Gorman (Ballyshannon), P. J. Goane (do.), J. Bradley (Ballybofey), V. M'Hugh (Ardara), J. Molloy (Glenties), P. M'Gill (Ardara), J. M'Manus (Bundoran), J. Gildea (Glenties).

**FORMER DONEGAL FOOTBALLER BEREAVED.**

The death has taken place at Meenderry, Falcarragh, of Mr. Patk. M'Gee, father of Mr. Niall M'Gee, O.C., Carrigans, the former Donegal inter county footballer, who played for Derry last season. He played for "Erin's Hope" a few seasons back when they won the Dublin Senior Football Championship. The deepest sympathy of all Gaels in the county is extended to Mr. M'Gee and his brother, Sergt. Owen M'Gee, G.S., Dunkineely, and Guard James M'Gee, Galway City, in their sad bereavement.