

Cluiche Ceannais Dhún na nGall 1981

ARD AN RÁTHA

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NA CEITHRE MÁISTRÍ

Páirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill, Bealach Féich. Lúnasa 30, 1981. 3.30 i.n.

Réiteoir: Seán Mac Gualraic (Leifear)

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FÁILTE

Thar cheann Choiste an Chontae cuirim fíorchaoin fáilte romhaibh go léir chuig Cluiche Ceannais Dhún na nGall i bpeil shinsireach. Níor casadh Ard an Rátha agus Na Ceithre Máistrí ar a chéile i gcluiche ceannais na sinsear riamh. Níor bhain Ard an Rátha an Chraobh ó bhí 1928 ann. Níor bhain Baille Dhún na nGall í ó bhí 1924 ann. Ní gá a rá gur ócáid an-stairiúil í seo i stair C.L.G. sa chontae. Go gcuire an cluiche le stairiúlacht na hócáidel

This is the first-ever meeting of Ardara and Four Masters in the Donegal Senior Football Championship final. The title has not gone to Donegal Town since 1924 (the Dr. Maguire Cup has never rested there). Ardara have not won the Senior Championship since 1928. Ardara have defied those who said that last year's final was the end of them by beating Gweedore, Naomh Columba and Kilcar on their way to to-day's match. Four Masters of Donegal have done themselves proud by winning Division 2 of the league and by reaching to-day's final with victories over Roger Casements and St. Eunan's. The stage is set for an historic final.

I am grateful to Dom Breslin, Nessa Molloy and Magee's for their prompt support.

CLÁR AN LAE

- 2.00 Under-16 F.C. Semi-Final: Dungloe v St. Eunan's or Moville
- 3.30 S.F.C. Final Ard an Rátha v Four Masters
- 5.00 Under-16 F.C. Semi-Final Robert Emmets v Killybegs, Aileach or Aodh Ruadh

Con and Nessa Molloy

welcome you to

The Neshitt Arms Hutel
Ardara — Tel. Ardara 3.

DOWN THE YEARS

- 1921 . . . There was no County final played in 1921. The County Board decided at its September meeting to postpone the Donegal-Killygordon final match for the County Championship . . . owing to a number of the players being in internment camps and jails. "Leave it in abeyance until the return of the Jail Birds", said one delegate. The meeting unanimously agreed.
- 1931

 On May 3, 1931, Dungloe became the first team to win the Dr. Maguire Cup twice in a row. They beat Ballybofey by 2-4 to 2-2 in a wonderful match in Glenties with Johnny Curran of Letterkenny refereeing. The Dungloe team including Gweedore men Tom Diver, Teague Diver, Owenie McFadden and Micky O'Donnell was: B. Sharkey; J. Sweeney, T. Dlver, M. O'Donnell; O. McFadden, H. Hanlon, M. O'Donnell; P. McPaul, J. Boyle; K. Sweeney, J. Sweeney, N. Sweeney; B. O'Donnell, T. Diver, C. McGill.
- 1941

 Gweedore won their third County Championship on September 28, 1941, when they beat Glenties by 0-10 to 2-3 in Dungloe the only County Senior Final played in the Rosses capital. J. Scanny was the referee. It was Jackie Phaddy Óig (Gallagher's) final he scored eight of Gweedore's ten points. The winning side was: J. McCole; T. Diver, J. Gallagher, N. McHugh; O. P. Boyle, D. McGinley, S. Kearney; P. Gillespie and D. Gillespie; T. Duffy, D. Breslin, B. Diver; H. Roarty, H. Sweeney, C. Friel.
- Ballyshannon won their last County Senior title (on their own) in 1951. They beat St. Eunan's by 1—6 to 1—5 in Glenties. P. McMenamin of Ballybofey refereed. Their line-out was: S. Cleary; P. O'Donnell, B. Gallagher, S. Slevin; G. Lappin, J. Gallagher, T. Martin; E. O'Connell and J. McDermott; M. Slevin, D. Moriarty, J. Gallagher; T. Gallagher, E. J. Gonigle, K. McCready.
- 1961

 It is now a staggering 20 years since Gweedore won a County Senior Championship. They beat Dungloe by 2—5 to 0—6 in the 1961 decider in Letterkenny. Johnny Faul of Tubbercurry refereed. The gate was £403. The Gweedore team was: P. McNells, H. T. Boyle, J. Gallagher, M. Doherty; C. Carr, O. McBride, P. Gallagher; P. McBride and J. Diver; D. Breslin, C. Breslin, N. Gallagher; J. Coyle, J. Sweeney, T. Hickey.
- 1971 . . Seán Mac Cumhaills won the 1971 final. They beat Clanna Gael L. 10 to 0 11 in Ballyshannon. Charlie Brady refereed. The Mac Cumhaills team was: A. McFeely, J. McGinty, L. McMeṇamin, L. Sweeney; S. Lafferty, T. McMenamin, A. Curran; M. McMenamin and E. Lafferty; J. Bradley, M. Moriarty, S. Kane; H. Temple, M. Doherty, E. Gallagher.

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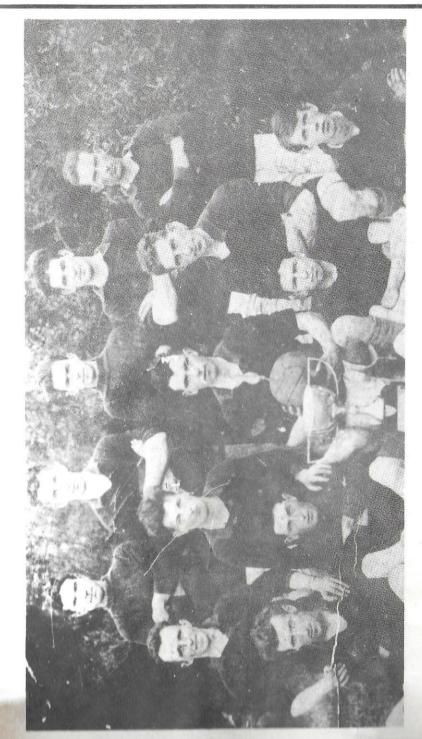
- Patsy Harkin: Aged 24. Goalkeeper. Like most of this Ard an Rátha panel has won Shield and Gaeltacht medals. A fisherman.
- Eddie McLoone: Aged 24. Former county minor. An engineering technician in Dublin.
- Martin Sweeney: Aged 27. Having a great campaign in his new position of full-back. Played in 1979 Ulster final. Baker.
- Conal Aidan Gildea: Aged 24. Small of stature but hard as nails. Works in Killybegs fish factory.
- Noel Watters: Aged 25. Consistent unspectacular wing half-back. Builder.
- Kieran Keeney: Aged 28. Ard an Rátha's only representative in this year's Ulster Senior Championship. Scored winning goal in 1974 Ulster final. P. and T. technician.
- John Herron: Aged 28. Has switched to defence this year. Hard-working club official. Clerical officer with Bord na Môna.
- Anthony Harkin: Aged 25. Red-headed midfielder. Won All-Ireland club medal with Thomond College, Limerick. Teacher of P.E. in Loreto, Milford.
- Connie Molloy: Aged 25. One of the renowned Learnagowra brothers. Playing at midfield this year. Site clerk with Sisk's in Dublin.
- Gerard McNells: Aged 19. A good place-kicker and consistent scorer. Weaver.
- Frank McGee: Aged 32. And enjoying a tremendous year. Got the goal against Kilcar, Teaches in Killybegs V.S.
- Lanty Molloy: Aged 20. As famous in Amsterdam as he is in Leamagowra. One of the county's most promising players.
- Paul Brennan: Aged 18. Son of Frankie. On County Minor team this year. Did his Leaving Cert. in Glenties C.S. in the Summer.

- Séamus Gallagher: Aged 31. Kilcar-born. Wrecked Glen in quarter-final. First instalment of his autobiography published in this clár. Builder.
- Éamonn Waters: Aged 20. Member of St. Eunan's College All-Ireland winning team and of the 1980 Ardara Under-21 team. Builder.
- Donie McCole: Aged 20. Another member of the successful U-21 team of 1980. From Narin, Mechanic.
- Anthony Molloy: Aged 19. A costly injury in an Inter-firms match in Dublin just before the Ulster U-21 final has kept Anthony out of the game all Summer. The County U-21 full-back. Site clerk.
- Josie Gallagher: Aged 29. The Meentinadea man has also been the victim of injury which has kept him out of this year's campaign. Builder.
- Patsy Gildea: Aged 33. The Crumlin fisherman has won every club honour except this covetêd one. Has played in every position.
- Eamonn McNelis: Aged 33 but younger than Gildeal This reserve defender won six league medals with Luton. Factory foreman.
- Kevin McGill: Aged 20. On the 1980 U-21 team. Newcomer to the Senior team in 1981. Builder.
- John McGill: Aged 19. Another of the U-21 team. Based in County Meath. Agricultural instructor.
- Frank O'Donnell: Aged 34. Corner back.
 Missed the quarter and semi-final
 matches. Cléireach sa Roinn P. agus T.
- Charlie Mooney: Team manager. Lorry driver from Brackey. Involved with Ard an Rátha teams for years.

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The Ard an Rátha club officials, 1981, are:

Presidents: Fathers McCaul and McAteer. Chairman: Bart Whelan. Secretary: Edward Molloy. Treasurer: John Herron. P.R.O.: James McBrearty.



Ardara in the late tv cDyer, Tom O'Donne ooney, Charles Gilde y, Patrick J. Gildea, H row: Con

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This is Ard an Rátha's seventh appearance in the Doengal Senior Football Championship final.

1923 — Glenties. 8 April. Ardara beat Ballybofey. Paddy McGill reckons it was by 1—2 to 0—3. Another source says 0—3 to 0—1. Paddy says the team consisted of John Maloney (Brackey), James Gallagher (Meenavalley), Dinny Mooney (Ardara), Hugh McBrearty (Dunkineely), Packie Breslin (Ardara), Con Breslin (Lurganboy), Michael Carr (Kilcar), Packie John McCafferty (Glencoagh), Charlie Mooney (Ardara), Charlie Gallagher (Castlegoland), Jim Breslin (Lurganboy), Les Howley (Drimaha), Charles Gallagher (Ardara).

1926 — Ballybofey. 2 May. Ardara 0—6, Letterkenny Rovers 0—2.

1928 — Glenties. 6 May. Ardara 1—4, Killygordon 0—3. The men that brought the Dr. Maguire Cup to Ardara for the first time were T. O'Donnell, T. Gallagher, C. Breslin, L. Howley, P. Breslin, P. J. Gildea, M. McArdle, J. Watters, H. Haughey, M. Cullen, C. McDyer, C. Kennedy, D. Mooney.

1936 — Ardara. September 13. Dungloe 2—8, Ardara 2—2. T. Gallagher, McGill, McHugh, Heeney, P. Gildea, J. Gildea, W. Boyle, Maxwell, C. McHugh, Gallagher, McHugh, Gallagher, Gildea, Breslin, McGill. I'm afraid my newspaper source was short on Christian names!

1938 — Glenties. September 4. Gweedore 1—7, Ardara 0—5. D. Boyle, J. Maxwell, T. Gallagher, H. Gildea, C. McHugh, A. McHugh, F. Heeney, W. Boyle, P. McGill, J. Waters, V. McHugh, N. McHugh, J. Campbell, D. Gallagher, M. Boyle.

1980 — Ballybofey. August 31. Kilcar 1—13, Ardara 0—8. P. Harkin, F. O'Donnell, A. Molloy, E. McLoone, N. Waters, M. Sweeney, C. A. Gildea, A. Harkin and J. Gallagher, G. McNelis, C. Molloy, L. Molloy, S. Gallagher, K. Keeney, P. Gildea.

RECORD

Senior Football Championship: 1923, 1926, 1928.

Senior Football League: 1931, 1943.

Senior Football Shield: 1978, 1979.

Junior Football Championship: 1967, 1970.

Under-21 F.C.: 1980.

Under-18 F.C.: 1952, 1954, 1965, 1969, 1970.

Under-16 F.C.: 1955, 1964. Under-14 F.C.: 1962, 1976.

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Sandy Harper Memorial Trophy - Ardara beat Kilcar in final

League Division 1:

Ardara 0-5, Killybegs 0-9 (home)

Ardara 3-12, Robert Emmets 1-5 (away)

Ardara 0-7, St. Eunan's 0-6 (h)

Ardara 3-6, N. Columba 0-9 (a)

Ardara 0-6, Kilcar 0-8 (a)

Ardara 2-8, Aodh Rua 2-8 (h)

Ardara 2-7, Urris 0-6 (h)

Ardara 3-11, Seán Mac Cumhaill 1-2 (a)

Ardara v Bundoran to come

Played 8, won 5, drew 1, lost 2.



SÉAMUS GALLAGHER

(Ard an Rátha captain)

"My first introduction to adult football was with Kilcar in 1967 when we were competing in the Junior Division. In 1971 after a successful year we beat St. Michael's in the Junior Championship final — Kilcar's first success for twelve years. This paved the way for my entrance to Senior status. It was not long until Kilcar became a force in the County, winning two Gaeltacht Championships and the Senior League (1975) and reaching the Championship semi-finals in 1973-4-5. During these years playing football with Kilcar we met Ardara regularly on the field and I struck up a friendship with Patsy Gildea, Cathal McGill, Tom Diver, Peter O. McNelis, Charlie White and Josie Gildea and played seven-a-side tournaments with these footballers.

LONDON AND NEW YORK

During those years my brother, Paddy and I played football with Tírconaill Gaels in London and we met with the Ardara boys again — John Boyle, Josie Gallagher, Cathal McGill, Manus McGill and Paddy McGill and my association with the boys made my stay in London like a home away from home. At Easter, 1973, we came home to play in Donegal and had a successful tour playing Donegal Town, Kilcar and St. Joseph's. That same year we reached the London Championship semi-final and were beaten by a single point by the Kingdom, who went on to win the Championship. I then went to America and played with Laois in Gaelic Park where I met with Ardara boys again — Columba Diver, Cathal McGill, Brian McGill and Kevin Quinn who were playing for Donegal. When I returned to Donegal in 1974 I played with Kilcar again until 1976. I played County Minor, Under-21 and Senior while with Kilcar. In 1976 we were travelling to play Tyrone in Omagh when we were involved in a serious accident which put me out of Senior Football for over a year.

ARDARA

When I came to live in Ardara later in 1976, after marrying an Ardara girl, I felt that, after all my associations with Ardara over the years and with the friends I had made, I had no hesitations about playing with this club and when Columba Diver asked me to play with Ardara my decision was easy to make. I had played with Kilcar since my schooldays. Although I was sad about leaving them I felt a change was necessary because of the amount of travelling that training sessions would entail. Since playing Ardara I have enjoyed my football and social life with all members of the club. In my first years with the club I was elected Team Manager. In my second year as Manager our senior team began by winning the Shield and then went on to win the Donegal Gaeltacht Championship.

In 1980 I was elected Manager of the Under-21 team which won the Championship final in Fintra against Kilcar. I consider that this Championship won under my management was my finest achievement

in football - one which I will cherish all my life.

I have made many friends in Ardara during the years and this is borne out by the help which my family was given in 1979 when the family home was burned down. Many of my football friends came to Coronroad at the weekends and gave a helping hand to rebuild our home. To those I wish to say a special thank you. Perhaps I will repay them to day".

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DONEGAL SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 1981

FIRST ROUND

Ardara 0-7, Gweedore 1-3, Magheragallon Ardara 2-4, Gweedore 0-7, Sandfield

Naomh Columba 0-4, Killybegs 0-2, Fintra Naomh Columba 1-17, Killybegs 2-8, Cashel

Kilcar 0-12, Robert Emmets 1-7, Castlefin Kilcar 4-13, Robert Emmets 1-4, Towney

Aodh Rua 0-11, Seán Mac Cumhaills 1-5, Ballyshannon Aodh Rua 0-9, Seán Mac Cumhaills 1-9, Ballybofey Aodh Rua 1-6, Seán Mac Cumhaills 0-6, Fintra

St. Eunan's 2-8, Bundoran 1-4, Letterkenny St. Eunan's 0-9, Bundoran 1-7, Bundoran St. Eunan's 1-10, Bundoran 0-6, Ballybofey

Four Masters 0-11, Roger Casements 1-8, Townawilly Four Masters 2-7, Roger Casements 0-6, Fanad

QUARTER-FINALS

Ardara 2-7, Naomh Columba 0-7, Fintra Kilcar 1-9, Aodh Rua 2-4, Fintra

SEMI-FINALS

Ardara 1-5, Kilcar 0-5, Fintra Four Masters 1-9, St. Eunans 0-10, Ballybofey

SCORERS

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Gerard McNelis	0-9
Frank McGee	2-3
Séamus Gallagher	2-1
Connie Molloy	0-4
Éamonn Waters	1-1
Anthony Molloy	0-1
John Herron	0-1
Martin Sweeney	0-1
Kevin McGill	0-1
Anthony Harkin	0-1

FOUR MASTERS

Marty Kelly	0-15
Manus Brennan	2-0
Cornelius Carr	1-1
Joyce McMullan	0-3
Peter Coulter	0-2
Séamus Meehan	0-2
Micky McBrearty	0-1
P. J. Dooley	0-1
Martin Gillen	0-1
Jackie McGroarty	0-1

5-23

Ard an Rátha

GLAS agus ÓRGA

Padraig Mac Giolla Dé (Patsy Gildea)

Éamonn Mac Giolla Eoin (Eddie McLoone)

Noel Ó Fuaruisce (Noel Watters)

> Conall Ó Ludhóg (Connie Molloy)

Lantai Ó Ludhóg (Lanty Molloy)

Pól Ó Braonáin (Paul Brennan)

Máirtín Mac Suibhne (Martin Sweeney)

Ciarán Ó Cianaigh (Kieran Keeney)

Gearóid Mac Niallais (Gerard McNelis)

Proinsias Mac Aoidh (Frank McGee)

14 Éamonn Mac Niallais (Eamonn McNelis)

12

(Anthony Harkin)

Antoin Ó hEarcáin

Conall A. Mac Giolla Dé

(Conal Aidan Gildea)

Séamus Ó Gallchóir

(Seamus Gallagher)

Seán Ó hEarráin (John Herron)

Fir Ionaid - 16, Éamonn Ó Fuaruisce (Éamonn Waters); 17, Proinsias Ó Dónaill (Frank O'Donnell); 18, Dónall Mac Comhaill (Donie McCole); 19, Caomhín Mc A' Ghoill (Kevin McGill); 20, Seán Ó Baoill (John Boyle); 21, Seán Mac A' Ghoill (John McGill); 22, Antóin Ó Ludhóg (Anthony Molloy); 23, Seosamh Ó Gallchóir (Josie Gallagher); 24, Pádraig Ó hEarcáin (Patsy Harkin).

Na Ceithre Máistrí

GORM

Mícheál Ó Ceallaigh (Michael Kelly)

Gearóid Ó Breisleáin (Gerard Breslin)

Peadar Ó Ceallachain (Peter Callaghan)

Dónall Ó Muineacháin (Donal Monaghan)

Pádraig S. Mac Fheargail (P. J. McGarrigle)

Diarmuid Mac Eiteagáin (Dermot McGettigan)

Seán Mac Rabhartaigh (Jackie McGroarty)

Pól Ó Duncáin (Paul Duncan) Pádraig S. Ó Dúlaoich (P. J. Dooley)

Máirtín Ó Ceallaigh (Marty Kelly)

Peadar Ó Coltóir (Peter Coulter)

Séamus Ó Míocháin (Séamus Meehan)

14 Conchúr Mac Giolla Chearra (Corny Carr)

12 Seoighe Mac Maoláin (Joyce McMullan)

> 15 Mánus Ó Braonáin (Manus Brennan)

Fir Ionaid - 16, Mícheál Mac Briartaigh (Michael McBrearty); 17, Máirtín Ó Giolláin (Martin Gillen); 18, Mícheál Ó Breisleáin (Michael Breslin); 19, Peadar Mac Suibhne (Peter Sweeney); 20, Tomás Mac Conluain (Tom Caldwell); 21, Déaglán Mac A' tSaoir (Declan McIntyre); 22, Glen Mac Fhionntaigh (Glen McGinty).

COUNTY FINALS 1920-1980

Peigi Rose

1920-	Bun Dobhráin 2-4, Cúil na gCuirdín 1-2	Doire
1921 —	Dún na nGall v Cúil na gCuirdín	
1922 -	Caisleán na Finne bua ar Na Gleanntaí	Bealach Féich
1923 —	Ard an Rátha 0-3, Bealach Féich 0-1	Na Gleanntaí
1924-	Dún na nGall 3-2, An Clochán Liath 1-4	Leitir Ceanainn
1925-	Cill Charthaigh	
1926-	Ard an Rátha 0-5, Ruagairí Leitir Ceanainn 0-2	Bealach Féich
1927 —	Ruagairí Leitir Ceanainn	
1928-	Ard an Rátha 1-4, Cúil na gCuirdín 0-5	Na Gleanntaí
1929-	Béal Átha Seanaidh 0-7, Cúil na gCuirdín 0-5	Bealach Féich
1930 —	An Clochán Liath 3-2, Leitir Ceanainn 2-3	Leitir Ceanainn
1931-	An Clochán Liath 2-4, Bealach Féich 2-2	Na Gleanntaí
1932 —	Béal Átha Seanaidh 1-7, An Clochán Liath 0-1	Bealach Féich
1933	An Clochán Liath 3-2, Bun Dobhráin 1-3	Ard an Rátha
1934-	Bun Dobhráin 1-5, An Clochán Liath 0-4	Ard an Rátha
1935-	Gaoth Dobhair 2-8, Bun Dobhráin 0-3	Na Gleanntaí
1936 -	An Clochán Liath 2-8, Ard an Rátha 2-2	Ard an Rátha
1937 —	Béal Átha Seanaidh 3-8, Gaoth Dobhair 4-2	Na Gleanntaí
1938-	Gaoth Dobhair 1-7, Ard an Rátha 0-5	Na Gleanntaí
1939 —	Béal Átha Seanaidh 0-6, Gaoth Dobhair 0-4	Ard an Rátha
1940 —	An Clochán Liath 3-8, Béal Átha Seanaidh 1-3	Ard an Rátha
1941	Gaoth Dobhair 0-10, Na Gleanntaí 2-3	An Clochán Liath
1942-	Béal Átha Seanaidh 2-8, Na Gleanntaí 1-4	Ard an Rátha
1943-	Béal Átha Seanaidh 1-9, Conmhaigh 2-1	Ard an Rátha
1944-	Gaoth Dobhair 4-10, Naomh Adhamhnán 3-4	Na Gleanntaí
1945-	Gaoth Dobhair 4-5, Béal Átha Seanaidh 1-6	Leitir Ceanainn
1946-	Gaoth Dobhair 0-7, Naomh Adhamhnán 0-6	Leitir Ceanainn
1947-	Gaoth Dobhair 1-9, Naomh Adhamhnán 0-3	Gaoth Dobhair
1948	Naomh Adhamhnán 1-7, Gaoth Dobhair 2-1	Leitir Ceanainn
1949 —	Gaoth Dobhair 2-12, Naomh Adhamhnán 3-4	Na Gleanntaí
1950 —	Dún na nGall v Naomh Adhamhnán	
1951	Béal Átha Seanaidh 1-6, Naomh Adhamhnán 1-5	Na Gleanntaí
1952	Na Cealla Beaga 0-9, Naomh Adhamnhán 1-5	Dún na nGall
1953	Gaoth Dobhair 1-5, Carn Domhnaigh 1-4	Leitir Ceanainn
1954 -	Gaoth Dobhair 3-6, Dún na nGall 0-5	Bealach Féich
1955 —	Gaoth Dobhair 1-7, Naomh Adhamhnán 1-4	Na Gleanntaí
1956 —	Naomh Adhamhnán 0-8, Béal Atha Seanaidh 1-2	Bealach Féich
1957 -	An Clochán Liath 0-12, Béal Átha Seanaidh 1-4	Na Gleanntaí
1958 —	An Clochán Liath 2-6, Naomh Adhamhnán 2-5	Bealach Féich
1959 —	Seán Mac Cumhaill 2-7, Cill Charthaigh 1-6	Dún na nGall
1960 —	Naomh Adhamhnán 0-11, Gaoth Dobhair 0-3	Bealach Féich
1961 —	Gaoth Dobhair 2-5, An Clochán Liath 0-6	Leitir Ceanainn
1962	Seán Mac Cumhaill 1-9, Gaoth Dobhair 1-7	Leitir Ceanainn
1963 —	Seán Mac Cumhaill 1-6, Cill Charthaigh 0-4	Béal Átha Seanaidh
1964 —	Seán Mac Cumhaill 1-11, An Clochán Liath 1-3	Leitir Ceanainn
1965 —	Naomh Iósaef 1-11, Na Gleanntaí 0-10	Bealach Féich
1966	Naomh Iósaef v Seán Mac Cumhaill	m
1967 —	Naomh Adhamhnán 1-13, Naomh Iósaef 1-9	Bealach Féich
1968 —	Naomh Iósaef 1-10, Seán Mac Cumhaill 0-5	Bealach Féich

1969 —	Naomh Adhamhnán 0-10, Naomh Iósaef 1-4	Bealach Féich
1970 —	Naomh Iósaef 1-16, Ruagairí Na Rosann 0-4	Bealach Féich
1971 —	Seán Mac Cumhaill 2-10, Clanna Gael 0-11	Béal Átha Seanaidh
1972 —	Naomh Adhamhnán 2-12, Clanna Gael 1-8	Bealach Féich
1973 —	Naomh Iósaef 1-8, Seán Mac Cumhaill 1-6	Na Gleanntaí
1974 —	Naomh Iósaef 1-8, Naomh Adhamhnán 1-3	Bealach Féich
1975 -	Naomh Iósaef 1-11, Seán Mac Cumhaill 1-5	Dún na nGall
1976 —	Naomh Iósaef 1-13, Na Ceithre Máistrí 0-5	Bealach Féich
1977 -	Seán Mac Cumhaill 0-8, Gaoth Dobhair 0-5	Leitir Ceanainn
1978 —	Gleann Cholm Cille 1-12, Gaoth Dobhair 0-10	Bealach Féich
1979 -	Bun Dobhráin 0-9, Seán Mac Cumhaill 1-5	Bealach Féich
1980 —	Cill Charthaigh 1-13, Ard an Rátha 0-8	Bealach Féich
1981 —		

RÉITEOIRÍ

The following are the recent County Senior Final referees:

Charlie Brady Dessie Kelly Séamus McGarvey Danny Harkin Seán McGee Peter McKelvev Thomas McBrearty Colm McBride Seán Ó Gallchóir Jack Furey Seán McGoldrick

Seán McGoldrick (aged 39) is a native of Aghyaran in Co. Tyrone but is now based in Lifford and attached to the Lifford club. He has a drapery business in Strabane. Married. Six children. He refereed the 1980 Donegal M.F.C. final.

The linesmen, Noel Kane and Thomas Bogle, are both from the Robert Emmets club. The umpires are John Harkin (Naomh Columba), Proinsias Carr (Kilcar), Tom McMullan (St. Eunan's) and Dessie Kelly (Referees Board Secretary).

NA CEITHRE MÁISTRÍ

"Is iad Annála Ríochta Éireann an bailiúchán is mó d' ábhar staire atá againn. Tosaíodh á scríobh i gclochar i nDún na nGall sa bhliain 1632 agus críochnaíodh iad sa bhliain 1636. Ba iad na scríobhaithe ná an Bráthair Mícheál Ó Cléirigh, Cúcoigríche Ó Cléirigh, Fearfeasa Ó Maolchonaire agus Cúcoigríche Ó Duibhgeannáin. Am an-shuaite ba ea am a scríofa, ré ina raibh na Gaeil cloíte i gceart den chéad uair riamh. Chonaic na Ceithre Mháistir go raibh stair agus annála na tíre i mbaol a gcaillte, agus is é atá ina nAnnála, dá bhrí sin, ná bailiúchán as foinsí eile. Ní hé amháin go luaitear ann gach rí tábhachtach a bhí in Éirinn, ach déantar tagairt freisin do gach manach agus bean rialta a bhí ag rialú mainistreach agus clochar in Éirinn anuas go dtí 1611."

(Una Nic Einri)

FOUR MASTERS

- Michael Kelly: Aged 19. Young Michael has established himself this year as the Four Masters' goalkeeper. A student in Dundalk R.T.C.
- Gerard Breslin: Aged 23. Ex-County Minor Gerry is having his best season with the club at corner back. Insurance agent.
- Donal Monaghan: Aged 34. Full-back and captain. Proprietor of Donegal Tyre Centre.
- Dermot McGettigan: Aged 23. Played for Donegal in the National Football League. Kicker-out, Butcher.
- Peter Callaghan: Aged 32. Wing-half one of Four Masters' selection headaches with Peter, M. McBrearty, M. Gillen all fighting for the number 5 jersey all year. Builder.
- Michael McBrearty: Aged 20. Played in the Ulster Under-21 final this year but has failed to be an automatic choice for his club. P.E. Student in Thomond College.
- Martin Gillen: Aged 25. Fighting for his place. Played in the '76 final. Ex-County minor. Personnel officer in Magee's of Donegal.
- P. J. McGarrigle: Aged 31. Played in the '71 and '76 finals. Centre half-back. Works with the E.S.B.
- Jackie McGroarty: Aged 25. Left half-back in front of Dermot McGettigan (both newlyweds!) Played for Donegal in the National League. Publican and Travel Agent.
- Paul Duncan: Aged 28. Another former County Minor. Regular on the Donegal Hurling team. Midfielder. Bakery Manager.
- P. J. Dooley: Aged 26. A Galway man but wellestablished in Donegal, having played for Donegal Under-21 side. A.I.B. official in Ballybofey.

- Joyce McMullan: Aged 18. Half-forward. Played for Donegal minors in 1980 and 1981. One of the County's best prospects. Student - did his Leaving at Donegal
- Séamus Meehan: Aged 19. On the forty. Played in Ulster Under-21 final last month. Student in Thomond College.
- Marty Kelly: Aged 23. Has played for County at all levels. Hero of semi-final win. Top scorer. Played soccer cross-channel.
- Peter Coulter: Aged 29. Substitute in the '76 final. Corner-forward, Insists he doesn't
- Cornelius Carr: Aged 19. Would they be here at all but for that fisted goal of Corney's in the semi-final? Inver-born. P. and T. trainee installer. Full-forward.
- Manus Brennan: Aged 25. Red-haired Manus is one of the new faces of 1981. Playing against his pupils. P.E. teacher in Glenties
- Michael Breslin: Aged 19. Former Donegal V.S. star. Hasn't been a regular first-team choice. Works in his father's Abbey Hotel.
- Tom Caldwell: Aged 34. Sub in '72, played in '76, sub in '81. Bank official in Buncrana.
- Peter Sweeney: Aged 37. Dedicated panellist throughout the year. Another Magee's employee.
- Declan McIntyre: Aged 22. The Sligo Rovers goalkeeper played in the first round against Casements in Townawilly, The '76 goalkeeper.
- Glen McGinty: Aged 27. Substitute. Last year's Minor team manager, Fruit merchant,
- Tom Conaghan: Having a great first season as manager with an unbeaten League campaign and a Senior Championship final. Salesman with Cahill May and Roberts.

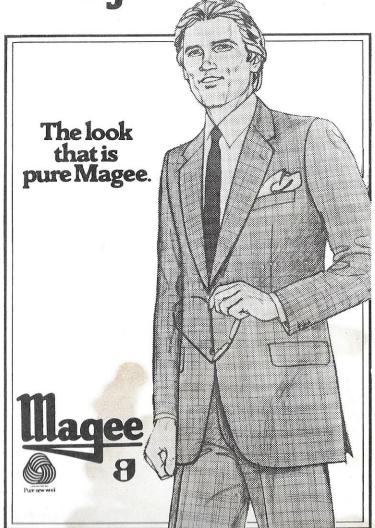
The Four Masters club officials, 1981, are:

President: John Joe Mulhern. Chairman: Brendan O'Neill. Secretary: Peter Campbell. Treasurer: Brian Gallagher. P.R.O.: Gerard Gorrell.

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FOUR MASTERS — STAIR

This is the eighth time that Donegal Town have reached the County Senior final since the reorganisation of 1919. It is the second time that Four Masters have done so.

1921 - The Donegal-Killygordon final wasn't played. See "Down the Years" on page 3.

1924 — Letterkenny. 8 June. Donegal 3—2, Dungloe 1—4. The last victory! H. Gallagher, P. Mulvihill, F. Kiernan, P. Hannigan, P. McCrory, P. O'Brien. W. Crawford, A. Brogan, J. Harvey, P. McNelis, J. Maguire, C. McGinty, P. Hughes, E. O'Donnell, J. McGlanaghy.

1950 - The Donegal-St. Eunan's final was not played in 1950.

1954 — Ballybofey. 29 August. Gweedore 3—6, Donegal 0—5. Thomas, J. Gallagher, A. McBrearty, J. Boyle, G. Hughes, J. Kelly, P. J. Harvey, P. L. Brogan, P. Brogan, K. Gallen, J. McMullan, J. Boyle, P. J. Burke, E. Kennelly, E. McLoone.

1971 — Ballyshannon. 18 July. Seán Mac Cumhaills 2—10, Clanna Gael 0—11. D. Britton, E. Fox, D. Monghan, A. Coughlan, P. Woods, E. Gallagher, P. J. McGarrigle, S. Bonnar and P. J. Flood, S. McCormack, H. Travers, F. Monaghan, P. Brogan, B. Needham, M. Keeney.

1972 — Ballybofey. 17 September. St. Eunan's 2—12, Clanna Gael 1—8. D. Britton, C. Gallagher, C. Coughlan, P. Woods, B. Needham, D. Monaghan, B. Martin, E. Gallagher, S. Bonnar, E. Mullan, H. Travers, E. Gorman, J. Barry, P. J. Flood, F. Monaghan.

1976 — Ballybofey. 15 August. St. Joseph's 1—13, Four Masters 0—5. D. McIntyre, T. Caldwell, B. Martin, M. Gillen, P. J. McGarrigle, D. Monaghan, J. McGroarty, P. Duncan and S. McCormack, F. Monaghan, P. J. Dooley, M. Kelly, E. Gorman, H. Travers, E. Mullan.

FOUR MASTERS 1981

League Division 2 (champions):

Four Masters 1-9, Gweedore 2-2 (a)

Four Masters 3-19, Glenfin 2-7 (h)

Four Masters 1-7, Termon 1-3 (a)

Four Masters w.o. St. Michaels scr. (h)

Four Masters 3-12, Downings 1-6 (a)

Four Masters 3-7, St. Nauls 1-4 (h)

Four Masters 2-8, N. Conall 0-5 (a)

Four Masters 2-15, Roger Casements 0-4 (h)

Four Masters 2-8, Ardara 2-6 (a)

RECORD

Senior Football Championship: 1924. Senior Football League: 1948, 1949.

Junior Football Championship: 1943, 1965, 1975.

Under-21 F.C.: 1979.

Under-16 F.C.: 1969.



Donal Monaghan in the All-Ireland semi-final of 1974 against Galway.

DONAL MONAGHAN

(Four Masters captain)

Donal Monaghan is one of those great players who have never won a County Senior Championship modal. He is one of the County's most loyal and dedicated players. Sixteen years ago he played on the Four Masters team that beat Ardara in the final of the Junior Championship. He went on to win some of the game's most coveted awards, the main four being — Ulster Senior Championship medals in 1972 and 1974 (both at right full-back); the Carroll's All-Star award in 1974 (at right full-back); and a Dr. McKenna Cup medal in 1975.

Donal was the only Ulsterman on the All-Star side of 1974 -

Donal Monaghan Paddy Reilly

Paddy Cullen Seán Doherty Barnes Murphy

Robbie Kelleher Johnny Hughes

Dermot Earley

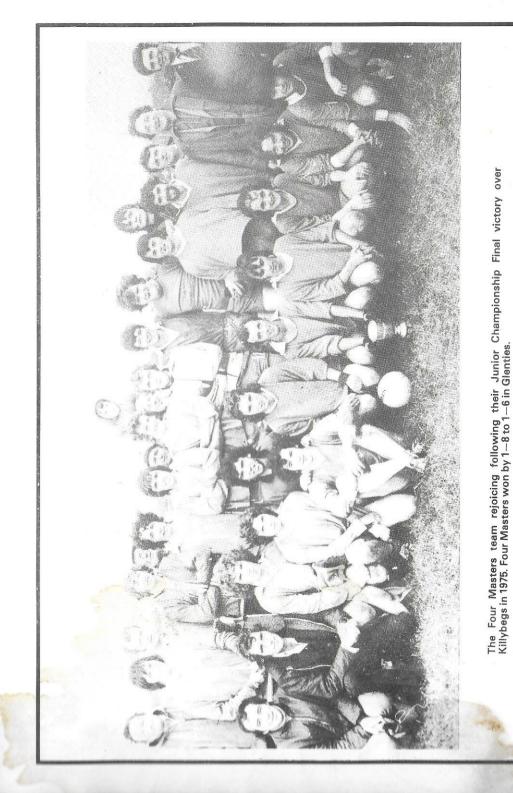
Tom Naughton Jimmy Barry-Murphy

Declan Barron Jimmy Keaveney

David Hickey Johnny Tobin

Paudie Lynch

Today's final is Donal Monaghan's fourth Donegal S.F.C. final - the only man on the field to be appearing in his fourth final.



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