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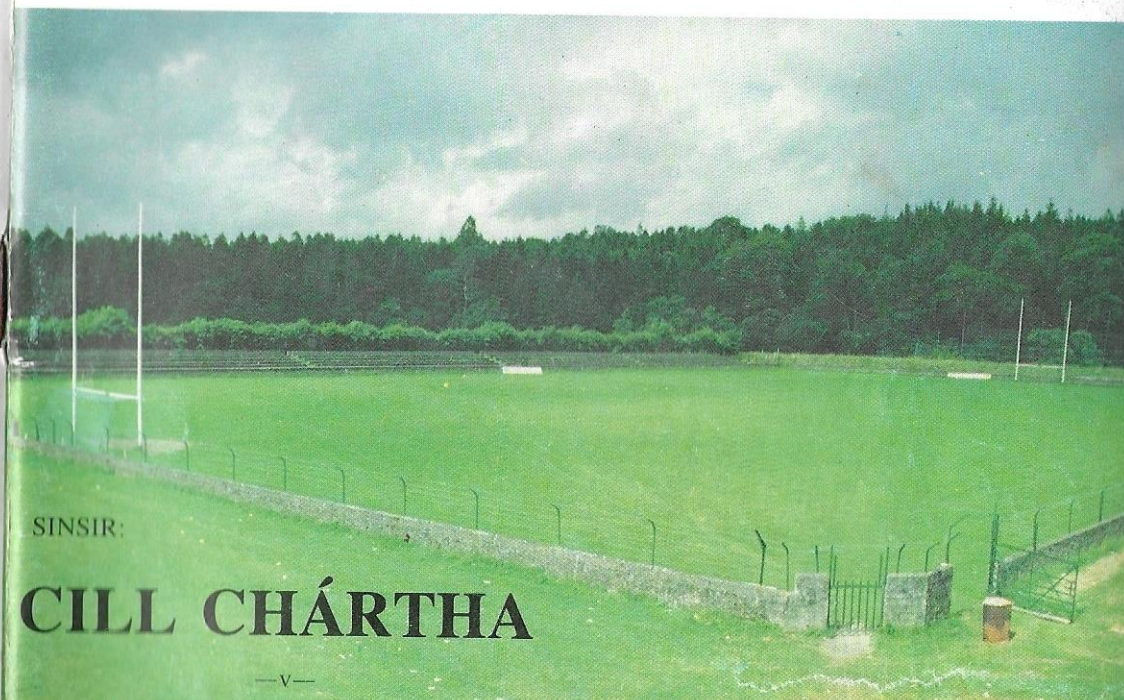
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DOMHNACH 28ú LÚNASA**



SINSIR:

CILL CHÁRTHA

—v—

NA CEALLA BEAGA

4.30. p.m.

Réiteoir: Ciarán Mac Fhloinn



Cluiche Leath-Ceannais na Condae: Craobh Mionúir:
Gaoth Dobhair v. Aodh Ruadh
1.30 p.m. Réiteoir: Tommy McGinley



Cluiche Ceannais na Condae Faoi-14:
Na Cealla Beaga v. Naomh Adhamhnáin
3.00 p.m. Réiteoir: Sean Masterson

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Failte

Cead míle failte do gach éinne anseo inniu ar an ocaid speisialta seo.

Welcome to everyone today to MacCumhaill Park on this historic occasion. Today marks a milestone in the use of the park as this will be the last final before the renovation and reconstruction work begins here.

The park has served the MacCumhaill club, and the County and Provincial Boards of the G.A.A. well over the years since its official opening in 1956. Tribute must be paid to men like Ben Griffin, Paddy Murphy, the late Liam Thompsom, Paddy O'Flanagan, Dessie Griffin, Jack Hannigan, and the man most dedicated to and work on the park has been outstanding over the years, Joe Doherty.

The care and attention Joe has given to looking after the park has been an inspiration to all clubs throughout the county and country. Many tributes have been paid to him over the years and I would like to congratulate him on his 80th birthday last week. I wish you many more years to see the rise of the new look MacCumhaill Park and have your valuable experience in its upkeep.

Many others helped to keep MacCumhaill Park to the fore, they are too numerous to mention, but one I cannot leave out and that is my good friend Eugene Gallagher who has been the kingpin of the club for many years.

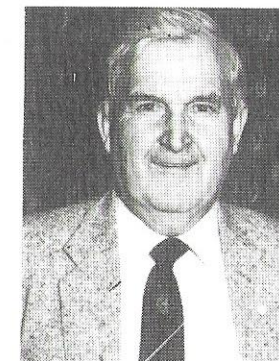
To former and present members of the County Board I say thanks for your help and loyalty over the years and I'm sure the former chairmen of the County Board will look forward to seeing the new MacCumhaill Park with its new seating and stand etc., come into being.

Today we honour the young players who are involved in the games here. We especially welcome Killybegs young team to their first county final against the stalwarts of Kilmac, those seasoned men of many finals. We trust we will have a good day's football and we will all part in friendship no matter who wins. That is the key to the success of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael that its members and players have a deep-rooted love for the games and aspirations of the Association.

Many thanks to the press and media in general for their coverage of our games down the years. They are the link between the County Board, the club and the members. Two men stand out in my mind, the late Hugh Daly, and that honourable character 'Tine Si', Colm Murray. May their memories live long in the annals of the G.A.A. in Donegal.

Finally to you, our supporters, thanks for your patronage over the years and your encouragement when any success comes our way. Our sponsors deserve our support for without their help we could not do many of the things that improve the G.A.A. in the county. Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

Cathal O'Fachanta, Cathaoirleach Bord na Conndae.



CLÁR AN LAE

- 1.15 p.m. Teams for Minor Semi-final on pitch
- 2.40 p.m. Killaghtee Band on pitch
- 2.40 p.m. U-14 teams on pitch
- 2.50 p.m. U-14 teams parade
- 3.00 p.m. County U-14 Final
- 4.10 p.m. U-14 Presentation by Minor Board Chairman, Pat Conaghan
- 4.12 p.m. Senior teams on pitch
- 4.25 p.m. Senior teams parade
- 4.29 p.m. National Anthem
- 4.30 p.m. County Senior Football Final
- 5.40 p.m. Presentation of Dr. Maguire Cup by Senior Board Chairman, Charles Faulkner

Amhran na bhFiann

*Sinne Fianna Fáil,
Atá faoi gheall ag Eirinn,
Buíon dár slua
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Sean-tír ar sinsear feasta
Ní fhágfar faoin tiorán ná faoin tráil,
Anocht a théann sa bhearna baoil
Le gearr ar Ghaeil chun báis nó saoil
Le gunna-scréach faoi lámhach na
bpiléar,
Seo libh canaig' Amhrán na bhFiann.*

Mr. Connie Maguire, County Development Officer will be Co-ordinator on the day.

A Good Luck Message

*Wherever you're playing,
We'll be there to shout,
From the start of the Championship,
You've knocked them all out.
You are now in the Final,
MacCumhaill Park you will roam,
And please God when it's over,
Maguire comes home.*

*From the President Daniels
To the treasurer Pat
Our Manager and Trainer
With patience they sat.
Our captain is Barry,
And a panel of greats,
To be crowned the true champions,
The outcome awaits.*

*Good luck to you all,
And the subs. there as well,
Cos' no matter what happens,
They'll be stories to tell.
For who can tell better,
Than Tully or Sparks,
And don't contradict them,
Cos' they'll eat you like sharks.*

*From all in the 'Harbour',
We all wish you well,
And we'll welcome you home,
To the house where you dwell.*

Na Cealla Beaga

Good Luck from Pádraig, Mona and Staff

Experience or Youth but football's the winner

By Connie Duffy, "Donegal Democrat"

For the past two weeks we thought, talked, dreamt of nothing else but now sixty minutes of football will answer all those questions. The meeting between Kilcar and Killybegs in the county Senior Football Championship final is now a reality and what an exciting final we have in store.

On the match front, classic play was in short supply in this year's Championship but many games still came up trumps in a big way on the entertainment value.

Now all attention is on the two sides to see which can lift the Dr. Maguire Cup. The fierce but friendly rivalry between these neighbours has guaranteed a tense, close game which can only be good as in recent years the county final has been something of an anti-climax.

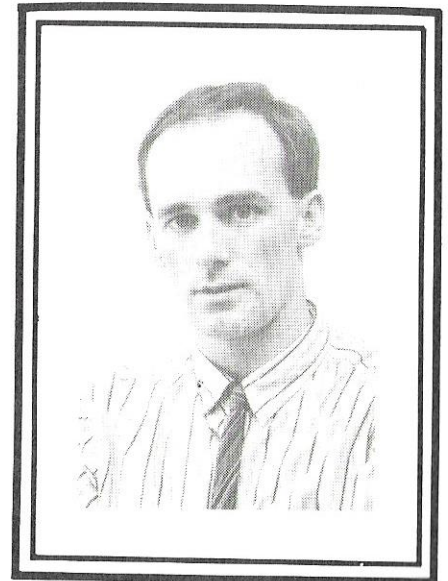
If we are to believe all we hear both sides are confident of winning. Killybegs believe they have the young footballing side, while Kilcar point to the fact that this is their fourth final in eight years with basically the same team lineout.

Killybegs appearance in the championship final comes as no surprise, but once more the question is: Can they adjust to the big occasion and convert their usual generous share of possession into scores? The determination and organisation in the team is matched with skill, flair and occasionally some devastating finishing in front of goals but time and again they promised so much only to lose steam when the heat becomes too intense.

This year they have shown some promising signs in the league so perhaps they've finally come of age.

Kilcar must start favourites in everybody's mind, however. They are looking for their fourth title, third in the '80s, and don't want to lose a county final two years on the trot. Their consistency and experience should be a big asset today but as they know from the past championship football can be cruel and the wrong bounce of the ball a costly thing!

The old and the young—in terms of experience that is—are represented in this year's final but don't be fooled, both sets of players have been around a long time but maybe in different competitions. It all points to an intriguing battle of wits with the orders



from the sideline probably having as much bearing on the final outcome as the scores. It will be interesting to see whether Killybegs adopt their normal flamboyant style against the rugged sturdy Kilcar machine.

Kilcar's rating as championship favourites is owed more to the combination of past experience and unequalled track record in recent times. They may well prove good enough to win but as last year showed they are not unbeatable. The pressure is on them not to lose again and this in itself is a burden on final day.

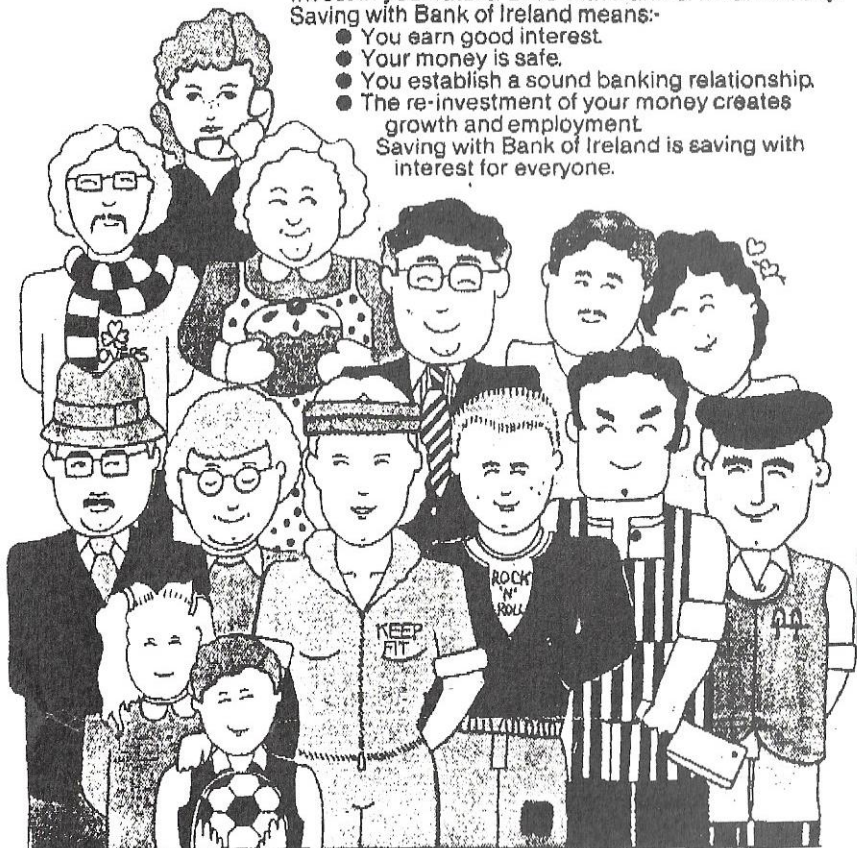
Killybegs are good enough to win. This opinion might seem presumptuous but there is no lack of evidence to support this case. They've won everything else. This exciting young side bases its challenge on at least four points of strength: the fact that most of the team have come up through the ranks together since winning their first U-12 title in 1979; their strength, ability and hunger for the big breakthrough. They have proved the 'dark horses' of the championship so far.... will there be another surprise today?

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County U-14 Final should be a thriller

Today's County U-14 final sees All-Ireland champions of Feile na nÓg Group B, Killybegs, meeting a good St. Eunans team. Both clubs are now reaping the benefit of a lot of hard work which is being put in within their respective areas at underage coaching.

Killybegs are going for their fourth County U-14 title having been champions in 1980, 1985 and 1987 while St. Eunan's are bidding for their fifth title at this level as they won it in 1973, 1974, 1983 and 1984.

On their way to the final St. Eunans accounted for Ardara and Cloughaneely, while the Killybegs boys had victories over Four Masters and Sean MacCumhailis.

Their previous records in U-14 finals are as follows: 1964—Cloughaneely 2-9, St. Eunans

4-0. 1973—St. Eunans 8-12, Glenties 2-2. 1974—St. Eunans 1-4, Aodh Ruadh 0-5. 1976—Ardara 7-5, St. Eunans 4-5. 1980—Rosses Rovers 4-12, Killybegs 1-4. 1981—Killybegs 5-14, Ardara 0-3. 1983—St. Eunans 1-11, Gweedore 0-3. 1984—St. Eunans 4-13, Glenties 2-6. 1985—Killybegs 2-6, MacCumhailis 1-4. 1987—Killybegs 6-17, Burt 2-1.

Since the inauguration of the U-14 competition in 1962 Dungloe/Rosses Rovers have been champions five times, St. Eunans have four, Glencolmille/N. Columba and Killybegs have three, Ardara, Cloughaneely, Gweedore and Convoy have two titles and Aodh Ruadh, Castlefin and Sean MacCumhailis hold one title each.

ST. EUNAN'S

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|--------------------|------------------|
| 1—KEITH HARVEY | 4—SHANE McMORROW |
| 2—MAURICE McGEEHAN | 7—JOHN SWEENEY |
| 3—MICHAEL CROSSAN | 9—SEAN McEWEN |
| 5—BARRY McGARRIGLE | 12—SHANE HARKIN |
| 6—HUGO DALY | 15—GARETH GORMAN |
| 8—DWYER RAFFERTY | |
| 10—STEPHEN COLLINS | |
| 11—PATRICK McDAID | |
| 13—KEVIN MURRAY | |
| 14—CARL DOHERTY | |
- Fir Ionaid: 16—GERRY McGROARTY. 17—STEPHEN SWEENEY. 18—BRENDAN PROCTOR. 19—SEAMUS DOHERTY. 20—MARTIN McGARRIGLE.

KILLYBEGS

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| 1—GARETH CUNNINGHAM | 4—NIGEL RAWDON |
| 2—GILLAN McGUINNESS | 7—BRIAN CALLAGHAN |
| 3—GARETH MURPHY | 9—PAUL CALLAGHAN |
| 5—MARTIN McGUINNESS | 12—A.N. OTHER |
| 6—BARRY McBREARTY | 15—DANIEL McSHARRY |
| 8—PETER McGINLEY | |
| 10—ADRIAN CALLAGHAN | |
| 11—DECLAN BOYLE | |
| 13—DONAL CUNNINGHAM | |
| 14—DECLAN HAUGHEY | |
- Fir Ionaid: 16—ANDREW MULLEN. 17—PAUL MOORE. 18—EDDIE BYRNE. 19—KEVIN RODDEN. 20—MARCUS MUNNELLY. 21—BRENDAN McGUINNESS.

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CILL CHARTHAIGH — STAIR

This is Cill Charthaigh's eighth appearance in the County Senior Football Championship final. They were champions in 1925, 1980 and 1985 and runners-up in 1959, 1963, 1982 and 1987.

1925—In the South and South-West League of 1924-'25, Ballyshannon and Ardara finished on top with Kilcar third and so out of the running. Ballyshannon and Ardara had to play-off and the match was fixed for Kilcar. Ballyshannon and Ardara agreed to play it in Mountcharles. Ballyshannon won, thus qualifying to meet Dunfanaghy in the county final. Kilcar, however, protested on the grounds that Ballyshannon and Ardara were automatically disqualified owing to their not playing at the proper venue. The Kilcar protest was successful and they were to play Dunfanaghy in the county final in Letterkenny on July 26, 1925. Dunfanaghy failed to turn up and Kilcar were awarded the Championship. The Kilcar line-out was: Jim Toland, Johnny McGinley, Frank McGinley, Joseph McGinley, Eddie Gillespie, Brian Byrne, Mick Carr, Dan Byrne, Bernard Byrne, Phil McNelis, Michael W. Cunningham, Garda McGroary and Hugh O'Gara.

1959—Donegal Town, 6 Sept. MacCumhalls 2-7, Cill Charthaigh 1-6. M. Haughey; J. Cunningham, J. Doogan, A. O'Donnell; P. Haughey, P. O'Donnell, S. McNulty, G. Breslin, J. Ward, P. Carr, S. Doogan, C. McLoughlin; J. J. Lyons, E. Browne, F. Gillespie. Subs.: E. O'Donnell, S. O'Donnell.

1963—Ballyshannon. 3 Nov. MacCumhalls 1-6, Cill Charthaigh 0-4. M. Haughey; S. McNulty, C. Brady, J. Cunningham; P. Haughey, P. O'Donnell, S. McGuinness; J. Gillespie, P. O'Donnell; J. Boyle, D. Houlihan, C. McLoughlin; I. Hegarty, A. O'Donnell, K. McDonald. Sub., P. McGowan.

1980—Ballybofey. 31 Aug. Cill Charthaigh 1-13, Ardara 0-8. Maurice Carr; T. McFadden, D. McBrearty, J. Quinn; C. McGroarty, Michael Carr, J. Carr; D. Gillespie, A. Cannon; M. McHugh, F. Cannon, S. McGinley; F. Gallagher, C. O'Donnell, P. Conroy.

1982—Ballybofey. 29th Aug. Four Masters 1-4, Cill Charthaigh 0-6. John Hegarty; Dinny McBrearty, Danny Gillespie, John Quinn; Maurice Carr, Michael Carr, Sean McGinley; Neilly Byrne, Aodh Cannon; Martin McHugh, Tommy McFadden, Francie Gallagher; James McHugh, Charlie McGroarty, Vernon Hegarty.

1985—Ballybofey. 8th Sept. Kilcar 0-9, Four Masters 0-7. Michael McFadden; John Doogan, Danny Gillespie, John Quinn; John Carr, Michael Carr, Neilly Byrne; James Carr, Maurice Carr; Martin McHugh, Seamus Gallagher, James McHugh; Michael Molloy, Christy Gillespie, Sean McGinley.

1987—Ballybofey. 30th Aug. Aodh Ruadh 2-10, Kilcar 1-7. Michael McFadden; John Doogan, James Carr, Cornelius Diver; John Carr, Neilly Byrne, Seamus Gallagher; Mark McShane, Danny Gillespie; Neilly Cannon, Martin McHugh, Sean McGinley; Michael Carr, James McHugh, Aodh Cannon. Subs.: Enda McHugh and Gerard McBrearty.

SEVEN-UP FOR KIERAN

The referee in charge today is Glenfin's Kieran McGlynn. By day he's the manager in charge of the Bunbeg branch of the Bank of Ireland but within the G.A.A. he is not only the club secretary but Assistant County Treasurer with special responsibility for the County Draw.

Today is his seventh county final, having been in charge of the county final U-14 in 1983, Intermediate in 1986, Junior A county final U-12B and U-14B in 1987 and U-12A this year.

A former Glenfin goalkeeper, he was a member of the club's successful junior panel of 1978.

So he has a good understanding of the game both from the playing and refereeing points of view which makes him an ideal man for today's job.

The linesmen today are Frankie Doherty (St. Eunan's), and Eugene Quinn (Red Hughs). The umpires are John McBride (Downings), Noel Kane (Robert Emmets), Owenie McBride (Gweedore), and Austin Wallace (Burt).

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Senior County Finals—

“I Recall”

—Pádraig S. Mac a' Ghoill

It is with a feeling of nostalgia that I look back and try to recall some, only some, of the great Senior Football finals of sixty years, and endeavour to call to mind some of the thrilling encounters, the players who participated, and the changes that have taken place in playing conditions, rules, tactics and the widespread participation of our youth in Gaelic games.

A County Football Final, senior I mean, as there was no other, was still a novelty away back in 1928. My interest was awakened by the fact that Ardara was contesting its third final on this occasion with Killygordon, who were outstanding in that decade—powered then by the Brady Clan (3) and others. Ardara had outstanding players in C. McDyre (Donegal and Ulster), Christy Kennedy, Leo Howley and Ta Gallagher, all inter-county players.

The final was played in Hollymount Park, (present G.A.A. pitch) in Glenties. Admission was 6 pence and the attendance was over 2,000. Ardara ran out winners, after a hectic game with a score of 1-4 to 0-3.

Dungloe contested four finals between 1930 and 1936, winning four. Probably the most thrilling of these was the 1933 final played in Ardara (in the Showfield) against Bundoran. This was the year that a Donegal team made its first appearance in Croke Park—as a junior team. Dungloe, winners by 3-2 to 1-3—had a powerful combination in the O'Donnell brothers, John and Bernie; the Sweeney brothers, Kevin and Dessie, McPaul and others. The Bundoran team included J. Foley, Gilmartin and Campbell, all inter-county. Late in the game two Dungloe players were sent to the line—one reprieved later.

In the 1936 final Dungloe defeated Ardara in Ardara, then powered by Jim Maxwell, William Boyle, Paddy McGill, Vinny McHugh and James McGinley. This was a good final, as was that of 1938 in Glenties, when Gweedore defeated Ardara 1-7 to 0-5. This Gweedore team boasted such fine

players as T. Coll, T. Kearney, Jackie and Hughie “Beag” Gallagher, Danny Gillespie, Hugh Roarty, J. McCole and D. McGinley, many of whom became famous over the next decade at county and provincial level, winning six county finals against the very strong opposition of Ballyshannon. Ballyshannon had outstanding players such as Jack Gallagher, Mick Melly, John McGahern, Seamus Slevin, P. J. Goan, Mick Slevin. Gweedore players of outstanding ability who appeared were Hughie Tim Boyle, Frank Mopney and Jim McFadden.

Letterkenny were worthy opponents in the years 1944 to 1952. These finals involving these three teams, to some of which I have already referred, were outstanding contests, with a vast array of brilliant players. It was not until the '60s that spectators were thrilled by scintillating displays in finals by MacCumhailts, St. Joseph's and St. Eunans.

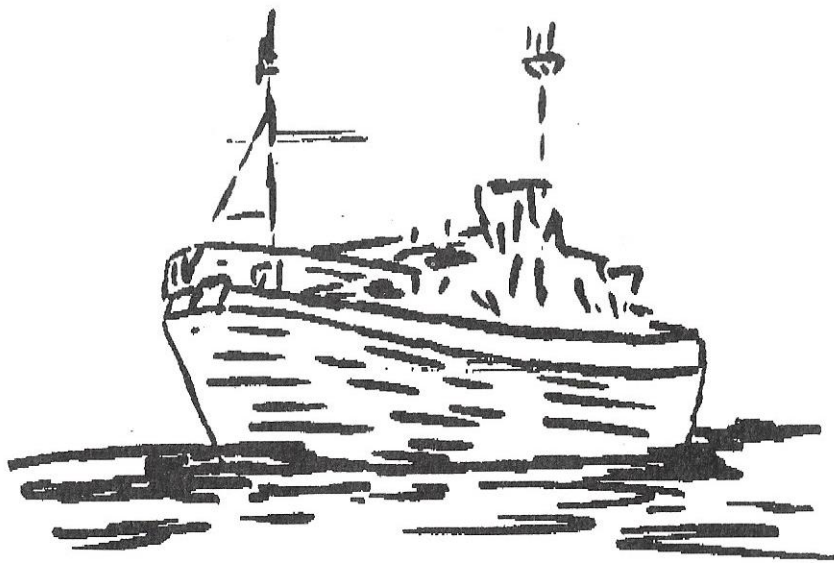
The '60s witnessed the physically strongest teams of Donegal football and produced our strongest inter-county teams—without winning an Ulster Championship.

One cannot but recall the 1967 county final between St. Eunans and St. Joseph's and the replay, eventually won by the former by 1-13 to 1-9. Players like S. Hoare, Fionn Gallagher, Sean Ferriter, John Hannigan, Pat Gallagher and St. Joseph's with great stalwarts like Declan O'Carroll, Pauric McShea, Bernard Brady, Mickey McLoone, Seamie Granaghan and others — most of whom continued to help St. Joseph's to win County Championships — six in the next decade.

Over the last ten years the power has swung to the South West of the county so that this year the last five teams remaining in the Senior Championship were based in the South-West Division. We express hope that the neighbouring teams, Kilcar and Killybegs will provide us with another memorable final.

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ART KAVANAGH
Manager

MacCumhail Park Development On The Way

By: Connie Maguire, Co. Development Officer

Today we say farewell to MacCumhail Park in its present layout. It has served C.L.G., well over the past decade but modern requirements, especially better spectator comforts dictate that we initiate a programme of improvements that will suffice well into the next century.

The development will be done in two phases. Initially the pitch will be re-aligned bringing the riverside endline forward five metres. The present stand will be removed and the pitch extended four metres in that direction. The town side endline will in turn be brought forward five metres.

The new stand will have a modern seating arrangement for approximately 5000 people with access from three points. On the Stranorlar side the existing bank will be re-aligned and extended for better spectator

comfort. New toilet facilities will be provided on both sides of the ground. A modern press box is part of the development but a location is not yet finalised.

New access and exit points with an adequate number of secure admission collection points are part of the scheme.

In the second phase the provision of a covered stand over the seating will be the major part of the plan. The development committee have examined coverings in other recent developments around the country and the better facets of these will be incorporated in the MacCumhail Park development.

The Co. Committee appreciate the support given by the clubs to date and look forward to your continuing support for the project over the coming year so that phase one will be completed for the 1989 Co. Final.

Buíochas

I wish to thank all those who assisted in the production of today's County Final programme, particularly those who contributed articles, photographs and those who sponsored advertisements.

I am most grateful to Connie Duffy of the Donegal Democrat and Tom Daly of Ballyshannon who helped me with this production.

Thanks also to my fellow Executive members who supported me in the compiling of the programme and during the year.

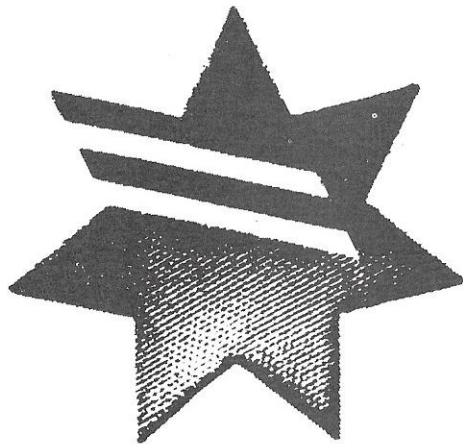
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the clubs, the Fixtures Committee, Pól Ó Gallchóir of Raidió na Gaeltachta and the Referees Board who make my task much easier.

Last but not least, I extend my appreciation to the local press, the Donegal Democrat, Donegal Peoples Press, Derry People and Derry Journal who print and spread the G.A.A. news to our supporters at home and abroad.

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Le Pól Ó Gallchóir, Raidió na Gaeltachta

Tá buaic-phointe na bliana sroiste againn—tá muid ar bhruach na Finne don chluiche mhór agus ní bheidh a leithéid ann arís. Tá na mílte punt le bailiú, seastán úr le tógáil agus ardán úr le ullmhú. Bhí bliain mheasartha againn ó thaobh na peile...bhí bunus na gcluichí sna babhtáí deireannacha le clos ag ár néisteoirí. Chuaigh muid go Páirc Fhionntrá agus go Béal Átha Seanaigh...faoin am seo, bhí Aodh Rua buailte ag bunaidh Ghlinne, agus ní raibh fagtha ach ocht bhfoireann. Gach Domhnach ó shoin, bhí muid le clos agus is iomaí cupán tae a fuair muid sa bhosca tráchtairachta ar Pháirc Mhic Daibhéid.

Tá na comharsanaí i gcoinne a chéile inniu...agus i bhFionntrá an lá gaofar sin, nuair a chas na geansaithe ghlasa agus dhearga ar a chéile. Bhí sé bliain agus fiche ó chas an Chlochán Liath agus Gaoth Dobhair ar a chéile i gCraobh na Sinsear. Rinneadh go leor cainte roimh agus indiaidh an chluiche—dúradh linn go raibh an cluiche i bhFionntrá chun freastal ar na héisteoirí. Bhain an Chlochán Liath, bhí an cruinniú míosúil callanach go leor, dúradh rudaí nach fíor ach sa deireadh thiar, rinneadh dearmad de na laetha a bhí.

Ní dheanfar dearmad den choimlint idir Ard a' Rátha agus Naomh Columba...trí huair go leith peile, agus ní raibh idir na foirne ach pointe amháin indiaidh na coimhlinte...agus bhí muid ábalta freastal ar na héisteoirí. Don chéad uair ariamh, chraol muid ar na meán tonnta ó Dhoirí Beaga amháin agus tá súil agam nach í an uair dheireannach. Sheas Ard a' Rátha an fhód go cróga ach goineadh iad fosta, agus bhí siad lag in aghaidh na gCealla Beaga.

Tá aithne ar lads Chill Charthaigh ó cheann ceann na tíre agus tá meas orthu fosta. Bhain siad Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta anuraidh. I mbliana buaileadh iad sa bhabhta ceannais ar an Cheathrú Rua. Bhí

a ród go Beal Átha Feich furast go leor i mbliana....Na Rossa, Gleann Fhinne agus An Chlochán Liath. Sár fhoireann atá i gCill Charthaigh agus imríonn siad mar fhoireann. Is deacair iad a bhuaileadh. Tá Ruairí in easnamh inniu—don dara bliain as a chéile, mar gur 'chaith sé an liathróid ar an réiteoir' agus mar go ndúirt sé rudaí nár cheart a rá le réiteoir. Tá jab cruaidh ag réiteoirí agus ag imreoirí. Níl na rialacha céanna curtha i bhfeidhm gach áit agus níl na rialacha ag na himreoirí uilig. Tuigean Mac Seaghain é sin anois.

Cén áit a mbeidh an corn anocht...agus ar feadh bliana eile. Níl mórán maitheasa sa tuairmaíocht. Tá meas agam ar an dá fhoireann agus beidh. Cuireann Mac Ghabann agus Mairtín gliondar ar mo chroí. Tá plúr na nimreoirí anseo inniu...Clann Mhic Giolla Chearra, Uí Chuinneagáin, Mhic Aodha, De Faointe, agus mórán eile.

Tá an Iar Dheisceart láidir. Ach tá na coirneáil ag feabhsú. Tá Naomh Adhmnáin linn inniu sa chluiche faoi ceithre bliana déag. Tá mionúirí Bhéal Átha Seanaigh agus Gaoth Dobhair anseo. Beidh lá eile ag Hughie agus a chuid gasúraí sa Chraobh Idirmheánach. Tá súil agam nach lagóidh an Deisceart ach go laidreoidh an Tuaisceart.

Bhain mé sult as '88 agus na cuimhní cinn. Cén fath a bhfuil an cluiche i bhFionntrá? Mo thuras na Gearmáine agus an freagra a thug Des domh—Armagh hammered ewes—Na cluichí a bhí i bhFionntrá? Lá brónach nuair a chaill Na Cealla Beaga a gcaiftín. Bua lads Chloich Cheann Fhaola? Achainní Christy feosógach sna Dúnaibh? Bhris Eugene a chos? Bhí Dónal Óg na chaiftín ar na mionúirí? Lán tosach an Chlochán Léith...bliain agus fiche níos moille? Seacht bhomaite agus daichead agus a haon second Jack i bhFionntrá? Bainigí sult as na cluichí agus a Chiaráin Mhic Fhloinn—gach beannacht.

KILCAR PEN PICTURES

JOHN O'DONNELL: Position, forward. Plays in the backline as well. Occupation: Student. Age: 17 years. Height: 5'-9"; Weight: 11½st. Past Honours: Senior League and County Gaeltacht medals with Kilcar. Played on Co. Minor team this year. Youngest member of the team.

SEAN McGINLEY: Position: Forward. Occupation: Insurance Representative with New Ireland Assurance. Age 40 years. Height: 5'-8". Weight: 11st. Past Honours: Senior Championship, League Shield, County and All-Ireland Gaeltacht medals. Also holder of a Minor Championship medal with Kilcar. Present club chairman.

MANUS BRADY: Position: Forward. Age: 20 years. Height: 5'-11". Weight: 11½st. Past Honours: Holder All-Ireland Colleges Senior League, County and All-Ireland Gaeltacht medals with Kilcar.

ROGER McSHANE: Position: Midfielder. Occupation: Fitter. Age: 21 years. Height: 5'-11". Weight: 13st. Past Honours: Ulster minor medal with County, Two County Vocational School All-Ireland medals. Senior Championship, League Shield, County and All-Ireland Gaeltacht medals with Kilcar.

PADDY CARR: Position: Defender. Occupation: Factory worker. Age: 23 years. Height: 5'-7". Weight: 11st. Past Honours: Senior League, Shield and County Gaeltacht medals.

ANTHONY DIVER: Position: Defender. Occupation: Factory worker. Age: 22 years. Height: 5'-10". Weight: 12st. Past Honours: Played at all grades of football for Kilcar.

JAMES McHUGH: Position: Right half-forward. Play anywhere in forward line. Occupation: Factory worker. Age: 24 years. Height: 5'-7". Weight: 10½st. Past Honours: Holder of Senior Championship, League, Shield, and County and All-Ireland Gaeltacht medals with Kilcar. Played County Minor and U-21. Captained the 1985 winning team.

NEILY CANNON: Position: Very versatile player. Can play forward or in the backline. Occupation: Factory worker. Age: 23 years.

Height: 5'-8". Weight: 11½st. Past Honours: Won Senior Championship, League Shield, County and All-Ireland Gaeltacht medals. Played County Minor.

GERARD McBREARTY: Position: Left half-forward. Occupation: Factory worker. Age: 27 years. Height: 5'-10". Weight: 11st. Past Honours: Senior Championship, League, Shield, County and All-Ireland Gaeltacht medals. Having his best season ever.

MARTIN McHUGH: Right corner-forward. Occupation: Insurance Representative for Abbey Life. Age: 27 years. Height: 5'-8". Weight: 12st. Past Honours: Present Inter County Player. Holder of two Senior Championships, 5 Senior Leagues, 2 Shield Medals, one County and All-Ireland Gaeltacht medals with Kilcar. One Ulster Championship, two Railway Cup medals, one All-Ireland award, one All-Ireland U-21 medal, three Donegal player of the year awards. Manager of the team.

CHRISTY GILLESPIE: Position: Full-forward. Occupation: School teacher. Age: 26 years. Height: 6'-0". Weight: 13st. Past Honours: Senior Championship, League, Shield and County Gaeltacht medals.

JAMES CARR: Position: Centre half-back. Occupation: Plasterer. Age: 25 years. Height: 6'-3". Weight: 13½st. Past Honours: Holder Senior Championship, League, Shield, County and All-Ireland Gaeltacht medals. Played for County Senior team.

JOHN DOOGAN: Position: Left half-back. Occupation: Telecom Eireann Employee. Age: 26 years. Height: 5'-11". Weight: 13st. Past Honours: Holder Senior Championship, League, Shield, County and All-Ireland Gaeltacht medals. Played County Minor. Vice-captain of the team.

DANNY GILLESPIE: Position: Midfielder or forward. Occupation: Vocational School Teacher. Age: 35 years. Height: 6'-0". Weight: 14st. Past Honours: Holder Senior Championship, League, Shield, County and All-Ireland Gaeltacht medals. Also a Junior Championship medal and U-21 Championship medals.

KILCAR PEN PICTURES

MARK McSHANE: Position: Midfielder or forward. Occupation: Student. Age: 18 years. Height: 6'-0". Weight: 11st. Past Honours: Holder of Senior League, County and All-Ireland Gaeltacht medals with Kilcar. Ulster Vocational Schools medals with Donegal County and Ulster Voc., Schools medals with Carrick Voc., School. Played for County Minor team this past two years.

MAURICE CARR: Position: Half-back or midfield. Occupation: Carpenter. Age: 27 years. Height: 5'-11". Weight: 12st. Past Honours: Holder of Senior Championship, League and Shield medals with Kilcar. Member of the 1982 Donegal All-Ireland winning team. Brother of James and John Carr.

MICHAEL McFADDEN: Position: Goal keeper. Occupation: Factory Supervisor. Age: 29 years. Height: 5'-7". Weight: 12st. Past Honours: Holder Senior Championship, League, Shield, County and All-Ireland Gaeltacht medals with Kilcar.

SEAMUS GALLAGHER: Position: Right full-back. Occupation: Building Contractor and

Publican. Age: 37 years. Height: 5'-7". Weight: 11½st. Past Honours: Holder of Senior Championship, League, Shield, County and All-Ireland Gaeltacht medals. Ex-County player. Captain of the team.

NEILY BYRNE: Position: Full-back. Occupation: Fitter with I.A.W.S., Killybegs. Age: 35 years; Height: 5'-11". Weight: 12st. Past Honours: Holder Senior Championship, League, Shield, County and All-Ireland Gaeltacht medals. Ex-County player.

ENDA McHUGH: Position: Left full-back. Occupation: Factory worker. Age: 19 years. Height: 5'-9". Weight: 11st. Past Honours: Holder Senior League, County and All-Ireland Gaeltacht medals. Played Minor football for the county. Having a very good season at corner-back. Brother of James and Martin's.

JOHN CARR: Position: Right half-back. Occupation: Designer. Age: 32 years. Height: 5'-10". Weight: 12st. Past Honours: Holder Senior Championship, League, Shield, County and All-Ireland Gaeltacht medals. and U-21 Championship medals with Kilcar.

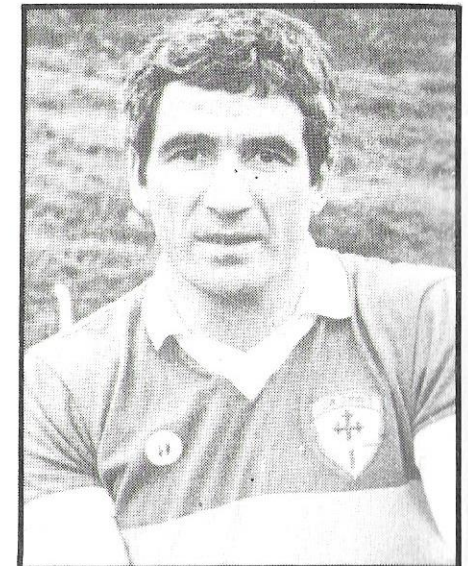
A UNIQUE DOUBLE FOR SEAMUS?

Should Kilcar win this evening, it will be a very special day for team captain Seamus Gallagher. He will be lifting the Dr. Maguire Cup for the second time but with a different team. He captained Ardara to the title back in 1981 and is confident he will be doing it again today.

He believes this game against Killybegs will be his side's hardest but he says his side don't want to get beat at the end for the second year in a row. He has great respect for the Killybegs lads. He will even be opening the old Bayview Hotel in that town next year if all goes well so will become a part of the town also.

But concentrating on Sunday, Seamus has no illusions about the task ahead.

"I think it will be a good open game of football. They're a young side and we'll treat them with respect but they'll get nothing soft. They'll find the going tight as we have been around for a long time. They'll not find too many sides as solid as Kilcar. I would like to be the man to go up to collect the cup after the game".



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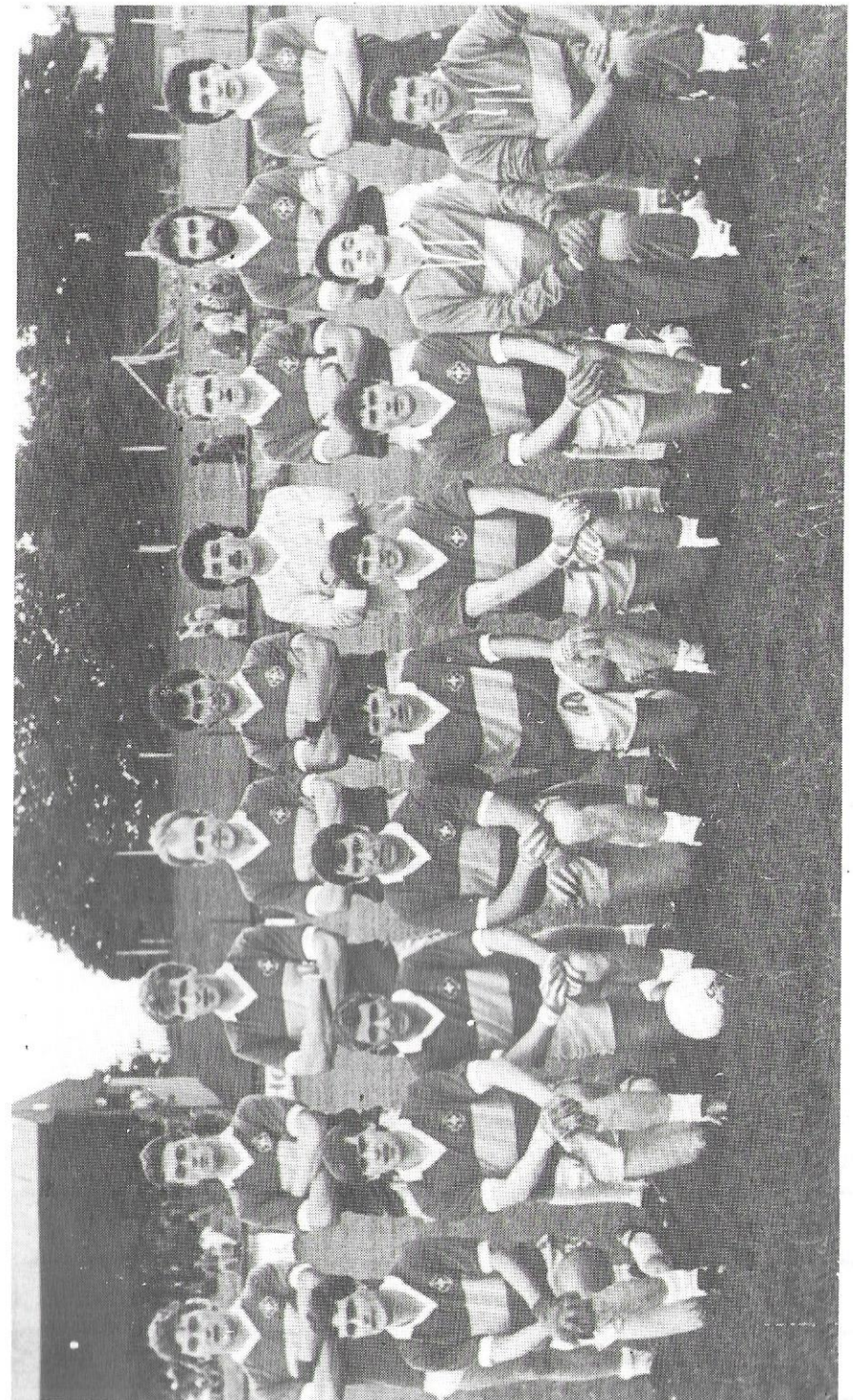
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5	6	7	
JOHN CARR	JAMES CARR	JOHN DOOGAN	
	8	9	
	MARK McSHANE	MAURICE CARR	
10	11	12	
JAMES McHUGH	CHRISTY GILLESPIE	GERARD McBREARTY	
13	14	15	
MARTIN McHUGH	DANNY GILLESPIE	NEILLY CANNON	

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Manager : MARTIN McHUGH.

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Dathanna: Ban agus Dearg

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	HUGH McFADDEN		
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JOHN McGUINNESS	JIMMY WHITE	MICHAEL CAMPBELL	
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	JOHN CUNNINGHAM	BARRY CUNNINGHAM	
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BARRY McGOWAN	JOHN GALLAGHER	CONOR WHITE	
13	14	15	
CONAL GALLAGHER	MANUS BOYLE	RORY McNELIS	

Fir Ionaid: 16—PAT BYRNE. 17—FRANCIS MURRAY. 18—BARRY CUNNINGHAM. 19—CHARLIE TULLY. 20—KEITH JONES. 21—STEPHEN BURKE. 22—DECLAN McMENAMIN. 23—TONY HEGARTY. 24—DONAL CANNON. 25—JOHN BAKER BOYLE.

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THE KILLYBEGS PANEL

KILLYBEGS PEN PICTURES

HUGHIE McFADDEN: (33). 5'11". 13½ st. Goalkeeper. Factory foreman. Has Co. Junior and Intermediate Championship and Division 2 League and Shield medals.

PAUL CARBERY: (19). 6'0". 13½ st. Corner-back. Student Cork R.T.C. Played Co. Vocational Schools and Co. Minor. Won All-Ireland First Years medal with Cork R.T.C. Has club county Championship medals at u-12, 13, 14, 16, two u-18, two Ulster u-18 club Championships, u-21 and Division 2 League and Shield.

DENIS CARBERY: (21). 6'1½". 14½ st. Full-back. Fisherman. All-Ireland Vocational Schools, County Minor and two League. Has club u-12, 13, 14, 16, two u-18, u-21 and two Ulster u-18 Club Championship medals, as well as League and Shield Division 2.

KEVIN WHITE: (27). 6'1½". 13½ st. Corner-back. Factory worker. Has League and Shield Division 2 and 3 medals. One of the three White brothers on the panel.

JOHN McGUINNESS: (20). 5'11". 11½ st. Half-back. Architectural student in Co. Act in Limerick. County Championship medals at u-12, 13, 16, two u-18 Championships, two Minor Leagues, u-21, Division 2 Shield, Co. Minor 1986, and two All-Ireland Championships with Co. Act.

MICHAEL CAMPBELL: (30). 6'1½". 13½ st. Half-back. Fisherman. League and Shield Division 2 medals. U-16 and u-18 Colleges medals with Falcarragh.

JOHN CUNNINGHAM: (21). 5'11". 13½ st. Midfield. Carpenter. All-Ireland u-18 Club Championships, three Minor League medals, Ulster Colleges u-15, u-17 and u-18½, Ulster Minor Championship 1985 and League and Shield Division 2 medals.

BARRY CUNNINGHAM (capt.): (21). 6'1". 13½ st. Midfield. Plant operator. All-Ireland U-21 and Ulster Minor medals, two Ulster U-18 Club Championships, club Championship medals at u-12, 13, 14, 16, two u-18s, u-21, Ulster Colleges u-15, 17 and 18½ and League and Shield Division 2 medals.

BARRY McGOWAN: (21). 6'0". 12½ st. Half-forward. E.S.B. employee. All-Ireland U-21, Ulster Minor and League medals, two Ulster U-18 Club Championships, club u-12,

13, 14, 16, two u-18, u-21, Ulster Colleges u-17, and two u-18½, as well as League Division 2 and Shield Division 2 and 3 medals.

JOHN BÀN GALLAGHER: (20). 6'2". 13½ st. Half-forward. Net-maker with Swan Nets. All-Ireland U-21, Vocational Schools Ulster U-18 Championship, two Ulster Club U-18 Championships and club honours at u-12, 13, 14, 15, 16, two u-18, two u-21 and Division 2 League and Shield.

CONOR WHITE: (21). 6'0". 12½ st. Half-forward. Fisherman. All-Ireland U-21 and Vocational Schools, Ulster Minor Championship, two Ulster Minor League, two Ulster U-18 Club Championships, County Championships u-12, 13, 14, 16, two u-18, u-21, League and Shield Division 2. One of the three brothers on the panel.

CONAL GALLAGHER: (19). 6'0". 12¾ st. Corner-forward. Bar manager, Lone Star, Killybegs. Has medals at County Championship levels u-12, 13, 14, 16, two u-18, two Ulster u-18 Club Championships and U-21. County Minor in 1987.

MANUS BOYLE: (21). 6'0". 13 st. Full-forward. Net-maker Bridport Gundry. Ulster and All-Ireland U-21, Ulster and All-Ireland V.S., Club Championships u-13, two u-18, Minor League and Co. Championship, u-18 Ulster Club Championship and League Division 2 and Shield Division 2 and 3 medals.

RORY McNELIS: (31). 5'6". 11½ st. Corner-forward. Fisherman. Has Co. Senior Championship, Senior League, Minor, All-Ireland Gaeltacht with Naomh Columba, and u-16 and u-18 medals with St. Eunan's.

PAT BYRNE: (25). 5'9". 11 st. Corner-forward. Factory worker. Has Division 2 League and Shield medals.

PRIONSIAS MURRAY: (20). 5'10". 12 st. Half-back. Fish Farm employee. County Championship medals at u-12, 13, 14, 15, 16, two u-18 and u-21, three Minor League, Division 2 League and Shield, two Ulster Minor League, Ulster Minor Championship and Ulster Colleges medals at u-15, 17, and two u-18½.

BARRY CUNNINGHAM JUNR.: (17)., 5'11". 12 st. Student. Half-forward. Club Championships at u-12, 13, 14, 16. Has played Co. Minor and Voc. Schools.

KILLYBEGS PEN PICTURES

CHARLIE TULLY: (36). 6'1". 14½ st. Full-forward. E.S.B. employee. Junior and Intermediate Championships with Tirconail Gaels in London, Division 2 League medal with Killybegs in 1985. Former senior team manager.

KEITH JONES: (25). 5'6". 11 st. Forward. Net-maker with Swan Net. League Divisions 2 and 3 medals.

STEPHEN BURKE: (17). 5'11". 11½ st. Half-back. Student. Has County u-12, 13, 14, 15, County u-16 in 1986 and 1987. Member of County Minor and Vocational School team in 1988.

DECLAN McMENAMIN: (20). 5'11". 12 st. Forward. Student. Played County u-16 and Co. Minor, club u-12, 13, 14, 16, two

u-18, u-21 and Senior Colleges medal for Galway R.T.C.

TONY HEGARTY: (23). 5'8". Half-back. 12 st. Fisherman. County u-21 Division 2 League and Shield and Division 3 Shield medals.

DONAL CANNON: (40). 5'10½". 12½ st. Goalkeeper. Fisherman. Won Co. Minor medal with Kilcar in 1964. Has Junior and Intermediate Championship, Division 2 League and Shield, and Division 3 Shield medals.

JOHN BAKER BOYLE: (32). 5'11". 13 st. McKenna Cup medal 1975, Junior and Intermediate Championship medals, as well as League and Shield Division 2 and Shield Division 3 honours.

BARRY'S BOYS HAVE THE 'RIGHT STUFF'

The captain of the Killybegs side today is 21 year old Barry Cunningham. Despite his youth his record shows he's no stranger to the important occasions with All-Ireland U-21, Ulster Minor Championship and an impressive string of club championship medals to his credit. He hopes today will see the start of a new era for his club. In the past the lack of experience may have stopped them at senior level but with their youth, enthusiasm, flair and ability to come back he believes the team have many good years ahead.

"A lot of people think we're a new team but we've been together for a long time. This will be our toughest match as a senior team. Kilcar are the old stagers and have the experience but we're fit, we can play football and we have some great forwards. Hopefully, it will be a good clean game and the start of a long rivalry between the two clubs."



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Killybegs At The Crossroads

For the past nine years Killybegs have been the most successful club in the county by winning 17 under-age titles, 2 county Shield titles, 2 Ulster Club minor titles, and 1 Intermediate county title. This run of successes is remarkable for the fact that since the under-12 victory in 1979 the club has contested 16 under-age county finals and has been successful in every final. Surely a national record! All good things must come to an end, and to the Sean MacCumhaill club came the honour of lowering our colours in a county final for the first time in over ten years when they defeated us in last year's replayed juvenile final. Ironically we again fell in a county final for the second time in 1987 when a better prepared Naomh Columba outfit beat a depleted Killybegs under-21 team in the county final. (Manus Boyle, John Cunningham, Barry Cunningham and Willie McCallig were missing for various reasons in the final).

Our under-age record for the past nine years: County winners: Under-12: 1979, 1983, 1986; Under-13: 1984, 1986, 1987; Under-14: 1981, 1985, 1987; Under-15: (Og Sport): 1982, 1986; Juvenile: 1983; Minor Championship: 1984, 1985; Minor League: 1983, 1984, 1985; Under-21: 1986; Ulster Minor Championship (Club): 1984, 1985.

With this great run of under-age success supporters would be correct in assuming that we should be making the inevitable breakthrough at senior level. But football fortunes do not exactly run that way. To

achieve success at the highest level commitment, maturity, hard work, pride (in oneself and one's club), loyalty, discipline, teamwork, humility, honesty, integrity, fair play coupled with football skill should be some of the ingredients that a manager might look for in order to be successful.

That Killybegs failed so miserably in 1987 must be cause for concern for loyal supporters. The promise of 1985 when defeated by Four Masters in the county quarter-final in what was the club game of that particular year followed by great performances in 1986 when again we took part in the game of the year against Naomh Columba only to fail in the county semi-final against a Marty Carlin inspired Red Hugh's by the narrowest of margins left us relishing the coming of 1987. Struggling to overcome Naomh Ultan in the preliminary we reached an all-time low when succumbing to a mediocre St. Eunan's team in the first round proper and in fact being defeated by three goals at O'Donnell Park. This Letterkenny debacle left followers in the county puzzled especially since it came within a fortnight of the county under-21 success in Roscommon.

The question immediately being asked both in Killybegs and in the county at large was: "Is Killybegs just another under-age club with their players lacking the necessary 'gut' to make the transformation to a good senior team?"

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The opening game today sees the Minor footballers of Gweedore and Aodh Ruadh in action. The winners of this county semi-final will play St. Eunans who are already through.

Due to a marathon clash in the south-west between Ardara and Dungloe the minor programme schedule had to be revised. This year St. Eunans are bidding for their twelfth county minor title, Gweedore their eighth and Aodh Ruadh their ninth.

Gweedore became the first winners of the Domhnall Mac a' Bhaird Cup when in 1960 they defeated Dungloe in Ardara 2-3 to 1-5.

Domhnall Mac a' Bhaird, or more better known as 'Big Dan' was a native of Ardara. He served as county secretary from 1938 to 1944 and was county chairman in 1945 and again in 1955. He also served his club in the positions of secretary and chairman for a number of years until his death in 1958. The Ardara club decided in 1960 to put up a cup in memory of this great Gael and with the permission of the county board the inaugural final of the Domhnall Mac a' Bhaird Cup for the Minor County Championship was held in Pearse Memorial Park with Gweedore defeating old rivals Dungloe with a late goal.

AODH RUADH

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| | 1-P.AUL KANE | |
| 2-CHARLES O'DONNELL | 3-WILLIE SLEVIN | 4-BARRY RAFFERTY |
| 5-CIARAN KEON | 6-MICHAEL McGEE | 7-GAVIN BOURKE |
| | 8-BARRY GALLAGHER | 9-JOHN DUFFY (CAPT.) |
| 10-PETER McKENNA | 11-DAMIEN CONLON | 12-PAURIC O'DONNELL |
| 13-KIERAN GALLAGHER | 14-PAUL McWEENEY | 15-P. J. DALY |
- Fir Ionaid: 16-ALAN SWEENEY. 17-JAMES DUFFY. 18-PAURIC McGOWAN. 19-MICHAEL McLOONE. 20-FRANKIE O'DONNELL. 21-EAMONN McSHEA. 22-BARRY ROGERS.

GWEEEDORE PANEL

HUGO DIVER, PAUL DIVER, SEAN HICKEY, PAUL ROARTY, EAMONN BOYLE, CATHAL GALLAGHER, CHARLIE SWEENEY, DECLAN BOYLE, SEAN FERRY, DONAL BONNER, CIARAN McFADDEN, DONAL BRESLIN, PADDY GALLAGHER, NOEL McBRIDE, COLMAN McCOOL, MARTIN COYLE, BRIAN McGEE, PAUL McGINLEY, JOHN DIVER, TONY O'DONNELL, SEAN GALLAGHER (H), SEAN GALLAGHER (N).

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First Round

Naomh Columba	1-8	Aodh Ruadh	0-10
Aodh Ruadh	5-14	Naomh Columba	1-6
Naomh Columba	1-3	Aodh Ruadh	1-2
Na Rossa	0-9	Kilcar	0-15
Kilcar	1-15	Na Rossa	0-7
Naomh Bríd	1-7	Dungloe	1-15
Dungloe	1-6	Naomh Bríd	1-6
Cloughaneely	1-8	Glenfin	3-9
Glenfin	2-10	Cloughaneely	1-11
Ardara	3-10	Red Hughs	0-4
Red Hughs	1-9	Ardara	0-11
Ardara	1-8	Red Hughs	1-3
Killybegs	0-11	Four Masters	0-10
Four Masters	1-8	Killybegs	4-7
St. Eunans	0-7	Gweedore	0-8
Gweedore	1-9	St. Eunans	1-6

Sean MacCumhalls—bye.

Quarter-Finals

Dungloe	1-9	Gweedore	0-8
Kilcar	0-13	Glenfin	1-3
Killybegs	3-22	Sean MacCumhalls	0-7
Ardara	0-10	Naomh Columba	1-7

Quarter-Final Play-offs

Ardara	0-6	Naomh Columba	0-6
Ardara	1-14	Naomh Columba	2-10

Semi-Finals

Kilcar	2-12	Dungloe	0-6
Killybegs	1-9	Ardara	0-10

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Brighter Days Ahead For Hurling?

By CONNIE DUFFY

Those pessimists who claim that hurling is dying a slow death should have been in Markievicz Park, Sligo, on the first Saturday of this month to see Donegal's under-16 hurlers retain their All-Ireland crown. It was a heartening sight for those who love our oldest national game to watch the youngsters hammer opponents Mayo 7-7 to 0-4.

The u-16s have proven one of the big success stories over the past two years. The hard work and effort over the years seems finally to be paying off. But has the revival succeeded? Has it even started to succeed? A few years ago the answer would have been depressingly negative. Today — well, without being over presumptuous we can say with some truth that hurling in Donegal has begun to turn the corner. We may not, indeed almost certainly not in our time, see the game properly played in every parish in the county, but it can at least be boasted even now that there are hurlers — in greater or lesser numbers — actually playing the game. This invariably will lead to an increase in the standard and hopefully in the interest it so badly needs to succeed.

Our young heroes were far removed from the glamour of an All-Ireland title when they lined out at a wet Ballyshannon to beat Tyrone (7-11 to 1-3) in late June. They qualified for the semi-final when they accounted for the 'wee county' Louth in Ballybofey (2-11 to 0-5) in early June. A few weeks later to Brewster

Park, Enniskillen, for what was expected to be their toughest match against Longford. Now this side ran Donegal very close last year and wanted revenge but with confidence high Donegal showed their determination to go all the way with a convincing (3-10 to 0-7) victory and into another All-Ireland final we went.

Mayo were something of an unknown quantity. Some of the players on both teams had already met at Feile na nGael but this was going to be different. True it was different. Donegal's natural ability and skill won the day with a tearaway victory that not even the most optimistic could have hoped for.

Team manager, Manus O'Donnell, was fortunate in many ways. He was able to call upon the services of ten of last year's successful panel, six of whom were on the side this year again. He must be equally pleased with the fact that out of his panel of 27 no fewer than 13 of them are eligible next year. He was fortunate to have a solid core of mentors, especially John Joe Doherty of Carndonagh and Neil Reid from Urris, to help with the task, and a fine bunch of lads who wore the Donegal jersey with pride and passion.

Believe it or not, Donegal remain the most effective match-winning side in this competition with seven wins on the trot over the past two years. There is an air of hope and promise for the future with the u-16s and James McLaughlin's minor side reaching the All-Ireland semi-final a few weeks ago. The talent is there, it must be put to good use.



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Inishowen G.A.A. U.S.A. tour 1988

By Paddy McClure, Tour Chairman

The recent tour by members and supporters of the Carndonagh, Urris and Malin G.A.A., clubs to Boston, New York and Philadelphia was an outstanding success.

The tour started early on Thursday June 2nd in Carndonagh and finished on June 19th. In between was almost three weeks of gracious hospitality, excitement, entertainment plus football matches in Boston against the Galway Football Club and the newly formed Donegal Football Club; in New York's Gaelic Park against the Donegal-New York Junior team and in Philadelphia against the Donegal team there.

Each member of the party of 43 who left Carndonagh that Thursday have their own special memories of the tour and the work and effort that went into making the trip a memorable one. To the Inishowen families in Boston and New York who looked after the group during their stay there a very big 'Thank You'. To the Donegal Society in Philadelphia the Donegal Football Club and officers 'Thank You Also' for looking after us and for the lovely gift to team and officials.

Many members of the Society visited Donegal this month as part of their centenary celebrations. The trophy they gave the team will be competed for at a competition yet to be organised.

We have to pay tribute to the Donegal Association of Greater Boston for looking after us so well. We thank them for the beautiful cup which will be competed for annually by the Inishowen clubs. Many thanks to the following who bore the brunt of the Boston

trip: John Fitzgerald, Connie McEleney, Tom and Frances Gallagher, Mary and Joe Deery, Sarah Doherty, Sally Shambra, John McDevitt, Pat Callaghan, Paddy McDevitt, John Hirrell, Gabriel McColgan, John McClure, Gerry Quinn all bar and kitchen staff of Kinvaras Pub in Allston, all who provided cars and tickets to the U.S. Open Golf Championship.

One of the big highlights was the visit to New York. We were met by Willie Joe Cunningham — an amazing man for all his 'youth'. He was instrumental in organising the trip to the famous City Hall. Mayor Ed Koch was in Washington but we met his deputy, Mr. Rickman as well and Andrew Stein, President of NY City Council, a man tipped to be future mayor of that great city. Other visits of interest included the boat ride round Manhattan, the Statue of Liberty and the lovely luncheon at Finnegan's Wake, compliments of Phil Brennan of New York and Urris. Finnegan's Wake is run by Oliver King, son of Cecil King, Snr., President of Donegal Democrat Ltd.

Thanks again to Willie Joe Cunningham, Mike Meehan, Danny Doohan, Donal Gallagher, Daniel Ward, Anthony Timoney, Phil Brennan, Jr. Phil Doherty (Copan) and all the boys in Queens and the Bronx who looked after us there, thanks to all the boys in Celtic House for making our stay a great one.

Apologies to anyone not mentioned, but so many people went out of their way especially Jack Hendry "The Video Man" from Philadelphia. Jack travelled everywhere with us and we have a lot of videos to remind us of our trip to the U.S.A. in 1988.



Mr. Andrew Stein, President of New York City Council, presenting a Proclamation from New York City Council to Paddy McClure.

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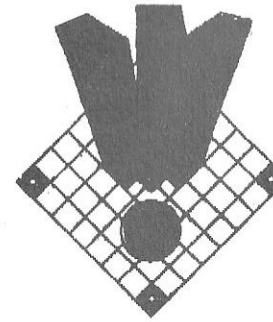


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