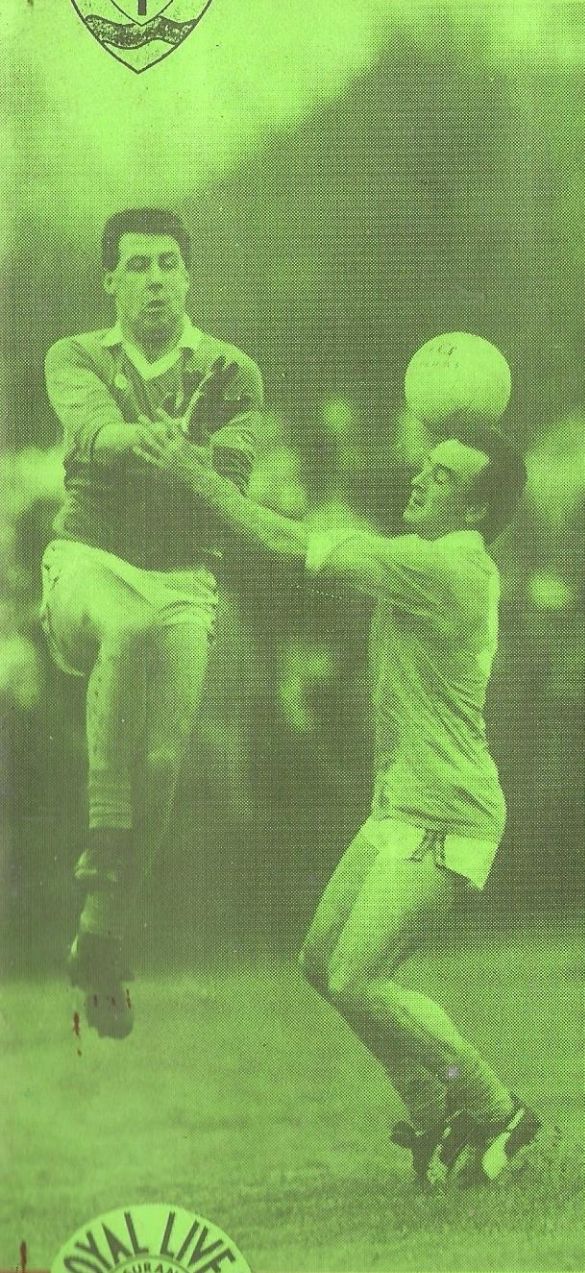


ROYAL LIVER NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
DIVISION ONE



Fr. Tierney Park,
Ballyshannon

SUNDAY, 4th DECEMBER,
1988

2.30 p.m.

Dún na nGall

v

An Dún

REITEOIR:

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(Liatroim)

PROGRAMME: £1.00



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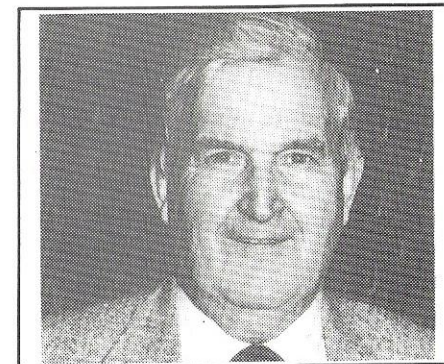
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Ba mhaith liom fáilte a chur roimh na peileadóirí agus na hoifigigh as An Dhún agus lucht leanúna ó gach áird.

Being the last game before the Christmas break makes today's encounter between Dún na nGall and An Dún all the more interesting for the spectators and, of course, puts a degree of extra pressure on both teams. I feel confident that this, allied with the sporting and entertaining nature of past games between our two counties, will result in a keenly contested and skilfull hour's football.



Down teams still hold a special place in the minds and hearts of G.A.A. folk in Ulster because of their heroic exploits of the 60's and their ability since to put out very skilfull, well-coached teams that play an attractive, open style of football. I sincerely welcome the Down players, officials and supporters to our county.

Donegal's League campaign to date has been an enthralling one. The commitment and dedication of the players on the field has been matched by the generosity and encouragement of our supporters who have travelled in huge numbers to both our home and away games. To the supporters I say — keep up the good work! The team needs and appreciates your support. The unity of purpose displayed by Donegal G.A.A. folk in Tralee a fortnight ago is the formula we need every day and every week in this county to lift our footballing performance to new heights.

I pay tribute to the Aodh Ruadh Club for the marvellous work achieved here in the few weeks since they received notification of today's game. Their efforts over the years in developing and maintaining a high standard of county ground facility in Ballyshannon is something which Gaels throughout the county acknowledge and appreciate. Developments here coupled with the major development of MacCumhail Park, Ballybofey, will leave this county with spectator facilities to match the loyalty and enthusiasm of the greatest team supporters which any county could hope to have.

Finally, I wish to thank all of those responsible for the match programme for today's game and the firms that supported its publication by way of advertisements.

CATHAL O FÁCHTNA,
Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae C.L.G.

MATCH PROGRAMME

Programme prepared by Park Committee, Aodh Ruadh G.A.A. Club.

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● COVER PHOTO: Donegal's Brian Murray in action against Meath getting the better of this tussle with Colm Coyle.

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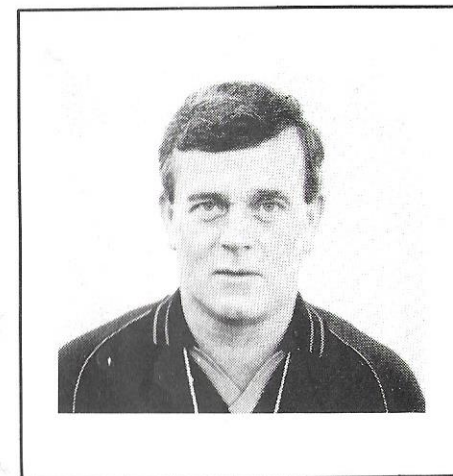
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TODAY'S REFEREE

PAT EGAN

(Liatroim)

From the Fenagh Club, Pat is 38 years of age. Married with three children, he works for Leitrim County Council. He has been refereeing for 19 years and his honours include three Connacht Minor finals, a Connacht U-21 final, Connacht Senior Championship games, National League games and various club games. 1988 has seen a milestone in Pat's career with his appointment to referee his first All-Ireland final. On October 9th he officiated at the All-Ireland Junior final in Croke Park between Meath and London, a game which served as a curtain raiser to the replayed All-Ireland Senior final.



TODAY'S DIVISION 1 FIXTURES

- Donegal v Down
- Armagh v Kerry
- Meath v Dublin
- Monaghan v Derry

DIVISION 1 LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Monaghan	3	2	0	1	4
Dublin	3	2	0	1	4
Derry	3	2	0	1	4
Donegal	3	2	0	1	4
Armagh	3	2	0	1	4
Down	3	1	0	2	2
Kerry	3	1	0	2	2
Meath	3	0	0	3	0

DIVISION 2 LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Mayo	3	3	0	0	6
Louth	3	3	0	0	6
Cork	3	1	1	1	3
Roscommon	3	1	1	1	3
Cavan	3	1	1	1	3
Kildare	3	1	0	2	2
Galway	3	0	1	2	1
Longford	3	0	0	3	0

DONEGAL'S REMAINING N.F.L. FIXTURES '88/'89 SEASON

- 5th February, '89: Derry v Donegal.
- 12th February, '89: Donegal v Monaghan in Fr. Tierney Park, Ballyshannon.
- 26th February, '89: Dublin v Donegal, Croke Park.

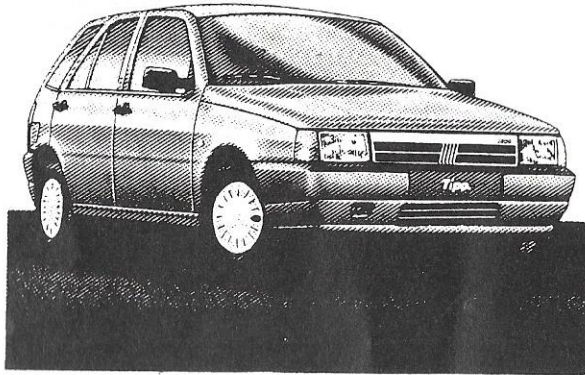
SNIPPETS

The legendary Sean O'Neill played Railway Cup Football for 16 years in a row. He holds a national record of 8 Railway Cup wins with Ulster (1960, '63, '64, '65, '66, '68, '70, '71).

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Former St. Eunan's player, Seamus Hoare, holds a total of four Railway Cup medals, which he won in 1964, '65, '66 and '68. Seamus was Donegal's netminder from 1955 to 1969. He missed only one Ulster Championship game in that period, when Dungloe's Pat Boyle played against Derry in 1961.

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THE QUIET MAN

By Charlie Joe McGinley

To describe the present team manager of our Senior football team Tom Conaghan as a quiet man, a man who keeps his thoughts very much to himself would be regarded as an understatement. Indeed, from a journalistic point of view he could be termed "as not much of a talker", however, if one can draw parallels then probably one of the most successful managers in recent years, Bob Paisley of Liverpool wasn't either.

The true test of a manager's ability is the ability to produce results and to instill in players a belief in their own potential, the essence of any successful team.

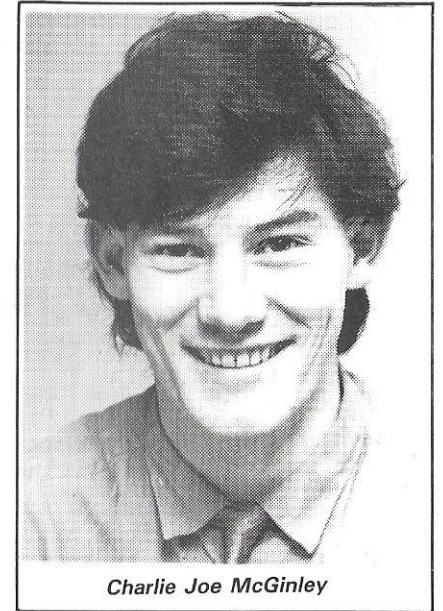
Over the years Donegal have had a confidence factor problem; however, in the performances against All-Ireland champions Meath on 6th November and against the Kingdom two weeks ago, this problem seems to have been erased and the application on both occasions was first class.

Tom, who incidentally works as a courier with the Cahill May Roberts group who are based in Sligo, told me that it would take him three years to establish a team in the county of substance and that could quest for honours. On selecting his original 25-man panel at the beginning of the National Football League campaign he selected the 25 players in the county whom he felt would give 100% commitment to him for the year and would show pride and honour in wearing the green and gold jersey.

Our present standing in the Division One would indicate that the trust that Tom has placed in those who have been chosen seems to be bearing fruit.

Tom Conaghan was elected the manager of the team in the '85 season. At the time of his taking over, Donegal were in Division Two of the National Football League, as the proverbial saying goes, "holding up the table". In that season after he took over Donegal were just pipped for promotion. However, success was forthcoming and last year Donegal were promoted from Division Two to their present rating amongst the elite of footballing talent in the country. Tom described to me briefly his thoughts on the three games in the League to date.

"We had our reservations going to Armagh after the Championship defeat. However, on the day I think that it was a good team display and we were a shade unlucky, the Meath



Charlie Joe McGinley

game was fantastic and a great victory for players and supporters alike. Our game two weeks ago was another good victory.

"We were playing what I would describe as the people's champions, Kerry and any result against them I would classify as a good one. I am happy the way things are going and I hope they will continue, we have four points out of a possible six and that's not bad", he said.

Tom's love of the Gaelic game is clearly a very genuine one, and although at times his unorthodox style of management may raise eyebrows and indeed criticism when necessary, the simple fact remains that we are high in the rankings as one of the stronger forces on the playing fields at the moment. Long may it continue.

Although to the public the shy reserved aspect of Conaghan is shown, it is a well known fact that behind the dressingroom door he is not as quiet and as gentle as he would seem.

As far as I am concerned how a manager motivates a team is apparent from the moment they take the field and their discipline throughout the game. A manager should only be heard when there is a need to be heard and Conaghan is such a manager.

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THE LAST MEETING . . .

14th FEBRUARY, 1988

Donegal 0-7 Down 0-11

Donegal's last encounter with the Mourne men was in Division Two of the 1987/'88 League campaign in Ballybofey on February 14th last. Donegal, who topped the Division Two table with nine points before the game, a point ahead of Down, were brought down to earth with a bang by a very slick Down team.

Donegal, who had had a very impressive League campaign up until this, were no match for the Mourne men, but by winning their final game against Laois, ensured that both teams are meeting again today in Division One of the League.

Down showed their ability to prize open the Donegal defence very early when Brendan Mason and Mickey Linden combined to send Kelly O'Rourke through but Gary Walsh forced him to kick over the bar.

Manus Boyle levelled in the fourth minute and after misses by Down forwards, Boyle gave Donegal the lead in the 13th minute.

Down, controlling midfield, levelled matters with a Stephen Lavery point in the 17th minute but Manus Boyle again put Donegal in the lead. Boyle increased the Donegal lead after good work by Leslie McGettigan and Martin McHugh. John Kelly pointed for Down in the 24th minute after Mason's effort was stopped.

Two basic errors cost Donegal the lead, Martin Gavigan and Sean Bonner both picking

the ball off the ground, and Kelly O'Rourke and John McCartan obliged with points from subsequent frees in 26th and 30th minutes, with Manus Boyle scoring a 29th minute free to leave the half-time score, Donegal 0-5, Down 0-5.

Down showed their skill, ability and match winning style in the first fifteen minutes of the second half as three points from Mickey Linden and one apiece from Brendan Mason and John McCartan fired the Mourne men into a five point lead by the end of this quarter.

Donegal's only answer was two points inside the final five minutes with a free by Boyle and Martin Shovlin.

Brendan Mason completed the scoring with Down's final point to ensure victory for Down. Donal Reid had a fisted effort taken off the line in the dying seconds.

Donegal: Gary Walsh; Sean Bonner, Brendan Dunleavy, Cathal Campbell; J. J. Doherty, Brian Tuohy, Martin Shovlin (0-1); Anthony Molloy, Martin Gavigan; Donal Reid, Charlie Mulgrew, Barry Cunningham; Martin McHugh, Manus Boyle (0-6), Tommy Ryan. Subs., Leslie McGettigan for Tommy Ryan; Declan Bonner for Barry Cunningham.

Down: Pat Donnan, D. J. Kane, Paddy Kennedy, Paul Mahon; John Kelly (0-1), Adrian McAulfield, Ross Carr; Eamonn Burns, Stephen Lavery (0-1); John McCartan (0-2), Greg Blaney, Mickey Linden (0-3); Kelly O'Rourke (0-2), Patrick Browne, Brendan Mason (0-2). Sub., Ronan Stokes for John McCartan. Referee: John Cosgrove (Mayo).

BUÍOCHAS

As patrons can see we are in the process of upgrading the facilities at these grounds. Any inconvenience caused because of the continuing construction work is regretted.

At this stage we are very much in mid stream, having laid our plans to have the work completed for the Donegal v Monaghan game next February.

When notification of today's game was received just over three weeks ago, these grounds were in chaos, with sections of the boundary walls flattened and various excavation works in progress.

What has been achieved in the last three weeks to get the work advanced to the stage where the fixture could go ahead smoothly is a tribute to the local workmen who have worked hard and delivered on time. With as many as 12 men on site in recent weeks, it has been possible to complete a new players entrance tunnel, instal turnstiles, fence off the dressing room area, open a further exit point to the main road and get new changing rooms to an advanced stage.

We would like to thank everyone involved for their hard work.

Finally, we welcome the Down team and supporters to Ballyshannon and wish Dún Na nGall continued success in their historic first year in Division One.

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DOWN HOPEFUL

Down return today to Donegal, the scene of one of their best performances of last season. They will be hoping to pick up the threads of a form which has deserted them since that February day when they were victors over a gallant Donegal side. It was a win which was to guarantee them a return to the first division.

Down travelled to Ballybofey as underdogs on that day. It will be remembered that the county champions Burren were pre-occupied with their forthcoming all Ireland campaign and their players had not been available for selection. Injury had ruled out Ambrose Rogers and 'flu victim John McCartan got out of his sick bed to play.

The result was one of the most heartening performances by Down since Jackie McManus took over as team manager. It was an optimistic Down squad who left Ballybofey — the season ahead had promised so much.

It could be said that the present league campaign has not been kind to Down. The nightmare of the championship has lingered to haunt Jackie McManus and his players.

Team manager Jackie McManus finds himself on the horns of a dilemma. Does he persevere with the squad which he inherited or does he try to survive in the first division rebuilding a team. The added

responsibility of U-21 management gives him an opportunity to assess some of the younger talent in the county and players like Brannigan, Degans, Murray and Quinn have already figured in the current league campaign.

There were encouraging signs from the first outing against Kerry at Newcastle. Down did play well; players and supporters alike came away from Newcastle in an optimistic mood. But the promise shown has not been fulfilled in the games since then.

An experienced Dublin side exposed limitations at Croke Park and a fortnight later old rival Armagh added to the misery when they inflicted a second successive defeat.

Today in Ballyshannon management and players will be anxious to stop the slide. Team manager McManus will be looking for the spirit and morale the team displayed on their last visit to Donegal.

Young talent abounds in plenty. School titles won at All Ireland level by St. Mark's, Warrenpoint, and St. Colmans, Newry, coupled with the minor successes of '86 and '87 confirm this.

A victory in Ballyshannon today would be the perfect end to 1988 and a boost to morale as we look forward to 1989 and a return to the halycon days.

Jerry Quinn, Outlook Press.

SNIPPETS

Donegal won the first Ulster U-21 Football Championship when they defeated Cavan by 3-6 to 1-3 in Irvinstown on November 10th, 1963. There was no All-Ireland U-21 Championship that year as this competition only commenced in 1964. For the record the Donegal side was: Joe Leeper (MacCumhalls); Hughie Travers (Four Masters), John Dan McMenamin (MacCumhalls), Seamus Given (Convoy); Anton Carroll (Gweedore), Eddie Gallagher (St. Nauls), Dan McCool (MacCumhalls); Frankie McFeely (do.), Mick McLaughlin (Carndonagh); Mickey McLoone (Aodh Ruadh), Declan O'Carroll (Bundoran), Frankie Campbell (Glenties); Peter Breslin (Gweedore), Paddy O'Donnell (Kilcar), John Bonner (Dungloe).

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Down have won four National League titles to date: 1960 (captain, Kevin Mussen); 1962 (captain, Paddy Doherty); 1968 (captain, Joe Lennon); 1983 (captain, Mark Turley).

The only other Ulster counties to win the National Football League are Derry 1947, Cavan 1948 and Monaghan 1985. There were two all-Ulster finals, 1960, when Down defeated Cavan, and 1983 when they defeated Armagh.

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FOCUS ON ...



Anthony Molloy

The choice of Anthony Molloy as captain of the Donegal team for the Meath game due to Brendan Dunleavy's absence certainly met with approval from both players and supporters alike. His high fielding and spirited play have been an inspiration to his colleagues on many occasions since he first donned the Donegal jersey as a minor in 1978. He was at midfield on the County U-21 team in 1982, winning Ulster and All-Ireland medals and few will forget his high fielding display in the All-Ireland final in Carrick-on-Shannon. In 1983 he featured at midfield again on the Ulster senior title winning side and played a big part in last years historic league campaign which ensured Donegal's entry to Division I of the National League. He won a county Senior Championship medal in 1981 and also won U-21 county titles in 1980 and 1983, all of course with his native Ardara. His partnership with clubmate Martin Gavigan has certainly come good during this League campaign and all Donegal look to Molloy for another tour-de-force today.

Anthony had the ultimate honour bestowed on him at the recent county presentation ceili when he was award the Donegal Player of the Year for 1988, a fitting reward for his service to the county.

TOMMY RYAN

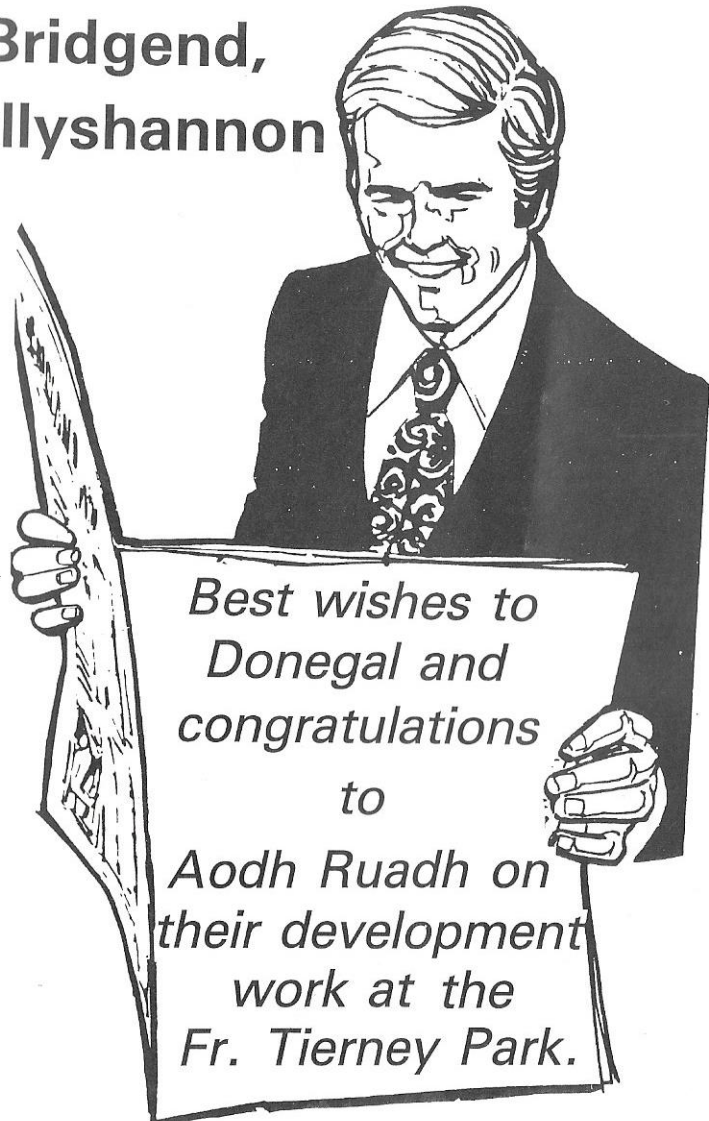
Termon clubman Tommy Ryan has certainly tasted quite an amount of success since he first donned the Donegal jersey as a minor in 1985. He was right half-forward on that year's minor team which defeated Cavan to win the Ulster title and occupied the same position when we were unlucky to go down to Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final. Tommy was one of the stars of the 1987 U-21 campaign and played on the '40' in the final against Roscommon. Tommy, who is an accountancy student, won a Trench Cup medal with Sligo Regional College in 1986 and captained his college in 1987, this time having to suffer the anguish of defeat in the Trench Cup final. He won a Donegal League Division 3 medal and four North-West Minor titles with his club Termon. Tommy is one of Donegal's most dedicated players and seldom misses a training session despite the difficulties of travelling from Sligo. Donegal's future successes will depend on young, dedicated players like Tommy Ryan, who must surely have a bright football career ahead.



Pearse O'Neill

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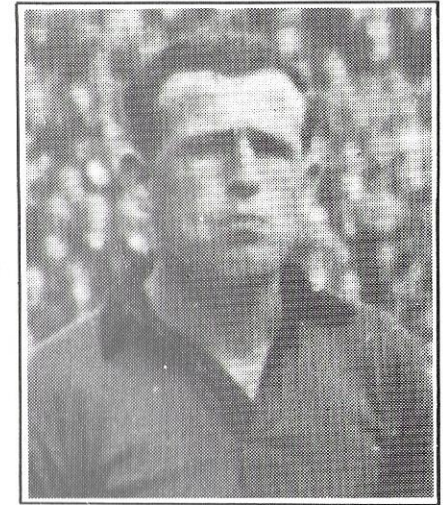
*Best wishes to
Donegal and
congratulations
to
Aodh Ruadh on
their development
work at the
Fr. Tierney Park.*

DOHERTY HOLDS ULSTER RECORD

Those who were fortunate to see Paddy Doherty play, were indeed privileged. The familiar sight of the slight Ballykinlar man with the stooped shoulders and the low swing of the arms as he moved out from goals, is etched forever on the memory of those who saw the great 'Mo' score.

Twice in his career he topped the national annual scoring charts. In 1960 he notched up an unbelievable 13 goals and 97 points from 24 games, a feat unequalled by any Ulsterman, before or since. Again, in 1962, the lethal left foot scored an impressive 5 goals and 90 points and in the years '58 to '68 Doherty was seldom, if ever, out of the top six in the scoring charts.

In a career which spanned twenty years, Doherty won all the awards the game could offer. In 1960, '61 and '68 he won All-Ireland



Down's dual player

GREG BLANEY

Belfast-born Greg Blaney is now an established name in GAA circles throughout the entire thirty-two counties. It was as a College player that he first came to prominence winning Dalton, Corn na nOg, Rannafast and MacRory Cup medals with St. Colman's.

His university career was no less prominent and one of his proudest possessions is the Sigerson Cup medal he picked up with Q.U.B. during that period.

It was in Down's Red and Black, however, that he really hit the headlines, winning Ulster and All-Ireland medals at Minor and U-21 levels. He won an NFL medal with the Mourne county in 1983 and has worn the Ulster jersey with distinction, picking up three Railway Cup medals.

He was a member of the Ireland team which toured Australia in the Compromise Rules games and again represented his country in last year's series.

His hurling career is equally distinguished. He has won Senior County Championships with his Ballycran Club and has represented his county first at underage, winning All-Irelands for U-16 and U-18 and then at U-21 level, winning an U-21 Ulster medal.

This year he has played for Down Senior Hurling team in the N.H.L. and brings to the hurling scene the same flair and expertise that he demonstrates so admirably on the football field.

The Ballycran dentist has one burning but unfulfilled ambition — to win an All-Ireland Senior medal for Down.

medals, captaining them in 1961. During the same period he won three National League medals, seven Railway Cups, nine Ulster Championships, three McKenna Cups, four Wembley Cups, and travelled to America with the Top Rank Super Stars with whom he won ten trophies.

Those who played with him remember him as a natural genius whose dedication to training and practice placed him as a man apart.

Doherty was indeed a natural. From early on he realised that he had the rare gift of accuracy from either frees or play. But like all greats he knew that if he was to perfect this gift and develop it to its fullest potential then constant practice would be the norm rather than the exception. And practice he did. During breaks at work, in the evenings — the seven evenings of every week — before matches, during matches, after matches, every spare moment he had — Doherty practised and practised and practised. Little wonder then that, when Down hit the big time in the sixties, when the Ballykinlar man connected a ball, he invariably scored, no matter how difficult the position.

His penalty, which drew the game against Offaly — his penalty which killed off Kerry and ensured the Sam Maguire came across the Border, are talked about today in the Mourne County as if they happened but yesterday.

The Ballykinlar bricklayer, now married with four children, still keeps an active interest in GAA affairs. Twice he has been involved in management and his burning ambition is to see his beloved Red and Blacks collect another All-Ireland. And they will too — if they could but produce another Paddy Doherty.



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The Donegal team who beat Meath and Kerry. Back row, l. to r., Martin Shovlin, Cathal Campbell, Pat Ward, Tommy Ryan, John Joe Doherty, Gary Walsh, Brian Murray, John Connors. Front, l. to r., Seamus Carr, Martin Gavigan, Brian Tuohy, Marty Carlin, Anthony Molloy, Donal Reid, Martin McHugh.

DUN NA nGALL

1
G. BREATHNACH
(Gary Walsh)

2
S. S. Ó DOCHARTAIGH
(John J. Doherty)

3
S. Ó CONAIRE
(John Connors)

4
C. Mac COILÍN
(Cathal Campbell)

5
D. Ó RIADA
(Donal Reid)

6
B. Ó TUAITAIGH
(Brian Tuohy)

7
M. Ó SHEIBHLEÁN
(Martin Shovlin)

8
A. Ó LÚDHOG
(Anthony Molloy)

9
M. Ó GABHAGAIN
(Martin Gavigan)

10
P. Mac a BHAIRD
(Pat Ward)

11
M. Ó CEARULLÁIN
(Marty Carlin)

12
T. Ó RIAIN
(Tommy Ryan)

13
M. Mac AOIDH
(Martin McHugh)

14
B. Ó MUIRÍ
(Brian Murray)

15
S. Mac GIOLLA CEARRA
(Seamus Carr)

FIR IONAIÐ: 16, **M. Ó Ceallaigh** (Michael Kelly); 17, **B. Mac Duinshléibhe** (Brendan Dunleavy); 18, **C. Ó Maolchraibhe** (Charlie Mulgrew); 19, **Seamus Mac Aoidh** (James McHugh); 20, **Nollag Mac Giolla Cearra** (Noel Carr); 21, **Briain Ó Laifeartaigh** (Brian Lafferty); 22, **Sean Ó Ceallaigh** (John Kelly); 23, **C. Mac Giolla Cearra** (Corney Carr); 24, **S. Ó Lasaigh** (Joe Lacey); 25, **P. Mac Gabhagain** (Paddy Gavigan).

FIRST HALF	GOALS	POINTS	WIDES	45's
DÚN NA nGALL				
AN DÚN				

AN DUN

1
P. Ó DÚNAIN
(Pat Donnan)

2
D. S. Ó CÁTHAIN
(D. J. Kane)

3
B. Mac BRIAIN
(Barry Breen)

4
P. Mac MATHÚNA
(Paul Mahon)

5
C. Ó DAOIBHNIS
(Conor Deeghans)

6
C. Ó BÉIRNE
(Colm Burns)

7
DUINE EILE
(A. N. Other)

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ST. NAUL'S
PIPE BAND,
ARDAGHEY

8
R. Mac GIOLLA CEARRA
(Ross Carr)

9
E. Ó BÉIRNE
(Eamonn Burns)

10
C. Mac GABHANN
(Kyran Smyth)

11
S. Mac TRÉINEAR
(John Treanor)

12
M. Ó LOUDÁIN
(Mickey Linden)

13
S. Mac GIOLLA ÉANAIGH
(Greg Blaney)

14
DUINE EILE
(A. N. Other)

15
C. Ó MUIREADHAIGH
(Cathal Murray)

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ATTENDANCE

FIR IONAIÐ: 16, **P. Mac Mathúna** (Paddy Mahon); 17, **M. Mac Ártain** (Mark McCartin); 18, **C. Ó Maonaigh** (Conal Mooney); 19, **B. Mac Samhrain** (Brendan McGovern); 20, **D. Ó Breanagáin** (Dominick Brannigan); 21, **P. Mac Ebhean** (Paul Evans).

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REMEMBER 1960

On September 24th 1933, Jim Smith led Cavan to a historic All-Ireland senior football final victory over Galway to record the first success by an Ulster team in that competition. Cavan repeated the success in 1935, 1947, 1948 and 1952. Twenty seven years later on 25th Sept., 1960 Down became the second Ulster county to win the title and the first to bring the famous Sam Maguire Cup across the Border, when they recorded a comprehensive 2-10 to 0-8 victory over Kerry. Down repeated their success in 1961 and 1968 but sadly no other Ulster team have succeeded to date.

Few lovers of gaelic football will forget the Down teams of the sixties. They had style, determination, could defend well, attack with lethal finishing power and above all they won the hearts of the nation with their slick passing movements and teamwork.

Down won their first ever Ulster senior title in 1959 and while Galway defeated them by 1-11 to 1-4 in the All-Ireland semi-final, they showed enough skill and football ability to attract the interest of the G.A.A. public. 1960 saw Down retaining their Ulster title when they defeated Cavan by 3-7 to 1-8 in Clones. This game came to life early on with Paddy Doherty scoring a goal from the throw-in and James McCartan repeating the feat minutes later. Cavan fought back and actually levelled the score at 2-2 to 1-5 midway through the second half. The switch of Tony Hadden to midfield and another Paddy Doherty goal turned the game in Downs favour once again and they emerged as deserving winners.

Down's semi-final opponents were Offaly who had emerged from Leinster with an excellent young side. The game ended in a draw with Down scoring 1-10 to Offaly's 2-7. In this game Down showed their Croke Park nerves in the first half and were being led by 2-4 to 0-3 at half-time. However the second half belonged to the men in the Red and Black and with the help of some points by Doherty and Sean O'Neill and a penalty goal by Doherty when James McCartan was pulled down, it was looking good for Down. Tony Hadden fisted Down into the lead with four minutes to go but Harry Donnelly equalised for Offaly on the stroke of time.

In the replay Down again played below form in the first half were 1-3 to 0-2 in arrears at the interval. The second half was

notable for a Brian Morgan goal from Patsy O'Hagan's rebounded effort and great displays by Kevin O'Neill and James McCartan. The final score was Down 1-7 Offaly 1-5.

The All-Ireland brought together Kerry with all their tradition and experience and Down with their flair and burning ambition. The first half was tense, tight and very close. The score at half-time was 0-7 to 0-5 with Down being slightly the better team. Kerry started the 2nd half well and Mick O'Connell and Seamus Murphy had points to equalise. However a goal by James McCartan from 40 yards out and a penalty goal by Paddy Doherty after being fouled in the square himself set the seal on a historic victory. Raymond Smith in his book *The Football Immortals* says "Right from goalie Eddie McKay to full-forward Patsy O'Hagan there was hardly a weak link." He particularly praised Downs famous half forward line. "Forty to fifty percent of the ball was enough for the Down half-forwards O'Neill, McCartan and Doherty. The bustling indestructible McCartan was the star of the final."

The scorers on that historic occasion were:

Down: Paddy Doherty (1-5); Tony Hadden (0-2); Jim McCartan (1-1); Joe Lennon (0-1); Sean O'Neill (0-1).

Kerry: Tadgh Lyne (0-4); Mick O'Connell (0-2); Seamus Murphy (0-1); Ger D. O'Connor (0-1).

Teams: **Down:** Eamonn McKay; George Lavery; Leo Murphy; Pat Rice; Kevin Mussen (Capt.); Dan McCartan; Kevin O'Neill; Joe Lennon; Garlath Carey; Sean O'Neill; Jim McCartan; Paddy Doherty; Tony Hadden; Patsy O'Hagan and Brian Morgan. Sub: Kieran Denver for Joe Lennon.

Kerry: Johnny Culloty; Jerome O'Shea; Niall Sheehy; Tim Lyons; Sean Murphy; Kevin Coffey; Mick O'Dwyer; Mick O'Connell; Ger. D. O'Connor; Seamus Murphy; Tom Long; Paudie Sheehy (Capt.); Gary McMahon; John Dowling and Tadgh Lyne. Subs: Jack Dowling and Jim Brosnan for John Dowling and Gary McMahon.

Footnote: The final was refereed by todays G.A.A. National President John Dowling. Sadly Paudie Sheehy the Kerry captain and Kevin Coffey their centre-half-back have since passed away.

DOWN—ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS, 1960



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The propensity for travel of football supporters within Donegal is well acknowledged, a journey to watch a game 30 or 40 miles away, but still within the county boundaries is not uncommon, while in some Midland and Leinster Counties travelling such distances on a regular basis is considered quite extraordinary.

However, braced with a temperament for travel, it was unsurprising, but most laudable, that so many Donegal fans proved themselves quite prepared to travel in such numbers to the county's last outing in Tralee, Co. Kerry.

That trip has had an incalculable significance for the team, the manager and the ordinary followers of Donegal. The odds for a Donegal victory were never more than fair, the risk of returning without a point and perhaps very light in the pocket were indeed great, but the diehards were prepared to take that chance, the thrill of watching Donegal compete and eventually outplay the princes of Gaelic football.

It has been estimated that 800 fans journeyed to Tralee, at least half of these travelled the day before, incurring considerable extra-expense involved in overnight accommodation. They made Tralee their home from home on Saturday night and it was easy to gauge the great depth of feeling and love for Gaelic football there is in Donegal.

As you read this today standing among the thousands willing on the Donegal side you will know exactly what I mean. Many among the crowd will have had a dormant interest sparked back to full life by recent success, that is a measure of the success of the side in recent times, victories over Meath and Kerry have made the point very forcibly that this side has a lot going for it; in a county without major success at senior level everyone hopes that it will continue.

However, the most favourable barometer for measuring the side's success and future prospects may be gleaned from our recent opponents, in the words of such as Mick O'Dwyer, Sean Boylan, Pat Spillane, Eoin Liston and the veteran Charlie Nelligan there is indeed food for thought and unashamed optimism.

O'Dwyer very graciously praised the efforts of team manager, Tom Conaghan, who he said had the team along the right lines. The end result does appear to justify his method.

Similarly Sean Boylan has recognised the depth of talent in the side; Liam Hayes has been quoted as saying there were no real stars but a very solid team; Eoin Liston has identified key players such as Tuohy, Molloy, Gavigan and Carlin, no doubt others will shine more brightly today.

The team has done particularly well in its winter programme to date; they enjoyed marvellous support in Kerry and that and today's crowd underline the healthy state of our top grade. Continued success is needed, but already a great deal has been achieved, self doubt has been eradicated, our players are certain now, if not before, that they are as good if not better than the 'stars', and their supporters will again and again dig deep to travel, support and encourage that talent.

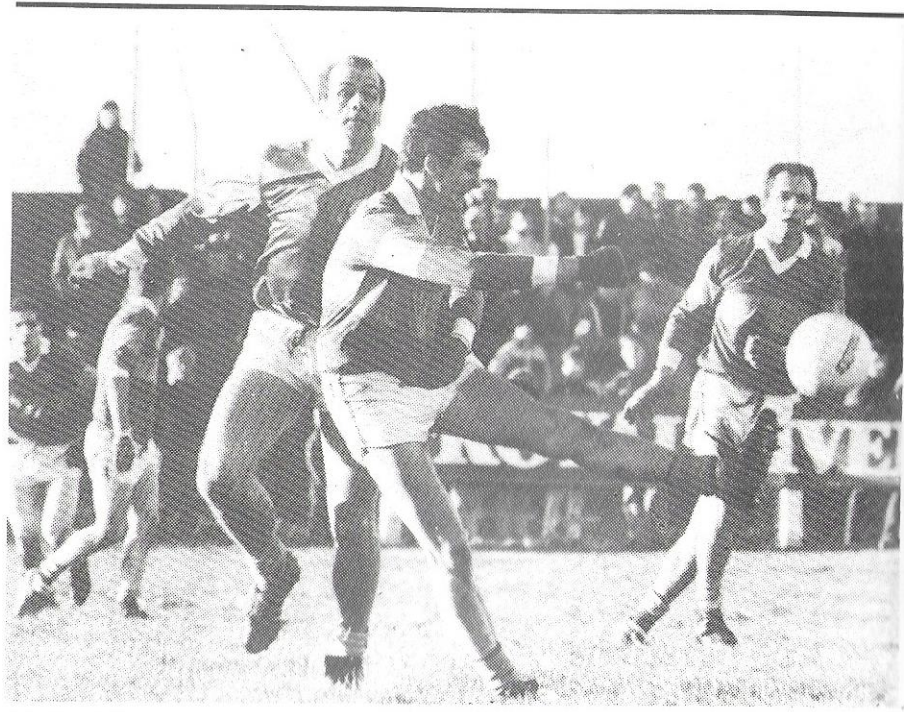
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OUR KINGDOM COMETH

In the following five pages we recall, in pictures, Donegal's great victory over Kerry in Tralee on Sunday, 20th October, 1988.







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'82 HEROES – SIX YEARS ON

The Donegal U-21 team of 1982 will always be specially remembered in Donegal, bringing back our first All-Ireland title on Sunday, October 17th, 1982, from Pairc Shean Mhic Diarmada, Carrick-on-Shannon. **Connie Duffy**, Donegal Democrat, has traced the fortunes of that 23 member panel and found that emigration, in particular, has denied them the chance to further their playing careers.

Our first All-Ireland under-21 champions will for many years be fondly remembered as the players that generated a new enthusiasm, added a new direction to Gaelic games in Donegal; we could win All-Ireland titles . . . we could take on and beat the best and they proved it.

But what of the 23 players who made up that squad six years ago. Some have made the grade, some have emigrated, some have turned to other sports, some simply did not have the physique for senior inter-county football while others for one reason or another, injury, personal decisions, have not been available for selection.

Today there are five survivors of the '82 team still playing senior inter-county for Donegal – former U-21 captain, Brian Tuohy, Donal Reid, Martin McHugh, Charlie Mulgrew and Anthony Molloy. Others such as Michael Kelly, who was the goalkeeper six years ago, is reserve county keeper now, while Marty Carlin and Martin Shovlin, subs. in '82, now enjoy first team football all the time.

Until recently others such as Sean Bonner, Matt Gallagher, Joyce McMullan, Sylvester Maguire, Tommy McDermott and Paul Carr were involved in county panels but several others, namely, Eunan McIntyre, Seamus Meehan, Michael McBrearty and Pauric Gallagher only enjoyed brief spells with the county side. Players like Patrick McGroarty, Maurice Carr, John McGowan, Donie McCole and John O'Donnell never seriously pursued county

senior football but served their respective clubs well.

The success of the side was soon built upon and the following year, 1983, the county senior side captured the Anglo Celt Cup for the first time since 1974, with no fewer than ten of the U-21 panel in the squad. Twelve of them, including some who made it to the senior side, joined the 1983 U-21 side who were defeated in the Ulster final that year.

This Sunday the 1982 manager, Tom Conaghan, holds the reins at senior level and in his lineout has six of the "U-21s" starting with two more in the subs. Were it not for emigration one could expect to see Eunan McIntyre, Patrick McGroarty, Pauric Carr, Donie McCole (all in the USA), Tommy McDermott and Maurice Carr (England) there or at least in contention for places. Michael McBrearty has gone on to change from a right corner back into the Offaly senior team manager and at present they share joint top place of Division Three (North) with Antrim.

Seamus Meehan and John McGowan play their football in Dublin these days; John O'Donnell stayed loyal to Glenties while the remainder for the most part line out with their local sides. Very few of them lost interest in the game even though their disciplines may have switched for the time being.

It's interesting to note that Down, who provide the opposition today, also have a link with that famous U-21 side. Donegal had to play Down twice in the Ulster semi-final of '82 before overcoming the Mickey Linden inspired Mourne men. Current sharpshooter, John Treanor, was also a member of that Down team.

Where have they gone, indeed. Perhaps at some date in the future the side will get together either as a competitive unit or just for the fun of it, maybe on the tenth anniversary. Let's hope better times return and those overseas can find their way home and perhaps claim a place they carved out for themselves initially back in 1982.

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Throughout the 1980s there has been a carefully planned programme in Ballyshannon aimed at increasing the numbers playing Gaelic games and at broadening the involvement of the Aodh Ruadh Club in Gaelic football, hurling, camogie and rounders. Due to the total commitment of those involved in organising, coaching and managing teams of all age groups, there has been a great upsurge in GAA games activity in this area throughout the decade.

The increased levels of activity during the 80s could not be sustained without adequate physical facilities for coaching and training players and for playing the games. Development of facilities has been undertaken on a phased basis since 1981, with at least some development work carried out each year.

The fact that the Fr. Tierney Park had county ground status placed an added responsibility on the Aodh Ruadh Club to upgrade a ground which eight years ago was similar to all other grounds in Donegal at the time — lacking in the most basic facilities to cater adequately for large crowds with any degree of comfort or safety.

The key factors in the development of facilities have been the involvement of the club as a sponsor of State supported Employment Schemes together with the commitment of voluntary fund-raisers such as Sean Slevin, Phil McLoone and Jimmy Gallagher. 1988 is the eighth consecutive year in which Employment Schemes have been organised here and over that time up to 50 different local people have worked on a range of projects for anything up to 12 months at a time.

Currently seven men are employed under the Social Employment Scheme on maintenance works.

Last year six acres of development land, used by the club since 1981, was acquired to provide one additional full sized and two junior playing fields. Located across the road from the Fr. Tierney Park, the combination of both sets of facilities allows the club to maintain its high level of games activity.

During the current year the spectator embankment on the school side of the grounds has been developed using the rubble from one of Ballyshannon's most talked about (former) landmarks, the Market House, an entrance tunnel, turnstiles, additional exits, security fencing and other work has also been undertaken. Work is in progress on two additional team dressing rooms, showers and a GAA Shop and plans are on hands for a press room and additional spectator toilet facilities to be built early in 1989.

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ULSTER QUIZ

1. Donegal defeated Down in the 1974 Ulster Senior Football final after a replay. Name the rival captains?
2. For which Ulster counties did the following play: (a) Jack Smallhorn; (b) Iggy Jones.
3. Meath's star half-back, Martin O'Connell is a nephew of what former All-Ireland Football star?
4. Who captained Donegal in their un-successful Ulster Senior Football final appearance in 1979?
5. What county won the Ulster Senior Football Championship in Centenary Year and who was captain of the winning side?
6. Name the clubs of the following well-known Ulster players: (a), Damien O'Hagan; (b) Ger Houlihan; (c) Nudie Hughes; (d) Jim Reilly.
7. In what year did Down first appear in an Ulster Senior Football final and what was the result?
8. What club has won the greatest number of Down Co. Hurling titles?
9. Who captained Ulster to victory in the Centenary Year Railway Cup football final?
10. What are the names of the G.A.A. pitches in the following Ulster towns — (a) Omagh; (b) Enniskillen; (c) Newcastle.
11. What club won a record seven-in-a-row Cavan Senior Football Championships from 1966 to 1972?
12. Who won the 1988 Dr. McKenna Cup?
13. How many times have Donegal won the McKenna Cup? Name the years?
14. Name the last Ulsterman to referee an All-Ireland Senior Football final?
15. Two Ulstermen were involved in refereeing the All-Ireland Senior Football final in 1972, when there was a change of referee for the replay? Who were they?
16. What county holds the greatest number of Ulster Minor Football Championships?
17. Name the Armagh side that won the Ulster Football Club Championship in 1972, 1973 and 1974?
18. Name the only two Fermanagh footballers to have won Railway Cup medals playing for Ulster?
19. Derry had two All-Stars in 1987. Who were they?
20. Who captained Monaghan to their only National Football League title in 1985?

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