

Promotion prospects at stake.....

DOWN the years, Cavan and Donegal have met in many vital matches in league and championship, and in recent years a great rivalry has built up between the counties. Today's match will continue this trend, with vital league points at stake for both teams. Donegal come to the Breffni Park venue as Division Two table-toppers, and a win today would almost guarantee a promotion place, and entry into the money-spinning quarter-finals of the competition. They are unbeaten to date, the only point they dropped was away to Galway, and this in itself gives them good credentials coming to Breffni.

However, Cavan did their prospects no harm at all, last Sunday by defeating Laois, and with the advantage of a competitive match behind them will enter today's match in a confident frame of mind. Recent meetings between the counties in the league, have seen the Breffni side taking the advantage, winning two years ago at Breffni Park, and on last season at Ballybofey taking a share of the spoils.

However, that's all in the past and the stage is set for a 'battle royal' today. Donegal, under team-manager, Tom Conaghan have 'knit together' a settled side — a nice mixture of youth and experience — and they seemed to be playing very much as a 'team' in this competition to date. Gone is the dependence of a few players to carry them through, and now they have built up a panel in which every player listed is a potential match-winner. Players who are well-known to Cavan followers are Martin McHugh, Brendan Dunleavy, Anthony Molloy, Charlie Mulgrew and Donal Reid, but youngsters like Manus Boyle, Tommy Ryan and John Doherty have been impressing many with their displays of late.

Cavan gave their supporters something to cheer about last Sunday in their defeat of Laois, and they will be hoping to see a repeat performance today. In an unchanged team, a lot will depend on midfield, where Jim Reilly and Stephen King could well hold the key on how this match develops.

Up front, players of the calibre of John Brady, Fintan Cahill, Michael Faulkner and Ray Cullivan are capable of unhinging the best of defences, but as already stated, a lot will depend on the supply from midfield.

This is the biggest test for both counties to date, and the game itself should be played in a championship atmosphere. A lot of questions will be answered as to the true potential of the sides in taking major honours this season.

Donegal will travel in a confident mood, despite playing away from home, and while they are worthy of respect, this Cavan side if they play to their full potential are capable of taking the spoils and putting themselves into the running for Division One football next season . . .



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Coiste Bhreifne Uí Raghallaigh

Sraith Peile Naisiunta Roinn 2
National Football League Division 2

AN CABHÁN

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DÚN NA nGALL

i bPáirc Bhreifne, An Cabhán

De Domhnaigh 7u Feabhra, 1988

ag 3.00 i.n.

Reiteoir: S. O hAidra (Cill Dara)

Luach: 20p

An Cabhán

Dún na nGall

- 1 D. O'REILLY
- 2 A. McMULLEN
- 3 PHILIP SMITH
- 4 B. MORRIS
- 5 B. McARDLE
- 6 PAT FAULKNER
- 7 S. KIERNAN
- 8 JIM REILLY
- 9 STEPHEN KING
- 10 N. O'DONNELL
- 11 RAY CULLIVAN
- 12 F. CAHILL
- 13 J. BRADY
- 14 M. FAULKNER
- 15 R. CAROLAN

- 1 G. WALSH
- 2 S. BONNER
- 3 B. DUNLEAVY
- 4 C. CAMPBELL
- 5 J. DOHERTY
- 6 B. TOUHY
- 7 S. SHOVLIN
- 8 A. MOLLOY
- 9 M. GAVIGAN
- 10 D. REID
- 11 C. MULGREW
- 12 D. BONNER
- 13 M. McHUGH
- 14 M. BOYLE
- 15 T. RYAN

SUBS: (16) C. COSTELLO; (17) G. SHERIDAN; (18) E. KIERNAN; (19) A. WATTERS; (20) D. REILLY; (21) S. DONOHOE; (22) D. KEOGAN; (23) M. FEGAN; (24) J. DILLON; (25) C. REILLY.

SUBS: (16) M. KELLY; (17) D. BRESLIN; (18) B. CUNNINGHAM; (19) B. McCOLE; (20) L. McGETTIGAN; (21) J. CONNORS; (22) M. GALLAGHER; (23) J. CUNNINGHAM; (24) B. MURRAY; (25) S. MAGUIRE.

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