

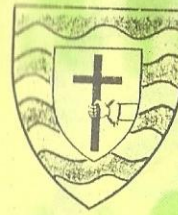
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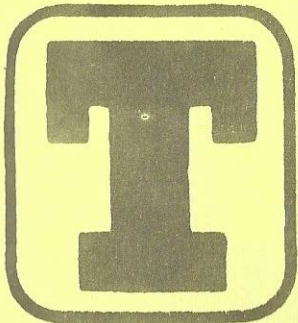
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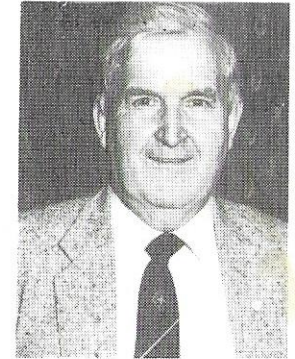
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## FÁILTE

Failltim roimh gach einne anseo go dtí Páirc Sean Mhíche Cumhaill inniu. Go mor-mhór iad siud ata ar an taobh line. Is ocaid speisialta duinn go leir i agus taim ag suil le cluiche iontach a os na ceithre foirne.

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I wish to thank the Executive Committee, the Park Committee for their support and especially Justin Brady for his wholehearted effort and support in getting the work done. The workmen deserve great credit for the way they carried out the work.

Thanks to Patrick Molloy, C.A.O., for his advice and work in getting the field in such wonderful shape.

Francie Cunningham, Bart Whelan and Connie Maguire did all that was asked of them to make sure everything ran smoothly and for this I am grateful.

Please enjoy the games and if you have any suggestion to make, the Committee will gladly take a look at them.

We are also grateful to the Ulster Council for their support and commitment to the project.

Gabhainn buiochas libh míle.

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- 2.30 p.m.: Intermediate County Final.
- 3.45 p.m.: Intermediate Cup presentation by Senior Board Chairman, Charles Faulkner.
- 3.55 p.m.: Senior teams on pitch.
- 4.05 p.m.: Senior teams parade.
- 4.14 p.m.: National Anthem.
- 4.15 p.m.: County Senior Football Final.
- 5.30 p.m.: Presentation of Dr. Maguire Cup by Senior Board Chairman, Charles Faulkner.

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## NA REITEOIRI

SENIOR:

## Thomas McBrearty

(ST. NAUL'S)

Thomas is the secretary of the Donegal Referees Board and a highly regarded official. A keen athletics follower, he is no newcomer to county finals having refereed five senior hurling finals and this will be his second senior football final. Has been on Ulster's referees list for five years in which time he has been in charge of Ulster Minor, U-21 and Dr. McKenna Cup games. A very capable official.



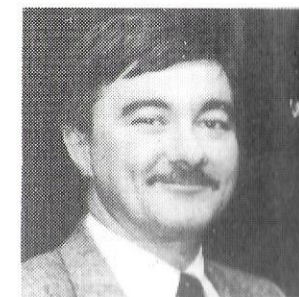
Linesmen: Jack Furey (N. Ultan); Fr. Sean Gallagher (Cloughaneely).  
Umpires: Peter Hughes (Milford); Owenie McBride (Gweedore);  
Frank Dooley (MacCumhalls); Noel Kane (Robert Emmets).

INTERMEDIATE:

## Mick McGrath

(AODH RUADH)

Mick returned from England in 1987 where he was chairman of the famous Donegal London club, Tir Conaill Gaels for many years. He was chairman of the London Referees Board in 1984 and 1985. Refereed the 1985 and 1986 London Senior Football Championship finals. He also refereed the London Junior final 1987. Became Co. PRO in January and is also on the Ulster Referees list. A very competent and experienced official who takes his job seriously.



Linesmen: Liam Browne (Four Masters); Eugene Quinn Red Hughs).  
Umpires: Kieran McGlynn (Glenfin); Jimmy Golden (Bundoran);  
John McDermott (Fanad Gaels); Frankie Doherty (St. Eunans).

Both referees for today's games represented Donegal in Ulster games this year.

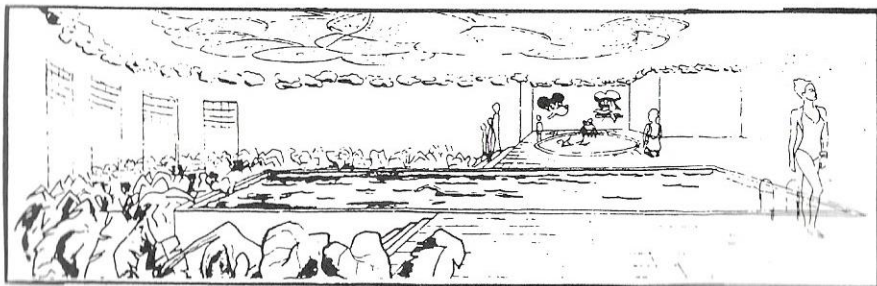
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# LET'S HOPE FOOTBALL IS THE WINNER

By *Connie Duffy, Donegal Democrat*

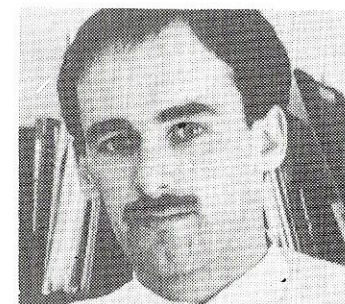
A year is a long time in football. And every year Aodh Ruadh and Kilcar go without winning the County Senior Football Championship title seems like an eternity to those clubs. History has taught both sides to be cautious so while there may be an air of confidence in both camps for today's match, it is concealed by the reality of knowing things don't always go the way they're planned.

Over the past few years these two teams have dominated this competition. Each of them is making a third final appearance in four seasons and irrespective of today's result both teams have the necessary qualities to stay at the top for another few years at least. That won't be much consolation for the losers, however, so this game will be a make or break occasion.

Kilcar have been impressive to date and have defied all those who thought they were a team living on memories. Now in their third successive final and the last two having ended in defeat the club must feel that the pendulum which for so long swung against them has, this year, finally moved back in their direction. Their consistent and strong footballing displays this year should give them that extra bit of power to make sure this three-in-a-row is not remembered for all the wrong reasons.

By the time the championship came around last year the then outgoing champions, Aodh Ruadh, were everyone's favourites to complete a successful three-in-a-row. Instead they were ingloriously dumped out in the first round and found themselves having to scrape a team together mainly because of a spate of migration which hit most towns in the county.

Having re-built their senior team they embarked on the long hard slog to get to this year's final and even though they went about it in workmanlike fashion, it took a lot of blood, sweat and tears to get here today. Then again, isn't that the stuff champions are made of so the Ballyshannon men will also feel they have a rightful claim to the crown.



*Connie Duffy*

So you see all things considered both teams feel they have one hand on this trophy. Thinking is one thing, making it happen is another. We could wander into the realm of "if" and "but" and still get no further forward. No, at the end of the day it's down to one hour's solid football to separate these sides.

There are times in the development of a team when it's absolutely essential to win. Such is the case today. Both sides have an opportunity to discover if they are taking the right road to their ambitions.

This game promises to be the outstanding final of the decade, if only because there is more than a good chance both sides will produce their best football for years due to the fact there's so much at stake. Over the course of their absorbing previous encounters the players have more than lived up to expectations. Their respective styles should ensure a close tie with little separating them at the finish.

No one will be brave enough to say at this stage how the game will end. There's so much going for both teams, pitting the enterprise and elaboration of Aodh Ruadh's game against the tenacity, experience and seasoned skills of Kilcar. Let's hope like last Sunday's All-Ireland final that football will be the real winner at the end of the day.

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Tá Na Rossa agus Naomh Ultan ag castáil ar a chéile sa chluiche ceannais Idirmheánach. Tá imreoirí maíthe ar an dá fhoireann seo, ach ó na taispeántáisi go dtí seo, ba cheart do Na Rossa an chraobh a bhreith leo na bhaile.

Bhí bliain mhaith againn sa chontae i mbliana. Chosain muid ár stadas i Roinn a hAon, agus thug muid ár n-aghaidh ar an Chraobh Cúige. Rinne muid an turas go Páirc Bhrefní, agus bhain muid — gan choinne a déarfadh na daoine nach Conallagh iad. Bhuail muid Doire ansin, agus bhí muid lán dóchais don chluiche ceannais i gcoinne Thír Eoghain. Tá fhios againn ar fad scéala Chluain Eois — ba cheart go mbainfeadh muid an chéad chluiche, agus scríosadh muid sa dara cluiche. Ach rinne na h-imreoirí, na bainisteoirí, na cuiditheoirí agus an lár choiste sár iarracht. Tuilleann said buíochas agus comhghairdeachas. Bhí deireadh searbh ar an bhliain. Bhí toghchán againn. Tá súil agam nach mbeidh a leithéid ann arís. Agus tá súil agam go n-éirí go maith leis an Bhainisteoir úr.

Ní raibh Craobh Sinsear an chontae ach go measartha i mbliana. Cluiche maith amháin coimhlinteach a bhí againn, nuair a bhuail Béal Atha Seanaigh curraí na bliana seo caite, na Cealla Beaga. Ní raibh sé cosúil le Craobh na bliana seo caite. Tá súil agam nach bhfuil an bhearna idir na foirne éagsúla sa chontae ag leathnú. Caithfidh gach club an caighdeán ata bainte amach ag foirne an lae inniu a bhaint amach, in ainneoin go bhfuil na mílte ag imeacht thar lear agus go bhfuil brú ar imreoirí ó chluichí eile, go háirithe Sacair. Agus sin ráite, tá súil agam go n-éirí go maith le foireann idirnáisiunta sacair na hÉireann agus gach ráth ar fhear Ailt a Chorrain go háirithe.

Bhí bliain bhreá ag Cill Charthaigh. Bhain siad Comortas Peile na Gaeltachta, nuair a bhuail siad Naomh Columba ar a dtalaimh féin sa Ghleann. Chuaigh siad i mbun na Craobhe ansin, agus bhuail siad Cloich Cheann Fhaola, Gleann Cholm Cille agus Na Ceithre Maistrí gan stró ar bith. Tá siad ina suí go sócúlach



*Pol O Gallchoir*

ar bharr na Roinne fosta i Sraith na Contae. Ní raibh Béal Atha Seanaigh chomh láidir ar feadh na bliana. Ní raibh siad ach go measartha i gcoinne na nDúnaibh, bhuail siad Ard a Ratha gan stró agus indiaidh siad choimhlint i mBaile an Droichid, bhuail siad Na Cealla Beaga, nuair a fuair siad cúl ar bomaití deireannacha. Ach an rud contúirtigh faoi Aodh Rua — tá siad a feabhsú chuile lá.

Mar sin, céard faoi chluiche an lae inniu. Is deacair an toradh a thuar. Tá cúlbaír contae ag Aodh Rua, sár chosantóirí, li páirce atá maith go leor agus tosaithe cliste go háirithe Ó Cuirreáin. Ní amháin sin, ach tá siad láidir imeasc na bhfear ionaid. Agus ansin, Cill Charthaigh. Tá na cosantóirí daingean, beidh a lár páirce chomh maith i Aodh Rua agus na tosaithe — níl a sárú i fáil. Má bhíonn na deartháireacha, Séamu agus Máirtín in ard a réime agus ceapaim go mbainfidh — agus tá rud amháin cinnte, t an Chraobh tuillte ag Cill Charthaigh mé gheall ar an méid atá déanta acu le cúpla bliain anuas.

Tá súil agam go mbeidh cluiche maith ann. Tá súil agam go dtógfair cróithe an lucht tacaíochta arís, agus go mbeadh siad i feiceáil ag na cluichí sa tsraith náisiúnta id seo agus deireadh na bliana. Agus ag tús na bliana seo chugainn, bliain eile agus bhféid go mbeadh Craobh Uladh againn agus muid go fóill i Roinn a haon na sraithe.

*Le Pol O Gallchoir, Raidió Na Gaeltachta*

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## TWO GOOD FINALS IN PROSPECT

By Charlie Joe McGinley, Derry People and Donegal News

After a year of relative obscurity in championship football the qualification of Aodh Ruadh for today's final has caught the imagination of the whole county. The mighty Ernesiders are back. And they are back on merit.

Defeating Ardara and the reigning champions Killybegs en route to the final has instilled a new found confidence in their side, a mixture of youth and experience. For their opponents Kilcar it will be a case of hoping it will be third time lucky.

If league form is a good test of form then Kilcar will start favourites to clinch their fourth title, third in the 80's at this level. An All-Ireland Gaeltacht championship has been the ideal preparation for their quest on a title that has eluded them on the last two appearances.

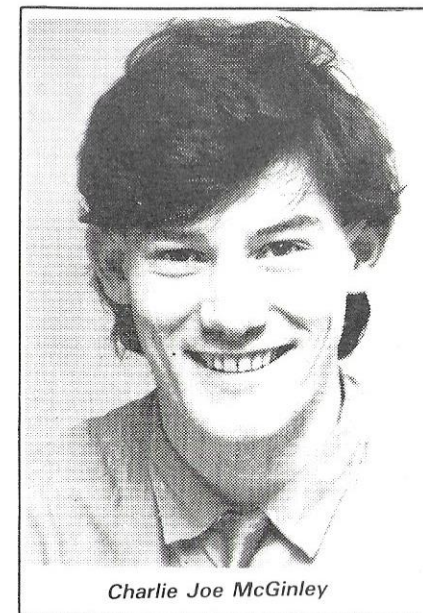
They have been very confident in their league campaign. In stark contrast Aodh Ruadh's league form has been erratic. Kilcar are peaking at the right time, so are Aodh Ruadh which promises a tense, exciting and thoroughly enjoyable culmination to the championship.

Emigration has robbed Aodh Ruadh of the talents of players like Tommy McDermott while Brian and Alan Murray are now playing their football in Dublin. The footballing school of Academy at Fr. Tierney Park has nurtured some fine young players over the years. The fifteen that start today are there for a purpose.

Kilcar's rating as favourites is due to the wealth of experience in their squad. For their emphatic and loyal band of supporters nothing short of a convincing victory in today's final will suffice.

The meeting of Na Rossa and Naomh Ultan in the Intermediate final should be an interesting spectacle. It is real David and Goliath pairing. Na Rossa will start as red hot favourites. This is their first championship final appearance since they lost to Glenfin by a point in the '83 final. The teams have not met since Na Rossa beat Naomh Ultan in the junior championship semi-final of '82.

In Declan Bonner who scored nine points in their semi-final victory over Robert Emmets Na Rossa have a potential matchwinner on



Charlie Joe McGinley

his day. Brothers Sean and Donal who is adjusting well in the full back position lay the foundation for what should be another historic day for the Na Rossa club.

They also have talented players such as 16-year-old Martin McShane who is improving with every game and looks a name for the future. Vinnie Gallagher is strong at midfield and left half back Michael Gallagher thrives on coming forward.

Naomh Ultan have defeated Termon and Bundoran to reach today's final. They will seek inspiration from county star Martin Shovlin who relished the big occasion. Their last appearance in the county final at this level was in 1984 when they defeated Kilcar.

Emigration too has hurt the Dunkineely based club, Brendan McCready being the most notable now playing with Tir Conaill Gaels in London. There are eight survivors of the '84 team with Dermot Alvey, Seamus McNern, Liam Meehan, Martin Shovlin, Colm Shovlin, Liam Kennedy, John Quigley and Willie Mackey.

It promises to be a good final with a victory for Na Rossa.

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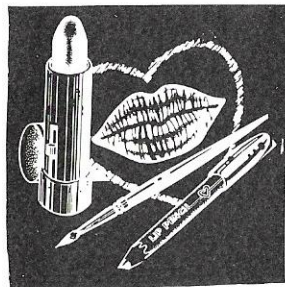


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## Watching us . . . watching you, the GAA and the media in Donegal

By Michael Daly, Sports Editor, Donegal Democrat

Ten years ago it would not have been that unusual if a staff reporter from any of the local papers in Donegal covered only the Co. Senior Final and home games in the National League. Most other match/meeting reports were furnished by an obliging official or PRO from the home club.

In the intervening period there has been an explosion in the amount and the method of coverage the GAA in Donegal receives from both the print and broadcast media in the county.

An ever increasing amount of detailed coverage, the expending of more and more money by newspapers such as the Donegal Democrat in an effort to cover all the major games — not just finals or home National League games — has resulted in a new objectivity, a new independence from GAA PROs and the like which GAA administrators in Donegal have, at times, struggled to appreciate or fully understand.

Despite the quite considerable costs in having a Democrat reporter and photographer at, for example, last year's Royal Liver League game against Kerry in Tralee, it was decided that they should be assigned to cover the game independently and objectively. Week in, week out there is a similar expansion of resources to bring unbiased reports to readers.

In the past, when games were 'picked up' by 'phoning the local PRO it was inevitable that on occasion the home side might get more favourable mention, even if they lost.

It was a cheaper system of getting games covered and is by no means on the way out but will not be used as often by papers such as the Democrat. With the luxury of a professional reporter at matches one can report on unsavoury incidents. In the past controversies had to be ignored or were rarely reported on for legal reasons if a reporter was not actually present. The likelihood now is that games, meetings, etc., will be reported — warts and all. Problems are highlighted not for the hell of it but to draw attention to them in the hope that they will be resolved. We, too, have a responsibility.

GAA President, Mr. John Dowling, in his inaugural address at Congress in Bundoran referred in a national context to the ever increasing depth of media coverage of national games. He spoke of the importance of improving the GAA's image. That aspiration holds true for the GAA at local as well as national level.

In the case of the Democrat quadrupling of GAA coverage and coverage in general has been paralleled by a considerable increase in comment on games and administration of the GAA and other sports. Why not? If you cover the — the victories, the triumphs — does it follow that the failures, the errors the media are also examined?

The GAA and other sporting organisations will have to get used to the probing of the media. Just look over at the Press today. The drawing power of these two and their ability to sell papers is undiminished by the number of reporters in that same Box. There should, I estimate, be at least a dozen reporters/columnists there from local national newspapers and Raidió Gaeltachta. Add to that up to half a dozen photographers.

Pens and motor-drives at the ready, the task will be to note or capture on film every moment, at least the important ones. Every error, every valiant effort, each nuance of pain and pleasure, the nerves of county final day will all be under the microscope.

Next year the GAA can expect a further extension in coverage. Highland Radio is presumed, be broadcasting by their own likelihood of a live radio broadcast of county final is indeed real.

As administrators of the sport that receive the most popular patronage in Donegal the GAA hierarchy in Donegal have a responsibility to improve the Association's image, to be fair and not just to appear fair. Referees and officials at every level must find the glare from the media spotlight more intense as the new age of local dawns in Donegal.

That they realise this and come to grips with servicing an ever demanding press who are being pushed by editors aware of the popularity of GAA coverage is crucial to the successful marketing and managing of the Association in Donegal.

Whatever the future holds for Donegal football you can be sure there will be success and failure both on and off the field. Lessons from both success and failure must be learned where one is selecting an Ulster 15 or the right referee to handle a potentially difficult junior match.

If those lessons are not learned we must expect them to go unnoticed.



# AODH RUADH PEN PICTURES

- GARY WALSH:** Goalkeeper. 24 years. 6'2". 14½ st. Team captain. Accountant. Donegal senior goalkeeper. Has played for Donegal at all levels and captained minors and u-21s. Honours: Ulster S.F.C., Minor League, Trench Cup, 2 Donegal S.F.C., U-12, U-16, U-18, U-21.
- JOE CURRAN:** Corner back. 25 years. 5'10". 12 st. ESB employee. Former Donegal minor. Honours: Ulster colleges U-15, U-17, Ulster Minor League. 2 Donegal S.F.C., U-12, U-14, U-16, U-18, U-21.
- DIARMAID KEON:** Back. 21 years. 5'9". 11 st. Student. Honours: Ulster and All-Ireland U-21 F.C., Ulster M.F.C. and Minor League, 2 Donegal S.F.C., U-21.
- MICHAEL McGEE:** Back. 18 years. 5'10". 11 stone. Student. Honours: U-16, U-18, U-21 Co. championships. Member of Donegal minor team in 1988.
- CONOR BOYLE:** Back. 24 years. 5'11". 13 st. Garda. Honours: Ulster and All-Ireland Colleges medal with De La Salle, Ulster Minor League, plus U-12, U-15, U-16, U-18 and U-21 as well as two S.F.C. medals.
- CIARAN TINNEY:** Half-back. 25 years. 5'9½". 11½ stone. Salesman. Former county minor and U-21 player. Honours: Ulster Minor League, one Donegal S.F.C., U-12, U-15, U-16, U-18 and U-21 medals.
- CIARAN KEON:** Age 19. 5'11". 12½ stone. Back. Student. Honours: U-16, U-18, U-21 C'ship medals. Played minor for Donegal in '88. Played Sigerson with Maynooth in '88/'89.
- SYLVESTER MAGUIRE.** Midfield. 25 years. 6'. 12½ st. Student. Has played for Donegal at U-16, U-18, U-21, Vocational, senior and at junior hurling level. Honours: Ulster and All-Ireland U-21 F.C., McKenna Cup, two Donegal S.F.C., U-16, U-18 and U-21 plus Ulster Junior Hurling medal in 1989.
- BRIAN TUOHY:** Midfield. 27 years. 5'11". 12½ st. Garda. Member of current county team. Honours: Captained Donegal to Ulster and All-Ireland U-21 F.C.; Ulster S.F.C.; two Donegal S.F.C., U-12, U-13, U-16, U-18 and U-21 medal.
- GERRY CURRAN:** Forward. 28 years. 5'10". 11 st. Technician. Honours: Ulster Colleges medal with D.L.S.; two Donegal S.F.C. Has played minor, U-21 and senior for Donegal.
- EUNAN GALLAGHER:** Forward or back. 25 years. 5'11". 12 st. Teacher. Honours: Played with county minor, senior and U-21 winning McKenna Cup medal. U-12, U-16, U-18 and U-21 Donegal c'ships. Ulster Colleges medal with D.L.S.
- EUNAN DOYLE:** Forward. 25 years. 5'7". 11 st. Electrician. Honours: All-Ireland Colleges medal with D.L.S.; one Donegal S.F.C., U-12, U-18, U-21 medals. Played county minor and U-21.
- BRENDAN MARTIN:** Forward. 35 years. 5'10". 13½ stone. Garda. Veteran of the side. Honours: Two S.F.C. medals with Four Masters and two with Aodh Ruadh; U-16 medal. Represented Donegal at U-18 and U-21 level as well as Vocational Schools.
- DAMIEN CONLON:** Forward. Age 18. 5'10". 11½ stone. Student. Honours: U-16, U-18 and U-21 medals. Reached Ulster Colleges final with D.L.S. Played county minor for Donegal in 1988.
- DONAGH KEON:** Forward. 20 years. 5'10". 11 stone. Student. Honours: Donegal Minor League, U-21 C'ship. Played for County at U-16 and minor level. Won All-Ireland Agricultural College League medal and 7-a-side with Mountbellew Agricultural College; Freshers and Trench Cup medals with Galway R.T.C.
- VAL MURRAY:** Forward. 19 years. 6'. 11 st. Barman. Honours: One Donegal S.F.C., U-21. Represented Donegal at U-16, U-18 and U-21 level.
- JOHN DUFFY:** Half forward. 19 years. 5'11". 11 st. Student. Honours: One Donegal S.F.C., U-14, U-15, U-16, U-18. Played for county at U-16, U-18 and U-21 level.
- THOMAS GALLAGHER:** Back. 27 years. 5'9". 11 st. Printer with Donegal Democrat. Honours: Ulster and All-Ireland Colleges medals with D.L.S.; two Donegal S.F.C., U-12, U-13, U-16, U-18, U-21 medals.

- SEAN BOYLE:** Forward. 31 years. 5'8". 13 st. Factory supervisor. Also assistant manager. Honours: Dalton Cup medal with D.L.S. Won three Donegal S.F.C. medals and an Ulster Club Championship medal with St. Josephs and 2 S.F.C. medals with Aodh Ruadh; Donegal U-14 and U-16. Represented Donegal at U-18, U-21 and senior level. Playing in his 16th consecutive Donegal championship campaign.
- COLM KEON:** Defender. 22 years. 5'9". 11 stone. Student. Honours: Donegal U-21 medals '85 and '88. Member of University of Limerick Sigerson Cup panel '88/'89; McLarnon Cup runners-up medal with D.L.S. '84.
- PETER DUFFY:** Back. 21 years. 6'. 12 st. Student. Honours: Donegal U-21 c'ship in '88 and Minor League in '86.
- PAUL KANE:** Goalkeeper. 18 years. 5'10". 12½ stone. Apprentice Metal Fabricator. Honours: U-16, U-18 Co. Championship.
- CONOR CARNEY:** Back. 33 years. 5'8". 11 st. Primary School Principal. One of the veterans of the side who was a member of the '87 championship winning team.
- MALACHY CULLEN:** Forward. 22 years. 5'8". 11 st. Clerk. Honours: Captained Aodh Ruadh to U-21 Championship last year.
- JAMES MALONE:** Utility. 21 years. 6'. 13 st. Bank Official. Honours: U-12, U-14, U-16 and U-21 Clare Co. Football Championships; two U-16½ Munster Colleges Championships; three U-18 Clare Colleges medals.
- MICHAEL McLOONE:** Assistant Manager. Chief Executive, Beaumont Hospital. Played for Donegal senior team from 1964 until injury ended his career in 1970. Honours: Ulster Minor League and U-21, McKenna Cup and Lagan Cup medals. Donegal Minor medals in 1961 and 1963 plus S.F.C. medals with St. Josephs.
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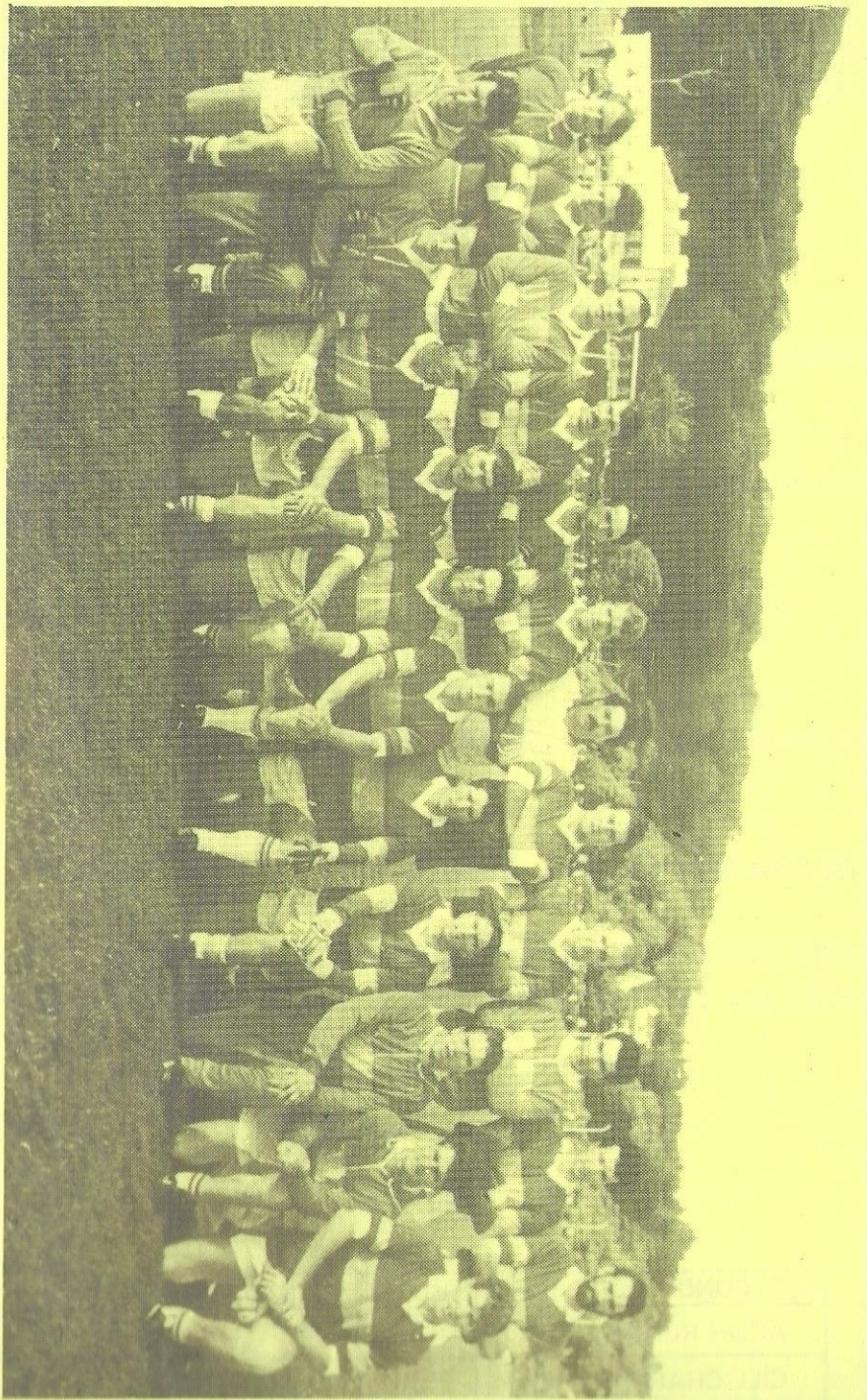
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- SEAMUS GALLAGHER:** Right Full Back. 40 years. 5'7". 11 ½ stone. Building contractor and publican. Honours: Senior championship, league, shield, county and All-Ireland Gaeltacht medals. Ex county player.
- NEILLY BYRNE:** Full back. 35 years. 5'11". 12 stone. Fitter. Honours: Senior championship, league, shield, county and All-Ireland medals. Ex county player.
- JOHN CARR:** Right half back. 33 years. 5'10". 12 stone. Designer. Honours: Senior championship, league, shield, county and All-Ireland Gaeltacht medals. Also U-21 championship.
- MICHAEL CARR:** Centre half back. 34 years. 6'0". 13 stone. Businessman. Honours: Ulster championship, Railway cup medals, county championship, league, shield, county and All-Ireland Gaeltacht medals.
- MAURICE CARR:** Left half back. 28 years. 5'11". 12 stone. Carpenter. Honours: Senior championship, league and shield medals, county and All-Ireland Gaeltacht medals. Member of Donegal's U-21 All-Ireland team 1982.
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- JOHN DOOGAN:** Half back/half forward. 26 years. 5'11". 13 stone. Telecom Employee. Honours: Senior championship, league, shield, county and All-Ireland Gaeltacht medals. Former county minor player. Captain of team.
- ROGER McSHANE:** Half forward. 23 years. 5'11". 13 stone. Fitter. Honours: Ulster minor medal, two county Vocational School All-Ireland medals, senior championship, league, shield, county and All-Ireland Gaeltacht medals.
- JAMES McHUGH:** Half forward. 25 years. 5'7". 10 ½ stone. Factory worker. Honours: Holder of senior championship, league, shield, county and All-Ireland Gaeltacht medals. Played county minor, U-21 and senior. Captained the 1985 county championship winning team.
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- MICHAEL MOLLOY:** Forward. 23 years. 5'9". 12 stone. Factory worker. Honours: Holder of county and All-Ireland Gaeltacht medals. A keen basketballer.
- MARTIN McHUGH:** Forward. 28 years. 5'8". 12 stone. Insurance Rep. and Publican. Honours: Ulster championship and Railway cup medals. All star award, All-Ireland U-21 medal, county senior championship, league, shield, county and All-Ireland Gaeltacht medals. Three Donegal Player of the Year awards. B.&I. award for June 1989. Team manager.

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- SEAN McGINLEY:** Forward. 42 years. 5'8". 11 stone. Insurance Rep. Honours: County minor championship, county senior championship, league, shield, county and All-Ireland Gaeltacht medals. Club chairman.
- GERARD McBREARTY:** Half forward. 27 years. 5'10". 11 stone. Factory worker. Honours: Senior championship, league, shield, county and All-Ireland Gaeltacht medals.
- DANNY GILLESPIE:** Midfield/forward. 36 years. 6'0". 13 stone. School teacher. Honours: County junior championship, county U-21 championship, senior championship, league, shield, county and All-Ireland Gaeltacht medals.
- JAMES HEGARTY:** Half forward. 21 years. 5'7". 11 ½ stone. Factory worker. Honours: County and All-Ireland Gaeltacht medals.
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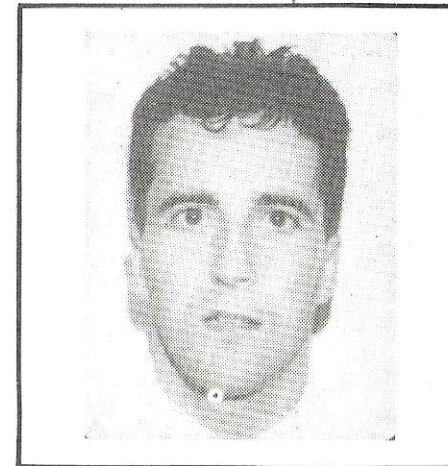
*By Kevin Sharkey, Donegal People's Press*

The proposed rule changes to Gaelic Football which are to be effected on an experimental basis in the forthcoming National League campaign have generated very keen discussion among ordinary members of the Association since they were approved by Central Council a couple of weeks ago.

Opinion is very much divided on whether or not changes are needed at all at this particular point in time. On the one hand there are those who will argue that the game has survived for over a century without any drastic changes and that the present proposals are nothing more than a dressed-up version of Australian Rules. On the other hand there is a groundswell of players and supporters alike who believe that the game has now reached a stage where pulling, dragging and time wasting have become the dominant features at the expense of skill and natural talent.

The re-introduction of the hand-pass should certainly pave the way for the return of the flowing game which was so much a part of the scene during the 70s when both Dublin and Kerry led the way in perfecting this particular skill. It's difficult to see what distinct advantages the other proposed changes of playing four quarters and the taking of free kicks, goal kicks and side-line kicks from the hand will have on the game.

However, we ought not to dismiss them out of hand before we see them in



operation. This is, after all, only an experiment and after the League campaign the part of that experiment which do not benefit the game should be discarded with the positive elements, if there are any, being retained.

What the outcome will be time alone will tell. However, when decision time does arrive it will be a critical juncture for the game's future. With this in mind it is essential that only changes which will have a very distinct advantage for the game be considered. The game must not now, or indeed ever, be put at risk by the implementation of new rules for no reason other than for the sake of it.

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- PAT McHUGH:** Forestry worker. 19 years. Won second division shield medal with Na Rossa in 1988.
- MICHAEL BONNER:** Employed by Polar Fish, Killybegs. 25 years. Won Donegal junior championship medal in 1982. Played on losing intermediate final team of 1983. Played for Donegal minors in 1981 and 1982 and Under 21 team of 1984. Won Donegal minor league medal in 1981. Won second division shield medal with Na Rossa in 1988.
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- MICHAEL O'DONNELL:** Publican. 26 years. Won Donegal junior championship medal at right-half back on successful Na Rossa side of 1982. Played on losing intermediate final team of 1983. Won Donegal minor league medal in 1981.
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- JOHN FUREY:** Forward. 20 years. 5'10". Factory worker. Honours: Ulster Voc. Schools medal, Ulster U-15 7-a-side medal; played both Co. minor and U-21 for Donegal.
- JOHN HARVEY:** Right half forward. 21 years. 6'. Donegal Oil Company employee. Honours: Co. Voc. Schools medal with Abbey V.S.
- KEVIN MEEHAN:** Forward. 19 years. 5'7". Shop Assistant. Honours: National Schools Championship with Keelogs N.S.
- WILLIE MACKEY:** Defender and Team Manager. 35 years. 5'5". Technician. Honours: Div. 3 Shield and League and Intermediate Championship in '84.
- LIAM MEEHAN:** Left half back. 24 years. 5'8". Factory worker. Honours: Div. 3 Shield and League; Intermediate C'ship. Played for Co. Vocational School team.
- PETER "BUD" KENNEDY:** Forward. 23 years. 5'6". Factory worker. Honours: Div. 3 Shield and League medals; Intermediate Championship.
- DERMOT ALVEY:** Goalkeeper; 30 years. 5'9". Factory worker. Honours: Div. 3 Shield and League medals; Intermediate Championship medal.
- SEAMUS McNERN:** Full back. 26 years. 6'. Factory worker. Honours: Div. 3 Shield and League medals; Intermediate Championship medal.
- JAMES D. CASSIDY:** Forward. 32 years. 5'8". Factory worker. Honours: Div. 3 Shield and League medals; Intermediate Championship medal.
- COLM SHOVLIN:** Midfield. 30 years. 5'11". Co. Council employee. Honours: Division 3 Shield and League medals and Intermediate Championship medal.
- GERRY McINTYRE:** Forward. 32 years. 5'9". Fish merchant. Former Aodh Ruadh player.
- PAUL BYRNE:** Forward. 18 years. 5'6". Shop assistant. Honours National Schools medal.
- THOMAS McWHINNIE:** Midfield. 21 years. 6'2". Fish Buyer. Honours: Voc. Schools meal with Abbey V.S., Donegal.
- DECLAN BYRNE:** Back. 22 years. 5'10". Butcher. Honours: Intermediate Championship medal; Div. 3 Shield and League medals.
- LIAM KENNEDY:** Half forward. 25 years. 6'. Factory worker. Honours: Ulster Minor League medal; U-18 and U-19 Voc. medals; Div. 3 Shield and League medals and Intermediate Championship medals.
- DECLAN MOLONEY:** Back. 18 years. 5'9". Factory worker. Honours: Ulster B Hurling medal; U-12, U-14 Hurling and Football medals with Parnells, Dublin.
- JOHN KELLY:** Right corner back. 20 years. 5'8". Bar manager. Honours: Co. Voc. Schools meals with Abbey Voc. School, Donegal.
- JOHN QUIGLEY:** Forward or midfield. 35 years. 5'10". Factory worker. Honours: League Div. 3 League and Shield medals; Intermediate Championship medal.
- DERMOT BROSANAN:** Full forward. 34 years. 6'2". Fish merchant. Honours: Div. 3 League and Shield medals; Intermediate Championship medal.
- MARTIN SHOVLIN:** Centre half back. 28 years. 5'11". Telecom Eireann employee. Honours: Ulster and All-Ireland U-21 medal; Div. 3 League and Shield medals; Intermediate championship medal.

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DONAL BONNER

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CHARLIE BONNER

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PAT McCAHILL

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SEAN BONNER

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MICHAEL GALLAGHER

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VINNIE GALLAGHER

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EAMONN O'DONNELL

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PETER MOLLOY

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MICHAEL BONNER

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MARTIN McSHANE jnr

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MARTIN McSHANE snr.

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DECLAN BONNER

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PAT McHUGH

SUBS: 16, Michael O'Donnell; 17, Eamonn Melly; 18, Jim O'Donnell; 19, Conal Boyle; 20, Martin Bonner; 21, Aidan Bonner; 22, Donnick Bonner.

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THOMAS McWHINNIE

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MARTIN SHOVLIN (capt.)

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SEAN FUREY

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COLM SHOVLIN

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KEVIN MEEHAN

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JOHN HARVEY

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DERMOT BROSNAN

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LIAM KENNEDY

SUBS: 16, John Quigley; 17, Peter Kennedy; 18, Paul Byrne; 19, Willie Mackey (manager); 20, Gerry McIntyre; 21, James Cassidy.