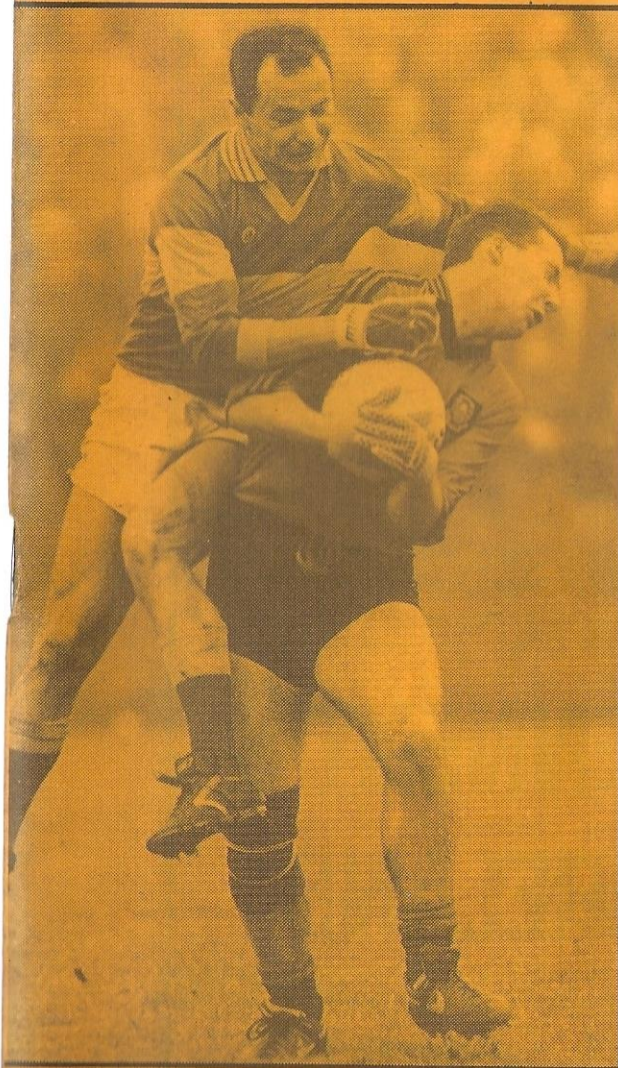
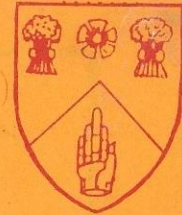




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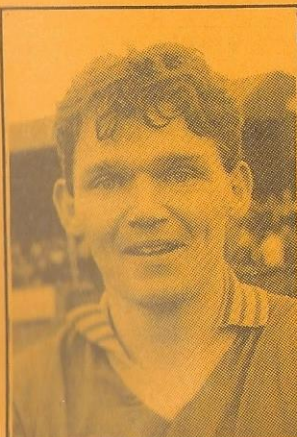


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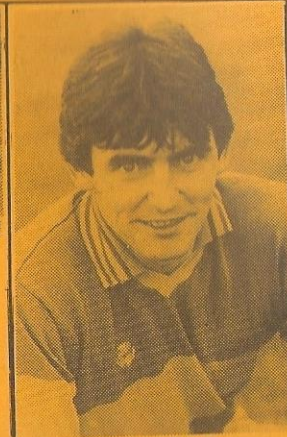
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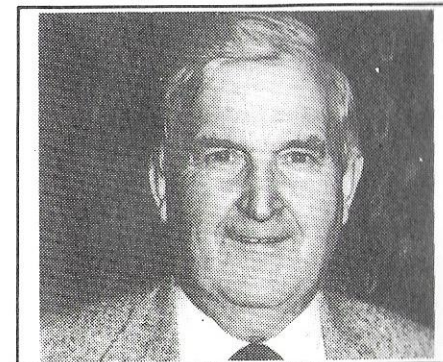


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It is important that our followers stand four square behind the team's efforts for the League and the Championship. Next Sunday we travel to Cork with our sell-out special train. The response of our supporters to this novel idea has been overwhelming. I take the opportunity to suggest to groups that they consider minibus travel to and from Sligo to ease the pressure on those who might normally have to drive after such a long trip.

I must pay special tribute to Aodh Ruadh for their arrangements at short notice, for facilitating the county team last Saturday and for re-arranging the St. Jarlath's v Maghera colleges game to their second pitch to give priority here to Donegal v Roscommon.

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## MATCH PROGRAMME

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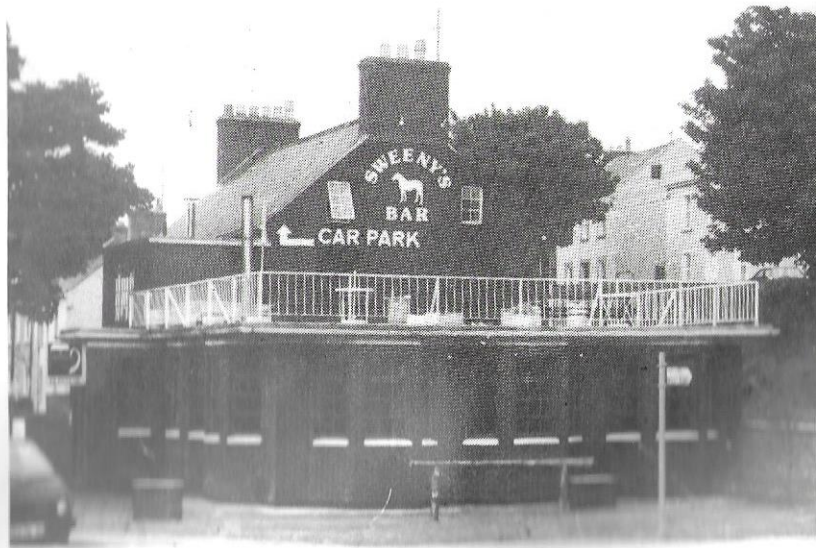
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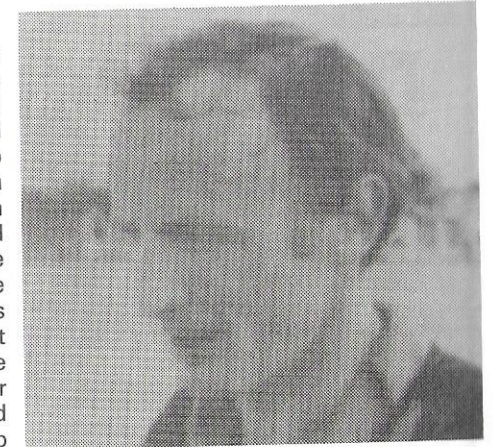
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## TODAY'S REFEREE

### FRANCIS FINAN

A long serving member of the Coolera/Strandhill GAA Club, Francis Finan is a well known referee in Sligo and Connacht. His footballing background includes an 8 year sojourn with the Sligo Co. senior team from 1976-1983, and a lengthy involvement with his club with whom he won Junior Championship and League titles in 1971 and Intermediate Championship and League last year. He has trained and managed his local club's adult team and has a deep involvement with the Coolera/Strandhill under age teams. Francis has refereed the Senior Football Championship in Sligo and Connacht Club Senior Championship games.



He was one of the first referees to gain experience in the Experimental Rules having officiated at games in last year's special tournament involving Longford, Leitrim, Westmeath and Cavan. He also refereed the Dublin v Longford game in Croke Park last year which was the centrepiece in a training seminar on the new rules for referees countrywide.

His umpires for today's game are Pauric Gorman, St. John's GAA Club, Sligo; Tom Gallen, Calry GAA Club, Sligo; Terry Harte, Coolera/Strandhill GAA Club, Sligo; John Kivlehan, Coolera/Strandhill GAA Club, Sligo.

## ROYAL LIVER NATIONAL LEAGUE TABLES

DIV. ONE					DIV. TWO					DIV. 3 NORTH					DIV. THREE SOUTH								
	P	W	D	LPts		P	W	D	LPts		P	W	D	LPts		P	W	D	LPts				
Cork	4	3	1	0	7	Antrim	4	3	0	1	6	Longford	4	3	1	0	7	Limerick	4	4	0	0	8
Donegal	4	3	0	1	6	Mayo	4	3	0	1	6	Offaly	4	3	0	1	6	Kildare	4	3	0	1	6
Dublin	4	3	0	1	6	Meath	4	3	0	1	6	Laois	4	3	0	1	6	Wicklow	4	3	0	1	6
Armagh	4	2	1	1	5	Roscommon	4	3	0	1	6	Galway	4	2	0	2	4	Clare	4	2	0	2	4
Down	4	2	0	2	4	Tyrone	4	2	0	2	4	Leitrim	4	1	1	2	3	Tipperary	4	2	0	2	4
Cavan	4	1	0	3	2	Louth	4	1	0	3	2	Fermanagh	4	1	0	3	2	Kilkenny	4	1	0	3	2
Kerry	4	1	0	3	2	Wexford	4	1	0	3	2	Sligo	4	1	0	3	2	Waterford	4	0	1	3	1
Derry	4	0	0	4	0	Monaghan	4	0	0	4	0	Westmeath	4	1	0	3	2	Carlow	4	0	0	4	0

## REMAINING DIVISION ONE FIXTURES

**ROUND 5 (Today):** Donegal v Derry; Kerry v Cavan; Down v Cork; Armagh v Dublin.

**ROUND 6 (Sunday, February 11th):** Cork v Donegal; Derry v Down; Dublin v Kerry; Cavan v Armagh.

**ROUND 7 (Sunday, March 4th):** Donegal v Dublin; Cavan v Down; Cork v Kerry; Armagh v Derry.

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# SO FAR, SO GOOD . . . SO WHAT!

By Connie Duffy, Donegal Democrat

Yes, I agree a rather abrupt opening but then again there's nothing like a little realism to bring us back to earth when we need it most. Here in Donegal we can justifiably feel proud of the county team's performance in the 1989-'90 National Football League Division One to date but we must also remember it's no more than we expected.

It's about time we took stock of how far we've come and what our expectations are for the rest of this competition. We opened brightly in MacCumhaill Park at the end of October with a solid eight point victory over Armagh (3-12 to 0-13). Nothing wrong with that you say. Maybe so but if you recall it was an Armagh performance that left a lot to be desired.

Paddy Moriarty and his men came with a 'bad attitude' to the experimental rules and tried to play the old game. Instead they played into Donegal's hands. Having said that, they staged one almighty revival and hit the woodwork a couple of times so like it or not, Lady Luck was on Donegal's side that day.

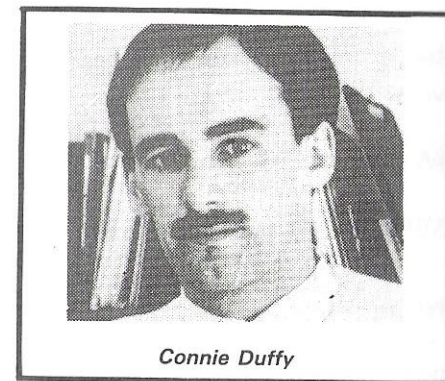
The Donegal side confirmed their Ulster Championship win over Cavan two weeks later when they scraped through with two points to spare at Breffni Park.

This was a rough and tumble affair which could have gone either way but for some inspired football and a decision two minutes from time that Cavan will argue for many a year to come. Instead of a free out Manus Boyle was handed a free in and a score that levelled the game. Donegal hung on but as in the first game there were lapses, particularly in the second quarter that gave rise for great concern. The final score that day was 1-12 to 0-13. The side was lucky, very lucky to come through this one.

Next up came the mighty Kingdom, well maybe not the mighty Kingdom, rather a new look side with a new manager. Here again, Donegal lived dangerously close to defeat with another late Manus Boyle point making the difference.

That one point win in Ballyshannon (0-11 to 0-10) was a heart-stopping affair and for long periods it looked as if Kerry's football prowess would carry the day for them. Thankfully, their erratic shooting plus a stubborn Donegal defence meant they had to go home empty handed.

Once again the county team lived so close to defeat. The football was exciting, the side



Connie Duffy

were still on course and now it looked like at long last they were getting their act together and winning games they were struggling in. The balance of the side coupled with the fresh aggressive approach to the new rules gave them a headstart on most sides up to this but then came the turn of Down, perhaps the most talented footballing side in Ulster.

I suppose if any side could halt the winning streak it was the Mourne County men and this they did with an emphatic (1-15 to 0-14) win in Newry in December. Even reduced to 14 men for most of the second half, Down were just too good in every department to be upstaged on their home turf. This result brought most back to earth. The Donegal team was beatable despite all the good results heretofore.

So then here we are joint second place, everything to play for yet it could all quickly disappear today unless the players fire themselves up to play as never before. Forget the hype about going to Cork or the opportunities the Dublin visit will present to get even with them. Our League future or lack of it all depends on getting the two points, today.

Manager, Brian McEniff, said during the week his side's defeat at the hands of Roscommon last Saturday was just the "kick in the backside" they needed.

So far so good, o.k., that's alright but who will remember it or what will it count for if the performances of the first half of the League are not bettered over the coming months and beyond. We're fed up of going around in circles, lads — it's time to stop counting the good performances on the one hand every year!

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2. Name the only Derryman to captain an Ulster Railway Cup winning side?
3. When did Derry first contest an Ulster Senior Football final. What was the result?
4. In what year did Derry win their only National Football League title. Who was captain of the team?
5. Name the Derry team that won the All-Ireland Club Football final in 1972?
6. Who captained that team?
7. Name the Derry player who won a football All-Star in 1975 and played Railway Cup football and hurling for Ulster regularly in the '70s?
8. Name the first Derry All-Star and in what position did he receive his award?
9. He received a second All-Star award in what year and in what position?
10. Name Derry's two most recent All-Stars. They won their awards in 1987?
11. Name the Derry player who won the 1st Caltex Football Award in 1958?
12. Name the well-known Dublin player whose father comes from Derry?
13. What is the name of the G.A.A. Park in Ballinascreen?
14. Who captained Derry to win the 1983 All-Ireland Minor Football title?
15. Who captained them to their All-Ireland Minor victory in 1989?
16. Who was captain of Derry in 1968 when they won their only U-21 title?
17. Derry have won two Junior Camogie All-Irelands. In what years did they achieve these wins?
18. What was the last Derry club to win the Ulster Club Football Championship. In what year?
19. How many Ulster finals did Derry contest in the 60s?
20. How many times did Derry win the Dr. McKenna Cup?

(Answers to quiz on page 35)

### SNIPPET

Mickey Niblock was an important member of Derry's 1965 All-Ireland winning minor side. The Magherafelt lad was also on the Derry side which defeated Offaly in the 1968 All-Ireland U-21 final, starring on the '40' on that occasion. He was a member of the Derry senior side that won the Ulster final in 1970, but tasted defeat on this occasion in the All-Ireland semi-final when Kerry came out on top by 0-23 to 0-10 in an 80 minute game (Championship games from 1970 to 1974 were 80 minutes). Mickey won Railway Cup medals with Ulster in 1968, 1970 and 1971 and was regarded as one of the top forwards in the country at the time. However, he emigrated to the United States while at the top of his football career much to the dismay of Derry supporters. When he returned to Ireland in the early '80s Mickey went to live in Cork and tasted further success when he won All-Ireland Club Championships with Nemo Rangers in 1982 and 1984.

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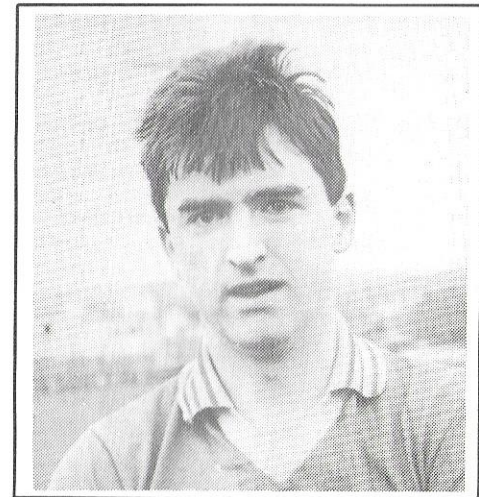
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## What a difference a year makes

February 4th, 1989, in Drumsurn, Co. Derry. Derry meet Donegal in the N.F.L. Division One. Derry top the Division, six points from four games.

February 5th, 1990, in Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal. Derry meet Donegal in the N.F.L. Division One. Derry lie at the bottom of the same Division — four games, no points — football is a funny old game and yes a year most definitely is a long time in football.

Donegal's position at the 'mid-term break' isn't quite so changed from last year.

The two tables are worth considering:

N.F.L. Div. 1 — Jan. 1st, 1989					
	P	W	D	L	Pts
Derry	4	3	0	1	6
Dublin	4	3	0	1	6
Armagh	4	2	0	2	4
Donegal	4	2	0	2	4
Down	4	2	0	2	4
Monaghan	4	2	0	2	4
Kerry	4	2	0	2	4
Meath	4	0	0	4	0

N.F.L. Div. 1 — Jan. 1st, 1990					
	P	W	D	L	Pts
Cork	4	3	1	0	7
Donegal	4	3	0	1	6
Dublin	4	3	0	1	6
Armagh	4	2	1	1	5
Down	4	2	0	2	4
Cavan	4	1	0	3	2
Kerry	4	1	0	3	2
Derry	4	0	0	4	0

A year ago tomorrow, these two sides met in Drumsurn, a venue which most Donegal folk discovered for the first time when this game was fixed for there.

It was a vital game for Donegal and victory, it transpired, would have put Donegal into the running for the play-offs.

Derry, ahead by a point at half-time, 0-6 to 1-2, went on to win by two points, 0-10 to 1-5. Unwelcome though it may have been, Derry gave Donegal a lesson in how scores should be taken and how midfielders should combine to aid defence and set up attacks. The game itself was no spectacle — fear of losing reduced the encounter to an error ridden, dull and unexciting contest. The absence of ace player, Martin McHugh, was a difficulty Donegal failed to overcome.

The sides and scorers were:

**Donegal:** Gary Walsh; J. J. Doherty, John Connors, Cathal Campbell; Donal Reid (0-1), Brian Tuohy, Martin Shovlin; Anthony Molloy,

Martin Gavigan; James McHugh, Marty Carlin, Tommy Ryan (0-1); Pat Ward (1-0), Brian Murray (0-1), Seamus Carr (0-1). Subs., Brendan Dunleavy for Cathal Campbell; Joyce McMullan (0-1) for Pat Ward; Noel Carr for James McHugh.

**Derry:** Damien McCusker; Brian Kealey (0-2), Danny Quinn, Kieran McKeever; Michael Berryman (0-1), Tony Scullion, Damien Cassidy; Plunkett Murphy, Brian McGilligan; Paddy Mackle, Seamus Downey, Damien Barton (0-1); Enda Gormley (0-4), Anthony Quigg (0-1), Liam Devlin. Subs., Joe Irwin (0-1) for Paddy Mackle, and Fergal McCusker for Liam Devlin.

The temperature and the tempo picked up a great deal the next time these two sides met — the Ulster Championship semi-final, played at St. Tiernach's Park, Clones, on June 18th, 1989.

Donegal's two point win, 2-8 to 1-9, put them into the Ulster final. The game was action packed and full of incident. Donegal led by two points at the break, 1-5 to 1-3. In blistering sunshine before 8,000 spectators, Marty Carlin set up Joyce McMullan for the opening point. It was nip and tuck throughout the first half with Donegal's Molloy/Gallagher pairing at midfield being edged out of it by Plunkett Murphy and Brian McGilligan.

However, a beautifully taken Martin McHugh goal gave Donegal that extra spring in their step and when Tommy Ryan went through to win a penalty at the start of the second half, McHugh sealed Derry's fate with a splendidly taken penalty that sent Derry's Colin McKenna the wrong way.

The teams and scorers were:

**Donegal:** Gary Walsh; John Joe Doherty, John Connors, Brian Tuohy; Donal Reid, Martin Gavigan, Martin Shovlin (0-1); Anthony Molloy, Michael Gallagher (0-1); Charlie Mulgrew, Martin McHugh (2-2), Joyce McMullan (0-2); Tommy Ryan (0-1), Brian Murray (0-1), Marty Carlin, Subs., Leslie McGettigan for Joyce McMullan; Brendan Dunleavy for John Joe Doherty; Michael Kelly, Cathal Campbell, Corny Carr, Seamus Carr, Paddy Gavigan and Pat Ward (not used).

**Derry:** Colin McKenna; Barry Young, Danny Quinn, Tony Scullion; Brendan McPeake, Joe Irwin, Kieran McKeever; Plunkett Murphy (0-1), Brian McGilligan; Damien McCusker, Brian Kealey (0-1), Damien Cassidy (0-1); Enda Gormley (1-3), Damien Barton (0-2), Anthony Quigg. Subs., Seamus Downey for Damien McCusker; P. J. McCormick for Danny Quinn; Ricahrd Ferris for Anthony Quigg; Mickey Berryman, Conrad McGuigan, Liam Devlin and Eoin Gribbin (not used).

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Peter holds three Ulster Senior Championship medals, 2 All-Ireland Junior Hurling medals; one Ulster Senior Club medal with Ballerin in 1976; nine Derry Senior Hurling Championship medals and one Derry Senior Football Championship medal. He was midfield on the St. Columb's Hogan Cup winning team of 1965. He is highly regarded in Derry and in Ulster for his trojan work in the promotion of hurling.



# DERRY'S 1958 HEROES

1958 is a year that will be long remembered by all Derry and indeed Ulster football followers. It marked the first victory by the Oak Leaf County in an Ulster Senior Football final and their one and only appearance in an All-Ireland senior final. They defeated Cavan by 3-7 to 3-6 in the Ulster semi-final to qualify for their third Ulster final in four years. In the Ulster final an up-and-coming Down team provided the opposition but Derry came out on top by 1-11 to 0-10.

On August 24th Derry took on the mighty Kerry in the All-Ireland semi-final in Croke Park. On a wet day Kerry got off to a flying start when the legendary Tadghie Lyne scored a goal after seven minutes. However, an excellent display of high fielding by Jim McKeever at midfield and some great forward play by Sean O'Connell, who scored 1-4 in all, ensured a Derry victory by 2-6 to 2-5. McKeever's brother, Dinny, scored Derry's other goal.

Hopes were high that Derry could become the first team to bring 'Sam' across the Border but alas it was not to be. Dublin, led by Kevin Heffernan, won the final by 2-12 to 1-9. Nevertheless, Derry contributed to a memorable game and but for a nervous start and some glaring misses in the first half could have reversed the result. Dublin, with the famous St. Vincents powered forward line of Paddy Haughey, Ollie Freaney, Des Ferguson, Paddy Farnan, Johnny Joyce and Kevin Heffernan, started well and led by 0-8 to 0-4 at half time. The second half saw Jim McKeever give one of the best midfield displays ever seen in Croke Park and when Owen Gribbin crashed in a goal midway through the half, it looked as if it might be Derry's day. However, in the end, as has happened to so many excellent Ulster sides, they had to give way to the more experienced Dubs. For the record Paddy Farnan and Johnny Joyce got the Dublin goals.

For the record, the teams were:

**DUBLIN:** Paddy O'Flaherty; Lar Foley, Marcus Wilson, Joe Timmons; Cathal O'Leary, Jim Crowley, Sean Boyle; John Timmons, Sean 'Yank' Murray; Paddy Haughey, Ollie Freaney, Des Ferguson; Paddy Farnan, Johnny Joyce, Kevin Heffernan (capt.) Subs., Maurice Whelan and Paddy Downey.

**DERRY:** Patsy Gormley; Patsy McLarnon, Hugh Francis Gribbin, Tommy Doherty; Patsy Breen, Colm Mulholland, Peter Smith; Jim McKeever (capt.), Phil Stuart; Sean O'Connell, Brendan Murray, Dinny McKeever; Brian Mullen, Owen Gribbin, Charlie Higgins. Subs., Roddy Gribbin, Leo O'Neill and Colm O'Neill.

## SNIPPET

The departure of Dermot McNicholl to Australia has deprived Derry of one of their best footballers ever. He captained Derry to Ulster and All-Ireland Minor success in 1983, having suffered the pain of defeat in an All-Ireland Minor final as a 15-year-old in 1981. In 1984 he became one of the youngest All-Stars of all time. He was selected on the Compromise Rules teams that toured Australia in 1986 and also took part in the 1987 series in Ireland. On each occasion he proved to be one of the star players with his devastating speed and deadly finishing proving very effective. Dermot is presently playing Australian Rules football down under and all Derry followers are hoping that he will soon return and resume his inter-county career.

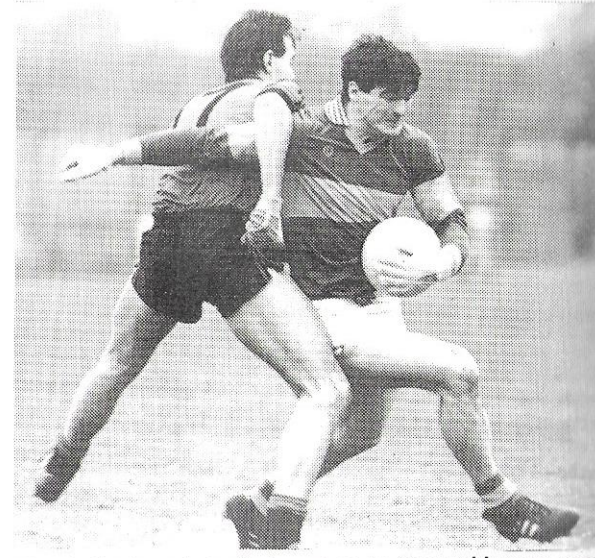


Derry, Ulster champions and All-Ireland finalists, 1958. Front row, l. to r., D. McKeever, B. Mullen, O. Gribbin, J. McKeever (capt.), C. Higgins, T. Doherty, C. Mulholland, P. Gormley. Back row, l. to r., P. McLarnon, S. O'Connell, H. F. Gribbin, P. Breen, P. Stuart, B. Murray, P. Smith, R. Gribbin (manager).

# MARTIN GAVIGAN

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*Larry Faulstich*



Martin Gavigan in typical pose as he forces his way past Eamonn Burns of Down.

The liking of Donegal supporters for the player who can lift the team performance every time he pulls on the green and gold is well known. They love the folk hero type. Throughout the 'eighties this role was filled by MacCumhalls Martin Griffin — every time Griffin entered the fray the Donegal cheer became much louder.

This role has now passed to Martin 'Rambo' Gavigan, whose lionhearted performances have earned the Ardara man a special place with Donegal supporters.

Gavigan, a schoolteacher in St. Columba's College, Stranorlar, was a latecomer to the Donegal colours and did not make his Championship debut until 1988 when he partnered his Ardara clubmate at midfield when Donegal were defeated by Armagh in the Athletic Grounds.

His improvement since introduced to the county panel has been dramatic and now he is a regular, be it at midfield or at centre half-back where he was so influential during Donegal's good run in last year's Ulster Championship.

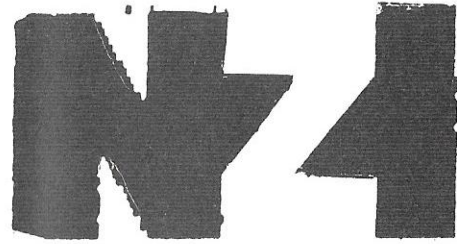
His commitment to the green and gold is total and supporters talk of his courageous blocking of attempted shots at goal. I can recall two memorable blocks — one in Donegal's last home game against Kerry, the other when he dived fully six yards to block Meath's midfielder, Sean Kelly, in the N.F.L. game in Ballybofey in 1988. In fact, so courageous and committed was Martin's effort that Kelly felt the full brunt of the challenge and was unable to take any further part in the game.

Gavigan is also a vital member of the Ardara senior team and only last Sunday contributed greatly to the club winning the 1989 League final and also had the honour of captaining the side. He won a Co. U-21 medal in 1983 when Ardara defeated Aodh Ruadh in the final.

Martin is the older brother of Luke, who holds a unique record in Donegal GAA as the only man to play in three winning Donegal All-Ireland sides. He won two Vocational School medals in '84 and '85 and U-21 All-Ireland medal in '87.

Although by normal standards, Martin was a latecomer to the county panel, a 26 years of age 'Rambo' has an enormous amount yet to contribute to his county and his club.

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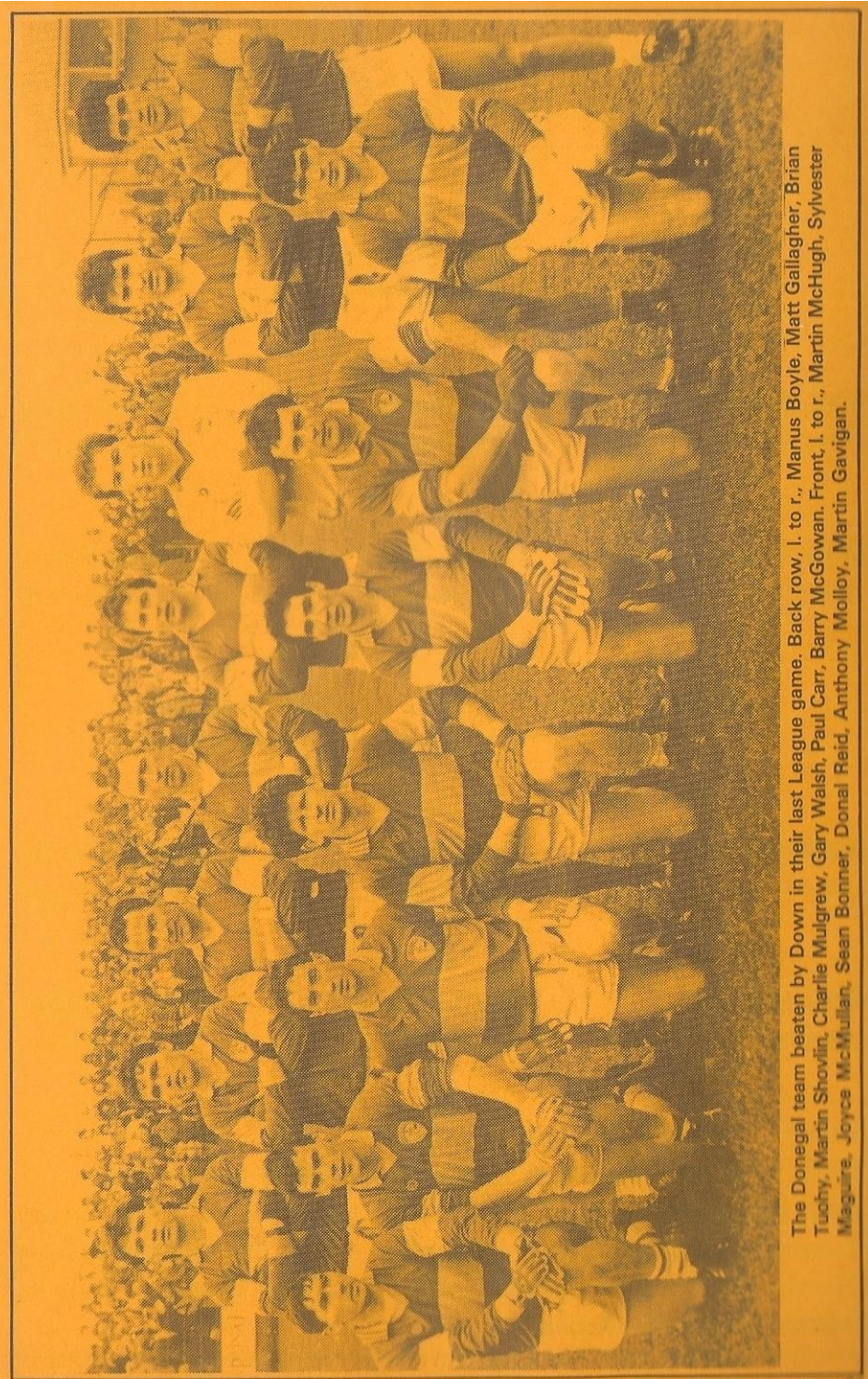
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The Donegal team beaten by Down in their last League game. Back row, l. to r., Manus Boyle, Matt Gallagher, Brian Tuohy, Martin Showlin, Charlie Mulgrew, Gary Walsh, Paul Carr, Barry McGowan. Front l. to r., Martin McHugh, Sylvester Maguire, Joyce McMullan, Sean Bonner, Donal Reid, Anthony Molloy, Martin Gavigan.

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5 <b>Donal Reid</b> (Red Hughs)	6 <b>Paul Carr</b> (St. Eunans)	7 <b>Martin Shovlin</b> (N. Ultan)
8 <b>Anthony Molloy</b> (Ardara)	9 <b>Martin Gavigan</b> (Ardara)	
10 <b>Martin McHugh</b> (Kilcar)	11 <b>Brian Murray</b> (Civil Service)	12 <b>Joyce McMullan</b> (Four Masters)
13 <b>Declan Bonner</b> (Na Rossa)	14 <b>Charlie Mulgrew</b> (St. Eunans)	15 <b>James McHugh</b> (Kilcar)

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# McEniff predicts victory against Derry

Donegal boss, Brian McEniff, doesn't like looking into the future — if he does he certainly isn't too keen to have those thoughts committed to print — and it wasn't surprising that he somewhat reluctantly participated in a little crystal ball gazing.

With six points from a possible eight his Donegal side are, perhaps, the envy of today's opponents, Derry, who prop up the base of Division One. And if McEniff's prediction — a win for Donegal — comes true today, the Oak Leaf lads will be taking a drop in status.

Taking Donegal's next three NFL outings (today against Derry, Cork and Dublin) the Bundoran hotelier underlined the importance of beating Derry. "Regardless of the other games, it is vital that we defeat Derry to ensure our position in the division and to enhance our chances of getting to the play-off/quarter final stages where the financial returns will help our training preparations for the championship.

"Cork are going to be very difficult. After all they are All-Ireland champions and have played keenly so far in the League. We have a fairly good recent record against them — we beat them in Fermoy in '85 and the following year at today's venue we had another win. However, the Cork side bears little resemblance now to the mid-'80s team. Regardless of that I would still be confident of getting a result," he said.

McEniff is much more cautious in relation to the Dubs., a side for whom he has great respect. He feels it is high time, however, that Donegal registered a victory over them in a competitive match. In their three recent competitive meetings to date the Dubs have always come out on top. "I think it is time to change that. Certainly they are a difficult side to beat. We have come so close in the past and perhaps we can now go one better than going close," quipped McEniff.

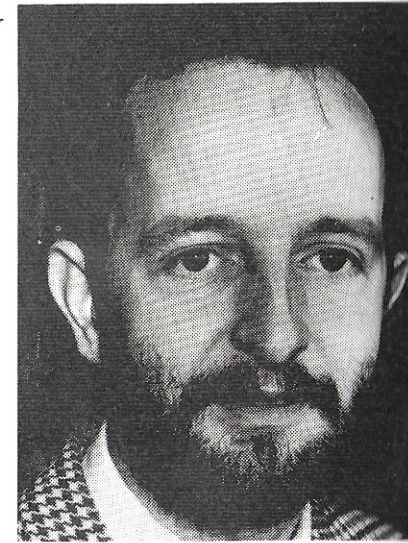
## CONTRAST

But all this optimism is in contrast to the recent fortunes of his Donegal charges. Since their first defeat under McEniff last December against Down, Donegal have hit a bad patch.

The Down defeat clearly angered McEniff. His initial reaction was to change his January training plans. He brought the training schedule forward by two weeks and his side were plodding the MacCumhaill Park training field much sooner than they expected.

There followed two challenge matches, the first in Omagh against Ulster champions, Tyrone. Donegal won by four points, 1-19 to 0-18, but used 27 players in the process! Tyrone, without a number of regulars, used the normal quota of substitutes and looked impressive.

McEniff tried a series of players in some of his



By MICHAEL DALY,  
Sports Editor, 'Donegal Democrat'

problems positions and at the end of the day was hard to fathom who did best at full back, midfield or in various positions in attack. So the same squad got another opportunity on Saturday, again against a Division Two side, promotion-seeking Roscommon.

Without their Clanna Gael Connacht Championship players, Roscommon at managed to hammer home four goals and 20 points against a Donegal side who got a penalty (that had to be taken three times before it was scored!) and eventually ended up with a flattering 2-15 total.

But McEniff wasn't phased by the defeat. "Roscommon used that game with more intent than we did. It was very much a challenge game. Performance by Donegal and it is better to have inadequacies exposed in such a game than today or on other Sundays when we are playing competitively," he surmised.

McEniff gave an overall forecast for Donegal. "I am pleased that we have six points but I am not happy with the way we have played. We have to make a lot of improvements if we are going to progress to the latter stages of the League. As for the Ulster Championship I feel it is imperative that the experience gained last year is put to good use. We have not done too much training for the League. I like to keep the powder dry to a certain extent. However, if you want to know what I consider priorities it would be today's game against Derry and our next really important match is against Cavan in the first round of the Championship. Those are the two games we must win."

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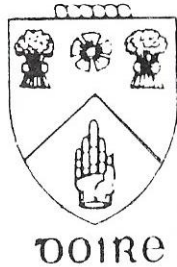
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## DERRY — A SHORT HISTORY

Main County Grounds: Dean McGlinchey Park, Ballinascreen.  
Secondary County Grounds: (1) Magherafelt (2) Celtic Park, Derry.

**Honours:** All-Ireland Championships — U-21 Football, 1968. Minor Football, 1965, 1983, 1989  
Junior Hurling, 1975. Club Football, Bellaghy 1971.

Ulster Championships: Senior Football (5) 1958, 1970, 1975, 1976, 1987. Under-21 Football (6) 1967, 1968, 1976, 1983, 1985, 1986. Junior Football (7) 1945, 1950, 1953, 1955, 1964, 1967, 1969. Minor Football (8) 1965, 1969, 1970, 1980, 1981, 1983, 1984, 1989. Senior Hurling (1) 1908. Junior Hurling (3), 1974, 1975, 1984. U-21 Hurling (1) 1986.



TO MOST people the G.A.A. in Derry can only be traced back to the formation of the present County Board system in 1933 in Ballinascreen. It is this Board that has brought great names to the county in Patrick Larkin, John McLaughlin, Fr. McNall, Fr. Collins and perhaps the most celebrated was a County Secretary from those early days, Pdraig Mac Floinn, later to move to Down and on to become President of the Association.

But the first effort at an All County League and Championship was that of 1925 with the formation of clubs in Magherafelt, Newbridge, Lavey and Ballinderry as well as the Glenullin club and those around Derry City, but a look back to the records show the G.A.A. to have been active many years before; in fact, the first record of a board was in 1888 with six clubs with the main emphasis being on the St. Patrick's club in the Waterside of the city. Whilst that may have been the first G.A.A. club, Hurling was in a strong position with strong local rivalry, indeed one of the popular songs of the area tells of the meeting on Cashal green between the locals and the boys from 'scree on 17th January 1825 with the game played with bois (home made hurleys cut from the hedge) and a cnag (a wooden ball).

The first game involving a Derry team was played in Lifford between a Strabane team and St. Patrick's from the Waterside, with the teams playing one hour's hurling and one hour's football. The "Derry People" reports that after two hours of play only one point was scored. The old GNR brought a trainload from Dundalk for the next big outing and then it was down the road to Claudy for games in hurling and football as well as off to Donegal for hurling and football with teams being twenty-one a side it was some club in the Waterside (53 players made the trip to Claudy) after this the first County Board was set up.

1890 saw the county in Dublin for games and in the same year Frank Dineen was in the city to put things in order. The following year saw the County Championship played in hurling and the cup won that day has remained in safe keeping and has this Centenary Year been given to the County Board. Derry won the Ulster Hurling championship in 1903 beating Antrim at Corrigan Park and lost to Dublin in the semi-final at Drogheda. In 1905 Derry beat Tyrone in their first ever Ulster football championship game and in 1909 the hurlers again won through in Ulster beating Cavan in Clones.

Football was taking over from hurling and it was in 1914 that Cavan beat Derry in an Ulster decider and again in 1916 when the victors were Castleblayney Faughs. Derry were in the first Ulster Championship final with the playing of the 1921 final in January of '22 at Brandywell, a game that never took place as the Monaghan team were arrested in Dromore on their way to the game.

The G.A.A. faded for some time and it was not until the mid thirties that everything got going again and from then on things have gone good with several outstanding achievements.

## DERRY PERSONALITIES

### Jim McKeever

Unquestionably the greatest player Derry ever produced and arguably the best midfielder ever to come out of Ulster.

In a fourteen year playing career with Derry he won many honours and had the distinction of being the first player to captain Derry to an Ulster Senior title.

Apart from the Ulster Championship he also has Railway Cup, McKenna Cup and Dr. Lagan Cup medals and was on the Ireland team against the Combined Universities four times between 1956 and 1960. He is a former delegate from the county to Central Council and managed the County Senior team to an Ulster title in 1970. He is presently involved in Coaching at the highest level.



### Roddy Gribbin

The name of Gribbin is synonymous with Derry football, six of the Gribbin brothers played for the county Senior team with Roddy being the senior and best known of all. Perhaps his greatest feat was not as a player but as a manager in taking the County to its first Ulster Senior title and to the All Ireland final in 1958. Against Dublin he, in fact, came into the game as a sub to join his brothers Hugh, Francis and Owen.

He played for Ulster and was at midfield on the Derry team of 1947 that won the County its only Senior All Ireland title when they beat Clare in the final of the National League. He has won every major honour in the province.

### Sean O'Connell

Derry's most decorated footballer, the Ballerin man has played in all four of Derry's Ulster Senior Championship wins from 1958 to 1976. In addition he holds four Railway Cup medals as well as Dr. McKenna Cup and was an All Star replacement in 1976. This was also the year he won an Ulster Club Championship medal with Ballerin and went on to contest the All Ireland final.

His career with Derry started in 1955 when he played on the Minor team and finished 21 years later. As a manager he was in charge of the 1965 Derry Minor team that won the All Ireland and then three years later he had charge of the Under 21 team to take national honours. He is currently Chairman of his club and team trainer as well. He played his first club game as a Minor in 1952 and is currently at full forward on the over thirty-fives' team.

## DERRY NOTABLE DATES

THE YEAR 1947 was, perhaps, the most notable in that it saw Derry achieve its first and only major national title. The year of the big snow played havoc with fixtures and Derry contested the National Football League with Pat Keenan from Magherafelt leading the team against Clare and a memorable victory.

1958 was to be the best remembered year for the county and the Era of Jim McKeever and the Gribbins saw Derry win the Ulster title for the first time before a semi-final meeting with Kerry and a never to be forgotten goal by Sean O'Connell saw the Oak Leaf in full bloom as it prepared for the meeting with Dublin in the All Ireland final. A game that still evokes bitter sweet memories from many from Derry. The strong defence of Hugh Francis Gribbin and goalkeeper Patsy Gormley, the majestic midfield of Jim McKeever and Phil Stuart, the scores of Owen Gribbin and Dinney McKeever, but it was to be Dublin's day and Derry have never been back in the final.

1961 saw them in the National League decider again but this time Kerry proved masters and then it was the team led by Tommy Diamond that took the Minor honours of 1965. A team backboned by the successful Hogan and McRory Cup side from St. Columb's College of the same year. This same side was kept together by Sean O'Connell and they took the Ulster and National titles at Under 21 level in 1968.

The seventies were good to Derry and in the early part, Harry Cassidy played a leading role, taking Bellaghy to the Ulster and All Ireland club titles and managing successful Derry Senior teams. The mid seventies saw Derry twice at the top in Ulster but again it was failure at the national semi-final stage, but the National League should have been won in '76 when in the decider Dublin were allowed back from "dead".

In the eighties it was the turn of the Minors and U-21s. The Minors won two All-Ireland titles in 1983 and last year with Dermot McNicholl and Gary Coleman being the winning captains. The U-21s won three Ulster titles in 1983, 1985 and 1986. The Seniors won one Ulster title in 1987 before failing to Meath in the All-Ireland semi-final.

## SNIPPET

In their five games in the current National Football League Donegal have scored 4-49 while conceding 1-51. The Donegal scorers came from:

1-14	Martin McHugh
0-14	Manus Boyle
1-3	Marty Carlin
1-2	Joyce McMullan
1-2	Martin Gavigan
0-4	Gerry Curran
0-3	Charlie Mulgrew
0-2	Donal Reid
0-2	Sylvester Maguire
0-2	Barry McGowan
0-1	Anthony Molloy

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## REMEMBER THE MINORS OF 1980

One of the most talented minor teams to wear the green and gold of Donegal was the team of 1980. As can be seen from the caption, seven of the side — Anthony Molloy, Sylvester Maguire, Paul Carr, Sean Bonner, Brian Tuohy, Matt Gallagher and Joyce McMullan — are still involved with the County panel, and Tommy McDermott, hopefully, will return this year.

The team defeated Antrim in the Ulster Minor Championship quarter-final by 1-9 to 0-6 in Irvinestown but were defeated in the Ulster semi-final by Derry, 0-11 to 0-6 in Clones. It was felt at the time that the team had not played to their potential and when one considers their careers throughout the 'eighties, this becomes clearer.

Of the other players, Vincent Furey (Glenties), Thomas Cleary (Aodh Ruadh), Jimmy Kennedy (St. Eunans) and Paschal McTiernan (Aodh Ruadh) are all in U.S.A.; Seamus Meehan plays his club football with Fingallians in Dublin, while Pdraig McDaid and John Farren play their club football in Donegal with St. Eunans and Urris respectively.

For the record, the line-out was: Thomas Cleary; Sean Bonner, Paschal McTiernan, Matt Gallagher; Brian Tuohy, Tommy McDermott, Pdraig McDaid; Paul Carr, Seamus Meehan; Joyce McMullan, Jimmy Kennedy, John Farren; Vincent Furey, Anthony Molloy, Sylvester Maguire.



Donegal Minors, 1980. Front row, l. to r., Sean Bonner, Vincent Furey, Seamus Meehan, Brian Tuohy, John Farren, Matt Gallagher, Joyce McMullan. Back row, l. to r., Anthony Molloy, Sylvester Maguire, Pdraig McDaid, Thomas Cleary, Paul Carr, Jimmy Kennedy, Paschal McTiernan, Tommy McDermott.



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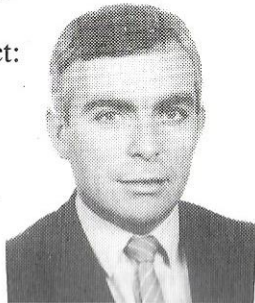
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## ALL-IRELAND MINOR TITLE WAS DERRY HIGHLIGHT IN 1989

Derry's hopes of success in the All-Ireland Minor Championship series had an inauspicious beginning as they stumbled through the '89 Ulster Minor League, losing all their matches and avoiding the "brush" by a face-saving draw against Monaghan in the competition.

The less than par performance in the League can be attributed to the absence for that campaign of the players from St. Patrick's College, Maghera, who were having a very successful run in the Colleges Championship, eventually gaining the ultimate and bringing the All-Ireland Colleges title back to their native county.

In the first round of the Ulster Championship Derry met with one of the best Fermanagh sides at this level for many a day. After a game full of good quality football, Derry came through with five points to spare and next met Cavan, in what is regarded as one of the best games of '89 in any grade. Derry trailed by five points at half time and brought on Dungiven's Eunan O'Kane who quickly set up club

mate, Ryan Murphy for a goal and went on to score 2-2 himself. A goal from 21 yards when trailing by a point gave Derry a hard earned two point win. Victories over Armagh and New York followed and Roscommon were next to fall in the All-Ireland semi-final.

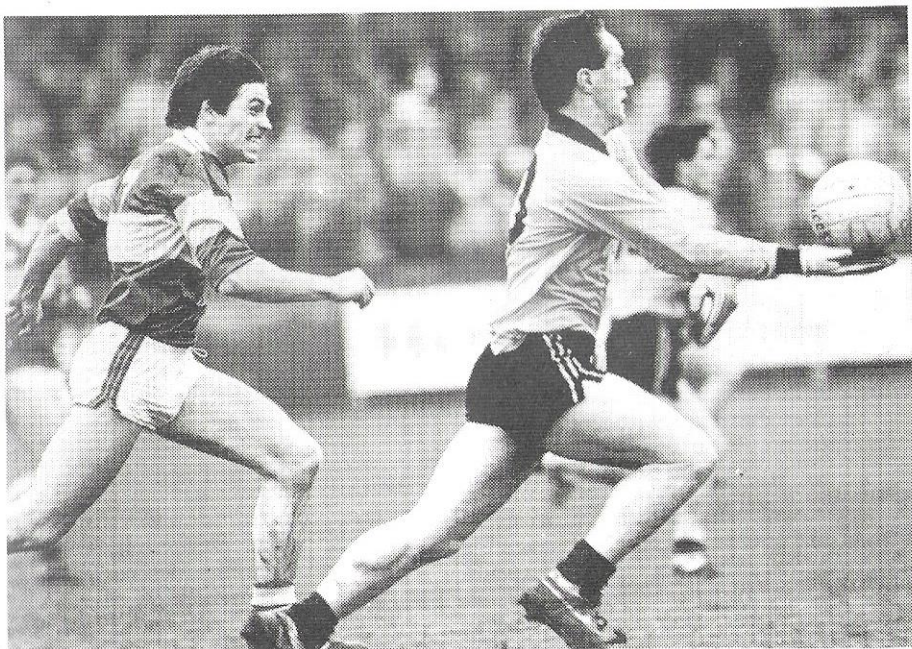
Offaly were their All-Ireland opponents, having overcome Kerry in the semi-final. Through a marvellous display by midfielder, Anthony Tohill, since gone 'down under' to play Australian Rules, Derry dominated this sector and despite missing a penalty and several other goaling opportunities, scored an emphatic 3-9 to 1-6 victory over Offaly.

The Maghera influence on the team is clear cut with no member of the minor team from Derry City, after Dolan O'Higgins, who was sidelined for most of the campaign with a broken collar bone.

With eleven of the panel again eligible this year, there is no doubt that Derry will start their Championship campaign with a zest to hold the Tom Markham Cup in the Oak Leaf county for another year.



Derry, Ulster and All-Ireland Minor champions, 1989. Back row, l. to r., Dermot Heaney, Roderick Skelly, John Mulholland, Anthony Tohill, Ryan Murphy, James Lynn, Eamonn Burns. Front, l. to r., Barry McGonigle, Gregory Simpson, Gary Coleman (capt.), Martin Connor, Paddy McAllister, Eunan O'Kane, Declan Bateson, Jarlath Martin.



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## ULSTER RAILWAY CUP WINS

Ulster have won the Railway Cup football final on 18 occasions commencing in 1942 when they defeated Munster by 1-10 to 1-5, with the late John Joe O'Reilly of Cavan as captain. Another Cavan man, Jim Reilly, led them to their latest victory in 1989. Players from all nine counties have represented Ulster and won Railway Cup medals over the years. Down's Sean O'Neill holds the national record of 8 medals won between 1960 and 1971, in a period when Ulster were the kingpins of the competition. Six of the nine Ulster counties have supplied Railway cup winning captains. No Donegal, Armagh or Monaghan player has been a winning captain. For the record the years and the captains

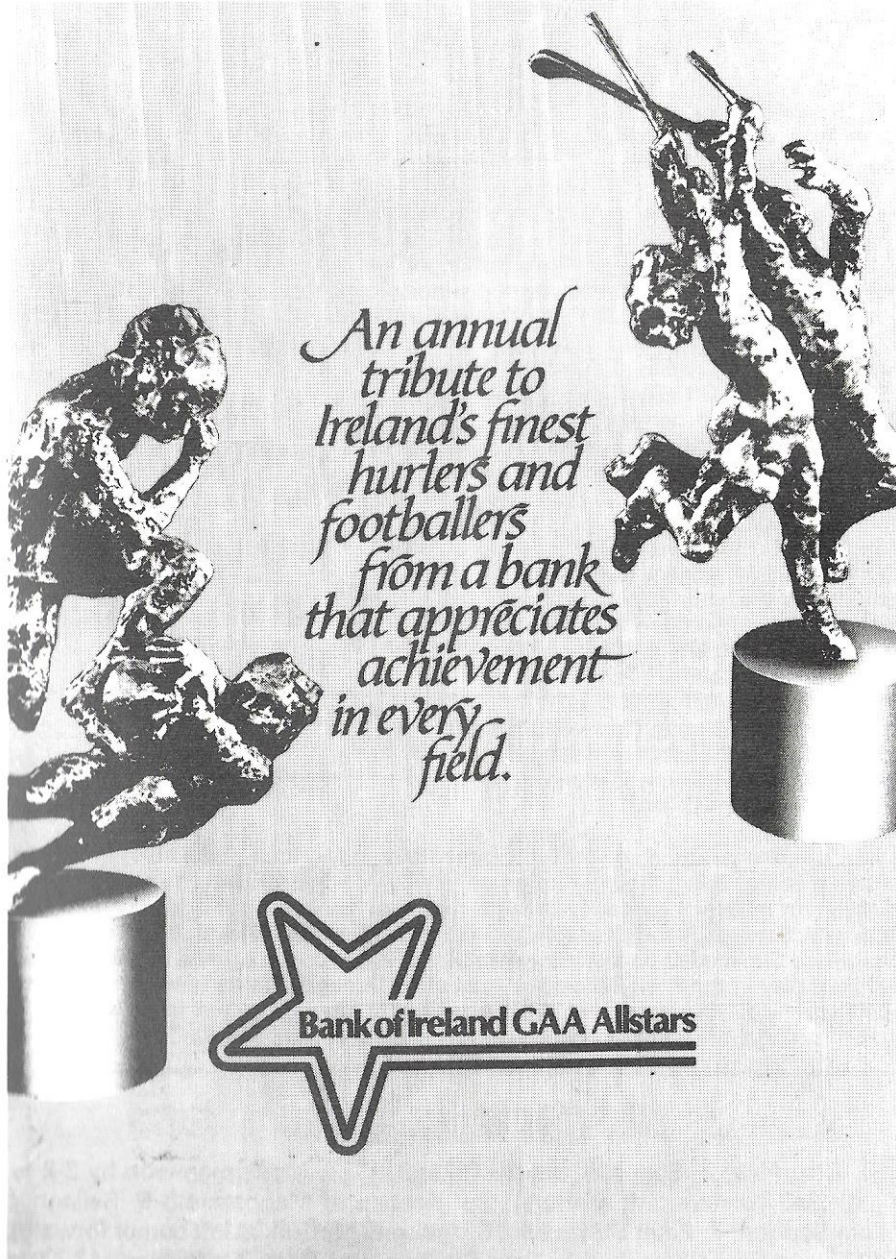
are:

1942	John Joe O'Reilly (Cavan)
1943	John Joe O'Reilly (Cavan)
1947	Kevin Armstrong (Antrim)
1950	John Joe O'Reilly (Cavan)
1956	Tom Maguire (Cavan)
1960	Sean O'Neill (Down)
1963	Jim McDonnell (Cavan)
1964	Paddy Doherty (Down)
1965	Charlie Gallagher (Cavan)
1966	Jim McCartan (Down)
1968	Joe Lennon (Down)
1970	Ray Carolan (Cavan)
1971	Sean O'Connell (Derry)
1979	Colm McAlarney (Down)
1980	Peter McGinnity (Fermanagh)
1983	Peter McGinnity (Fermanagh)
1984	Eugene McKenna (Tyrone)
1989	Jim Reilly (Cavan)

Ulster's Railway Cup victory in 1989 earned Martin McHugh his third Railway Cup medal. He shares this honour with Bernard Brady and Sean Ferriter though all three are one short of Seamus Hoare's Donegal record of 4, won in 1963, '64, '65 and '68. Anthony Molloy and Joyce McMullan joined the elite band of Donegal players who have won Railway Cup medals on the field, while Donal Reid also won a medal in 1989, though he did not play in the final. To date, a total of 19 Donegal players have won Railway Cup medals by playing in the final, while a number of others have won medals as subs.

### ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1, St. Columb's; 2, Sean O'Connell, 1971; 3, 1921. Monaghan won by 2-2 to 0-1; 4, 1947 (Ulsters first winners), Pat Keenan of Magherafelt; 5, Bellaghy; 6, Tom Scullion; 7, Peter Stevenson; 8, Anthony McGurk at left corner forward; 9, 1975, centre half back; 10, Tom Scullion and Brian McGilligan; 11, Jim McKeever; 12, Gerry Hargan; 13, Dean McGlinchey Park; 14, Dermot McNicholl; 15, Gary Coleman (Magherafelt); 16, Tommy Diamond; 17, 1969 and 1978; 18, Ballinderry (1981); 19, Amazingly none. They won Ulster and reached the All-Ireland in 1958. They did not again appear in an Ulster final until 1970 when they won their second title; 20, 8 times (1st in 1947 and most recent in 1974).



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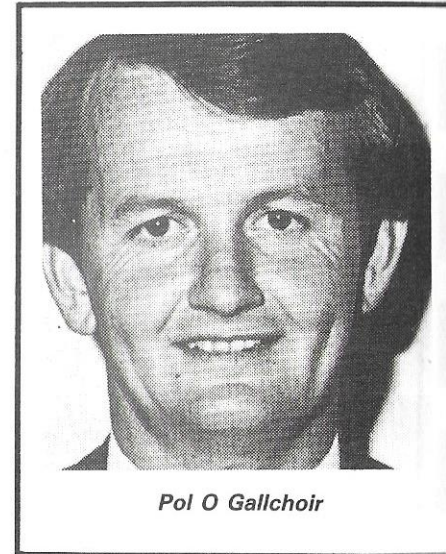
# BLIAIN CHINIÚNACH

*Pól Ó Gallchóir, Raidió na Gaeltachta*

Inniu, i mBéal Átha Seanaigh, ár gcéad chluiche sraithe sna nóchaidí. I mbliana, bliain chiniúnach do fhoireann sinsir na contae. Tá go leor cainte faoi chluichí ceathrú ceannais na Sraithe Náisiúnta, agus faoi Chraobh Uladh, nach raibh in ár seilbh le seacht mbliana. Creidim, tá go leor cainte déanta, agus nuair a chaitheann muid súil siar ar na hochtóidí, beidh gach duine ag súil go mbeidh na nóchaidí níos flaitiúla.

D'imir ár bhfoireann sinsir seacht gluiche dhéag Craoibhe le linn na hochtóidí. Lasmuigh de thrí bliana, buaileadh muid san chéad bhabhta gach uair. Níor éirigh linn Craobh Uladh a bhaint ach uair amháin — in 1983. Nuair a bhain muid Páirc an Chrócaigh amach an bhliain sin, buaileadh muid le aon phoinnte amháin. In 1985, bhuail muid an Dún ach ansin bhuail Muineachaán muid le deich bpointe — agus anuraidh, indiaidh a bheith buailte san chéad bhabhta trí bliana as a chéile, bhí Craobh Uladh bainte againn — beagnach.

Ba le linn feachtas Craoibhe na bliana anuraidh an chéad uair a chas muid le Doire sa Chraobh sna hochtóidí. Ní raibh ach dhá phoinnte le spárail againn an lá sin, an lá a scóráil Máirtín Mac Aodha dhá chúl agus dhá phoinnte. Níl moran athrú ar fhoireann an lae sin agus an fhoireann atá roghnaithe do chluiche an lae inniu. Tá deichniúr de na h-imreoirí ag tosú an chluiche — tá triúr eile acu, deartháireacha Uí Chnámhsí agus Matt Ó Gallchóir ag bagairt le fada. Níl ach beirt imreoirí "úra" againn — Pól Mac Giolla Chearra agus Séamus Mac Aodha — agus tá go leor taithí acu sin fosta.

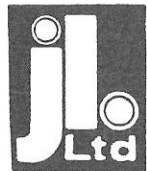


*Pol O Gallchoir*

Dhá uair a chas muid le Doire i gcluichí Sraithe le linn na hochtóidí. I 1987, bhuail muid iad le cúig phoinnte agus muid ag imirt i Roinn a 2 i gcuideachta fhoirne mar Corcaigh, Cill Dara, Tír Eoghain, Laois agus An Chabhán. Bhí muid féin agus Doire i Roinn a hAon anuraidh fosta — agus bhuail siad muid le dhá phoinnte.

Is cinnte go bhfuil cluiche an lae inniu níos tábhachtaí — sílim féin gur bé seo an dara cluiche is tábhachtaí a bheas againn i mbliana. Beidh an cluiche mór againn i gcoinne mhuintir Bhreifní, ach inniu, is féidir linn ár mbealach a dhéanamh go dtí na cluichí ceathrú ceannais — den chéad uair ó 1988.

Tá súil agam go n-éirí go maith linn. Tuileann na himreoirí é. Caithfidh muid a bheith aontaithe. Caithfidh muid cuidiú le chéile. Agus má chuidíonn, beidh an bhua níos milse.



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## PLAYERS LEUKEMIA PROJECT

The GAA Players Leukemia project is a fund raising 10K Fun Run which takes place at Belfield UCD on Saturday, 24th February, 1990. The concept was initiated by the Bank of Ireland All-Stars nominees chaired by Dermot Flanagan of Mayo.

Three players representing each county team will compete in the 10K Fun Run. It is the intention that these players will secure sponsorship.

While the main event takes place in Belfield many other fund raising occasions are being organised throughout the country. Do you wish to organise your very own special event?

We make this appeal for your generous support. All the groups within the GAA have been contacted and the response to date is most encouraging.

*Ar seith a cheile a mhaireann na daoine.  
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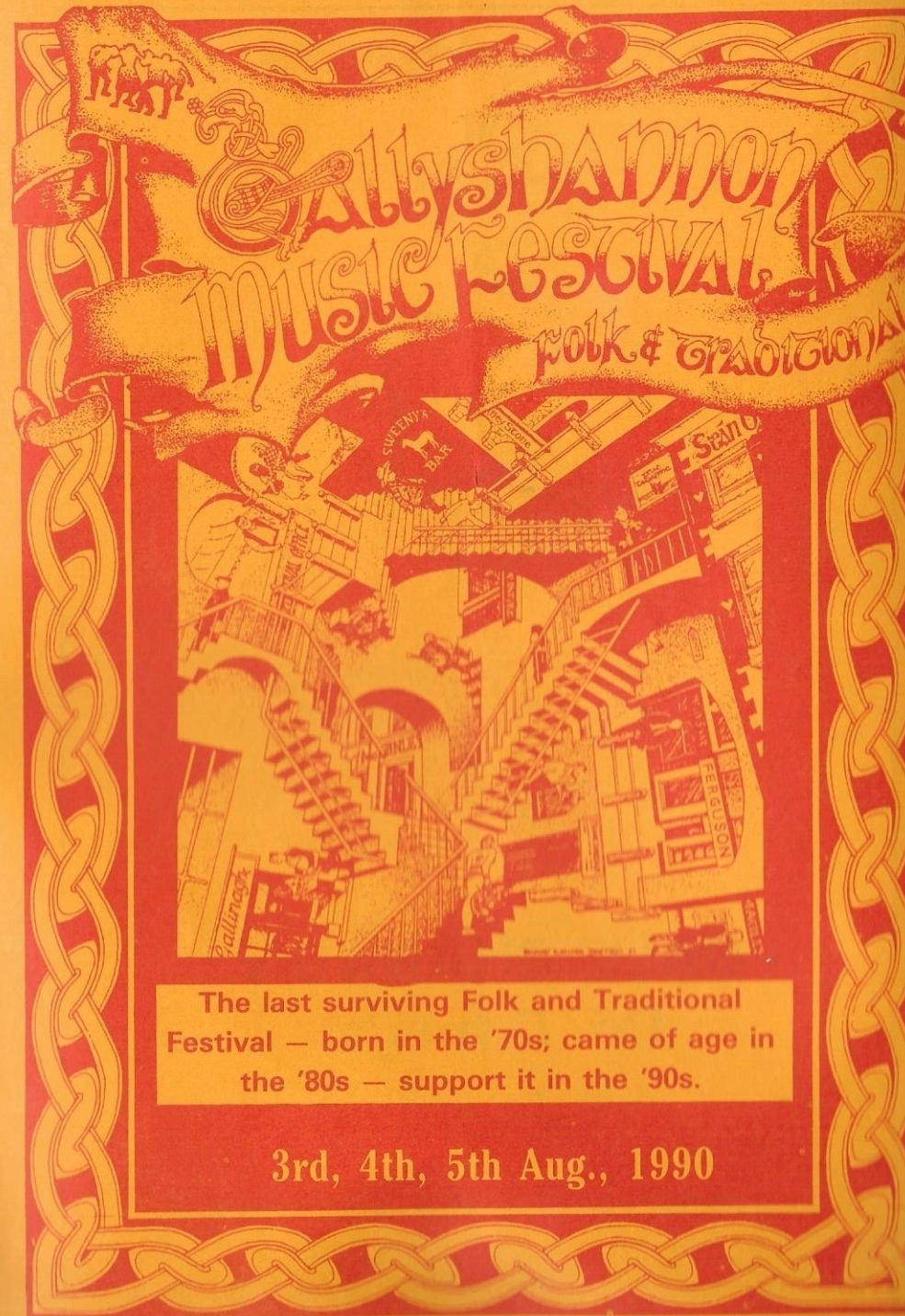
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