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SUNDAY, 7th OCTOBER, 1990  
3.30 p.m.

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REITEOIR:  
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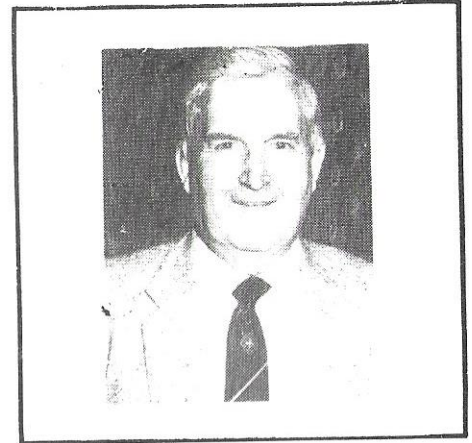
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I would like to welcome you all here today with a special welcome to our Gaels from the capital, Dublin.



Today's game marks the start of another season and previous games between Donegal and Dublin have been tough and exciting encounters and today's game will be no exception.

Donegal's performances last season brought us some memorable moments under manager, Brian McEniff. We all know he has a difficult season ahead of him and wish him all the success he and the team deserves. A special word of praise to Co. P.R.O., Mick McGrath, for the great work on the programmes.

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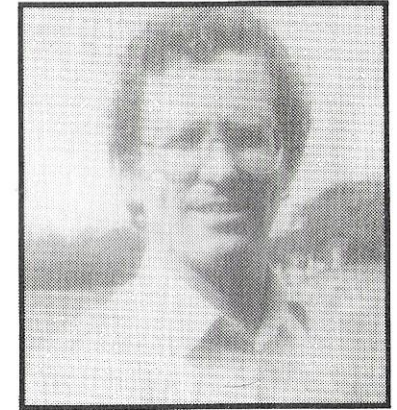
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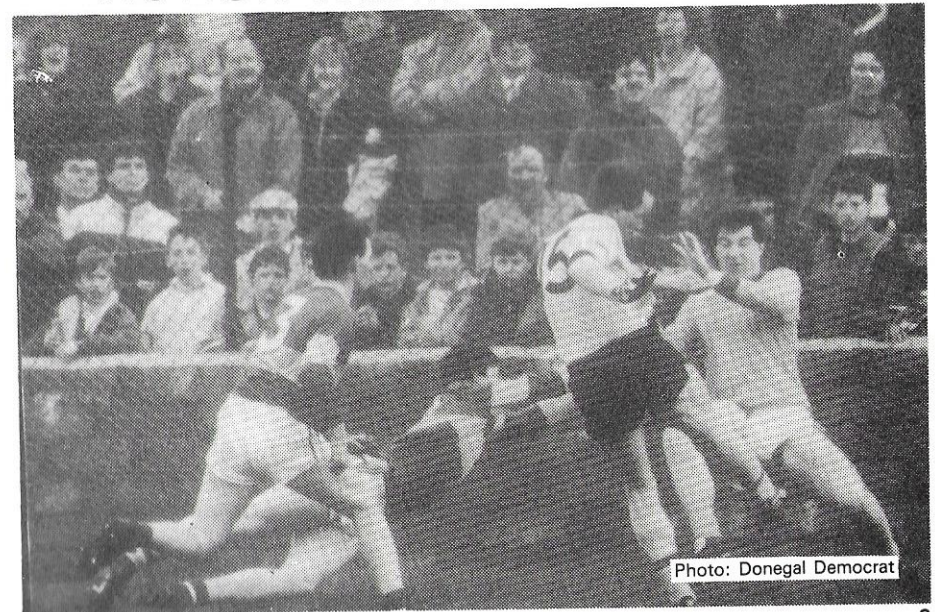


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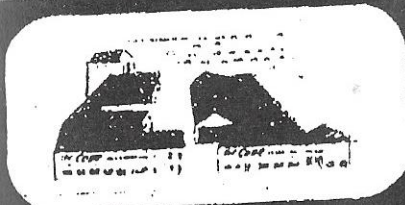
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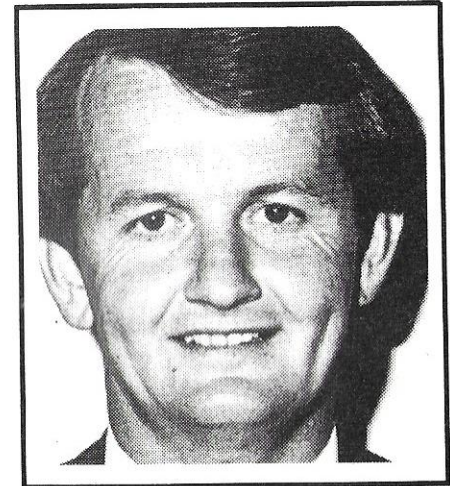
Tá an Samhradh thart, tá Craobh Uladh bainte againn, agus tá tús á chur leis an dtríú bliain i Roinn a hAon na Sraithe. San chéad bhliain dúinn i Roinn a hAon, chaill muid ár gcéad chluiche agus ár gcluiche deireannach le pointe amháin — i gcoinne Ard Mhacha agus i gcoinne Bhaile Átha Cliath. Inniu, tá foireann na príomh chathrach ar ais ar thalamh Mhic Cumhaill.

Cuireann muid fáilte speisialta roimh Phaddy Cullen, bainisteoir úr na foirne. Dúirt sé le linn na seachtaine gur mhaith leis na laetha glórmhara a thabhairt ar ais arís.

Cialaíonn sin an Sam Maguire a bhaint arís agus arís eile — a bheith ar an fhoireann is fearr sa tír. Le seacht mbliana déag anuas, bhí foireann Bhaile Átha Cliath i gCluiche Ceannais na Craoibhe i Laighean gack bliain ach amháin an bhliain 1981. Sna blianta céanna, bhain siad an Chraobh Cúige deich n-uaire.

Tá go leor taithí ag an bhainisteoir úr. Nuair a thráchtann muid ar Phaddy Cullen, luaitear an chic piónóis a shábhail sé agus fosta saor chic Mhic a tSithigh agus an cúlbaire ag cúlú agus ag cúlú agus ag cúlú.

Ach bhí na laetha glórmhara aige fosta. D'imir Paddy Cullen mar chúlbaire i gcluiche ceannais peile na hÉireann gack bliain ó 1974 go dtí 1979. Bhuail siad Gaillimh in '74 ach an bhliain dár gceann, bliain



Mhícheáil Uí Shuilleabháin, bhuail Ciarraí iad. Ba í sin an chéad bhliain go raibh 35 bomaite in gach leath. Ach bhain Paddy agus arm Heffo an chraobh in '76 agus '77. Bhí Pat O'Neill ag imirt ó '75 agus tháinig an roghnóir eile, Jim Brogan isteach mar fhear ionaid in '77, nuair a bhuail siad Ard Mhacha. Bhí O'Neill agus Cullen ag imirt an dá bhliain ina dhiadh sin nuair a bhuail Ciarraí iad sa chluiche ceannais sa cheannáras.

B'iad sin na laetha glórmhara ceart go leor, ní amháin do Bhaile Átha Cliath ach do Chumann Lúth Chleas Gael. Ach inniu tá tús á chur le bliain eile. Tá mé cinnte go mbeadh na Conallaigh sásta da mbeadh sé ar a gcumas Craobh Uladh a thabhairt ar ais na bhaile an bhliain seo chugainn agus iad fós i Roinn a hAon. Ach ní shásódh a leithéid d'éacht i gCúige Laighean Cnoc a 16. Tá dushlán mór romhat a Phaddy.

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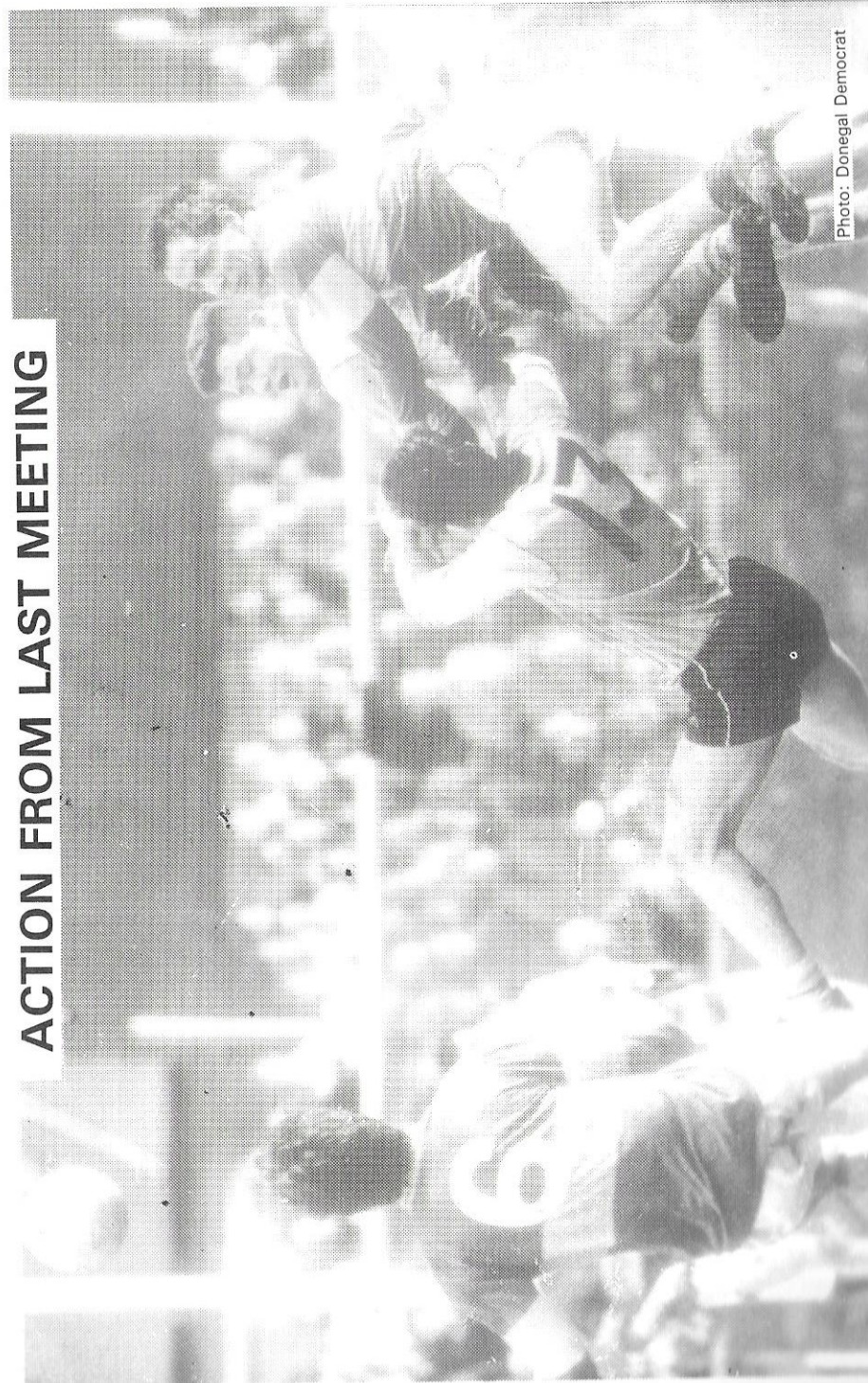
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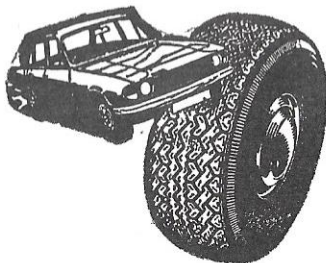
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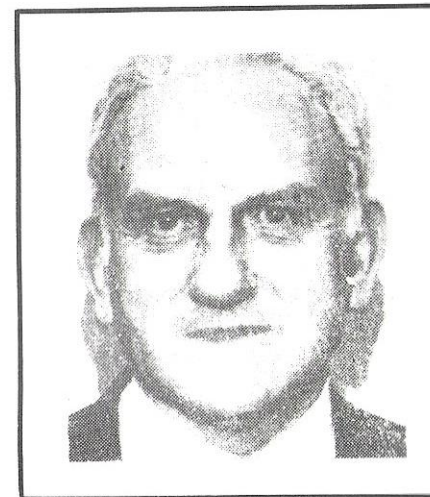
*Le SÉAMUS de FAOITE (Oifigeach na Gaeilge)*

Tá tráth ama an tsraith naisiúnta peile ar an tsúl againn arís. Déanaimis dearmad den rud a thiocfadh a bheith agus téigh muid ag plé leis an bhliain úr, le bród agus le dochás go bhfaighfidh muid áit i measc na scoth pheileadóirí sa tséasúr amach romhainn. Má tá muid leis an aidhm seo a chur i gcrích, béidh sé mar dhualgas orainn fanacht i Roinn I agus ar a laghad bheith imeasc an chéad cheathrar den chomórtas sin. Seo curtha i gcrích, beidh muid ar dhroim na muice i ngeallanna na craoibhe agus ní thig athbhua ar An Chabhán a chuir as an áireamh.

Ar an gcéad dul síos, caithfidh muid dearmad a dhéanamh den Domhnach sin i mí Márta seo caite nuair a fuair muid lámh in uachtar ar fir "Molly" i bpáirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill. Creidim go bhfuil go leor druileáil déanta acu ó shoin sa dóigh ná dtitfidh siad isteach sa dol chéanna arís. Tá sé de dhualgas orainn — buaiteoirí Chúige Uladh — plean a chuir ar bun leis a cheann is fearr a fháil orthu.

Cuireann muid fáilte roimh Bhaile Átha Cliath arais go Tír Chonaill agus cuireann muid ádh mór orthu féin agus ar a mbainisteoir nua thofa Pádraig Ó Cuilinn sna cluichí uilig atá amach rompu. Tá mé cinnte go dtabharfaidh siad maithiúnas dom ná táim ar mhalairt aigne fá chluiche an lae inniu. Cé acu a mbéidh an bhua againn, a gcaillfidh muid nó a chríochnóidh muid ar chomh-scór, tá súil agam gur ag an pheil féin a bheidh an bhua agus ba cheart den teangmháil seo a bheith mar an-thaispeántas ag gack duine i láthair.

Nuair a ghlacfaidh foireann Bhaile Átha Cliath a n-áit ar pháirc na



himeartha, cuireadh gach duine fáilte dhíograsach rompu go Dún na nGall. Má dhéanann muid seo tá muid ag taispeáin an cairdeas atá eadarainn féin agus foireann a thagann ar cuairt againn agus ag an am chéanna ag taispeáin ár meas ar fhoireann den chéad scoth.

Tá caidreamh maith idir muidinne i nDún na nGall agus contae agus imreoirí Bhaile Átha Cliath le blianta fada. D'fhas goal éigean idir an dá chontae. Creidim go bhfuil an chuid is mo den chreidiúint ag dul do na himreoirí iad féin, ach tá ár n-oifigh contae freagrach chomh maith os ucht nasc maith oibre a chothú idir iad fhéin agus a n-oifigh comhchéime ar an taobh eile. Tríd is tríd, tagann Baile Átha Cliath mar chairde imeasc cairde.

Nuair a thig "Na Molly Malones" inár measc éiríonn gach rud beo, ach tá mé dóchasach go mbéidh Dún na nGall Alive, Alive Oh ag an deireadh!!!

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# Donegal's No. 1 goalkeeper

By CHARLIE MCGINLEY, Derry People & Donegal News

Twenty five year-old Certified Accountant, Gary Walsh, the Donegal goalkeeper for today's game spends his working hours filing records and his leisure hours breaking them on the G.A.A. fields throughout the country. The quiet spoken Ballyshannon man, now employed by the Larry Goodman controlled, Anglo Irish Beef Processers, in Newry, Co. Down, had the lowest average of any goalkeeper in the four divisions of the National Football League last year.

A regular on the Donegal team since 1984, Gary was in the final shake up for a place in the Compromise Rules team which will tour Australia. However the selectors opted for Galway man, Pat Comer which came not only as a bitter blow to Gary, but to the other members of the squad.

"Well I took part in every training session and thought I performed well. I thought they would have selected another keeper but that's football," Gary said.

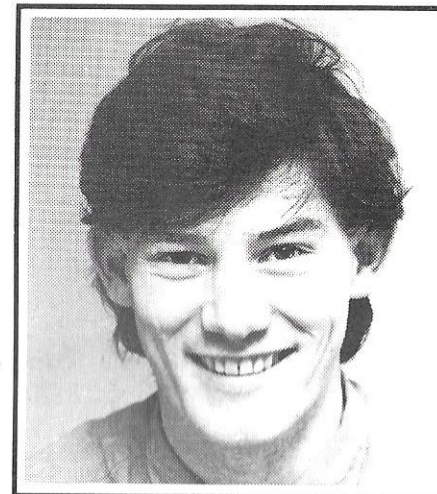
The present Donegal Player of the Year's ability is widely acknowledged. Between the posts he displays a remarkable coolness and his distribution to defenders is first class. The reflex saves he produced during the championship match against Cavan in Breffini Park will be remembered by all Donegal fans.

He has captained Donegal at Minor and U-21 level. He won an Ulster Minor League medal in 1982, was the reserve keeper on the 1983 Ulster Senior Championship winning team and won a Dr. McKenna Cup Medal in 1985. Two successive Ulster Championship titles are only just reward for the effort given by Walsh. On the club scene he has won two Senior Championships medals with Aodh Ruadh, and championship medals at U-12, U-16, U-18 and U-21. While attending the Regional Technical College in Sligo Gary won two Trench Cup medals.

I asked Gary to gaze into the crystal ball and give his views on Donegal's prospects in the League this year. Gary believes that it is vital to maintain a status in Division One of the League.

"I feel that there are no easy games in Division One but that is good for every county. From our point of view we will be anxious to get off on a winning note today against Dublin. Points at home are very valuable, anything away from home is a bonus. Dublin will be coming to Ballybofeiy today with a number of new faces including a new team manager in Paddy Cullen. They will be anxious to impress.

"Down are our bogey team I only hope the game is played on the first visit to the county! It will be a memorable game for me as I work



in Newry. Down are a good team and we have always found it difficult to beat them. Hopefully that will change this time round.

"Kerry will be a nice prospect in Ballyshannon. Being from the town games there are very memorable occasions for me. They will be introducing a lot of young blood this year but they always seem to have an abundance of that. We should get two points in this game.

"Meath beat us in two very important matches last year, the League quarter final and the All-Ireland semi-final. We will be looking for revenge this year but they are a strong team and with the game possibly in Navan they will be difficult to defeat. The clash against the All-Ireland champions, Cork in Ballybofeiy will be a great day for all G.A.A. people in Donegal. We played in the league last year and almost snatched a victory from them. However we faded in the last ten minutes and allowed them to win the game. It will be a good stage to show that we are among the best teams in the country.

"Armagh adapted well to the new rules last year after a poor start when we inflicted a heavy defeat on them in the first game of the league. In the Ulster final they gave us a tough game. I would be hoping at this stage in the league we would not be depending on haing to get points. Our last game against Roscommon should be interesting. Again I hope we are not looking for points. They have a couple of good players especially those from the Clan Na nGael club."

Gary has one very important "match" in March. He will be getting married to Fiona Kelly from Burren, Co. Down.

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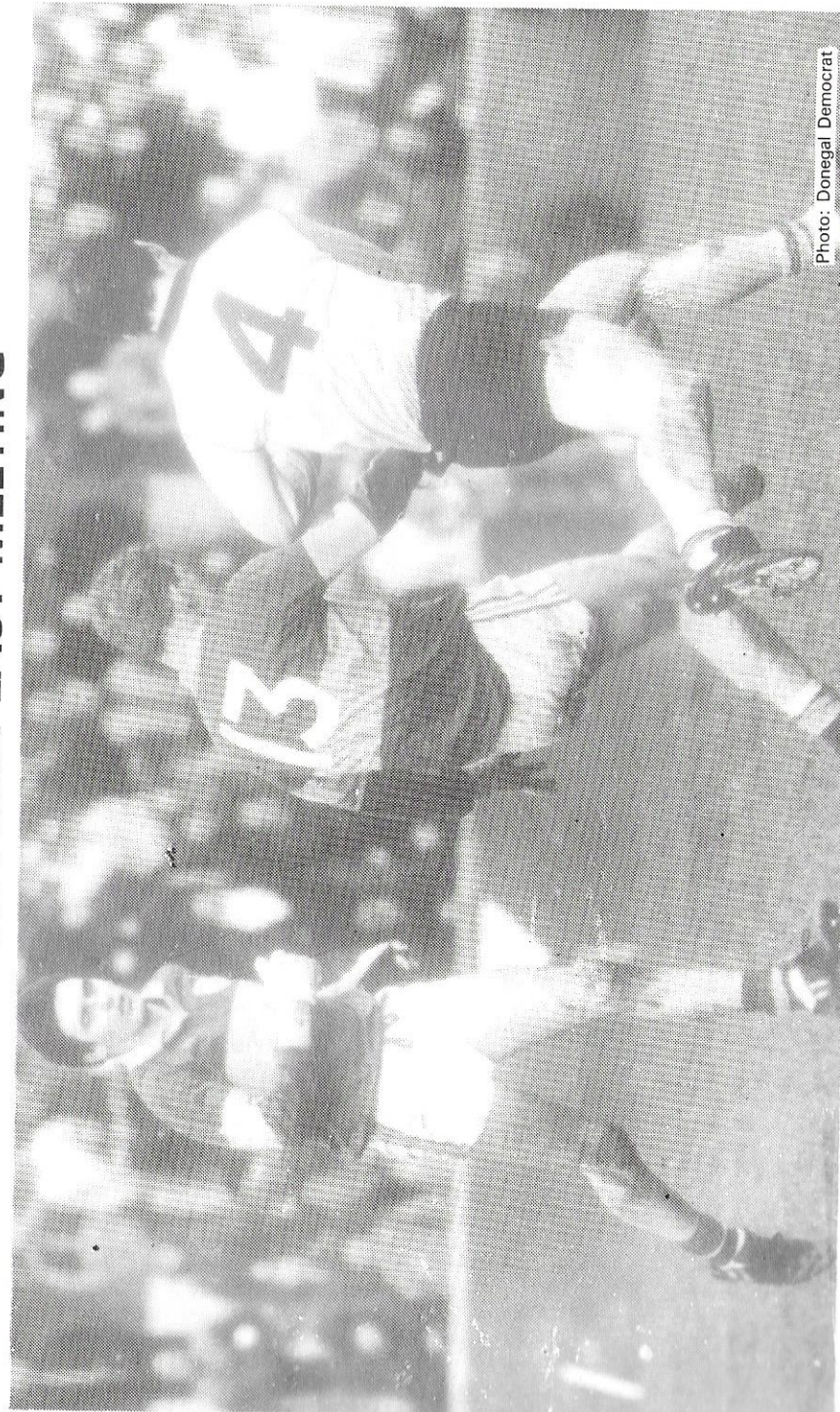


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5 DONAL REID      6 MARTIN GAVIGAN      7 MARTIN SHOVLIN

8 JOHN BAN GALLAGHER      9 BRIAN MURRAY

10 PADDY HEGARTY      11 CHARLIE MULGREW      12 JOYCE McMULLAN

13 DECLAN BONNER      14 TONY BOYLE      15 MANUS BOYLE

SUBS.: 16, M. Kelly; 17, Barry McGowan; 18, Noel Hegarty; 19, Gerry Curran; 20, James McHugh; 21, Luke Gavigan; 22, Tommy Ryan; 23, John Connors; 24, Marty Carlin.

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DUBLIN				

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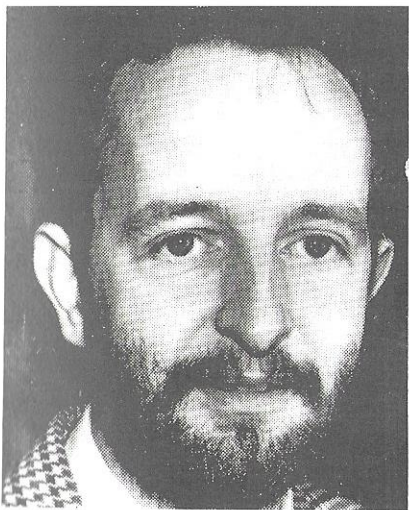
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# And then it was porridge

By MICHAEL DALY, Sports Editor, Donegal Democrat



Where did the time go?

Some of the bills from my All-Ireland semi-final excursion to Dublin still haven't surfaced on my Visa printout and already we're back to porridge — the National League.

I'm not the only one who thinks it's all with indecent haste but life goes on and ready or not Donegal are faced today with an extremely difficult opening game against the Metropolitanans.

At any time today's opposition would be hard to beat but on this occasion the Donegal team are asked to come to terms with a series of difficulties, not all of them of their own making.

Apart from a few challenge games in which manager, Brian McEniff, struggled to put out a team due to the unavailability of many regular squad members, Donegal have played and trained seldom since the All-Ireland semi-final.

Last year then new manager

McEniff had more than a month's squad training completed; this time there has been time for only three to four such sessions. Admittedly, it wasn't planned that way — the ill-fated tour to the U.S. would have brought the players together for much needed preparations on a collective basis.

A number of players I spoke to earlier this week were genuinely surprised to learn that the game would indeed be played today and Erian McEniff made it clear last Monday night at the monthly Co. Board meeting that he would have been much happier had the game been fixed for next Sunday, October 14th.

Then we have the injuries and suspensions to deal with. Paul Carr, so prominent in last year's League campaign at centre-half back, is out; Martin McHugh likewise. Anthony Molloy, the Donegal captain, is also out because of a recurrence of a knee injury. Others on the long term injury list include Aodh Ruadh clubmates Brian Tuohy and Sylvester Maguire.

By the time you read this Martin Gavigan's trials and tribulations will be well documented. Manager, McEniff selected Martin at centre-half back on Thursday in the hope that Rambo emerges from the Disciplinary Committee hearing without any suspension. Sean Bonner, who played at full back last year is, however, definitely out through suspension.

All in all it amounts to a nasty headache for the team boss who has responded with an interesting team selection.

Into the side, for his first League game steps Naomh Columba's Paddy Hegarty, while his brother, Noel, has been listed as a sub. At midfield, Brian Murray and John Ban Gallagher renew their partnership from the McKenna Cup game against Cavan. Charlie Mulgrew makes a welcome return at centre half-forward and is fully recovered from his Ulster semi-final shoulder injury.

New boy, Paddy Hegarty, has played a major part in Naomh Columba's Championship winning exploits. A ball carrier with great pace, he has an in-built confidence that will help overcome any nervousness associated with his first big game.

Murray (Civil Service) and Ban Gallagher (Killybegs) have the benefit of this year's championship run where both played their roles. Murray's knowledge of the Dublin footballing scene will be a big advantage to him and his colleagues while Ban Gallagher's football season continued apace since Croke Park thanks to his side's involvement in the Donegal club championship.

Eight of today's Donegal team started last year's historic first competitive win over Dublin — Gary Walsh, John Joe Doherty, Matt Gallagher, Donal Reid, Martin Shovlin, Martin Gavigan, Declan Bonner and Charlie Mulgrew while Brian Murray, Joyce McMullan and Manus Boyle all came on as subs. Marty Carlin started against Dublin on that occasion and is a substitute this time out. So, overall, Donegal have players who know what to expect from Dublin and despite the absence of many talented players Donegal will not be going into this game without hope — far from it.

Brian McEniff will be counting on the experience his side has gained during last year's League campaign and the All-Ireland Championship. He believes Donegal possess a new confidence having played well and won well against top teams such as Dublin.

Preparations have been far from ideal but expect Donegal to come off the ropes this time; they need to win their home games and victory today will revitalise all concerned.



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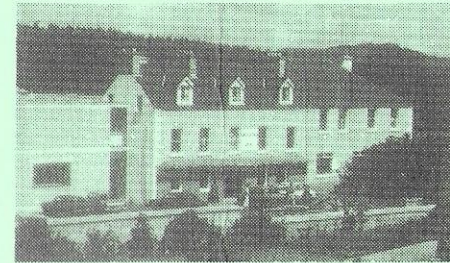
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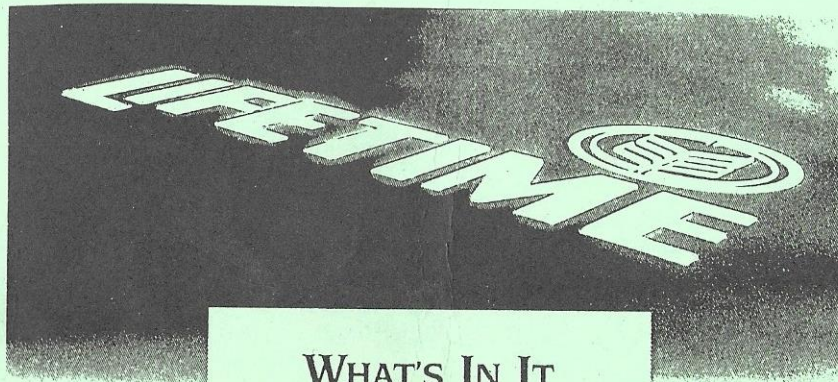


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