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Dhún Na nGall 1991**



**PÁIRC SEÁN MHIC CUMHAILL
SUNDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER, 1991.**

SENIOR FINAL: 4.00 p.m.

Aodh Rua, Cuil na gCuiridin

v

Na Cealla Beaga

Reiteoir: CATHAL DONOGHUE (Naomh Columba)

RESERVE FINAL: 2.30 p.m.

Cill Cartha v Na Cealla Beaga

Reiteoir: AUSTIN WALLACE (Burt)

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FÁILTE

Failtim roimh gach einne anseo go dtí Páirc Seán Mhic Cumhaill inniu. Go mór-mhór iad siud atá ar an taobh line. Is ócáid speisialta duinn go léir i agus taim ag siul le cluichí iontacha ós na ceithre foirne.

It is indeed a great pleasure for the County Board to welcome you all to Sean Mac Cumhaill Park this afternoon. I extend a special welcome to our sponsors, Tennent's, who have shown great generosity to our games in Donegal. I further welcome our guests on the sideline and I trust we shall enjoy two exciting finals today.

Today's games commence with the Senior Reserve Championship final between near neighbours, Kilcar and Killybegs. Kilcar have been no strangers to county finals in the eighties but the recent upsurge in talent in the Killybegs club should prove an interesting tussle.

Today's Tennent's Senior Championship final sees last year's defeated finalists, Killybegs, trying to go one step further than last year's memorable final against the might of Red Hughs from Crossroads and Killygordon. A truly great final in prospect.

Best of luck to all teams in today's finals.

Gabhaim buíochas libh uilig.

CATHAL Ó FACHTNA,
Cathaoirleach, Bord na Condae.

CLÁR AN LAE

- 2.18 p.m. Teams for Reserve final onto the pitch.
- 2.30 p.m. Senior Reserve final.
- 3.40 p.m. Trophy presentation.
- 3.45 p.m. Senior teams onto pitch.
- 3.50 p.m. Senior teams parade.
- 3.59 p.m. Amhran a bhFiann.
- 4.00 p.m. Senior Co. Final.
- 5.15 p.m. Presentation of Dr. Maguire Cup by Senior Board chairman Charlie Faulkner.

Seamus de Faoite, Oifigeach na Gaeilge, is today's M.C.

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SENIOR FINAL:

CATHAL DONOGHUE (Naomh Columba)

Cathal referees his first senior final today having progressed through underage ranks since taking up refereeing four years ago. His ability to keep a game flowing has allowed him to become recognised as one of the top senior officials in the county presently. He was in charge of the 1989 Co. Minor final and the 1990 Senior Shield final. Cathal has also passed the National Grade 3 and Grade 2 courses on refereeing and has recently been added to the Ulster Referees Minor list. Married to Bernie, he has two children, Donna, aged 13, and Thomas, aged 7. He is employed in Kilcar by Donegal Bay Ltd. He recognises the courses and meetings held by the Referees' Board over the past few years and says they have helped him tremendously, and he has learned much from them.



Linesmen: Pat Walsh (Naomh Brid); Peter Hughes (Milford).

Umpires: John McDermott (Fanad Gaels); Kieran McGlynn (Glenfin);
Fr. Sean Gallagher (Cloughaneely); Connie McKelvey (Naomh Conaill).

SENIOR RESERVE:

AUSTIN WALLACE (Burt)

Austin has progressed through the underage system in Inishowen and joined the adult senior list four years ago. He has quickly gained a good reputation as a senior official and was in charge of the 1990 U-21 Championship final. He is a very capable hurling referee, having refereed numerous hurling finals including the 1989-'90-'91 Senior Shield finals. Austin has also passed the National Grade 3 course for referees. He is Inishowen's representative on the Referees' Executive and feels the standard of refereeing in Donegal has improved in recent years.



Linesmen: Frank Dooley (MacCumhalls); Frankie Doherty (St. Eunans).

Umpires: Pat Brown (Carndonagh); Paddy Corr (Buncrana);
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Red Hughs want more than a day out

By Ciaran O'Donnell, Donegal Peoples' Press

September 1986 was the last time Red Hughs competed in the Donegal senior championship final. They played Aodh Ruadh in that decider after they saw off the challenge of today's opponents Killybegs in the semi-final.

But what unfolded that day was nothing short of an embarrassing afternoon for the Killygordon club. They managed to score just a single point in the first half and although they added some respectability to their tally by the end of the game, it is an hour all concerned with the club would rather forget.

Since that Sunday five years ago, there has been little talk of that last championship final appearance. However it is that particular game that the players and management of the Red Hughs club are now looking towards for inspiration this afternoon.

Bookmakers in Donegal were offering prices in the region of 25/1 against Red Hughs winning the senior crown at the start of the championship. Although the price was cut considerably after they knocked out Kilcar in the quarter final and was reduced even further after the dismissed old rivals MacCumhaills in the Ballybofey club's own back yard, few people outside the Killygordon area are giving the Red Hughs side much of a chance of beating Killybegs who have been installed as red hot favourites today. In fact many so called experts would go so far as to say that the Red Hughs side are on a mission impossible.

But such suggestions aren't bothering the underdogs too much. If anything, these assumptions are making the forecasted no hopers more determined than ever to end the senior championship famine which has starved the area of silverware in recent years.

Although the Red Hughs' side have been keeping a low profile in the run-in to today's championship decider, they have been training extremely hard for their biggest day in five years. Plotting the downfall of the much fancied Killybegs side

has been the easier part of the equation. The implementation of such plans, as the entire team are aware, won't be carried out as easily.

Red Hughs have nowhere near the amount of Donegal senior players or experience that the Killybegs side possess. Yet they work hard for each other on the field and are so fired up about today's final that they refuse to even think about the word defeat around the Cross.

With the exception of Marty Carlin, Donal Reid and his brother Ollie, few other Red Hughs players are household names. Killybegs on the other hand can boast the opposite. The majority of their side have represented Donegal at some level. Killybegs will be appearing in their third final in four years, which is another reason why they have been so hotly tipped.

Red Hughs, if they settle early in the game this afternoon, can give the fishermen a good run for the title. Gerard Kelly is well capable of containing Manus Boyle. Donal Reid, although listed to play in the half back line is likely to be found in any sector of the field and it is his experience that could prove invaluable to the younger players in the side.

Marty Carlin and Anthony McDaid have built up a formidable partnership around midfield and it is here that the destination of the Dr. Maguire Cup could be decided. John Ban Gallagher and Barry Cunningham at centre field for Killybegs have a wealth of experience behind them but they haven't really been tested this season so far, so Carlin and McDaid will give them all they want around midfield. Ollie Reid scored an impressive six points in the semi final and every dead ball he strikes today will be vital.

Currently lying fourth in division two, Red Hughs aren't coming to MacCumhaill Park today to make up numbers. If they can prevent the Killybegs scoring machine from moving into position in the early stages, they could silence the critics who have deemed them no hopers from the start of the 1991 championship.

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Red Hugh's Pen Pics

- BRENDAN O'MEARA, (20), 5'10", 11st. 4lbs. Builder. First year on senior team. Donegal League medal.
- LOUIS BROWNE, (24), 6'2", 13st. Publican. Division II League and Shield, Division I Shield.
- GERARD KELLY, (19), 6'0", 12st. 7lbs. Student. County minor and u-21 player, All-Ireland medals in u-16 hurling and with R.T.C. Sligo in football, Division I Shield.
- CATHAL DOHERTY, (21), 5'11", 12st. 10lbs. Fitter, presently based in France. Donegal Vocational Schools medal with St. Columba's, Senior Shield Division I.
- DONAL REID, (29), 5'11", 12st. 5lbs. Donegal Creamery employee. 2 Ulster Senior, 2 McKenna Cup, 2 Railway Cup, Division II and III League, Division I and II Shield, All-Star (replacement).
- AARON DOHERTY, (21), 6'1", 13st. Electrician. Division I Shield.
- LYNDON GILLESPIE, (24), captain, 5'11", 12 st. Joiner. Div. II League, Division I & II Shield.
- MARTY CARLIN, (29), 6'1", 12st. 5lbs. Tennents Rep. Junior Championship, Division III League, Division II League, Division I and II Shield, Co. Minor, U-21, Junior and Senior player, Ulster Championship, 1 McKenna Cup. Plays all sports.
- JOSEPH CARLIN, (24), 6'3", 13 st. Played in '86 final. Dual player. Senior hurling medal and various under-age medals. Division I and II, Senior Shield, League II.
- MARK CAMPBELL, (22), 5'9", 11 st. Male nurse based in Belfast. Dual player. Various under-age hurling medals with Setanta, Senior Shield I in football.
- OLLIE REID, (20), 6'1", 12st. 2lbs. Donegal Creameries employee. County minor, U-21, British Championship with Tir Conaill Gaels, Division I Shield, under-age and senior hurling medals with Setanta.
- DECLAN CARLIN, (21), 5'11", 11st. 12lbs. Construction worker. Division I Shield, under-age hurling medals, senior hurling medals. With Tir Conaill Gaels last year.
- JOEY BROWNE, (29), 6'0", 14st. 2lbs. Insurance Rep. Junior Championship medal, Division III and II League, Division II and I Shield, U-14 Co. Championship with Castlefin.
- STEPHEN DOHERTY, (19), 6'4", 13st. 7lbs. Joiner. County minor panel (goalkeeper) last year, converted to full-forward successfully. Division I Shield. Says he could hold the "Cup" high on Sunday.
- ANTHONY McDAID, (24), 5'11", 12st. 10lbs. Steel erector. Dual player. County hurler at various grades, Ulster Championship Junior hurling medal, Co. Championship at senior hurling and various under-age, Division II Shield, Division I Shield. An all-rounder.
- STEPHEN BROWNE, (21), 5'11", 12st. Student. Senior Shield Division I. Brother of Joey and Louis.
- EUGENE CARLIN, (32), 6'1", 13st. 2lbs. Company manager. Played in '86 final. Junior Championship, Division III and II League, Division II and I Shield. Brother of Marty, Joe and Declan.
- CHRIS GILLESPIE, (25), 5'11", 12'4". Mechanic. Played in '86 final. Division II and I Shield, Division II League. Brother of Lyndon.
- EAMONN KELLY, (23), 5'11", 13st. Forestry worker. Division I Shield. Serious knee injury has kept him out of football this year. Had been an automatic choice previously.
- SEAN IRWIN, (25), 5'8", 11st. 10lbs. Fitter. Dual player. County hurler. Junior Ulster Championship, Donegal Senior Championships and under-age medals with Setanta. Played in '86 final. Division II League, Division II and I Shield.
- SEAMUS CALLAGHAN, (26), 5'10", 12st. 8lbs. Donegal Creamery worker. County hurler. Ulster Junior Championship hurling medal, Senior Championship hurling medals and various under-age medals with Setanta. Junior Championship football, Division III and II League, Division II and I Shield.
- TONY GALLAGHER, (23), 5'11", 12st. 10lbs. Store manager. Reserve goalkeeper, lost place due to injury early in season. Former junior player of year.
- PAUL CAMPBELL, (21), 5'9", 11st. Steel erector. Recent addition to panel after opting out of the game for a time. A player of great potential. Has various medals won with Setanta, including Senior Championship.
- LIAM McCOLGAN, (32), 5'10", 12st. Steel erector. Junior Championship medal, Division III and II League, Division II and I Shield. Played in '86 final. Excellent club man.

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STRENGTH IN RESERVE

By Peter Campbell (Donegal Democrat)

The Reserve Championship, only in its second year, has once again been a major success with the cream of reserve talent at full tilt to win this new Championship.

Kilcar, driven on by the ageless, Sean McGinley, were many people's favourites, including my own, from the very beginning. Their decision to enter what was their second string in Reserve Championship and the third string in the Junior Championship made them automatic choices to be there or thereabouts.

Killybegs, on the other hand, surprised a few people by making it this far. Obviously, they have had a tougher road to travel, overcoming Ardara, Downings and Naomh Columba on the way. They suffered a big blow in their semi-final replay when their best player, Ian Cunningham, suffered a serious ankle injury which makes him extremely doubtful for today's game. Indeed, Ian must consider himself very unlucky as he would probably have been pushing for a place in the substitutes for the Senior final as well.

The re-organisation of the Championship two years ago has been a major success for the GAA in Donegal. The Junior Championship is now confined to the junior teams and the Intermediate Championship has become much more competitive with 15 teams competing.

The Reserve Championship has also been a success but there has been one problem area which occurred last year and again seems to be creating problems again this year.

The decision to allow teams to

nominate 12 players to play for the first team during the League and the rest of the panel to play for either the first or reserve team works well in principle until the Championship starts.

Then when the senior team is short a player or two, players from the reserve panel are called in for a Senior Championship game and if they are used for five or ten minutes as a sub. then they are lost to the Reserve team for the remainder of the League. Already this season teams are finding it difficult to field Reserve sides because of this rule, and in other cases some players are finding that they are in limbo land, forbidden from playing for the Reserve team, and unable to gain selection for the Senior team.

A number of team officials have spoken to me about the problem and the need to highlight it. The matter was discussed at Convention last year and, no doubt, will be debated again next January. Surely, a sensible decision can be arrived at?

Getting back to today's final, it is likely that the oldest man on the field will also have the biggest influence. Sean McGinley has been through many a battle with Kilcar and he is a shining example for all young players on how to play the game. It was perhaps fortunate for the Reserves that the Kilcar senior team were knocked out of the Championship (although Sean would not agree) for if the Seniors had progressed I have no doubt but that McGinley would have been involved at senior level. Today, at the end of his career (?) who would (except for Killybegs) begrudge him success.

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Killybegs Pen Pics

- DAVID MEEHAN, (25), goalkeeper, 5'9". Fisherman. Club honours: Senior Championship 1988 U-21 and minor championships. County honours: U-21 Ulster and All-Ireland medals from 1987.
- PAUL CARBERY, (22), corner back, 14st, 6'. Employee with B&I ferry. U-12, u-14, u-16, u-18 and u-21 Championship medals, senior medal 1988. Vocational School All-Ireland winner and has played for county minors and u-21 team.
- DENIS CARBERY, (24), full-back, 5'11". Fisherman. All under-age Championship medals plus 2 Ulster club minor medals plus senior medal 1988. All-Ireland Vocational School 1984, Ulster Minor Championship 1985.
- JOHN CUNNINGHAM, (24), corner back, 13.5st, 5'10". Carpenter. Under-age county medals at all grades plus 2 Ulster Club medals and senior medal 1988. Captained Donegal to All-Ireland 1987 U-21 and U-18 Ulster Championship winners 1985. Won senior Ulster medal 1990 playing at corner back. John suffered a serious injury this year thus preventing him from playing in Ulster Championship 1991.
- DAREN CUNNINGHAM, (20), wing half back, 12st., 6'. Fish factory employee. U-12, u-14 and u-18 Championship medals plus Junior Championship medal 1988.
- BARRY MCGOWAN, (24), half-back, 12st., 5'11". E.S.B. employee. Barry has won all under-age Championship medals and Senior Championship 1988. Ulster minor 1985 and Ulster and All-Ireland u-21 1987. Barry won Ulster Senior 1990 appearing in the final as a sub and played in the Ulster final 1991.
- MICHAEL CAMPBELL, (33), half-back, 12.5st., 6'. Fisherman. Senior Championship 1988. A series of injuries have prevented him from playing for many years but he is now back to his best.
- BARRY CUNNINGHAM, (24), midfielder, 13st., 6'. Salesman. Has won under-age medals at all grades plus Senior Championship 1988. Ulster Minor League and Championship 1985 plus Ulster and All-Ireland u-21 medals 1987. Barry won senior club championship medals with Tir Chonaill Gaels in London in 1990.
- JOHN BAN GALLAGHER, (24), midfielder, 13st., 6'. Net factory worker. Under-age medals at all grades, plus senior medal 1988. Ulster Minor League and Championship 1985 and Ulster and All-Ireland U-21 medals 1987. John also won Ulster senior medals in 1990 appearing in the final as sub.
- DECLAN BOYLE, (17), half-forward, 11st, 5'9". Student. Under-age championship medals at all grades. Is in his first year at senior level. Ulster minor medal in 1991, playing at midfield.
- CONAL "FLIPPER" GALLAGHER, (23), half-forward, 11.5st., 5'11". Publican. Under-age medals from u-12 to u-21. Senior championship 1988. Played county minor in 1986.
- MARK BOYLE, (18), half-forward, 10st., 5'7". Fish factory worker. Under-age medals at u-12, u-14 and u-18. Senior and junior medals 1988. Ulster minor winners medal 1991.
- CONOR WHITE, (24), corner forward, 12st., 5'10". Fisherman. Under-age medals from u-12 to u-21 plus senior medal 1988. Ulster minor league and championship 1985, plus Ulster and All-Ireland u-21 1987.
- MANUS BOYLE, (25), full-forward, 12.5st., 5'10". Net factory worker. Under-18 and u-21 county medals plus Ulster club minor 1984 and senior 1988. Ulster senior medal 1990 and McKenna Cup 1991.
- RORY McNEILIS, (34), 11.5st., 5'6". Fisherman. Senior championship medal with Naomh Columba 1978 and senior medal with Killybegs 1988.
- KEVIN WHITE, (30), corner back, 13.5st., 6'. Fish factory employee. Senior championship medal 1988 plus Div. 2 Shield and League medals.
- JOHN MCGUINNESS, (23), wing back, 12st., 5'9". Teacher. Under-age championship medals at all grades from u-12 to u-21 plus senior medal 1988.
- TONY HEGARTY, (26), wing back, 12st., 5'6". Factory foreman. U-18 county minor league medal plus u-21 county championship medal 1986. Senior and junior championship medals 1988.
- BARRY CUNNINGHAM JUNR., (20), half back, 13st., 5'10". Fisherman. U-12, u-14 and u-18 county championship medals. Senior championship medal 1988.
- JIMMY WHITE, (31), half forward, 12st., 6'. I.A.W.S. employee. Intermediate championship medal 1979 and senior winner 1988. Jimmy is also manager of the team in 1991.
- JOHN T. MURRIN, (29), full forward, 14st., 5'9". Fisherman. Senior and junior championship medals 1988. Div. II League and Shield medals. John T. is also on the junior team.

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Ó thoisigh an sraith sinsear chonaid muid peil den chéad scoith. Bhí seo soiléir ó na scaifí a d'freastal ag na cluichí. Chruthaigh na clubanna uilig a ghlac páirc go han mhaith agus bhí caighdeán na peile an ard — rud atá anois léirithe go soiléir i bhfoireann na contae.

Chuaigh an pheil ó neart go neart laistigh denár mbábhún agus téann muid ar aghaidh go dtí an t-am atá le theacht lán de spiorad agus de mhúinín go bhfuil rudaí níos fearr le tarlú. Tá súil agam go mbainfidh cluiche an lae inniu macalla as an spriog sin. Mairfidh ár gcluichí i gconaí mar pháirt lárnach dár gcumann.

Creidim gurb é uaillmhian gach club i nDún na nGall craobh contae a bhua. Creidim gurb é seo spriog gach club an chraobh a bhua i ngrád eigeán sa contae. Caithfear áit faoi leith a thabhairt den craobh contae agus ní miste cé acu a gheobhaidh bua an lae inniu — Na Cealla Beaga nó Aodh Rua, Cúil na gCuirridín — tugfar meas

agus urraim do chorn An Dr. Mag Uidhir mar an rud is fearr i bpeil Ghaelach laistigh den chontae.

Fuair muid mar oidhreacht agus tá muid mar gcaimhnóirí ag an eagraíocht amaitéarach is mó ar an domhan. Ní thig le cluichí ar bith eile theacht cóngarach dár scil agus dár gcaighdeán. I dTír Chonaill mhair muid dílis de chluichí ár sinsear agus leoga dhéanfaidh an tromlach againn sa pháirc bhreá seo inniu an dílseacht sin a athnuachan ar son gaiscí na nglún a chuaigh romhain.

Ní thig linn dearmad a dhéanamh ar na hiomaitheoirí a ghlac páirt i gCraobh tacaíochta. Bhí craobh breá acu agus tá dóchas againn go dtabharfaidh Cill Chartha agus Na Cealla Beaga onóir dár gcumann agus dár gcontae. Guím ádh-mór orthu uilig.

Tá cúram na teanga ar gach club agus caithfidh clubanna na Gaeltachta go speisialta a bheith i dtús áite leis an athbheochan seo. Caithfidh mé comhghairdeas a dhéanamh lena lán clubanna lasmuigh den Ghaeltacht mar gheall ar a n-iarrachtaí. Comhábhar rathúil rannpháirtíocht i Scór. Tá mé ag súil le muinín go nglacfaidh níos mó páirt i Scór soiséir agus sinsear na bliana seo. An rud atá a dhith nó Coiste na Gaeilge agus Cultúr a chuir ar bun in gach club le ceathrar nó cúigear baill. Rinne clubanna seo cheana féin, ach caithfear iarracht céad fén gcéad a dhéanamh.

Caithfidh muidinne i dTír Chonaill taispeáint den naisiún go bhfuil bród orainn as ár bpeileadóirí agus as ár gcultúr.

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CATHAL DOHERTY

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LYNDON GILLESPIE

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DONAL REID

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DENIS CARBERY (capt.)

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DARREN CUNNINGHAM

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N.W.R. in first county final link

By Michael Daly, NWR and Donegal Democrat



Sunday will represent a new milestone for North West Radio Sport as it broadcasts its first ever Donegal Senior Football final live from MacCumhaill Park, Ballybofey.

Still not a year old, North West Radio has striven to give coverage of Gaelic Games in Donegal and South Donegal, in particular, equal coverage with other areas within its franchise.

Like other radio stations, the GAA has featured prominently in all our sports programmes, and the lack of coverage by the National network of the west and north west in particular, has meant that the service now being enjoyed by the area with live coverage of all county games and club finals, has meant a lot to the many GAA supporters.

The recent survey results which shows the popularity of the local radio stations in the north west bears witness to their success at bridging

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that gap between national and local radio.

Today the south and south west of the county is very well represented in the county finals with three of the teams from that area. This area of Donegal has become one of the strong GAA areas in recent years and we in North West Radio Sport are happy to be able to bring news of the games as they happen to the many supporters unable to be present, at home, in hospital or on the road.



Michael Daly, NWR Sport and Donegal Democrat, interviewing Noreen Doherty after her selection as Donegal Co. Secretary at the 1991 Convention.

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CONOR'S RETURN – A LUCKY OMEN

by Charlie Joe McGinley, Derry People & Donegal News

If Killybegs happen to require a lucky omen to carry into today's senior football final all they have to do is ask their talented corner forward, Conor White, who will inform you that he has not lost a championship with his club.

The 24-year-old fisherman, brother of team manager, Jimmy, has fast resurrected a career which fifteen months ago looked bleak as the player underwent surgery for a troublesome cartilage in the knee which had prevented him playing for his club for two years.

Conor, at the age of 18, was perhaps one of the most gifted players in the game in this county. An excellent goal scorer, he was a tremendous free taker. He played a pivotal role in the winning of an All-Ireland Vocational Schools title for his county in 1984 and followed that up with an Ulster title at minor level the next year but lost in the All-Ireland semi-final to Cork at Croke Park. His career blossomed and reached one of its pinnacles with a great display in the county senior club final against Kilcar to win the title back in 1988.

However, after spending a year in London the following season where he played with Tir Conaill Gaels, Conor returned to his native Killybegs to begin his League campaign for his club.

"It was in a league match in Fintra that I sustained the initial injury to the knee but I played on for some time before deciding that I had to get it seen to. Last June I underwent surgery in Sligo General Hospital with Dr. Healy and thankfully things have gone well since with the exception of a broken wrist which ruled me out of the first round of the Championship. Conor explains:

"I made my return against Glenfin and it was great to score two goals against Glen in the semi-final. To score against Glen at all is nice but two goals was fantastic," he added.

Conor is one of four Killybegs players who this week were given a week off work to prepare for today's final.

"Myself, David Meehan, Michael Campbell and Rory McNelis are members of the crew of the Sheanne which is skippered by David's father, Jackie, and is owned by his uncle, Teddy O'Shea. Without his help and

understanding it would almost be impossible to play today. Hopefully, we can repay some of that gratitude with a win," Conor said.

From the end of October until Christmas the Sheanne crew fish off the coast of Norway but from then on most of the fish is landed in Scotland. Training for football is at times non-existent and Conor openly admits that the social life is dull.

However, like many men from the fishing village it is a way of life and of course, a livelihood . . . it is what they are good at.

This week Conor said that he had no problems with his left knee which will be heavily strapped as a support for today's match.

"I went to Dr. Austin Kennedy recently and he said I needed to build up the muscles in the leg or get another operation on the knee. So recently I have been trying to build it up and thankfully with the exception of the wee twinge now and again things have been fine," he said.

Conor admits that his side go into today's final firm favourites.

"Yes, we know that after beating Glen with a good performance we would be favourites and it is something that we have got used to. However, we know what it is like to both win and lose a final at this level. It takes a lot longer to get over the defeat. This year we hope to prove that we are a good side and I think the victory over Glen went some way to achieving that," he added.

Conor feels that today's game will be won at midfield. He believes that if his side get possession in this sector they have the forwards who will do the damage. As regards Red Hughs, Conor said that the last time the sides met in the Championship the Killygordon side won so he felt that this would be incentive enough for his side today.

"As well as that we do not want to be a team who lost two county finals in a row," he said.

Meanwhile, Conor has another little incentive to win on Sunday. If the team win they may be offered another extra day off work. If not it could be out on the Sheanne immediately after Sunday's match. I did not even have to ask him which option he preferred. The grin said it all.

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CUMANN LUTHCHLEAS GAEL AND LOCAL RADIO

● By Michael McGee

Local Radio is now part and parcel of everyday life for communities who up to now felt distanced from radio as a means of communication. Because of this it has a very important role to play in everyday life providing news, views and entertainment as it gives people a sense of belonging and sharing. There is no field where this is better demonstrated than in G.A.A. affairs and little wonder. I suppose there are few organisations, if any, in any country throughout the world that can boast of having such a high percentage population involvement. This is only to be expected since it gives all a sense of identity, an opportunity to express their "Irishness", be it in language, music or sport.

It is only to be expected then that local radio and the G.A.A. have taken to each other like a duck to water when there is not a community or parish in the country that does not have either a hurling or football club or maybe both providing recreation, games and entertainment, and giving people the opportunity to express and demonstrate pride in their area.

Here in Donegal, Highland Radio realised the importance of this aspect of life in rural Ireland and their obligation not alone to provide for it, but also to help in its future development. With this in view the weekly G.A.A. programme provides an opportunity for discussion and a platform where the ordinary genuine supporter can question and get answers to his queries and at the same time give expression to his own views. Coupled with this is the "Down Memory Lane" section of the

programme which turns the clock back for so many and revives memories of friends and events that have passed into the folklore of the association's great players, exciting games and unusual events and surely none more so than the famous Donegal goalkeeper who went to play for his county against Antrim at Casement Park and missed the first 15 minutes of the match because "mother nature" called and the rest of the team left the hotel and never missed him until they lined out on the field of play. When he finally got there Donegal were two goals down. Happily all ended well because Donegal won.

Then we had the player who hauled his lobster pots at 4 a.m. on a Sunday morning before setting out to play for Donegal against Fermanagh and gave a majestic display at centrefield. What about the recollections of the days when teams cycled to fulfil fixtures during the war years. As I said all part of folklore but an integral part of the story of Cumann Luth Chleas Gael. This is what local radio is all about – the story of local involvement – and when this is done in the context of everyday life past and present, then all, young and old, benefit and a realistic sense of values developed.

Deir an seanfhocal "Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine." Thig leat seo a chasadh i gcás Raidió Áitiúil agus a rá "Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann Raidió Áitiúil agus Cumann Lúth Chleas Gael de thairbhe caitheamh aimsire agus saol an phobail." Gur fada a mhairfidh siad taobh ar thaobh le chéile agus iad ag treabhadh iomaire cultúire, teanga agus cluichí náisiúnta na tíre.

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GILLESPIES — Lyndon and Chris (players); father, Hughie is team manager.

BROWNES — Louis, Joey and Stephen, all players.

REIDS — Donal and Ollie (players); Bosco, a qualified physiotherapist, works on injured players on occasions.

DOHERTYS — Stephen and Aaron, players.

CAMPBELLS — Mark and Paul, players.

RED HUGHS CHAMPIONSHIP SCORERS:

Marty Carlin	4-21	Mark Campbell	0-3
Ollie Reid	0-18	Chris Gillespie	0-2
Declan Carlin	0-6	Eugene Carlin	0-1
Joey Browne	2-0	Donal Reid	0-1
Stephen Doherty	1-1	Lyndon Gillespie	0-1
Joe Carlin	0-4	Anthony McDaid	0-1
Stephen Browne	0-3	Sean Irwin	0-1
Six games played			7-63
Average			1-11 per game

KILLYGORDON PLAYERS WHO PLAYED SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL FOR DONEGAL

Joe Bradley	1936, 1938-'39
Alex Brady	1929, 1935-'36
Eddie Brady	1929, 1931
John Brady	1929, 1931, 1935
Marty Carlin	1986, 1988-'89
Liam Doherty	1947
Des Gallen	1954
Kevin Gallen	1950
Michael Gallen	1944-'47, 1950
Paddy Hannigan	1920, 1922-'27
Gerry Patton	1929
Donal Reid	1983-'86, 1988-'91



Joe Bradley, Killygordon,
Donegal Co.
footballer 1936, 1938-'39.

Paddy Hannigan (R.I.P.) of the first Red Hughs team and Cathal Doherty and Anthony McDaid of the present team are related.

Joe Bradley's son, Kieran, is the current club secretary.

Donal Reid was the first Killygordon man to win an Ulster Senior Championship medal.

Marty Carlin is the club's longest serving player.

RED HUGHS SENIOR FINAL APPEARANCES

1920 — Bundoran 2-3, Killygordon 1-6
Replay: Bundoran 2-4, Killygordon 1-2.
1921 — Donegal v Killygordon (postponed)
1928 — Ardara 1-4, Killygordon 0-3.
1929 — Ballyshannon 0-7, Killygordon 0-5.
1986 — Aodh Ruadh, Ballyshannon 1-8, Red Hughs 0-5.

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1946 — Killygordon 2-6, Corlea 0-3.

1959 — Cross/Killygordon 0-2, Cloughaneely 4-7.

1981 — Killygordon 2-14, Kilcar 0-4.

UNDER-16

1970 — Naomh Pádraig (Castlefin/Killygordon) 3-7, Killybegs 0-0.

DEMOCRAT CUP

1927 — Killygordon 1-2, Ardara 0-0.

1928 — Killygordon 1-4, Dungloe 0-1.

1934 — Killygordon 2-4, Bundoran 1-1.

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