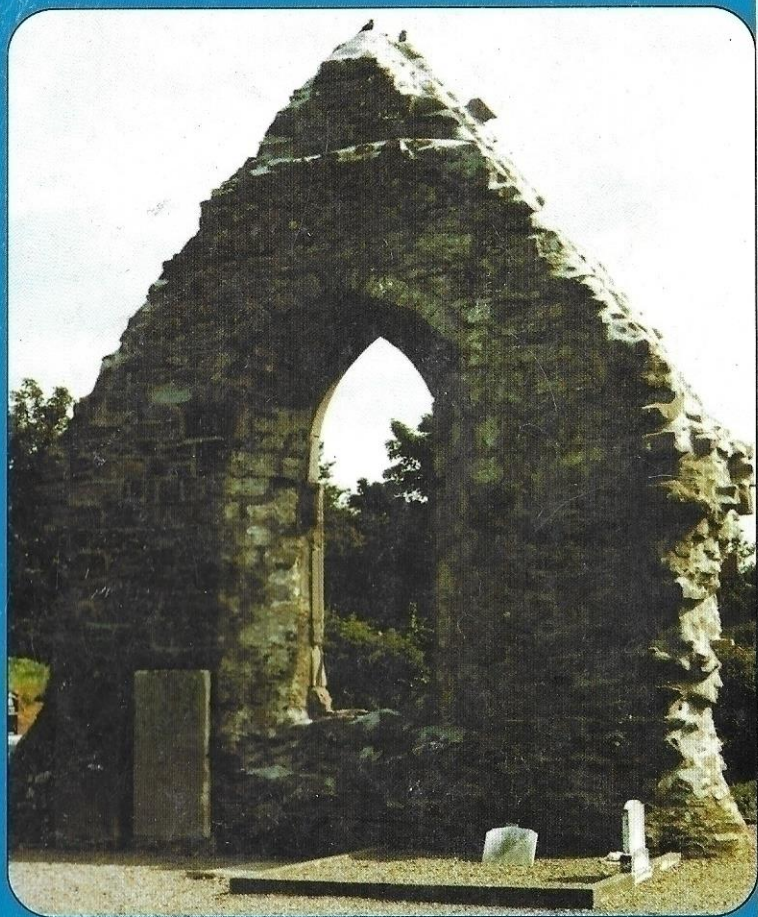


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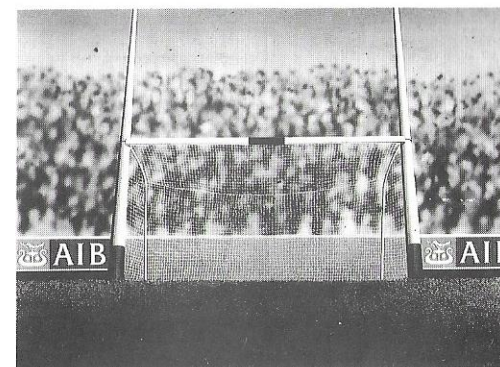
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- 2.35 p.m. Address by County Board Chairman, Naul McCole.
- 2.40 p.m. Address by County Board Development Officer, Francie Cunningham.
- 2.45 p.m. Donegal and Wicklow teams on the pitch.
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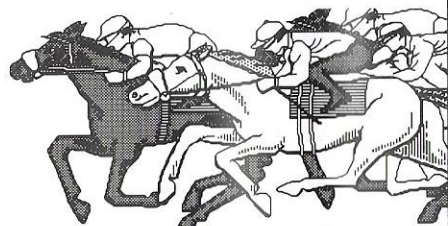
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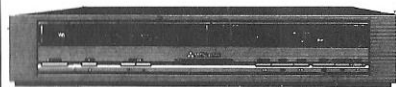
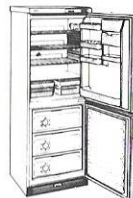
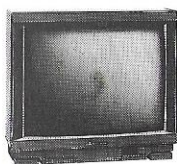
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*Peadar Ó Cuinn*

Is cúis onóra dom é comhghairdeas a ghabháil le cumann na gCeithre Máistir as ucht páirc imeartha nua a fhocasilt agus as ucht áiseann imeartha a chur ar fáil ag pobal an bhaile mhóir. Thar ceann C.L.G. gabhaim buíochas le oifigí agus baill an chumainn agus tá súil agam go núsáidfeair na háiseanna seo chun cluichí na nGael agus aidhmeanna C.L.G. a chur ar aghaidh i measc muintir Thir Chonaill.

If the Annals of the Four Masters hold a unique place in the antiquities of seventeenth century Ireland, the opening of Tir Chonaill Park, a name with equally historic implications, will have its unique place in the history of the Four Masters club. I thank all who worked to convert the "Aisling" into a reality, and who have put so much effort into the preparation for today's opening.

Over the years the original pitch had developed serious problems, the work of refurbishing it amounted almost to a complete rebuilding and the result today is one of the finest pitches in the North West of all our country.

In paying tribute to those who undertook the massive task, let us remember too, those of previous generations, who have gone to their eternal reward, but who carried the torch of Gaeldom in earlier times. Your pride, today, in what has been achieved is only a reflection of the great pride they feel, as they look benignly on today's celebrations. And today we thank them for all the great heritage they have given us.

The real appreciation of this investment in time, energy and finance will come from those who will use these facilities in the future. Sited so close to the town, Tir Conaill Park will provide a focal point for the youth of Donegal town and will become the primary base for meeting the recreational needs of the young boys and girls who want to participate in active sport. It is my hope that our games, will flourish in this parish as a result - for there are no better field games for our young people, no games more suited to our national temperament and no games more reflective of the spirit of the Irish people, than our own native games.

At a time when Ulster's stock is so high on the playing fields of Ireland, it is fitting that two of our greatest teams should add lustre to this occasion by their participation today. Down's success last year has inspired greater hope in many other counties; may all our counties take encouragement from their achievements and may today's visits be the forerunners of even greater celebrations in the land of the people of Conall in the future.

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## **LORD MAYOR'S GREETING**

In offering my congratulations to the Four Masters G.A.A. Club, I am conscious of the great achievement this development has been at a time when the club, like so many others, had to contend with financial constraints placed on it by the present recession. It was only by hard work and persistence that a handful of dedicated men were able to overcome this problem. They were encouraged in their project by very generous support they received from the local community and from outside the area.

The opening of Tirconail Park on June 6th 1954 gave a permanent home to the club, and was the culmination of a dream cherished by Donegal Gaels for almost fifty years. It was on a cold winter's night in October 1905 - Friday 20th to be exact, that a small group of visionaries sat around a table in a local factory and set up the first ever hurling/football club in the town. It was at the suggestion of Harry McCafferty and Frank Cornyn that the club was named "The Balldearg Hurling and Football Club." The man who presided that night was the late P.M. Gallagher, the solicitor who briefed Pdraig Pearse in the famous MacGiolla Bridghe case, the only brief Pearse was ever to conduct in court. Many years ago, well over forty anyway, I was given a photograph of an early Balldearg team for publication, and when I tried to identify the players, I was disappointed to find that very little was known about that first club. I then decided to do some research with a view to preparing a short history/newspaper feature. There was a few of the original members still alive. These men were Joe McCloskey, Jimmy Weir and Jim McGahern. Their recollections formed what could be described as the first history of the Balldeargs. This I used some years later as a newspaper feature. The material I had already supplied to a number of interested columnists. The Balldeargs played their first game against Townawilly Four Masters. (Hurling). A close relationship has existed between these two areas right down to the present day. Donegal Four Masters have been playing their games in recent times on the G.A.A. pitch at Milntown in Townawilly.

Over fifty years, successive Donegal teams used a number of venues but didn't have a permanent home. Some of the venues have since become housing sites, these included Britton's Field (Drumrooske) Dr. Warnock's (Glebe), Harkins Field, Quinns (Milntown) McMullins (Drumlonagher).

This new Tirconail Park is indeed a worthy home for a worthy club, and a fitting memorial to the few ardent Gaels who, 87 years ago, created a heritage that proudly passed to men who recognise it's value and cherish it. Again I congratulate the Four Masters, not only on this achievement, great though it is, but also on the way they have distinguished themselves over the years, and brought honour to our town.

**JOE MCGARRIGLE  
(Mayor)**

## Comhghárdeachas Ó Phroinnsias Mac Guinneagáin - Oifigeach Forbartha C.L.G. Dhún na nGall



Lá stairiúil é seo do'n Chumann Lúthchleas Gael sa chontae. Tá obair éachtach déanta ag fó-chumann na gCeithre Máistir. Tá ár gcomhghárdeachas tuillte go maith ag baill an Chlub ar son áiseanna chomh maith a chuir ar fáil do'n áiseanna chomh maith a chuir ar fáil do'n aos óg. Thig leo bheith bródúil astu féin mar is beag club a raibh orthú tabhairt faoi scéim mar seo an tarna huair. Blianta siar ó shoin is iomaí cluiche íontach a himríodh ar an sean-pháirc ach d'réir a chéile bhí gá le ath-chóiriú a dheánamh uirthi agus molaim go mór Coiste na Páirce a thug faoi chomh díograsach.

Tá páirc imeartha de'n chéad scoth curtha ar fáil arís in éinfeacht leis na háiseanna eile. Béidh fonn ar gach peileadóir deis a fháil chun imirt anseo agus tá súil agam nach fada go mbéidh cluichí idir-chontae á imirt anseo ar Pháirc Thír Chonaill i mbaile Dhún na nGall. Coinnigh aige a deirim le club na gCeithre Máistir mar béidh toradh mhaith ar bhur saothar insna blianta romhainn. Go raibh maith agaibh.

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## FAILTE



Failte roimh gach einne go dtí Páirc Thirchonail inniu. Ba mhaith liom failte specialta a chur roimh na peileadori agus na hOifigigh as an Duin.

It is a great honour for me, to welcome you all to the re-opening of our newly constructed Páirc Thirchonail. I extend a special welcome to our guests, the Ulster and All-Ireland Champions Down. It is a great honour for Four Masters G.A.A. Club, and indeed a great honour for the whole of County Donegal, that you accepted our invitation to be with us today. I must also pay tribute to our own County Champions Killybegs, who gratefully accepted our invite, to play in the curtain-raiser today. Patrons, as you can see, considerable development work has been done to these grounds; a complete new playing

pitch, spectator facilities, new toilets, scoreboard, press facilities, refurbished dressing rooms, and of course our new entrance, constructed in artistic Mountcharles stone, by a local tradesman.

The Four Masters G.A.A. Club are very proud of their achievements to date and with God's help and your help, plans are in place for further development in the near future. Our aim, is to give our players and our spectators the best facilities possible, in this modern day of gaelic games.

Our playing field is a very fine job, with it's unique drainage system carefully constructed by McFadden Plant Omagh, who employed local labour, and hired local machinery contractors to carry out the work on the entire job. It was a great pleasure to work with McFadden Plant, and their consultants. We must also direct those sentiments to Patrick McBrearty of McMullin Associates Donegal Town, whose planning AND layout, has given Tirchonail Park it's character and presentation. During the term of construction, the Four Masters Club lost a very valuable member, Gene Doherty R.I.P. Gene was our Development Officer, and he was called to his eternal reward before this project was completed. May he rest in peace.

Developments like this, are not possible without big fundraising. Four Masters Club are deeply indebted to the business people of the town, for their financial assistance, and to all those people who supported all of our fundraising events over the past few years, and indeed, we also recognise the support from other club areas, and their contribution.

Patrons, I hope that today's re-opening of Tirchonail Park, will be a source of encouragement to other G.A.A. clubs in the county, who are in the process of developing their playing and spectator facilities. We wish them every success. I would like to pay a special tribute to our own Development Committee, for their commitment to this project - you have achieved your goal today, and are very proud of it. I would like to thank the Gardai and Civil Defence teams for their assistance. To the patrons who travelled long distances and to everyone who supported the Four Masters G.A.A. Club on this great occasion. I hope you will enjoy your stay in Baile Dun na nGall. I must not forget our FAS workers and their foreman, for a good job well done.

To everyone who contributed in any way to make this occasion a very memorable one, I say THANK YOU.

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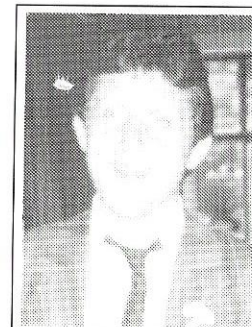
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# Na Reiteoiri

John McGlanaghy, the referee for today's challenge match between Four Masters and County Champions Killybegs is in his eighteenth year as a G.A.A. referee. In that time he has become a well known and well respected official. John won a Divisional medal at U14 level with Drumbar, and since then has taken charge of County Finals at most levels. He has gained a bit of a reputation as a very courageous referee, never shirking from his responsibilities. John is married to Mary, and they have four children, Peter, Mark, Caroline and Lisa. John is looking forward to today's games and we hope he enjoys the occasion.



*John McGlanaghy*

**AUTOGRAPH HUNTERS:** Why not collect the autographs of all the stars on view today, and have a nice souvenir. See Page 65.

The man with the honour of being in charge of the Donegal versus Down game is Liam Brown. Since he began refereeing in 1985, he has officiated at a number of County Finals including U16 in 1987, U21 1988, Junior 1990, and Intermediate in 1991. By his successful completion of the National Grade 2 Referees Course Liam has joined the Ulster Minor Referees list, and took charge of the recent Armagh v. Antrim league tie. No doubt about Liam's greatest honour, being chosen as Referee of the Year in 1991. Liam is married to Mary, and they have one son Marc. We wish Liam all the best for the big game today.



*Liam Brown*



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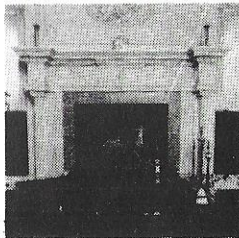
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Senior Hurling Championship: 1955.

Senior Football League Div. 1: 1948, 1949.

Senior Football League Div. 2: 1981, 1989.

Ulster Junior Football Championship: 1975.

Junior Football Championship: 1943, 1965, 1975.

Junior Football League Div. 4: 1983.

Junior Hurling Championship: 1938.

Under 21 Football Championship: 1979.

Under 16 Football Championship: 1957, 1969.

Under 15 Football Championship: 1991 Og Sport.

Under 13 Football Championship: 1991.

Under 12 Football Championship: 1989.

Community Games Football: 1974.

Community Games Hurling: 1985.

\* In the 1906-07 championship, the club were named the "Baldearg".

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Buion dar slua

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Seantir ar sinsear feasta

Ní fhagfaí faoin tioran na faoin trail;

Anocht a theam sa bhearna bhaoil,

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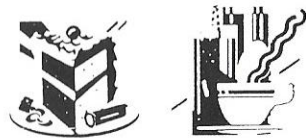
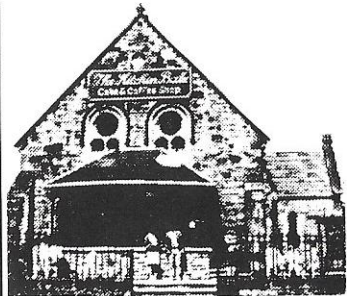
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# ONE OF THE GREATS

**PATSY BROGAN**



The burden of being "one of the greats" may rest uneasily on the shoulders of many players, and perhaps sometimes undeservedly. There can be no doubt, that this is not the case when we talk of Patsy Brogan. He was, and will always be "one of the greats". His long career was lined with many outstanding performances, none greater than in 1952 when he was superb while marking the great Eamonn Young of Cork in the National Football League Semi-Final. Patsy made his debut for the club in 1943 in the County Junior final against Fort

Lennon which Donegal duly won 2-4 to 1-6. Patsy never won a Co. Senior medal, despite being part of a very talented Four Masters team. He did however, win two "Democrat Cup" medals in 1948 and 1949. Patsy also won several Connolly Cup medals, which was a fifteen a side Divisional competition. At inter-county level, Patsy was a real stalwart for Donegal and he won a Lagan Cup medal in 1952 when Donegal beat Armagh. His brothers Angus, Jim and Liam all played for the club, and Liam went on to play for the county. Although Patsy never won that elusive Senior medal he was a very proud man in Ballybofey on August 26th 1984 when he watched his son Paschal won such a medal with Four Masters. 1984 turned out to be a very special year for Patsy because, on top of Paschal's success, he himself had the honour of being chosen on the "Team of the Century." That was surely a fitting tribute to one of the best players ever to wear, the blue and white of Four Masters, and green and gold of Donegal. To describe Patsy Brogan I can only quote his old playing partner Joe Kelly when he said "When you needed Patsy, he was there."

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## Golden Memories: County Senior Final 1982

Fifty eight years is a very long time to have to wait for anything. However, that is exactly how long the Four Masters club had to wait to bring the County Senior title back to Donegal Town. Many fine players and officials had tried for many years to reach that goal, but it was not until the boys of '82 came along, that the cherished title was won. In the final we were pitched against the mighty Kilcar, champions of 1980, and strong favourites to take the title again. The year of 1982 saw two very important goals being scored. One of those goals was scored by Seamus Darby, to wreck the five in a row dreams of the mighty Kerry. The second goal was scored by Brendan Martin, and it spurned the Four Masters team on to a famous victory. The final score of 1-4 to 0-6 was greeted with great joy by us all, especially those older members of the club, whose efforts had been unsuccessful in the past. Once again Tom Conaghan had played a huge part in that final success. He took that Four Masters team from the shadows of Division 2 football, and guided them to the light and glory of being County Senior champions. The panel which brought to an end that wait of 58 years was: Michael Kelly, Gerard Breslin, Donal Monaghan, Michael McBrearty, Peter Callaghan, P.J. McGarrigle, Martin Gillen, Dermot McGettigan, Joyce McMullin, Larry Walsh, Seamus Meehan, P.J. Dooley, Jackie McGroarty, Enda Mullin, Brendan Martin, Eamonn Gorrell, Corny Carr, Paul Duncan, Tommy Caldwell, Glen McGinty, Paddy Muldoon, and Edward Hughes.



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Before the G.A.A. was founded in County Donegal, Caman was an established pastime in the county, and so, when the G.A.A. was first established in Donegal Town under the "Balldeargs", hurling existed. The records however, do not produce any continuity of hurling in the area, during those turbulent early years, but the arrival of David Hanna in the early thirties, re-introduced the hurling into the club. Teams from the club took part in 7-a-side tournaments, a very important part of G.A.A. activities at the time. Through the experience gained in these tournaments, the club made a lot of progress at the game of hurling, and this led to the winning of the County Junior Championship in 1938. The game was played on and off during the forties. The arrival of Jim Dunphy from Laois sparked another revival. In 1955, the club won the Co. Senior Championship and a local juvenile league was established. From that league emerged a few fine hurlers. A few of these, Patrick Hanna, Donal Gallagher, Walter Espey and Harry Stewart won County U16 medals in 1955 with Aodh Ruadh Ballyshannon. An adult team was last fielded in the 1960's, while under-age teams continued to compete in the 70's and 80's. In fact there were hopes of a revival in the 80's when Donal Gallagher put together a fine team and won Divisional titles at U14 and U16 level. It was hoped that a Senior team could once again be formed, but with immigration and other factors, this never came about, unfortunately. During this time, Kieran Twomey won two All-Ireland medals with the County at U16 level. The arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Brennan has once again renewed interest in hurling at under-age level, and last year the most successful hurling league in the clubs history was run, for boys and girls up to 11 years of age, and over 50 children took part. We hope this trend can be continued. A few players from the club have won major honours at County level. Of these, Sean Mullin and Anthony McBrearty won Ulster Junior medals in 1947 and 1948. Stephen McCormack won the same award in 1972, and Tommy Brennan followed suit in 1989. Tommy was also chosen as "Hurler of the Year" in 1991, a deserved honour for him and a great boost for the club. We hope that the lovely game of hurling can now be continued, and be enjoyed by our young people.

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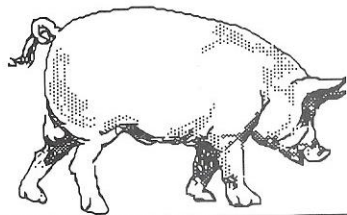
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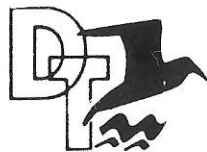
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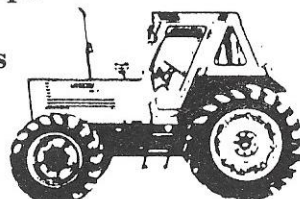
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## ONE OF THE GREATS

### Anthony McBrearty



A very modest, and likeable character, Anthony McBrearty gave twenty three years loyal service to the club as a player, and many more as a supporter and official. Coming from a family whose love for Gaelic Games is well documented, Anthony became a very popular personality in the club, through his efforts on, and off the field. Anthony was, and still is, held in great esteem by his fellow players, and it is not too hard to get someone to tell of one of his many towering displays for the club. He first played for his native town as a minor, in the early thirties. County selection was always going to be the most likely progression for him, and he went on to play for Donegal at Minor, Junior and at Senior level. Anthony was also a very talented hurler, and he won two Ulster Junior hurling medals in 1947 and 1948. Like many dual players, even up to the present day, he preferred the more skilful game of hurling to football. Success with the club was never an easy achievement in Anthony's time. The Championship was played on a Divisional basis, and Ballyshannon had a very strong team. Although the towns were great rivals on the field, Anthony regards P.J. Goan and Red Jack Gallagher from the Erneside town, as two of the best players in his time. Anthony had the great pleasure of captaining the club's Senior team to their two Democrat Cup" wins in 1948 and 1949. He regards those teams, as the best ever to represent the club. Like all his fellow players in those years, Anthony never had the honour of winning a County Senior Championship medal, and this has remained as his greatest regret. He was naturally delighted to see the club take two County Senior titles in 1982 and 1984, even more so because those teams included his nephew Michael. Anthony played his last game for the club in 1953 against Glenties out in Montgomery's field. His love for the game has never died, and would do it all over again, if it were possible. This club is privileged to have been served by so many great individuals, and Anthony McBrearty is rightly regarded as one of them.

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### 1984 COUNTY SENIOR CHAMPIONS

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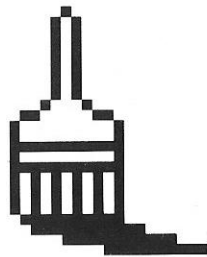
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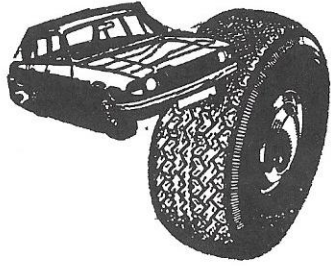
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One of the most important dignitaries on the official platform today will be our Club President, John Joe Mulhern. It will be a deserved honour for John Joe, as for more years than he cares to remember, he has given dedicated service to the Four Masters Club. It was while working at Flood's Garage as a young man of twenty that John Joe first became interested in the G.A.A. As a young man in Donegal at that time, it was easy to take an interest in Gaelic Games as there was no other sports played. However, that early interest for John Joe began what has turned out to be a very long love affair with the G.A.A. He will be the first to admit that he did not exactly set the world alight as a player. He did, however, learn a lot from his playing days and put it to good use as a mentor for many years. A serious knee injury curtailed his playing career and it was inevitable that he would turn his attention to team management. His work commitments brought him to County Mayo in 1958, and he was to remain there for ten years. When he returned to his native county, it was not too long before he was again involved in the club. Since then, he has served a number of times as President, and also as Chairman, Secretary and, as earlier mentioned, team manager. John Joe was a mentor with the Clanna Gael team, beaten in the 1976 County Final by St. Josephs, a game he remembers with a great sense of disappointment. One member of that team is still regarded by John Joe as the best footballer at club level in his time and that is Francie Monaghan. John Joe was also the main organiser of the McGroarty Cup, which proved to be a very good competition and he hopes that it can be revived. Without doubt the highlight in John Joe's long career was seeing his beloved Four Masters lift the County Senior Championship in 1982 and 1984. As for today, there will be no prouder man in the vicinity of Tirconail Park than our President. It is great to see him looking so well, and his interest in the game still as fresh as ever. Although he is not as sprightly as he used to be, John Joe tries to get to as many matches as he can, thanks mainly to his long-time friend Danny McMenamin. I'm sure we all hope to see John Joe at our games for many years to come and, in the meantime, enjoy yourself today, John Joe - you deserve it.



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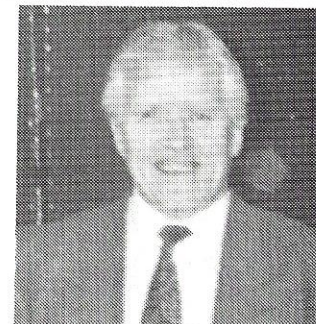
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Railway Cup Team : 1972, 1973, 1974.  
Man of the Match – Ulster Final 1974.  
County Senior C'Ship : 1982.  
County Senior League Div. 2 : 1981.  
County Junior C'Ship : 1965.



The above list is proof, if any is needed, of the long and very distinguished career, that Donal Monaghan has enjoyed in the G.A.A., both at club and county level. Donal first played for the club at Juvenile level aged 14, and that was in 1961. He went on to give twenty-two years' loyal service as a player. His father, Danny, did play some football but it was his uncle Johnny who became better known as he played for Fermanagh and Ulster. Joe Kelly is an uncle of Donal's, and he needs no introduction. It was Donal's early performances for the club that first attracted the attention of the County selectors. It was a great thrill for him when the late County Secretary, Hugh Daly, notified him of his call-up to the County team. Donal always had a great pride in the County jersey and his dedication to fitness ensured that he always gave 100%. In his playing days with the County, Donal most admired Frank McGuigan of Tyrone and Sean O'Neill of Down. At club level, there was a large amount of quality players around at that time, although Donal's favourites were Andy Curran, Pauric McShea, Michael McLoone and Seamie Granaghan. There have been many highlights in Donal's playing career. The winning of the "Man of the Match" in the Ulster Final of 1974 was one of them, and captaining the club to the County Senior C'Ship in 1982 must surely be another. Donal's contribution to Donegal G.A.A. has not been confined to his playing days. He was a mentor with the Donegal U-21 team which won the All-Ireland title in '82. This was surely the icing on the cake for Donal, a very popular and likeable figure. Donal lives on the outskirts of Donegal with his lovely wife, Margaret, and their three sons, Don, Barry and Marcus. Incidentally, Margaret's uncle was the late Anthony Dunlevy who, in his day, was an outstanding footballer. We are glad to see that the three Monaghan boys are keeping the proud tradition of the Monaghan family alive in the G.A.A.

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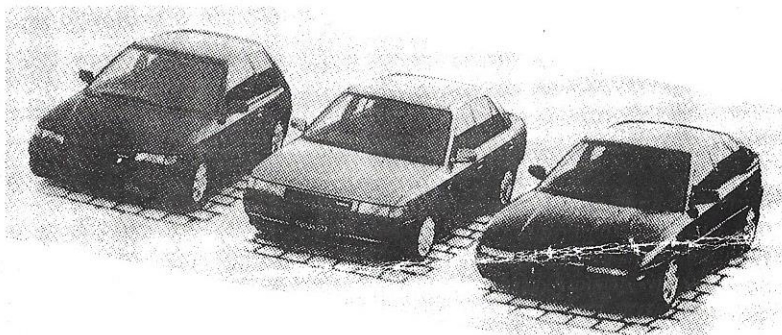
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It was a keenly contested game all through and was played at a hard, fast pace, the tackling at times being a little over-robust. It had, however, terrific spectator appeal for the large crowd present, particularly in the closing stages when the Donegal Town side, who seemed destined for certain defeat, came back into the game with a great chance following two quick-fire goals.

Drumbar, however, who had wasted very few chances, held on to win by the slimmest of margins against a team which, had they taken even half their first-half opportunities, would have won well. Nevertheless, fitness and teamwork told and in this respect Drumbar were on top. The teams were :

**Drumbar :** Jimmy Callaghan, B. McGrath, Patsy Brogan, Hugh Swenney, Sean McMullin, Sean Bonar, Liam Travers (0-2), Tony Martin, Michael McGlynn, Charlie McCafferty (0-1), Gerry Gallagher, Sean Dunnion (0-3), E. McGlinchey (0-1), Seamus Gallagher (1-0), Jimmy McGlinchey (1-0).

**Four Masters :** Frank McMullin, Sean Griffin, Donal Monaghan, Gerry Caldwell, Hugh Keeney, Tom Conaghan (0-2), T. Kierney, John Bell, Tom Doherty, Paddy Woods, Seamus Caldwell, Hugo McGlynn (1-0), Michael Cooney, John Hanna (1-1), Johnny Maguire (0-3).



DRUMBAR JUVENILE TEAM 1964. Back row (l. to r.) : Patsy Kelly, Brian McGlinchey, Joe Monaghan, Neily Meehan, Gerry McCafferty, Patsy Brogan, Seamus Bonner, Jackie McMullin, Eamonn McGlinchey, Brian Travers, Michael Mulhern, Jim McHugh. Front row (l. to r.) : Eamonn Cassidy, Hugh Cassidy, P. J. Mundy, Pat Quinn, Eamonn Brogan, Paddy Brogan, Wallace Keye, Peter Callaghan, Tommy Quinn, P. J. McGarrigle, Gerry Travers.

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The 1952 County Senior Football Final between Killybegs and St. Eunans was played in Donegal Town, out in Montgomery's field. There was a huge crowd at the game, and the gate receipts were £75 6sh 4d. The Killybegs team emerged the victors on the day, on a scoreline of 0-9 to 1-5. It was their first ever County Senior title, and indeed they went on to win the double of League and Championship. Among the players on that talented Killybegs team was the late Conal McCauley from Tirconaille Street.

Stephen McCormack, who resides at the Clar road, was generally regarded as one of the finest exponents of the game of hurling in the county. He was a member of the successful Donegal team which won the Ulster Junior Hurling Championship, when they defeated Monaghan by 5-3 to 5-1. The game was played at Clones on the 6th June 1972. Indeed Clones was very good to Donegal in 1972.

There have been two County Senior football finals played at our own Tirconaille Park. In 1959 Sean mac Cumhailles defeated Kilcar by 2-7 to 1-6 to win their first football championship. The second final was in 1975, when the mighty St. Josephs team of that period, beat Sean mac Cumhailles on a scoreline of 1-11 to 1-5. That victory completed the "three in a row" for the Ballyshannon-Bundoran outfit.

Around 1934, Donegal Town had a very good seven a side team. One Sunday at a competition in Dunkineely, the late Joe Brennan happened to be collecting the money at the gate. The medals were on display, and the late Joe Lawn, confident in the ability of his own team, remarked to Mr. Brennan "wrap up the medals for us will you". As things transpired, Donegal, the strong favourites, were beaten in the first round by what was described as a very average Dunkineely team. Joe Brennan, quite rightly, got a great laugh out of this incident, and any time Joe Lawn and himself met, it was sure to be discussed.

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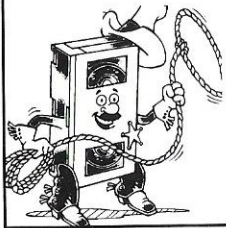
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children. After many hours of dedicated and time-consuming training, the band finally made their debut on St. Patrick's Day 1989. Clad in their blue, green and white uniforms they led the parade, and got the kind of reception which their efforts deserved. The band committee are quick to point to the massive generosity of the local community, which was badly needed for the purchase of instruments. Since that great day, the band have gone from strength to strength. They have won most major competitions in their section, culminating in being Ulster Champions for the past two years. They almost snatched All Ireland glory in the Ceoltais in Sligo, but their polished performance on that day still won them second place. Their talent has also been displayed across the Irish Sea when they were a most popular addition to the twinning ceremonies which took place in Sene in France, between Donegal Town, Ballyshannon and the beautiful French town. It was a most successful trip and the band got a tremendous reception wherever they played. At the moment, training is in full swing in preparation for the coming marching season, which commences on Easter Sunday in Falcarragh. We are sure that this season will be no different to any other and that it will see the band march through the town with more trophies to add to their already impressive list. We hope you will all show your appreciation for the band today because the Four Masters Club are very proud to have them here.

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## Four Masters v. Killybegs - A Preview

As a curtain-raiser to today's big match, Four Masters take on County Champions, Killybegs, in what promises to be a lively and entertaining encounter. It is a welcome chance for the home team to meet first-class opposition prior to their tough first-round clash with Gweedore. Killybegs themselves have an equally tough game in the first round with near neighbours, and rivals, Ardara. After their impressive run to County honours last year, the men from the Fishing port will be anxious to continue where they left off. They won for themselves many admirers with their nice brand of open, attractive football, and their mix of youth and experience should see them once again be firm favourites to lift the Dr. Maguire Cup. Their defeat in the Ulster Club Final was a major disappointment to them, as they did not do themselves any justice on the day and Castleblayney took full advantage. Jimmy White and his team did, however, do their County proud and I'm sure they will be anxious to become the first club to lift the Ulster title for Donegal since the powerful St. Joseph's team of the seventies. As for Four Masters, last season saw them go back into the second division of Donegal football. That reverse followed their exit in the championship to a Marty Carlin inspired Red Hughs team. The process of re-building is now their big priority, and in this regard they have been boosted by the very welcome return to management of Tom Conaghan. It has been said that if Four Masters are going to do anything this year, then maybe Tom will bring the best out of them. This may be so, but surely the Four Masters supporters will need to give the Senior team a bit of a chance. Championships are not won overnight, and it may take some time to get back to where we belong. In the club, we have our fair share of talented players, but we must be patient and maybe it won't be too long before we are knocking on the door again. The Championship draw has given us many very interesting pairings, and we wish our near neighbours, St. Nauls, Dunkineely and Naomh Brid every success in this year's competition. In the meantime, we hope that the Four Masters and their Killybegs counterparts give us a good game today and most of all that they enjoy the occasion. Your referee for the Senior challenge match is our own John McGlanaghy.

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## GOLDEN MEMORIES - County Junior Champions 1975

In 1975 the club had just finished a decade without success of any kind. It was a decade where the club had had its fair share of talent available, but through ill-luck and narrow defeats, the Championship just did not arrive. 1975 was to be the turning point. A very young group of players entered the County Junior Championship with one goal in mind, and that was to bring success to the town. Under team manager Brian McGlinchey and team captain Martin McGarrigle, the squad trained as they had never done before, realising that without putting in the effort, there was no possible chance of glory. In the first round, Gweedore were the opposition. The match at Magheragallon ended up all-square, but a narrow win at home saw us safely through. Termon were the next team to be beaten and that left us in the semi-final with St. Michaels. With a County Final in sight, there was no way that St. Michaels were going to stand in our way. The County Final was a nail-biting affair, with Killybegs the opposition. Thanks to a great team performance, the County Junior title was on its way to Donegal Town. The final score of 1-8 to 1-6 was greeted with great joy by the team and loyal supporters. All the hard training had paid off, especially the torturous discipline of pushing tar-barrells, at which the vice-captain became an expert. With the County title safely tucked away, and the long hours of deserved celebrations over, the Junior team took part in the unofficial Ulster Junior Championship. Four counties took part in the finals, which were held in Dunnamanagh, Derry, Down, Tyrone and Donegal. As if to prove that the talent in the club was as good as anywhere, our boys duly won the Ulster Junior Championship. It was a great achievement by the squad and is recalled to this day with a great deal of satisfaction. Although many of the players did not have any further success, they can be assured that the County Junior Championship is a golden memory for us all.

The 1975 Junior Squad was : Kevin Caldwell, Eddie Martin, Declan Sherlock, John Williamson, Cathal McGonigle, Eamonn Gorman, Colm Harvey, George Maybury, Frankie McMullin, Pearse Mullin, Peter Coulter, Eamonn Mullin, Leo Colhoun, Jerry Gallagher, Kevin Mundy, Martin Gillen, Marty Kelly, Martin McGarrigle (Capt.), John McCafferty, Pat Heaney, Francie Brogan, Peadar Thomas.



*The Junior team and supporters pictured after the County Final in 1975. Team Manager Brian McGlinchey is second from the left to the front row.*

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13. B. Gurran	14. P. Farragher	15. P. McKeown

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5. S. Burke	6. D. Boyle	7. D. Cunningham
	8. P. Carbery	9. D. Carbery
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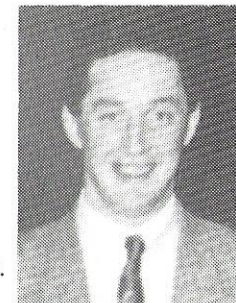
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Ulster Senior Championship: 1983, 1990.  
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Railway Cup: 1989.  
McKenna Cup: 1991.  
County Senior Championship: 1982, 1984.  
County Senior League Div. 2: 1981, 1989.  
County U-21 Championship: 1979.  
Vocational Schools Senior Championship: 1980.  
Club U-18 Player of the Year: 1980, 1981.



Joyce McMullin has been one of the most successful players that Donegal Town has ever had. A sparkling career has seen him play a major part in the Donegal success story of the last decade. He first came to prominence at County level when he was part of a talented squad of U-16's who graced Croke Park on Sunday, October 8th, 1978, and showed Dublin a thing or two about football. However, it was in 1982 that Joyce really burst onto the scene. Following a tremendous string of performances for the club, he became a proud holder of a County Senior Championship medal. To add to this, he played his part in the winning of the All Ireland U-21 Championship of that year, something that still remains the highlight of his long career. The following year of 1983, Joyce became a favourite for the Donegal supporters, when he helped the County Senior team lift the Ulster Championship. Although Galway dashed our hopes of more All Ireland glory, Joyce McMullin was now the name on the lips of all the local young footballers, him the one they wanted to copy. In 1984, in my humble opinion, Joyce gave his best display ever in a Four Masters jersey. In the County Final that year, he was simply brilliant against Ardara and it has always been a pleasure to see Joyce at his best. Since that great day, Joyce has overcome a very serious back injury and, it is to his credit, that he returned to the top-flight. He added a second Ulster Senior medal to his collection in 1990 when Donegal defeated a good Armagh team in Clones. Once again Donegal's hopes were dashed at the semi-final stage, this time by Meath. However, we received some satisfaction when it was announced that Joyce was selected as an All Star. Joyce, we are sure, still has plenty to offer Donegal football, but he can be assured that he has served the County well and done his club proud.

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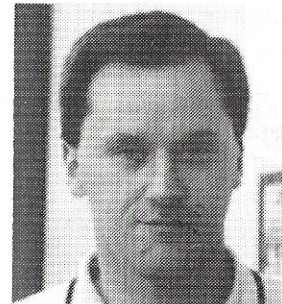
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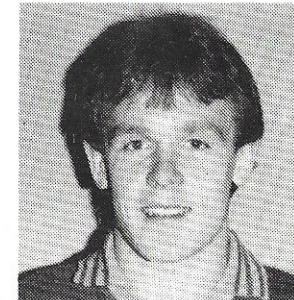
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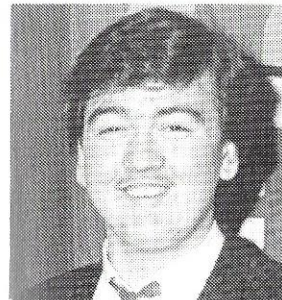
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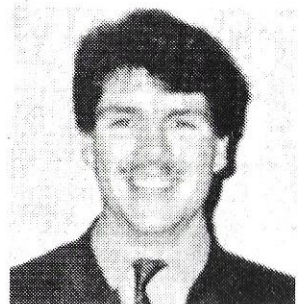
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Camogie was first introduced to the club in 1935 by the late Dave Hanna.

The ladies continued to play for the club for four years, under the chairperson Mai O'Donnell, but the games then ceased for a few years, until in 1944 they reformed with Susie McBrearty playing a prominent part.

Prominent players of that time were Nellie Conaghan, Lil Diver, Alice McMullin and Aggie McCallion, to mention but a few.

Training took place in Montgomery's field, under the supervision of Dave Hanna and Sean Mullan, who were the driving forces behind the camogie.

The ladies travelled to matches in those days in the back of Christy Gallagher's lorry, and they enjoyed an early success when reaching a County Final against Cloghan. With just minutes remaining in that game, Donegal were awarded a free, and the chance to level the scores. As the ball was struck, and going on its way over the bar, the referee blew the whistle and Donegal lost by just the single point.

In those early days, the club colours were maroon and saffron, with the words "Ingean Dubh" printed on the front. The colours were later changed to maroon and white.

Lil Diver was regarded as a very accomplished goalkeeper in her playing days. She had, however, the most unusual way of catching the ball. Much to the amusement of her opponents, she used her gym frock instead of her hands and there was no way for them to get it off her, the ball that is!

In the past few years, Mary Walsh has done trojan work for the game of camogie in Donegal Town, and deserves our thanks.

March 1934 - Donegal v Killymard

**Killymard** : Lil Diver, Bridie McGowan, Peggy McBrearty, Maggie Kearns, Kathleen Buchanan, Noel Browne, Aggie McCallion, Bridie Harvey and Molly Mullin.

**Donegal** : Mary Kate Mundy, Mai O'Donnell, Mai O'Connor, Gertie Mullin, Agatha McGuinney, Elizabeth McInern, Mary Meehan, Crissy Conaghan and Maggie O'Donnell.

**Final Score** : Killymard 3-0, Donegal 1-0.



**FOUR MASTERS INTERMEDIATE CAMOGIE TEAM 1987**

*Back row (l. to r.) : Mary Walsh (coach), Angela Murray, Paula McBrearty, Michelle Williamson, Karen Ramsey, Pauline Brogan, Jacinta McCormack, Bridin McCauley.*

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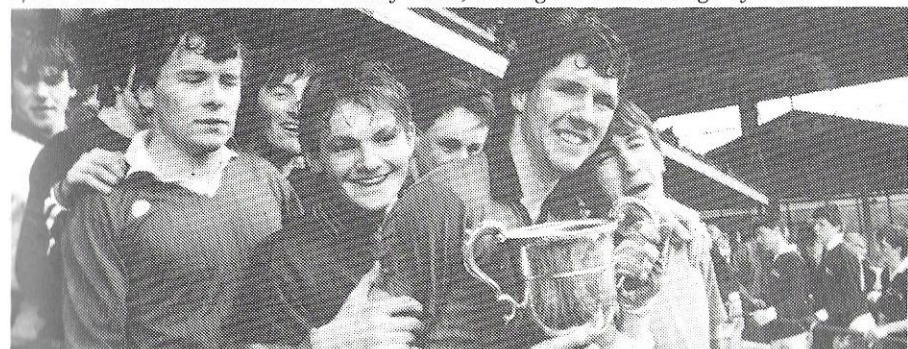
## FROM THE PAST



To commemorate the visit of Down, the 1968 All Ireland Champions, to play Donegal in a challenge match at Tirconail Park, our picture shows a presentation being made to the Down Team by Magee & Co. Ltd., Donegal. Left to right: Frank Flood, Treasurer, Four Masters Club; Frank Muldoon, Central Council G.A.A.; Col Harris, Magees, Donegal; Seamus Caldwell, Chairman, Four Masters Club; H. L. Temple, Managing Director, Magees; George Lavery (Captain), Down, All Ireland Champions.



Junior team captain of 1975, Martin McGarrigle, proudly shows the cup to one of the club's longest serving supporters, the late Josie Harte. This photo was taken in Glenties, after Four Masters had won the County Final, beating Na Cealla Beaga by 1-8 to 1-6.



A very proud Niall Muldoon holds the All Ireland Vocational School Cup, on the steps of the Hogan Stand, after Donegal had defeated Cork by 3-8 to 1-4 to capture the title for the second year in a row. The year, of course, was 1985.

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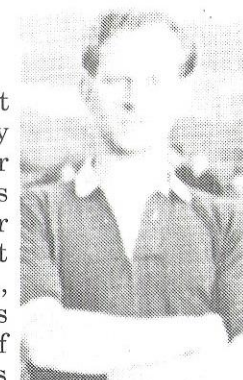
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## One of the Greats - Joe Kelly

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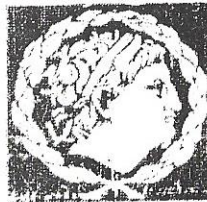
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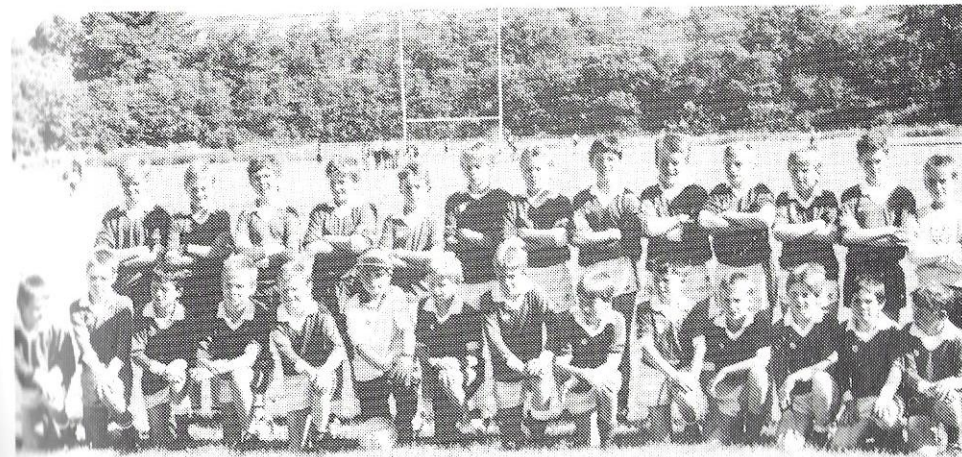
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The U-12 panel in 1989 was : Dermot O'Donnell, Gary McGinty, Barry Monaghan, Niall Bryson, Jonathan Callaghan, Pauric McGlynn, Roy McGettigan, Don Monaghan, David Hand, Rory O'Donnell, Pauric Quinn, Emmett Cassidy, Barry O'Donnell, Sean Durcan, Shane Griffin, Seamus Breslin, Gareth Brogan, Damien McGinley, Lee Gorman, Aidan Cassidy, Pauric McCabe, Eamonn McGettigan, Cathal Cassidy, Joel Carr, David Murray, Owen McGee, Vincent Murray, Adrian Carr, Niall Cassidy.



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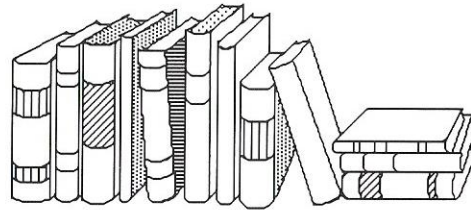
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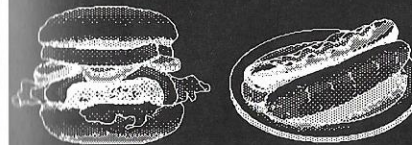
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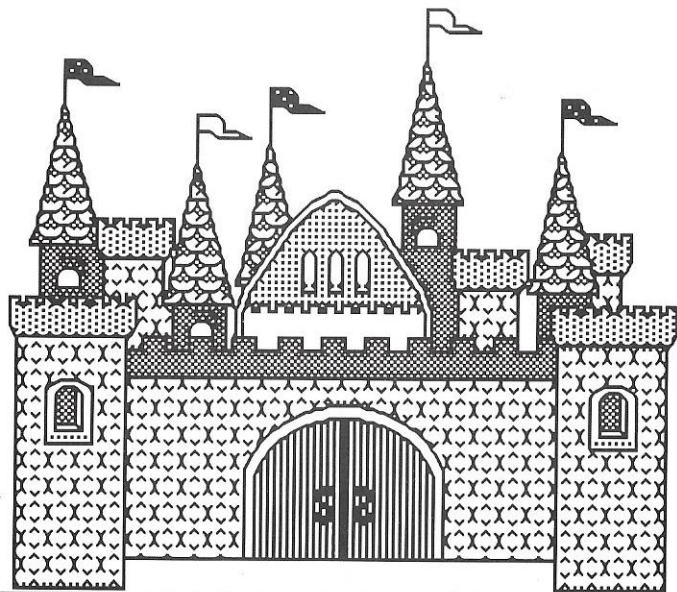
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In the early days of the G.A.A. in this county, Donegal Town was no different to any other town, in that facilities and playing pitches were non-existent. In those times, when a game was to take place, word usually went round pretty quickly and the game took place in whatever field was available locally. In most cases the field was not marked or lined in any way. The main objective was for the game to go ahead. In those early days, games were played in Drumstevlin and a number of venues in Drumrooske, one of which was Devaney's field, now the home of the Kelly family. Games were played at Miltown where the Picture Mouldings factory is situated, and Dr. Warnock's field, now better known as the site for the Abbey Vocational School, and it is great to see games taking place there once more.

In 1932. the club, now known as the Four Masters, moved to Montgomery's field in Drumlonagher (now the N.B.A. field), and this remained for a long time a major venue for the G.A.A. in County Donegal. Named "Tirconaille Park", some renowned Four Masters v. Ballyshannon games were played there, and also the Britton seven-a-side tournament which attracted the top teams in the county to this venue. It also hosted the 1952 County Senior Final between Killybegs and St. Eunans, which drew a then record attendance, one of many county finals to be played there.

At this time, the Ulster Council were encouraging clubs to purchase their own playing grounds. The Four Masters committee felt that this would be a positive step towards the development of Gaelic games in this area and approaches were made to the then owners of Montgomery's field, the Doherty family, Belleek, but they were reluctant to sell. After looking at a number of venues, the committee of the day decided in favour of a field belonging to Mr. Dom Breslin Snr. The Chairman of the club at the time was Joe Kelly, and the club minute book records "A discussion took place about purchase of the field from Mr. Dom Breslin. It was agreed to have it vested in the G.A.A. That historic decision took place on the 12th June, 1950. Before any work could commence, the purchase price for the "New Tirconaille Park" had to be found. In this regard, the townspeople gathered £300 and the town development committee came along with £100. The race committee also donated £100 and the club raised £70 and so the "New Tirconaille Park" was now official G.A.A. property.

Contracts for the development were signed and after much work and fund-raising, the "New Tirconaille Park" was officially opened by the then Bishop of Raphoe, the late Most Rev. Dr. McNeely, on Sunday, 6th June, 1954. Two games took place on that historic occasion, Donegal v. Leitrim as a curtain-raiser to the Cavan v. Mayo match. Many players graced the pitch on that day, who were household names throughout the country and, indeed, Down, the All-Ireland chamoions of 1968, played Donegal in a challenge game at Tirconaille Park.

Due to the rapid development of Gaelic games in the club, and the county, the playing pitch suffered from over-use and problems with drainage occurred. Several unsuccessful attempts were made to remedy this problem, without doubt an unforeseen one, resulting in a decision being taken in the mid-



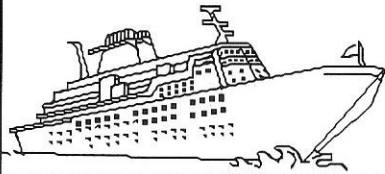
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seventies to seek an alternative site for development. Many prospective sites were surveyed but no natural one could be found which did not involve massive expenditure on site levelling, drainage, etc. In 1985 a field adjoining Tirconaill Park became available and was purchased for £25,000. This allowed major re-construction to go ahead to assist the club in making the playing pitch much longer and wider. Designs for the drainage and re-construction were sought and committee members inspected many newly developed grounds. Eventually the contract was awarded to McFadden & Co. and signed on November 20th, 1987. In the intervening years, the massive work undertaken by the committee in financing this project has received unbelievable support locally, county wide, nationally and internationally. The closure of Tirconaill Park resulted in the re-location of club games, but alternative pitches were available, thanks to : Francie Monaghan, Farmhill; the N.B.A. pitch at Drumlonagher; Danny McMenamin of Clarelougheske, and Townawilly which has been our home since 1982. Indeed we are very grateful to Tommy McNulty, who has been most helpful in keeping the pitches in good condition. In the last year, a pitch for our under-age activities has been made available at Killymard thanks to Fr. Eoghan O'Frighil.

And so, Tirconaill Park re-opens today after a long absence and a major re-development project. Just like the original committee, the club has depended on the local community for help, and it is to their credit that they have not been found wanting. It is very important that the efforts of so many people down the years were not wasted and we are very proud today to see the fruits of many hours of hard labour being rewarded.



*The signing of the contract for work on Tirconaill Park, in November 1987, at the offices of Donal Gallagher, Solr.*

*Back row (l. to r.) : Gerry Timoney (Treasurer), Cathal McGonigle (Secretary), Jim Gorrell (Chairman), Gene Doherty.*

*Front row (l. to r.) : Sean Dunnion, Des McFadden (Contractor), Jackie McGroarty (Asst. Treasurer).*

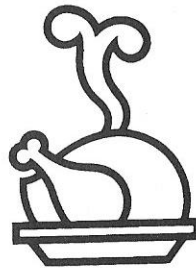
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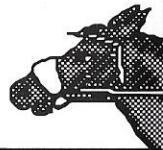
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## Four Masters are U-21 County Champions

Four Masters (Donegal Town) won the U-21 County Football Championship at Fintra Park, Killybegs on Sunday when they defeated holders, Naomh Columba, (Glencolumbkille), by a point margin in a tense, hard fought game marked by keen tackling and close marking.

Four Masters monopolised most of the exchanges in the first moiety, and had a four points' advantage at the interval (1-3 to 0-2), but in the second half the Naomh Columba began to pull up and with a brilliant goal five minutes from the end narrowed the deficit to the one point margin. They made valiant efforts to hold on to their title, but the Eskesiders held firm for their narrow victory.

Naomh Columba were without prolific scorer of last year. Michael Hegarty, who is nursing a leg injury received in a game early in the season. His loss deprived the side of the injection which their front lines needed to procure the necessary scores to retain the title. Their good second they made amends for their slow half performance during which and lack-lustre display of the first moiety, was not sufficient to get the all important points.

The scores: Michael McIntyre, Columba with a point on the 5th opened the scoring for Naomh minute, and Dinny Gara, put them further in front with minor three minutes later. In several offensives the Four Masters' side failed to score, before they opened their account with a point per Enda Nolan, and Marty Kelly with a similar score left the issue level pegging some minutes later. Four Masters monopolised the exchanges at this stage, and in a strong offensive Michael Carr parted a gift pass to Declan McIntyre who shot through a great goal. In a renewed offensive in the closing stages of the moiety Martin Kelly shot over another minor to give his side a four points' interval lead.

Four Masters were again in early action in the second half and further increased their tally with a minor, before Naomh Columba got under way for Michael Gallagher to reduce their deficit with a point. In further offensives Gallagher again, and Connie Gara set the holders on the road to recovery with two well taken points to reduce the deficit to the two points. However when Four Masters swung back to the attack again Dermott McGettigan secured a point to restore their lead. At this stage Patsy McGlanachy came on as a sub for E. Gorrell on the Four Masters' side.

The Eskesiders renewed their offensive again, and Martin Kelly enhanced their lead with another minor to leave them four points in front. In the closing stages the Naomh Columba side made a determined bid to pull the game out of the fire, and their midfielder Michael Gallagher drove in a long shot. Paddy Gavigan gained possession to score a brilliant goal to narrow his side's deficit to the solitary point margin. As time was running out Gallagher, who had played brilliantly, spearheaded several attacks, but these as well as several others by other players prayed fruitless.

Under Mr. Noel O'Kane, Castleref, as referee the teams were:

Four Masters - (Donegal Town) - Vincent McGroary, Martin McGinty, Seamus Meehan, Michael Breslin, Ken Harvey, Gerry Breslin, Michael McBrearty, Declan McIntyre, Dermott McGettigan, Martin Kelly, Thomas Cassidy, Enda Nolan, E. Gorrell, Michael Carr and Paddy Muldoon.

Naomh Columba (Glencolumbkille) - Michael O'Donnabhain, Paddy Doherty, P.J. McGinley, Martin Lyons, Kieran Cunningham, John J. Gara, Jimmy Kennedy, Michael Gallagher, Michael McGinley, Paddy Gavigan, Dinny Gara, Jimmy McGinley, Connie Gara, Columba Ward and Michael McIntyre.

At the conclusion of the game the cup was presented to the Four Masters captain, Dermott McGettigan, by Mr. Eugene Boyle, Ballybofey, Secretary of the County Donegal Minor Board, who paid tribute to the teams on the fine sporting game which they had played.

N.B. The U21 Manager in 1979 was Donal Monaghan and he was ably assisted by the late Frankie McMullin who was a club stalwart for many years.



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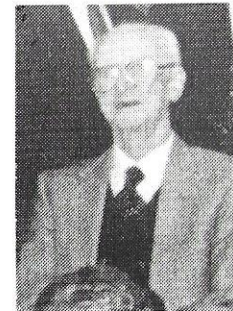
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### **Joe Lawn**

When Joe Lawn died on the 8th June 1991, Donegal lost one of its finest characters and without doubt, one of its most talented footballers of all time. Although his career was cut very short due to injury, Joe Lawn had already distinguished himself, as one of the best full-backs the county has ever had. As there was no under-age football in his time, Joe did not play for the club until 1932, and that was at Senior level. Success at club level never arrived for Joe, so it was left to the inter-county scene to give him his sporting highlights. The medals he won were a Dr. McKenna Cup in 1935, a Dr. Lagan Cup in 1934 and an Ulster Junior Championship in 1933, when a man he greatly admired, the late Jim McEnhill played in goals. In 1933, the County Junior team went on to qualify for the All Ireland Final where they met a brilliant Mayo team. They were soundly beaten on the day, but Joe greatly enjoyed the occasion. In his opinion, Sean Purcell of Galway, was the best player he ever saw at County level, an opinion that many share, and Joe rates Jim Smyth of Cavan as Ulster's best ever performer. As regards Donegal players, Joe regarded James P. McGinley as one of his favourites. Joe Lawn was regarded as one of the most sporting individuals ever to play for club or county, and throughout his life, loved the game to be played as it ought to be. Although he did not live to see the Sam Maguire Cup enter the county, Joe got great pleasure from the County success at All Ireland level. He was a great lover of the Four Masters club, and was thrilled when they won the County Senior Championship in 1982 and 1984. Joe never managed to win a Senior County medal, like so many of our best players, and he duly put it down to the great teams that were in the Southern Division. It was a great pleasure to know Joe Lawn, and he deserves to be remembered by us all. He was a great Gael, and without doubt "one of our greats".



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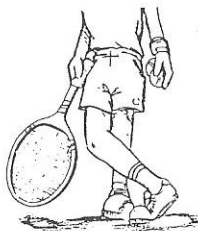
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## Ladies View

It is very easy in this modern age of reasonable wealth and prosperity, to forget how hard times really were in the days when the club set about, purchasing the site for Tirconaille Park, and getting the necessary work done to make it a good playing pitch. It was a mighty effort by all concerned, and in this regard, the ladies of the town, were of great support, and their contribution, immense. A ladies committee was set up, and a total of seventy two ladies were involved. The treasurer of the ladies section was Mai McCallion of Main Street, and she gladly shared her memories with me. She writes:

Fond memories of the old Four Masters G.A.A., team in the old Tirconaille Park, once known as Montgomerys field, when the only Sunday and weekend feature to look forward to were the games. The highlight was always the game against our old rivals Aodh Ruadh Ballyshannon. With no television and only semi-final and final games broadcast on the radio our main interest centered on local teams. We witnessed many truly marvellous encounters, with a very high standard of play. A good few have gone to their eternal reward, the McGettigan brothers, Dannie Monaghan to mention but a few. As the club progressed, the decision to purchase a field at the Revlin road was initiated by Anthony McBrearty and a few others. A number of ladies were asked to join them, and assist in gathering funds. We were delighted to help, and so we formed a ladies committee. We promoted ceilidhe, whist drives, 25 card drives, socials, ably assisted by Sean O Maolain, Michael Williamson R.I.P. and Frank Muldoon, who afterwards brought dignity and glory to our club, when he became the youngest County Chairman in the G.A.A. in our time. I must mention Susie McBrearty, who did trojan work in gathering finance for the development of Tirconaille Park.

Today's opening is a tribute to the many people who have loyally supported the G.A.A. in Donegal, and on my own behalf and on behalf of the original ladies committee, I salute with pride the "New Tirconaille Park".

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Joe Gillen was playing a fine game for Donegal against old rivals, Ballyshannon, when he got a bad knock after a crunching tackle in the first-half. He was suffering from a slight concussion but insisted on playing on. When the ball was thrown in for the second-half, Joe was one of the first to it and duly started to solo up the field. He fired a powerful shot at goals but the keeper made a great save. The keeper happened to be his team-mate Eamonn McCormack and, had it not been for Eamonn's full-length save, Joe would have scored a brilliant, but bizarre, own-goal.

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Tá club na gCeithre Máistir agus bhí i gcónaí mar bhabhún ag Cumann Lúthchleas Gael. Tá siad chun tosaigh inár gcluichí agus inár gceiltúir. Téann mo chairdeas féin leo ar gcúl tamall fada, i bhfad i bhfad sular piocadh mé m'Oifigeach na Gaeilge. Bhí an Iomanaíocht, an Pheil, an Chamógaíocht, an Teanga, na Céilithe agus ranganna Ceoil mar pháirt d'imeachtaí an chlub agus tá áthas orm tabhairt chun cuimhne go bhfuil an scéal céanna fíor inniu.

Cuireann gach Gael i dTír Chonaill beannachtaí chuig club na gCeithre Máistir agus iad ag ceiliúradh a Lá Mór inniu. Níl aon duine a mhaíomh orthu. Tá an rian an-shoiléir. Ar dhóigh tá éad orainn leic an pháirc bhreá seo agus ba mhaith linn uilig a mhacasamhail a bheith inár bparóiste féin. Tá fhios chomh maith gur b'iad club na gCeithre Máistir agus Cumann Lúthchleas Gael na buaiteoirí agus go bhfuil an Cumann ag dul i neart gach uair a ndéantar páirc úr a oscailt.

Mar chaomhnóirí oidhreacht luachmhar, caithfear a bheith dúthrechtach agus ní thig linn gcéilleadh do chluichí agus cultúir atá i bhfad ónar ndúchas. Tá greim láimhe ag na cluichí agus ag an chultúir ar a chéile. Tá siad ar chomhthábhacht le chéile. Tá mé cinnte nach dtabharfaidh aon duine a ndéanfaidh freastal ar an pháirc ghálanta seo, masla den dea-chúis a b'ansa lenár sinsear agus lenár mbunaitheoirí. Feall a bhéadh ann ar gach rud Éireannach agus Náisiúnta é seo a dhéanamh.

Créidim d'ainneoin an ócaid áthasach seo, caithfidh mé cruinniú ar bhás mo chara Mícheál Ó Cuana. Cuireann sé gruaim bheag ar an gcuideachta. D'obair sé gan staonadh leis an lá seo a fheiceáil. Bhí sé mar bhall dhílis de Chumann Lúthchleas Gael agus do chlub na gCeithre Máistir. Tá sé linn i spiorad inniu – go ndéanfaidh Dia trócaire ar a anam dílis.

Tá sé mar onóir agus mar phribhléid mór foireann An Dúin a bheith mar chomhraic a bPáirc Thír Chonaill. Tá a gcion féin tugtha acu denár gcluichí mar churaidh Chraobh na hÉireann. Mar sin féin, is dóigh liom gur linne an lá seo agus caithfidh mé an bhua a thuar do Thír Chonaill.

Arís déanaim comhghairdeas le Seán Ó Casaide agus a choiste os ucht obair a rinneadh go maith.

## Did You Know

When you look at Tirconaill Park today, please keep this in mind. When the appropriate field was found and bought from Mr. Dom Breslin, Abbey Hotel, two qualified members of the committee at that time, Enda McGovern and John Hyland, carried out the necessary surveys. They found, that the highest part of the field was "NINETEEN" feet above the lowest level, and it became very obvious that in order to make a playing field, manual labour was impossible.

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The great Anthony McBrearty remembers a 7-a-side tournament in Cashelard during his playing days, when a gentleman by the name of Packie McGarrigle was the referee. During the match, it seems that Packie took a lot of abuse, and decided that enough was enough. He subsequently, took off his coat to beat up a player who was annoying him. It makes you wonder how many referees of today, would do the very same thing, if they could get away with it.

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After a hurling match in Ballyshannon many years ago, someone had locked the local school, and the players clothes were inside. One of the local Donegal lads, decided to sort the situation out himself. He took his hurley and smashed one of the windows, so enabling one of his teammates to get inside, and retrieve all the clothing. He then left the money on the grass to pay for the repair of the window. Honesty or What?

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One of the favourite pastimes for club players in the past, must have been wearing shoes belonging to Jack McMullin. It seems that Jack was noted for being extremely tidy in the dressing room folding his clothes neatly in one corner. While taking part in a hurling match at Mac Cumhaill Park, Jack was in the middle of the field, when he became involved in a heavy "clash of the ash". While players were swinging their hurleys in all directions, Jack noticed that his cousin Tim McMullin, was wearing his shoes. It is understood, that Jack chased Tim all around the field, in order to tell him a thing or two. A great story.

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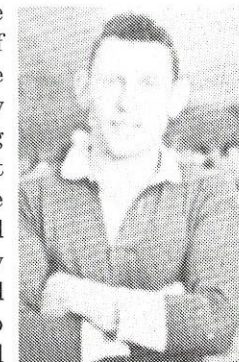


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## ONE OF THE GREATS **Jack "Cowboy" McMullin**

Jack McMullin first played for the club in 1935 at the age of 16 and he went on to give almost thirty years of service to Donegal football. His early recollections of the game go back to the days when the likes of Paddy O'Brien, G. O'Donnell and Johnny Maguire were playing in the mid-twenties. His first game in 1935 was against Ballyshannon and a few of his team-mates at that time were George Dunnion, Sean Mullin, Charlie Fox and Anthony Dunlevy. In his club days, Jack regards Anthony McBrearty as the finest player to play for Donegal and rates the display of Patsy Brogan in the Democrat Cup Final against the mighty Gweedore as the best individual display he ever witnessed. The County Championship in those days was played on a knock-out basis and Jack feels that if Donegal had been able to get out of the Division, they would have won a few championships. Jack was a very accomplished player and, indeed, played in thirteen different positions for the club at Senior level. His favourite position was midfield where he enjoyed being in the thick of things, and seeing plenty of the ball. Jack's only success at inter-county level was the winning of a Dr. Lagan Cup medal in 1952 when Donegal defeated Armagh. Jack took part in a Fermanagh County Senior Final with Ederney which they lost and he also played in a Leitrim County Final for Melvin Gaels. On that Gaels' team with Jack were Patsy Brogan and Patsy Furey but defeat was again the outcome. The nickname "Cowboy" was given to Jack by his schoolmates and it stuck with him from then on. Jack's last game for the club was played when he was 42 years of age and, although none of his sons went on to play for the club, his two nephews, Hughie and Michael Travers, gave sterling service. Jack still has a keen interest in the club games and is also a regular attender of County matches.



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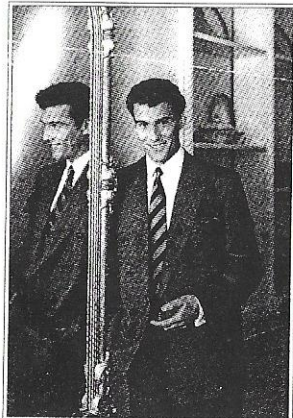
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## Golden Memories - U-13 County Champions 1991

When Gerry Molloy took on the responsibility of looking after the U-13 team in 1991, he could not have imagined the remarkable events that lay ahead of him. That U-13 team included a lot of boys who had tasted success with the U-12 team in 1989 and great disappointment in 1990. The basis for a successful run in the championship was in evidence, but, one vital ingredient was added. That extra ingredient was the dedication and commitment that Gerry Molloy was to supply. When the Divisional campaign got underway the boys showed their obvious desire for success when they inflicted a five point defeat on Aodh Ruadh at Fr. Tierney Park. That victory set the trend for what was to follow. The team virtually danced through their Divisional campaign, winning the final against Aodh Ruadh by a remarkable scoreline of 7-13 to 1-3. It was hard to see them being tested by any team in the county as easy wins against Glenties and Carndonagh left them in the County Final for the third year in a row. The weather in Ballybofey on the 10th November could not have been much worse as torrential rain and wind spoiled any chances of a good quality game. The opponents were St. Eunans and the Letterkenny boys had most of the early play. However, at half-time, Four Masters led by two points, thanks to a brilliant Barry Monaghan goal. Early in the second half that man Monaghan again scored a goal and, try as they might, St. Eunans could not close the gap. The final scoreline read : Four Masters 2-5, St. Eunans 3-1 - we were county champions again. It may have been raining all around us but there was nothing but sunshine in our hearts. The dedication of the entire squad and management trio of Gerry Molloy, Peter Callaghan and Frank O'Donnell had brought further glory to themselves and to the club. The U-13 panel in 1991 was : Mark Brown, Gary McGinty, Shane Griffin, Niall Cassidy, Gareth Brogan, Jonathan Callaghan (Capt.), Damien McGinley, Barry Monaghan, Charles McNulty, Pauric Quinn, Roy McGettigan, Shane McGowan, Joel Carr, Barry O'Donnell, Brian Crawford, Vincent Murray, Conor O'Donovan, Finbar McCarthy, Thomas McNulty, Barry Gallagher, Peadar Espey, Charles Martin, Kevin McGinty, Jason Pearson, Noel Pearson, Kieran Cassidy, Gareth Cassidy, David Pearson and Adrian Pearson.



The U-13 Team pictured on County Final Day, Nov. 1991.

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Gerry Stewart of Castle Street was well known in his younger days as a very competent referee. he got himself a reputation for taking charge of matches, that no other referee would dare take on i.e. the local derby's. The County Secretary at that time was a man from Ardara named Donal Mac A Bhaird. It seems that Donal was a very heavy smoker, and Gerry never received notification of his refereeing duties on official County Board paper. Donal used to send Gerry his fixtures through the post on the back of a cigarette packet. As a matter of interest, the winners of the County Minor Championship receive the Donal mac A bhaird Cup, named after the dedicated Ardara man.

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When Donegal last played Down in the Ulster Minor Football Championship on Donegal soil, the match took place at Mac Cumhaill Park on 19th May 1985. The Down team on that occasion contained three members of last years All Ireland winning team. Gary Mason, John Kelly and Barry Breen (who will forget his super goal in the final) Donegal were victorious in that game, and indeed went on to win the Ulster Championship. Of the present Donegal Senior squad, John Cunningham, John Joe Doherty, Tommy Ryan and Barry McGowan were members of that minor team.

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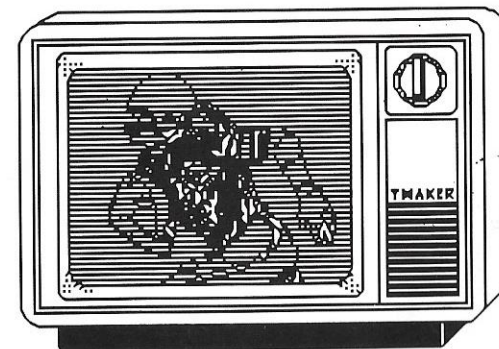
Former Four Masters Senior team player and manager Paul Duncan, is the proud holder of three County Senior Hurling medals, which he won with Setanta. Paul had the honour of playing in six Senior hurling finals in a row, and was joined by Pauric Farragher who also collected hurling honours. Both men have given sterling service to the club for many years.

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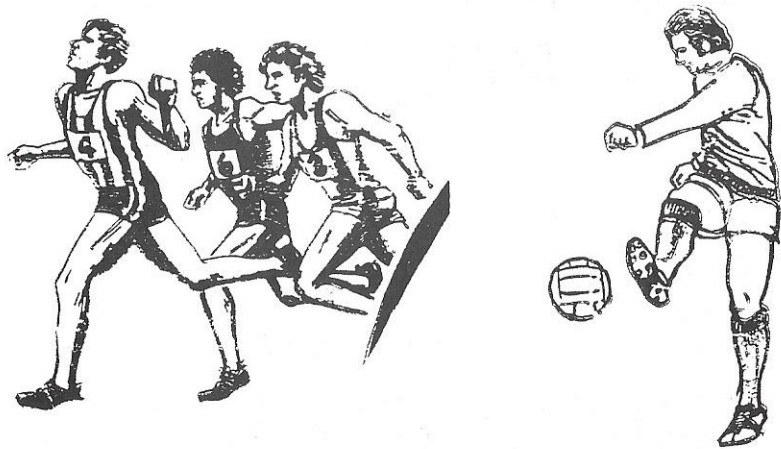
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