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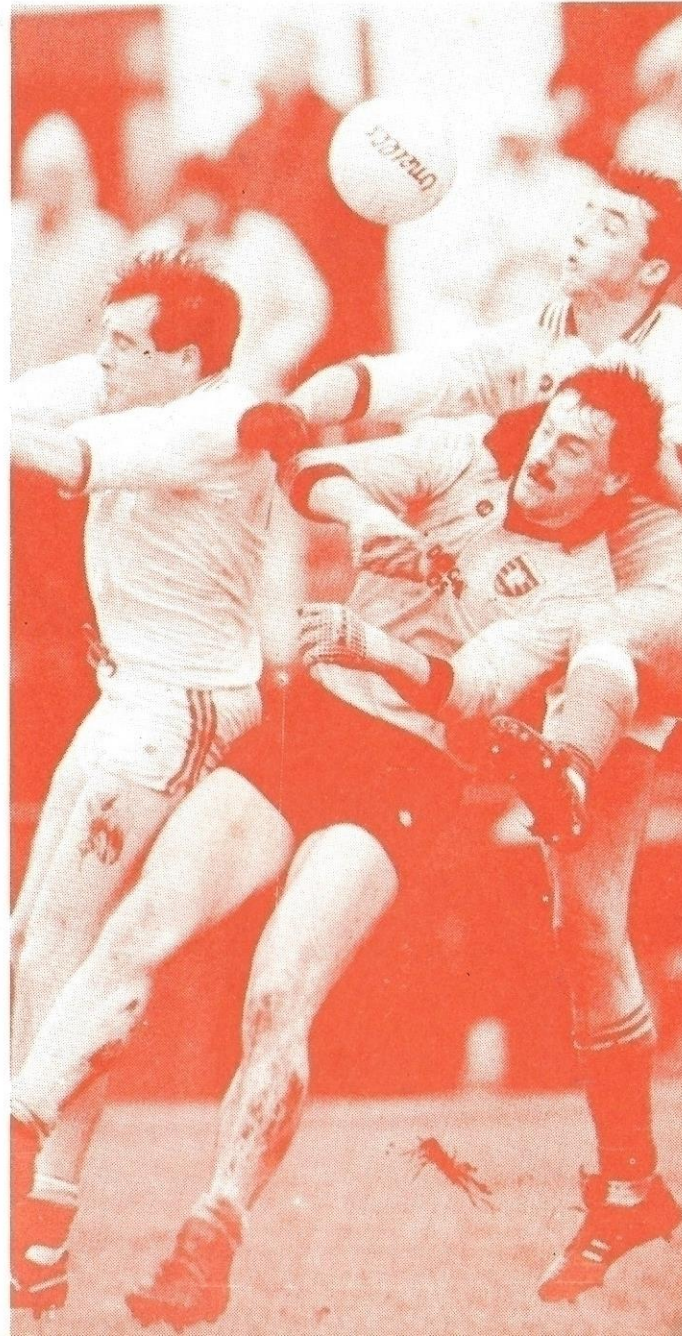
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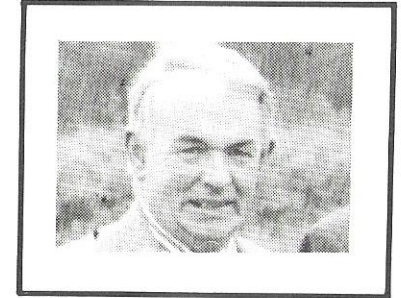
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On behalf of Coiste Chontae Dhún na nGall I extend a hearty welcome to all Gaels to Fr. Tierney Park, Ballyshannon to-day. I am particularly pleased to welcome the footballers, mentors, officers and followers of our near neighbours Leitrim here to-day. I hope that they enjoy to-day's encounter with the All-Ireland champions.

I am particularly happy to welcome our own supporters here to-day. I know that you will encourage our team to continue their winning ways. I must say a very special "Thank You" to those loyal supporters who made the long journey to Carlow two weeks ago. Well done!

Twelve months ago Donegal and Leitrim clashed at the same stage of the League. Leitrim had lost both of their opening matches then Donegal had won both of their opening matches. This year both counties are doing well. Donegal have again won both of their opening matches, while Leitrim have 3 points from their opening two matches having achieved a very creditable draw with Cork in Carrick-on-Shannon. As both counties are anxious for points to maintain their unbeaten records, it makes for a very intriguing clash to-day. I hope that both counties play the football that they are capable of and that to-day's match brings enjoyment to those playing, watching and listening.

As Donegal have only three home matches in the League it is essential that we are victorious to-day. So I ask all our supporters to get behind the team and make sure that we continue on our winning ways. It has been a long season, but an historic one, for our lads since we started training in mid-January. So let's give them the encouragement to make sure that our last home match of '92 is a victorious one.

To-day's curtain raiser is the final of the 3 Teacher's Schools competition. I welcome Keadue N.S. Burtonport and Tiernasligo N.S., Urris to to-days final. I hope both school teams derive great enjoyment and satisfaction from to-day's match. I congratulate the teachers and their helpers in both schools in having reached to-days final.

To Bord na nÓg and all the teachers throughout the county I thank you for the tremendous work you are doing in promoting Gaelic games in our schools. I hope to-days final will be a testimony of that great effort.

I would like to thank the Aodh Ruadh club and in particular Peter Campbell and Tom Daly for compiling to-days excellent programme.

Beir bua agus beannach,
Niall MacCumhaill,
Cathaoirleach Coiste Contae., C.L.C.G.

MATCH PROGRAMME

Programme compiled by Park Committee, Aodh Ruadh GAA Club

Thanks to all who contributed.

- COVER PHOTO: Midfield action from last year's tussle in Ballyshannon.

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OTHER GAMES TODAY

GROUP A: Dublin v Louth; Limerick v Derry; Galway v Sligo; Wexford v Antrim.

GROUP B: Longford v Kildare; Cork v Carlow; Tipperary v Cavan.

GROUP C: Mayo v Laois; Armagh v Tyrone; Kilkenny v Kerry; Fermanagh v Wicklow.

GROUP D: Clare v Offaly; Monaghan v Roscommon; Down v Westmeath; Waterford v Meath.

CURRENT TABLES

GROUP A					GROUP C						
Derry	2	2	0	0	4	Fermanagh	2	2	0	0	4
Galway	2	1	1	0	3	Kerry	2	2	0	0	4
Louth	2	1	1	0	3	Mayo	2	2	0	0	4
Antrim	2	1	0	1	2	Laois	2	1	0	1	2
Dublin	2	1	0	1	2	Wicklow	2	1	0	1	2
Wexford	2	1	0	1	2	Armagh	2	0	0	2	0
Limerick	2	0	0	2	0	Kilkenny	2	0	0	2	0
Sligo	2	0	0	2	0	Tyrone	2	0	0	2	0
GROUP B					GROUP D						
Donegal	2	2	0	0	4	Clare	1	1	1	0	3
Cork	2	1	1	0	3	Meath	2	1	1	0	3
Leitrim	2	1	1	0	3	Roscommon	2	1	1	0	3
Cavan	2	1	0	1	2	Down	2	1	0	1	2
Kildare	2	1	0	1	2	Offaly	2	1	0	1	2
Tipperary	2	1	0	1	2	Westmeath	2	1	0	1	2
Carlow	2	0	0	2	0	Monaghan	2	0	1	1	1
Longford	2	0	0	2	0	Waterford	2	0	0	2	0

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"IT'S TIME TO GO"

By Michael Daly (Donegal Democrat)

Somewhere in the attendance today you may come across a young man in retirement. Retired at 31. No he's not another lucky lotto winner from Donegal. In fact he's a bit unlucky when it comes to Gaelic football but he remains positive despite missing three Ulster final victories, two through injury.

The 31-year-old recently announced he was finishing up with county football, feeling "it's time to go".

Were it not for Donegal's success in September that individual would, most likely, be joined in the stand today by some of the players, who probably and deservedly will win Gaelic football All Star awards next month.

To say it's a funny old game would be the understatement of the decade because for a decade and more his name has been synonymous with Donegal Gaelic football, yet he has missed out on the big days.

Were Jimmy Magee giving the clues above you would be on no points if, by now, you hadn't come up with the player's name . . . Charlie Mulgrew.

The salient statistics are cold. 1983, Donegal win a third Ulster title, Charlie Mulgrew is out with a broken jaw. 1990, Donegal win a fourth Ulster title, Charlie Mulgrew is out with a damaged shoulder. 1992, Donegal win an Ulster and an All-Ireland title, Charlie Mulgrew remained on the subs bench. In 1992 he played twice against Cavan as a sub.

Ten years ago Charlie Mulgrew was the natural leader through a first ever under 21 championship winning campaign. Initially he was a midfielder but late in that campaign he was moved to centre half-forward, a position regarded as his own for so many years.

That '82 under 21 success first nurtured the notion that a senior All-Ireland could be won. Another similar success in '87 brought renewed hope and a Mulgrew goal one year later put Donegal into Division One for the first time.

Mulgrew and his peers earned the right to meet the top teams through a determined struggle, now Donegal are the top side in the country.

A fixture in this competition against Carlow proved the final straw for the St. Eunan's clubman. He basically got tired of waiting for a game and explained in last week's *Democrat* that he thought there was no point sitting on the line at this stage, "it might be different if you were 20 years of age."

And how it could have been so different, but that's football, a funny old game indeed.

If football has been unkind to him at the critical moment, life — much more important in any analysis — has been good. He recently became a very proud father. He is looking forward to enjoying his club football, meeting his football friends and enjoying his Sunday afternoons like the rest of us watching Donegal play sides who would be damn glad to have a few Charlie Mulgrews.

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Packy McGarty

While Leitrim have won only one Connaught senior football title, in 1927, they appeared in four finals in a row from 1957 to 1960, losing on each occasion to Galway. They also reached the 1963 and 1968 finals when they were defeated by Galway and Mayo respectively. During this period, undoubtedly, the Leitrim player who is remembered with greatest affection is Packy McGarty from Mohill. Packy usually played on the '40' and was renowned for his great-hearted displays, being one of the best ball carriers of his era.

He spent most of his football career living outside the county but always answered the call to represent his home county, travelling from London on occasions to do so. Packy finally settled down in Dublin where he finished his club career with Round Towers, Clondalkin.

While he has little to show by way of trophies while playing for Leitrim he had the honour of representing both Connaught and Ireland. He has two Railway Cup medals which he won in 1957 and 1958, playing at left half-forward on each occasion. The forward line in both finals included

Galway's terrible twins, Sean Purcell and Frank Stockwell, while Leitrim's Cathal Flynn was wearing the No. 15 jersey in the 1958 final. In 1957 and 1958 Packy also represented Ireland against the Combined Universities, an honour which he also shared with Cathal Flynn and which seldom came to players from the less successful counties.

Jack Mahon, who had the task of marking Packy in three Connaught finals, says of him in his book "Action Replay": "He was one of the most skilful opponents I encountered. A veritable ball of energy, Packy could turn on a sixpence and I have no doubt that for sheer football skill, ball carrying ability and the facility to keep going forever, he had no fears in his own county and few as a dashing half-forward outside it".

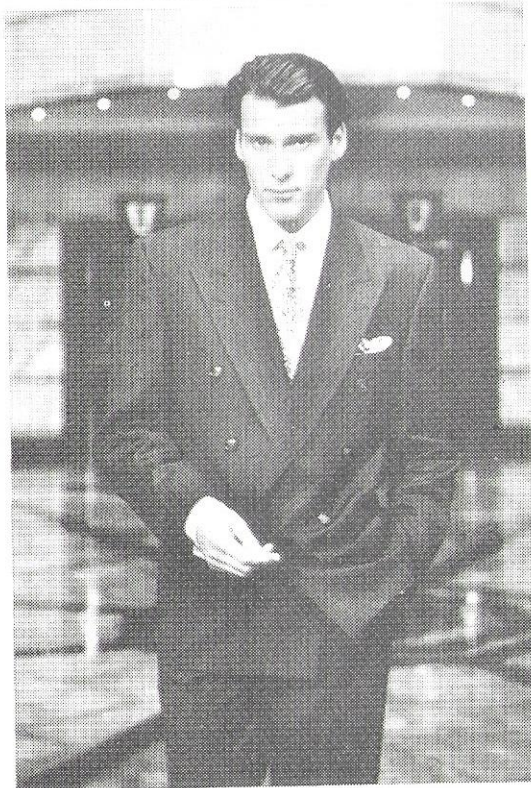
Packy was a real "All Star" in his time, and had these awards been initiated during his career it is most unlikely that Mickey Quinn would have had the honour of being Leitrim's first All-Star. The achievements of Packy McGarty have been an inspiration to every Leitrim player who has since donned the green and gold.



The Leitrim team that played Derry in the 1959 League Semi-Final. Front row (left to right): C. Flynn, P. McBride, P. Dolan, J. Gallagher, B. Sweeney, P. McGarty, P. O'Reilly. Back row (left to right): C. Cryan, O. Murray. E. Duffy (R.I.P.), M. Mullen, J. O'Donnell, T. Hayden, J. Lynch, J. Murray.



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Nuair a tháinig Pádraig S. Ó

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Bua na coimlinte atá uathu thar aon ní eile le cúitiú leo in gceiliúintí le blianta anuas. Má fhaigheann siad an dá phoinnte sa chluiche seo i mBéal Atha Seannaidh, cuirfidh sé átha croí ar a lucht leanúna.

Ní miste caidé chomh maith leo agus gan amhras cruthóidh siad sin inniu, meastar nach mbeidh lámh an uachtair acu in éadan na bpeileadóirí is fearr sa tír. Mar sin féin beidh foireann Liatroma MOX VICTURI, ach sílim nach dtarlóidh sin sa chluiche seo.

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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

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| 1 p.m.: | 3 Teacher School Final at Fr. Tierney Park. Tiernasligo (Urris GAA Club) v. Keadue N.S. (Burtonport). |
| 1 p.m.: | Ladies Under 16 football final at Aodh Ruadh Training Fields: Ardara v. Sean MacCumhailis. |
| 2.30 p.m.: | Fr. Tierney Park, Donegal v. Leitrim. |
| After game: | Post-match team meals in Imperial Hotel. Sam Maguire cup on display. |

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DONEGAL SCORING STATISTICS IN 1992 CHAMPIONSHIP

	v Cavan (1-15 : 1-15)	v Cavan (0-20 : 1-6)	v Fermanagh (2-17 : 0-7)	v Derry (0-14 : 1-9)	v Mayo (0-13 : 0-9)	v Dublin (0-18 : 0-14)	TOTAL
Martin McHugh	1-5	0-1	0-2	0-4	0-1	0-3	1-16
Declan Bonner	—	0-6	0-2	0-3	0-4	0-4	0-19
Manus Boyle	—	0-3	0-1	—	0-3	0-9	0-16
Tommy Ryan	0-3	0-2	1-3	0-2	—	—	1-10
James McHugh	—	0-3	1-1	0-2	0-2	0-1	1-9
Tony Boyle	0-3	—	0-2	0-1	0-2	0-1	0-9
Brian Murray	—	0-1	0-2	0-1	0-1	—	0-5
Joyce McMullan	0-2	—	0-2	—	—	—	0-4
Anthony Molloy	—	0-2	—	—	—	—	0-2
Barry Cunningham	0-1	0-1	—	—	—	—	0-2
Noel Hegarty	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	0-1
Matt Gallagher	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	0-1
Barry McGowan	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	0-1
Donal Reid	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	0-1
Charlie Mulgrew	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	0-1

Donegal scored a total of 3-95 and conceded 3-60 in their All-Ireland winning run. Looking at the statistics closely it can be seen that Martin McHugh, as well as being joint top scorer, was the only Donegal player to score in every match of the Championship. Brother James McHugh actually scored in every match he played in. Manus Boyle's contribution of 0-16 in four matches is noteworthy as he was only a sub. in three of the matches. Only three of the Donegal panel — Paul Callaghan, Jim McGuinness and Mark Crossan — were not used during the campaign.

Nine of them — Gary Walsh, Matt Gallagher, Noel Hegarty, Donal Reid, Anthony Molloy, Martin McHugh, Tommy Ryan, Declan Bonner and Tony Boyle — played in all six matches. Seven — Barry McGowan, Martin Gavigan, Joyce McMullan, James McHugh, Manus Boyle, Brian Murray and Barry Cunningham — played in five matches. John Cunningham and Martin Shovlin played four; Paul Carr, Michael Gallagher and Charlie Mulgrew played two, while John Joe Doherty and Sylvester Maguire played in just one.

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THEY TOO CROSSED THE DROWES

By Cormac Mac a Ghoill (The Follower)

Leitrim today cross the Drowes and all in Donegal bid them welcome. For years the Drowes was famous as the earliest salmon river in Ireland and in my youth many a cold bleak New Year's morning I crossed and recrossed its waters in search of the elusive first *Salmo Salar*.

However, when Anthony Molloy lifted Sam to the skies on September 20th the Drowes assumed new importance in all our lives. Sam would cross the Drowes some thirty hours later. He was coming to a new home. Leitrim would get a passing glimpse and that glimpse would generate a gnawing hunger, instil new fire and spirit into a county that always clung proudly to the best traditions of the GAA.

Indeed in that magic moment when Anthony held Mac Uidhir Og aloft first to congratulate me as I somersaulted around the Croke Park Press Box were two Leitrim players, Pdraig Kenny and Ciaran Mahon. Both will be hell-bent on our destruction today and good luck lads.

A native son of Donegal, an heir to its rich cultural heritage, I have lived over twenty years across the Drowes, some fifty miles deep into Leitrim. Rarely a week but I cross and recross that river. September 21st was, is and always will be special. Sam is bigger than any fresh-run spring salmon.

My abiding memory of winning Sam was the fund of goodwill expressed nationwide towards Donegal football. As an officer of the Leitrim Co. Board fellow officers have gone out of their way to congratulate me on Donegal's

success.

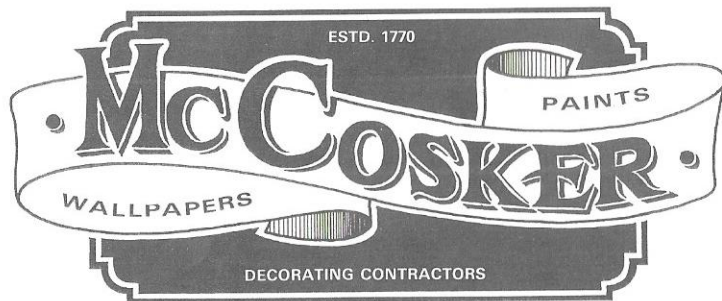
Leitrim Co. Board had a special banner made to greet the train at Dromod. It simply read "Tir Chonaill Abu". They had an official presence there also. Indeed I met many Leitrim club players and officials that evening at Sligo, Bundoran, Ballyshannon and in the small hours of the Tuesday in Donegal Town.

Taking Sam across the Drowes has given life, hope and above all else optimism to other counties who have yet to get their name on the national scroll. "Donegal did it so why not us" seems to be the dictum, and why not indeed! Self belief and hard, very hard, work are the recipes.

Leitrim have eyes on Sam, a mammoth task due to economic and demographic trends but there is a tremendous determination and commitment among the players. This determination and commitment has been deepened and consolidated by Donegal's All-Ireland.

The appointment of John O'Mahoney, arguably among the five best managers in Ireland, is a step in the right direction. John will send out his charges today believing that if they beat the champions then the dream of Sam could well be a reality.

There is a great levelling of standards within the GAA today. Sam crossing the Shannon into Leitrim is no longer a pipe-dream. Leitrim can rest assured that on their historic occasion nowhere in Ireland will the heather blaze more brightly than in Donegal. *Faillte romhaibh uilig.*



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Mark Crossan

By CHARLIE MCGINLEY

At the tender age of twenty-one years, Letterkenny lad Mark Crossan has arguably achieved more in the space of a year than some players do in their full inter-county careers.

Along with reserve goalkeeper Paul Callaghan and Jim McGuinness the other two "babes" of the squad, Crossan proudly holds an Ulster Championship and All-Ireland winners medal. Not bad for a talented youngster who joined the county panel at the start of last year's National League campaign.

He has been patient. In fact, with the exception of a run against Monaghan in the McKenna Cup earlier this year Crossan had been confined to the bench. He sat waiting his chance — he had to such was the talent already there, but on the evidence of his recent displays in London and in Carlow a fortnight ago Mark Crossan is a man we are going to hear quite a lot about in the years ahead.

The eldest son of Tom and Ann Crossan, from Conwal, Letterkenny, Mark is now working in the Mount Errigal Hotel as a barman.

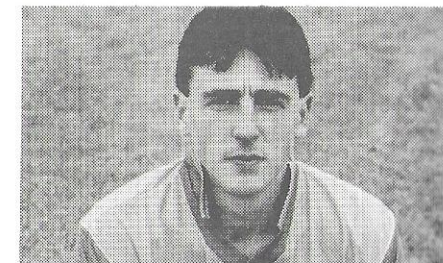
He began playing football in the schoolyard in Glenswilly and at an early age showed exceptional ability on the athletics track. He was part of a relay team that achieved a second place in the National Championships in the under-15 age group. Crossan also took a silver medal in the u-14 long jump competition.

He also relished gaelic football and the occasional soccer match. However, his sporting career took a nosedive at the age of fifteen when he required surgery for a chip-bone injury to his knee in Dublin. He attributed this to overworking on road running during his athletics training.

The surgery and subsequent rehabilitation programme kept him out of action for a year and a half. At St. Eunan's College, despite showing tremendous talent Crossan achieved no honours although he did contest a McLarnon Cup final which his side lost to De La Salle, Ballyshannon. On completing his Leaving Certificate in 1989, Crossan obtained a place at the Agricultural College in Mountbellew in Galway where he spent two happy years.

Again his sporting talents came to fore. It was not unusual to see Crossan grasping a hurler in one hand and a football in the other.

Crossan won All-Ireland medals in hurling and gaelic football at Mountbellew. His dedication never wavered to his club St. Eunan's with whom he won a county u-12 championship medal along with players such



as Peter McGeehan, Declan O'Donnell (who is now being groomed for county football), Mark Doherty and Dessie Larkin. The team was managed by Sean McIntyre.

He remembers clearly an u-21 final against Aodh Ruadh (Ballyshannon) in 1988 when a last minute goal by Diarmuid Keon snatched the title for his side against St. Eunan's. It must have been one of the lowest scoring u-21 finals ever, the final score being 1-1 to 0-2 in favour of the Ernesiders.

Crossan also missed out narrowly for minor championship medals but in 1990 he won a county u-21 championship medal after his club defeated Gweedore in the final played in Dunfanaghy. He admits freely that he has been lucky coming into the side which was so successful.

"It has been a great year. The reaction has been unbelievable. I see no reason if the lads stick together why we could not go and do it all again but now every team wants to beat Donegal", he said.

He acknowledges the advice and support given to him by the rest of the panel, especially from the experienced players such as his club mate, Charlie Mulgrew, who recently announced his retirement from inter-county football, Anthony Molloy and Martin McHugh.

So what ambitions has he in the game? "I would like to play in a team that wins an Ulster and All-Ireland", he replied.

He rates tricky Down corner forward, James McCartan, as the toughest player he has marked. McCartan was in the same Galway team in Boston in 1989. Also on the team was John Commings from Roscommon.

The sportsman he most admires is Daley Thompson for his all-round ability. An appropriate selection from a player who is also a natural all-rounder. His pace is exceptional and his fitness is superb. His favourite player is D. J. Kane from Down, but he would also like to meet Jack O'Shea.

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WHERE THERE'S YOUNG LEGS THERE'S HOPE

By Ciaran O'Donnell, Derry Journal

Over the next few years, it is inevitable that most of the present Donegal squad will be replaced. And despite the fact that there are very few young players breaking into the senior ranks, there are a lot of talented under-age players well capable of filling the boots (and the jerseys) of the current players.

Last week, despite the fact that Killybegs were defeated by a point in the Ulster club championship semi-final by Derry champions, Lavey, their younger players showed that they are well capable of mixing in at the highest level.

Declan Boyle, who is also showing how he can perform on the soccer fields with some stirring performances for Finn Harps, is possibly one of the best under-age players in Donegal at the moment. His strength, vision, and fitness are qualities which the Donegal senior team management can't overlook. Paul Callaghan and Peter McGinley — two other Killybegs players who played in Donegal's Ulster minor championship with success with Boyle in 1991 — could also make the breakthrough within the next couple of years.

Last year, Sean McEwen captained the Donegal under-16 side which won the Ted Webb Cup for the first time ever. Some of the players from that side progressed onto this season's Donegal minor team which fell to Armagh in the

provincial final.

Donal Buggy and Anthony McGrath (Aodh Ruadh), Damian Diver (Ardara) and Kevin Gallagher (Downings) — who all figured prominently in the 1992 minor side — look certain to come into Hughie McClafferty's under-21 team.

The u-21 Donegal side haven't had much success since the 1987 side won the All-Ireland title. Earlier in the year, they were defeated by Tyrone, 2-12 to 1-10. After overcoming Fermanagh in the quarter-final, Donegal found themselves eight points behind at one stage in the semi-final against the eventual winners of the under-21 All-Ireland title. However, despite a gallant fightback which saw them draw level, they went down by the minimum at MacCumhaill Park.

Gerard Kelly and Ollie Reid (Red Hughs), and Kevin McCormack (MacCumhaills) all gave good accounts of themselves in the u-21 campaign. All three should get their chance in the not too distant future.

Two league points against Leitrim today, and another brace of points against Cavan in a fortnight's time will leave Donegal in a comfortable position before the new year. If they can gain maximum points before the Christmas break, it will enable Brian McEniff to draft in some of the younger talent, and at the same time, give the more seasoned campaigners a well deserved rest.

Where there's young legs, there's hope!

DO YOU KNOW ?

Donegal players Sylvester Maguire and Diarmuid Keon were two of the stars of U.C.G.'s Sigerson Final victory. Both are members of the Aodh Ruadh Club and played significant roles in U.C.G.'s campaign.

Sylvester played on the '40' and apart from contributing two points was generally regarded

as "man of the match" in the final against Queens. He has recently been honoured as U.C.G.'s "Player of the Year".

Diarmuid Keon gave a sterling display at full-back against a James McCartan led Queens attack. Another Donegal player who has had Sigerson success with U.C.G. in the '80's is Paul Carr.

DONEGAL

(1)
GARY WALSH
(Burren)

(2)
JOHN JOE DOHERTY
(N. Columba)

(3)
MATT GALLAGHER
(N. Brid)

(4)
PAUL CARR
(St. Eunans)

(5)
DONAL REID
(Red Hughs)

(6)
MARTIN GAVIGAN
(Ardara)

(7)
MARK CROSSAN
(St. Eunans)

(8)
ANTHONY MOLLOY (Capt.)
(Ardara)

(9)
SYLVESTER MAGUIRE
(Aodh Ruadh)

(10)
JAMES McHUGH
(Kilcar)

(11)
MARTIN McHUGH
(Kilcar)

(12)
JOYCE McMULLAN
(Four Masters)

(13)
DECLAN BONNER
(Na Rossa)

(14)
TONY BOYLE
(Dungloe)

(15)
MANUS BOYLE
(Killybegs)

Subs: Paul Callaghan (Burt); Noel Hegarty (N. Columba), Barry McGowan (Killybegs); Brian Murray (Civil Service); Michael Gallagher (Civil Service); Tommy Ryan (Termon); Jim McGuinness (N. Conaill).

ROGHNOÍRÍ: Brian McEniff (Manager); Michael Lafferty, Seamus Bonner, Naul McCole.

LEITRIM

(1)
MARTIN PRIOR
(Aughawillan)

(2)
JOE HONEYMAN
(Sean O'Heslins)

(3)
GER HOLOHAN
(Drumreilly)

(4)
SEAMUS QUINN
(Gortletteragh)

(5)
A. N. OTHER

(6)
DECLAN DARCY
(Aughawillan)

(7)
GERRY FLANAGAN
(Aughawillan)

(8)
MICKY QUINN
(Aughawillan)

(9)
PAT DONOGHUE
(Drumreilly)

(10)
A. N. OTHER

(11)
PADRAIG KENNY
(Allen Gaels)

(12)
CIARAN MAHON
(Ballinamore)

(13)
LIAM CONLON
(Ballinamore)

(14)
PAUL KIERAN
(Ballinamore)

(15)
AIDEN ROONEY
(Glencar/Manor)

Subs: Thomas Quinn (Aughawillan); Killian McLoughlin (Fenagh); Donal Smith (St. Marys); Noel Moran (Allen Gaels); Mickey Quinn (Cloone); Peter Prior (Aughawillan); Liam Gilmartin (Melvin Gaels); Pauric McLoughlin (Aughavas); Gene Bohan (St. Mary's); Shane Heslin (Gortletteragh); Brendan Guckian (St. Marys).

ROGHNOÍRÍ: John O'Mahoney (Manager); Ollie Honeyman and Joe Reynolds.



ACTION FROM LAST YEAR'S TUSSLE

FOCUS ON ...

JOHN O'MAHONY

The recent appointment of John O'Mahony as Leitrim manager, replacing Cavan's P. J. Carroll, shows a continuing ambitious outlook among the Leitrim Co. Board.

Under Carroll's guidance the county won the All-Ireland 'B' Championship; the Connacht U-21 title and also gained a new respectability among not alone their own followers but Gaelic supporters throughout the county.

John O'Mahony comes to Leitrim with a proven pedigree. The St. Nathy's, Ballaghaderreen, teacher took over as manager of Mayo in 1987, succeeding Liam O'Neill. Before stepping down, he led the Mayo men to the 1989 All-Ireland final, only to see the top prize slip to Cork.

Before becoming senior team manager in Mayo, John had tasted All-Ireland success as manager of their U-21 side which defeated Derry in 1983.

O'Mahony was involved with Mayo as a player and manager for 21

years. He made his county senior debut in 1972, and won every county honour with his club, Ballaghaderreen.

In 1971 he was part of the very talented Mayo minor team which won the All-Ireland title, along with such well known players as J. P. Keane, Ger Feeney, Richie Bell, Ted Webb and Mick Higgins.

Three years later the same bunch of lads were successful at All Ireland U-21 level, but All-Ireland senior success eluded the side.

Known very much as a players' manager, John places a huge emphasis on creating a togetherness among the whole panel.

After the initial success achieved by P. J. Carroll with Leitrim, they still are looking for the Championship breakthrough in Connacht.

The appointment of John O'Mahony opens up new horizons for the Cinderella county in Connacht, but his appointment could also spell danger for the Mayos, Roscommons and Galways in the coming years.

DO YOU KNOW ?

It is good to see a Melvin Gaels clubman on the Leitrim panel again. Liam Gilmartin, who was educated at the De La Salle, Ballyshannon, with former Melvin Gaels and Leitrim player Michael McGowan as his headmaster, has recently made the breakthrough and actually played in the first game against Longford. Liam, who is an exciting forward, caught John O'Mahoney's eye as a result of Melvin Gaels great achievement in winning this year's Intermediate title. The Gaels won four Leitrim senior titles in 1959, 1960, 1961 and 1965, but emigration took its toll and they have not won a senior final since.

Donegal had nine players on the recent Sunday Independent Smithwicks team of the year. They were: Gary Walsh, Matt Gallagher, Noel Hegarty, Martin Gavigan, Martin Shovelin, Anthony Molloy, James McHugh, Martin McHugh and Manus Boyle.

Let's hope that the All-Stars selectors take note and go even one further by adding the name of Tony Boyle at least to their list. Certainly Donegal's efforts have earned sad recognition as indeed did Down last year yet they earned only four All-Stars for Conor Deegan, Barry Breen, Ross Carr and Greg Blaney.

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20 QUESTIONS ON DONEGAL AND LEITRIM GAA

1. What Leitrim born player won All-Ireland Senior Football medals in 1987 and 1988?
2. Who captained Leitrim to win the Connacht U-21 football title in 1977?
3. What former Leitrim star defender played for Civil Service in yesterday's Dublin Senior Football final?
4. What Leitrim-native was President of the Connacht Council from 1973 to 1975?
5. Who represented Leitrim against Donegal in last year's National League but today plays for Tipperary?
6. Name the two Leitrim players selected to play for Connacht against Ulster in the 1991 Railway Cup game in Ballybofey?
7. Who defeated Leitrim in the 1956 All-Ireland Minor final?
8. Who was Leitrim's top scoring forward and freetaker from 1956 to 1963?
9. Name the only Leitrim player who actually played in the Railway Cup final when Connacht last won the competition in 1969?
10. Donegal have two All-Ireland Vocational football titles. Have Leitrim won any?
11. Three members of Donegal's All-Ireland panel did not play in any Championship game this year. Who were they?
12. Who captained Donegal in the 1966 Ulster final defeat by Down in Belfast?
13. Which member of the Donegal backroom staff won an All-Ireland Club Championship medal in 1978?
14. Another Donegal man, a former senior team captain, also achieved this feat in 1975. Who is he?
15. Who was Donegal Player of the Year in 1991?
16. Donegal scored three goals in the 1992 Senior Championship campaign. Who scored them?
17. An Ardara man also captained the Donegal minor team in this year's Ulster final. Who is he?
18. How many Ulster Railway Cup winning teams has Brian McEniff managed?
19. Who were the rival captains when Donegal lost to Monaghan in the 1979 Ulster Senior Football final?
20. What two members of this year's All-Ireland winning panel have the longest championship appearance span. Both made their debuts against Armagh in 1981?

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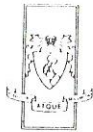
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The Leirtrim team which drew with Cork in their last outing in Carrick-on-Shannon.

Keadue N.S. Burtonport

Keadue is situated half ways between the villages of Burtonport and Kincasslagh. There has been a school in the townland since the 1850's, records go back to 1862. The present school building was built in 1903 and with different renovations has been turned into a modern up to-date school. The surrounding land would be of poor quality and to achieve an existence was a titanic struggle. The family income was supplemented by fishing. As fishing was so unpredictable emigration became the norm like all other areas along the western seaboard. This played a large part in the fluctuating roll numbers which went from a high of 120 + at the beginning of the century to a low of 40 in the 1960s. To-days roll number is 95.

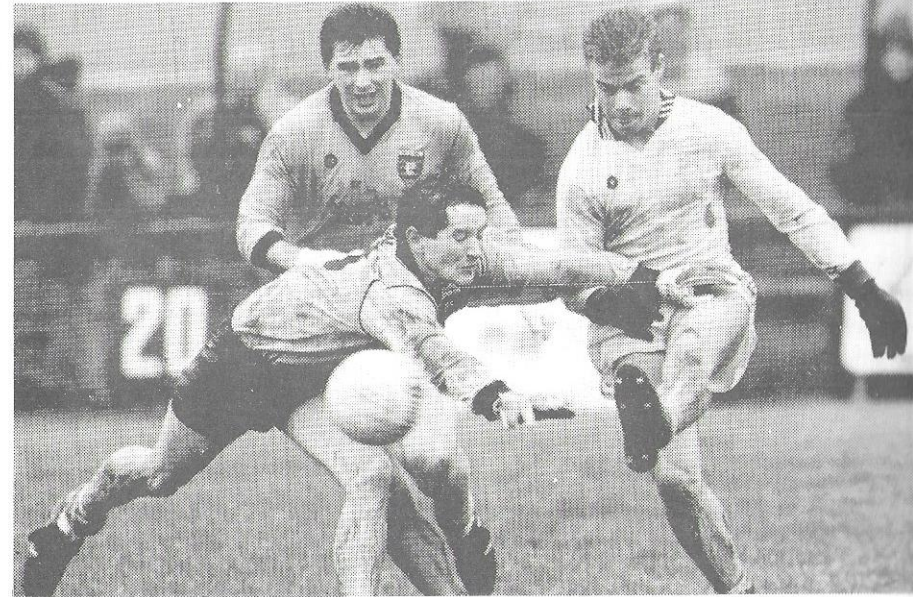
Keadue down through the years was famous for its marching bands. The Keadue Fife and Drum band celebrated its centenary in 1988. Soccer has been the predominant sport in the area for many years. The present senior team has been one of the most outstanding teams in Donegal League Football for some time. The schoolboy teams have been very successful in the North West Leagues since their formation some years ago.

Gaelic Football was introduced in 1977 with the formation of The Michael Coyle Memorial Cup. Michael Coyle lost his life in "The Carraig Una" sea disaster in November 1976. Michael was a son of the late Jimmy Coyle a noted gaelic footballer with Gweedore and Donegal. The Dungloe club presented this trophy and it was open to all schools in the Rosses area. The early competition was dominated by the large schools particularly Annagry N.S. The only small school to make an impact was Doochary N.S. backed by the four Bonner brothers Sean, Michael, Declan and Donal. Keadue entered the competition from the beginning. They failed to score in their first three matches. There was tremendous joy in the fourth match when the first point was scored. The highest score achieved by Keadue was three points in their last match. Naturally they propped up the table that year. The next year saw steady progress and Keadue finished second from bottom. We were beginning to get the hang of this game of Gaelic. The sixth year of the competition 1983, saw the big break through when Keadue became the outright winners of the Michael Coyle Cup.

Keadue has produced many famous sports persons down through the years. While Gaelic football was not formally introduced until 1977 many had achieved fame with the Dungloe club or Rosses Rovers club. Many county medals have been won with Dungloe at present, Tony Boyle and his brothers Danny and Ben (Brendan), Paddy Bán Boyle, Jim Bonner and his brother Paddy, Delcan McCole.

The team representing the school to-day has the usual mixture of common surnames in the area Boyle, Bonner and Ward. The team is made up of 5 boys from sixth class, 2 boys from fifth and 3 boys from fourth.

ACTION FROM LAST YEAR'S TUSSLE



TIRNASLIGO N.S. (Urris)

Roger McGilloway; Seán Paul Doherty; Darragh Doherty; Seán Doherty; Jason McGonigle; Roger Doherty; Seán Comiskey; Kieran Friel; Martin Friel; Dylan Doherty; John Doherty; Philip Conaghan; Jonathan Kearney; Martin McLaughlin; Gerry Diver; John Kearney.

KEADUE N.S. BURTONPORT

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DO YOU KNOW ?

Leitrim won their only Connaught Senior Football Championship in 1927 when they defeated Galway by 2-4 to 0-3 in Roscommon. The game was played before an attendance of 8,000 and Leitrim led at half-time by 1-4 to 0-1. Tom Gannon was Leitrim's captain on that historic occasion.

In 1938 Leitrim won the All-Ireland "Home" Junior Final, but were defeated by London by 5-7 to 2-9 in the final proper. The famous "Nipper" Stanley was a member of this team. Leitrim had defeated Kildare by 1-8 to 0-5 in the Home Final.

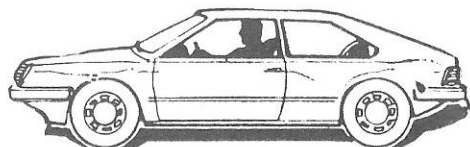
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BACK TO THE GRINDSTONE

By Michael McHugh, Donegal Democrat

It is exactly eight weeks to the day since Donegal left the hallowed turf of Croke Park with the coveted 'Sam Maguire' and the All-Ireland championship.

The euphoria and ecstasy that has been in the county since that date has died down a bit now, although many bank deficits have yet to be remunerated. The county's league campaign has started well with wins over Kildare and Carlow and a victory over Leitrim to-day in Ballyshannon (by no means a foregone conclusion) would see Donegal in a strong position to retain Division One status come the new year, and again reach the latter stages of the competition in the spring.

Their luck in the penultimate stages of the league campaign has failed them over the last three years with late defeats by Meath in Clones 1990 (quarter-final); Kildare in Croke Park 1991 (semi-final) and Dublin this year in the N.F.L. quarter-final at Breffni Park. Indeed in all three cases they should have won, but didn't.

However, many have argued that this year's league defeat by Dublin was the jolt they needed to inspire the team to championship success. Such is the nature of the game.

Thinking ahead as ever, County manager Brian McEniff held the first of a number of trials last weekend in Ballyshannon in his efforts to augment the current squad.

Come the first round of the championship against Antrim next year, don't be surprised if you see some new faces in the line-up.

Meanwhile, Leitrim will be out to-day to give the champions a little 'surprise. Having acquitted themselves with a draw against Cork two weeks ago and the prospect of a home game against Kildare, they will be going all out today to take at least one point in their efforts to achieve first division status next year. Under John O'Mahoney's tutelage, a pound wager would not go amiss!

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

- 1, Colm O'Rourke who was born in Aughavas, Co. Leitrim; 2, Frank Holohan from Drumreilly; 3, Dan Meehan, formerly from Glencar-Manorhamilton Club; 4, Kinlough's Aiden McGowan, who now lives in Grange, Co. Sligo; 5, John Owens; 6, Declan Darcy and Mickey Quinn. Pat Donoghue was a sub.; 7, Dublin, who were captained by present hurling manager, Lar Foley; 8, Cathal Flynn; 9, Harry O'Carroll; 10, No, though they reached the final in 1972 but lost to Carlow by 3-9 to 1-5; 11, Mark Crossan, Paul Callaghan and Jim McGuinness; 12, Michael McLoone of Aodh Ruadh; 13, Anthony Harkin with Thomond College, who played at midfield; 14, Brendan Dunleavy; 15, Matt Gallagher; 16, Martin McHugh v Cavan, James McHugh v Fermanagh, Tommy Ryan v Fermanagh; 17, Damien Diver; 18, Five, 1983, '84, '89, '91, '92; 19, Finian Ward and Brendan Brady; 20, Charlie Mulgrew and Martin McHugh.

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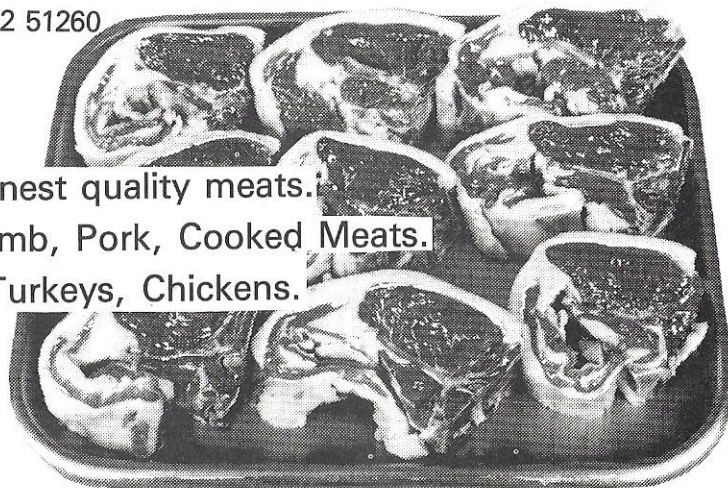
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