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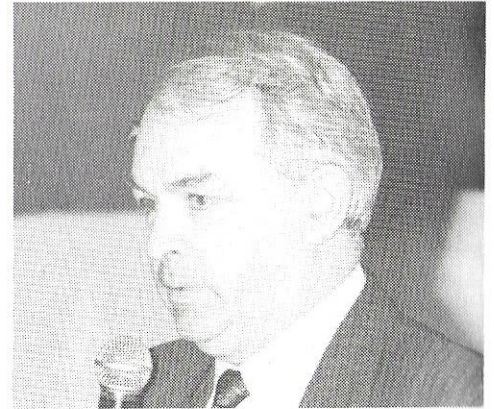


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Is cúis áthais domhsa, mar Chathaoirleach ar Choiste Chontae Dhún na nGall, faire na fáilte a chuir roimh gach duine go Páirc Shéan Mhic Cumhaill inniu. Cuirim fáilte speisialta roimh na peileadóirí, fuireann bainistíochtá agus na h-Oifigí ó Chontae Roscomáin. Ním comhghairdeachas leo siocar go bhfuil na babaí ceathrú ceannais de'n t-Sraith sroiste acu.

It is my great pleasure as chairman of the Donegal County Board to sincerely welcome you all here today. I extend a hearty "Ceád Míle Fáilte" to the footballers, management team and officials from Co. Roscommon. I extend my heartiest congratulations to Roscommon on having reached the League quarter-finals.



Today's game is our first home game of 1992 and it is of tremendous importance to us. We need a result to day to guarantee safe passage into the quarter-finals of the League. As this will be our only home match for some time I would appeal to all our supporters to get behind our team from the word go. With your strong support and backing, we can get the season off to a proper start by joining Roscommon in the quarter-finals this evening.

A special word of thanks to our new Co. P.R.O., Ken Dooley, for his work in the preparation and compiling of this programme.

I would also like to welcome the minor footballers of Donegal and Roscommon to the game today. I hope they got great enjoyment and satisfaction out of their challenge match in Glenfin this morning.

Rath Dé oraibh go léir.

NIALL Mac CUMHAILL,
Cathaoirleach, Coiste Chontae C.L.C.G.

- FRONT COVER: Tony Boyle and Ollie Honeyman clash in the League game played in Fr. Tierney Park, Ballyshannon, prior to Christmas. (Photo: Donegal Democrat)

AN REITEOIR

EDDIE NEARY (Sligo)

Eddie Neary, Dromard, is a member of the St. Pats. Club. He is a quantity surveyor by profession.

At county level he has refereed finals in all grades.

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Nuair a ghlacfaidh peileadóirí Tír Chonaill a n-áit inniu ar pháirc na himeartha in éadán Ros Comáin, tá comh scór ar a laghad ag taisteal uainn le bheith cinnte dár n-áit i gcluichí ceathrú ceannais na sraithe. Ní bheidh sé furast an aidhm seo a thabhairt chun críche mar ní bheidh Ros Comáin atá cáilithe ag an bpointe seo faoi bhrú mór. Sin ráite, thig leis na Conallaigh aimsiú go han ard nuair a tá gá leis agus b'fhéidir mar sin go mbéidh gá leis inniu.

Bhain a lán lucht tacaíochta do chuid Chumann Lúthchleas Gael sult agus pleisiúr le blianta anuas as an saghas peile atá eisiatach do Ros Comáin amháin. Tá mé cinnte nach gclisfidh siad orainn ag an am seo. Nuair a ghlacfaidh foireann Ros Comáin a n-áit ar pháirc na himeartha, cuireadh gach duine fáilte dhíograsach rompu go Dún na nGall. Má dhéanann muid seo tá muid ag taispeáin an cairdeas atá eadarainn féin agus foireann a thagann ar cuairt againn agus ag an am chéanna ag taispeáin ár meas ar fhoireann den chás scoth.

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

Chuaigh an pheil ó neart go neart laistigh denár mbábhún agus téann muid ar aghaidh go dtí an t-am atá le theacht lán de spiorad agus de mhúinín go bhfuil rudaí níos fearr le tarlú. Tá súil agam go mbainfidh cluiche an lae inniu macalla as an sprig sin. Mairfidh ár gcluichí i gconaí mar phairt lárnach dár gcumann. Fuair muid mar oidhreacht agus tá muid mar gcaomhnóirí ag an eagraíocht amaitéarach is mó ar an domhan. Ní thig le cluichí ar bith eile theacht cóngarach dár scil agus dár gcaighdeán.

Dúirt mé go minic aroimhe agus deirim arís ní miste caidé chomh tábhachtach, chomh sár-mhaith nó ní miste caidé seort scileanna, nó cén caighdeán imeartha a thaispeánfar anseo inniu a rachadh chun tairbhe dúinn, má bhéanann muid dearmad nó faillí inár n-imeachtaí cultúra eile, go speisialta ár dteanga. Caithfear an teanga a chaomhnú agus a bhéith brodúil aistí thar gach imeacht cultúra eile. Caithfidh muidinne i dTír Chonaill taispeáint den naisiún go bhfuil bród orainn as ár bpeileadóirí agus as ár gcultúr.

Ní miste caidé an toradh a bheidh ar chluiche an lae inniu, bímis dóchasach go dtabharfaidh sé clú do spiorad Chumann Lúthchleas Gael agus gach rud a seasann ár gcumann fá na choinne.

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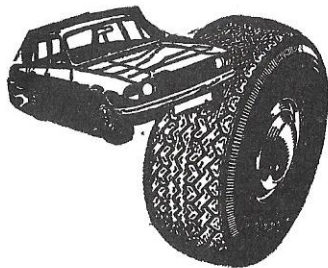
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Roscommon/Donegal, from disappointment in '90, '91 to where in 1992?

Roscommon and Donegal have something in common. It's recent history, recent history from the All-Ireland Championship series, writes Michael Daly, Sports Editor, Donegal Democrat.

In 1990 at the penultimate hurdle, the All-Ireland semi-final, Donegal, although they outplayed Meath for an hour, still ended up the losers.

A year later Roscommon experienced a similar fate, also against Meath. Donegal (it was said and since repeated), were they ever going to enjoy All-Ireland success, had to make the breakthrough in 1990. Roscommon, having earned a lucky draw against Mayo in the Connacht decider, went on to win the replay and went to Croke Park hopeful of success in 1991.

It, like the '90 semi-final, was a pulsating game. Roscommon enjoyed a five point lead at one stage but lost by one point, 0-15 to 1-11.

The fate of both counties has another parallel. In April 1991 Roscommon were humiliated in a League semi-final which they lost to Dublin by 11 points. In July 1991 the margin was not as vast but Donegal, likewise, were humiliated by Down in an Ulster Championship final.

What is interesting to ponder now is the response of both sides to those defeats. Until Christmas they, outwardly, matched each other step for step, winning three games each in the League.

However, Roscommon retained their 100% record last time out in Elphin where Antrim were swept aside. Donegal, albeit with a more difficult task in Aghrim failed their first real test of the new League, missing a penalty and losing by a goal. Roscommon, in general, have made the more positive response.

Both sides are at a crossroads today. Again it will be interesting to observe Roscommon's attitude to this game. Donegal, last year, were assured of a play-off place when they travelled to Dr. Hyde Park for the final round of the League. Their manager, Brian McEniff, had come from London to Roscommon after fulfilling a long standing engagement. There were delays getting the team to the venue, the display itself smacked of indifference. Roscommon won easily.

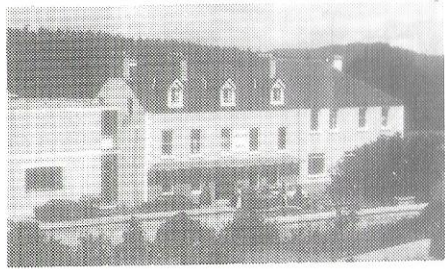
Now, the shoe is on the Roscommon foot, they have assured themselves of a play-off place already. What will their attitude be. Later today you can judge that one yourself.

If only to help their self esteem Donegal have to win this game. If not, it may well be May 24th before they get another quality/competitive game and I fear that could be too late to rectify the very serious weaknesses in the side. Discovering selection errors in Breffni Park could give Cavan revenge for recent defeats by Donegal.

Confidence amongst their loyal supporters for the future of this Donegal team, understandably, has slipped since the 1991 Championship. The Wicklow defeat has created further doubt, to lose at home to Roscommon would be very damaging.

Like Roscommon after that 11 point hammering by Dublin, Donegal need desperately to take corrective action. If not, the consequences will be fatal for the main body of players and their manager.

Both sides mirror each other in so many ways. I wonder what they can learn from each other by looking at that mirror.



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Programme compiled by Co. P.R.O.

KEN DOOLEY

SEAN MacCUMHAILL (1901 - 1949)

John McCool, or as he himself preferred it, Sean Mac Cumhaill, was born in Killybeg on the 6th January, 1901. He was the younger son of Daniel McCool, a native of Bisho Street, Derry, and Mary Anne Sweeney, the daughter of an old Fenian, John Sweeney farmer of Mullindrait, Stranorlar. His father came to Co. Donegal as an engine driver with the local Railway Company at Stranorlar, and shortly after his marriage he was transferred to the Killybegs section of the Railway. As the appointment was of a short duration he took rooms for his family at Killybegs, in the home of the late Brian Brady, T.D. Brady's mother, in addition to being McCools' landlady, was also the midwife being a trained nurse, who ushered the infant Sean into this world; and ever afterward had a soft spot in her heart for him as infant, boy and man.

Soon after McCool's birth the McCool family returned to Stranorlar, which then became the background from whence he emerged as a National figure. It was a background which will not admit its true portrayal as a single canvas for then, as now, it was filled with incongruities and inconsistencies. The river Finn kept the Twin Towns apart while their respective Green and Orange affiliations proved their affinity and consanguinity.

It was Ballybofey's proud boast that the Orangemen never crossed the bridge. But it was an empty boast; for the same Ballybofey was the place in which John Redmond sang his swan-song as an Irish patriot before becoming chief recruiting officer for the British Army. That he knew where to take his stance is evidenced by the fact that a few years later his faithful local henchmen raised Orange dyed Stranorlar and Gree washed Ballybofey out of the mire of sectarianism and tribalism as together they sang and danced around lighted tar barrels; and to the slogan of "Your King and Country need you", brave young men marched away to shed their blood on far foreign fields.

There were, however, much more powerful influences moulding the man who was to emerge into public life as Sean Mac Cumhaill. From his father he learned that principle and expedience are incompatible; and through his mother, his sister and his brother he acquired gentleness, devotion and affection. Through his junior teacher, Mr. Anthon Timoney in Stranorlar, he was first taught his native language, at a time when teachers acquired their knowledge with their own money, and from his senior teacher, the late Mr. William Doherty, he passed with distinction and a very high place, by competition, into St. Patrick's Training College, Dublin, from whence he graduated as a fully qualified Primary Teacher. During these formative years, McCool developed a strong, spiritual side to his life which enabled him to come through every crisis in his life with his faith unimpaired. His veneration and devotion, private and public, to the Sacred Heart of Jesus brought him into the ranks of the Total Abstinence Association at an early age and remained with him, like the Pioneer pin in his coat, to the end. His devotion to Our Lady and the Holy Rosary was a spiritual exercise which he brought from his home into strange and unexpected surroundings and company — the hillside, house of refuge, prison, concentration camp and hospital.

McCool's close association with the GAA only ended with his death and for upward of four years before his passing he was secretary to the Co. Board. For him, however, Gaelic football and the other National games were not an end and we cannot but admire his attitude towards them.

McCool's hunger strike of 1943 was the climax of his career as an Irish Republican. Never very robust, his health was badly impaired when, eventually, he was released from the Curragh. On his return home he received a rousing welcome from many friends in the North West and a warm, friendly corner prepared for him in their home by his brother, Dannie, and his sister-in-law, at Stranorlar. For almost twenty five years of the best years of his life, he was either a fugitive 'on the run' or a prisoner behind barbed wire but he was still and remained to the end the "modest, retiring man" who set out from Stranorlar for St. Patrick's Training College, Dublin.

LAST CLASH IN BALLYBOFEY

The last time Donegal and Roscommon met in Ballybofey was on the occasion of the opening of the MacCumhalls Social Centre on Sunday, 1st September, 1974.

We reproduce below and on the facing page the report of the game which appeared in the 'Donegal Democrat'.

Donegal Win Challenge Game

Donegal 4-10

Roscommon 1-16

This challenge match at Ballybofey which resulted in a narrow win for Donegal, provided entertaining fare, but the vital ingredient that lifts competitive games away above the level of friendlies was not there, and with both teams' 1974 fortunes already determined, there was a lack of urgency which produced a rather subdued atmosphere throughout.

David Watson opened for Roscommon with a point from a 50 after three minutes. John O'Gara followed with points in the 4th and 5th minutes and M. Freyne sent over a 21-yard free in the 7th minute. Donegal's first score was a point by Anthony Gallagher after 9 minutes. Two minutes later, Joe Winston got their second point, but Roscommon came again to add two points by Freyne, in the 13th and 15th minutes. A minute after that Donegal all but closed the gap with a fine goal by Neily Gallagher, who took a ball tapped down by Michael Carr, and chose his spot to beat the keeper. Seamus Granaghan levelled for Donegal in the 19th minute, and Joe Winston put them in front for the first time with a point from 40 yards range in the 23rd minute, and Seamus Granaghan stretched it with a point in the 24th minute. John

O'Gara (Roscommon) from play and Neily Gallagher, from a free, exchanged points before half-time, when Donegal led by 1-6 to 0-7.

Donegal had the first two points of the second half, per P. J. McGowan and Seamus Granaghan, inside the opening five minutes. Then Roscommon launched a sharp attack through Watson, Freyne and Cox, and Dermot Earley (who had moved from defence into attack) blasted in a shot which McCole did well to turn over for a point. In the 9th minute, Donegal got a penalty when Granaghan was grabbed by the keeper as he punched the ball over the bar. Joe Winston took the spot kick to score easily, and when Michael Carr pointed a minute later, Donegal were left seven points in front. Then came the spirited Roscommon revival, started by Dermot Earley in the 12th minute when he pointed a free for a foul on himself. In the 14th minute, Earley was downed by Sean Quinn. Mick Freyne took the penalty but McCole reacted magnificently to push the ball over the bar. Roscommon kept up the pressure, with John O'Gara pointing twice in the 15th and 16th minutes, and Dermot Earley doing likewise (from two frees) in the 18th and 19th minutes. Donegal with their lead now whittled down to a single point, seemed to be in danger of being

swamped, but they found a rescuer in Tony Bradley, who had come on a while earlier from Granaghan. Bradley sent in a high lobbing ball from the right and as it slowly came down in front of the goals, the keeper, with Neily Gallagher advancing, seemed to become unsighted, allowing it to drop into the net. Roscommon seemed to think a square infringement occurred but the score stood, and Roscommon had another wound to lick a minute later when Neily Gallagher put the ball through to Michael Carr inside the box to score a goal. Carr followed with a point from a Tony Bradley cross in the 25th minute. Now leading by 4-10 to 0-14 Donegal looked to be home and dry, but Roscommon showed they were anything but a spent force when they marshalled for a great final offensive that narrowly failed to carry the day but brought three scores in the last three minutes of play. Hugh Griffin pointed in the 27th minute, Michael Freyne sent to the net in the 28th minute, and Griffin had the last point in the 30th minute.

For Donegal, Noel McCole in goal had a great day. Andy

Curran, who was captain for the day, did well in defence, as did Finian Ward in front of him. Midfielders Anthony Gallagher and Paul McGettigan were active. In attack Hugh McClafferty and Neily Gallagher were the most prominent.

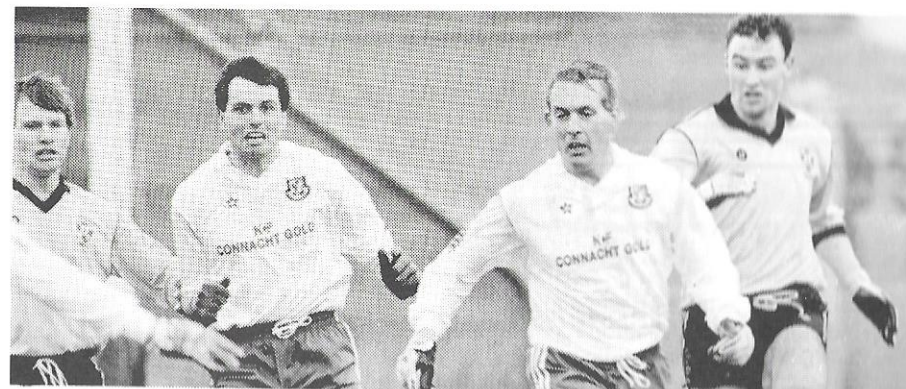
Roscommon had a good half-back in Watson. Their midfielders, O'Gara and Beirne, were hard to hold. Earley, Freyne and McNamara were dangerous in attack.

Teams:-

Donegal — Noel McCole; John Boyce, Martin Griffin, Andy Curran; P. J. McGowan, Sean Quinn, Finian Ward; Anthony Gallagher, Paul McGettigan; Michael Carr, Hugh McClafferty, Michael Lafferty; Seamus Granaghan, Neily Gallagher, Joseph Winston. Subs — Tony Bradley for S. Granaghan, Danny Gillespie for P. J. McGowan.

Roscommon — P. White, J. Heneghan, D. Earley, F. Daly; M. Menton, J. Brooke; D. Watson, J. O'Gara, G. Beirne, S. Daly, M. McNamara, P. Cox; D. Shine, M. Freyne, E. McManus. Subs — P. J. Moran for S. Daly, H. Griffin for D. Shine.

Referee — Gerry Griffin (Sean MacCumhalls).



Roscommon players, Paul Earley and Tony McManus in action for Roscommon against Ulster in Carrick-on-Shannon last Sunday. Also in picture are Tony Scullion and Conor Deegans.

(Photo: Donegal Democrat)

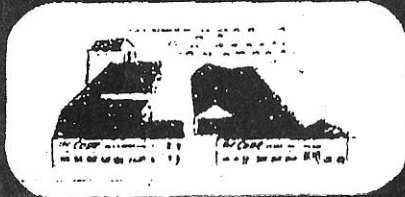
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(Dungloe)

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M. Ó BAOILL
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Eamonn McManus
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(Strokestown)

14
S. Ó NÚTHÁIN
John Newton
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Andy Leyland
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From the beginning, however, the scheme proved a success and a substantial inflow of funds resulted. This meant that more money was available to clubs for development where projects were regarded as suitable by trustees of the Credit Scheme.

The Sean MacCumhaill Club in Ballybofey were among the first to recognise that with this scheme, a long awaited social centre could become a reality. They forwarded their plans, these were investigated and then accepted, resulting in the Ballybofey club receiving a substantial loan. With this and their own financial resources and arrangements, they were enabled to proceed with their project.

As to-day's Opening shows they have produced, by their foresight, a fine Social Centre and Dressing Rooms and by doing so have raised the image of the Association in the county. It is to be hoped that other clubs will follow their example.

The work of such men as Des Griffin, Declan Collum, Eugene Gallagher, Charles Faulkner, Joe Doherty and Liam Thompson, has set for all Clubs and Park Committees, a standard that all should attempt to emulate.

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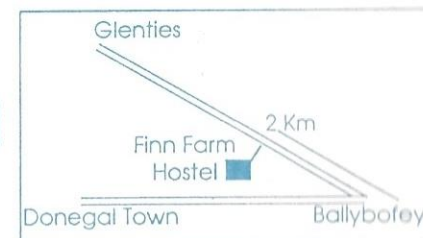
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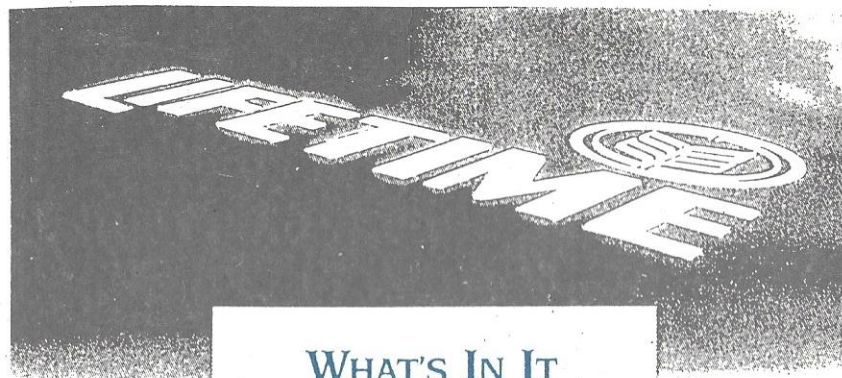
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