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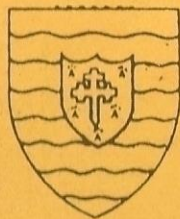
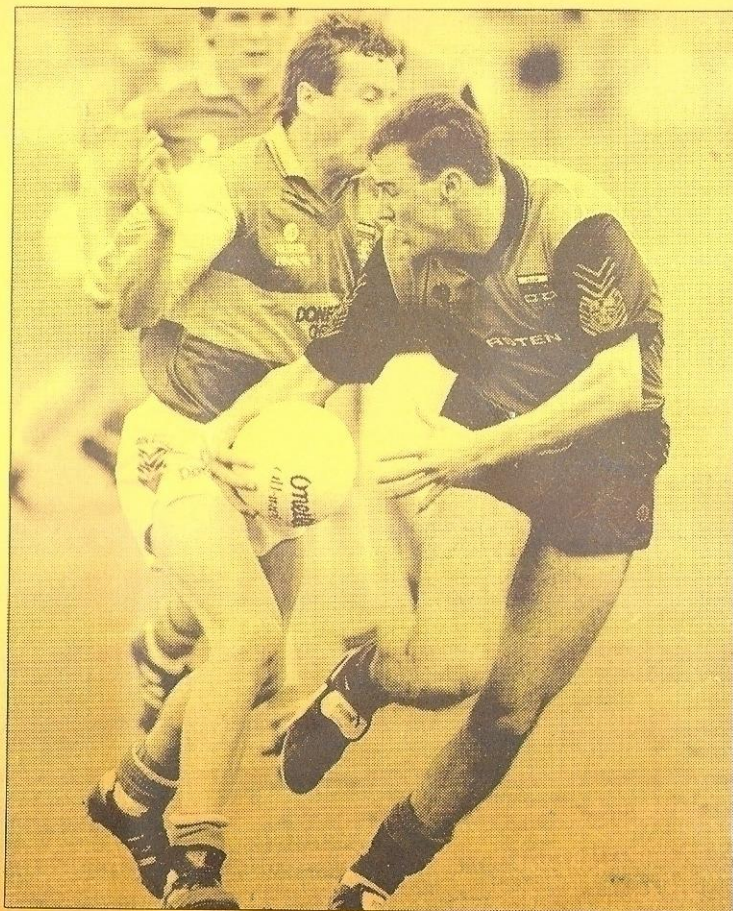
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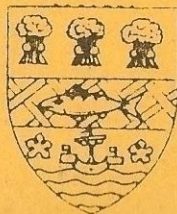
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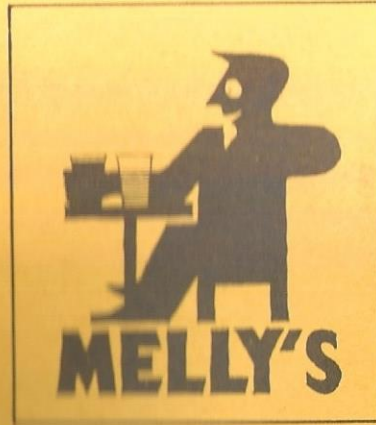
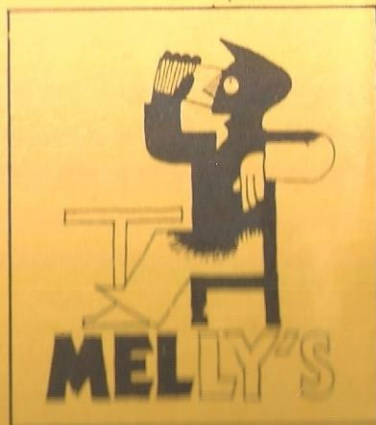
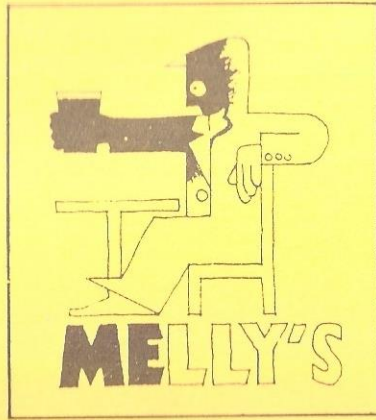
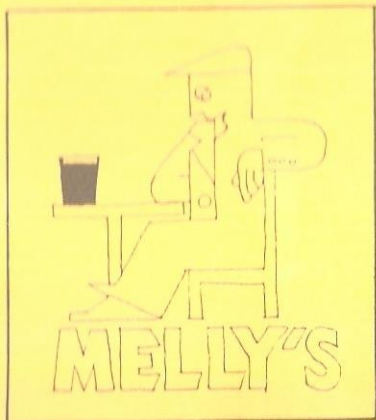


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On behalf of Coiste Chontae Dhún na nGall I welcome you all here today. I extend a special welcome to the footballers, officers and support from Down.

Today we set out again on the National Football League road after just failing to clinch the title last year. It has been a frustrating year for the county football team after losing the League final replay and then injuries depriving the team of a real attempt at retaining the All-Ireland crown.

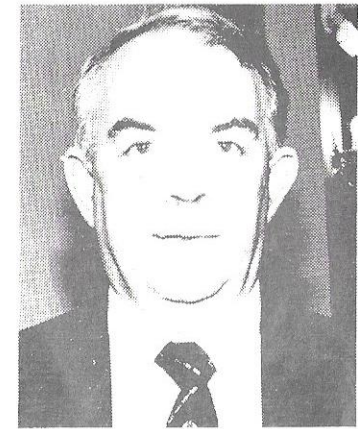
Down suffered a similar experience in 1992 so we have much in common. At the start of the new campaign I wish Brian McEniff and the team every success and hopefully, we can start off with two points from today's game.

Elsewhere today our thoughts are with the Ladies GAA team as they play in the All-Ireland Junior final in Croke Park and they are wished success.

A special word of thanks to the Aodh Ruadh Park Committee who once again have excelled in their arrangements for this fixture and in preparing this match programme.

Beir bua agus beannacht,

NIALL MacCUMHAILL
Cathaoirleach Coiste Contae, C.L.C.G.



MATCH PROGRAMME

Programme prepared by Park Committee, Aodh Ruadh G.A.A. Club.

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● **COVER PHOTO:** Action from the last meeting between today's sides with Conor Deegan in possession being tackled by Charlie Mulgrew.

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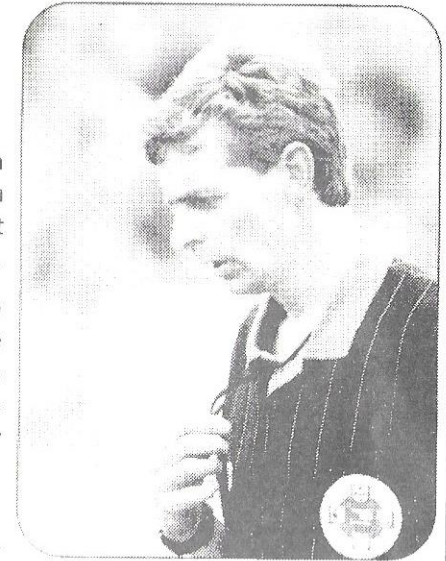
TODAY'S REFEREE

TOMMY McDERMOTT (Cavan)

Tommy McDermott, from Killeshandra in Co. Cavan, although only 33 years of age, has been eight years refereeing at inter-county level.

His biggest games to date has been the All-Ireland Minor final of 1992; the All-Ireland Club final of 1992 and the All-Ireland Colleges final of 1992. He also refereed his first Ulster final earlier this year.

He has refereed Ulster Championship games in both Ulster and Leinster, an Ulster U-21 final as well as numerous county finals in his native Cavan.



OTHER GAMES IN THE N.F.L. TODAY

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(All games at 3.30)

DIVISION ONE: Kerry v Kildare in Tralee; Clare v Dublin in Ennis; Mayo v Derry in Castlebar.

DIVISION TWO: Galway v Louth in Tuam; Laois v Roscommon in Portlaoise; Meath v Cork in Navan; Fermanagh v Leitrim in Irvinestown.

DIVISION 3: Tipperary v Armagh in Templemore; Offaly v Tyrone in Tullamore; Wexford v Monaghan in Enniscorthy; Antrim v Cavan in Casement Park (M. McGrath).

DIVISION 4: London v Wateford in Ruislip; Longford v Sligo in Longford; Carlow v Wicklow in Carlow. Kilkenny played Westmeath yesterday in Jenkinstown.

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LAST MEETINGS

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE '90-'91

Down 0-10

Donegal 1-7

The sides last met in the League in the Marshes, Newry, on October 21st, 1990 and the game ended all square.

Struggling throughout, Donegal almost took both points when a Brian Murray fisted goal put the visitors a point ahead with four minutes left. However, a minute from time, substitute Peter Withnell levelled.

Donegal finished the game with fourteen men, after Declan Bonner had been sent off.

Scorers — Donegal: Brian Murray 1-1, Charlie Mulgrew, Joyce McMullan, Paddy Hegarty, John Ban Gallagher, Tony Boyle and Manus Boyle 0-1 each.

Down: Greg Blaney 0-3, James McCartan, Peter Withnell 0-2 each, Gregory McCartan, Mickey Linden, Brian Irwin 0-1 each.

Donegal: Gary Walsh; John Joe Doherty, Matt Gallagher, John Cunningham; Donal Reid, Martin Gavigan, Martin Shovlin; Brian Murray, John Ban Gallagher; Paddy Hegarty, Charlie Mulgrew, Joyce McMullan; Declan Bonner, Tony Boyle, Manus Boyle. Subs., Tommy Ryan for Mulgrew; Gerry Curran for Hegarty; Noel Hegarty for John Ban Gallagher.

Down: Neil Collins; Brendan McKiernan, Conor Deegans, Barry Breen; John Kelly, Paddy O'Rourke, D. J. Kane; Liam Austin, Ambrose Rodgers; Jarlath Austin, Greg Blaney, Mickey Linden; Tony McMahan, Gregory McCartan, James McCartan. Subs., Peter Withnell for J. Austin; Brian Irwin for McMahan.

DR. McKENNA CUP

Ballyshannon: 28th April, '91

Donegal 1-13

Down 1-8

Donegal were made battle very hard to reach the Dr. McKenna Cup final — which they went on to win.

At half-time, there was just two points between the sides — Donegal 0-7, Down

0-5, and a Paul McCartan goal gave the visitors a one point lead midway through the second half. However, Donegal finished strongly to win well in the end.

Donegal: Gary Walsh; Matt Gallagher, Tommy McDermott, Brian Tuohy; Donal Reid, Paul Carr, Martin Shovlin; Padraig Brogan (0-1), Anthony Molloy; Gerry Curran (0-2), Martin McHugh, Joyce McMullan; Declan Bonner (0-3), Charlie Mulgrew, Manus Boyle (0-5). Subs., Tommy Ryan (1-1) for McHugh; Barry Cunningham (0-1) for Brogan.

Down: Neil Collins; Brendan McKiernan, Gary Mason, John Kelly; D. J. Kane, Paddy O'Rourke, Barry Breen; Liam Austin (0-1), Conor Deegans; Greg Blaney, Mickey Linden (0-2), Jarlath Austin; Paul McCartan (1-5), Mark McCartan, Raphael Haughian. Subs., Michael Poland for J. Austin; Martin Lavery for Kelly.

ULSTER CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Clones, July '91

Down 1-15

Donegal 0-10

A very disappointing day for Donegal, going for their second Ulster title in a row. Disaster struck after nine minutes when Mickey Linden hammered home a goal. Down led by 1-9 to 0-5 at half-time and although Donegal came within four points early in the second half, Down pulled away to win easily, before going on to become the first of the Ulster three-in-a-row.

Donegal: Gary Walsh; John Joe Doherty, Sean Bonner, Matt Gallagher; Donal Reid, Martin Gavigan, Barry McGowan; Brian Murray, Michael Gallagher; Martin McHugh, Charlie Mulgrew, Joyce McMullan; Declan Bonner (0-4), Tony Boyle (0-3), Manus Boyle (0-2). Subs., Noel Hegarty for S. Bonner; Padraig Bonner (0-1) for Murray; James McHugh for Mulgrew.

Down: Neil Collins; Brendan McKiernan, Conor Deegan, Paul Higgins; John Kelly, Paddy O'Rourke, D. J. Kane (0-1); Barry Breen (0-1), Eamonn Burns; Ross Carr (0-3), Greg Blaney (0-3), Gary Mason (0-3); Mickey Linden (1-1), Peter Withnell, James McCartin (0-2).

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Os ag caint ar Na Mournemen atá mé, caithfidh mé a admháil gur dúshlán Thír Chonaill iad i gconaf. Bhuadar orainn san am atá thart agus ní féidir aon chonspóid a bheith fá thoradh ar bith. Tá stíl galánta imeartha acu agus mar fhoireann tá a gcomh-obair ar fheabhas. Glacann siad a seansanna gach uair agus ní thig iad a sharú go dtí an fheadóg dheireanach. Tá smacht an-mhór lastigh den fhoireann agus téann an chreidiúint seo chuig na himreoirí agus a gcomhairleoirí araon.

Thig a bheith cinnte go ndéanfaidh peileadóirí an Dúin a ndiocheall i mbliana theacht i réim arís maidir leis an pheil lastigh den chúige. Ag tús na deich mbliana seo bhí siad ar barr. I 1991 bhain siad amach a sprioc. Tá fhios againn cad a tharla i 1992 agus 1993. D'ainneoin sin uilig, ná biodh duine ar bith chomh soineanta agus go sílfeadh dé go bhfuil laethanta a n-imeartha thart agus nach bhfuil aon rud i ndán den Dún. Bímis ar ár fhaicill agus ná lig dúinn a bheith ró-shúirailte fán toradh. Nuair is lú coinne leis agus má thagann said aniar aduaidh orainn thiocthad leis an bhuille scoir a bheith cóngarach go leor.

Tá páirt thábhachtach le himirt ag-an traidisiún sa pheil Ghaelach. Tá traidisiún ag An Dún a thig iad a thabhairt tríd choimhlint ar bith. Chonaic mé seo ag tarlú ó am go chéile agus creidim go bhfuil sé fíor. Ní bhuaitear cluichí ar thraidisiún amháin ach mar sin féin is páirt thábhachtach é.

Feicfear sár-pheil i gcomhraic an lae inniu. Thig leis an dá chontae a bheith inchurtha leis an ócáid. Rinneadar é san am atá thart agus 'sé mo thuairim gur plúr na gcluichí a bheidh i gcoimhlint an Domhnaigh.

Beidh siad gob ar ghob le choimhlint ghéar ag deireadh ama. Tá sé ar ár gcumas an bhua a fháil ach le robhadh dhian BÍGÍ AR AN AIRDEALL rompu.

ATTENDANCES

The Donegal and Dublin final replay attendance on 9th May, 1993, was the biggest attendance ever at a League final proper when 59,703 attended, while there were 51,400 at the drawn game on May 2nd.

The record for a League final proper before that was in 1962 when Down and Dublin attracted 56,515. However, in both 1963 and 1964 the 'Home' finals attracted larger attendances — 57,180 attended the Kerry-Down final of '63, while a year later the clash of Dublin and Down attracted 70,126.

Down are also involved in the largest attendances at All-Ireland football finals with the 1961 decider against Offaly attracting 90,556 — the greatest ever gathering at a sporting fixture in Ireland.

A year earlier Down had also set a new mark with 87,768 attending the Down-Kerry All-Ireland final. That had improved the 1955 final clash of Galway and Dublin by 662.

Since seating was introduced in the Cusack Stand in the mid-sixties the biggest attendance was at the 1976 All-Ireland final between Dublin and Kerry with 73,588.

N.F.L. RECORD

Down have won the National Football League on four occasions — 1959-'60: Down 0-12, Cavan 0-9.

1961-'62: Down 2-5, Dublin 1-7.

1967-'68: Down 2-14, Kildare 2-11.

1982-'83: Down 1-8, Armagh 0-8.

Donegal have yet to win the title after losing to Dublin (0-10 to 0-6) after a replay earlier this year. The drawn game ended 0-9 each.

Donegal were beaten in six National League semi-finals before they were successful against Clare (1-12 to 1-7)

1952: Donegal 0-7, Cork 3-3.

1965: Donegal 1-8, Kerry 3-10.

1966: Donegal 0-11, Longford 0-13.

1967: Donegal 2-4, Galway 1-10.

1969: Donegal 1-3, Offaly 2-13.

1991: Donegal 1-10, Kildare 0-14.

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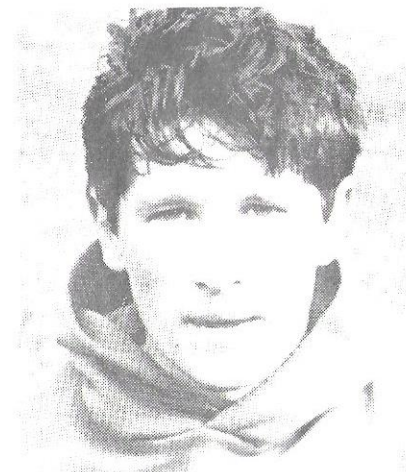
Good luck to Donegal today.

TEAM OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

Today after the Donegal-Down NFL game the O'Donnell's Bakery/Donegal Democrat team of the Donegal Club Championship will be presented with their jerseys outside the dressing rooms and the Player of the Championship will also receive a specially inscribed Celtic Weave plate.

A new innovation this year, it was the brainchild of Charles O'Donnell, a minor and U-21 footballer with Donegal, who was himself unable to take any part in the Club Championship due to an operation on a knee injury.

The Player of the Championship was a most difficult selection with players such as Marty Carlin, John Joe Doherty, Denis Carbery, Dermot Ward, James Carr and Pauric Howley all in contention but in the end the semi-final and final displays of James McHugh had a vital bearing on the diminutive Kilcar man being given the award.



James McHugh, the O'Donnell's Bakery/Donegal Democrat Player of the Donegal Senior Championship.

The team of the Championship was:

	DAVID MEEHAN (Killybegs)	
TED BRESLIN (Ardara)	DENIS CARBERY (Killybegs)	MARK CAMPBELL (Red Hughs)
MARK CROSSAN (St. Eunans)	JAMES CARR (Kilcar)	JOHN JOE DOHERTY (Naomh Columba)
	MARTY CARLIN (Red Hughs)	JOHN BAN GALLAGHER (Killybegs)
JAMES McHUGH (Kilcar)	NOEL HEGARTY (N. Columba)	MARTIN McHUGH (Kilcar)
JOHN GILDEA (N. Conaill)	DERMOT WARD (Glenfin)	PADRAIC HOWLEY (Kilcar)

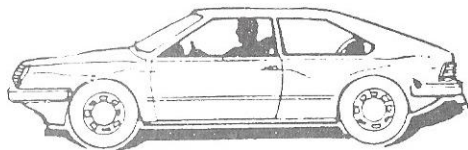
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GARY HOPING TO PUT ONE OVER

By Ciaran O'Donnell, Derry Journal

Gary Walsh has experienced the highs and lows of Gaelic football over the past year. Twelve months ago he was the toast of his native Ballyshannon, Donegal and his adopted club, Burren. A vital cog in 1992's All-Ireland Championship winning side, the Newry-based accountant also helped his club to the Ulster club final.

But times have changed dramatically for the modest netminder. Defeat by Derry in this year's Ulster final (not to be mixed up with the game of water polo) ended Gary's dreams of a second successive Ulster title.

If that wasn't hard enough to swallow, Donegal's number one found himself out of the Down Senior Championship, when Downpatrick surprisingly beat Burren by four points in the second round. To compound his miserable season, Downpatrick progressed to win the Down senior crown with relative ease.

"The difference between this year and last is huge," Gary commented.

"My whole season seemed to end so early this year. Two weeks after Derry defeated us, Burren were knocked out of the Championship. We also look like losing our League title. We have only three games left to play, and we can't catch the leaders," he added.

An accountant, the popular shot stopper moved to Down four years ago and is employed by Anglo Irish Beef Processors in Newry. He transferred from the Aodh Ruadh club two years ago. A steady influence on the Donegal defence, Gary won two Senior Championship medals with his former Ballyshannon club. He also had the honour of captaining the Donegal side at both minor and under-21 level.

Gary always relishes the prospect of playing in his home town.

"It's always nice to come back and play in Ballyshannon, and I must be honest and say that I am looking forward to getting one over on Down. Although we met Down in the McKenna Cup, we haven't come up against them in the League or the Championship since the 1991 Ulster final. We certainly owe them one," he maintained.

Living and working in Down, Gary is well



aware of the feelings the supporters have towards the current senior Down side.

"There are a lot of very unhappy people here, and there has been a lot of criticism directed at the management and indeed the entire team," he explained.

"But the basis of this current Down side seems to be built around the under-21 team, and it would be fair to say that the Down side is undergoing a rebuilding process," he added.

Embarking on his tenth season between the Donegal senior posts, Gary, who was voted Donegal Player of the Year in 1990, is the only Burren man who will start this afternoon's opening League match. It promises to be a highly competitive hour.

Best wishes to Donegal on Sunday

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IS TIME GETTING SCARCE FOR THE 30 SOMETHING BRIGADE?

When the Donegal panel was announced for the Ulster Championship final last July it contained no less than eight players who were 30 years of age or more. The bulk of those players are either in the first 15 or in the subs. bench for today's opening rond of the Church & General National League game here in Ballyshannon.



Michael Daly
 of the Donegal Democrat

Indeed the bulk of those players formed the nucleus of Donegal's success in the 1980s with the first All-Ireland U-21 title and when they joined forces with the best of the '87 class who won the title in that year, the bones of an All-Ireland senior title winning side had been formed.

Just slightly less than a year ago some of the those members of the 30 something brigade couldn't but have noticed the undue attention that their age was getting. Prior to the 1992 Ulster Championship final the phrase "now or never" was spawned.

In countless interviews players such as Anthony Molloy were heard to say they wanted to give it "one last shot". Indeed, Donal Reid said he was retiring after the '92 Championship ended for Donegal. 1993 came and Donal, rightly, decided to stay in there, there was another bullet in the gun.

However, for Donal Reid, Anthony Molloy, Martin McHugh, Paul Carr, Martin Shovlin, Matt Gallagher, Joyce McMullan, Sylvester Maguire the hill must be flattening out a little, they know now that the 1993/'94 season may see them looking over if not down that hill.

Individually, I'm not pointing the finger, rather suggesting the obvious, that as a collective group who form an important part of the Donegal team, that time is running out for these players and the prospect of winning another All-Ireland title will not be getting any easier.

After the disappointment of losing the lottery, sorry, I mean this year's Ulster final, those Donegal players mentioned and their slightly younger colleagues (I could name three more of today's panel who are 29!) Donegal know the importance of this year's League as a base for Championship plans.

Brian McEniff has freely admitted in this week's *Donegal Democrat* that involvement to the final stage in last year's League had a price: "The chickens came home to roost in the Championship because of our over-involvement in the latter stages of last year's League."

Although the psychological boost of a first win is vital, one may find a lot of the much younger lads getting their chance this League season with the 30 something brigade — after some of them have got 'winter' fit — being allowed to hone themselves for another "Last, last shot" in 1994.

Time is getting scarce, individuals may play 'till their 40 if they're good enough and keen enough, but collectively the need to repeat the success of 1992 now is paramount, the clock is ticking away, the extra bullets for "one last shot" running low.

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DÚN NA hGALL

1

G. Breathnach
Gary Walsh
(Burren)

2

S. S. Ó Dochartaigh
John Joe Doherty
(Naomh Columba)

3

M. Ó Gallchoir
Matt Gallagher
(Naomh Bríd)

4

P. Mac Giolla Chearra
Paul Carr
(Four Masters)

5

M. Mac an Chrósain
Mark Crossan
(St. Eunan's)

6

N. Ó hEigheartaigh
Noel Hegarty
(Naomh Columba)

7

M. Ó Seibhleáin
Martin Shovlin
(Naomh Ultan)

8

S. Mac Aonghusa
Jim McGuinness
(Naomh Conaill)

9

B. Ó Muirí
Brian Murray
(Civil Service)

10

S. Mac Aoidh
James McHugh
(Kilcar)

11

M. Mac Aoidh
Martin McHugh
(Kilcar)

12

T. Ó Riain
Tommy Ryan
(Termon)

13

D. Ó Cnaimhsí
Declan Bonner
(Na Rossa)

14

M. Ó Baoill
Manus Boyle
(Killybegs)

15

S. Ó Dufaigh
John Duffy
(Civil Service)

FIR IONAIÐ: 16, **P. Ó Ceallachain** (Paul Callaghan, Burt); 17, **D. Ó Riada** (Donal Reid, Red Hughs); 18, **M. Ó Gaibheagháin** (Martin Gavigan, Ardara); 19, **A. Ó Ludhog** (Anthony Molloy, Ardara); 20, **M. Mac Seáin** (Mark McShane, Kilcar); 21, **S. Ó Cuinneagáin** (John Cunningham, Killybegs); 22, **P. Ó hEigheartaigh** (Paddy Hegarty, Naomh Columba); 23, **S. Mac Giolla De** (John Gildea, Naomh Columba); 24, **D. Ó Breisleáin** (Donal Breslin, Gweedore).

AN DÚN

1

N. Ó Coilleain
Neil Collins
(Carryduff)

2

M. Mac An Ghoill
Miceal Magill
(Warrenpoint)

3

S. Mac Mathuna
Shane McMahon
(Mayobridge)

4

C. Ó Duiguin
Conor Deegan
(Downpatrick)

5

C. Ó Muirí
Cathal Murray
(Clonduff)

6

B. Grant
Brian Grant
(Mayobridge)

7

D. S. Ó Cathain
D. J. Kane, capt.
(Shamrocks)

8

E. Ó Broin
Eamon Burns
(Bryansford)

9

G. Mac Colgain
Gerard Colgan
(An Ríocht)

10

S. Mac Aibhistín
Jarlath Austin
(Rostrevor)

11

R. Mac Giolla Chearra
Ross Carr
(Clonduff)

12

M. Mac Giolla Fhiondain
Mickey Linden
(Mayobridge)

13

S. Mac Artain
James McCartan
(Tullylish)

14

G. Bléine
Greg Blaney
(Carryduff)

15

A. Ó Fearáil
Aidan Farrell
(Rostrevor)

FIR IONAIÐ: 16, **E. Ó Conghaile** (Eamon Connolly, Warrenpoint); 17, **L. Huilóid** (Liam Howlett, Warrenpoint); 18, **B. Ó hEidhin** (Barry Hynds, Drumgath); 19, **R. Ó Searbhain** (Rory Sharvin, Kilclief); 20, **G. Ó Duiginn** (Gerard Deegan, Downpatrick); 21, **G. Mac Artain** (Gregory McCartan, Ballymartin); 22, **C. MacCaba** (Ciaran McCabe, Castlewellan); 23, **S. P. Mac Artain** (Charlie Pat McCartan, Tullylish); 24, **R. Starcaidh** (Richard Starkey, Downpatrick).

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DOWN QUIZ

By P. J. Buggy

- 1—Who captained Down to win their last All-Ireland Minor Football Championship in 1987?
- 2—How many of that team went on to play in the 1991 All-Ireland Senior Final against Meath?
- 3—Down also won the 1977 All-Ireland Minor Final. How many of that team were involved in the 1991 Senior Final?
- 4—Who refereed the 1960 All-Ireland Final between Down and Kerry?
- 5—Who was Down's only All-Star in 1992?
- 6—What Donegal club held the mighty Burren to a draw on their own ground on the way to their All-Ireland Club title in 1988?
- 7—Who managed Down to their Ulster Senior Hurling Championship win in 1992?
- 8—Name the Down family who had at least one player involved in Down's four All-Ireland Senior Championship wins?
- 9—Name the two Down players to have been honoured with the Texaco Footballer of the Year Award?

- 10—Ulster were in the Railway Cup finals in football and hurling in 1992. They won the football and lost the hurling. On which team did Down have the greater number of players in the actual finals?
- 11—Who scored Down's two goals in the 1968 All-Ireland Final?
- 12—When Down won the National Football League Final in 1983 what team did they defeat in the final?
- 13—Who was Down's first football All-Star?
- 14—A Down man refereed this year's All-Ireland minor football final. Who?
- 15—How many All-Star awards did Paddy Doherty win?
- 16—What Down man was President of the G.A.A. from 1979 to 1982?
- 17—Who are the current Down senior football champions?
- 18—Name the Down club which reached the first official All-Ireland Club football final in 1971?
- 19—Name the brothers who captained Burren to their All-Ireland Club football finals in 1986 and 1988.
- 20—Who was the first Down man to captain Ulster to win the Railway Cup?

ANSWERS

- 1—Mark Quinn from Downpatrick.
- 2—Two, Conor Deegan and James McCartan. Cathal Murray played on the '87 minor team and was a sub for the '91 senior final.
- 3—Captain Paddy O'Rourke and substitutes Ambrose Rodgers and Pat Donnan were involved in both 1977 and 1991.
- 4—John Dowling of Offaly, who later became President of the Association.
- 5—Hurter Gerard McGrattan.
- 6—Aodh Ruadh, Ballyshannon. Burren won the replay in Ballyshannon 2-7 to 1-7.
- 7—Sean McGuinness.
- 8—The McCartans, James and Dan were playing in 1960 and 1961. Dan played in 1968 and James's son James played in 1991.
- 9—James McCartan in 1960 and 1961; Sean O'Neill 1968.
- 10—Eight Down hurlers played in the hurling final, including subs who came on. Five footballers from Down were involved in the football final.
- 11—Sean O'Neill and John Murphy.
- 12—Armagh.
- 13—Sean O'Neill, who was full-forward on the first All-Stars in 1971.
- 14—Michael Cranny from Warrenpoint club.
- 15—Unfortunately Paddy had retired when the All-Star awards commenced. He surely would have won quite a number had they been available in his day.
- 16—Paddy McFlynn.
- 17—Downpatrick.
- 18—Bryansford, who were defeated by East Kerry.
- 19—Tommy McGovern (1986), and Vincent McGovern (1988).
- 20—Sean O'Neill (1960).



The Down team which won the county's fourth All-Ireland title in 1991. Back row, l. to r., Eamonn Burns, Paul Higgins, Conor Deegan, Neil Collins, Gary Mason, Barry Breen, Greg Blaney. Front, l. to r., Ross Carr, James McCartan, Brendan McKernan, D. J. Kane, Paddy O'Rourke, Mickey Linden, Peter Withnell, John Kelly.

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	v Kildare (1-9 to 0-6)	v Carlow (0-12 to 0-5)	v Leitrim (1-14 to 0-6)	v Cavan (1-16 to 0-9)	v Tipperary (1-12 to 1-9)	v Cork (1-8 to 0-9)	v Longford (3-16 to 0-7)	v Derry (0-10 to 2-3)	v Clare (1-12 to 1-7)	v Dublin (0-9 to 0-9)	v Dublin (0-6 to 0-10)	TOTALS
Tony Boyle	0-1	0-5	1-2	1-1	0-5	✓	0-2	0-2	0-3	✓	✓	2-21
Manus Boyle	0-3	0-2	0-4	0-5	0-1	0-2	1-4	0-2	0-2	0-4	0-3	1-32
Tommy Ryan	sub. 1-1	0-1	—	sub.	sub.	—	sub.	sub.	—	—	—	1-2
Anthony Molloy	0-1	0-1	✓	0-1	0-1	✓	✓	✓	0-1	✓	0-1	0-6
Declan Bonner	0-1	✓	0-3	0-5	1-2	1-4	0-3	0-5	0-2	0-2	✓	2-27
Joyce McMullan	0-1	✓	0-1	0-2	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	✓	0-5
Barry McGowan	0-1	—	—	—	✓	sub.	✓	✓	✓	0-1	✓	0-2
James McHugh	✓	0-2	0-2	0-1	—	—	—	✓	0-3	✓	0-1	0-9
Sylvester Maguire	sub	0-1	0-1	0-1	✓	✓	sub.	—	—	—	sub.	0-3
Noel Hegarty	✓	—	0-1	✓	sub.	✓	—	—	sub.	Sub 0-1	✓	0-2
Donal Reid	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	✓	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	—
Martin Gavigan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	✓	✓	✓	—
Mark Crossan	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—
Paul Carr	sub	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	—	—	—
Matt Gallagher	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—
John Joe Doherty	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	—
Gary Walsh	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—
Martin McHugh	✓	sub	—	—	sub.	sub.	0-2	✓	✓	0-1	sub.	0-3
Brian Murray	—	—	sub	—	0-2	0-1	1-2	✓	0-1	✓	✓	1-6
Barry Cunningham	✓	—	—	—	0-1	✓	0-1	0-1	1-0	✓	0-1	1-4
Jim McGuinness	—	—	sub	sub	✓	—	sub.	—	sub.	—	—	—
Martin Shovlin	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—
John Duffy	—	—	—	—	—	—	1-2	—	—	—	—	1-2

— = didn't play. ✓ = played but didn't score.

Donegal have scored 9-124 in their eleven games, conceding 4-80.

Top scorer was Manus Boyle with 1-32, followed by Declan Bonner on 2-27. Manus was also the only player to score in every game.

CHANGED TIMES FOR DONEGAL AND DOWN

By Kieran Cunningham, 98 FM

League meetings

Since the re-organisation of the National League Donegal and Down have met on four occasions and Donegal are still looking for a win — the draw in their last League meeting being their best result to date.

The sides met twice in 1988 — firstly on 14th February in the '87/'88 campaign. Played in Ballybofey, Down were winners by 0-11 to 0-7 with points from Mickey Linden 0-3, John McCartin, Kelly O'Rourke, Brendan Mason 0-2 each, Stephen Lavery, John Kelly 0-1. The Donegal points came from Manus Boyle 0-6 and Martin Shovlin 0-1.

They met again in Ballyshannon on 4th December, '88 with Down winning by 2-12 to 1-11. The Down scorers were John Treanor and Mickey Linden 0-4 each, Mark McCartin 1-1, Greg Blaney 1-0, Brendan Mason 0-2. For Donegal: Martin McHugh 0-5, Brian Murray 1-1, Marty Carlin 0-2, Donal Reid, Johnny Kelly 0-1 each.

In the '89/'90 campaign the sides met in Newry at the second attempt as fog saw the first attempt called off, but Down were again winners by 1-15 to 0-14. Down scorers: Ambrose Rodgers 1-1; Cathal Murray, Colm Burns 0-3 each, Brendan Mason, Ross Carr, Mickey Linden, John Treanor 0-2 each. For Donegal: Martin McHugh 0-6, Manus Boyle 0-3, Barry McGowan, Sylvester Maguire 0-2 each, Martin Gavigan 0-1.

The most recent League meeting took place in Newry in 1991 with the sides ending all square — Donegal 1-7, Down 0-10. Teams and scorers from that game are contained elsewhere in this programme.

It's a little over two years since Donegal played Down in the 1991 Ulster final. Times have changed since then. Both counties have lifted Sam Maguire and both have also experienced bitter disappointment.

Down must have one of the best sets of forwards in the country. Players like Greg Blaney, James McCartan and Mickey Linden would walk on to any county team. Down have lost to Derry in the last two Ulster Championships at the semi-final stage. Their success of 1991 has been put down as a once-off. They've been branded a one summer team.

If Donegal don't lift Sam Maguire in 1994, then the same insult will be thrown at them. To be called great, two All-Irelands are necessary. How do Donegal and Down view the League? I would guess that both will be happy to avoid relegation and maintain Division One status.

A long successful League run can have its drawbacks. Many observers maintain that part of the reason for Donegal's injury crisis during the summer stemmed from key players playing too many games during the year.

Down will be looking to blood a couple of new defenders as they have looked vulnerable at the back in recent times. Donegal's concerns are different. Tony Boyle looks set to be out for some time to come. So there is a vacancy at full-forward. Tommy Ryan, John Gildea and possibly John Duffy will be in contention. I have a feeling that a number of different players will be tried in midfield, with Noel Hegary, Brian Murray, Anthony Molloy, Martin Carlin and Barry Cunningham all likely to feature at some stage during the year. Whatever happens, both Donegal and Down are likely to include some new faces in next year's Championship.

July 30, 31; Aug. 1, 1994

ONE FOR THE LADIES . . .

Ladies Gaelic football takes Donegal by storm

By the time today's National Football League game against Down commences the Donegal Ladies will know whether they have lifted All-Ireland silverware after an exciting year in which the Donegal ladies took part in inter-county competition for the first time ever.

Under the guidance of Naomh Brid and Bundoran's Pat Walsh, the Donegal Ladies played London in Croke Park in the All-Ireland Junior Ladies final with the throw-in at 1.45 p.m.

It has been a remarkable year for the Ladies who played their first intercounty game in a challenge game against Galway in this park away back in February. There was a hint of things to come when they won by a convincing margin of 3-9 to 1-3.

The team on duty for the first outing was: Marie Carr; Mary Gordon, Eileen McGinley, Arlene Devine; Grace Meade, Bernie Ferry, Leala McCosker; Caroline McHugh, Breda Tinney; Anne Mohan, Donna Kavanagh, Frances Judge; Breege Carr, Joan Barron, Teresa Conway.

Since they they have gone from strength to strength. In the League they played seven matches, winning five, losing against Carlow and Meath, against whom they gained sweet revenge in defeating in the All-Ireland semi-final.

After failing narrowly to qualify for the play-off stages of the League, the manager, Pat Walsh and his assistants, Kevin Barron (St. Eunan's), Sean Gavigan (former Co. player and Naomh Columba) and Paul O'Loughlin (former Fermanagh Co. player and Aodh Ruadh) began serious preparation for the Ulster Championship.

Their expectations were not in vain as the team waltzed through Ulster, defeating Tyrone (4-8 to 1-7) and Fermanagh in the Ulster final by 9-12 to 0-4.

They then undertook a very difficult trip to Cork to meet the Rebel County in the All-Ireland quarter-final. Extra-time was needed before Donegal triumphed by 4-10 to 0-16 with substitute, Mairead Gallagher from Killybegs being the hero with two goals.

The semi-final was played in Tironaill Park, Donegal Town with Donegal accounting for Meath by 4-6 to 0-10.

When Ladies football was first organised in the county in 1992 St. Eunan's captured the first county title and their top player, Joan Barron, was a worthy winner of the Ladies Player of the Year and the full-forward has continued where she left off in 1993, scoring 6-16 in Donegal's run to the All-Ireland final.

Her nearest challenger in the scoring stakes is Four Masters' Denise Dunnion who has amassed 7-9 in the four games to date. Dunnion was not involved in the early stages of the League but she has proved a great addition to the team.

St. Eunan's, after retaining their Co. title this year, have the biggest club representation with 10 members in the panel, while other clubs represented are Sean MacCumhail's, Aodh Ruadh, Dungloe, Ardara, Killybegs, Four Masters, Cloughaneely, St. Nauls, Termon and Naomh Columba.

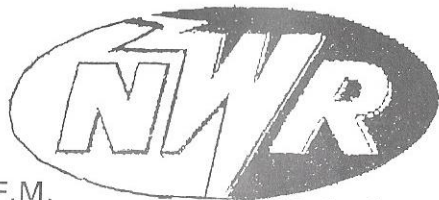
The full team and panel selected for today's All-Ireland final was: Bronagh Gallagher (St. Eunans); Bernie Ferry (Dungloe), Mary Gordon (captain, St. Eunans), Bridget Clarke (St. Eunans); Deirdre Sweeney (St. Eunans), Grace Meade (Aodh Ruadh), Leala McCosker (St. Eunans); Caroline McHugh (Ardara), Breda Tinney (Aodh Ruadh); Donna Kavanagh (St. Eunans), Frances Judge (St. Eunans), Mairead Gallagher (Killybegs); Denise Dunnion (Four Masters), Joan Barron (St. Eunans) and Agnes Curran (Cloughaneely).

The rest of the panel is: Deirdre Galligan (Termon), Liz Gordon (St. Eunans), Brid Carr (St. Eunans), Jackie Furey (St. Nauls), Teresa Conway (MacCumhail's), Tracey Flood (Aodh Ruadh), Frances Kane (Aodh Ruadh), Arlene Devine (MacCumhail's), Eileen McGinley (Cloughaneely), Maria Carr (Naomh Columba), Barbara McGheer-Ferry (Cloughaneely), Ann Mohan (St. Nauls), Noelle Alcorn (Termon), Ailish Harkin (Termon).

The Donegal Ladies team pictured after defeating Cork in the All-Ireland quarter-final.



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TO TAKE THE LEAGUE SERIOUSLY — A DILEMMA FOR DONEGAL AND DOWN

By Niall Delaney, North West Radio

It's back to the bread and butter of the National League today with 31 of the 32 counties in Ireland involved — Limerick being the odd one out as they are free from action in Division 4 due to the involvement of London this year.

After their success at All-Ireland level — Down in 1991 and Donegal last year — the teams today at Fr. Tierney Park in Ballyshannon face a tough decision over the next seven games. Do we take the League seriously or not?

There are people in both counties who would tell you that the sides have suffered because competition for places has not been evident in either county after the All-Ireland successes.

In Down's case they failed to win a League game in the season following their All-Ireland win over Meath and the fact that players had become complacent is now being put forward as a cause for their Championship defeats by Derry in successive years.

All this has caused a big shake-up in the Down camp this year with players being dropped from the panel and others being asked to make a much greater commitment to the county colours.

Donegal were fortunate (or unfortunate, if you look at it another way) that the League was re-organised for their first season after All-Ireland success. The change meant that Donegal had only two really difficult matches (at home to Kildare

and Cork) and were able to coast through the others on their way to the play-offs.

It is now history that they lost the League final to Dublin after a replay, but when looking back, the similarities with the staleness that afflicted Down could also be put forward for some of Donegal's problems.

Competition for places is the most healthy way to keep a team on its toes and by using the League as a series of trial matches players are given an opportunity to challenge some of the more established players on the team.

Without this kind of competition for places the more experienced players can easily become complacent and players who feel that their place on the team are secure can easily (and without knowing it) drop some of their form. This can happen through lack of effort on the training ground or just through complacency. Having to look at another panel member performing well when given an opportunity in competitive matches is the only real warning that a manager can give to established players.

Down seem to have come to realise this fact with the way they have re-organised for this League. There could be a lesson there for Donegal also!

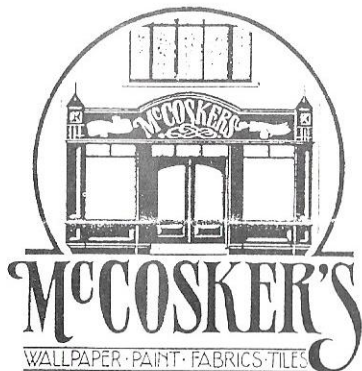
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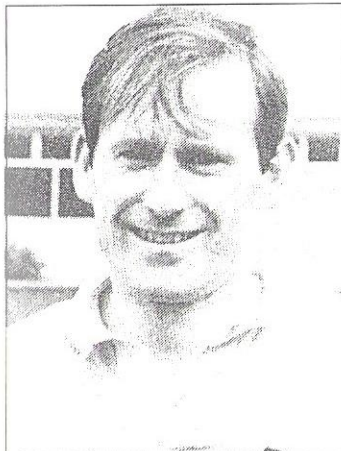
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HISTORY OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

The National League was first competed for in 1925-26 with Laois the first winners. The full list of finals so far is as follows with venues other than Croke Park in brackets:

- 1926: Laois 2-1, Dublin 1-0 (New Ross)
1927: No competition.
1928: Kerry 2-4, Kildare 1-6.
1929: Kerry 1-7, Kildare 2-3.
1930: No competition.
1931: Kerry 1-3, Cavan 1-2.
1932: Kerry 5-2, Cork 3-3 (Killarney)
1933: Meath 0-10, Cavan 1-6
1934: Mayo 2-3, Dublin 1-6 (Castlebar)
Replay: Mayo 2-4, Dublin 1-5.
1935: Mayo 5-8, Fermanagh 0-2 (Castlebar)
1936: Points system. No final — Mayo winners with 12 pts. from 8 games. Dublin and Cavan runners-up.
1937: Mayo 5-4, Meath 1-8.
1938: Mayo 3-9, Wexford 1-3 (Castlebar)
1939: Mayo 5-9, Meath 0-6 (Ballina)
1940: Galway 2-5, Meath 1-5.
1941: Mayo 3-5, Dublin 0-7.
1942-'45: League suspended.
1946: Meath 2-2, Wexford 0-6.
1947: Derry 2-9, Clare 2-5.
1948: Cavan 2-11, Cork 3-8.
1949: Mayo 1-8, Louth 1-6.
1950: New York 2-8, Cavan 0-12.
Home final: Cavan 2-8, Meath 1-6.
1951: Meath 1-10, New York 0-10 (Polo Grounds)
Home final: Meath 0-6, Mayo 0-3.
1952: Cork 1-12, New York 0-3.
Home Final: Cork 2-3, Dublin 1-5.
1953: Dublin 4-6, Cavan 0-9.
1954: Mayo 2-10, Carlow 0-3.
1955: Dublin 2-12, Meath 1-3.
1956: Cork 0-8, Meath 0-7.
1957: Galway 1-8, Kerry 0-7.
1958: Dublin 3-13, Kildare 3-8.
1959: Kerry 2-8, Derry 1-8.
1960: Down 0-12, Cavan 0-9.
1961: Kerry 4-16, Derry 1-5.
1962: Down 2-5, Dublin 1-7.
1963: Kerry 1-18, New York 0-10.
Home final: Kerry 0-9, Down 1-5.
1964: New York 2-12, Dublin 1-13 (New York)
Home final: Dublin 2-9, Down 0-7.
1965: New York 0-8, Galway 1-4 (New York)
Home final: Galway 1-7, Kerry 0-8.
1966 — 2 leg system:
Longford 1-9, New York 0-7 (Pearse Park)
New York 0-10, Longford 0-9.
Home final: Longford 0-9, Galway 0-8
1967 — 2 leg system (New York):
New York 3-5, Galway 1-6
New York 4-3, Galway 0-10
Home final: Galway 0-12, Dublin 1-7.
1968: Down: 2-14, Kildare 2-11.
1969 — 2 leg system (New York):
Kerry 0-12, New York 0-12
Kerry 2-21, New York 2-12 (a.e.t.)
Home final: Kerry 3-11, Offaly 0-8.
1970: Mayo 4-7, Down 0-10.
1971: Kerry 0-11, Mayo 0-8.
1972: Kerry 2-11, Mayo 1-9.
1973: Kerry 2-12, Offaly 0-14.
1974: Kerry 1-6, Roscommon 0-9.
Replay: Kerry 0-14, Roscommon 0-8.
1975: Meath 0-16, Dublin 1-9.
1976: Dublin 2-10, Derry 0-15.
1977: Kerry 1-8, Dublin 1-6.
1978: Dublin 2-18, Mayo 2-13.
1979: Roscommon 0-15, Cork 1-3.
1980: Cork 0-11, Kerry 0-10 (Pairc Ui Chaoimh)
1981: Galway 1-11, Roscommon 1-3.
1982: Kerry 0-11, Cork 0-11 (Killarney)
Replay: Kerry 1-9, Cork 0-5
(Pairc Ui Chaoimh)
1983: Down 1-8, Armagh 0-8.
1984: Kerry 1-11, Galway 0-11 (Limerick)
1985: Monaghan 1-11, Armagh 0-9.
1986: Laois 2-6, Monaghan 2-5.
1987: Dublin 1-11, Kerry 0-11.
1988: Meath 0-11, Dublin 1-8.
Replay: Meath 2-13, Dublin 0-11.
1989 — 2 leg system: New York
Cork 1-12, New York 1-5
Cork 2-9, New York 1-9
Home final: Cork 0-15, Dublin 0-12.
1990: Meath 2-9, Down 0-11.
1991: Dublin 1-9, Kildare 0-10.
1992: Derry 1-10, Tyrone 1-8.
1993: Dublin 0-9, Donegal 0-9
Replay: Dublin 0-10, Donegal 0-6.



SEAN O'NEILL — A DOWN GREAT

SEAN O'NEILL has won all the game's top awards in a Senior career that started in 1958. All Ireland Senior football medals in 1960, 1961 and 1968, 3 National League souvenirs, a record 8 Railway Cup medals, 1 Brendan Cup medal, 8 Ulster S.F.C. medals, 1 Ulster M.F.C. medal, 3 Lagan Cup medals, 4 Dr. McKenna Cup medals, 3 Wembley Tournament Cups and 2 Carrolls All Stars awards all came the way of the man who won his first Ulster medal as a Minor in 1958 at midfield.

The Newry Mitchels club man's repertoire of skills was second to none. He could get up for the high ones with the best of them, had the ability to leave an opposing defender standing with a brilliant swerve and could also create the chances for his team mates with his incisive and imaginative football.

Sean played 285 games in the big time, displaying his brilliant skills the length and breadth of Ireland and also in so far off places as Chicago, San Francisco, New York and Wembley Stadium. O'Neill was a master at scoring goals and he bagged 85 as a Senior, not to mention the fact that he converted 545 points for a combined tally of 800 points.

In his early days in the big time he played in the half-forward line, but later took over at full forward to bring a new and wonderful dimension to full forward play.

During his illustrious career he scored 9-26 (53 points) in twenty-six appearances in the saffron/white jersey and made an enormous contribution to the most successful period in the North's history of Railway Cup participation.

Loyalty to his club, John Mitchels, Newry, was another priority for the Belfast solicitor. During his distinguished playing career O'Neill won 4 Down S.F.C. medals, 2 Down S.F.L. medals, 1 Down S.F.L. "B" medal, 1 Down M.F.C. medal and 1 South Down M.F.L. medal with his club. Newry Mitchels' players and officials often recall the efforts that Sean O'Neill made to make himself available to play for his club.

Abbey C.B.S., Newry, also played a very important role in the development of the "great" O'Neill. While a pupil at the Abbey under the guidance of Gerry Brown, later to manage the victorious Down 1968 team, Sean won McMahon, Corn na nOg and Rannafast Cup medals.

Sean then progressed to Queen's University, Belfast, where once again he was to make a tremendous impact on the Gaelic club. Under the shrewd leadership of coach Paddy O'Hara, Sean helped Queen's to their first Sigerson Cup title in 1959. Five years later Sean O'Neill was the hero of a bright and breezy Sigerson Cup final played at Casement Park when he masterminded Queen's victory over U.C.D. The post-graduate student, top scorer in Saturday's semi-final win over Cork with 1-3 to his credit, tacked on a further 2-2 when Queen's scored a 3-5 to 0-8 win over U.C.D. to

gain their first success in the competition since 1958. The newspaper reporters were unanimous in describing the game as "O'Neill's Sigerson". While a student he won combined University team honours and had the distinction of adding an Antrim S.F.L. medal to the honours he had won with his Down club.

Having reaped the rewards of a very distinguished playing career, Sean O'Neill immediately began to put something back into the Gaelic Athletic Association. The step from player to manager is a major one that can be taken by some; not by others. But surely one man who has strode triumphantly across the divide is O'Neill who has taken three different teams, at different levels, to national titles, namely the Down Minor team, Ulster Railway Cup football team and Queen's University, Belfast.

His shrewdness and ability were watched by others. His "clip-board" fashion was copied by others . . . surely the epitome of success. In 1977 he moulded together a slick, sweet moving Down Minor team that grabbed a couple of Ulster League titles and won the Ulster and All Ireland championships.

Sean also took a struggling Ulster panel off its knees and in his five years as team boss of the provincial squad he helped them to win the series twice. He retired from Ulster supremo to manage Queen's University in their Golden Jubilee Year, 1982. It is now history that Queen's defeated U.C.G. in the final to climax a tremendous year. O'Neill managed Queen's for the last two seasons and further honours including the Ryan Cup in 1984 have come the club's way, not to mention a successful tour of the U.S.A.

Yet for all the sporting achievements of Sean O'Neill, no account can adequately record his sterling qualities of friendliness, accessibility and constant willingness to provide advice on many levels.

He is rightly held in high esteem for all this, but the regard in which he is held by both those whom he has played alongside and those in latter years who have come under his tuition goes beyond mere respect, and is more akin to a deep affection for this unassuming Newry sporting genius.



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- When Down won their first Ulster Junior Championship in 1931 they beat Cavan in the final. The Down captain that day was Barney Venney from Rossglare.
- When Down won their first Ulster Minor Championship in 1958 it was Cavan they beat in the final. The captain that day was Tom Keenan from Banbridge.
- When Down won their first National League title in 1960 it was Cavan they again had to beat in the final.
- When Down won their first Ulster Senior Championship in 1960 they defeated Cavan in the final with Kevin Mussen from Clonduff as captain.
- When Down won their first U-21 Ulster Championship in 1965 they beat Cavan in the final. The Down captain was Brian Johnston and Michael Greenan was playing for Cavan.
- Down's first Ulster Senior Championship was against Cavan in Breffni Park in 1940.
- When Cavan won their last Ulster Championship in 1969 — they beat Down in the final.

HOW THE DIV. 1 TEAMS

FARED LAST YEAR

	P	W	D	L
Dublin (winners)	11	9	1	1
Donegal	11	9	1	1
Kerry	9	7	1	1
Clare	9	5	3	1
Derry	8	6	0	2
Kildare	8	6	0	2
Mayo	8	5	1	2
Down	9	4	3	2

Donegal defeated Kildare, Carlow, Leitrim, Cavan, Tipperary, Cork, Longford, Derry and Cork before drawing and eventually losing to Dublin in the final.

DOWN'S RECORD IN '92-'93 LEAGUE SEASON

Newry: Down 0-10, Meath 0-10.
 Tullamore: Offaly 2-9, Down 1-12.
 Newry: Down 1-4, Westmeath 0-6.
 Roscommon: Roscommon 0-7, Down 1-4.
 Ennis: Clare 1-8, Down 0-7.
 Dungarvan: Waterford 0-6, Down 0-20.

Play-off:

Castleblaney: Down 1-11, Meath 0-9.

Quarter-final:

Croke Park: Kerry 0-16, Down 0-15
 (after extra time)

BUÍOCHAS

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Down breakthrough in 1946

October 27th, 1946, is a date that the Gaels of Down will never forget. That was the day when the Junior football team brought them their first All-Ireland title.

In the Home Final at Breffni Park, they defeated Leitrim by 2-7 to 3-3.

In the Final proper they met Warwickshire on a day when Kerry and Roscommon were involved in a replay of the senior final.

Warwickshire led by 1-3 to 0-5 at the interval but Down rallied and the scores were level at 1-7 each with 12 minutes and although losing goalkeeper, Emmet McGivern through injury, Down finished strongly to add 1-3 to win by 2-10 to 1-7.

The teams were: DOWN: E. McGivern; P. O'Hagan, A. Murnin, H. Downey; G. Browne, E. Grant, N. McCarthy; J. Haughian, G. Carr; J. Doherty, T. Browne, D. Downey; D. Kennedy, H. Browne, J. Heaney. Subs., W. McKibben for E. McGivern; R. O'Hare for T. Browne.

WARWICKSHIRE: R. Tumilty; T. Geraghty, J. Lonergan, P. Mooney; J. Buckley, R. Green, W. Halton; P. Hartnett, P. Judge; M. O'Dowd, R. Foran, M. Hartney; A. Green, J. McDermott, J. O'Neill.

DOWN SNIPPETS

Today sees two debutants on the Down team and both were members of last year's U-21 side — Shane McMahon and Brian Grant.

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There are two sets of brothers on the Down panel — the Deegans, Gerard and Conor and the McCartans, James and Charlie Pat.

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Down's new vice-captain is Mickey Linden.

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There are nine survivors from the Down team beaten by Derry in this year's Championship.

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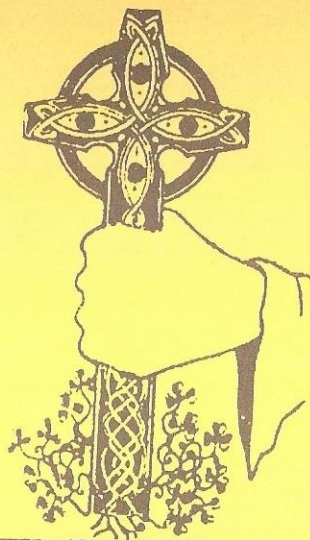
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