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v.

Athá Cliath

Under 13 Final

Aodh Ruadh
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Reiteoir: Padraig Mac an
Déanaigh (Múineachan)



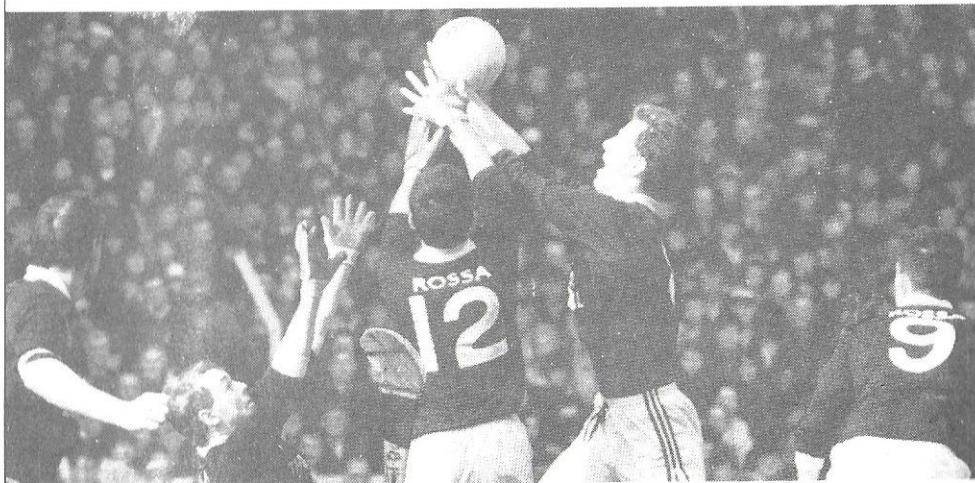
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As Chairman of Donegal G.A.A. Board, it is a great pleasure to welcome the footballers, Management Team and supporters of Dublin to Ballybofey today. As League Champions you are particularly welcome.

Recent encounters between the two counties have been very close affairs, indeed it took two matches to separate us in the League Final. I hope today's match is equally as good and lively as previous encounters. I wish both counties every success in their remaining League matches.

To the young footballers of Aodh Ruadh, Beál a Seannaigh and St. Eunan's Letterkenny, I wish you every success in today's Under 13 Final. I hope you all enjoy the occasion and atmosphere today. Please God many of you will go on to be proud wearers of the County jersey. I wish also to take this opportunity to thank our Co. P.R.O. Ken Dooley and the Sean Mhic Cumhaill Club for the excellent quality of today's programme.

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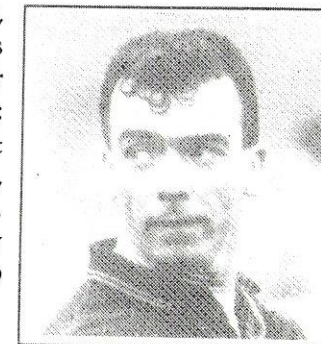
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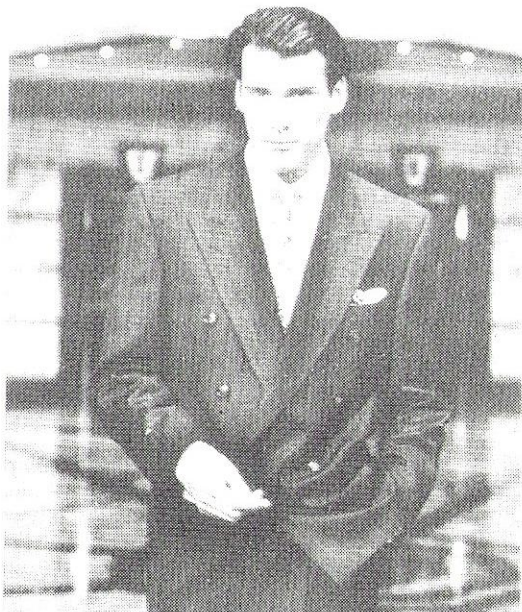
Pat McEaney (Monaghan)

Age:31. Married to Rosemary, he has three sons, Gary, Christopher and Conor. Club: Corduff. No. of Years Refereeing: 6. Honours: Playing: Won Minor Championship & Junior League medals. Refereeing: Monaghan Senior County Final, Ulster Minor & Under 21 Championships, McRory Cup Final 1993, National Football League semi-final 1993, Dublin v. Kerry. A brother of Frank, Monaghan county midfielder, this is his first Senior Championship game.





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Tony Boyle: The Perfect Example

by Ciaran O'Donnell, Derry Journal

A little over three years ago, a raw 20-year-old was thrown into the deep end of inter-county football, when he was selected at full forward for Donegal's All-Ireland semi-final against Meath. Little did any one know that the youngster, a certain Tony Boyle, was to emerge as one of the hottest properties the G.A.A. has ever produced.

Within two years of making his senior championship debut, Tony, along with the rest of the county players, realised a lifelong ambition when he played a significant part in bringing Sam Maguire to Donegal for the first time.

But a rare injury, diagnosed as a nerve-end infection which has left the bustling play maker without any power in the upper half of his left arm, has robbed Donegal of its most feared full-forward of all time.

Having been such a vital cog in Donegal's championship machine since he was catapulted into the limelight, Tony's last game for Donegal was against Dublin in the replay of the National League final in May. Unfortunately, for both the Donegal team and supporters he played no part in the 1993 championship campaign.

The former inter-county star has visited numerous surgeons and specialists, including Dublin manager, Pat O'Neill, and Meath boss, Sean Boylan, in his continuing efforts to overcome his ailment. Although no prescribed cure is available for his rare disorder, he is reported to be making slight progress this week.

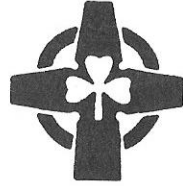
Although it is quite understandable that he finds his predicament extremely frustrating, he has continued to train with the Donegal senior squad, and has maintained his high level of fitness.

There can be no doubt that Donegal are a different outfit entirely without the bustling figure of Tony Boyle leading the heart of their attack. Along with being able to take his scores, he notched up an impressive 2-21 in last season's league campaign, he has also the ability to bring other attackers into the game.

A modest and happy-go-lucky character, Tony is one of the main jokers in the Donegal pack. His attitude and dedication to the game and his injury are qualities which all players can take example from.



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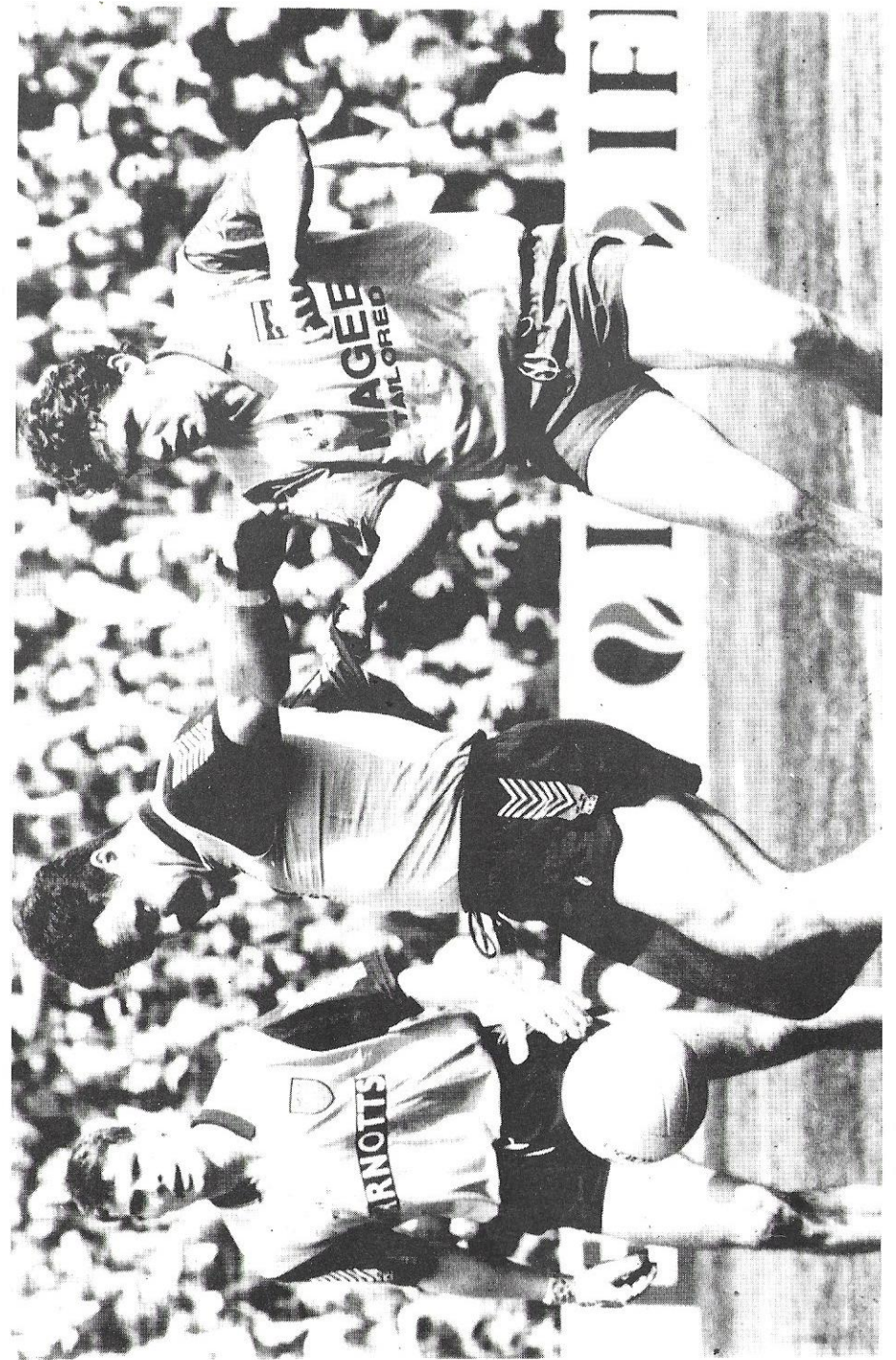
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Donegal Full Back Matt Gallagher helps Vinny Murphy keep his balance in this year's National League Final Photo. Conor McGonagle, Derry Journal.

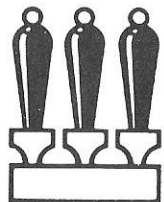
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Learning from Experience

by Kieran Cunningham 98FM

It's just over twelve months since Donegal played Dublin in the 1992 All-Ireland Final. Everyone knows what happened on that September Sunday in Croke Park, but what have both counties learned from the experience? Dublin have drafted in a couple of new players and moved Tommy Carr up to centre-half forward. Mick Deegan was moved to wing back from cornerback, a switch that suited him. But Dr. Pat O'Neill tried Deegan in the half-forward line against Kerry two weeks ago. A questionable move, as Dublin have tried to convert backs into forwards before, with limited success. Dublin are still short of quality forwards. They have good backs and a solid midfield. One scoring forward would make a big difference to their All-Ireland hopes. The Dublin County Board recognise that something needs to be done and have acted. In recent years, Dublin's form at underage level has been dismal. Traditional G.A.A. schools like St. Joseph's in Fairview, or "Joey's" as it is popularly known, have gravitated towards soccer. To counteract this trend, The Dublin County Board have employed a team of full-time coaches to promote the game in the schools and clubs. Both Vinny Murphy and Paul Curran are among the coaching team. It will take a few years for this scheme to bear fruit, but I'm convinced it will work. Youngsters look up to players like Curran and Murphy, and being coached by them is bound to help their own games.

What then of Donegal? They cruised along happily on the 1992 success until injuries and the celebration trail eventually took their toll. The 18 point hammering by Derry two Sundays ago was a rude awakening. A lot of work needs to be done. Donegal in 1992 and Derry this year, have pushed forward the barriers of fitness needed for success. The players know what has to be done and they have to show they're willing to do the work. The manner of the defeat by Derry was very disappointing. In this day and age, no county team should get beaten by 18 points. Maybe, it was a freak result. But, there were lessons there to be learned.

What will be the longterm benefits of Donegal's All-Ireland success? Interest in football is high in the county, but what effect has it had on the sections of Donegal where the G.A.A. is weak?

Football in Donegal is strongest in small parishes like Glencolmcille, Kilcar and Ardara. Kilcar supplies three players to the county panel out of a population of 800. This is remarkable, but it's also an achievement that's very hard to sustain. Donegal has a population of around 120,000 one of the biggest in the country. But almost the whole of East Donegal is a G.A.A. wasteland. Letterkenny is the biggest population centre in Donegal but only Mark Crossan and Paul Carr of the county panel, hail from the Cathedral Town.

Maybe, Donegal should take a leaf out of Dublin's book. Two or three full-time coaches could make a big difference in the future. County players who are out of work or in seasonal employment, would be ideal for the job. Such a scheme would cost money, but sponsorship could help. The Donegal players have a very high profile within the county. It's up to the County Board to make good use of this profile.

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All-Ireland Captain, Ardara's Anthony Molloy in action in the last meeting against Dublin,
National League Final Photo. Conor McGonagle, Derry Journal.

The Price of Success

Donal Keenan, Irish Independent

An air of despondency, we are told, has descended on Donegal since last Sunday week and the events of Casement Park. Ah, the price of success.

Can anyone remember when the result of a late October League game, even against Derry, mattered so much to football followers in the county. Normally only the statistically paranormal take any notice of late October results.

Such close examination of results and form is part of the price teams like Donegal and their guests in Ballybofey today, Dublin, must pay for embracing success. They are expected to win every week, whatever the opposition.

Did anyone take particular notice of Armagh's performance last Sunday week? Are they not one of the hot contenders for the Ulster crown next Summer. How quickly their Summer exploits have been forgotten.

(They beat Offaly in a significant Division Three game and were, by all accounts, pretty impressive in doing so.)

Twelve months ago Donegal were floating through the League campaign. The sails were full with euphoria and all-comers were brushed aside as the newly crowned All-Ireland champions celebrated their status.

The confidence that the championship success gave the players made them an irresistible unit. Opponents were left breathless by the speed and precision of Donegal's play.

Last Sunday week the Donegal players knew exactly how their opponents of last winter felt. This time it was Derry who were oozing confidence, playing the short-passing game with arrogance which had to be admired.

Derry were fiercely motivated. Manager Eamon Coleman employed a neat psychological ploy. He told his players they had not received their due recognition for the victory over Donegal in the Ulster final because of the adverse weather conditions.

He instilled in their minds that All-Ireland success would be sullied in some way if they did not put the record straight in Casement Park. So they played as if the Sam Maguire Cup was up for grabs.

For ten minutes Donegal competed. Then Donegal were forced into submission by a blistering display of the quick, intelligent passing game which had been the hallmark of the Donegal All-Ireland winning group of players.

Donegal were shell-shocked. Brian McEniff kept the players in the dressing room for half an hour after the game for a "quiet chat". When the players emerged they were grim-faced, but their heads and shoulders were erect. Defeat was no longer a cumbersome weight.

It was pride which was hurt most. Donegal had not really battled. They had allowed themselves be toyed with - by Derry of all teams. They had stood up and admired the opposition. Derry were doing unto them what they believed was their right to do to Derry.

The only pertinent question to be asked about Donegal as a result of their display in Casement Park is whether or not the players still have the stomach for the hard grind. Whether they are prepared to hurt as much as in '92, whether the success of '92 and the disappointment of '93 has softened the will.

Success is unkind in many ways. It doesn't make life easier. It simply increases the demands. To remain successful demands more sacrifices as limbs get older and become just a little slower to heal, as old injuries seem to flare up more often than in the past.

Donegal still has the quality players. Which team could even dare compete at the highest level without players of the calibre of Barry McGowan, John Joe Doherty, Martin Shovlin, Donal Reid, Brian Murray and Tony Boyle as Donegal did against Derry. That is the equivalent of Derry being without Kieran McKeever, Tony Scullion, John McGurk, Gary Coleman, Brian McGilligan and Enda Gormley.

The players have the ideal opportunity today to prove that they still have the desire. Dublin are quality opposition and a healthy rivalry has built up between two good teams over the last eighteen months to make this an interesting spectacle.

A victory would help Donegal to erase the memory of Casement Park. It would also be a help to ambitions of reaching the knockout stages of the competition. It would help restore faith.

Brian McEniff still has faith. Immediately after the Derry game he insisted his team was good enough to bounce back. Today the players have their first opportunity to prove their manager right.

Somehow, I expect that next June the despondency of October will be a dim and distant memory.

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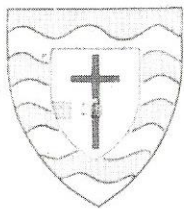
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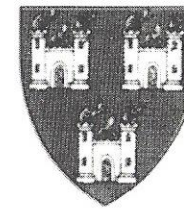
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8. PAUL BEALIN

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(Erins Isle)

12. NEIL GUIDEN

N. Ó Guidín
(Raheny)

15. MICK GALVIN

M. Ó Gealbháin
(St. Oliver Plunketts)

Fir Ionad

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Donegal U-13 Championship Final

St. Eunan's v. Aodh Rua, Ballyshannon.

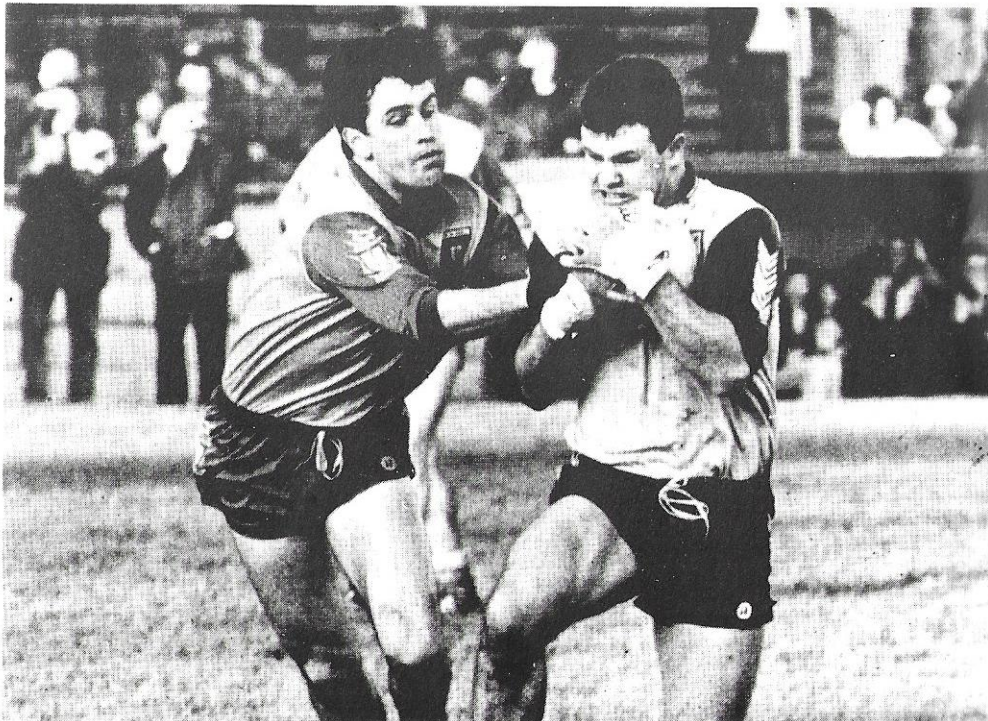
This is the third time this year that these two clubs have met in an underage final, with St. Eunan's winning the U-18 and Ballyshannon taking the U-16 title the score is one each.

St. Eunan's: Path to the Final

Bt. Glenfin, Bt. Glenswilly, Bt. Robert Emmets (twice), Bt. Lifford, Bt. MacCumhailis (Twice), Bt. Carndonagh in County Semi-Final. Total 8 games.

The team is a combination of the Club's successful U-12 team, the U-14B team and U-14A team. They have worked very hard with team mentors Donal McFadden and Michael Gibbons and are really looking forward to the big occasion.

This has been a great year for the club at all levels with the U-10 winning Community Games. U-12 winning County Championship, U-13 in County Final, U-14 reaching county quarter final, U-16 beaten County finalists, U-18 County Champions. Senior Ladies: County and Ulster Champions. Senior Men: Division Two Winners. Senior Men Reserve: Div Two Reserve winners - a lot of good things are happening at the Club and winning the U-13 Championship would be a great boost to all involved.



Killybegs' Barry McGowan tries to wrestle the ball from the bold Vinnie Murphy in the Charlie Gallagher Memorial Tournament Photo. Conor McGonagle, Derry Journal.

Aodh Ruadh, Ballyshannon

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| 2. Brian Merrifield | 3. Paul Downey | 4. Michael McGrath |
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| 8. Shane Ward (Capt.) | 9. Michael Gurren | |
| 10. Gareth Blake | 11. Enda McFadden | 12. Patrick Donagher |
| 13. Gerry Gillespie | 14. Paddy Travers | 15. Seamus Kane |

Subs: 16. Donal Hannigan, 17. Anthony Coughlin, 18. Daniel O'Connor, 19. Peter Gillen, 20. Anthony Boyle, 21. Conal McGonnigle, 22. Joseph Coughlin, 23. Brendan Travers, 24. Martin Crawford, 25. Jack Travers, 26. Daniel Byrnes, 27. Philip O'Reilly. Shane McShea missing from panel due to broken arm, sustained in Co. Semi-Final

Naomh Adhamhnáin, Letterkenny

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Gary Walsh's One Hundred Games!

Seán Ó Gallchóir

Gary Walsh makes his one hundredth Senior competitive appearance for Donegal against Dublin on Sunday next. He joins Martin McHugh (130 so far), Donal Reid (128), Joyce McMullan (118), Anthony Molloy (116) and Matt Gallagher (104) in the 100 club. He made his debut on 3 June 1984 when he came on as a sub. for the injured Noel McCole in the Ulster S.F.C. in Armagh. Donegal lost 1-10 to 0-12.

Here is a list of Gary's appearances:

	N.F.L.	S.F.C.	McKenna	Open Cup	Total
1983 - 84	-	1	-	-	1
1984 - 85	1	2	3	5	11
1985 - 86	3	1	2		6
1986 - 87	-	-	-		0
1987 - 88	8	1	1		10
1988 - 89	7	4	3		14
1989 - 90	8	4	1		13
1990 - 91	9	3	3		15
1991 - 92	6	6	-		12
1992 - 93	11	4	-		15
1993 - 94	2				2
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Since 8th November, 1987, Gary has not missed a League or Championship match - 73 successive Leagues & Championships appearances! Gary has played against all counties except Sligo, Limerick and Kilkenny. He has faced his adopted County, Down more often than any other county - 12 times. He has faced Cavan 11 times, Derry 10 times, Armagh 9 times and Dublin 7 times. Gary has kept 51 'clean sheets' in his 99 games. He conceded 5 goals on one occasion - against Down in the 1989 Dr. McKenna Cup.

HONOURS

Gary Walsh's honours list is most impressive:

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| All Ireland S.F.C. 1992 | All-Star 1992 |
| Ulster S.F.C. 1990 | Ulster S.F.C. 1992 |
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| Ulster M.F.L. 1982 | Donegal S.F.C. 1886, 1987 |
| Donegal Player of the Year 1989 | Down S.F.C. 1992 |

Gary Walsh had been a magnificent servant of Donegal Football and will richly deserve the presentation that Donegal Parian China make to Donegal players who will have played 100 competitive Senior games for the county, Declan Bonner (84 games played) is next on the list!



"Can't stop this" John Joe Doherty & Barry McGowan can only watch. National League

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Looking to Restore the Battered Pride

by Robert Love, Donegal People's Press

Donegal's clash of the champions with Derry in Casement Park, Belfast, two weeks ago certainly marked the county's worst moment since winning the All-Ireland final in Croke Park on a sunny Sunday in September. In Clones we could blame the conditions - there was no such excuse in Belfast.

Everyone, not least team manager Brian McEniff, knew the oak leaf men would be a tough nut to crack. However few of us expected the side would crash in such spectacular fashion. The bookies would indeed have given serious odds to anyone predicting a 0-7 to 3-16 scoreline.

In hindsight it is evident that injuries seriously depleted the Donegal squad. In the run up to the game McEniff was forced to gamble on the fitness of players who hadn't played inter-county football for many months. The gamble didn't come off, and of course the disturbed state of affairs in the provincial capital that weekend didn't help either.

But excuses aside, it must be said that Donegal lacked pride and Brian McEniff was candid enough to point that out after the game. However the Bundoran man is, to his credit, not one to kick his players when they're down. He knew that they were more shattered by the scale of their defeat than any of the supporters. Three times Donegal manager, Brian McEniff knows probably better than most that there is little to be gained by dwelling on the past.

So, given the run-up to today's clash with Dublin, what would probably have been a relatively unimportant National League game in now loaded with surplus significance. The writers and commentators from the Dublin newspapers will be on the back of the lorry in MacCumhaill Park, all eager to see if the Donegal bubble has finally burst. Indeed if Pat O'Neill's men are victorious, expect to see Donegal's demise and Dublin's dominance splashed across the back pages and sports supplements of Monday's papers.

But I for one wouldn't be surprised to see Dublin, their hundred per cent record and all, take a little knock at Ballybofey. Certainly I think the Donegal team will be very determined and probably more motivated than they were at any stage in the National League preliminary games last year. They know they are a good team - they proved it in Croke Park against Dublin in 1992 - and they won't like being written off as a side whose moment has passed. They are not yet the Down of Ulster Football.

We may still have injury problems but I'd be very surprised if Donegal's pride is not back with a bang before their faithful followers at Ballybofey. If Dublin win they will have to fight for victory every inch of the way because if losing to Derry was bad, going down to Dublin in front of their home supporters just a fortnight later would be even worse.

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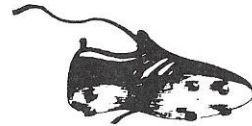
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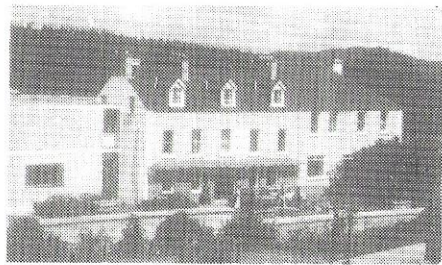
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Cuirimid fáilte inniu roimh an ghorm agus dubhghorm go Páirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill. Ón bhliain 1891 nuair a bhuaigh Baile Átha Cliath a gcéad gCraobh Ceannais go dtí 1983 nuair a ghlac siad seilbh ar "Sam" den uair dheireannach, thig a rá gur bhuaigh siad an Craobh Ceannais uair agus fiche idir an dá linn. Ní raibh na blianta ó shoin chomh cineálta leo, ach ná smaoiniamh aon duine go bhfuil bun scríbe bainte amach ag an Chontae bheag leis an bPríomh Chathair.

Bhain a lán lucht tacaíochta do chuid Chumann Lúthchleas Gael sult agus pleisiúr le blianta anuas as an saghas peile atá eisiatach do Bhaile Átha Cliath amháin. Tá mé cinnte nach gclisfidh siad orainn inniu. Ó fuair siad an bhua orainn san cluiche craoibhe den tSraith Naisiúnta, tá ár lucht tacaíochta fhéin ag súil go mór lena dturas. Fanadh go foighnuach leis an lá inniu ó Cheann Mhálainne go dtí Na Cealla Beaga agus ó Ghleann Cholmáille go Leifear.

Seachas foireann Dhoire, creidim nach bhfuair foireann ariamh an greim céanna ar shamhláocht lucht leanúna Thír Chonaill agus creidim nach bhfaighidh go deo. Nuair a ghlacfaidh foireann Bhaile Átha Cliath 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 chéad scoth.

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

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.

Tá súil agam go mbeidh an bhua ag an bhua ag an fhoireann is fearr. Tá súil agam go mbeidh muid Alive, Alive Oh, an t-am seo, ach bhféidir nach mbeidh "Na Mollies" ina gcodhladh!!

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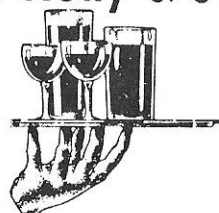
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