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## Dún na nGall v. Doire

*3.30 i.n. Réiteoir: B. White (Loch Garman)*



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## An Réiteoir

**Brian White (Loch Garman) is a member of the Rathgahoogue/Cushinstown club, and he has been refereeing for around six years. He was the man in the middle when Tyrone beat Roscommon at Breffni Park last April on the same day that Donegal lost to Dublin in Royal Liver National League quarter-finals.**

**Later in the year he took charge of the Leinster senior football final, in which Dublin beat Kildare. He played hurling and football with his club, and represented Wexford at minor and under-21 level.**

## Seampíní Uile-Éireann Ultacha!

Níl aon amhras ar éinne ach go raibh caighdeán na peile i gCúige Uladh, le cúpla bliain anuas, ar bharr feabhais. A chrúthúnas ar sin go raibh curaidh Uile-Éireann i 1991 agus 1992 so Chúige sin; anuas ar an dá chraobh sin bhain Doire Cholmille craobh na Léige '92.

Inniu, mar sin, tá dhá chontae, ar seampíní iad araon, i ngleic chun dul ar aghaidh go dtí an cluiche leathcheannais Léige '93 mar atá, Dún na nGall, curaidh iomraiteacha Uile-Éireann don chéad uair ariamh i 1992 agus curaidh na Léige 1992 Doire.

Nuair a casadh ar a chéile

iad i gcluiche ceannais an Chúige anuraidh bhí Doire tar éis éacht a dhéanamh agus curaidh '91 An Dún a chloí; bhí a lucht leanúna, agus daoine nach iad, ag ceapadh go raibh contae na "nduilleoga darach" ar an ard-bhóthar chuig craobh na hÉireann. Bhí na comharthaí sóirt ann, mar sin féin, le cúpla bliain anuas; bhí Dún na nGall tar éis craobh na hÉireann faoi 21 bhliain a bhaint i 1987; bhíothas ann adúirt gurb 'gadaíocht' a tharla in aghaidh na Mí sa chluiche leathcheannais i bPáirc An Chrócaigh i 1989 agus go dtí an lá inniu ní thuigtear cad a bhain do na Conallaigh i gcluiche ceannais Uladh in aghaidh An Dúin i '91.

Mar is gnáthach le comharsana beidh cluiche an-dian againn inniu. Is fir láidre scafanta iad foireann Dhoire agus cumas as cuimse acu sa pheil. An mbeidh siad in inmhe na Conallaigh a smachtú?

Níl aon amhras ar éinne ach gur foireann den chéad scoth iad seampíní Éireann; níl lagachar ar bith de réir chosúlachta in aon chearn den pháirc imeartha. An t-aon bhaol atá ann, deirtear, ná gur chaith an fhoireann an iomarca fuínnimh ag iarraidh gach cluiche, ó aimsir an chraobhcluiche i leith, a bhuachan agus go mbeidís spionta ag tráth éigin. Ní fheadar an é inniu an lá ar tharla sé?

Fiú má chailleann na Conallaigh déanfaidh an sos maitheas dóibh roimh thosach na gluicí craoibhe. Má tá siad in ann dul ar aghaidh agus craobh na Léige a bhaint chomh maith, beidh 'cleite eile sa chaipín' acu ach b'fhearr i bhfad dá mbuafidís an dara craobh Uile-Éireann i mí Meán Fómhair seo chugainn.

Bealach amháin nó bealach eile ní légfídh foireann Dhoire Cholmille craobh na Léige uathu go héasca; mar sin, cluiche ar fheabhas a bheidh faoinár mbráid inniu.

## A Season of Many Highlights in Royal Liver National Football League

This season's Royal Liver National Football League has already proven one of the most successful so far. Big crowds at games in the divisional programme, exciting matches and top-class individual displays have all added up to a rich quota of memorable moments.

Fermanagh captured most of the pre-Christmas spotlight with a run that had them sharing the Section "C" table with Mayo and Kerry with full points from four games. They clinched that position with a one point win at Portlaoise, where Colin Curran proved an influential figure in the success at the expense of Laois.

He scored Fermanagh's only goal to help the side to level terms at the interval and in the closing stages sent over two splendid points to ensure the memorable triumph. In all, Curran hit 1-3.

Earlier Dublin and Louth provided one of the best games of the pre-Christmas programme when they brightened a dark November day with an entertaining and keenly contested game at Croke Park.

Jack Sheedy had the ball in the Louth net after only twenty seconds, but visions of a runaway Dublin win were quickly dispelled as the "Wee County" rallied strongly. Excellent points from Seamus O'Hanlon and Stefan White and the expert free-taking of Colin Kelly had Louth on level terms, 0-6 to 1-3, at the break.

The visitors went three points clear early in the second half and it took a brilliant save from John O'Leary in Dublin's goal to deprive Louth of what might well have

proven the winning score. Dublin then had a defender sent to the line by the referee, but Louth failed to score after that and the Dubs came storming back with five points for a memorable and against the odds 1-8 to 0-9 win.

Niall Buckley, who led Kildare to the 1991 Leinster minor title, shone in the gloom of a rainy November day at Newbridge with a sparkling one-man show. He was in tremendous form for the Lily Whites against Cork, sending over points from a variety of different angles. At the end of the game he had 0-10 to his score, exactly the tally recorded by Cork, to send supporters home happy after a four points win.

The same afternoon Galway half back Thomas Mannion scored one of the most noteworthy goals of the League campaign so far. Derry were striving for their 15th successive win in the League, stretching over two years when they entertained the Westerners at Celtic Park in late November, and looked firmly on course for victory as they held a point lead with the game in the final seconds.

A Galway last gasp raid saw Mannion pop up to fist the ball home and stun the League champions, who trooped off 1-8 to 0-9 in arrears.

Another goal that was just a little special was one that had the somewhat unusual setting for a competitive football game of Semple Stadium. Donegal travelled to Thurles complete with the Sam Maguire Cup for their first competitive outing of 1993 and maintained their unbeaten run by seeing off the challenge of Tipperary.

However, nineteen minutes into that game, the home team's midfielder, Brian Burke, crashed a penalty kick to the Donegal net. That was the first goal conceded by Gary Walsh in seven competitive games, championship and League. That's also Donegal's only goal conceded in this League.

# Donegal Out On Their Own

Prior to that goal, we had to go back to the Ulster final in July for the last goal recorded against Walsh. Seamus Downey found the net for Derry's only goal in the second half of the Northern summit.

## HIGH SCORING EXHIBITION

Still on the scoring theme, Martin Daly recorded one of the most impressive individual scoring returns so far in the campaign. It was also just as well for Clare that he was so target conscious that early November day at Athlone as despite his superb 2-7, the Munster champions still had to work extremely hard for a two points win over Westmeath.

Mayo and Kerry drew a 6,000 crowd for their eagerly awaited clash at Crossmolina in February and shared the points on a 1-9 scoreline. The game was not a memorable one, but had many positive features.

Maurice Fitzgerald scored some good points from frees for Kerry and Karl O'Dwyer, son of now Kildare team manager Mick, hit a good goal from a penalty. P.J. Loftus set the seal on a fine showing for Mayo with their only goal and Brian Kilkelly was another home star. He earned Mayo a deserved draw with a point from 20 metres two minutes from the end.

The draw sent both Mayo and Kerry through to the knock-out stages as Fermanagh lost the same day to Armagh.

It is not often that a full forward fails to score, but still emerges as the Man of the Match. That was the double distinction gained by Tony Boyle as he steered Donegal to a place in the quarter-finals with a sixth round win over Cork at Ballybofey.

Boyle teased and tormented the Cork rearguard and set up Declan Bonner unselfishly for Donegal's only goal in the

first half. His clever distribution was also responsible for many of the home team's points and, all in all, it was a true tour de force from the young Dungloe club man.

Aidan Moloney at full back and Tom Morrissey at midfield did much to help Clare, down to 14 players for the entire second half, record a famous win over Down at Ennis in late February.

A Clare forward was sent to the line just before half-time, but the home team battled gamely in the second half for a famous 1-8 to 0-7 win before 14,000, the biggest attendance ever at a Football League game at Cusack Park.

A goal in the first minute by Dermot Doyle put Kildare firmly on the road to a win over Leitrim at Carrick-on-Shannon in the concluding round of the divisional programme and a place in the quarter-finals.

Gerry Killeen with nine points and Martin Daly, who confirmed his position as the League goal expert with 2-1, were giants as Clare beat Monaghan at Ennis to book their place in Division I next season for the first time and also a League quarter-final place.

Donegal maintained their unbeaten League run with a resounding win over Longford at Pearse Park. Once again Tony Boyle was very prominent in the winning effort.

Colm O'Rourke made a come-back to Meath's team for his first competitive appearance since last May and scored his team's solitary goal against Westmeath at Athlone to ensure a play-off with Down for a quarter-final ticket.

Plenty of highlights and talking points so far, then, in the 1992-93 Royal Liver National Football League. No doubt the remaining games will add many more exciting moments to the rich story.

Donegal finished out on their own at the end of the divisional programme in the 1992-93 Royal Liver National Football League. They rank as the only county to have collected maximum points from the seven games campaign.

Kerry and Clare also did not lose a single match. However, the Kingdom played one draw, and Clare were involved in three drawn games. Kerry head their section with 13 points, and the Munster champions are leaders in their group with eleven points.

Every other county lost at least one game. Four counties failed to collect a single point between them — Limerick, Carlow, Kilkenny and Waterford.

Carlow also failed to score in one of their matches. They were beaten by Cork at Páirc Uí Chaoimh last November by 2-16 to 0-0.

This is how the counties fared in the divisional series of the current Royal Liver National Football League:

Section A	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Dublin	7	6	0	1	12
Derry	7	6	0	1	12
Galway	7	5	1	1	11
Louth	7	3	1	3	7
Wexford	7	3	0	4	6
Antrim	7	3	0	4	6
Sligo	7	1	0	6	2
Limerick	7	0	0	7	0

Section B	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Donegal	7	7	0	0	14
Kildare	7	6	0	1	12
Cork	7	4	1	2	9
Leitrim	7	4	1	2	9
Cavan	7	3	0	4	6
Tipperary	7	2	0	5	4
Longford	7	1	0	6	2
Carlow	7	0	0	7	0

Section C	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Kerry	7	6	1	0	13
Mayo	7	5	1	1	11
Fermanagh	7	4	0	3	8
Laois	7	3	1	3	7
Tyrone	7	3	0	4	6
Armagh	7	3	0	4	6
Wicklow	7	2	1	4	5
Kilkenny	7	0	0	7	0

Section D	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Clare	7	4	3	0	11
Meath	7	4	2	1	10
Down	7	4	2	1	10
Monaghan	7	3	1	3	7
Offaly	7	2	3	2	7
Roscommon	7	3	1	3	7
Westmeath	7	2	0	5	4
Waterford	7	0	0	7	0

# Derry Have Sights On A First Double

**D**erry are hoping today to further their bid for a first-ever National Football League titles double. No county has made a successful defence of the title since, surprisingly, as far back as 1974 when Kerry won the League for the fourth successive year.

Most of the players who beat Tyrone in the Royal Liver League final last May have been in action in the current campaign. However, Enda Gormley, who contributed a splendid 0-15 to the successful

run, only made one appearance in the series so far because of injury.

That was in the concluding divisional game last month against Louth at Drogheda, where the Glen man went in as a substitute, and also resumed his

score-getting exploits by rifling over two valuable points.

Richard Ferris, who was not in the final winning panel last May, is another who went into the Louth game as a substitute and played a big part in shaping a hard-earned four points win. He sent over a fine point.

Tony Scullion, who won a Bank of Ireland All Stars award last year - his second such trophy - had to retire injured three minutes from the end against Louth and, as Derry had used up their full quota of substitutes, they had to finish the game with 14 players.

Dermot Heaney, who won a League medal at midfield last year, was a bright star for Derry in that divisional win at County Louth as full forward. He was in tremendous form and finished with an impressive 1-2.

Derry beat opposition from all four provinces in the campaign so far, but their only outing against a Northern side was at Castement Park where they beat Antrim.

Brian McGilligan (Doire) and Martin Shovlin (Dún na nGall) in action in the Ulster Final.



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## McGilligan A Star At Two Sports

**B**rian McGilligan, who had a first-class game at midfield for Derry in the Royal Liver National Football League final last May, has been in the senior inter-county ranks since 1985.

Now 29, the Dungiven club man is playing really well again this season and remains one of Derry's best assets. The tall McGilligan is also an accomplished hurler and in fact has represented Derry in all grades of hurling.

He has played for Ireland against Australia and has also represented Ulster and has won an interprovincial medal.

\* Best Wishes to  
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Although these neighbouring counties were in opposition in an Ulster league competition in the early thirties it wasn't until 1947-48 when the Dr. Lagan Cup was incorporated in the National League that Derry and Donegal met for the first time in the league proper.

Donegal were visitors to Derry on that occasion with Derry in the role of reigning champions.

The opposition's status did not intimidate the Tir Connail men who made the early running with points by M.J. Gallagher and Clarke.

A Derry spell of attack brought a goal following a penalty at the tenth minute and from there to the interval it was hectic up-and-down fare when Donegal led by 2-3 to 2-2.

With the Prendergast - Jack Gallagher midfield on top, Donegal dominated the third quarter to forge further ahead, and with 50 minutes gone the gap on the board widened to nine points.

Derry rallied with spirit, but despite Mullins' excellent goal, the Donegal defence was equal to almost every demand and they held on to win by a margin of six points.

## DERRY AND DONEGAL

### PAST MEETINGS

The teams on duty in that first league meeting were:  
 DONEGAL: C.Campbell, H.Boyle, P.Watters, P.Diver, P.Brogan, S.Kearney, A.McShane, P.Prendergast, J.Gallagher, O.Carney, P.Clarke, W.Gallagher, P.Moore, J.Doyle, M.J.Gallagher.

DERRY: C.McGurk (Faughanvale), J.Griffen, T.E.McCloskey, W.Gribben, C.Hassen, A.Lynch, J.O'Neill, M.McCann, D.Lagan, P.Kennan, J.E.Mullan, F.Neblock, J.Cassidy, A.J.McGurk, C.McGurk (Lavey).

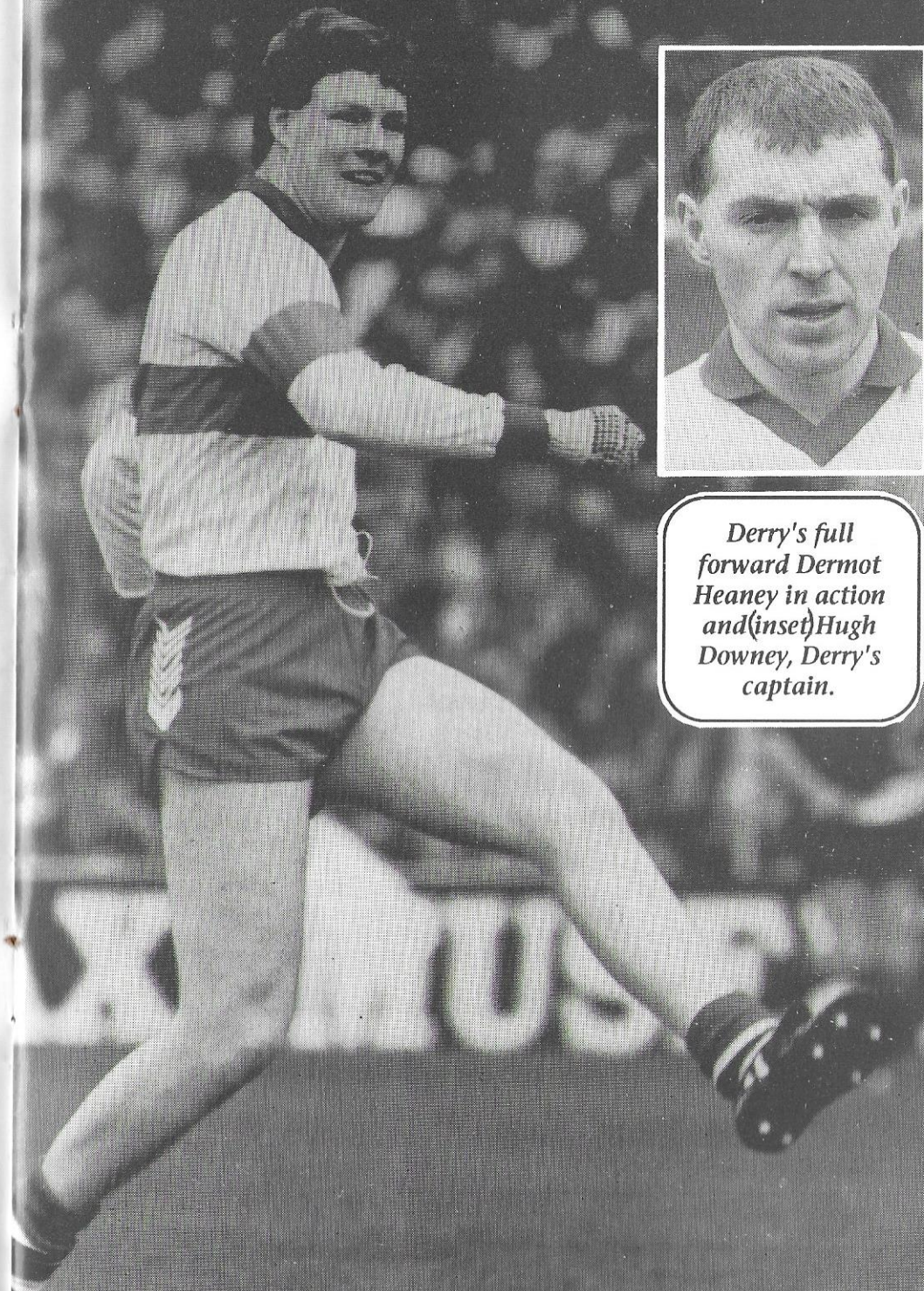
Donegal won the meeting at Letterkenny a year later, but then Derry dominated for some years, and of the eight clashes between 1949 and 1959, they won seven.

However, since the latter year the balance has tilted to Donegal. As of the 21 meetings of the counties in the

league to date they have won eleven to Derry's nine. One game was drawn.

#### THE DETAILS:

1947-48 - Derry:  
 Donegal 4-6; Derry 3-3  
 1948-49 - Letterkenny:  
 Donegal 2-5; Derry 1-4  
 1949-50 - Derry:  
 Derry 0-10; Donegal 0-2  
 Play-Off - Derry:  
 Derry 2-6; Donegal 1-3  
 1950-51 - Ballybofey:  
 Donegal 1-7; Derry 1-5  
 1951-52 - Magherafelt:  
 Derry 2-6; Donegal 2-4  
 1952-53 - Ballybofey:  
 Derry 2-12; Donegal 3-7  
 1953-54 - Ballinascreen:  
 Derry 0-6; Donegal 0-5  
 1958-59 - Dungannon:  
 Derry 1-11; Donegal 1-4  
 1959-60 Ballybofey:  
 Derry 3-6; Donegal 1-3  
 1960-61 - Derry:  
 Donegal 1-6; Derry 0-6  
 Play-Off - Ballybofey:  
 Donegal 2-7; Derry 1-4  
 1962-63 - Magherafelt:  
 Donegal 1-7; Derry 0-6  
 1963-64 - Ballybofey:  
 Derry 2-8; Donegal 1-7.  
 1964-65 - Ballinascreen:  
 Donegal 4-9; Derry 1-10  
 1965-66 - Ballinascreen:  
 Donegal 3-12; Derry 1-3  
 1966-67 - Ballybofey:  
 Donegal 0-9; Derry 0-9  
 Lagan Cup Final -  
 Irvinstown:  
 Donegal 0-6; Derry 0-5  
 1986-87 - Greenlough:  
 Donegal 1-9; Derry 0-7  
 1988-89 - Drumsurn:  
 Derry 0-10; Donegal 1-5  
 1989-90 - Ballybofey:  
 Donegal 0-11; Derry 0-3



*Derry's full forward Dermot Heaney in action and (inset) Hugh Downey, Derry's captain.*



# Doire

Dathanna: Dearg is Bán

(1) D. Mac Oscair  
**DAMIEN McCUSKER**  
Glen

(2) C. Mac Iomhair  
**KIERAN MCKEEVER**  
Dungiven

(3) D. Ó Coinne  
**DANNY QUINN**  
Bellaghy

(4) S. Mac Fhirléinn  
**JOHN McERLEAN**  
Newbridge

(5) C. Ó Diomáin  
**KARL DIAMOND**  
Bellaghy

(6) E. Mac Giolla Domhnaigh  
**HENRY DOWNEY (CAPT)**  
Lavey

(7) G. Ó Colmáin  
**GARY COLEMAN**  
Magherafelt

(8) A. Ó Tuathail  
**ANTHONY TOHILL**  
Swatragh

(9) B. Mac Giollagáin  
**BRIAN MCGILLIGAN**  
Dungiven

(10) R. Ó Fearghais  
**RICHARD FERRIF**  
Drumsumr

(11) D. de Bartún  
**DAMIEN BARTON**  
Newbridge

(12) D. Mac Niochail  
**DERMOT McNICHOLL**  
Glenulin

(13) C. Mac Oirc  
**COLM MCGURK**  
Lavey

(14) D. Ó hEanna  
**DERMOT HEANEY**  
Castledawson

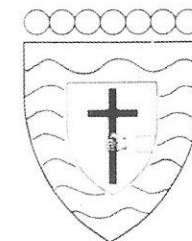
(15) E. Ó Garmaile  
**ENDA GORMLEY**  
Glen

FIR IONAIÐ: (16) D. Ó Ceallaigh (Don Kelly) Ballinascreen, (17) C. Ó Raifeartaigh (Colm Rafferty) Glenmullin, (18) S. Ó Brolaigh (Joe Brolly) Dungiven, (19) D. Ó Caiséide (Damien Cassidy) Bellaghy, (20) E. Ó Ceallaigh (Eugene Kelly) Dungiven, (21) B. Mc Cormaic (Brian McCormack) Lavey, (22) D. de Beastun (Declan Bateson) Ballinderry, (23) S. Mac Giolla Domhnaigh (Seamus Downey) Lavey, (24) A.M. Ó Tuathail (Hugh Martin Tohill) Swatragh.

DOIRE	Cúil	Cúillíní	Seachaí	45m	Saor Ciceanna
1adh Leath					
2adh Leath					
Iomlán					

# Dún na nGall

Dathanna: Ór is Uaithne



(1) G. Breathnach  
**GARY WALSH**  
Burren

(2) S.S. Ó Dochartaigh  
**JOHN JOE DOHERTY**  
Naomh Columba

(3) M. Ó Gallchóir  
**MATT GALLAGHER**  
Naomh Bríd

(4) B. Mac Gabhainn  
**BARRY MCGOWAN**  
Na Cealla Beaga

(5) D. Ó Maolbhríde  
**DONAL REID**  
Aodh Rua Coill na gCuirdiú

(6) P. Mac Giolla Chearra  
**PAUL CARR**  
Na Ceithre Máistir

(7) M. Ó Sheibhleáin  
**MARTIN SHOVELIN**  
Naomh Ultan

(8) A. Ó Lúdóg  
**ANTHONY MOLLOY (CAPT)**  
Ard an Ratha

(9) B. Ó Múirí  
**BRIAN MURRAY**  
An Stát Sheirbhís

(10) S. Mac Aodha  
**JAMES MCHUGH**  
Cill Chartha

(11) B. Mac Cuinneagáin  
**BARRY CUNNINGHAM**  
Na Cealla Beaga

(12) M. Mac Aodha  
**MARTIN MCHUGH**  
Cill Chartha

(13) D. Ó Cuoimhní  
**DECLAN BONNER**  
Na Rossa

(14) A. Ó Baoill  
**TONY BOYLE**  
An Clochán Liath

(15) M. Ó Baoill  
**MANUS BOYLE**  
Na Cealla Beaga

FIR IONAIÐ: (16) P. Ó Ceallacháin (Paul Callaghan) Beart, (17) M. Ó Gaibheacháin (Martin Gavigan) Ard an Ratha, (18) M. Ó Chrossáin (Mark Crossan) Naomh Adhamháin, (19) T. Ó Riain (Tommy Ryan) An Tearmain, (20) S. Mac Aonghusa (Jim McGuinness) Naomh Conaill, (21) S. Mac Cuinneagáin (John Cunningham) Na Cealla Beaga, (22) S. Ó Dufaidh (John Duffy) An Stát Sheirbhís, (23) G. Ó Ceallaigh (Gerald Kelly) Aodh Rua Coill na gCuirdiú.

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DÚN NA NGALL	Cúil	Cúillíní	Seachaí	45m	Saor Ciceanna
1adh Leath					
2adh Leath					
Iomlán					

## Paths to the Quarter Final

Donegal have the distinction of being the only county to collect full points in the divisional programme of the Royal Liver National Football League. The All-Ireland champions also conceded just a single goal in the campaign so far.

That was scored by Brian Burke, of Tipperary, from a penalty kick at Semple Stadium in February.

This is how the Sam Maguire Cup holders reached the knockout stages of the League for the fourth successive season:

October 18 — Ballybofey: Donegal 1-9; Kildare 0-6. Scorers: T.Ryan 1-1, M.Boyle 0-3, B.McGowan, A.Molloy 0-1, J.McMullan 0-1, T.Boyle 0-1, D.Bonnar 0-1.

November 1 — Carlow: Donegal 0-12; Carlow 0-5. Scorers: T.Boyle 0-5, M.Boyle 0-2, J.McHugh 0-2, T.Ryan 0-1

A.Molly 0-1, S.Maguire 0-1. November 15 — Ballyshannon: Donegal 1-14; Leitrim 0-6.

# Perfect Record For Donegal

Scorers: T.Boyle 1-2, M.Boyle 0-4, D>Bonnar 0-3, J.McHugh 0-2, J.McMullan 0-1, S.Maguire 0-1. N.Hegarty 0-1. November 29 — Cavan: Donegal 1-16; Cavan 0-9. Scorers: M.Boyle 0-5, D.Bonnar 0-5, T.Boyle 1-1, J.McMullan 0-2, A.Molloy 0-1, J.McHugh 0-1, S.Maguire 0-1.

February 14 — Thurles: Donegal 1-12; Tipperary 1-9. Scorers: D.Bonnar 1-2, T.Boyle 0-5, B>Murray 0-2, M.Boyle 0-1, A.Molloy 0-1, B.Cunningham 0-1.

February 28 — Ballybofey: Donegal 1-8; Cork 0-9. Scorers: D.Bonner 1-4, M.Boyle 0-2, J.McMullan 0-1, B.Murray 0-1

March 14 — Longford: Donegal 3-16; Longford 0-7. Scorers: M.Boyle 1-4, B.Murray 1-2, J.Duffy 1-2. D.Bonner 0-3, T.Boyle 0-2, M.McHugh 0-2, B.Cunningham 0-1

Donegal chalked up 8-87 (111 points) and conceded 1-51 (54 points).

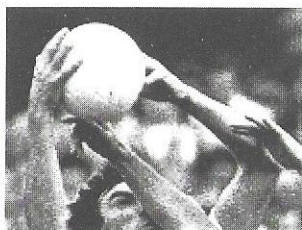
Their scoresheet is as follows: 24 points: Declan Bonner 2-18, Manus Boyle 1-21. 22 points: Tony Boyle 2-16. 8 points: Brian Murray 1-5. 5 points: Joe Duffy 1-2, Tommy

Ryan 1-2, Joyce McMullan 0-5, James McHugh 0-5. 4 points: Anthony Molloy 0-4. The scoring was completed by Sylvester Maguire 0-3, Barry Cunningham and Martin McHugh 0-2 each, and Noel Hegarty and Barry McGowan a point each.

### ONE WIN

Donegal recorded one win in their last three appearances in League quarter-finals. They were beaten by Meath by 2-12 to 0-13 at Clones in 1990. Donegal beat Offaly in extra time at Breffni Park a year later by 1-16 to 0-16.

Last year at the same venue, late, late goals by Paul Clarke and Vinny Murphy snatched apparent victory from Donegal's grasp as many spectators were leaving the Cavan ground. Those scores gave Dublin a dramatic 3-6 to 1-10 win.



# Second Successive Appearance For Derry



Derry are appearing in a Royal Liver National Football League quarter-final for the second successive year. Last year they beat Cavan at Irvinestown in a quarter-final on the way to their second League title.

Derry lost just one game so far in the current series. A goal by Thomas Mannion in the final seconds at Celtic Park in November game Galway a two points win.

This is the League champions record so far:

October 18 — Croke Park: Derry 0-11; Dublin 0-9. Scorers: B.Kealy 0-3, D.Barton 0-2, B.McGilligan 0-1, F.McCusker 0-1, R.Ferris 0-1, D.Cassidy 0-1, S.Downey 0-1, A.Tohill 0-1.

November 1 — Ballinascreen: Derry 2-8; Wexford 1-8. Scorers: D.Barton 1-0, B.Kelly 0-3, A.Tohill 1-0, F.McClusker 0-2, D.McNicholl 0-2, G.Coleman 0-1.

November 15 — Limerick: Derry 1-14; Limerick 1-8. Scorers: B.Kealy 0-6, D.Barton 1-1, J.Brolly 0-4, F.McCusker 0-1, D.Cassidy 0-1, D.McNichol

0-1. November 29 — Celtic Park: Derry 0-9; Galway 1-8. Scorers: B.Kealy 0-3, J.Brolly 0-3, D.Barton 0-1, B.McGilligan 0-1, A.Tohill 0-1. February 14 — Glenuillin: Derry 2-12; Sligo 2-8. Scorers: D.Barton 1-2, B.Kealy 0-4, A.Tohill 1-0, F.McCusker 0-1, G.Coleman 0-1, J.Brolly 0-1, K.Diamond 0-1, C.Rafferty 0-1, D.Hearney 0-1.

February 28 — Casement Park: Derry 2-9; Antrim 0-7. Scorers: D.Heaney 1-3, K.Diamond 1-0, D.Barton 0-2, B.Kealy 0-1, A.Tohill 0-1, J.Brolly 0-1, F.McCusker 0-1. March 14 — Drogheda: Derry 1-11; Louth 0-10. Scorers: D.Heaney 1-2, E.Gormely 0-2, A.Tohill 0-2, B.Kealy 0-1, R.Ferris 0-1, D.McNichol 0-1, G.Coleman 0-1, C.McGurk 0-1

The League champions scored 8-74 (98 points) and had 5-58 (73 points) recorded against them.

This is how their scoring record was compiled: Brian Kealey 0-21; Damien Barton 3-8 (17 points), Dermot Heaney 2-6, Anthony Tohill 2-

## Paths to the Quarter Final

5, Joe Brolly 0-9, Fergal McCusker 0-6, Dermot McNicholl 0-4, Karl Diamond 1-1, Gary Coleman 0-3, Brian McGilligan 0-2, Enda Gormley 0-2, Richard Ferris 0-2, Damien Cassidy 0-2, Colm McGurk 0-1, Seamus Downey 0-1, Colm Rafferty 0-1.

### JUST ONE DEFEAT

Derry have a very proud record in League football over the past 27 months. In December 1990 in their final League game of that year the expert marksmanship of Joe Brolly, who scored 1-5, was not enough to prevent the side from losing to Antrim by 2-9 to 1-11 at Drumsurn.

Since then, Derry have played 18 League games and won them all, except that end of 1992 encounter with Galway at Celtic Park.

The Royal Liver National League final win last May at the expense of Tyrone was Derry's first since they beat Clare in a novel final for the 1947 crown — their first such final triumph.





*Brian Murray (Dún na nGall)  
in possession of the ball.*

## Donegal Keep On The Winning Trail

*Donegal have not rested on their laurels since their historic Sam Maguire Cup triumph last September. They have followed their memorable breakthrough against Dublin in the All-Ireland final with a series of impressive performances that sends them into this League quarter-final with the perfect record from seven games.*

*As a result they are unbeaten in championship and League football since losing to Dublin in a quarter-final by two last gasp goals at Breffni Park last April. That was 14 games back.*

*Added points are given to the Donegal success story in the League by the fact that injuries kept a number of their All-Ireland title-winning crew out of some of the games.*

*The North-West county has yet to appear in a National League final and the last year that a county followed up an All-Ireland senior final win in September by capturing the League crown the following spring was in 1992 when Meath completed the double.*

*Donegal scored at least one goal in every game, other than on their visit to Carlow at Dr. Cullen Park in November, and had just one goal scored against them.*

*All in all, a proud record since that All-Ireland senior final debut of last September.*

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*Best Wishes to the  
Donegal Team*



● Tony Boyle,  
*Dún na nGall.*

## Boyle Has Come A Long Way In A Short Time

**T**ony Boyle has come a long way in a comparatively short time. One of the stars of the Donegal success against Dublin last September, he is now firmly established as the outstanding full forward in the game.

Such was the quality of his play in 1992 that he was honoured by the Bank of Ireland All Stars selectors, although they selected the Dungloe man at right full forward.

Boyle, who is only 22, graduated to the Donegal senior team in 1990 after making a big imprint in under-age competitions. He won Ulster Vocational Schools medals in 1986 and 1987.

He has made solid progress in the senior ranks and has played very purposeful football all through the current campaign. With an All-Ireland medal and an inter-provincial souvenir in his collection, Boyle now needs only a League award to complete the set.

## THE DISMAL NOUGHTS

**W**hen Cork denied Carlow a single score in the third round of the league last September, the Leeside defence performed an unusual feat in competitive football. Unusual it may have been . . . but it was not without precedent as, on a number of occasions in league and championship over the years, teams have retired at the end of the hour without having conceded even one flag to the opposition.

And ironically, in view of the latest example, the first team to fail to score in a National League game was Cork, who managed no reply to Wexford's 3-4 at Wexford Park in 1928. Meath defenders of that era were clearly of sterling calibre and at Navan in 1930 they held Monaghan scoreless while recording 1-6 themselves. Twelve months later, at the same venue, Meath scored 6-2 with visitors Down still scoreless at the end of the hour.

At irregular intervals over the next fifty years, the dismal noughts were in evidence in the league. Waterford had no answering score to Tipperary's 8-5 at Clonmel in 1940, while ten years on Tyrone beat Fermanagh at Omagh by 3-12 to 0-0. In 1951 Tipperary beat Carlow (0-11 to 0-0) at Clonmel and almost another decade passed before Leitrim trounced Sligo by 2-9 to 0-0 at Ballinamore in the same season (1959-60). Derry's 1-11 to 0-0 win over Armagh at Ballinascreen in 1960 was followed by a 2-1 to 0-0 dismissal of Kilkenny by Waterford at Nowlan Park two seasons on and a 17-year gap was bridged at Tralee in December 1978 when luckless Laois were swamped by the home county 6-11 to 0-0. Carlow's failure to raise a flag at Páirc UíCaoimh brought the total of scoreless efforts to eleven in National League football.

### League Within A League

The 1927-28 National Football League had three Divisions made up of nine, seven and five teams. Kerry emerged from the southern section as did Kildare and Mayo from the eastern and western. Nowadays such a situation would call for one semi-final with one team having a bye to the final, but in those distant days things were ordered differently and it was decided by the powers-that-be that the league should be decided by running a 'mini' league involving the survivors of the divisional series. On March 25 at Croke Park, Kildare and Mayo joined issue and after a hard-fought encounter which saw Mayo make the early running to go three points up by the end of the first quarter, Kildare steadied, got in front by the interval and went on to win by 0-8 to 0-5. Three weeks later Kerry were visitors to Castlebar where a crowd of almost eight thousand witnessed another brave effort by the Westerners, who were inspired by an early goal from Gerald Courell. An exchange of points left it 1-1 to 0-1 at the break and then John Joe Sheehy took a hand, hitting three great points to put Kerry level. Two late white flags signalled another Kerry triumph (0-6 to 1-1) to clear the way for a showdown between the previous year's All-Ireland finalists. The Kingdom reversed the All-Ireland verdict in another typical clash of these great rivals in what has always been accepted as the league final for that year. But given the circumstances outlined above, was that Kerry-Kildare game no more than the decisive tie of this 'mini' league?



# Notable Firsts

Derry and Donegal have scored notable 'firsts' for Ulster in Gaelic football.

Derry was the first county from the Province to win the National League (1946-47), while Donegal, in beating Dublin in last year's All-Ireland final shattered a hoodoo that had plagued Ulster teams for more than a century - the complete dominance of Dublin vis-a-vis northern representatives in the championship.

From 1891 when Cavan lost the semi-final at Clonturk Park to 1984 when Tyrone failed at the same stage, no Ulster team had managed to overcome the capital representatives; but Donegal succeeded where all others had failed when they triumphed last September - and at the first attempt.

● Martin McHugh, Dún na nGall.

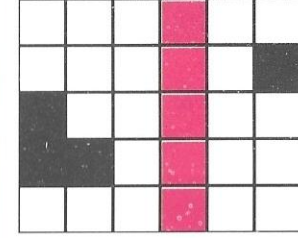


# Youth Page

## National League Quiz

1. The eight quarter-finals in the NFL and NHL are being played in a total of six different venues. Can you name them?
2. Who is the current captain of the Dublin S.F. team?
3. What two counties reached the quarter-finals this year in both Hurling and Football?
4. The titles double in the National Leagues has been achieved only once, in 1980. By which county?
5. Only one team completed its programme in the National Football League with full points. Name the county.
6. Three of the four finalists in last year's League are still in contention for honours in the 1992/93 leagues. Name the odd one out.

## Find the Referee



In today's series of eight games, the referees are Murphy, Russell, White, Howard, Cody, Neary, O'Meara and Murray. Can you fill in the names of five of them in the attached grid to make up the surname of the referee of last Sunday's NFL Quarter-Final at Croke Park, Seamus Prior.

## Quarter-Finals Word Maze

There are a total of 14 counties represented at the quarter final stage of the Football and Hurling Leagues. Can you find them hidden in the Maze?

A R T Y D E R R Y C  
 C W J N O N L T F L  
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 R A C O E L O P O M  
 O L A D G B I P A E  
 F W O C A U S E B R  
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## Freagraí

1. (i) Páirc an Chrócaigh  
 (ii) McHale Park, Ennis.  
 2. John O'Leary  
 3. Down and Kerry  
 4. Cork  
 5. Donegal.  
 6. Tyrone (football).
- Quiz Answers  
 (v) Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney  
 (vi) Cusack Park, Ennis.  
 (iii) Breffni Park, Castlebar  
 (iv) Nowlan Park, Cavan  
 (i) Páirc an Chrócaigh  
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Find the Referee



Quarter-Finals Word Maze

# THE FINAL TABLES

## Ten Years Ago

The 1982-83 series of games in the National League ran more or less to form, although there were notable lapses on the part of the 1982 All-Ireland finalists, Kerry and Offaly who finished well down the table and were lucky not to be involved in a relegation struggle at the end of the seven-match programme.

Ten years back Derry and Mayo were league nonentities finishing second-last and last respectively - both being relegated.

Things were better with Kildare and Meath who finished at the top of the Division Two table, but of this year's front runners Down did best taking second place in Division One.

Donegal and Clare had undistinguished campaigns, occupying middle berths in Division Three as did Dublin in the premier section.

The four complete tables were:

### DIVISION ONE:

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Armagh	7	5	2	0	12
Down	7	4	3	0	11
Cork	7	4	1	2	9
Dublin	7	3	1	3	7
Kerry	7	3	0	4	6
Offaly	7	3	0	4	6
Derry	7	2	0	5	4
Mayo	7	0	0	7	0

### DIVISION TWO:

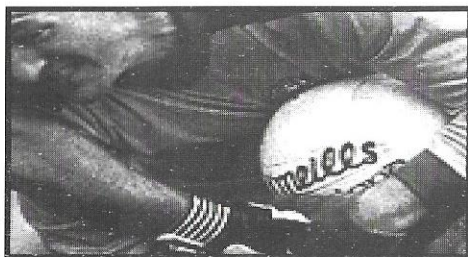
	P	W	D	L	Pts
Kildare	7	6	0	1	12
Meath	7	5	1	1	11
Galway	7	4	2	1	10
Roscommon	7	4	1	2	9
Tyrone	7	3	0	4	6
Wicklow	7	2	0	5	4
Cavan	7	2	0	5	4
Antrim	7	0	0	7	0

### DIVISION THREE:

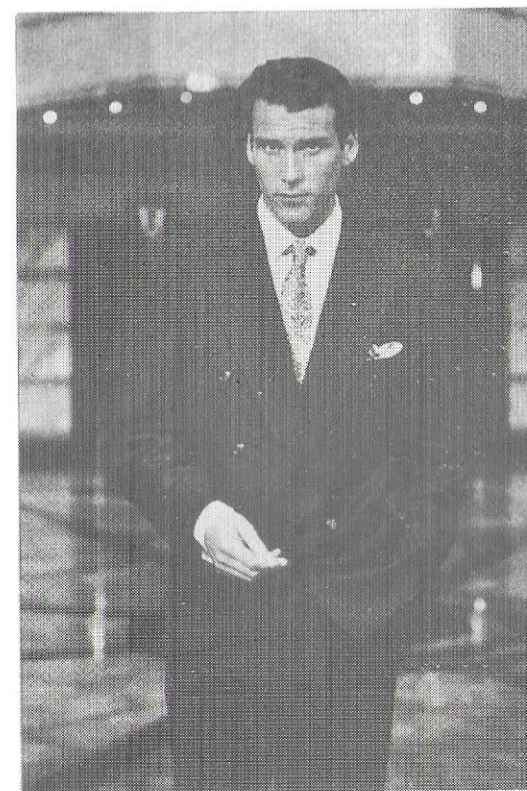
	P	W	D	L	Pts
Louth	7	6	0	1	2
Wexford	7	5	0	2	10
Laois	7	4	1	2	9
Clare	7	4	0	3	8
Donegal	7	3	1	3	7
Monaghan	7	3	0	4	6
Fermanagh	7	2	0	5	4
Longford	7	0	0	7	0

### DIVISION FOUR:

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Westmeath	7	7	0	0	14
Carlow	7	6	0	1	12
Leitrim	7	4	1	2	9
Limerick	7	2	2	3	6
Sligo	7	3	0	4	6
Tipperary	7	2	1	4	5
Waterford	7	2	0	5	4
Kilkenny	7	0	0	7	0



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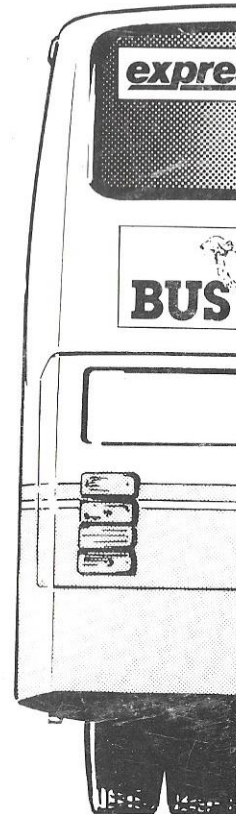
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