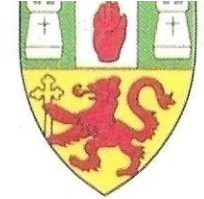
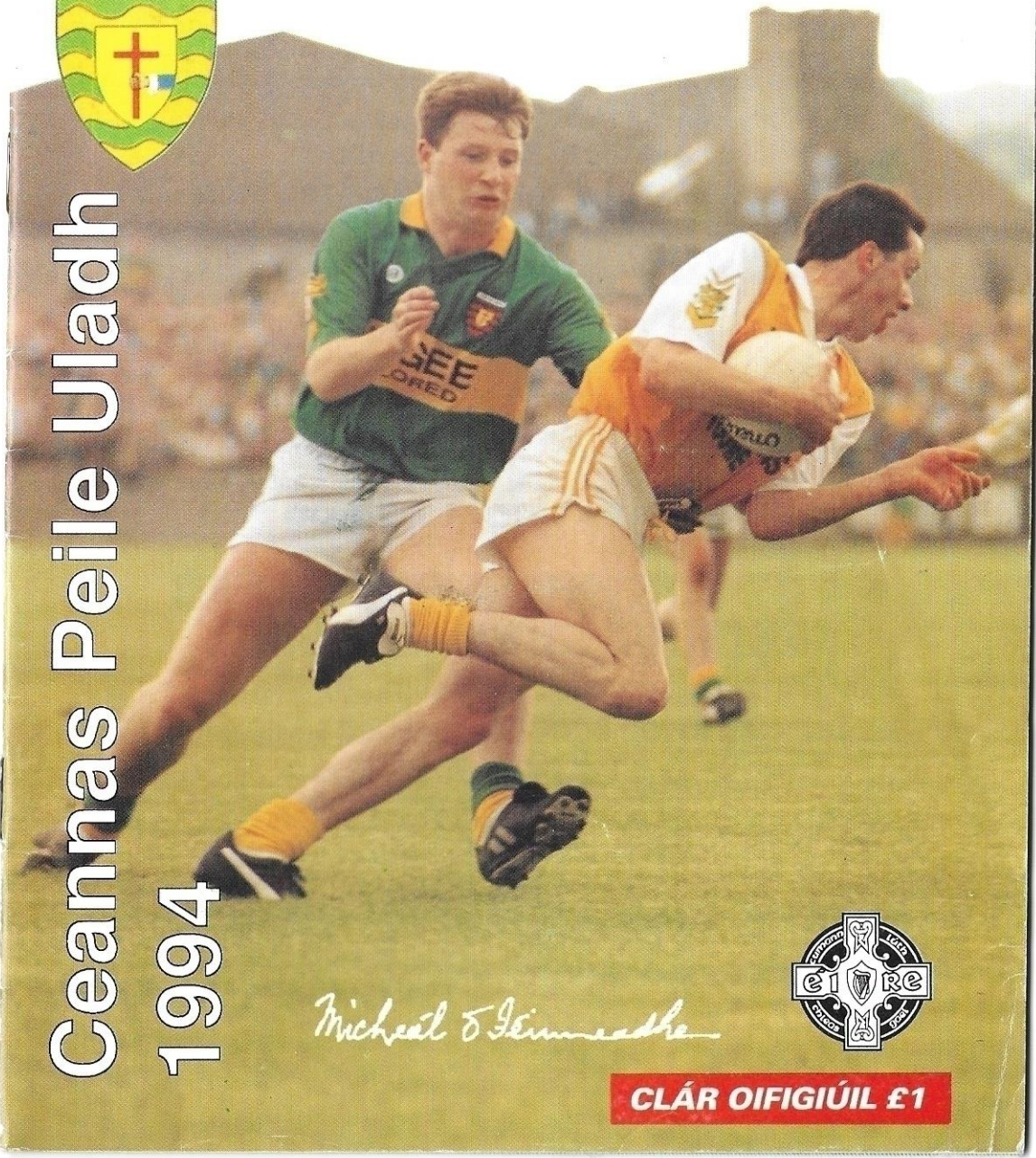


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Aontroim v. Dún na nGall

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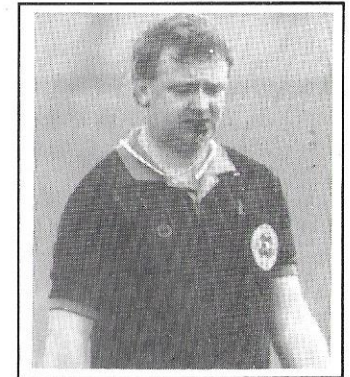
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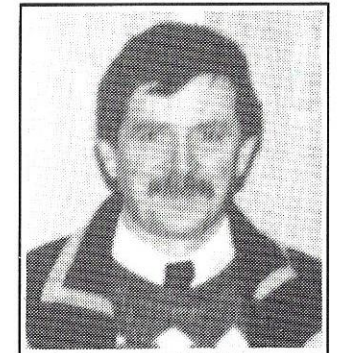
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(Fermanagh)



Married to Maureen, they have four children, Donal, Gareth, Niamh, Enda. He is currently Secretary of his Club, Derrylin O'Connells.

During his playing career won 2 Junior League and Championship Medals.

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PEN PICS

SEAN McGREAVY (St. Pauls): Age 21. Position: Goalkeeper.

Occupation: Sports Adviser. Honours Gained: Various Underaged Medals. Ambitions: To win Antrim Senior C'ship medals.

MARTIN MULHOLLAND (Con Magees, Glenravel): Position: Defender. Occupation: Civil Servant. Honours Gained: Under Aged Medals.

LOCKY McCURDY (St. Johns): Position: Defender. Occupation: Unemployed. Honours Gained: 2 Senior Football C'ship Medals, 1 Minor Football/Hurling Medals.

RONAN HAMILL (St. Josephs, Glenavy). Age 20. Position: Defender. Occupation: Student. Honours Gained: McRory & Hogan Cup Medals.

ANDY HEALEY (St. Johns): Age 30. Position: Half Back. Occupation: Vet. Honours Gained: Sigerson Medal with U.C.D., Antrim Senior Football Championship Medal.

TERRY McCRUDDEN (Lamh Dhearg): Age 27. Position: Defender. Occupation: Bank Official. Honours Gained: Antrim Senior c'ship Medal, Antrim Senior League Medal.

AIDAN DONNELLY (St. Pauls). Age 28. Position: Defender. Occupation: Solicitor. Honours Gained: 4 Antrim Senior League Medals, Antrim and Ulster C'ship Medals.

CHRIS MURPHY (St. Pauls): Age 25. Position: Forward/Midfield. Occupation: Prudential Insurance Agent. Honours Gained: 2 Ulster U21 C'ship Medals, 4 Antrim Senior League Medals.

PAUL McERLEAN (St. Pauls). Age 24. Position: Midfield;/Half Back. Occupation: Student. Honours Gained: 2 Railway Cup, 1 Sigerson, 1 U21, Ulster C'ship, 5 Senior League, 1 Ulster Minor Club C'ship, 2 Minor C'ship, 1 U21 C'ship.

JIMMY WILSON. (St. Johns): Age 22. Position: Forward. Occupation: Civil Servant. Honours Gained: Antrim U21 Championship Medal.

DONAL ARMSTRONG (O'D. Rossa): Age 33. Position: Forward/Defender. Occupation: School Teacher. Honours Gained: 2 Sigerson Cup Medals, 2 Ryan Cup Medals, 1 Antrim Senior Hurling Medal, 2 Antrim Senior Football Medals, 4 Ulster Senior C'ship Medals, 1 All-Ireland Freshers Medals.

STEPHEN LYNN (Erins Own Cargin): Age 24. Position: Forward. Occupation: Plasterer. Honours Gained: Club - 2 Div. 1 League, 1 Div. 2 League. School - Dalton Cup, 2 Ranafast Cup, 1 Macrory Cup.

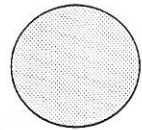
JOE KENNEDY (St. Pauls): Age 25. Position: Forward. Occupation: Hydraulics Technician. Honours Gained: 2 Ulster U21 Medals, 1 McRory Cup Medal, 1 Corna Og Medal, All-Ireland Freshers Medal, 4 Antrim Senior League Medals.

CHARLIE McSTRAVICK (St. Pauls): Age 31. Position: Midfielder. Occupation: Marketing Information Manager. Honours Gained: 1 Sigerson, 1 Trench Cup, 4 Antrim Senior League Medals.

CONAL HEATLY (St. Johns): Age 26. Position: Forward. Occupation: Sales Executive. Honours Gained: 2 SFC, 1 MFC, 1 Sigerson Cup, 3 Ryan Cup, 1 McCrory Cup, 1 SFL.

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A Massive Bonus — or a First Step

By
JOHN CAMPBELL
(Belfast Telegraph)

They say a week is a long time in politics. But Antrim followers have long ceased to talk in terms of weeks or even months. Instead, it's a famine stretching back a dozen years now that is their chief preoccupation.

Not since 1982 — and that seems like a lifetime ago — have Antrim managed to surmount the first hurdle in the Ulster championship. Since then frustration, disappointment and false dawns have been the Saffrons' lot.

Oh, yes, there have been encouraging displays — none better than last year's effort at Ballybofey — but the outcome has always been the same, defeat.

Now once again optimism permeates the ranks of Paul O'Hare's side. For them, today is D-DAY — a match that spawns hope, fuels ambitions of progress and ultimately decides the footballing destiny of the county.

But while Antrim approach their task on a wing and a prayer, Donegal enter the fray as the hottest of hot favourites — and with a major aim to fulfil. Two years ago Donegal were the undisputed kings of football — the Anglo Celt and Sam Maguire trophies adorned the Tir Conaill sideboard and all was well in the camp.

Since then injuries, near misses and not a little controversy have blighted Donegal's hopes of maintaining their position of eminence. Today, though, offers the doorway to glory again — and Brian McEniff's side have an extra reason for wanting to make 1994 THEIR year.

It is an open secret that this Ulster championship could well represent the last throw of the big-time dice for several members of the Donegal squad. Time waits for no man — especially those prone to injuries — and no one knows better than McEniff that a massive push, both physical and psychological, is required if Donegal are to not only reach the top of the Ulster tree again but complete phase two and bring Sam home to the welcoming Hills.

For Antrim, success today would be a massive bonus — a fillip that would undoubtedly filter down to the grassroots of football within the county and further enhance the work of such sterling administrators as Gerry Barry, Hugh McPoland, Frank Shannon, and the others who keep the county ticking week in and week out.

But for Donegal victory would be seen as the first step on what is perceived as the road to a final fling. That success of '92 bred the kind of aspirations which Brian McEniff's side have found difficult to shoulder but now the crunch has arrived.

The teams may go into action today against contrasting backgrounds — Antrim seeking a glimmer of hope for the future, Donegal with two eyes on the Ulster title and one eye on 'Sam' — but they have the capability, drive and incentive to take the championship up a further notch following the massive injection it received at Celtic Park a week ago.

DONEGAL PEN PICS

JAMES McHUGH (Kilcar): Age 30. C'ship app. 13; Debut '90 v. Cavan. Total app. 42. Debut '88-'89 NFL v. Derry. Very much his own man, James has been doing 'just enough' in recent games but can be relied upon to produce. ESB worker.

MARTIN McHUGH (Kilcar): Age 33. C'ship. app. 33; Debut '81 v. Armagh. Total app. 140. Debut '80-'81 NFL v. Tipperary. A little slower than he once was, Donegal's success will still be dependant on his probing. Company Rep.

JOYCE McMULLAN (Four Masters): Age 31. C'ship app. 33; Debut '82 v. Armagh. Total app. 130. Debut '81-'82 NFL v. Antrim. Seems to have lost some of his old 'zip' and still needs to score more. Insurance Rep.

DECLAN BONNER (Na Rossa): Age 29. C'ship. app. 22; Debut '87 v. Armagh. Total app. 92. Debut '83-'84 NFL v. Westmeath. The joker of the pack may have a fight on his hands if John Duffy regains full fitness. Company Rep.

TONY BOYLE (Dungloe): Age 24. C'ship. app. 11; Debut '90 v. Armagh. Total app. 40. Debut as above. Happily back in the squad after a frustrating year out with injury. His return has lifted the gloom. Telecom employee.

MANUS BOYLE (Killybegs): Age 28. C'ship app. 21; Debut '87 v. Armagh. Total app. 82. Debut '85 v. McKenna Cup v. Down. almost singlehandedly brought Donegal through to the League quarter-finals and recent form has seen Manus more competitive. Company rep.

PAUL CALLAGHAN (Burt): Age 23. Paul made another step up the ladder this year, making his League debut against Kildare. Elsewhere he was limited to one McKenna Cup game, bringing his competitive games total to 4. Paul has time on his side and Donegal are lucky to have such a deputy.

DONAL REID (Red Hughs): Age 32. C'ship. app. 30; Debut '83 v. Armagh. Total app. 136. Debut '82-'83 NFL v. Longford. Continues to postpone retirement and his experience will be a vital asset if Donegal are to progress. Journalist and sometimes Marketing Manager with Donegal Creameries.

MARK McSHANE (Kilcar): Age 24. C'ship. app. 7. Total app. 18. Debut '91/'92 NFL v. Antrim. Made a big contribution in last year's

championship but still finds it difficult to adapt to the Donegal team's style. Boatbuilder.

SYLVESTER MAGUIRE (Aodh Ruadh): Age 31. C'ship. app. 7; Debut '84 v. Armagh. Total app. 61. Debut '83/'84 NFL v. Monaghan. Has finally shaken off a groin injury and has shown some good form. Still needs to keep in 'control' when tension rises. Teacher.

JOHN CUNNINGHAM (Killybegs): Age 27. C'ship. app. 12; Debut '87 v. Armagh. Total app. 31. Debut '85-'86 NFL v. Mayo. Unfortunate to be dismissed against Laois but has served sentence and provides added cover in defence. Fast Food outlet proprietor.

TOMMY RYAN (Termon): Age 27. C'ship app. 20; Debut '88 v. Armagh. Total app. 69. Debut '87-'88 NFL v. Roscommon. Continues to search for his '82 Ulster Championship form but recent outings suggest that he is 'winning'. Company Rep.

JIM McGUINNESS (Naomh Conaill): Age 22. C'ship. app. 4; Debut '93 v. Antrim. Total app. 21. Debut '92-'93 NFL v. Leitrim. Jim has struggled to establish himself. Sometimes he just tries too hard but his commitment could be an example to others.

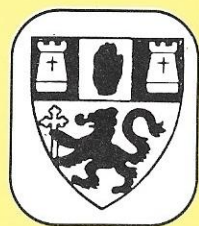
DONAL BRESLIN (Gweedore): Age 23. Made League debut this year against Kildare. Also played in McKenna Cup v. Derry. Will soon be getting his chance in this ageing squad. Builder.

JOHN BAN GALLAGHER (Killybegs): Age 26. C'ship app. 2. Debut '90 v. Armagh. Total appearances, 7. John Ban has recently returned to the panel. He won an Ulster Senior medal in '90 and has been on the fringe of the squad ever since. Fish Factory worker.

PADDY HEGARTY (Naomh Columba): Age 27. C'ship. app. 1 in 1988 v. Armagh. Total app. 15. The older brother of Noel, Paddy was a member of the Donegal team which won the All-Ireland U21 in 1987, but has been in and out of the squad in the last five years due to injury and migration. Has had a good League campaign.

JAMES RUANE (Bundoran): Age 20. Recently made his senior Donegal debut in the Dr. McKenna Cup against Armagh and impressed when moved to midfield. One of the players who could form the rock on which future Donegal teams are built. Student.

EAMONN McMENAMIN (MacCumhalls): Age 21. Eamon made his League debut against Down in the League play-off in Breffni Park. Was captain of the U21 team this year and another of the players for the future. Shop Assistant in McElhinneys.



AONTROIM 1-9 1-12 DÚN NA nGALL

Dathanna : Buí agus Bán

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Fir Ionaid

- (16) Brian McNulty
St. Johns
- (17) Mickey Boyle
Lamh Dearg
- (18) Eddie Quinn
Erins Own, Cargin
- (19) Paddy Graffin
Erins Own, Cargin
- (20) Donagh Finnegan
St. Pauls
- (21) Lenny Harbinson
St. Galls
- (22) John Kelly
St. Galls
- (23) Gearoid Adams
St. Johns
- (24) Anton Finnegan
Lamh Dearg

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<i>Ronan Hamill</i>
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- (18) Paddy Hegarty
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- (20) Martin Gavigan
Ardara
- (21) Tommy Ryan
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- (22) Sylvester Maguire
Aodh Rua,
Ballyshannon
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Killybegs
- (24) A. N. Other

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Since winning the All-Ireland in 1992, Donegal have appeared in the National League Final of 1993 and the 1993 Ulster Final. The 1993 League Final drew an almost capacity ticket crowd for the meeting with Dublin which ended in a thrilling draw with Dublin winning the replay. Indeed, that replay was the only game Donegal lost during that league campaign and their winning sequence was difficult to terminate as confidence and understanding were very high.

Since 1992 Donegal have been plagued with injuries with Barry McGowan, Martin Gavigan, Anthony Molloy, Tony Boyle, Declan Bonner and John Duffy suffering lengthy absences, in addition to the one match injuries suffered by many other players. Perhaps the intense competitive programme of '92/'93 left its mark. Since losing to Laois in the N.F.L. quarter-final, most of the injuries have cleared up and Donegal go into today's game with an almost clean bill of health. All the familiar faces from 1992 are still there and being two years old, many see this year as their last opportunity for honours. They have trained very hard and if their not so youthful legs can take it, must give any county with championship aspirations plenty to think about.

ULSTER PUC FADA COMPETITION

The Ulster Puc Fada competition will be staged in Casement Park today involving representatives from all nine Ulster counties.

At half-time in the minor game a semi-final will be staged, involving players from Antrim, Armagh, Cavan, Derry, Donegal. The best two players will advance to the final. Between the minor and senior games the second semi-final will be staged, representing Down, Fermanagh, Monaghan and Tyrone. The winning pair go through to the final.

At half-time in the senior game the final will be staged.

The following are the county representatives:—

Antrim: Carl Lavery, Lough Giel.

Armagh: Barry Nugent, Keady.

Cavan:

Derry: Kevin Doherty, Swatragh.

Donegal: Ronan Coyle, Naomh Mhuire.

Down: John Convery, Portaferry.

Fermanagh: Declan McKeever, St. Mary's.

Monaghan: Francis Walsh, Carrickmacross.

Tyrone: Richard Gormley, Clanna Gael.

RULES FOR THE PUC FADA COMPETITION

1. Each competitor will be allowed **three strokes** and they should be taken from the centre point on the 20 metre line.
2. The ball must be kept within the pitch area on both sides. Any ball going over the sideline will be considered a Puc but will not be marked.
3. If a competitor fails to strike the ball, this will be counted as a Puc.
4. The sliotar must be struck from out of the hand.
5. All competitors must be under 14 years on the 1st January, 1994.
6. The length of the Puc will be judged from the 20 metre line to where the sliotar dies.
7. All shots should be measured where there is a doubt.
8. Trophies will be provided for all winners at the various stages:
 - County
 - Provincial
 - All Ireland
9. The sliotar used in the competition must be a leather one.

Mixed Fortunes

By Gerry McClory

Antrim's fortunes for the '93/'94 season were mixed. In October they suffered an unexpected defeat by Sligo in the B Championship.

Things got off to a bright start in the National Football League with a victory over Cavan, followed by a creditable draw against Monaghan at Castleblayney. They suffered their first defeat against Armagh in a game which they should have won. Going into the Christmas break a well earned victory over Tyrone saw them joint table leaders.

After the break two successive defeats by Wexford and Tipperary cost them their promotion chances. A victory over Offaly gave them new hope for the forthcoming championship.

In the Dr. McKenna Cup Antrim, after a bright start, fell to finalists Down.

In preparation for the game against Donegal two further challenge games were arranged which saw them being defeated by Monaghan 3-15 to 3-12.

An impressive victory over Carlow by 2-12 to 2-6 has set the team up for an expected win over Donegal.

The team has trained two nights per week since April and have had a weekend together away in the Glens.

From the panel which lost to Donegal last year, gone are such notable as Billy Drake, Pat O'Connor, Paul Buchan, Jim Close and Greg Finnegan.

Into the squad has come promising newcomers Jimmy Wilson, Gearoid Adams, John Kelly, all from the Under-21 Champions, St. John's. Also introduced are Erin's Own under-21 stars, Paddy Graffin and Eddie Quinn.

Antrim welcome back Joe Kennedy, who missed most of the National League through injury.

On the Down side, missing through injury are last year's captain, Ciaran Hamill, and last year's 'Man of the Match', Frankie Wilson.

Overall the team has a good mix of youth and experience and with the backing of the home crowd victory is expected and will not come as a surprise to Antrim football followers.

REMEMBER THE TEAMS?

In 1969 Antrim won the All-Ireland Under 21 Football Championship, and Donegal won it in 1982, each beating Roscommon in the Final.

1969
Antrim— R. McIlroy, D. Burns, S. Killough, M. McGranaghan, J. Mullan, L. Millar, M. Colbert, L. Boyle, T. Dunlop, A. Hamill, G. McCann, G. Mellis, A. McCallin, G. Dillon, D. McGrogan. Sub: G. Pollock.

1982
Donegal— M. Kelly, M. McBrearty, S. Bonnar, N. Gallagher, E. McIntyre, T. McDermott, B. Tuohy, A. Molloy, D. Reid, M. McHugh, C. Mulgrew, J. McMullen, S. Meehan, P. Carr, P. McGroarty. Subs: P. Gallagher, S. Maguire.

ALLSTARS

In the first Allstars football team, in 1971, Andy McCallin of Antrim and the great Sean O'Neill of Down were Ulster's representatives. The following year, Sean O'Neill was again selected, and Ulster had two other representatives, **Brian McEniff, of Donegal and Paddy Moriarty of Armagh.**

CIC AMHÁIN

Nuair a d'imir Aontroim agus Dún na nGall in éadan a chéile ar an lá seo anuraidh, b'é an scór ag an deire, Dún na nGall 1-12, Aontroim 1-09. Ní raibh ach cic amháin den liathróid idir na fir ó na gleannta agus curaidh Éire uilig. Cá bhfios céard a thárlódh dá mbeadh áth-imirt ann!



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Le gunnaí scréach fee lamhach na bpiléar.
Seo libh canáidh Amhrán na bhFiann.*

If it's half as good

By **Adrian Logan, UTV**

It was without doubt one of the greatest games I've had the privilege of watching. That Derry/Down clash which promised so much . . . delivered and delivered in style.

Last Sunday's game at Celtic Park had everything . . . skill . . . great defence . . . commitment and on occasions sheer genius from some of the quality acts.

Now its the turn of Antrim and Donegal.

Last season Antrim travelled to Ballybofey and for a large part of the game put it up to McEniff's men before Donegal put down their challenge . . . now its Casement Park and really anything can happen.

Antrim Chairman, Oliver Kelly, says the entire county is looking forward to the visit of the former All-Ireland Champions. "I don't know if we can follow Derry and Down, but rest assured it will be a good footballing game today between two sides who can produce quality action."

Donegal are, of course, favourites this afternoon but Antrim have had a good preparation. In the National League they put one over Tyrone in style at Coalisland and if a little bit of luck had gone their way they would have gained promotion to Division Two of the league.

Donegal, according to all reports, are on the way back and Brian McEniff has been quietly putting the finishing touches to their preparation. Donegal, as always, will be hard to beat.

Incidentally, Celtic Park was a picture last Sunday and no doubt Casement today will be in excellent condition as always. All we need is a quality game.

Now, if its half as good as last Sunday . . . dream on.

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SUNDAY LIFE

Twenty five years have passed since Antrim won their one and only All-Ireland Under 21 title.

But manager Tommy Hall can still roll off the names of the men whose brilliance and commitment brought a coveted and rare All-Ireland to the county.

Today, Tommy must be hoping that success breeds success as he finds himself manager of the Antrim minor side that faces Donegal in their championship opener at Casement Park.

In a variety of roles the affable and softly spoken St. Johns stalwart has given a lifetime of service to the sport he dotes on.

He is the perfect example to those involved at whatever level, always modest in victory and gracious in defeat.

Minor football is dangerously unpredictable as Derry minors found to their cost last Sunday in Celtic Park.

It's 12 years since Antrim were last crowned minor kings of the province far too long in Tommy Hall's book.

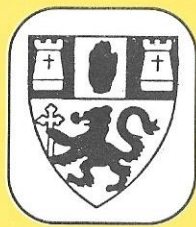
With home advantage Antrim quietly fancy their chances of avenging last season's defeat in the corresponding game in Ballybofey, but you won't find Tommy Hall making any outlandish or outrageous predictions.

Aaron Cushey, Kieran Clarke, Adrian Gallagher and Enda McKenna are the Antrim players to look out for.

Donegal for their part will again be pinning their faith in Shane Carr an outstanding midfielder, Conal Cunningham a goal scorer 12 months ago and right half forward Kevin Winston.

Many of the county's Ulster championship winning side of 1985 went on to make the transition from minor to senior level with the greatest of ease.

That ultimately must be the goal of all those minors on view this afternoon.



AONTROIM

Dathanna : Buí agus Bán

1

P. Ó Muirí
Paddy Murray
St. Galls

2

A. Mac Domhnaill
Alister McDonnell
Portglenone

3

A. MacGiolla Choiscle
Aaron Cushley
Aghagallon

4

C. Ó hArtaile
Ciaran Hartley
St. Pauls

5

A. Mac Cathmhaoil
Adrian Campbell
Aghagallon

6

C. Ó Broin
Kevin Burns
St. Pauls

7

C. Ó Cleirigh
Kieran Clarke
Sarsfields

8

N. Ó Cuinn
Niall Quinn
Ballymena

9

A. Ó Gallchoir
Adrian Gallagher
St. Pauls – Capt.

10

C. Ó Madáin
Kevin Madden
Portglenone

11

S. Mac Artain
Sean McCartan
St. Pauls

12

C. Ó Dughail
Kevin Doyle
Cargin

13

E. Mac Cionna
Enda McKenna
St. Johns

14

S. Ó Cuinn
Joe Quinn
St. Pauls

15

B. Mac Maolain
Barry McMullan
Rasharkin

Fir Ionaid

- (16) Alan McNeill
Rasharkin
- (17) Sean Shortt
St. Malachy's
- (18) Brian McFaul
St. Johns
- (19) David Reynolds
St. Johns
- (20) Gareth Hardy
Portglenone
- (21) Paul Hason
Rasharkin
- (22) Cormac Allen
Antrim
- (23) Kevin Elliott
Lamh Dearg
- (24) Martin Kelly
St. Johns

AONTROIM

1adh Leath

2adh Leath

IOMLÁN

Cúil	Cúilíní	Seacháí	45m	Saor Ciceanna

DÚN NA nGALL

Dathanna : Glas agus Ór

1

G. Mac an Chrosáin
Gerard Crossan
Camdonagh

2

D. Ó Dalaigh
Damien Daly
St. Eunans

3

N. Ó Domhnaill
Niall O'Donnell
Ardara

4

S. Mac Daibhéid
Sean McDaid
Urris

5

M. Mac Meanman
Martin McMenamin
Shamrocks

6

S. de Faoite
Shaun White
Ardara

7

C. Mac Cuinneagáin
Conal Cunningham
Naomh Columba

8

S. Ó Cuilinn
James Cullen
Termon

9

S. Mac Giolla Chearra
Shane Carr
Four Masters

10

C. Mac Uistín
Kevin Winston
St. Eunans

11

A. Mac Suibhne
Adrian Sweeney
Dungloe

12

S. Ó Brolacháin
Shane Bradley
Mac Cumhaill's

13

B. Mac Lochlainn
Brian McLaughlin
St. Michael's

14

S. Ó Hearáin
John Haran
St. Eunan's

15

B. Mac Aoidh
Brendan McGee
Dungloe

Fir Ionaid

- (16) M. Clerkin
Dungloe
- (17) Noel McGinley
Naomh Columba
- (18) Brendan Brogan
Convoy
- (19) Dermot McColgan
Muff
- (20) Sean McArt
Burt
- (21) Brendan Byrne
Kilcar
- (22) Georgia Doherty
Naomh Columba
- (23) Don Monaghan
Four Masters
- (24) Kenneth McGurru
Aodh Ruadh

DÚN NA nGALL

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