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SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER 1995

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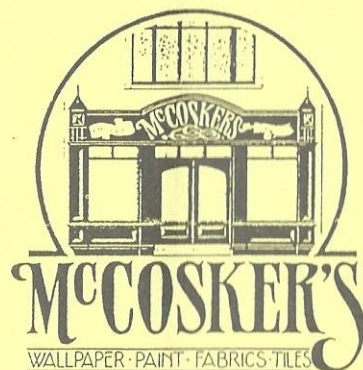


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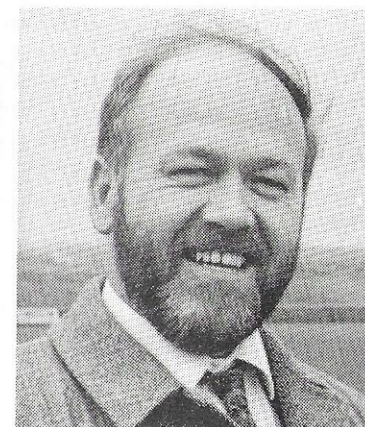
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Our great start to the Church & General National Football League has continued, and our three wins to date have been achieved with a great deal of panache. The introduction of young blood into the side has had a very good effect.

Today we face probably our toughest match to date with Ciarraí and Paudie O'Shea needing the points to give their side a chance when the League resumes in February.

I thank the many Donegal supporters who have travelled in big numbers to our away games against Clare and Laois and who continue to show support whenever a Donegal team is playing.

DONAL MAC CONMIDHE  
Cathaoirleach, Dun na nGall

## MATCH PROGRAMME

Programme compiled by Aodh Ruadh Park Committee.

**Contributors:** Michael Daly (Donegal Democrat); Charlie Joe McGinley (Derry People and Donegal News); Diarmaid Doherty and Michael McHugh (Donegal Democrat); Fr. Sean O Gallchoir and Peter Campbell (Donegal Democrat)

**Cover Photo:** Matt Gallagher in a tussle during the last Donegal-Kerry League meeting

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### RESULTS TO DATE

#### Round 1:

Kerry 0-8, Kildare 0-11  
Laois 0-8, Meath 0-12  
Clare 0-8, Donegal 3-8  
Tyrone 1-7, Derry 0-8

#### Round 3:

Laois 0-8, Donegal 1-10  
Tyrone 2-13, Kildare 1-14  
Kerry 2-8, Meath 2-11  
Clare 2-8, Derry 2-13

#### Round 2:

Meath 1-19, Clare 0-11  
Donegal 0-16, Tyrone 0-7  
Derry 0-7, Kerry 2-15  
Kildare 0-7, Laois 0-8

### DIVISION ONE TABLE

MEATH	3	3	0	0	3-42	2-27	6
DONEGAL	3	3	0	0	4-36	0-23	6
TYRONE	3	2	0	1	3-27	1-38	4
KILDARE	3	1	0	2	1-32	2-29	2
KERRY	3	1	0	2	4-31	2-29	2
LAOIS	3	1	0	2	0-27	1-28	2
DERRY	3	1	0	2	2-28	5-30	2
CLARE	3	0	0	3	2-27	6-40	0

### FIXTURES REMAINING IN DIVISION 1

#### TODAY NOV. 26th:

Donegal v Kerry  
Meath v Tyrone  
Derry v Laois  
Kildare v Clare

#### Round 6 - Feb. 11th 1996

Donegal v Derry  
Clare v Tyrone  
Kildare v Meath  
Kerry v Laois

#### Round 5 - Feb. 4th 1996

Meath v Donegal  
Laois v Clare  
Derry v Laois  
Tyrone v Kerry

#### Round 7 - Feb. 25th 1996

Derry v Meath  
Laois v Tyrone  
Donegal v Kildare  
Clare v Kerry

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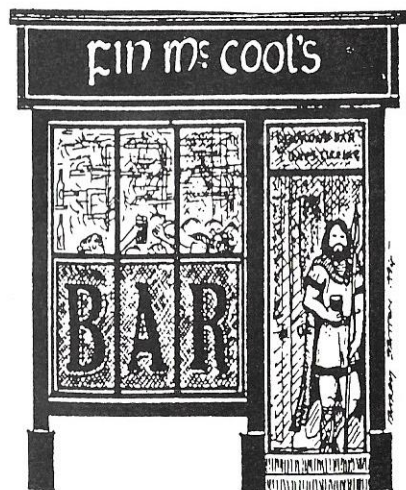
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## McEwen — here to stay

Donegal's victory over Laois a fortnight ago was achieved with only five of the starting line-up left from the All-Ireland winning team of 1992. Changing times indeed, and for many P. J. McGowan's decision and perhaps bravery to blood so many new players has been most welcome.

by: Diarmaid Doherty,  
(Donegal Democrat).

In recent years, Donegal teams have more or less picked themselves but injuries apart, the success this year of our U-21 side and notable performances at club level prompted McGowan to introduce a number of new faces.

At left corner back, Sean McEwen of St. Eunan's will be one of those with whom P. J. will no doubt be most pleased. He made his senior debut against Clare in Ennis and he hasn't put a foot wrong since.

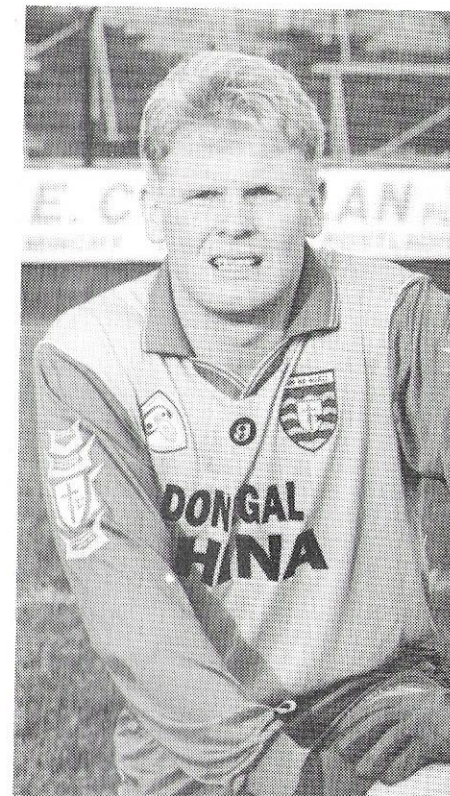
McEwen has been involved at county level since captaining the Donegal U-16 side to their first ever Ted Webb Cup success in 1991.

He also figured in the Minor team for two years and this year, lined out in the defence on Donal Reid's U-21 team, who of course won the Ulster Championship.

Still only 20 years old, McEwen is underage for the U-21s for next year again. Sean also lines out for Queen's University, Belfast where he is a final year Mechanical Engineering student and this year he has been honoured with the captaincy of the side.

Sean's impressive showings on the county U-21 team this year were no different from those for St. Eunan's. In a year that saw the Letterkenny club reach the county semi-final for the first time in 13 years, McEwen was outstanding.

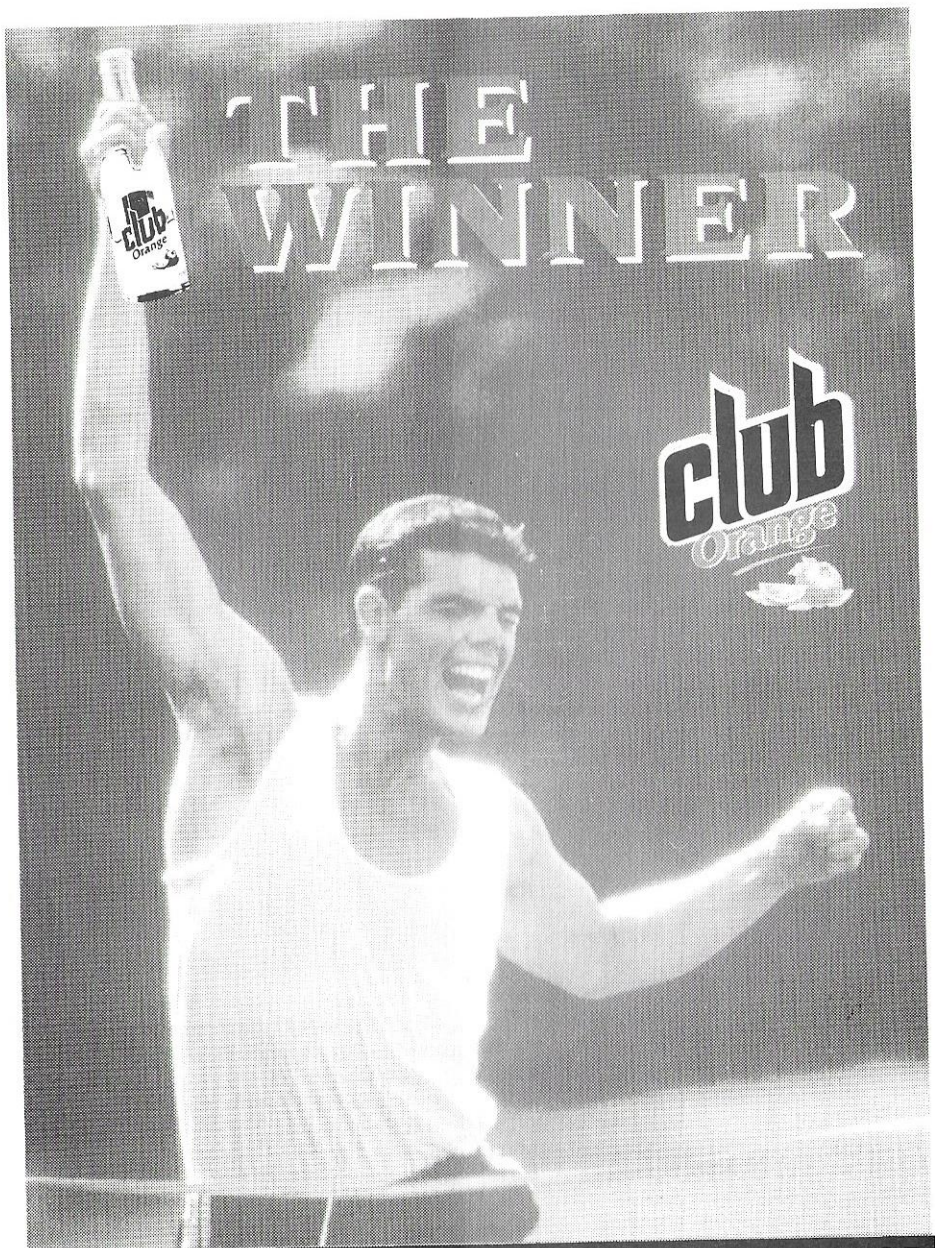
One recalls his performance in St. Eunan's quarter final clash against Naomh Conaill, Glenties when he marshalled John Gildea — keeping him to just one point in a 1-14 to 0-10 victory.



For all their success at under age level over the years, the number of St. Eunan's players to go on and play inter-county football is surprisingly few.

McEwen follows such names as Mark Crossan, Eugene McMenamin, Charlie Mulgrew, the McGettigans, Paul Carr and Eunan McIntyre into the county senior jersey. Indeed, club stalwart, Raymond Blake recently likened McEwen's attitude to the game and physical ability to that of McIntyre.

P. J. McGowan has still a number of more experienced players to come back into the squad in 1996. Few of these, however are defenders, and McEwen's versatility in the back line could well see him stake a regular place in McGowan's team plans.



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## Patience pays for Paul

By Charlie Joe McGinley  
(Derry People and Donegal News)

Today twenty-four year old Paul Callaghan from Burt – the only Inishowen man to hold an All-Ireland Senior football winners medal, will play his fourth consecutive League game as Donegal's goalkeeper.

The Telecom Eireann employee from Speenogue has taken full advantage of his inclusion to the starting line-up with two excellent saves against Clare in the opening round of the League and a penalty save from Peter Canavan against Tyrone in Ballybofey on October 29.

Paul had been patiently waiting for his chance to get the number one jersey since he joined the panel in 1992.

"I am really enjoying the run in goals and being part of a winning set up. Gary was on holidays for the Clare game and I was called in. It is great to be involved in the starting team," Paul said.

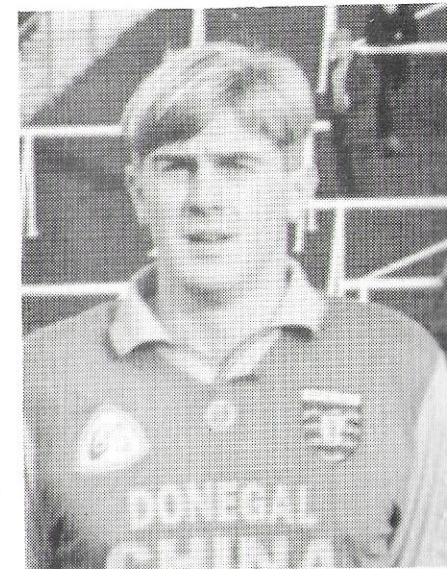
The young Burt man has learned a lot from Gary Walsh during his time with the county panel.

"Gary doesn't make many mistakes; he is cool under pressure and it has been a great learning experience for me to be under the wing of one of the top goalkeepers in the county. He helps me a lot in the development of my game," Paul added.

Born in Glasgow, Paul is the youngest in a family of three and the son of Seamus and Delia Callaghan. A Celtic fanatic, his brother, Desmond, is a former Scottish Youth International and had a trial with the Parkhead club.

Paul played a little soccer in Glasgow before returning with his family to live in Burt in 1977. He showed promise as a tall midfielder for his local National School and later Scoil Mhuire in Buncrana but curiously didn't take up netminding until he was sixteen.

Like Martin McHugh, he was one of the few senior intercounty players never to have played Minor Championship football but did play in the Under-21 side which lost to Tyrone in the Ulster semi-final of 1992.



The Tyrone side went on to win the All-Ireland and for Paul there was the consolation of being drafted into the senior squad.

He made his competitive debut for Donegal in the Dr. McKenna Cup match against Monaghan in April 1992 but didn't make his first appearance in the League until February 1994.

His career was threatened with an eight month lay off because of a stomach infection in 1991 which required the consumption of sixteen tablets per day for two months but thankfully he recovered well and is now thoroughly enjoying his football.

He had spells with Letterkenny Rovers, Finn Harps and Derry City in the League of Ireland including a memorable European fixture for the Brandywell Club against Vitesse Arnhem from Belgium.

He was ruled out of the second leg as it fell just four days before the All-Ireland final of 1992.

"I first started playing for Burt when I was nine years old. A lot of people have worked hard at this present development at the Burt Club which should further the development of Gaelic football in the area," Paul said.

The Burt man will be hoping to keep a clean sheet today against the Kingdom.

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# **Manus Boyle reaches century**

Manus Boyle of Killybegs played his 99th competitive Senior Football game for Donegal in their National Football League match against Laois in Portlaoise. He plays his one hundredth game against Kerry today.

*by: Fr. Séan Ó Gallchoir*

Having won an All-Ireland Vocational Schools' medal in 1984 Manus made his Senior inter-county competitive debut in the Dr. McKenna Cup semi-final on July 15th 1985 when he came on as a substitute against Down in Newry.

Donegal won by 0-14 to 0-8. Manus scored a point. He did not play in the final and had to wait until the 1986 Dr. McKenna Cup campaign for his second 'cap'.

He became a regular in 1986-7 and played, of course, on Donegal's All-Ireland winning Under-21 team of 1987. Having played in the 1987-'88 season he then missed the entire 1988-'89 campaigns but has been a constant presence since.

The breakdown of Manus' 99 games is: N.F.L. 66; S.F.C. 22; Dr. McKenna Cup 11 = 99.

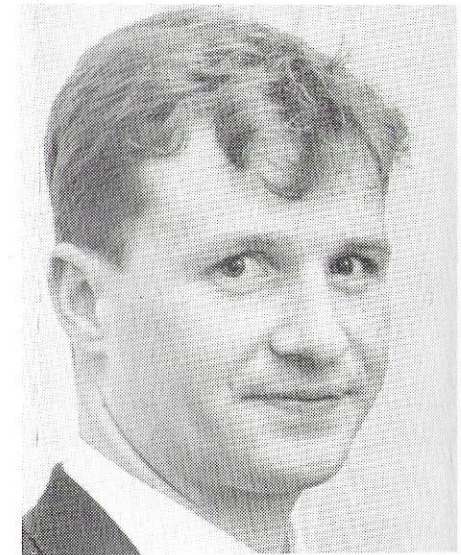
He played on the victorious Donegal teams in the 1990 Ulster S.F.C. final and in the 1992 Ulster S.F.C. final and in the 1991 Dr. McKenna Cup final.

Manus has played competitive Senior football against 24 counties. He has played Ulster opposition 50 times. He has played most frequently against Down, Derry and Cavan (9 times each). Next Sunday will see him face Kerry for the sixth time.

### **OUTSTANDING SCORING RECORD**

Manus Boyle has been one of the outstanding scorers in the history of Gaelic Football in Donegal. In his 99 games he has scored 15 goals and 301 points (total 346) an average of 3.5 points per game.

An amazing statistic is that he has scored in his last 46 games for Donegal — sequence that goes back to May 31st 1992 when he scored 0-3 against Cavan in the



S.F.C. replay in Ballybofey.

In 99 games he has failed to score on only six occasions.

He scored 1-6 on three occasions — v Down N.F.L. 1993-'94; v Armagh Dr. McKenna Cup 1994; v Clare N.F.L. 1994-'95. He also scored 0-9 on one occasion?

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That one occasion is etched on the collective memory of the people of Donegal. September 20, 1992. Cometh the hour, cometh the man. On that glorious Dublin day as ball after ball from Manus' boot sailed between the Croke Park posts we saw a man realizing his full potential in the supreme hour of his county's history as he summoned all of his skill, all of his experience, all his attributes of mind and body and will and temperament, to match the magnificence of the occasion with a superb display of point scoring under pressure that proved to be one of the crucial factors, if not the crucial factor, in our most famous victory, thus gaining for himself a permanent place in the litany of Tírconnaill's sporting heroes.

# DUN NA nGALL 0-6

1  
P. O Ceallachain  
**PAUL CALLAGHAN**

2  
G. O Ceallaigh  
**GERARD KELLY**

3  
M. O Gallachoir  
**MATT GALLAGHER**

4  
S. Mac Eoin  
**SEAN McEWEN**

5  
M. O Colla  
**MARTIN COLL**

6  
B. Mac Gabhann  
**BARRY MCGOWAN**

7  
M. O Seibhleain  
**MARTIN SHOVLIN**

8  
S. O Gallachoir  
**JOHN BAN GALLAGHER**

9  
S. O Ruain  
**JAMES RUANE**

10  
S. Mac Giolla De  
**JOHN GILDEA**

11  
B. O Muiri  
**BRIAN MURRAY**

12  
E. Mac Manamain  
**EAMON McMENAMIN**

13  
S. O Dufaigh  
**JOHN DUFFY**

14  
A. O Baoill  
**TONY BOYLE**

15  
M. O Baoill  
**MANUS BOYLE**

SUBS: 16, Gary Walsh; 17, Niall McCready; 18, Brian Roper; 19, Charlie O'Donnell; 20, Patrick Cunningham; 21, Damien Conlon; 22, Barry Ward; 23, John Joe Doherty; 24, Damien Diver; 25, Noel Hegarty.

# 1-11 CIARRAI

1  
D. O Caoimh  
**DECLAN O'KEEFFE**

2  
S. O Drisceoil  
**JOHNNY O'DRISCOLL**

3  
A. O Gliasain  
**ANTHONY GLEESON**

4  
M. Mac Niocais  
**MORGAN NIX**

5  
S. Stac  
**STEPHEN STACK**

6  
S. De Burca  
**SEAN BURKE**

7  
E. O Braoin  
**EAMON BREEN**

8  
D. O Se  
**DARA O SE**

9  
S. O Muineachain  
**SEAMUS MOYNIHAN**

10  
B. O Drisceoil  
**BINGO DRISCOLL**

11  
D. O Cinneide  
**DARA O CINNEIDE**

12  
S. O Craolach  
**JOHN CROWLEY**

13  
S. Feirtear  
**JACK FERRITER**

14  
G. O Fearuil  
**GENE FARRELL**

15  
S. O Geibheannaigh  
**SEAN GEANEY**

SUBS: 16, James O'Shea; 17, William Kirby; 18, Charlie McGrath; 19, John O'Connell; 20, Donal Daly; 21, Peter O'Leary; 22, John Quirke





## James Ruane - following in big footsteps

By Michael McHugh (Donegal Democrat)

The Donegal midfield area has a new occupant this year in the big frame of Bundoran's James Ruane, as the county yearns for someone to follow in the footsteps of the legendary Anthony Molloy.

A big man was wanted – and Donegal have got their man. At 6'2" and with a lean frame, James Ruane looks set to follow in Molloy's footsteps.

His impressive frame was developed at an early stage, as he led a Rockfield N.S. side to a Co. schools title in 1987, and the influence of Big Frank O'Donnell on his career was already evident.

That he is following in the Co. footsteps of Frank is no surprise. His inclusion in the late stages of the 1991 Ulster Minor final against Tyrone was influential in Donegal winning that Ulster final, while ever since he has been an ever-present, nearly always at midfield, on Co. Minor and U-21 teams.

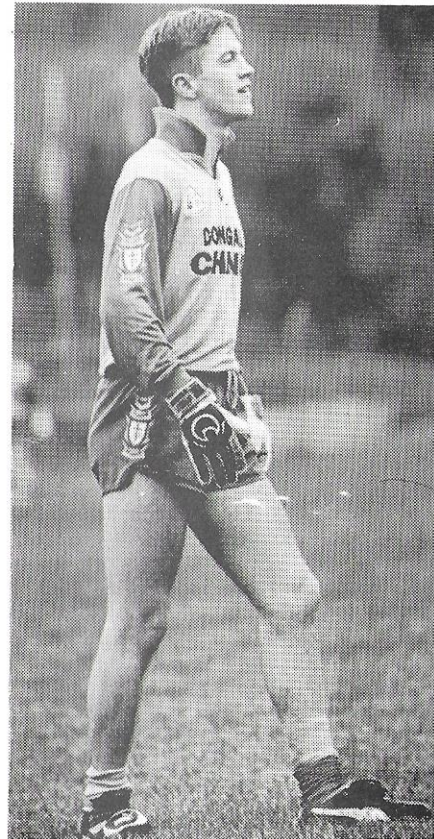
With the retirement of Anthony Molloy, Donegal's need for the proverbial workhorse at midfield has been their biggest need. Ruane always looked the most likely to fill that role, and his performances this year with the Co. U-21s in winning the Ulster title underlined that fact.

James made his debut with the Donegal seniors in their win over Dublin in Croke Park in late 1994, but it was not until Donegal met Tyrone four weeks ago in Ballybofey that he started a National League game for the first time.

Quite a few Donegal supporters would not have seen the big Bundoran man in action, and most Donegal supporters left the ground happy in the knowledge that Donegal had found a 'good 'un'.

He is also at present playing for the Sligo Regional College team and picked up a foot injury last weekend which makes his participation in today's encounter doubtful.

But whether James plays today or not, he is likely to play a big part in Donegal teams of the future.





# Twenty Questions

- 1—Name the father and son involved in recent Division I National League football games. The father managed the team and his son lined out as a corner forward on the same team.
- 2—Who is the current manager of the Fermanagh senior football team?
- 3—Donegal won the Ulster Junior Hurling Championship in 1989. Name the member of the 1992 All-Ireland winning football panel who played on the 'forty' for the hurlers on that occasion.
- 4—What county won the first Under-21 All-Ireland Football Final in 1964?
- 5—What member of that side is now a journalist with the Evening Herald?
- 6—What number did John Joe Doherty wear in the 1992 All-Ireland Senior Football Final?
- 7—Who is the current captain of Down senior footballers?
- 8—Recently crowned Irish champion flat jockey Johnny Murtagh is the son-in-law of what famous G.A.A. personality?
- 9—Who is the overall top scorer for the 1995 Senior Football Championship?
- 10—Who is the overall top scorer for the Senior Hurling Championship for 1995?
- 11—Name the only Donegal player to captain Ulster to Railway Cup victory.
- 12—Who captained Ulster this year when they retained the Railway Cup football title?
- 13—The last man to captain two Railway Cup football winning teams in a row is a Kerry man. Who?
- 14—Dublin had three football All-Stars in 1994. Who were they?
- 15—Cork had only one All-Star in 1994 in either football or hurling. Who is he?
- 16—Who refereed the 1983 All-Ireland Senior Football Final in which four men were sent off?
- 17—What four players were sent off in that game?
- 18—Name the only Ulster county never to win the Ulster U-21 football title?
- 19—Name Leitrim's only two All-Stars to date.
- 20—Four members of the one family captained Kerry in All-Ireland Senior Football Finals. What family?



1, Dermot Early senior and junior, 2, Terry Ferguson, 3, Sylvester Maguire, 4, Kerry, 5, J. J. Barrett, 6, 24 (he replaced the injured Martin Shovelin before the game), 7, Mickey Linden, 8, Babs Keating, 9, Peter Canavan of Tyrone with 1-38, 10, Johnny Doolley of Offaly with 0-25, 11, Martin McHugh (1993), 12, Mickey Linden, 13, John O'Keefe (1977 & 1978), 14, John O'Leary, Jack Sheedy and Stephen Charlie Redmond, 15, Footballer Stephen O'Brien, 16, John Gough (Antrim), 17, Ray Hazley, Ciaran Duff and Brian Mullins (Dublin), and Thomas Tierney (Galway), 18, Seamus Quinn (1994), 20, The Sheehys from Tralee. Father John Joe was captain in 1926, 1927 and 1930. His sons, the late Paudie (1960), Sean Og (1962), and Niall (1964) also captained Kerry in All-Ireland Finals. Kerry won in 1926, 1930 & 1962 and lost the other three which means that only John Joe and Sean Og actually captained winning teams.

## Answers to Twenty Questions



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# Donegal's young players add an element of surprise

By *Michael Daly (Donegal Democrat)*

A new dimension has been added to Donegal's football in this league season by the presence of a crop of former and some current under-21 players.

It is conceivable that the presence of these debutants against Clare, Tyrone and Laois gave the opposing teams the added difficulty of simply not knowing what to expect from Donegal.

Because of Donegal's high profile - they have been in two of the last three NFL finals - many of their players and much of their playing pattern had become familiar to opponents.

Effectively a set of reliable 'pace notes' had been built up that might have read as follows - "Gary Walsh - good on one on one, kick-outs don't vary"; "Matt Gallagher - will let you get the ball then close you down"; "Noel Hegarty - don't let him get a run out of defence"; "Brian Murray - will go one handed until he gets a confidence building catch"; "John Duffy - solos almost every time he gets an initial pass." You get the general idea.

However, the introduction of some eight under-21s to the present panel and the employment of some of the fringe players as regulars, has introduced an element of doubt, not only for Donegal but for opposing teams.

For example, outside Donegal not that much is known of Paul Callaghan, who has retained the goalkeeping spot since Gary Walsh was unavailable for the Clare game due to holidays. Gerry Kelly didn't feature all summer after a nightmare in the NFL against Clare in Castlebar. Ironically, he made his return against Clare this season and his confidence is long restored. There are others, John Ban Gallagher getting an extended run at midfield and Eamon McMenamin also getting regular football.

However, while these lads may have been slightly familiar to watching management teams, the introduction of another eight new players, all under-21s, six of them Co. U-21s, has been like a fresh breeze for Donegal senior football.

A breath of fresh air, perhaps, but very much

a step into the unknown for the players, their boss, P. J. McGowan and the teams Donegal have played so far.

The players referred to are Sean McEwen, Damien Diver, James Ruane, Niall McCready, Barry Ward, Martin Coll, Brian Roper, Noel McGinley and Patrick Cunningham.

None of them household names in Donegal, never mind outside it. However, it is these young lads who have helped to rekindle the excitement of followers of the senior side. Although he has been careful to treat the NFL with the respect it deserves, P. J. McGowan has also managed, so far, to tinker with the components of his own team.

The result is first full debuts for Sean McEwen (against Clare), James Ruane, Niall McCready (against Tyrone) and Damien Diver (against Laois). Brian Roper was introduced as a sub against Clare, as was McCready and Ruane, while Barry Ward, Martin Coll, Noel McGinley and Patrick Cunningham have seen action in challenge games and it seems management are intent on giving them a competitive start also.

In a sense Donegal have introduced the imponderable, i.e., players whose pedigree is without questions but in a senior setting whose response was unknown until this NFL.

Sean McEwen, by general agreement, has been a spectacular success. There is great admiration also for Damien Diver, who featured briefly last year, while James Ruane has coped well at midfield while Niall McCready is most probably being played out of position but may get a chance in a more suitable position as time goes on.

New names, new ideas, new interest, the memories of defeat by a Monaghan side who bristled with under-21s is fading away, perhaps their contribution to that Moanaghan success may have prompted a closer look at Donegal's young talent.

One of the people who should know more than most about these younger Donegal players is here today, Kerry's Paidi Ó Se, who managed the Kerry side to an All-Ireland semi-final victory over Donegal at Under-21 level earlier this year. The element of surprise may well be muted against Paidi. We will know more later today.

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## St. Michaels

	1	
	Cain Friel	
2	3	4
Mark Grier	Danny Sheridan	Charlie Sweeney
5	6	7
Stewart McFadden	Francis McGinley	Gerard Gallagher
	8	9
	Raymond Wilkinson	Christy Toye
10	11	12
Ronan McElhinney	Shaun Stewart	Eugene Gallagher
13	14	15
Denis Trearty	Danny Martin Lafferty	Colm A. McFadden

SUBS.: 16, Shane McHugh, 17, Eamonn McBride, 18, Jeffrey Black, 19, Ursula Rodden, 20, Ross Wasson, 21, Denis Sheridan, 22, Kieran Gallagher, 23, Kieran Kelly, 24, Liam McMullan, 25, Stephen Black.

Team managers: Noel Toye, Colm McFadden, Tony Wilkinson.

## Four Masters

	1	
	James McMullin	
2	3	4
Enda Brogan	Kevin Callaghan	Brendan Byrne
5	6	7
Kevin Molloy	Shane Brown	Barry Dunnion
	8	9
	Marcus Monaghan (capt.)	Rory McGowan
10	11	12
Martin Gildea	Ronan Sweeney	Daniel Gallagher
13	14	15
James Doherty	Daniel Sweeney	Michael Doherty

SUBS.: 16, Martin Sweeney; 17, Robert Hamilton; 18, Donal Dunnion; 19, Karl Lacey; 20, Sean Bushell; 21, Martin Gallagher; 22, Cornelius Gildea; 23, Karl Jervis; 24, Paul Durcan; 25, James McCabe.

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