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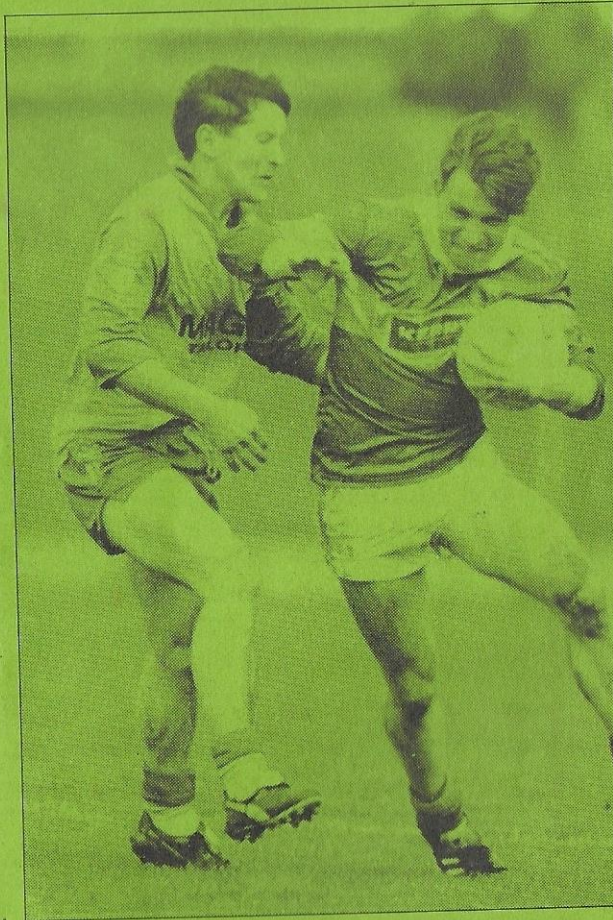
Dún na
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Cíarraí

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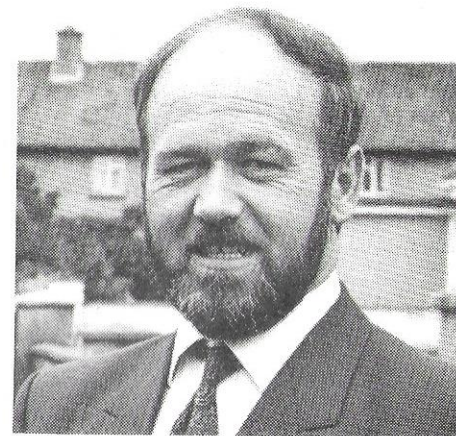
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FÁILTE

By mhaith liom fáilte mór a chuir roimh gach duine go Páirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill inniu. Fáiltim speisialta roimh na peileadoirí, na h-oifigi agus lucht leanúna Ciarraí.

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

It is a very special occasion for me as Kerry's visit is the occasion of our first home League game since I was elected as chairman of the Donegal Co. Board.



A visit by Kerry to Donegal is always a special occasion and today's game in Ballyshannon is the third between the counties at this venue since 1989. The previous two resulted in narrow victories for Donegal and we will be hoping for a continuation of that trend.

After Donegal's great performance two weeks ago, winning for the first time ever in Páirc Tailteann in Navan, our Division One status is assured again for next year, and no matter what the outcome of today's match is, the county are at least assured of a play-off to qualify for the quarter-finals of the competition.

With the development of MacCumhaill Park at the top of the agenda for Coiste Condae Dún na nGall, qualifying for the final stages of the League, and the resulting increase in revenue, is very important for the county.

Congratulations to our team management and players on their performances throughout the League. Winning three away matches is very unusual for Donegal, but to get those victories in Newry, Croke Park and Navan was something special.

Praise also must be extended to our band of travelling supporters who continue to set the standards for other counties with their good-humoured support.

I thank the Aodh Ruadh Club for their arrangements for today's game and for once again producing an excellent match programme.

DONALL MAC CONMHAIGH,
Cathaoirleach Coiste Contae, C.L.C.G.

MATCH PROGRAMME

Match programme prepared by Aodh Ruadh Park Committee.

Photographs: Donegal Democrat.

● COVER PHOTO: Action from the Donegal-Kerry clash in Tralee last year.

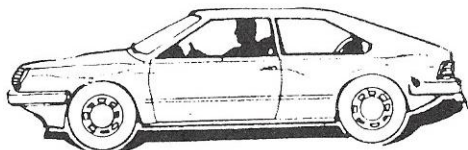
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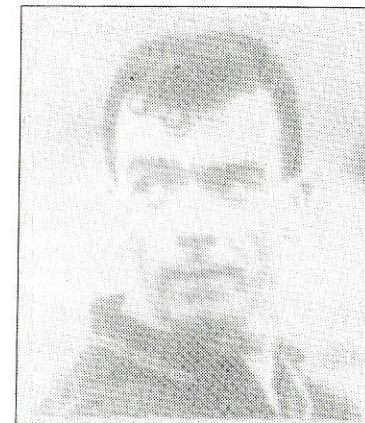
PAT McENEANEY
(Monaghan)

Aged 33, Pat is married to Rosemary and has three sons, Gary, Christopher and Conor, and is attached to the Corduff club.

Pat is a brother of Monaghan county midfielder, Frank, and is one of the top referees in Ulster at the moment.

He has already refereed the Donegal-Dublin National Football game in Croke Park in this campaign.

Pat has won Minor Championship and Junior League medals in his playing career, while among his notable achievements since taking up refereeing are Monaghan senior county final, Ulster minor, U-21 and Senior Championship games; 1993 McRory Cup final and the 1993 National Football League semi-final.



OTHER FIXTURES IN TODAY'S CHURCH & GENERAL NATIONAL LEAGUES

DIVISION ONE: Donegal v Kerry; Kildare v Down; Laois v Meath; Dublin v Derry.

DIVISION TWO: Clare v Galway; Cork v Louth; Tyrone v Mayo; Armagh v Leitrim.

DIVISION THREE: Wexford v Tipperary; Westmeath v Roscommon; Longford v Antrim; Cavan v Fermanagh.

DIVISION FOUR: Limerick v London; Offaly v Kilkenny; Sligo v Carlow; Wicklow v Monaghan; Waterford (bye).



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DIVISION 1 RESULTS & TABLE

Round 1:

Kerry 2-12, Kildare 0-8
 Dublin 0-7, Meath 1-8
 Down 0-7, Donegal 0-8
 Derry 0-8, Laois 1-17

Round 3:

Dublin 1-8, Donegal 0-12
 Kildare 2-7, Laois 0-7
 Down 0-8, Meath 0-4
 Derry 1-11, Kerry 2-6

Round 5:

Laois 0-10, Donegal 0-8
 Kildare 0-10, Dublin 0-8
 Derry 1-10, Down 1-7
 Meath 0-13, Kerry 0-7

Round 2:

Kerry 1-12, Dublin 1-11
 Donegal 0-15, Derry 2-6
 Laois 2-14, Down 0-11
 Meath 0-12, Kildare 0-7

Round 4:

Donegal 1-8, Kildare 1-11
 Kerry 0-17, Down 1-8
 Laois 1-8, Dublin 0-15
 Meath 0-8, Derry 0-9

Round 6:

Kerry 0-8, Laois 1-9
 Kildare 0-9, Derry 0-10
 Meath 0-11, Donegal 0-13
 Down 0-1, Dublin 1-7

DIVISION ONE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Laois	6	4	0	2	5-65	2-57	8
Donegal	6	4	0	2	1-64	4-63	8
Derry	6	4	0	2	4-54	4-62	8
Kildare	6	3	0	3	3-52	3-57	6
Meath	6	3	0	3	1-56	0-51	6
Kerry	6	3	0	3	5-60	4-60	6
Dublin	6	2	0	4	3-46	3-51	4
Down	6	1	0	5	2-50	4-57	2

POSITIONS IN OTHER DIVISIONS

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	LPts
Louth	6	5	0	110
Clare	6	4	1	9
Tyrone	6	4	0	28
Leitrim	6	3	1	27
Cork	6	2	2	6
Armagh	6	1	2	34
Galway	6	1	1	43
Mayo	6	0	1	51

DIVISION 3

	P	W	D	LPts
Cavan	6	5	0	110
Roscommon	6	5	0	110
Westmeath	6	4	1	9
Fermanagh	6	3	0	36
Wexford	6	2	1	35
Longford	6	1	2	34
Antrim	6	2	0	44
Tipperary	6	0	0	60

DIVISION 4

	P	W	D	LPts
Sligo	7	6	0	112
Monaghan	7	6	0	112
Wicklow	6	5	0	110
Carlow	7	4	0	38
Offaly	7	4	0	38
Waterford	8	3	0	56
Kilkenny	7	1	1	53
Limerick	6	1	0	52
London	7	0	1	61



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Twenty GAA Questions

Compiled by P. J. Buggy

1. When did Kerry last win the National Football League final?
2. Who scored the winning point for Meath in the last of the four epic Championship games against Dublin in 1991?
3. What is the name of the GAA Park in Athlone?
4. Name the son of a famous Cork footballer now making a name for himself as an International Amateur Golfer?
5. Who captained Kerry to an All-Ireland success in 1926 before the Sam Maguire was first presented and again in 1930, when he was presented with the Sam Maguire?
6. Who were the first winners of the Under-21 Football Championship?
7. Name the first Ulster county to win an All-Ireland Minor Football Championship and in what year?
8. Donegal footballers topped the Championship scoring charts in 1972 and 1974. Who were they?
9. In 1930 Paddy Kilroy captained what Ulster team in the All-Ireland Senior Football final?
10. Name the only Ulster county that has not contested an All-Ireland football final?
11. Name the only team to have scored six goals in an All-Ireland Minor Football final?
12. Name the last man to captain his county two All-Ireland Senior Hurling victories?
13. Name the two stands in St. Tiernach's Park, Clones?
14. For what club does Meath footballer, Bernard Flynn, play?
15. Name the two players who have won six Railway Cup medals in Ulster's record-breaking six-in-a-row in recent years?
16. Ulster used five different goalkeepers in the six finals. Who are they?
17. Who was captain of Bellaghy in the St. Patrick's Day All-Ireland Club football final?
18. Name the last Ulster Club to contest an All-Ireland Club hurling final?
19. Name the only Donegal player to represent Ireland in the Compromise Rules Series against Australia?
20. Who are the current holders of the Down Senior Football Championship?

(Answers on page 17)

Raidio na Gaeltachta

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Craobh na Contae 1995

Cas Ceirnín

6.30 - 7.20

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An Chraobh ar R na G

Dé Luain seo chugainn, dhéanfar an tarraingt do Chraobh Peile na bliana seo. Beidh sé ar siúl in Óstan na Mainistreach i mBaile Dhún na nGall agus beidh sé le cloisteáil beo ar Raidió na Gaeltachta idir 1830 agus 1920.

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| 1. Na Cealla Beaga | |
| 2. Ard a' Rátha | (a) v |
| 3. Cloich Cheann Fhaola | (b) v |
| 4. Gaoth Dobhair | (c) v |
| 5. Naomh Columba | (d) v |
| 6. Gleann Fhinne | (e) v |
| 7. Red Hughs | (f) v |
| 8. Aodh Rua | (g) v |
| 9. An Clochán Liath | (h) v |

Cluichí Ceathrú Cheannais

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| 10. Naomh Adhamhnáin | (1) v |
| 11. Seán Mhic Cúil | (2) v |
| 12. An Tearmonn | (3) v |
| 13. Naomh Muire | (4) v |

Cluichí Leath Cheannais

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| 14. Na Rossa | |
| 15. Bun Dobhráin | (A) v |
| 16. Naomh Conaill | (B) v |

Cluichí Ceannais

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Beidh cúig fhoireann déag ag glacadh páirt sa Chraobh Idirmheánach; beidh ocht bhfoireann i gCraobh na Sóisear agus beidh sé fhoireann déag sa Chraobh faoi bhliain agus fiche, Grád A.

Manus — ten years in the League harness and still only 28

By Michael Daly (Donegal Democrat)

Manus Boyle may not have accumulated too many years but in motoring terms he certainly has put up plenty of miles as a senior inter-county league and championship footballer for Donegal.

1995 marks his tenth anniversary as a league player, having served under managers Brian McEniff, Tom Conaghan, McEniff again and lately, P. J. McGowan.

His name will forever be linked with that magnificent nine point scoring haul in the 1992 All-Ireland decider but scoring vital points in vital games is the trade-mark stamp of the Killybegs corner and sometimes half-forward.

Indeed, some of today's attendance may recall a vital point at this very venue in 1990. The sides were level when Sligo referee, Francie Finan, blew for a 45 metre free for Donegal. Kerry mentors waited anxiously. Gerry Curran and Manus had both enjoyed indifferent form earlier in the game. Three players, Curran, Martin McHugh and Manus stood over the ball, none sure who would take the vital kick. Manus volunteered. To do so was typical of a player who regards "finishing rather than building" a score his 'job' on the field, whether from play or a free.

Finan whispered to Manus "this is it, the last kick". The wind was scurrying up over the local hospital, salt on the ball from the Erne. Manus was close to the side-line, stand side, he was going "to have a go" and his unerring kick flew obediently over the bar — Donegal had taken the two points which left them sitting alone at

the top of the table.

He remembers the free well but it is one of hundreds, all of them he considered important at the time. He confesses that he has no particular score that he remembers with any great affection but confides in the same instant that his scores in the All-Ireland final — his only full start after the Cavan game — give him a sense of pride. "They are special, not because of any individual greatness but because of when they were scored. I suppose it was the stage to be on and their importance in the most important game of my life, that's what sticks out."

Manus recalls his intercounty debut coming in '85 against Down in the Dr. McKenna Cup. Charlie Mulgrew captained that team to victory, Manus was 19, the long road was opening up in front of him. In the '86 championship he was a sub., he made his debut in the championship against Armagh in '87, a year he also won his second All-Ireland medal. The first came in '84 with P. J. McGowan and the victorious Donegal Vocational Schools team. 1987 and with P. J. again, he clocked 1-7 in the replayed final of the All-Ireland Under-21. It was yet another memorable milestone in a career studded with happy big day memories.

Already his reputation as the man for the big occasion was growing, Manus seemed to have the in-bred instincts of a striker, he scored, went quiet, scored, quiet, scored, the game was over and Manus was the habitual top scorer — day in, day out. How did

Manus play, they would ask in Melly's of Ballyshannon. "Quiet enough". Did he score? "Yeah, six points, four frees." Jeez what's he like when he's not quiet? Answer: Nine points in the All-Ireland final, top scorer from four full starts in the NFL in 1993/'94; he redefines the definition of quiet!

Going back to his career, Boyle has been involved every year in the championship since '86 with the exception of 1989. The League association is now ten years old. Apart from the aforementioned accolades he has two Ulster Championship medals and was a Railway Cup man for the first time this year with Ulster. He's won three senior and four county league medals and a wardrobe full of underage titles.

Boyle is blessed with the ability to score with either foot. At club level he has been kicking frees with his left and right foot but because of a knee injury doesn't feel confident enough to use his left at inter-county level from frees. "As a youngster I cannot remember thinking I have to work on my right foot or my left, it was there, I never thought about it."

He has been criticised at times for not getting stuck in, a skill difficult to define in print but Manus understands the point I'm struggling to make: "There has been criticism sometimes, maybe it was justified but at the same time I was always given a job and my job was to take scores, other people get that far. My forte is not to be making 40 and 50 yard solo runs, it is to be around 40 yards out and kick the ball over the bar and in the net when I get a chance."

At 28 he has no notion of retiring but confessed that he was glad to see a change in management. "I had nothing against Brian but I think the change has been good, a change was needed and I think I and all the others have responded to the change. Brian

was fully committed and so were we, so too Anthony Harkin who never missed a training session. That's dedication. Now we have new people and I think new people bring out new things in us, it is fresher and I have no intention of going, unless like most players, I'm told to go!"

Manager of A-Sport, football boot and sports equipment suppliers (they sponsor Patrick boots for the team), Manus appears to be enjoying his football but admits he hungers for another taste of the success achieved in 1992. "I miss that, I want that back and we know the league is to be respected but the championship and Down is what I'm really thinking about, I want back what we had in 1992."

Married to Anne, they have twin girls, Grace and Aine.



Manus Boyle, ten years playing for Donegal.

Dún na nGall 0-10

1
G. Breathnach
GARY WALSH
(Burren)

2
B. Mac Gabhann
BARRY McGOWAN
(Killybegs)

3
M.Ó Gallchoir
MATT GALLAGHER
(Naomh Brid)

4
S. S. Ó Dochartaigh
JOHN JOE DOHERTY
(Naomh Columba)

5
M. Ó Chrosain
MARK CROSSAN
(St. Eunan's)

6
S.Ó Cuinneagáin
JOHN CUNNINGHAM
(Killybegs, capt.)

7
D. Ó Duibhir
DAMIEN DIVER
(Ardara)

8
B. Ó Muirí
BRIAN MURRAY
(Civil Service)

9
S.Ó Gallchoir
JOHN BAN GALLAGHER
(Killybegs)

10
M. Mac Seain
MARK McSHANE
(Kilcar)

11
D.Ó Cnaimhsí
DECLAN BONNER
(Na Rossa)

12
P.Ó hEigheartaigh
PADDY HEGARTY
(Naomh Columba)

13
S.Ó Dufaigh
JOHN DUFFY
(Aodh Ruadh)

14
A. Ó Baoill
TONY BOYLE
(Dungloe)

15
M. Ó Baoill
MANUS BOYLE
(Killybegs)

FIR IONAIÐ: 16, P. Ó Ceallachain (Paul Callaghan, Burt); 17, M. Ó Seibhleain (Martin Shovlin, Naomh Ultan); 18, S. Ó Baoill (Seanie Boyle, Cloughaneely); 19, T. Ó Riain (Tommy Ryan, Termon); 20, E. Mac Meanmain (Eugene McMenamin, St. Eunans); 21, D. Ó Conluain (Damien Conlon, Aodh Ruadh); 22, S. Mac Aonghusa (Jim McGuinness, N. Conaill); 23, E. Mac Meanmain (Eamonn McMenamin, MacCumhails); 24, G. Ó Ceallaigh (Gerard Kelly, Red Hughs); 25, O. Ó Riada (Ollie Reid, Red Hughs); 26, C. Ó Donaill (Charles O'Donnell, Aodh Ruadh); 27, N. Ó hEigheartaigh (Noel Hegarty, N. Columba).

Dún na nGall	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	45s	Saor Ciceanna
First Half					
Second Half					
Total:					

Ciarraí 0-14

1
P. Ó Briain
PETER O'BRIEN
(Dr. Crokes)

2
E. Ó Braoin
EAMONN BREEN
(Finuge)

3
A. Ó Gliasáin
ANTHONY GLEESON
(Civil Service)

4
M. Mac Niocais
MORGAN NIX
(Kerins O'Rahillys)

5
S. Ó Muineacháin
SEAMUS MOYNIHAM
(Glenflesk)

6
S. De Burca
SEAN BURKE
(Bishoptown)

7
M. Ó hAisí
MICHAEL HASSETT
(Laune Rangers)

8
L. Ó Flaitheartaigh
LIAM FLAHERTY
(Ballydonoghue)

9
D. Ó Sé
DARA O'SHEA
(Gaeltacht)

10
S. Ó Craolaich
JOHN CROWLEY
(Glenflesk)

11
C. Ó Murchú
CONNIE MURPHY
(Dr. Crokes)

12
D. Ó Cinneide
DARA Ó CINNEIDE
(Gaeltacht)

13
B. Ó Sé
BILLY O'SHEA
(Laune Rangers)

14
C. Ó Cinneide
CORMAC KENNEDY
(A. Stacks, capt.)

15
B. Ó Drisceoil
BINGO DRISCOLL
(Annascaul)

FIR IONAIÐ: 16, G. Ó Fearúil (Gene Farrell, Annascaul); 17, C. 'O Cearnaigh (Conor Kearney, Laune Rangers); 18, C. Ó Donaill (Conor O'Donnell, Dingle); 19, C. Ó Scannláin (Kieran Scanlon, Currow); 20, C. Sabhaois (Ken Savage, Kerin O'Rahillys); 21, P. Ó Laoire (Peter O'Leary, Legion); 22, G. Ó Murchú (Gerard Murphy, Laune Rangers); 23, R. Ó Neir (Roland Neher, Dr. Crokes); 24, D. Ó Dalaigh (Donal Daly, Furies).

Ciarraí	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	45s	Saor Ciceanna
First Half					
Second Half					
Total:					

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Ulster's Railway Cup record

With their win over Leinster three weeks ago in Clones, Ulster added another string to their Railway Cup bow when they became leaders in the number of football wins, with 23, one ahead of Leinster.

That win also set a new record of six wins on the trot, underlining once more the position of Ulster football at the moment.

Two players, Tony Scullion and Martin McQuillan, also notched up their own little bit of history by being the only two players to appear in all six finals. Indeed, Scullion hasn't missed a semi-final or final in that time.

However, both still trail record holder, Sean O'Neill, who holds the national record with eight winners' medal.

Only two counties have not supplied a captain — Armagh and Monaghan, with the full list of winning years and captains being:

1942	John Joe O'Reilly (Cavan)	1971	Sean O'Donnell (Derry)
1943	John Joe O'Reilly (Cavan)	1979	Colm McAlarney (Down)
1947	Kevin Armstrong (Antrim)	1980	Peter McGinnity (Fermanagh)
1950	John Joe O'Reilly (Cavan)	1983	Peter McGinnity (Fermanagh)
1956	Tom Maguire (Cavan)	1984	Eugene McKenna (Tyrone)
1960	Sean O'Neill (Down)	1989	Jim Reilly (Cavan)
1963	Jim McDonnell (Cavan)	1991	Tony Scullion (Derry)
1964	Paddy Doherty (Down)	1992	Greg Blaney (Down)
1965	Charlie Gallagher (Cavan)	1993	Martin McHugh (Donegal)
1966	Jim McCartan (Down)	1994	Brian McGilligan (Derry)
1968	Joe Lennon (Down)	1995	Mickey Linden (Down)
1970	Ray Carolan (Cavan)		

Martin McHugh holds the Donegal record of five while Matt Gallagher and Seamus Hoare have four each.

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ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1, 1984. They defeated Galway in the final. 2, David Beggy. 3, St. Kierans Park. 4, Padraig Harrington. His father, Paddy, played for Cork in the 1956 and 1957 All-Ireland football finals. 5, John Joe Sheehy. 6, Kerry in 1964. 7, Cavan in 1937. 8, Joe Winston in 1972 and Seamus Bonner in 1974. 9, Monaghan (Kerry defeated them by 3-11 to 0-2). 10, Fermanagh. 11, Kerry (in 1962 they defeated Mayo by 6-5 to 0-7). 12, Conor Hayes, 1987 and 1988. 13, Gerry Arthurs and Pat McGrane Stands. 14, Mullingar Shamrocks. 15, Tony Scullion of Derry and Martin McQuillan of Armagh. 16, Paddy Linden, Gary Walsh, Neil Collins, Damien McCusker (twice) and Finbar McConnell. 17, Danny Quinn. 18, Russa from Belfast who lost the 1988 final to Wexford's Buffer's Alley. 19, Martin Gavigan, who was vice-captain in 1990. 20, Castlewellan.



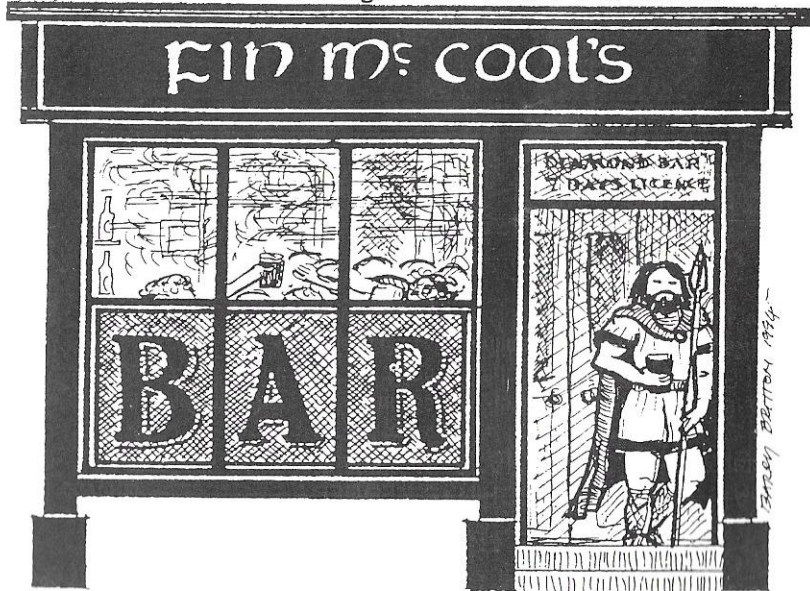
The Donegal team who defeated Fermanagh in last Sunday's Dr. McKenna Cup clash at Enniskillen. Back, l. to r., Tony Boyle, Jim McGuinness, John Joe Doherty, Gerard Kelly, John Ban Gallagher, Paul Callaghan, Declan Bonner, Charles O'Donnell. Front, l. to r., Manus Boyle, Seanie Boyle, Mark Crossan, Damien Conlon, John Cunningham, Eugene McMenamin and John Duffy.

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Money for nothing, kids for free . . .

By Charlie Joe McGinley, Derry People and Donegal News

The Central Council of the Gaelic Athletic Association had an income of over £5 million last year — and when income from the Provincial Councils is added, the Association made almost £10 million.

Development work continued on a £100 million stadium at Croke Park and negotiations are not yet finalised between the Association and television companies for this year's All-Ireland Hurling and Football Championships.

The GAA is looking for an increased number of games to be televised, particularly from September on. While figures are not available, the asking price could be in the region of £1 million.

Looking at the breakdown of the income from last year, it was interesting to note that 72.5% of the revenue came from gate receipts. A huge proportion of this money comes from senior inter-county matches, particularly the senior hurling and football championships.

It appears, therefore, the GAA is making vast amounts of money on the back of players who can and should be better rewarded.

Players are quite properly paid moderate travel expenses for their involvement with county teams. However, they are debarred from, for instance, taking part in commercials — other than those which are work related.

This deprives the players of a supplementary source of income — many people feel they are entitled to. To say that all GAA players should receive payment for their services is a bit ludicrous but for those who scale great heights in the game such as appearing in provincial finals or All-Ireland finals, the reward should be greater.

At intercounty level, players will train two, maybe three nights per week. Some might say it's something they enjoy, but surely when teams are in training for an All-Ireland where training could be four nights

per week and some weekends, it is about as close to semi-professionalism as makes no difference.

Managers from top English professional soccer teams have been over on "scouting" missions and are the first to praise the level of fitness and commitment of GAA players.

Most agree the game is as close to professionalism as one can get. The game is being marketed and sold by the GAA to television companies almost as a professional sport yet the Association stringently holds onto its rather outdated amateur status.

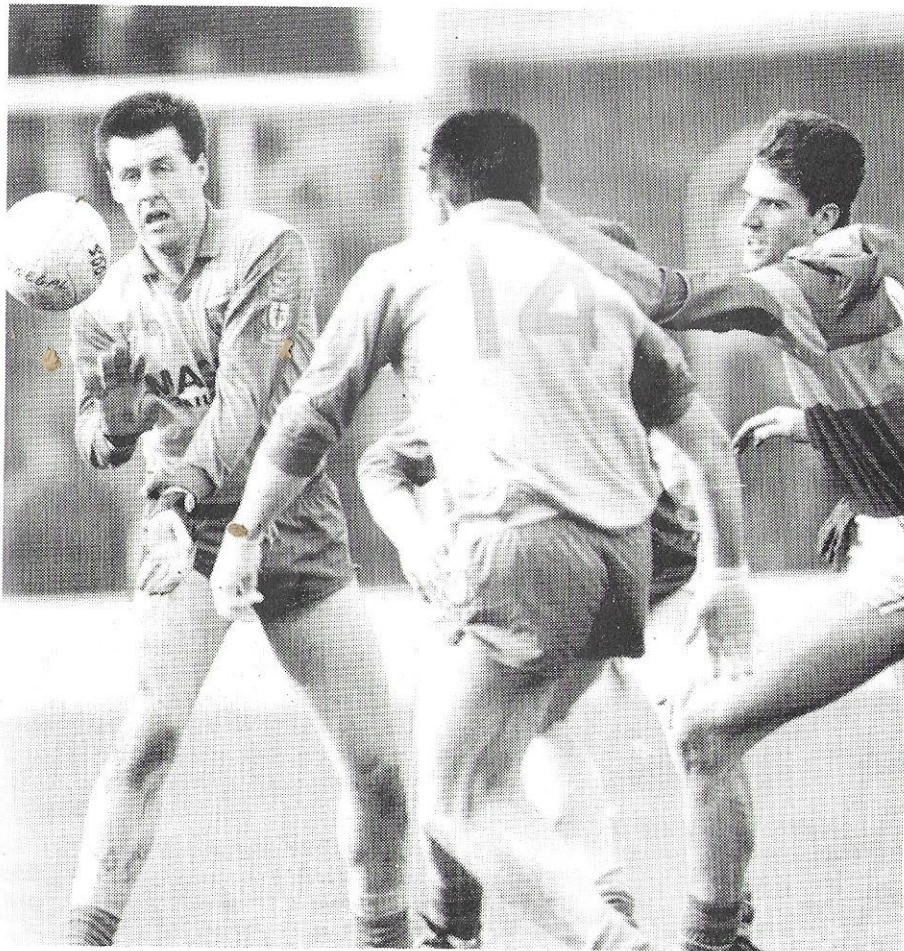
It is a wide area and arguments can be made for and against the retention of the amateur status. While I agree the amateur status should remain at club level, more licence should be afforded to players so they can cash in on their involvement with successful county teams.

Recently Colm O'Rourke wrote in the Sunday Tribune of the threat presented to the GAA by soccer. Some top soccer players can earn up to £10,000 per week excluding off the field income from sponsorship and endorsements.

The Manchester United's of this world have captured the imagination of young footballers in the country. The GAA must win the hearts and minds of the budding young Ryan Giggs and Andy Coles who abound throughout Ireland.

It was interesting also on a TV debate recently, Brian Moore, England's most capped hooker, proposed it was time Rugby Union changed its rules regarding the amateur code. The similarities between Rugby Union are quite interesting.

Maybe it is time the GAA took notice. A step in the right direction is a review of the amateur status and to properly recognise and reward the services of their top players.



Action from the clash last year in Tralee: Brian Murray on the ball with Tommy Ryan with his back to the camera.

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Tá cuimhne fhada buan againn ar fhoireann Chiarraí le blianta anuas. Ba mhaith linn a bheidh ábalta dul in iomaíocht lena gcrógacht ar pháirc na himeartha. B'fhada linn an lá nuair a thiocfadh linn cúig cloigne déag cosúil leo a imirt. Bhuaigh siad 'Sam Maguire' chomh minic agus a chaill muidinne cluiche craoibhe. Bhí muid uilig in éad leo.

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amanna, ach cosúil leis an Feinics thig leo éirigh agus dul in airde a réime. Ta súil againn nach dtarlóidh seo inniu.

Tháinig muid féin giota fada. D'imir muid iad sa bhaile agus as baile, amharcann sé go bhfuil an mhír mhullaigh againn. Le blianta beaga anuas ta muid go maith le aon fhoireann eile agus níor fearr no a lán acu.

Rinne muid gnioithe maith i sraith na bliana anuraidh. Thig linn déanamh níos fearr an seasúr seo agus thig seo a dheimhniú chor a bheith ar an dóigh a amharcann rudaí faoi láthair.

Thig le Chiarraí an chuid is fearr den imirt a fháil asainn agus mar a fheicim é, imrionn muid peil níos in eadáin foireann le traidisiúin láidir peile. Tá súil againn gur mar seo a bheidh an cás inniu, ach ní miste caidé an toradh, lig den bhua a bheith ag an pheil féin agus caithfidh muid uilig oibriú ar mhaithe le sin.

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Four Camps, in all, will be held, with one week devoted to the St. Nauls, Four Masters, Naomh Brid club area.

The first Camp will be held between the 3rd and 7th of July and will cater for all Girls U-14 years.

The second Camp will be held between the 10th and 14th of July and will cater for boys between 10 and 13 years.

The third Camp, between the 17th and 21st of July, will be confined to the Mountcharles, Donegal, Ballintra area.

The final Camp will be held between the 24th and 28th July and will be for Under-10 footballers.

The Camp will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily and the Schedule for the week will include a half-day visit to Waterworld in Bundoran. The all-in cost (including Waterworld) will be £25 per child.

The main aim behind the Camp is to give young boys and girls basic coaching in Gaelic football with additional coaching in Hurling, Rounders, Camogie, Ladies Football and Handball.

Chief Coach of the Camp will be Sylvester Maguire, who will have as many qualified assistants as required.

There will be an awards scheme for the participants at the end of the week on the final day which will be mainly a Sports Day with various skills competitions for which prizes will be awarded.

Participants would have to be provided with a packed lunch each day. A Tuck Shop facility and shop will be available at the Fr. Tierney Park and therefore none of the participants will have need, or be allowed, down town at any time.

If any further information is required please contact Sylvester Maguire at 072-52515.

ENTRY FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO: Sylvester Maguire, Clyhore, Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal.

ENTRY FORM

Name

Address

Club Age

Preferred Week Signature of Parent/Guardian

HEALTH CHECK

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Senior Football Championship

May 15	Armagh	1 - 6	Fermanagh	0 - 6	Armagh
May 22	Monaghan	3 - 10	Cavan	1 - 12	Breifne Pk.
May 29	Down	1 - 14	Derry	1 - 12	Celtic Park
June 5	Donegal	1 - 12	Antrim	1 - 09	Belfast
June 12	Tyrone	3 - 10	Armagh	1 - 10	Omagh
June 19	Down	1 - 14	Monaghan	0 - 08	Armagh
June 26	Tyrone	1 - 15	Donegal	0 - 10	Breifne Pk.
July 17	Down	1 - 17	Tyrone	1 - 11	Clones

Minor Football Championship

May 15	Armagh	1 - 08	Fermanagh	1 - 05	Armagh
May 22	Monaghan	1 - 08	Cavan	0 - 10	Breifne Pk.
May 29	Down	2 - 10	Derry	0 - 09	Celtic Park
June 5	Donegal	1 - 14	Antrim	0 - 07	Belfast
June 12	Tyrone	0 - 10	Armagh	0 - 10	Omagh
June 19	Armagh	1 - 08	Tyrone	0 - 10	Armagh
June 26	Armagh	1 - 15	Donegal	0 - 08	Breifne Pk.
July 3	Down	3 - 09	Monaghan	0 - 15	Belfast
July 17	Armagh	3 - 13	Down	1 - 07	Clones

Under-21 Football Championship

March 26	Tyrone	1 - 08	Monaghan	0 - 10	Ballybay
March 26	Derry	0 - 09	Antrim	1 - 04	Ballinascreen
March 26	Armagh	1 - 08	Cavan	1 - 06	Kingscourt
March 26	Fermanagh	0 - 11	Donegal	1 - 07	Irvinestown
April 2	Tyrone	0 - 09	Down	0 - 06	Dungannon
April 8	Derry	1 - 12	Armagh	0 - 09	Armagh
April 9	Fermanagh	1 - 08	Tyrone	0 - 10	Clogher
May 1	Fermanagh	2 - 08	Derry	0 - 08	Omagh

Dr. McKenna Cup

March 20	Armagh	1 - 14	Monaghan	1 - 09	Ballybay
March 27	Fermanagh	2 - 04	Cavan	0 - 07	Cootehill
April 10	Donegal	2 - 10	Derry	0 - 12	Bellaghy
April 17	Down	2 - 13	Antrim	0 - 08	Newcastle
April 24	Armagh	3 - 08	Tyrone	0 - 14	Armagh
April 24	Down	3 - 08	Fermanagh	1 - 07	Lisnaska
May 8	Armagh	4 - 09	Donegal	2 - 09	Ballyshannon
Sept. 25	Armagh	3 - 09	Down	1 - 14	Clones

Inter-Club Football Championship

Oct. 2	Aodh Rua	0 - 15	Errigal Chiarain	1 - 10	Ballyshannon
Oct. 2	Clan na Gael	2 - 09	St. Pauls	1 - 09	Casement Pk.
Oct. 2	Gowna	0 - 11	Lisnaska	1 - 07	Breifne Pk.
Oct. 23	Bellaghy	0 - 13	Aodh Rua	1 - 08	Bellaghy
Nov. 6	Clontibret	3 - 09	Castlewella	2 - 10	Newcastle
Nov. 6	Bellaghy	0 - 11	Gowna	1 - 07	Clones
Nov. 26	Clontibret	2 - 10	Clanna Gael	1 - 10	Newry
Dec. 11	Bellaghy	0 - 11	Clontibret	0 - 10	Armagh

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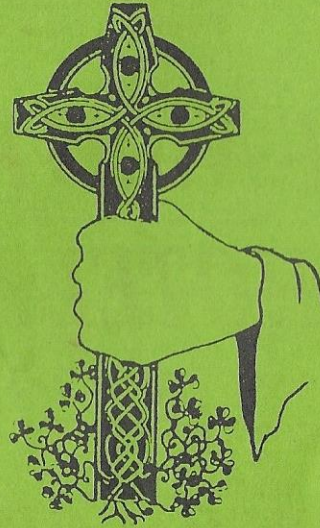
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