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2.00 i.n. Réiteoir : *Michael Henry (An Cabhán)*
Fir Líne : *Des Kearney (Dóire) Standby Ref.*
Martin Traynor (Ard Mhacha)

SENIOR (70 minutes)

AONTROIM V. DÚN NA nGALL

3.30 i.n. Réiteoir : *Brian Crowe (An Cabhan)*
Fir Líne : *Martin McBrien (Fear Manach) Standby Ref.*
Colm Broderick (An Dún)

in Casement Park, Béal Feirste
24ú Bealtaine 1998

Buíochas

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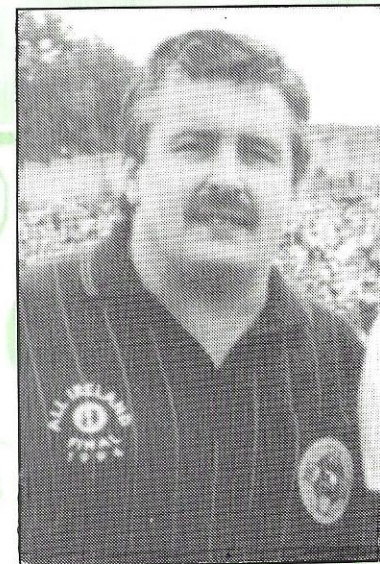
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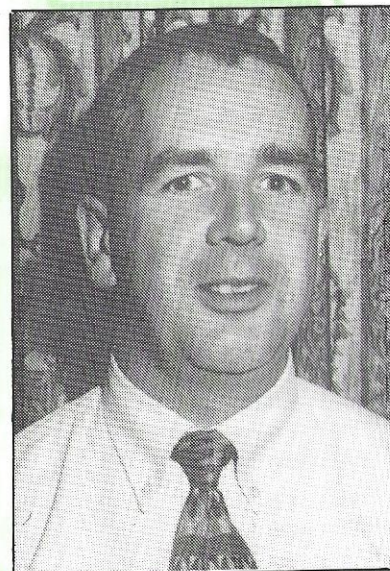
Brian Crowe

A member of the Cavan Gaels club, he learned his Football at St. Patricks and played for the college team. He has been an inter county referee for five years and has been in charge of County Senior Final, two Intermediate finals and 4 Senior league finals. At provincial level he has refereed the minor final as well as five other minor championship games, McKenna Cup and under 21 championship, and an Ulster minor league final. Brian also refereed the 1997 All-Ireland Minor final, three National League games and last year's Cavan Co. Final. In 1998, Brian refereed the Dr. McKenna Cup final.



Michael Henry

Michael Henry is a member of the Rory O'Moore's club in Belturbet Co. Cavan and is a sales executive with Telecom Eireann. He has been an active referee for six years and came onto the provincial panel last season when he did his first Minor league games. Most of his spare time is taken up with G.A.A. affairs at club and county level, he is a facilitator for the club leadership course and is a coaching tutor.



Antrim Pen Pictures

Donard Shannon

Club: St Joseph's
Glenavy
D.O.B: 27.3.75
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 14st 5l
Occupation:
Landscape Gardener

Martin Mulholland

Club: Con Magees
Glenravel
D.O.B: 25.3.72
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 12st 7
Occupation: Civil
Servant

Emmet McCorry

Club: St Joseph's
Glenavy
D.O.B: 13.01.71
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 14st 7
Occupation: Works
with Coca-Cola

Anto Finnegan

Club: St Paul's Belfast
D.O.B: 24
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 11st
Occupation:
Customer Service
Adviser BT

Gearoid Adams

Club: St John's
D.O.B: 23
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 12st
Occupation: Teacher

Terry McCrudden

Club: Lamh Dhearg
D.O.B: 27.7.69
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 13st 5
Occupation: Bank
Official Bank of Ireland

Darren Swail

Club: St John's
D.O.B: 7.2.70
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 13st
Occupation: Teacher
St Olcan's
Randalstown

James Murphy

Club: St John's
D.O.B: 13.1.76
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 13st 8
Occupation: Student

Ciaran O'Neill

Club: Erin's Own
Cargin
D.O.B: 30
Height: 6ft 1
Weight: 14st 7
Occupation: Coach
and Development
Officer

Joe Quinn

Club: St Paul's Belfast
D.O.B: 21.4.77
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 14st 7
Occupation: Student
Queen's

Paul McErlean

Club: St Paul's
D.O.B: 29
Height: 6'
Weight: 13st
Occupation: P.R.
Consultant

John McManus

Club: St Paul's
D.O.B: 25
Height: 6'
Weight: 12st 7
Occupation: Teacher

Kevin Brady

Club: St Ernatts
Moneyglass
D.O.B: 20.9.78
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 11st
Occupation: Student

Frankie Wilson

Club: Lamh Dhearg
D.O.B: 26.7.70
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 12st 4
Occupation: Teacher

Kevin Madden

Club: Casements
Portglenone
D.O.B: 8.10.77
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 11st 7
Occupation: Student

Sean McGreevy

Club: St Paul's Belfast
D.O.B: 4.5.73
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 12st
Occupation: Sales Rep

Michael Boyle

Club: Lamh Dhearg
D.O.B: 23.1.70
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 12st
Occupation: Student
UUJ

Tony Convery

Club: Casement
Portglenone
D.O.B: 25.1.79
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 12st 7
Occupation: Student
UUJ

Locky McCurdy

Club: St John's
D.O.B: 31
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 12st 7
Occupation: Contract
Service Engineer

Andy McGowan

Club: St John's
D.O.B: 10.1.67
Height: 5'8"
Weight: 12st 4
Occupation:
Engineering Sales
Rep

Ciaran Browne

Club: St Enda's
D.O.B: 31.01.72
Height: 6'3"
Weight: 15st
Occupation: Bank
Official

Sheeny McQuillan

Club: Erins Own
Cargin
D.O.B: 25.5.69
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 14st
Occupation: Welder

Peter McCann

Club: All Saints
Ballymena
D.O.B: 11.9.76
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 12st
Occupation: Student

Gerard McCrarren

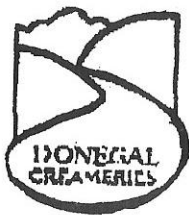
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Height: 5'11"
Weight: 12st
Occupation: Motor
Mechanic



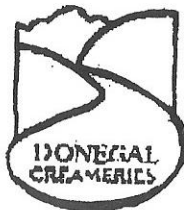
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A tall order

By Michael McGeary, Sunday Life

Donegal's Ulster Championship exit last season was both dramatic and comprehensive.

Cavan offering the first real hint that it was to be their year hammered them out of sight in an ultimately one-sided provincial semi-final at Clones with Ronan Carolan having the proverbial blinder.

So comprehensive was the nature of the defeat that you feared for the future of Donegal football, but then along came Declan Bonner.

He hung up his boots after a long and distinguished career, took over the managerial reins from P.J. McGowan and the transformation was under way.

Bonner's men prospered like never before during a league campaign remarkable for the emergence of Jimmy McGuinness and Brendan Devenney.

Offaly eventually cut short Donegal's enterprising run at the semi-final stage, but not before both sides had conjured up a truly memorable 60 minutes.

Now they are being freely tipped as Ulster Champions elect while Antrim are again cast in the role of championship whipping boys. Last season Antrim manager Ray McDonnell had less than two months to prepare his men for the championship and they still ran Donegal to two points.

Despite a less than distinguished league campaign McDonnell is confident that at last Antrim football is heading in the right direction.

Everyone in football will wish him well as he strives to revive the glory days when Antrim reigned supreme in Ulster.

But it is 16 years since they last progressed beyond the championship first round and 52 since they last captured the provincial crown.

It is a tall order for Ray McDonnell and his squad as slowly but surely they claw their way back to footballing respectability.

Donegal Pen Pictures

Paul Callaghan

Club: Burt
Age: 26
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 14½st
Occupation: County Coach

John Joe Doherty

Club: Naomh Columba
Age: 30
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 13st
Occupation: Sales Rep

Damian Diver

Club: Ardara
Age: 23
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 12st
Occupation: Quantity Surveyor

Noel Hegarty

Club: Naomh Columba
Age: 28
Height: 6'
Weight: 13½st
Occupation: Sales Rep

Barry McGowan

Club: Killybegs
Age: 29
Height: 6'
Weight: 13st
Occupation: E.S.B. Linesman

Martin Coll

Club: Gweedore
Age: 24
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 14st
Occupation: Factory Storeman

Eamon Reddin

Club: Muff
Age: 20
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 13st
Occupation: Student

Raymond Sweeney

Club: Dungloe
Age: 20
Height: 6'
Weight: 13st
Occupation: Student

Jonathan Scanlon

Club: St Eunans
Age: 21
Height: 6'
Weight: 12st
Occupation: Sport Shop Assistant

Martin Bonner

Club: Na Rossa
Age: 25
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 12½st
Occupation: Electrician

Mark Crossan

Club: St Eunans
Age: 27
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 13st
Occupation: Development Officer

Jim McGuinness

Club: Naomh Conaill
Age: 25
Height: 6'3"
Weight: 13¾st
Occupation: Student

James Ruane

Club: Bundoran
Age: 23
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 14st
Occupation: Student

Brian Murray

Club: Kilcock
Age: 34
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 14st
Occupation: Garda

John Haran

Club: St Eunans
Age: 21
Height: 6'4"
Weight: 14st
Occupation: Bank Official

Tony Boyle

Club: Dungloe
Age: 28
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 13st
Occupation: Sales Rep

Adrian Sweeney

Club: Dungloe
Age: 22
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 13st
Occupation: Plumber

Brendan Devenney

Club: St Eunans
Age: 22
Height: 6'
Weight: 12st
Occupation: Student

John Duffy

Club: Aodh Ruadh
Age: 26
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 13st
Occupation: Quantity Surveyor

Brian Roper

Club: Aodh Ruadh
Age: 23
Height: 5'6"
Weight: 11st
Occupation: Monumental Sculptor

Manus Boyle

Club: Killybegs
Age: 31
Height: 6'
Weight: 13st
Occupation: Netmaker

Brian McLaughlin

Club: St Michaels
Age: 21
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 14st
Occupation: Costing Analyst

John Gildea

Club: Naomh Conaill
Age: 27
Height: 6'
Weight: 14st
Occupation: Service Engineer

Shane Carr

Club: Four Masters
Age: 22
Height: 6'
Weight: 12st
Occupation: Machine Driver

Noel McGinley

Club: Naomh Columba
Age: 21
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 12st
Occupation: Factory Worker

Dessie McNamara

Club: Bundoran
Age: 22
Height: 6'
Weight: 13st
Occupation: Quantity Surveyor

Niall McCready

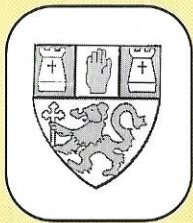
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Age: 22
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 11st
Occupation: Electrician

Shane Bradley

Club: McCumhalls
Age: 21
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 13½st
Occupation: Coach

James McHugh

Club: Kilcar
Age: 32
Height: 5'8"
Weight: 11st
Occupation: Linesman



AONTROIM

Dathanna : Buí agus Bán

1

D. Ó Seanáin
Donard Shannon
St. Joseph's

2

M. O Maolchalainn
Martin Mulholland
Con Magees

3

E. Mac Gothraigh
Emmett McCorry
St. Joseph's

4

A. Ó Fionnagain
Anto Finnegan
St. John's

5

G. Mac Adaim
Gearoid Adams
St. John's

6

T. Mac Rodáin
Terry McCrudden
Lamh Dhearg

7

D. Swail
Darren Swail
St. John's

8

S. O Murchú
James Murphy
St. John's

9

C. O Neill
Ciaran O'Neill - Capt.
Erins Own

10

S. O Cuinn
Joe Quinn
St. Paul's

11

P. Mac Fhirléinn
Paul McErlean
St. Paul's

12

S. Mac Mánaís
John McManus
St. Paul's

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Kevin Brady
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Frankie Wilson
Lamh Dearg

15

C. Ó Madáin
Kevin Madden
Casements



DÚN na nGALL

Dathanna : Glas agus Ór

1

P. O Ceailchain
Paul Callaghan
Burt

2

N. Mac Fhionnaigle
Noel McGinley
Naomh Columba

3

R. Mac Suibhne
Raymond Sweeney
An Clochan Liath

4

N. Mac Chrossain
Mark Crossan
Naomh Adhamhain

5

B. Mac Gabhainn
Barry McGowan
Na Ceaila Beaga

6

N. Mac Colla
Martin Coll
Gaoth Gobhair

7

D. O Duibhir
Damien Diver
Ard an Ratha

8

N. O hEigheartaigh
Noel Hegarty
Kilcock

9

S. Mac Aughusa
Jim McGuinness
Naomh Conaill

10

S. Mac Giolla Chearra
Shane Carr
Na Ceithri Maistri

11

A. Mac Suibhne
Adrian Sweeney
An Clochan Liath

12

S. Mac Giolla De
John Gildea
Naomh Conail

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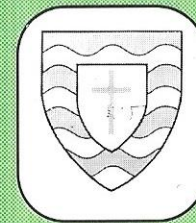
B. O Ropier
Brian Roper
Aodh Ruadh, Ballyshannon

14

Antóin Ó Baoill
Tony Boyle
An Clochan Liath

15

B. O Devanney
Brendan Devenny
Naomh Adhamhain



Fir Ionaid

- (16) Tont Blake
Naomh Adhamhain
- (17) Manus Boyle
Na Cealaa Beage
- (18) Brian Murray
Kilcock
- (19) Shane Bradley
Mac Cumhaill's
- (20) John Harran
Naomh Adhamhain
- (21) James Ruane
Bundorain
- (22) Johnathan Scanlon
Naomh Adhamhain
- (23) Niall McCready
Aodh Ruadh
- (24) Brian McLaughlín
Naomh Michael

Fir Ionaid

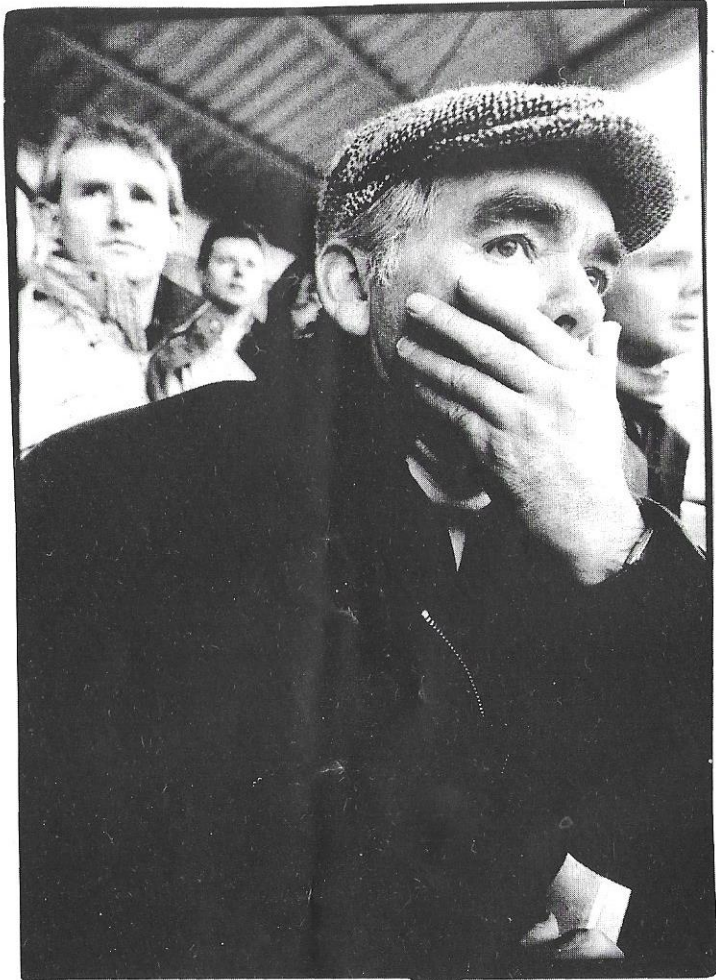
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St. Paul's
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- (20) Andy McGowan
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Erin's Own
- (24) Gerry McCrarren
St. Galls

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1948 - A Good Year For Antrim

Despite the fact that their great team of 1946-47 was gradually fading from the scene, Antrim still had a remarkable year half a century ago, in 1948. Early in the year they lost to Cork in the NFL semi-final at Croke Park, defeated by the narrowest of margins, 3-5 to 1-10.

In the Dr. McKenna Cup they had a 3-8 to 3-4 victory over Armagh at Armagh, but then threw away the semi-final when they fielded only a second-string team against Monaghan at Clones and lost by 2-5 to 3-8. They also lost to Monaghan, 1-6 to 3-8, in the O'Dwyer Cup at Irvinestown.

In the SFC they defeated Donegal, 4-5 to 1-4, at Belfast, and overcame Tyrone, 0-12 to 1-3, in the semi-final at Lurgan. In the Final at Clones they lost to Cavan, 2-4 to 2-12. In the JFC they defeated Derry in Belfast and Tyrone in Dungannon, but lost to Armagh in the Final at Lurgan. In the Dunne-Sullivan-McInerney Cup they defeated Kildare, 1-10 to 2-2, in London, and beat the same opponents, 3-8 to 1-9, in Manchester.

In the Dr. Lagan Cup they defeated Monaghan, 1-9 to 0-2, in Belfast, and Armagh, 2-9 to 4-2, in Armagh but lost to Down, 3-6 to 3-10, in Newcastle.

1948 - When Donegal Left It Late

Half a century ago, 1948, Donegal left their best efforts of the year to very late in the season. In the early and middle parts of the year they were unfortunate to go out in the opening rounds of all competitions. In the Dr. McKenna Cup they were beaten, 3-9 to 3-5, by Derry at Letterkenny, and in the Junior Football Championship were beaten, 1-8 to 0-7, by Tyrone, again at Letterkenny, then a popular venue.

In the Senior Football Championship they met today's opponents but lost, 1-4 to 4-5, here in Belfast. In an interesting challenge game at Glenties, they defeated Sligo by 3-5 to 1-7. It was left to the Junior Hurlers to salvage county pride when they won the Ulster JHC by defeating Antrim 1-1 to 0-1 at Belfast, and Down by 3-3 to 3-1 in the Final at Clones.

In the Dr. Lagan Cup (NFL Division One) they started off very badly by losing to Tyrone, 0-8 to 1-7, at Bundoran, but then in the dying months of the year they defeated Fermanagh, 4-8 to 1-4, at Irvinestown, and Derry by 2-5 to 1-4 at Letterkenny, to finish in second place in Group 1B, and end the year on a high note.

Feile na nOg 1998

The 3, 4 & 5 of July next sees the return of the GAA's festival of football for U-14 boys and girls to Donegal, the Feile Peil na nOg. The competition sees the U-14 champions from each county as well as numerous teams from outside the country gather together for a weekend extravaganza of football culminating with the grand finals in McCumhaill Park, Ballybofey on the Sunday. In its second and final year in Donegal this year's Feile will see teams from San Francisco, New York, Glasgow, Hertsfordshire, Gloucestershire, Yorkshire, Lancashire & Warwickshire travel to join their fellow Gaels at home and the total of 60 visiting teams will be hosted by Donegal clubs and their families for the weekend.

The festivities start on Friday the 3rd where the grand parade takes place in Ballybofey where 3000 children will parade in their team colours through the town to McCumhaill Park where they will be greeted by the Uachtaran of CLG Seasamh MacDonncha. Friday will see games being played between the hosts and their visitors, while on Saturday over 200 games will be played at the various venues around the county to narrow down the teams for the grand finals on Sunday. The boys competition will be played in five divisions 1-5 based on standard with a final in each, the girls playing a two division tournament with all the finals taking place in McCumhaill Park along with a skills competition for boys and girls.

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Down the Decades in the Ulster Senior Championship

ANTRIM BY THE DECADE

1948: Despite being beaten in two Ulster Finals, Senior and Junior, Antrim were still the second best team in Ulster and represented the northern provinces in both London and Manchester. Strangely enough, Antrim had proposed Croke Park as the venue for the 1948 Ulster Final.

1958: Antrim reached the Ulster Junior Football Championship Final, but were beaten by Down in the Final at Newry. Queens University, Belfast, backboned by several Antrim county players won the Sigerson Cup. Went out to Derry in SFC.

1968: Antrim delegates succeeded in having the club football and hurling championships (previously run unofficially by the St. John's GAA Club in Belfast), recognised and run officially by the Ulster Council. Lost to Cavan 5-9 to 1-12 in SFC.

1978: After defeating Monaghan, Antrim lost to Cavan in semi-final of Ulster Senior Football Championship. St. John's lost Final of the All Ireland Club Football Championship to Thomond College, Limerick, at Croke Park on St. Patrick's Day 1978.

1988: Lost to Tyrone in SFC at Omagh. U-21s reached Ulster Final but lost to Cavan in Final at Newry. Minors also lost to Tyrone. In the Dr. McKenna Cup, seniors beat Tyrone and Donegal but lost to Cavan in semi-final at Cootehill.

DONEGAL BY THE DECADE

1948: With the footballers bowing out early in all competitions, it was left to Donegal hurlers to be the county's standard-bearers. They defeated Antrim and Down in the Ulster Junior Championship, but lost to Meath (ultimate winners) in the All Ireland semi-final at Trim.

1958: In an amazing seven minutes 'purple patch' midway through the second half of the Senior Football Championship game with Down at Newry, Donegal scored two goals and three points, but were eventually beaten 3-11 to 3-5 by the ultimate finalists.

1968: Down again proved Donegal's stumbling block as they lost by 2-4 to 0-8 to the Mourne men in the Ulster semi-final at Breefní Park in Cavan, but they could take consolation from the fact that Down went on to capture their third All Ireland title.

1978: Lost to Derry, 3-12 to 0-7, in first round of SFC at Ballinascreen. Minors also beaten 2-10 to 3-4 by Derry. Seamus Bonner had a penalty saved in senior game, but minors scored from two penalties at start of second half in the curtain raiser.

1988: Beaten 2-10 to 0-8 by Armagh in SFC; Minors beat Fermanagh 2-11 to 1-5, but then lost 1-6 to 0-6 to Tyrone in semi-final. U-21s beat Fermanagh 3-10 to 0-3 in first round and then Derry by 0-13 to 0-8 in semi final, but lost 0-10 to 0-7 to Cavan in semi-final.

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FACTS AND FIGURES

Declan Bonner, Donegal Manager, played in the corresponding match last year.

Antrim last got past the first round in the championship in 1982.

Barry McGowan was voted "Man Of The Match" in last year's clash between these two counties as well as the 1994 meeting.

In 1969 Antrim won the All-Ireland U-21 Football Championship, and in 1982 Donegal did likewise, each of them beating Roscommon in the final.

Declan Bonner was 4th in the Top Scorers list in the Ulster Senior Championship in 1991 with a personal tally of 0-10.

Padraig McNamee (Antrim) was the first Ulster President of the GAA, and was later followed by another Antrim man Seamus McFerran.

Manus Boyle has on three occasions in the last 9 years made it into the top 5 scorers in the Ulster Senior Championship topping it in 1990 with a personal tally of 1-16.

PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

1931: Donegal 2-4 v Antrim 0-02

1937: Donegal 3-08 v Antrim 0-07

1947: Donegal 0-03 v Antrim 3-08

1948: Donegal 1-4 v Antrim 4-05

1951: Donegal 2-07 v Antrim 2-7

Donegal 1.06 v Antrim 1-05

1952: Donegal 2-3 v Antrim 1-07

1969: Donegal 0-14 v Antrim 2-10

1970: Donegal 2-6 v Antrim 3-08

1974: Donegal 5-09 v Antrim 1-07

1993: Donegal 0-12 v Antrim 0-9

1994: Donegal 1-12 v Antrim 1-09

1997: Donegal 2-12 v Antrim 1-13

(Antrim won on a protest)

Antrim v Donegal in 1948

When Antrim and Donegal met in the first round of the Ulster Senior Championship at Corrigan Park, Belfast, exactly half a century ago, on Sunday 6th June, the game had to be abandoned ten minutes into the second half when a deluge made playing conditions impossible. The score at the time was Antrim 1-2, Donegal 0-1. The re-fixture took place at the same venue on Sunday 27th June. This time Antrim finished well in front, 4-5 to 1-4, after leading at half-time by 2-3 to 0-2.

Outstanding defender for the winners was Sean Gallagher at centre-half back, with good defensive support coming from Paddy Murray, Mal McMahan and Harry McParland. O'Neill and Fegan were on top at mid-field, and the lively attack was best served by Paddy O'Hara, Kevin Armstrong and Sean Gibson. Donegal's outstanding player was Red Jack Gallagher while P. Byrne and C. Halpin were also very much to the fore.

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The words winning and Antrim perhaps do not go together as well as they should - or at least as well as a lot of people would like them to.

But if the Antrim Senior side have had to exercise the patience of Job in their bid to end a protracted opening game championship famine, things have been far from bleak a little further down the scale.

Last year, the Saffrons reached the Ulster Minor Final only to lose to a hugely talented Tyrone side. Now the young Antrim side are back in the starting blocks again, this time to confront a Donegal outfit whose recent Ulster Minor League campaign yielded just one draw - and a lot of setbacks.

And while Antrim scurried into the Minor decider last year, it is no coincidence that they will be fortified today by a pose of players who have served not one but two units within the Association successfully of late.

Five of today's Antrim side have not only tasted but enjoyed a staple diet of success with the all-conquering Sean Stinsons side that have now chalked up three county championship titles in succession. And into the bargain the same quintet - John McKeever, Kevin Carey, Paddy

Logan, Ruairi O'Loane and Martin McKay - have helped to give St. Louis, Ballymena fresh status in GAA terms. The school lost narrowly in the recent All-Ireland Colleges Vocational B Final to Abbey CBS, Tipperary.

But if Antrim manager Brian Coyle, enters today's confrontation against a backcloth of optimism, he knows that Donegal are capable of whipping the mat from under his side.

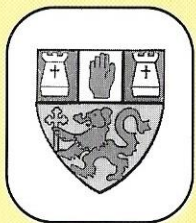
The north-west side's manager John Joe O'Shea may hail from Kerry where footballing success is part of the fabric of life but he now finds himself at the cutting edge of the sport.

Two All-Ireland Vocational Schools Titles in 1995 and '96 cemented the belief that Donegal might produce the goods at Minor level and this indeed was the case in '96 when the provincial title came home to roost. But since then a spell of gloom has descended at Minor level although that could lift with a positive display today.

With the Down v Tyrone clash having set the standard last Sunday, hopefully we will have a game that will further underline the overall strength of under-age football in Ulster.

MINOR FOCUS

(By John Campbell
Belfast Telegraph)



AONTROIM

Dathanna : Buí agus Bán

Fir Ionaid

- (16) Michael Ingham
Sarsfields
- (17) John McCourt
St. Joseph's
- (18) Michael Kelly
St. John's
- (19) Brian McCann
Cargin
- (20) Kiern McGourty
St. Galls
- (21) Barry Coyle
St. Paul's
- (22) Paddy Curran
St. John's
- (23) James Johnson
Cargin
- (24) Aidan McMullan
St. Mary's, Rasharkin

1
S. Mac Fionmhacáin
John Finucane
St. Enda's

2
S. Mac Iomhair
John McKeever
Casements

3
M. Mac Maolain
Martin McMullan
Tir na nOg

4
M. Mac Leannachain
Martin Clenaghan
St. Joseph's

5
C. Mac Andreis
Ciaran Anderson
St. John's

6
C. Mac Bhloscaidh
Kevin Carey
Casements

7
N. Mac an Bhaire
Nial Ward
St. Paul's

8
P. O Leachain
Paddy Logan
St. Mary's, Ahoghill

9
S. P. O hAagain
Sean Paul O Hagan
Con Magees

10
R. O Luain
Ruairi O Loan
Con Magees

11
G. Mac Giolla Mhaoil
Gavin Bell
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St. Mary's, Ahoghill

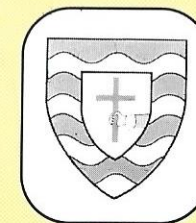
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P. O Murchú
Peter Murphy
Rossa

14
M. Mac Fhearaigh
Martin McCarry
Casements

15
C. Mac Bhloscaidh
Kevin McCloskey
Lamh Dearg

DÚN na nGALL

Dathanna : Glas agus Ór



Fir Ionaid

- (16) John P. O Donnell
An Clochan Liath
- (17) Brendan Roach
Naomh Adhamhnain
- (18) Gareth Britlon
na Ceithri Maistri
- (19) Conor O Donnell
Ard na Ratha
- (20) Liam Coyle
Cloich Ceann Fhaola
- (21) Sean Sharkey
Clochan Liath
- (22) Aiden McAteer
Gael Fhanada
- (23) Philip Reilly
Aodh Ruadh

1
C. Mac Creadaigh
Gerard McCreedy
Naomh Naill

2
D. Mac an Bhaire
Damian Ward
Malain

3
M. Ó Beirn
Michael Byrne
Naomh Columba

4
D. O Fearraigh
Denis Ferry
Cloughaneely

5
G. Mac Guibhir
Gavin Maguire
Naomh Naill

6
A. O Cuinneaghain
Hugh Cunningham
Naomh Columba

7
D. O Dhochariaigh
Daragh Doherty
Camdonagh

8
P. O Domhnaill
Philip O Donnell
Carndonagh

9
D. O Alcorn
Declan Alcorn
Termon

10
S. P. Ó Baoill
John Paul Boyle
Naomh Mhuire

11
M. Mac Cathmhaoil
Martin Caulfield
na Rossa

12
C. Mac Fhioinn
Kevin McGlynn
Glenfin

13
S. P. O Gallachoir
John Paul Gallagher
Cloughaneely

14
G. de Bláca
Gareth Blake
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15
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