

#### Cluiche Ceannais Peil Dhún na nGall



Pairc Sheain Mhic Cumhaill - De Domhnaigh 16u Mean Fomhair 2001 DONEGAL DEMOCRAT SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

4.00pm

Craobh Ceannais Sinsear na Contae

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Four Masters

Referee: Mick McGrath

2.00pm

Craobh Ceannais Sinsear Tacaiochta na Contae

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Four Masters

Referee: Connie O'Gara





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#### **BUÍOCHAS**

A special word of thanks to all those who contributed to the programme: Fr. Seán Ó Gallchóir, Peter Campbell, Charlie Collins, Michael McMenamin, Mick Murphy, Tom Comack, Jerome Quinn, Alan ó Baoid, Michael O'Donnell, Charlie Joe McGinley, & especially the staff of Donegal Printing Company, Letterkenny.

Thanks also to both clubs for their co-operation, especially Sean Dunnion & Fergus Magee. Thanks also to our sponsors and we would ask you to support them when possible.

Mise le meas, **Padraig Ó Maoláin,** Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí.

#### **DONEGAL DEMOCRAT**

Senior Championship

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#### **DONEGAL PEOPLES PRESS**

Senior Reserve Championship Finals

#### **ON SUNDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2001**

#### **CLAR AN LAE**

2.00p.m. Donegal Peoples Press Senior Reserve Final

Na Ceithre Maistrí v Naomh Adhamhnain

Referee: Connie O'Gara

Linesmen: Eugene McBrearty (S.R.)

& Cornelius Diver

Umpires: Joe Porter, Danny Harvey,

Kieran McGlynn & Joe McLaughlin

3.15p.m. Presentation of the John Gallagher Cup

3.30p.m. Introduction of the 1976 County Champions (St.

Joseph's)

4.00p.m. Donegal Democrat Senior Championship Final

Na Ceithre Maistrí v Naomh Adhamhnain

Referee: Mick McGrath

Linesmen: Jimmy White (S.R.),

Seamus McGonigle

Umpires: Kerry Ryan, Buddy Greene,

M.F. McGrath, Pat McGrath.

4.30p.m. Exhibition of U12 Skills Winners

5.15p.m. Presentation of the Dr. Maguire Cup.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all here to Mc Cumhaill Park to the showpiece of Donegal football for 2001. Todays pairing in the Donegal Democrat Senior Final sees a novel pairing of "new kids on the block" Four Masters against the most consistent Club side in the County for the past number of years, St Eunans. Both sides have been impressive on their way to the final, Four Masters coming through as underdogs in their quarter final and semi final against Gweedore and Killybegs respectively while St Eunans had a close shave over Naomh Conaill in their semi-final after impressive wins



over Ardara and Dungloe in the earlier stages. They have shown a lot of character to bounce back after last year's final defeat and will be keen not to let the same happen again. For Four Masters they are probably at this stage even earlier than they would have expected. The most successful Under age club in the county over the past decade, they have produced a conveyor belt of quality players that have plenty experience of finals at under Age level and will not be overawed by the occasion. I hope that we will see a good game of open football to draw the curtain down on this year's competition. The curtain raiser sees the same clubs in action in the Donegal Peoples Press reserve final, with Four Masters looking to retain the John Gallagher Cup which they won last year and St Eunan's hoping to win their third title in the grade, the last coming in 1996. Both sides have come through some close matches and will be well prepared for another tight affair.

Today we also honour for the last time the great St. Joseph's 4 in a row team, County Champions of 25 years ago. I hope that the players and partners enjoy the day and I thank them sincerely for their contribution to Gaelic Football in Donegal over the years.

Once again this year sees our successful sponsorship with the Donegal Democrat and Donegal Peoples Press continuing after last year's inaugural year. Once again we have received great coverage from both papers and we are indebted to them for their support of Gaelic games in the County.

To all involved in todays matches ,especially the competing teams, and match officials, I hope that we see all that is good in Donegal football. Thanks also to all involved in making the day a success, the local McCumhaills Club, stewards from the clubs around the county and the P.R.O for putting today's programme together.

Mise le fior mheas Sean Mac Conaill

### Todays Referees

#### Senior Championship Final

#### Wick WcGrath

Aodh Ruadh

Mick, from Ballyshannon, takes charge of his 6th Senior County Final (2 in London), having refereed 12 Adult finals in all, (4 Intermediate and 2 Junior). One of Ulster's most respected referees, he has just completed a very busy 12 months having refereed last Year's All-Ireland Minor Semi-Final, this years All-Ireland Under 21 semi-final and the N.F.L. Div 2 Final between Westmeath and Cork. He was also a linesman at the Millennium All-Ireland final between Kerry and Galway.

A former Club Chairman with Tir Chonaill Gaels and Aodh Ruadh, Mick is the current Development Officer of the Donegal County Board, and is heavily involved in the development of MacCumhaill Park.

Married to Liz, he has 4 children, Michael, Liam, Sarah and Siobhan, and he is employed by C&C Soft Drinks company.



#### Connie O'Gara

Naomh Columba

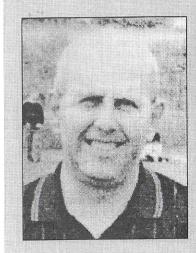
Connie has been refereeing for six years and is a former Chairman of the County referees' board

Today's senior reserve final is his sixth major final having refereed a Junior B final, the 1999 Under 21 Final and the County minor finals of 1997, 1999, as well as last year's drawn Senior Reserve final.

Connie played for Naomh Columba up until 1990 and has Senior League and Gaeltacht as well as Minor and under 21 medals.

Married to Brenda they have two children, Connie and Stacey.





### PREVIOUS MEETINGS

#### An tAth Seán Ó Gallachóir

This would appear to be the sixth Championship meeting of St. Eunan's and Four Masters.

#### The previous Results were:

1981: Semi-Final: Four Masters 1-09 St. Eunan's 0-10

1989: Round 1(1st Leg): Four Masters 1-12 St. Eunan's 2-07 1989: Round 1 (2nd Leg): St. Eunan's 1-08 Four Masters 1-07

1989: Round 1 play-off: Four Masters 0-11 St. Eunan's 2-04

1999: Semi-Final: St. Eunan's 2-16 Four Masters 0-07

So, Four Masters have won three times, St. Eunan's twice.

As well as that, St. Eunan's have played five times against Donegal Town opposition under different names. These results were:

1951: St. Eunan's beat Donegal Town

1954: Semi Final Donegal Town 2-05 St. Eunan's 1-05

1958: Semi Final: St. Eunan's 4-04 Donegal Town 0-06 (Donegal protested,

but lost the protest)

1971: Semi-Final: Clanna Gael 2-09 St. Eunan's 0-03

1972: Final: St. Eunan's 2-12 Clanna Gael 1-08

St. Eunan's won three of these encounters and Donegal two, so overall it is five victories each to St. Eunan's and Donegal Town.

Both sides were to have met in the final of the 1950 championship but, as I have recounted in the Donegal GAA Yearbook some years ago, this final was never played (principally because of harvesting difficulties) and the championship was declared void.

1972.

The only previous championship final meeting between St. Eunan's and Donegal Town (Clanna Gael), was the 1972 final. The teams were:

#### ST. EUNAN'S:

Cathal Gallagher

Brendan McFeeley

John Hannigan

Paddy Gallagher

Pat Conaghan

Seamus Durkan

Anthony Delap

James Gallagher

Anthony Gallagher

Liam Byrne

Paudge McGowan

Mickey Crossan

Joe Winston

Mickey Sweeney

D. O'Leary

Subs (used): Sean Ferriter, P. Hughes, T. Kelly.

#### **CLANNA GAEL:**

D. Britton

C. Gallagher

C. Coughlan

P. Woods

B. Needham

D. Monaghan

B. Martin

E. Gallagher

S. Bonnar

E. Mullan

H. Travers

E. Gorman

J.Barry

P. J. Flood

F. Monaghan

Subs (used): T. Caldwell, S. McCormack

Donal Monaghan and Joe Winston have sons playing in today's 2001 final.

#### **Championship Victories**

The county championship has come to Letterkenny nine times - once to Letterkenny Rovers, and eight times to St. Eunan's. It has come to Donegal town three times, once to Donegal and twice to Four Masters.

The County Championship Roll of honour reads:

12: Gaoth Dobhair and Ballyshannon

9: St. Eunan's (once Letterkenny Rovers)

7: St. Josephs and Dungloe

6: Killybegs and Sean MacCumhaill

5: Ardara and Kilcar

3: Bundoran and Four Masters (once as Donegal)

2: Naomh Columba

1: Castlefin

#### THE YEAR TO DATE

(L) = League

(C) = Championship

#### ST. EUNAN'S

	St. Eunan's MacCumhaills St. Eunan's N. Columba St. Eunan's Aodh Ruadh St. Eunan's St. Eunan's St. Eunan's St. Eunan's Gloughaneely Kilcar	0-17 0-08 1-10 1-09 5-09 0-10 3-11 1-15 2-15 0-07 1-10 2-12	0-04 0-13 1-07 0-09 0-05 1-07 0-09 0-06 1-09 4-08 2-07 0-16	St. Naul's St. Eunan's Four Masters St. Eunan's Killybegs St. Eunan's Gweedore Na Rossa N. Chonaill St. Eunan's St. Eunan's St. Eunan's	
(C)	St. Eunan's	1-12	2-04	Ardara	1st Rd., 1st Leg
(C)	Ardara	2-07	3-08	St. Eunan's	1st Rd., 2nd Leg
(C)	Dungloe	0-08	1-12	St. Eunan's	Quarter Final
(C)	St. Eunan's	1-09	2-05	N. Chonaill	Semi Final

Games Played: 16. Won: 12. Drawn: 2. Lost: 2 Scores For: 25-178. Scores Against: 12-120 Average For: 1-13. Average Against: 1-07

#### **FOUR MASTERS**

	NEW RAIN-WAN BERNER				
	N. Columba Four Masters St. Eunan's Four Masters Na Rossa Four Masters St. Naul's Four Masters Ardara Gweedore N. Chonaill	1-04 1-08 1-10 1-08 0-09 1-15 0-03 0-10 1-09 0-15 1-13	0-08 0-12 1-07 0-11 0-17 1-11 1-11 0-08 0-11 1-09	Four Masters Killybegs Four Masters Dungloe Four Masters Burt Four Masters Aodh Ruadh Four Masters Four Masters Four Masters	
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Games Played: 16. Won: 8. Drawn: 1. Lost: 7. Scores For: 11-159. Scores Against: 11-154 Average For: 1-09. Average Against: 1-08

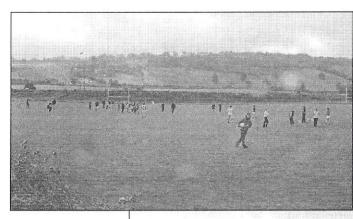
#### O' DONNELL PARK

Our development was scheduled over 3 Phases. Phase 1 was the provision of the present pitches, 1 adult and 2 u-age. Phase 2 was the development to the highest standard of the main pitch and enclosing it to the latest safety requirements.

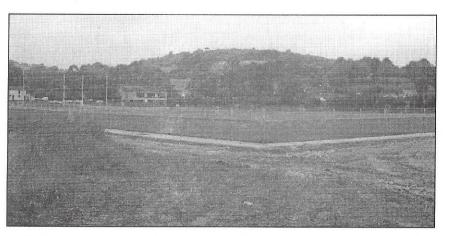
Phase 3 is about to commence; this involves the erection of a covered stand holding 3000 with provision of 6 dressing rooms and store underneath. This is estimated to cost in the region of £1.2 million.

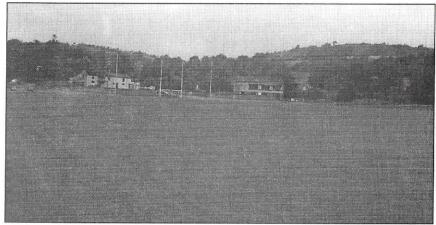
To date our development expenditure is £750,000. When complete we intend having the best facilities of any provincial town in the country. We thank everyone who has contributed in any way to date and look forward to your continued support in the years ahead.

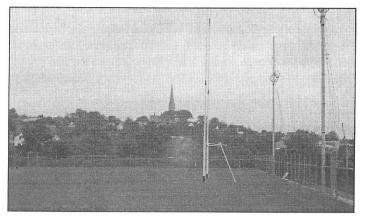
#### Araigh le Naomh Adhamhnain







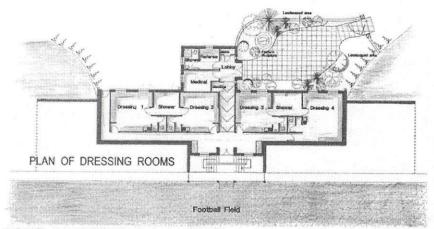




#### **FOUR MASTER'S G.A.A. CLUB**

Four Master's G.A.A. Club embarked on its most ambitious project since the re-opening of Páirc Tír Conaill in 1992 with the next stage of development having commenced on June 1st 2001.

The new development includes the erection of a 180 feet stand on the Revlin side of the pitch. Under the stand will house four new spacious dressing rooms, shower facilities, medical room and referees room with a separate entrance to the playing field from each set of dressing rooms. The area behind the stand will also be landscaped with some car parking spaces available.

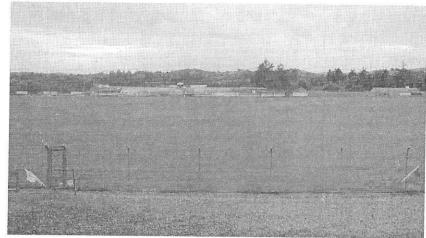


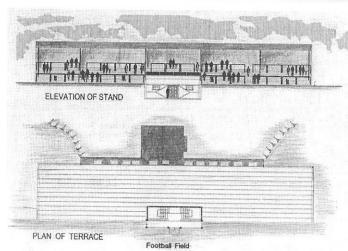
FOUR MASTERS G.A.A. CLUB

COVERED STAND & DRESSING ROOMS TIRCONAILL PARK, DONEGAL TOWN.

Mc Mullin Associates and particularly Patrick Mc Brearty carried out the design work of the new development. Glebe Builders Ltd. were successful in the tender process and were awarded the contract on the sanction of the Office of Public Works in late May with work commencing almost immediately.

The total cost of the project is £316,000 funded by a grant of £150,000 allocated to the club by the Minister of Sport and Recreation, Dr. Jim Mc Daid, T.D. last year and the successful house draw which raised circa. £100,000. However, there is still a substantial shortfall and the club will be launching a major fund-raising campaign later this year. Your support for





this campaign and indeed the weekly lotto would be greatly appreciated at this difficult but exciting time.

Despite the heavy investment, Four Master's G.A.A. Club will soon have facilities that

will be the envy of all other clubs in the county as we strive to provide our members and children with the very best.

It is anticipated that work will be completed by the end of this year, which would also coincide, with the 50th anniversary of the original purchase of the land in 1951.

Sean Dunnion Jnr.
Public Relations Officer.



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Best of Luck to Four Masters in Today's Final!



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Good Luck to St. Eunan's in Todays County Finals.

They say that most people recall where they were on the 22 November 1963 when they heard that John F. Kennedy 35th President of the USA had been shot in Dallas, Texas. I am sure a lot of people in the Northwest will also recall where they were on the 15th August 1998 when they heard of the bombing atrocity in Omagh. I recall listening to Tom Comack on Highland Radio and hearing the first announcement of a bomb going off, then of injuries, then of deaths, then of increasing numbers of deaths. By late evening the whole country was in state of shock, disbelief and outrage. On that fateful day a group of Spanish students and local children from Buncrana had gone to the American Folk Park near Omagh. When their visit to the Park was over they went to nearby Omagh to do some shopping. Among the people who so tragically lost their lives were three young lads from Buncrana, Oran Doherty (8 years old), James Barker (12 years old), Shaun Mc Laughlin (12 years old). Also killed was Fernado Blasco (12 years old) a Spanish student and Roao Abad Ramos (23 years old) a Spanish Teacher who were in the group from Buncrana.

At the end of 1999 it was suggested that Donegal organise an under 16 Ulster football competition. Up to then Donegal had taken part in the Ted Webb competition in Connacht but in recent years we had found it more difficult to get enough competitive games at this level. With the competition approved at Donegal and Ulster level I set about organising the games. It was decided to call it the Buncrana Cup in memory of those young people who had so tragically lost their young lives. It was also agreed that the final would be played in Buncrana. With any new competition it took some gentle persuasion to get counties to agree to enter. In 2000 Donegal, Fermanagh, Cavan, Antrim, Down and Armagh took part. The final played in Buncrana saw Donegal pitted against near neighbours, Fermanagh. Donegal emerged worthy winners to ensure their name is the first engraved on the Buncrana Cup.

This year all nine Ulster counties took part with a section of five and a section of four. Derry were the clear winners of their section with Tyrone runners-up. In the other section Antrim won all their games with Down second. In the semi-finals Derry easily overcame Down and Antrim had a comprehensive victory of tournament favourites, Tyrone.

The 2001 final was played on Saturday 8th September in Buncrana. Antrim and Derry served up a great final with Derry winning on a score of Derry 3-09 Antrim 0-11. Thanks to everyone who contributed to making the competition a great success and I look forward to Donegal regaining the trophy in 2002

Michael Mc Menamin Youth Officer

### DONEGAL DEMOCRAT SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS 2001

1ST	RD.	1ST	LEG
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0-08	1-08	Gweedore
1-06	2-09	Killybegs
1-18	2-07	Cloughaneely
1-12	1-09	Dungloe
0-09	2-09	Na Rossa.
0-13	0-13	St. Naul's
1-12	2-04	Ardara
0-11	1-08	Termon
	1-06 1-18 1-12 0-09 0-13 1-12	1-06 2-09 1-18 2-07 1-12 1-09 0-09 2-09 0-13 0-13 1-12 2-04

#### 1ST RD., 2ND LEG

Dungloe	1-14	0-08	Kilcar
Gweedore	2-13	2-08	MacCumhaills
Killybegs	1-07	0-13	N. Columba
Cloughaneely	0-16	2-12	Aodh Ruadh
Ardara	2-07	3-08	St. Eunan's
Na Rossa	1-07	2-07	Four Masters
St. Naul's	0-07	0-11	N. Chonaill
Termon	0-11	0-07	Burt

#### 1ST RD. PLAY OFF

N. Columba	0-06	0-14	Killybegs
Na Rossa	1-09	0-16	Four Masters
Dungloe	1-09	0-08	Kilcar

#### **QUARTER FINAL**

Dungloe	0-08	1-12	St. Eunan's
Four Masters	2-08	0-13	Gweedore
Termon	1-11	1-12	N. Chonaill
Aodh Ruadh	0-12	0-12	Killybegs

#### **QUARTER FINAL REPLAY**

#### **SEMI FINALS**

St. Eunan's	1-09	2-05	N. Chona
Four Masters	1-07	0-08	Killybegs

#### PLAYER PROFILE ST. EUNANS

#### **Brendan Kilcoyne**

Club: St. Eunan's

**Age:** 30

Height: 6'

Weight: 13 stone

Favourite Position: Centre Half Back

Honours Won: 4 County C'ships (2 Sligo) 6 League C'ship's

(4 Sligo).

Married / Single: Single

**Occupation:** Financial Advisor

Toughest Opponent: Kevin O'Neill (Mayo)

Favourite Ground: Markevisch Park

Favourite Player: Colm O'Rourke

Biggest Influence on your Career: My Father

**Biggest Disappointment:** Losing Connacht Final and being Stripped of County Title 1997

**Gaelic Football Heroes:** Mickey Kerins, Jack O'Shea and Mickey Sheehy

**Favourite Other Sports:** Golf and watching Crossan playing Hurling.

Hopes for future: To play longer than Crossan

Favourite Film: Shawshank Redemption, Cool Runnings

Favourite Actor / Actress: Michelle Pfieffer

Young Player for the Future: Gareth Boyle and Mark McCloskev

wark wccloskey

Person You Would Most Like to Meet: J'Lo



#### **HISTORIC YEAR FOR MASTERS'**

#### by Peter Campbell (Donegal Democrat)

Whatever happens today in both finals, this has been an historic year for the Four Masters club, one of the oldest in the county.

Nearly every team that took the field this year with the blue and white have reached the county final - probably the most successful every season for a club that is just four years short of its centenary.

Coupled with that is the strides that are being made by the club's development committee, with a good start made on the erection of a stand and dressing rooms at their excellent pitch at Tirconaill Park.

Their present elevation to the top of the ranks at Gaelic football can be traced to some excellent work done at underage level in the past ten years, which saw the U-14 title being annexed four years in-a-row from 1996 to 1999 - a feat that was unique in Donegal at that age group.

Also in the past ten years championships have been won at Intermediate, Intermediate Reserve (2), U-21B, U-18, U-16 (2), Og Sport (2), U-13 (3), League Div. 2 and then this year success at U-12, U-21A, while the senior, reserve, minors and ladies are still in the hunt for county titles.

That level of success does not come without a hell of a lot of work being done at administrative and coaching level, and this is where Four Masters have excelled in the nineties.

It would be wrong to name names, because you would most definitely leave people out, such are the numbers involved. What is noticeable is that any team which represents the club, is also well represented on the sideline this at a time when most other clubs are having difficulty getting one person to look after teams.

They are also fortunate at present to have such good officers in chairman, Paul Duncan; secretary Cathal McGonigle; treasurer, Shauna Cooney and PRO, Sean Dunnion, who present the club in an attractive way to their supporters and locals.

The fact that they are having such success at the moment while in the middle of a development that will cost in excess of £300,000, is testimony to the ability of this team headed by Duncan.

The club held a very successful Millennium Banquet in October of last year to celebrate the successes which they had achieved on the football and hurling fields in the last century. It looks as if by the end of the 2000s the Four Masters club will have even more to celebrate.

#### **Joel Carr**

Club: Four Masters, Donegal Town

**Age:** 23

Height: 5' 9"

Weight: 12 stone

Occupation: Plant Operator

Marital Status: Single (not)

**Honours Won:** Under 12, 13, 14, 18, 21B, Intermediate Championship 1996, Division 2 League Medal 1996

Favourite Position: Full Forward

Favourite Ground: Croke Park

Favourite Other Sports: Snooker, Soccer

Childhood Hero: John Wayne

Most Memorable Game: 1996 All-Ireland Minor Semi-Final

against Laois

Biggest Influence on Career: Gerry Molloy and my parents

**Biggest Disappointment:** 1996 All-Ireland Minor Semi-Final against Laois

Favourite Film Star: Russell Crowe

Favourite Food / Drink: Curry, Smithwicks

Young Player for the Future: Michael Doherty & Barry Dunnion

Ways to improve game: A second referee



Best wishes to St. Eunan's in the Co. Final from

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#### St. Eunan's 1-10 Four Masters 1-07

A goal from the penalty spot by Kevin Winston after John Harron was brought down in the square in the 4th minute proved to be the margin between the sides in this closely contested and entertaining match at O'Donnell Park on Easter Monday.

The first half was mostly dominated by St. Eunan's who clocked up a score line of 1-6 to no score after 25 minutes of play. Damien Daly stretched the St. Eunan's lead to four points with an excellent point from play in the 8th minute. Kevin Winston followed up his penalty conversion with a point from play in the 9th minute after making a strong run through the middle. Further points from Conal Dunne, Kevin Rafferty and Winston paved the way for the victory.

Rory O'Donnell opened the Four Masters account with a point from play in the 27th minute. Two further frees from O'Donnell left the half time deficit at 6 points.

Conal Dunne stretched the Eunan's lead to seven points a minute in to the second half. Rory O'Donnell pulled one back in the 35th minute from a 30 metre free and the Donegal town men were right back in the game a minute later when Joel Carr cheekily lobbed the ball over the approaching Tony Blake to find the net.

Kevin Winston and Derek McGinty exchanged points midway through the second half. The tempo of the game had increased significantly and a fine save from Tony Blake denied Four Masters an equaliser when he palmed away a rasping effort from Barry Dunnion. Brendan Roache edged St. Eunan's into a four point lead in the 46th minute but this was cancelled out two minutes later by a long range free from the boot of Rory O'Donnell.

Shane Sullivan and Rory O'Donnell exchanged points in the dying minutes and St. Eunan's held on for a deserved three point victory over an impressive Four Masters side.

Best for St. Eunan's were Jonathan Scanlon, Peter McGeehin, John Haran and Maurice McGeehin while Four Masters were well served by Don Monaghan, Shane Carr, Rory O'Donnell and Joel Carr.

**St. Eunan's:** Tony Blake, Terence Gallagher, Mark Crossan, Peter McGeehin, Barry Tinney, Adrian McClafferty, Jonathan Scanlon, John Haran, Maurice McGeehin, Conal Dunne 0-2, Kevin Winston 1-3, Damian Daly 0-1, Brendan Kilcoyne, Kevin Rafferty 0-1 Brendan Roache 0-2, Subs used Shane Sullivan 0-1 for Kilcoyne 40 minutes and Martin Temple for Peter McGeehin 55 mins.

**Four Masters:** Paul Durcan, Pauric McGlynn, Francis Cassidy, Conor Quinn, Gareth Britton, Marcus Monaghan, Don Monaghan, Ciaran Cassidy, Shane Carr, Vinny Murray, Derek McGinty 0-1, Rory O'Donnell 0-6, Barry Dunnion, David Hand, Joel Carr 1-0, Subs used Gerry McGinty for Murray at half time.

#### FOUR IN A ROW FOR ST. JOSEPHS

#### by Peter Campbell (Donegal Democrat)

St. Joseph's won the last of their Donegal Senior Championship titles in 1976, defeating Four Masters by 1-13 to 0-5 in the decider.

The win was the fourth-in-a-row for the Ballyshannon-Bundoran side and brought to an end a period of domination of Donegal football.

The game, according to the pages of the Donegal Democrat was a scrappy affair, although played in ideal weather conditions.

The first half was a close affair with the winners ahead by 0-5 to 0-3 at half-time. A Christy Murphy goal early in the second half changed the game in St. Josephs' favour and they went on a subsequent scoring spree to run out easy winners.

It could have been different in a tight first half. There was just four points scored in the first twenty four minutes and indeed in that time, Paul Duncan had two good goal chances, which resulted in just one point.

In the final minutes of the half Sean Gallagher and Peter Barry had St. Joseph's points while the only reply came from Marty Kelly.

Marty Kelly had a goal effort tipped over the bar early in the second half before the turning point came with Christy Murphy nipping in to slot to the net.

Four Masters had their final point in the 42nd minute, with St. Joseph's taking over after that and adding seven points without reply.

Outstanding for the winners in defence was Pauric McShea, with great support from Ray Sheerin and Declan O'Carroll. Sean Gallagher and Peter Barry held sway at midfield while up front Billy Gavigan, Christy Murphy, Brendan McHugh and Pat Curran were among the best.

For Four Masters Paul Duncan and Marty Kelly were among the best. Under referee, Peter McKelvey, Glenties, the teams and scorers were:

St. Joseph's: Dom Murray; Niall McQuillan, Pauric McShea, Ray Sheerin; Brian McEniff, Declan O'Carroll, Josie Boyle (0-1); Sean Gallagher (0-3), Peter Barry (0-2); Billy Gavigan (0-1), Seamus Granaghan (0-2), Christy Murphy (1-0); Thomas Quinn, Brendan McHugh (0-3), Pat Curran (0-1).

Four Masters: Declan McIntyre; Tommy Caldwell, Brendan Martin, Martin Gillen; P. J. McGarrigle, Donal Monaghan, Jackie McGroarty; Paul Duncan (0-1), Steve McCormack; Francis Monaghan, P. J. Dooley, Marty Kelly (0-4); Eamon Gorman, Hugh Travers, Enda Mullin. Subs., Peter Thomas for S. McCormick; Dermot McGettigan for S. Mullin; Peter Coulter for E. Gorman.

The Dr. Maguire Cup was presented to St. Joseph's captain, Brian McEniff, by Co. Board chairman, Seamus Rodgers.

The rest of the winning St. Joseph's panel was: Martin Carney, Liam McDaid, Sean McLoone, Kieran McGinley, Peter Long, John Murray, Ken Fox, Louis Boyle, Fintan Lynch, Philip McLoone, Sean Boyle, Joe Drummond.



Wishing
St. Eunan's
the Best of Luck

from

Jenes, nevais

Dr. James McDaid T.D.

Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation



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Good Luck to
Four Masters
from all in the
Olde Castle Bar

#### **SPRIOCANNA SROISTE?**

#### le Alan ó Baoid (Oifigeach na Gaeilge)

Is lá mór do fhó-chumann ar bith lá na gcluichí ceannais ina gcondae agus ní éisceacht ar bith an lae inniu. Nuair a leagann na clubanna síos a gcuid spriocanna ag tús na bliana is cinnte go mbíonn an lá seo mar sprioc acu uilig, is buaic phoinnte na bliana é do fhoireann ar bith.

Is cinnte go bhfuil seo amhlaidh do fhoirne Naomh Adhamhnáin agus na Ceithre Máistrí inniu. Ag tús na bliana, Naomh Adhamhnáin mar rogha na coitianta agus na Ceithre Máistrí mar íoctaráin('underdogs'), ach ní mar sin a bhéas sé inniu. An dá fhoireann ag rá ina n-aigne féin go bhfuil an seans céanna acu ar an lá agus sin mar a bhíonn sé, mar a bhí cruthaithe at Ard 'a Rátha anuraidh. Tá sé ráite sa chondae i mbliana go bhfuil caighdean na peile olc ach tá sé suas ag na foirne inniu a mhalairt a chruthú.

Tá an sprioc, le fáil an fhad seo, tuillte ag an dá chlub, ní amháin na foirne sinsir ach na foirne tacaíochta. Is cruthúnas é don dian obair atá curtha isteach acu thar na mblianta i bhforbairt peil faoi aois agus i bhforbairt a gcuid áiseanna go bhfuil an lae inniu mar thoradh ar sin. Is sampla iad do chlubanna eile fríd an chondae.

Ó thaobh an Ghaeilge agus an chultúr de caithfidh muid moladh a thabhairt, go h-áirithe, do club Naomh Adhamhnáin ar son a gcuid iarrachtaí leis an cultúr a bhrú chun cinn sa chlub. Ranganna Gaeilge, céilithe, páirtíocht láidir i gcomórtaisí Scór - mar a bhí cruthaithe i mbliana leis an sár iarracht a rinne siad sna comórtaisí ceannais. Beidh siad ag rá go bhfuil siad ag déanamh ionadaíocht ar shon an Ghaeltacht inniu!!, b'fhéidir go bhfuil? Arís is sampla iad dona clubanna eile atá lag ó thaobh cúrsaí cultúrtha de. B'fhéidir leis na Gael Scoileanna i Leitir Ceanainn agus Baile Dhún na nGall anois go mbeidh Gaeilge a labhairt ag na foirne sin sna blianta amach rómhainn? Ar an ábhar sin ba mhaith liom fáilte a chur róimh Eva Helasfai as an Úngáir chuig an chluiche innu. Tá suim mhór aici i spóirt agus seo an chead cluiche Gaelach a bhéas a fheiceáil aici. Tá sí ag staidéar Gnó sa Ghaeltacht ar feadh ceithre mhí agus a lán den teanga Gaelach pioctha suas aici le coicís anuas. Is sampla é seo do a lán daoine nach bhfuil sé chomh deacar sin iarracht a dhéanamh cuid den teanga a phiocadh suas, má tá an toil ann. Ár mbuíochas dona meáin chumarsáid go léir ar shon an seirbhís iontach a thugann siad dona cluichí Gaelach, go h-áirithe Raidió na Gaeltachta ag craoladh ár gcluichí ar fud na condae agus na tíre. Is trua nach féidir le TG4 craoladh beo a dhéanamh gach blian, chuirfeadh sé leis an lá. Ag deireadh guím gach ráth ar na foirne, lucht tacaíochta, reiteoirí agus lucht eagrúcháin ar an ócáid seo, agus go mbeidh an toradh agaibh a bhí sibh ag súil leis.

#### BACK DOOR FOR DERRY, TRAP DOOR FOR TYRONE!

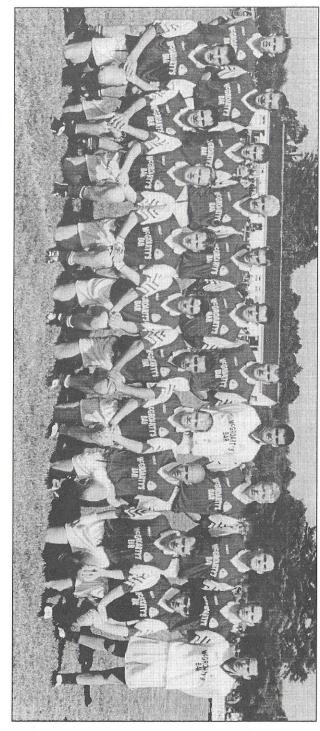
#### **Jerome Quinn (BBC Sports Presentator)**

Presenting television programmes is a hazardous business. As I write this article for the Donegal Final, this morning's Irish News has printed letters from TV viewers complaining about the BBC's coverage of the All Ireland Hurling Final. Apparently, I 'wasn't at the races' because my questions 'were taken straight out of the programme'. Mind you, Michael Lyster got a worse touch, being compared to South Derry unionists! Everyone is entitled to their opinion, so I have no problem with any of the above.

What is more interesting was the reaction this year to myself sticking my neck out after my home county had lost to Derry in the All Ireland Quarter-finals. I have never attempted to hide the fact that I am a Tyrone supporter, and on this occasion I warned viewers that I was about to 'put my Tyrone hat on'. I then proceeded to raise doubts about the Derry goal, questioning the challenge by Paddy Bradley and the possibility of a square ball. Furthermore, I bemoaned the fact that everyone had gone wrong for Tyrone, from Kevin Hughes accident on the Monday night to Peter Canavan being sent off. My main beef was with the GAA for making Tyrone go back to Clones to play Derry, seven weeks after defeating them in the Ulster SFC semi-finals. Jarlath Burns tried to tell me that Tyrone were still Ulster Champions, but I replied: 'What use is that now?' The first point here is that my 'Tyrone' comments surprised a lot of viewers. They complained that I had 'lost it' and that I was unprofessional. Did they mean that they wanted me to be less passionate? I was a Tyrone fan disappointed with the outcome. Is it wrong for a gaelic presenter to show his allegiance? The second point is that the Back Door system was a disaster this year for Tyrone, Roscommon and others such as Fermanagh. It benefitted Westmeath, Galway, Derry, etc, but I maintain that if the old system was still in place, then Tyrone would have beaten Roscommon and would be in the All Ireland Final. Overall, I enjoyed watching and presenting more inter-county gaelic football games than ever, and I think that the new system is here to stay. However, the one major oversight by the GAA was in failing to keep teams who had previously met apart. The first example was the third meeting of Donegal and Fermanagh. It would have been easy to have prevented this from happening. But if that was bad, then the All Ireland Quarter-final draw took the biscuit. was genuinely stunned and speechless when I saw the draw - it was completely unfair on Tyrone. Given the baggage from the first game, it was crazy making making them play again, and back at Clones. The momentum was all with Derry, even though Tyrone had won their provincial championship. They had everything to gain. Ulster champions have always had a day out in Croke Park, but Tyrone did not even get that. I would not have minded meeting Derry in Croke Park, but not back in Ulster. The GAA have as much as admitted this failing, but it has come too late for Tyrone.

The number of all-Ulster draws was amazing. In the BBC sports department, we conducted a mock draw of our own and did not get near as many all-Ulster games. And, I have to say that the Ulster derbies the draw threw up were largely uninspiring. Derry-Cavan, Donegal-Fermanagh, Derry-Antrim, Armagh-Monaghan all had predictable outcomes. I would have much preferred to see a Donegal-Derry game in the Qualifiers, or Donegal-Armagh. Ah well, as they say, there's always next year, and there's always another programme! Talking of the programme, I would like to take this opportunity to put on record the high esteem I have for your own Martin McHugh as a television analyst. There is simply no-one better in the land, in any sport, in my opinion. And with Jarlath Burns beside Martin, I feel that they are a class double-act. Finally, I send my best wishes

to all Donegal supporters and I hope you enjoy the Final.



#### FOUR MASTERS SENIORS

**Paul Durcan:** (18) 6'3", 11 stone, Goalkeeper, Student, Under 12, 13, 14, 16, 21 C'ship Medals. Member of the Ted Webb C'ship winning team in 1999. Goalkeeper with the County Minors this year and missed the Under 21 final due to injury.

**Damien Cassidy:** (21) 5' 9", 11 stone, Corner-back, Builder, Under 18 Championship 1996, Under 21 Championship 2001. Played at corner-back on County Under 21 team this year.

**Don Monaghan:** (24) 5' 10", 12 stone, Full-back, Tyre Retailer, Captain of the team, Ulster and All-Ireland Vocational Schools, Under 21 Hastings Cup, Intermediate Championship 1996 and Division 2 – 1996, Under 12, 15, 21B Championship Medals. One of three brothers in the squad.

**Pauric McGlynn:** (22) 5' 10", 11 stone, Corner-back, Sales representative, Under 12, 14, 18, 21B C'ship Medals, Senior Reserve 2000.

**Francis Cassidy:** (25) 5' 11", 12 stone, Half-back, Plasterer, Under 21B Championship 1996, Intermediate Championship & Division 2 1996.

**Gareth Britton:** (21), 6' 0", 12 stone, Centre-Half back, Sportshop Proprietor, Donegal Vocational Schools C'ship 1995, Under 18 C'ship 1996, Under 21 C'ship 2001. Played for County Under 21's this year and a former county minor. Scored two points in the Under 21 final.

**Conor Quinn:** (25) 5' 9", 11 stone, Half-back, Sales Engineer, Under 21B Championship 1996, Intermediate Reserve Championship 1996.

**Dave Hand:** (24) 6' 3", 14 stone, Midfield, Eircom I.T. Analyst, Intermediate Championship 1996 and Division 2 – 1996, Under 12, 15, 21B Championship Medals.

**Ciaran Cassidy:** (21) 6' 3", 13 stone, Midfield, Carpenter, Under 13, 18, 21 Championship Medals. Intermediate Reserve C'ship 1996. Captain of Under 21 C'ship 2001 winning team. Cousin of corner-back Damien.

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**Rory O' Donnell:** (24) 5' 11", 12 stone, Teacher, Under 12, 15, 21B Championship Medals. Intermediate Reserve C'ship 1995, Intermediate C'ship & Division 2 – 1996.

**Derek Mc Ginty:** (27) 5' 11", 14 stone, Centre half-forward, Mechanic, Under 21B, Intermediate Championship & Division 2 – 1996.

**Barry Dunnion:** (18) 5' 7", 9 stone, Half-Forward, Student, Under 12, 13, 14, 16, 21 C'ship Medals. Captain of the Ted Webb C'ship winning team in 1999. Has played in ten county championship finals with nine winners' medals. Vice-Captain of the County Minors this year.

**Shane Carr:** (26) 6' 0", 13 stone, Midfield, Plant Operator, Under 21B, Intermediate Championship & Division 2 – 1996. Has played regularly over the past few years for Donegal in the National League and Ulster Championship.

**Barry Monaghan:** (23), 6' 0", 13 stone, Full-forward, Tyre Retailer, Under 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 21B C'ship Medals, Ulster Minor Championship, 2 All-Ireland Vocational Schools, Donegal Intermediate Championship and Division 2 Medals in 1996. Regular member of County Senior Panel now. Brother of Don.

**Joel Carr:** (23) 5' 9", 12 stone, Corner-forward, Plant Operator, Under 12, 13, 14, 18, 21B, Intermediate Championship 1996, Division 2 League Medal 1996. Has played county minor and Under 21 in the past. Brother of Shane.

**Martin Cassidy:** (17) 6' 0", 11 stone, Goalkeeper, Student, Under 14 & Under 16 C'ship Medals, Senior Reserve 2000, Under 21 C'ship 2001. Regular keeper for senior reserve side. Played in the Under 21 final and had a tremendous match.

**Sean Durcan:** (24) 6' 1", 13 stone, Full Forward, Quantity Surveyor, All-Ireland Div. 2 Colleges Medal, Trench Cup, Under 21B C'ship '95, Inter. Res. C'ship '95, Intermediate C'ship & Division 2 Medals in 1996, Senior Reserve 2000.

**Peadar Espey:** (21), 5' 8", 11 stone, Corner forward, Student, Under 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, C'ship Medals. Played for County Under 21's this

#### FOUR MASTERS SENIORS

year. Has missed most of the season after dislocating his shoulder but returning to fitness just at the right time. Under 21 C'ship 2001 and scored three points in the final.

**Vinny Murray:** (22) 5' 8", 11 stone, Half-forward, Sales Representative, Under 12, 13, 14, 18 C'ship Medals. Ulster Vocational Schools with Abbey Vocational School.

**Marcus Monaghan:** (19) 6' 0", 12 stone, Centre half-back, Student, Under 12, 13, 14, 16 C'ship Medals. Played a key role in the Under 21 final. Brother of Don and Barry.

**Martin Gildea:** (21) 5'6", 11 stone, Corner forward, Student, Under 12, 13, 14, 16 C'ship Medals. Under 21 C'ship 2001 and scored five points in the final.

**Niall Cassidy:** (24) 6' 2", 12 stone, Midfield, Teacher, Under 12, 14, 18 C'ship Medals, Intermediate Reserve '96, Senior Reserve 2000. Brother of Ciaran and cousin of Damien.

**Kevin Molloy:** (18) 5' 8", 11 stone, Corner Back, Student, Under 12, 13, 14, 16 C'ship Medals. Ted Webb C'ship in 1999, Senior Reserve 2000 & Under 21 C'ship 2001.

#### SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP - PATH TO THE FINAL Four Master's 0.09 Na Rossa 2.09 Four Master's 2.07 Na Rossa 1.07 Four Master's 0.16 Na Rossa 1.09 Four Master's 2.08 **Gweedore 0.13** Four Master's 1.07 Killybeas 0.08

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Pól Ó Durcáin (Paul Durcan)

Damien Ó Caiside (Damien Cassidy)

Dónal Ó Muineacháin

Pádraig Mac Fhloinn

(Don Monaghan)

(Pauric McGlynn)

Conchúr Ó Cuinn (Conor Quinn)

Séan Mac Giolla Cheara (Shane Carr)

Gearóid de Britún

(Gareth Britton)

Daithí Mac Laithimh (David Hand)

Ciarán Ó Caiside

(Ciaran Cassidy)

10 Prionsias Ó Caiside (Francis Cassidy)

11 Derek Mac Fhionntaigh

Barra Ó Duinnín

(Derek McGinty)

(Barry Dunnion)

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13 Ruairí Ó Domhnaill (Rory O'Donnell)

Barra Ó Muineacháin Joel Mac Giolla Cheara (Barry Monaghan)

(loel Carr)

Fir Ionad:16. Pádraig Mac Giolla Easpaig (Patrick Gillespie); 17. Peadar Ó Donncha (Peter Donaghy); 18. Aaron Ó Sléibhín (Aaron Slevin); 19. Caoimhín Ó Ceallacháin (Kevin Callaghan); 20. Pól Ó Tiarnaigh (Paul Tierney); 21. Dónal Ó Duinnín (Donal Dunnion); 22. Pádraig Ó Cuinn (Pauric Ouinn); 23. Ciarán Ó Cianaigh (Kieran Keeney); 24. Máirtín Ó Treabhair (Martin Travers); 25. Éanna Ó Cnáimhsí (Enda Bonner); 26. Daithí Ó Muirí (David Murray); 27. Cathal Mac an Ultaigh (Charles Mc Nulty): 28. Brian Mac Crábhagáin (Brian Crawford)

Four Masters	Cuil	Cúilliní	Seachtai	45m	Saor Ciceanna
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### ST. EUNAN'S **SENIOR TEAM**

A. De Blaca (Tony Blake)

S. O Scanlain (Jonathon Scanlon)

M. Mac Gaothain (Maurice McGeehin)

B. Mac Diarmada (Brian McDermott)

D. Mac Laifeartaigh (Damien McClafferty)

M. O Crosain (Mark Crossan) A. Mac Laifeartaigh (Adrian McClafferty)

8 C. Raifeartaigh (Kevin Rafferty)

9 P. O Craimhsi (Paul Crampsie)

10 D. O Dalaigh (Damien Daly)

11 S. O Domhnaill (Shane O'Donnell)

12 R. Caomhnach (Rory Kavanagh)

13 B. Mac Giolla Chaoin (Brendan Kilcoyne)

14 B. O Deabhannaigh (Brendan Devenney)

15 K. MacGaoithin (Kevin Winston)

Fir Ionad: 16. B. Mac Breartaigh (Brian McBrearty); 17. B. Roache (Brendan Roche); 18. T. O. Gallachoir (Terrance Gallagher); 19. B. O Tionnaigh (Barry Tinney); 20. S. O Suilleabhain (Shane Sullivan); 21. C. O Doinn (Conal Dunne); 22. B. MacGaothin (Brian McGeehin); 23. D. Mac Fionngaille (David McGinley); 24. P. MacGaoithin (Peter McGeehin); 25. S. O Harruin (John Harran).

St. Eunan's	Cuil	Cúilliní	Seachtai	45m	Saor Ciceanna
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2 adh Leath					
Iomlán			3		

#### ST. EUNAN'S SENIORS

**Tony Blake:** 29. Civil Engineering Technician. 6'2". 14.5st. Senior C'ship 99, 2 London and British Championships, 1U21, 1 League, Railway Cup

**Jonathon Scanlon:** 25. Hospital Administrator. 6'. 13st. Senior C'ship 99, 2 Minor 1 U21 C'ships, League 98 & 99

**Maurice McGeehin (Mossy):** 27. Industrial Engineer. 6'2". 14st. 2 Senior C'ship (1 Limerick), League 98 & 99

**Brian McDermott (Barney):** 25. Woodwork Teacher. 5'9". 12st Senior, 2 Minor, 1 U21, 1 U16, 2 U14 C'ships, League 98 & 99

**Damien McClafferty:** 19. Student. 5'8". 11st. McLarnon Cup, County Minor Player

**Mark Crossan:** 30. Bank Official. 5'11". 12.5st. All-Ireland '92, 1 U21, 1 Ulster C'ship, Senior C'ship 99, Railway Cup, League 98 & 99

**Adrian McClafferty:** 24. Claims Examiner. 5'11". 13st. Ulster Minor C'ship, Co. U 16, 2 Minor, U 21, Senior, 2 Leagues

**Paul Crampsie:** 28. Postman. 6'3". 15st. U 12, U21 Junior & Senior C'ships, League 99

**Shane O' Donnell:** 23. Student. 6'. 13st. Ulster Minor C'ship, Co. U 12, 14, 16, 18 & 21 C'ships

Rory Kavanagh: 19. Student, 6' 1". 11st. McLarnon Cup, County Minor Player

**Kevin Rafferty:** 20. Trainee Manager. 6'3". 12st. County U12 & 13, Division 1 Reserve League, County U 16 and Minor Player

**Damien Daly:** 25. Student. 5'9". 11 st. 1 U14, 2 U18, 1 U21, C'ships, League

**Kevin Winston:** 24. ESB Technician. 6'. 13.5st. County Minor '94- '96, U14, U16, 3 U18, U21 & Senior C'ships, League 98 & 99

**Brendan Devenney:** 25. Sales Rep., 5'11". 13.5st. 1 U 18, Junior & Senior C'ships, Div. 4 & Div 1 Leagues (2), Railway Cup

#### ST. EUNAN'S SENIORS

**Brendan Kilcoyne:** 30. Bank Official. 6'1". 13st. 4 County C'ships(2 Sligo) 6 League C'ship's (4 Sligo).

**Terrance Gallagher:** 32. FAS Supervisor. 5'9". 11st. 3 London & British C'ships, 2 McLarnon Cup, Donegal League & C'ship

Brendan Roche: 21. Student. 5'11". 12st. County U 21 Player.

**Barry Tinney:** 29. Store Manager. 5'9". 12.5st. County Minor & U21 Capt., U14, 2 U18, U21 C'ship, League 98 & 99.

**Shane Sullivan:** 24. Student. 6'3". 14st. 1 U21, 2 Minor, Sen. Reserve & Senior C'ships, Trench Cup, League 99

**Conal Dunne:** 18. Student. 5'9". 11st Ted Webb Winner, County Minor Panel

**Peter McGeehin:** 32. R and D Engineer. 5'11", 12st, Senior C'ship 99, League 98 & 99

**David McGinley:** 23. Qualified P.E. Teacher. 6'2". 13st. All-Ireland Minor League, Ulster Minor C'ship, County U 14, 16, & 2 U18

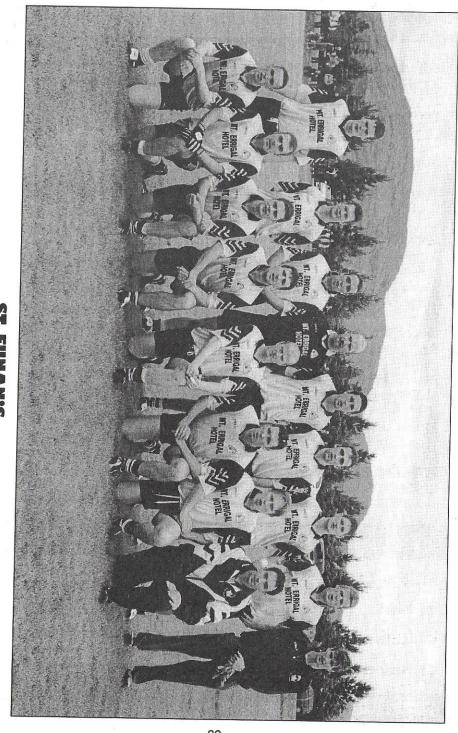
**Brian McGeehin:** 37. Engineer. 5'10". 12st. 2 County C'ship, 2 Leagues

**Brian McBrearty:** 26. Sports Shop Manager. 5'9". 13st. County U 12, 14, 16 & 18 C'ships

SENIOR CHAI	MPIONSHIP	- PATH TO	THE FINAL

St. Eunan's	1-12	Ardara	2-04
Ardara	2-07	St. Eunan's	3-08
St. Eunan's	1-12	Dungloe	80-0
St. Eunan's	1-09	N. Chonaill	2-05

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### ST. EUNAN'S NINE TITLES FROM 19 FINALS

#### by Tom Comack (Donegal Peoples Press/Donegal Democrat)

While this afternoon St. Eunan's are bidding to make it senior championship title number nine, Mark Crossan and his men are also hoping to improve the clubs strike rate on county final day.

In the fifty-seven years since St. Eunan's paraded their talents on county final day it has taken nineteen final appearances to amass their championship tally. The clubs predecessors Letterkenny Rover's played in back to back finals in the mid 1920's, losing the 1925 to Ardara before bringing the first championship to the Cathedral town with victory the following year against a team from the Curragh, Killygordon. However, it was almost twenty years later before St. Eunan's made their first final day appearance.

Following defeats in 1944,'46 and '47 all to Gweedore they finally turned tables on the men in the green and white in 1949 to win the club's first senior title.

It took another three big day defeats going down to Balyshannon (1951), Killybeg's (1952), and the old enemy again Gweedore (1955) before the Dr.Maguire Cup was once more decked out in black and amber following an impressive 1956 final day victory over Ballyshannon.

Another four years passed before followers of the game in Letterkenny were once more celebrating championship success with their 1960 triumph over Gweedore, having in between lost the '58 decider to double winning Dungloe. Three titles in the space of six years with double success over a star studded St. Josephs (Ballyshannon/ Burdoran amalgamation) outfit in 1967 and 1969 was followed by victory in 1972 over Clan Na Gael to bring the championship count

to six.

It was heartbreak again for supporters of the O' Donnell Park club two years later in '74 with St. Josephs their conquerors.

A full nine-years passed before St. Eunan's were back in winning mode when they overcame Ardara in the final of 1983.

With Kilcar, Aodh Ruadh, Killybegs more or less dominating the scene for well over a decade it was not until 1997 when St. Eunan's emerged from the shadows to win their next championship with victory over arch rival Aodh Ruadh only to lose it in the board room.

However, the champagne corks were popping again in '99 with victory over Aodh Ruadh and a measure of revenge for the '97 boardroom battle and title number eight.

And of course there was last year's bid for the first two in row that came unstuck when Ardara refused to read the script and gate crashed the party. So this afternoon they are appearing in senior final number twenty.

#### PLAYER PROFILE ST. EUNAN'S

#### **Brendan Devenney**

Club: St. Eunan's

**Age:** 25

Height: 5' 11"

Weight: 13 stone

Favourite Position: Full Forward

Honours Won: 1 U 18, Junior & Senior C'ships, Div. 4 & Div 1

Leagues (2), Railway Cup

Married / Single: Neither Married or Single

**Honours Won:** Under 12, 13, 14, 18, 21B, Intermediate Championship 1996, Division 2 League Medal 1996

Toughest Opponent: Cathal Daly (Offaly)

Favourite Ground: Croke Park

Favourite Player: Tony Boyle

Biggest Influence on your Career: Big Popa

Biggest Disappointment: Losing Ulster Final in 1998

Gaelic Football Heroes: Martin McHugh and Tony Boyle

Ways of Improving the Game: Allow Forwards to tackle

Hopes for future: As much success as possible

Favourite Actor / Actress: Al Pacino / Vera Duckworth

Young Player for the Future: Mark McCloskey

County (Senior) Debut (When & vs Who?): vs Longford in N.F.L. 1997

Person you would most like top meet: L'il Kim (Hip Hop Queen)

Wishing the Four Masters The Best of Luck in Sunday's Final



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Wishing Four Masters All the Best on this Memborable Day

#### by Charlie Collins (Highland Radio)

It will come as no great surprise to those of you who take the time to read these championship final articles that I will be hoping and expecting a victory for my home town club today here in Ballybofey.

Depending on where in the county you are from St. Eunan's have won either one or two of the last four senior championship titles I am one of those who believe it's two but of course I would say that last year however they were well and truly beaten by a fine Ardara side which made St. Eunan's look a very ordinary team on the day. For long periods in this year's semi-final against Noamh Chonaill again St. Eunans struggled to accommodate the type of performance needed to carry the tog of favourites and to win against a side they would normally be expected to beat, three times out of four.

And therein perhaps lies the weakness in this fine St. Eunan's Squad. In conversations with both Charlie Mulgrew and Pauric McDaid in recent months they both expressed the concern of both the notion of only having to turn up to win and of the struggle to put things right on the pitch if and when they go wrong as matters they needed to have addressed. When things are going well, all is fine, however as happened last week when things went badly, St. Eunan's lacked the leadership required on the pitch to put things right.

Four Masters can be well pleased with the progress the club has been making in recent years both on and off the pitch. At underage level they have been doing it right for sometime now and the fruits of their labours are already showing.

But success at senior team level is what every club desires and Four Masters are no different. It has been a tough passage to this county final for Michael Kelly's young side but despite their obvious lack of senior experience they have done enough to win the close games always a good sign in any team. I saw them trouble St. Eunan's for a long time in a League meeting earlier this summer and again when they beat Killybegs in the semi-final. The purple patch which saw them score 1-2 in four minutes early on in that game proved the vital period, but they lost their way in the second half that evening and could have not taken so long to find any sort of form. My old friend Paul Duncan gave much to the club in his playing days and of course as much now as a leading club official. I watched him at times during that semi-final victory, the anguish and joy during and after the game easy to see in his face and those of others as their club reached its first senior final for a long time. Four Masters have a fine young team a team for the future there is no doubt. For this St. Eunans squad today may answer the question that has been asked many times since last year's final, did they just have a bad day or are they likely to struggle again against a team who fear losing less than they do.

I have a feeling that today we may see again just how good this St. Eunan's team and squad can be when they want to be, but of course I would say that.

### **FOCUS ON TODAY'S CAPTAINS**





St. Eunan's Captain: Mark Crossan

Four Masters Captain: Don Monaghan

Whatever happens today, lifting a Championship trophy as captain will be a relatively new experience for both Mark Crossan and Don Monaghan.

Although he seems to have been around for a long time the 30 years old St. Eunan's captain, who works in the ACC bank in Letterkenny, has never captained a team to Championship success. Despite this, Mark has had an outstanding career for both his Club and County, not to mention the success achieved at provincial level when he helped win the Railway Cup in 2000.

Mark was a member of Brian McEniff's all conquering All-Ireland winning panel in 1992 and made his Championship debut the following year. With his club St. Eunan's, he has tasted Championship success in 1997 and 1999 (although the title was later awarded to Aodh Ruadh in 1997) and has also won two All-County League Division 1 titles. The high point came last October when he ran out in Croke Park wearing the Ireland jersey for the Compromise Rules series against Australia.

Don Monaghan, whose father played in the last County final between Donegal Town and St. Eunan's in 1972, was captain of the Four Masters team which won the Under 12 county title in1989, but he can scarcely remember lifting the trophy. The tyre retailer was a member of the County panel in 1999 and 2000, in the team led by Declan Bonner, and has also achieved much with his club in the past few years.

Part of the 1996 Division 2 League champions and Intermediate Championship winning team, Don also won Ulster and All-Ireland Vocational Schools titles in 1995, as well as the Hastings Cup Under 21 competition with Donegal.

Don, who is 24, says that his biggest disappointment was losing the 1996 A County Under 21 final after winning the B championship the previous year, and hopes that today's game will have a different outcome from that game and the 1972 final in which his father played as St. Eunan's won on a scoreline of 2-12 to 1-08 against Clanna Gael.

Whoever lifts the Dr. Maguire Cup today, will surely remember this day for many years to come and we wish both captains every success.

#### PLAYER PROFILE FOUR MASTERS

#### **Derek McGinty**

Club: Four Masters, Donegal Town

Age: 27

Height: 5' 11"

Weight: 14 stone

Occupation: Agri. Diesel Mechanic

Marital Status: Single

Honours Won: Under 21B Championship 1995, Intermediate

Championship and Division 2 – 1996.

Favourite Position: Centre Half Forward

Favourite Grounds: Mac Cumhaill Park and Anfield

Favourite Other Sports: Soccer and Hurling

Childhood Hero: Joyce Mc Mullin

Most Memorable Game: Under 21B Final .v. St. Naul's (Captain)

**Biggest Influence on Career:** Michael Cooney (R.I.P.)

and Gerry Molloy

Biggest Disappointment: Being taken off in semi-final against

Killybegs

Favourite Film Star: Eddie Murphy

Favourite Food / Drink: Steak and Chips, Bulmers

Your Hopes for the Future: To win at least one senior

championship medal

Young Player for the Future: Michael Doherty

**Ways to improve game:** Have two referees (one in each half of the field) Have video referee at bigger matches.

### **DONEGAL U-12**

### Skills Exhibition



Name: Liam Shiels

Club: Carndonagh GAA Club School: St. Patricks Boys N.S.

Favourite Player: Jim McGuinness
Favourite Ground: McCumhaill Park
Favourite Position: Left half journey

Hopes for the Future: To play for Donegal senior

team.



Name: Aaron Bradley

Club: Letterkenny Gaels.

School: St. Patricks Boys N.S. Drumkeen.

Favourite Position: Midfield.
Favourite Park: McCumhaill Park
Favourite Player: Jim McGuinness

Hopes for the Future: To play for Donegal and to

lead the team to another All Ireland title.



Name: Michael Murphy

Club: Glenswilly.

School: Glenswilly National School.

Favourite Position: Midfield.

Favourite Park: Pairc Naomh Columba

Favourite Player: Ollie Murphy

Hopes for the Future: Stay healthy and win an

All Ireland for Donegal.



Name: Steven O Reilly

Club: McCools.

School: St. Marys National School, Stranorlar.

Favourite Player: Trevor Giles.
Favourite Ground: McCool Park.
Favourite Position: Midfield.

Hopes for the Future: To play with Donegal

County Team at any level, some day.



Name: Shaun Kelly

Club: Na Cealla Beaga.

**School:** Niall Mór N.S. - Killybegs. **Favourite Player:** Trevor Giles.

Favourite Position: Midfield.

Favourite Ground: Fintra Park, Killybegs.

Hopes for the Future: To play for Donegal and

win a County medal with Killybegs.



Name: Barry Rose

Club: St. Nauls

School: Vocational School, Donegal Town.

Favourite Player: Conhran Gallagher.

Favourite Position: Midfield.

Favourite Ground: McCumhaill Park.

Hopes for the Future: To win a County medal for

St. Nauls and to play for Donegal.



Name: James Carroll

Club: Gaothdobhair.

School: Pobalscoil Gaothdobhair.

Favourite Player: Martin Coll.

Favourite Position: Full-Forward.

Favourite Ground: Machaire Gáthlan.

Hopes for the Future: To do well at school and

to play for Donegal.

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#### PLAYER PROFILE FOUR MASTERS

#### **Niall Cassidy**

Club: Four Masters, Donegal Town

Age: 23

Height: 6' 2"

Weight: 12 stone

Occupation: Teacher

Marital Status: Single

**Honours Won:** Under 12, 13, 14, 16, 18 Championship Medals, Senior Reserve Championship & Senior Reserve League Division 1 - 2000

Favourite Position: Midfield

Favourite Grounds: Tir Chonaill Park

Favourite Other Sports: Jogging, swimming and a bit of golf

Childhood Hero: Joyce Mc Mullin, Anthony Tohill

**Most Memorable Game:** 1996 County Minor Final and 1992 All-Ireland Final

Biggest Influence on Career: My father and rest of the family

**Biggest Disappointment:** Not winning an Under 21 Championship

Favourite Film Star: I don't watch any films

Favourite Food / Drink: Hard to beat a fry in "Linda's Krusty Kitchen"

Your Hopes for the Future: To play senior football and win a county title

Young Player for the Future: Michael Doherty, Martin Cassidy

Ways to improve game: Pick the ball clean off the ground and more consistent referees



#### FOUR MASTERS RESERVES

**Martin Cassidy:** (17) 6' 0", 11 stone, Goalkeeper, Student, Under 14 & Under 16 C'ship Medals, Senior Reserve Championship and Senior Reserve League Division 1 – 2000, Under 21 Championship 2001.

**Martin Gillespie:** (32) 5' 7", 12 stone, Corner Back, Donegal Plumbing Employee, Reserve player of the year 1992. Intermediate Championship and Division 2 Medals in '96. Senior Reserve Championship and Senior Reserve League Division 1 – 2000

**Donal McMullin:** (33) 5' 10", 12 stone, Full Back, Magee & Co. Employee, Donegal Senior Vocational Schools Championship 1985, Division 2 – 1989, Intermediate Championship & Division 2 League 1996, Senior Reserve Championship and Senior Reserve League Division 1 – 2000. Captain last year.

**Karl Lacey:** (17) 5' 9", 9 stone, Corner Back, Student, Under 12, 13, 14, 16 C'ship Medals. Ted Webb C'ship in 1999. Senior Reserve Championship and Senior Reserve League Division 1 – 2000, Under 21 Championship 2001.

**Lee Gorman:** (24) 5' 8", 12 stone, Half-Back, Soldier, Under 12, 15, 21B Championship Medals, Intermediate Reserve Championship '96.

**Joyce McMullin:** (37) 5' 10", 12 stone, Centre half back, Manager First Active, All-Ireland U.21 Medal '82, Ulster Senior C'ship '83, '90, '92, All-Ireland Senior C'ship '92, Senior C'ship '82, 84, Under 21 C'ship '79, Intermediate C'ship '96, Div. 2 '81, '89, '96, Railway Cup '90, All Star '90. Senior Reserve Championship and Senior Reserve League Division 1 – 2000. Captain of the team this year.

**Shane McCauley:** (26) 6' 0", 12 stone, Half-Back, Civil Engineer, Under 12, 15, 21B Championship Medals, Intermediate Reserve Championship 1995 and 1996.

**Brendan Byrne:** (18) 6' 0", 12 stone, Midfield, Student, Under 12, 13, 14, 16 Championship Medals.

Niall Cassidy: (23) 6' 2", 12 stone, Midfield, Teacher, Under 12, 14, 18 C'ship Medals, Intermediate Reserve 1996. Senior Reserve

**James McMullin:** (17) 6' 3", 13 stone, Midfield/Half Forward, Student, Under 12, 13, 14, 16 C'ship Medals. Senior Reserve Championship and Senior Reserve League Division 1 – 2000, Under 21 Championship 2001.

#### FOUR MASTERS RESERVES

**Gary McGinty:** (23) 5' 10", 12 stone, Half Forward, Company Representative, U.12, U.13, U.14, U.15, 18, U.21B, Intermediate Reserve Championship 1996 Medals. Senior Reserve Championship and Senior Reserve League Division 1 – 2000.

**Michael Doherty:** (17) 5' 10", 11 stone, Half Forward, Student, Under 12, 13, 14, 16 C'ship Medals. Senior Reserve Championship and Senior Reserve League Division 1 – 2000, Under 21 Championship 2001.

**Brendan Cassidy:** (25) 5' 10", 11 stone, Half/Corner Forward, Civil Engineer, U.15, U21B C'ship Medals, Inter. Reserve C'ship '95. Intermediate Championship and Division 2 Medals in 1996. Senior Reserve Championship and Senior Reserve League Division 1 – 2000.

**Damien Dunnion:** (29) 5' 10", 13 stone, Full Forward, Sales Representative, Intermediate C'ship and Division 2 Medals in 1996. Senior Player of the Year in 1996. Senior Reserve Championship and Senior Reserve League Division 1 – 2000.

**Rory McGowan:** (19) 5' 10", 11 stone, Half/Corner Forward, Student, Under 12, 13, 14, 16 C'ship Medals. Senior Reserve Championship and Senior Reserve League Division 1 – 2000, Under 21 Championship 2001.

**Patrick Gillespie:** (20) 5' 8", 11 stone, Half Back, Student, Under 21 Championship 2001. Minor and Intermediate Hurling Championship Medals.

**Peter Donaghy:** (35) 5' 11", 13 stone, Half Back, Civil Engineer Donegal County Council, Junior C'ship medal with Fermanagh in New York. Senior Reserve Championship and Senior Reserve League Division 1 – 2000.

**Aaron Slevin:** (21) 6' 0", 12 stone, Half Forward, Student, British University Championship. Senior Reserve Championship and Senior Reserve League Division 1 – 2000.

**David Murray:** (24) 5' 10", 11 stone, Goalkeeper, Sales Assistant, U.12, U.21B, Intermediate Reserve C'ship '95 '96 Medals. Senior Reserve Championship and Senior Reserve League Division 1 – 2000.

**Kieran Keeney:** (49) 5' 11", 12 stone, Forward, Telecom Technician, Ulster Senior C'ship 1974 & 1983. Donegal Senior C'ship with Ardara in 1981. Donegal Minor C'ship medals with Ardara in 1969 and 1970.

#### FOUR MASTERS RESERVES

Senior Reserve Championship and Senior Reserve League Division 1 – 2000.

**Pauric Quinn:** (22) 6' 1", 10 stone, Forward, Student, Under 12, 13, 14, 18 C'ship Medals. Intermediate Championship & Division 2 Medals in 1996. Senior Reserve Championship and Senior Reserve League Division 1 – 2000.

**Kevin Callaghan:** (19) 6' 1", 13 stone, Half Back, Student, Under 12, 13, 14, 16 C'ship Medals. Senior Reserve Championship and Senior Reserve League Division 1 – 2000, Under 21 Championship 2001.

**Paul Tierney:** (25) 6' 0", 14 stone, Full Forward, Garda, Junior and Intermediate Championship Medals in both hurling and football with Trinity Gaels in Dublin.

**Martin Travers:** (20) 5' 9", 11 stone, Corner Forward, Student, Under 18 Championship Medals 1996, Under 21 Championship 2001.

**Donal Dunnion:** (17) 5' 9", 11 stone, Corner Forward, Student, Under 12, 13, 14, 16 Championship Medals.

**Enda Bonner:** (18) 5' 10", 10 stone, Half Back, Student, Under 12, 13, 14, 16 Championship Medals.

**Charles Mc Nulty:** (23) 6' 2", 14 stone, Half Forward, Trainee Garda, Under 12, 13, 14, 18, 21B, Intermediate Championship 1996, Division 2 League Medal 1996.

### SENIOR RESERVE CHAMPIONSHIP PATH TO THE FINAL

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# FOUR MASTERS RESERVE TEAM

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Karl de Lása (Karl Lacey)

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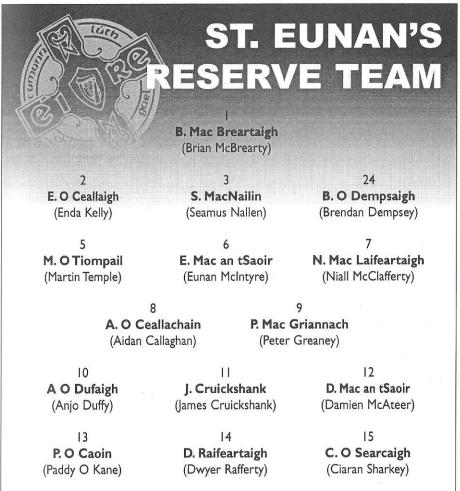
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Four Masters	Cuil	Cúilliní	Seachtai	45m	Saor Ciceanna
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2 adh Leath					
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Fir Ionad: 16. C. O Dochartaigh (Ciaran Doherty); 17. P. MacFhionnaigle (Paul McGinley); 18. C. O Maolchraoibhe (Charlie Mulgrew); 19. B. O Ceallaigh (Brian Kelly); 20. S O hUiginn (Joe Higgins); 21. R. Mac Laifeartaigh (Ronan MacClafferty); 22. P. O Crosain (Paul Crossan); 23. Donal MacGiolla Bhride (Donal McBride); 25. R. O Leannain (Ronan Lennon).

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#### PLAYER PROFILE ST. EUNAN'S

#### **Peter Greaney**

Club: St. Eunan's

**Age:** 37

Height: 6' 2"

Weight: 15 stone

Favourite Position: Midfield

Honours Won: Connacht Minor & Senior C'ship, All-Ireland Junior

C'ship, Sigerson Cup and County Senior C'ship.

Married / Single: Married

**Occupation:** Computer Business

Toughest Opponent: Willie Joe Padden

Favourite Ground: O'Donnell Park

Favourite Player: Tony Boyle

Most Memorable Game: All-Ireland Junior Final 1985

Favourite Player: Willie Joe Padden

Ways of Improving the Game: Bring more people like Pauric

McDaid to training.

Hopes for future: To see St. Eunan's win today's County

Final and many more.

Favourite Film: Life of Brian

Favourite Band: U2

Favourite Food / Drink: Lots



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#### ST. EUNAN'S RESERVES

**Brian McBrearty:** 26, Sports Shop Manager, 5'9", 13st., County U 12, 14, 16, & 18 C'ships.

**Seamus Nallen:** 25, Bakery Worker, 5'10", 12.5st, County U 12, 14, 2 Minor C'ships, Under 21 Championship, 1 Reserve C'ship & League

Kieran Sharkey: 17, Student, 5'10", 10st, McLarnon Cup 2000.

**Enda Kelly:** 23, Bank Official, 5' 11", 11st, County U16, 2 Minor C'ships, U 21, & Junior B.

**Niall McClafferty:** 18, Chef, 5' 8", 10.5st, County U 16, Tedd Webb, McLarnon Cup.

Paddy O'Kane: 20, Carpenter, 6'2", 13st. Honours?? 'Not Enough!!'

Anjo Duffy: 30, Civil Servant, 6', 12.5st, Country Under 12, 14, 16, and 21 C'ships.

James Cruickshank: 24, ESB Employee, 5'8", 12st.

**Brendan Dempsey:** 23, Medical Insurance, 5'11", 12st, County U 16, Minor, & Under 21 C'ships.

**Charlie Mulgrew:** 40, Sales Rep & Sports Shop Owner, 6', 15st, All-Ireland Senior & U21, 3 Ulster C'ships, 3 County C'ships, 3 All County Leagues.

Kieran Doherty: 20, Army Cadet, 6', 12st, Under 12 & 13, Division 1 Reserve League.

**Brian Kelly:** 29, Furniture Sales, 11.5st, 5'10", County U 12, 16, Junior B and Senior Reserve C'ships.

Aidan Callaghan: 18, Student/Lifeguard, 5'10", 11.5st, McLarnon Cup 2000.

Paul Crossan: 17, Student, 6', 11st, McLarnon Cup 2000.

**Joseph Higgins:** 32, Teacher, 5'7", 11st, County U 14 1983, Under 15 Lochn'luir 85, Under 21 '90, Senior Reserve '96.

**Ronan Lennon:** 17, Student, 5'10", 10.5st, County U10, 14, 16, McLarnon Cup 2000.

Damien McAteer: 20, Student, 5'9", 11.5st, County U 14, 16 C'ships.

Paul McGinley: 21, Student, 6', 12st, Honours?? 'Not Enough!!'

Martin Temple: 26, Civil Engineer, 5' 11", 12st, County Under 14, 16 and Minor C'ships.

#### **Brian McBrearty**

Club: St. Eunan's

Age: 26

Height: 5' 9"

Weight: 13 stone

Favourite Position: Goalkeeper

Honours Won: Under 14, 16, Minor and Reserve C'ships

Married / Single: Single

Occupation: Sports Shop Manager

Toughest Opponent: Stephen O'Neill (Tyrone)

Favourite Ground: O'Donnell Park

Favourite Player: Sean Og De Paor

Biggest influence on your career: Brendan Roche

Biggest disappointment: Losing 1996 County U21

Semi-Final Replay to Four Masters

Gaelic football heroes: Noel McCole

Favourite other sports: Soccer

Ways of improving the game: Lift ball off the ground

Hopes for the future: To see as much success for St. Eunan's

as possible at all levels

Favourite Film: Goodfellas

Favourite Actor / Actress: Robert De Niro

Young player for the future: Gareth "Gazza" Boyle

Person you would most like to meet: Eric Cantona

### ST. EUNAN'S MEET DEFENDING CHAMPIONS IN DRESS REHEARSAL

#### by C J McGinley (Derry People-Donegal News)

TWO of the most consistent squads in Donegal over recent years clash in the Senior Reserve final today.

Defending league and championship title holders Four Masters will put their title on the line against a St Eunan's side who are chasing the trophy for the first time since 1996.

The Cathedral Town team lost to Four Masters in last year's league final in Castlefin and will be out to exact revenge for that defeat on Sunday.

Under the guidance of Noel Cassidy and 'Patch' Crossan St Eunan's defeated Ardara (after a play-off), Kilcar (after two games) and Glenties in the semi-final to reach the decider.

Four Masters qualified for the final with a convincing 3-12 to 1-4 win over Aodh Ruadh (Ballyshannon) in a semi-final replay. They also defeated Gweedore and Na Rossa to qualify for this year's final.

St Eunan's joint team manager Noel Cassidy said his side were expecting a tough battle.

"Four Masters are the defending champions and they beat us in the league final last year. It's going to take a huge effort from us to win the game but the boys are hitting form at the right time after a slow start and I think we are good enough to take Four Masters," he said.

The St Eunan's management will look to the likes of Peter Greaney, Eunan McIntyre, Seamie Nallen and Dwyer Rafferty to lead their challenge.

They are also awaiting a decision from senior team manager Charlie Mulgrew if he can play in the final.

"It's up to Charlie. He is involved in the senior game afterwards. He has been one of our most influential players. He was very good against Kilcar and turned the semi-final against Glenties when he came on as a substitute," Cassidy said.

Four Masters are under the guidance of John Joe O'Shea who steered Killybegs to senior success back in 1988.

They will be looking for big performances from their captain and former Donegal star Joyce McMullin (centre half back), Niall Cassidy (midfield), Damien Dunnion (full forward), Donal McMullin (full back) and Brendan Cassidy (corner forward) if they are to retain the title.

"We struggled in the earlier rounds of the competition but the 3-12 to 1-4 win over Ballyshannon was as good a performance from a reserve side as I have seen in two years. That will give the boys a lot of confidence going into Sunday's final," Four Masters PRO Sean Dunnion said.

"We have had a few battles with St Eunan's over the last few years. They will feel they owe us one after the league final last year. We are expecting a very tough game. It should be a good match between two of the most consistent reserve teams in the county over recent years," Dunnion added.

#### PLAYER PROFILE FOUR MASTERS

#### **Donal McMullin**

Club: Four Masters, Donegal Town

**Age:** 33

Height: 5' 10"

Weight: 12 stone

Occupation: Magee & Co. Employee

Marital Status: Single

**Honours Won:** Donegal Senior Vocational Schools Championship 1985, Intermediate Championship & Division 2 League 1996, Senior Reserve Championship and Senior Reserve League Division 1 - 2000.

Favourite Position: Full Back

Favourite Grounds: Irvinestown & Tir Chonaill Park

**Favourite Other Sports: Soccer** 

Childhood Hero: Mike Sheehy of Kerry and Paul Mc Stay of Celtic

Most Memorable Game: 1992 All-Ireland Final

Biggest Influence on Career: Gerry Molloy, Joyce Mc Mullin, Corny Carr & Dermot Mc Gettigan

Biggest Disappointment: Not playing in a County Senior Final

Favourite Film Star: Clint Eastwood, Spencer Tracy

Favourite Food / Drink: Lasagne, Budweiser

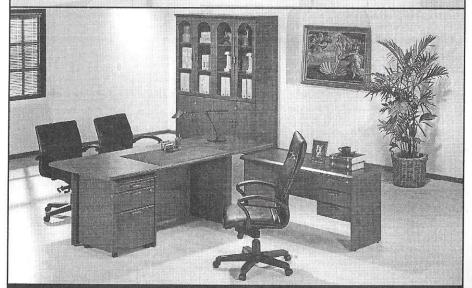
**Your Hopes for the Future:** Four Masters to win Senior Championship and some of our young players to represent Donegal

Young Player for the Future: Karl Lacey, Michael Doherty, Barry Dunnion

Ways to improve game: Too much emphasis on physical fitness and not enough on the skills of the game

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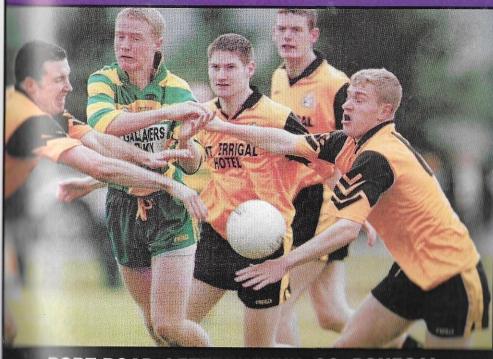
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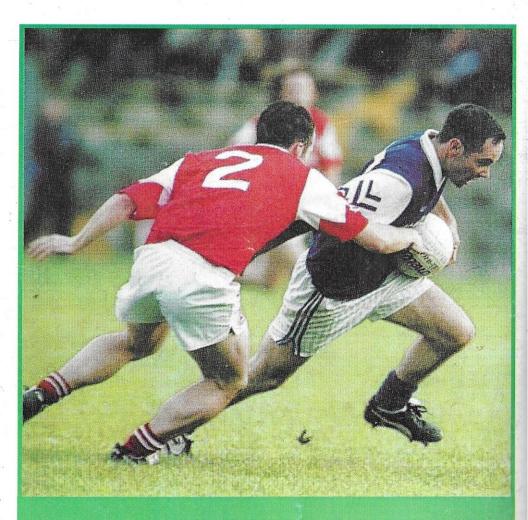
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