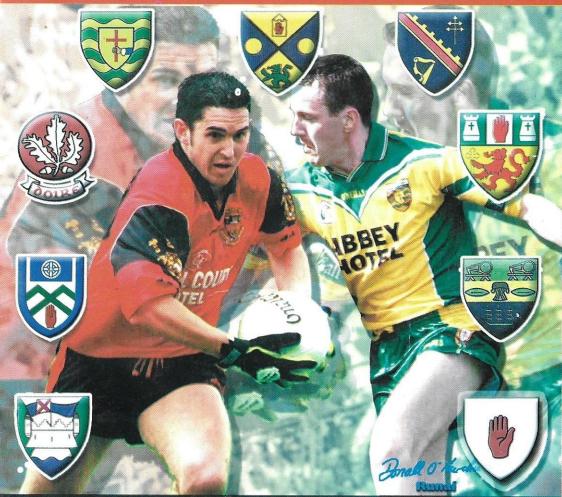


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i bPairc Mac Cumhaill, Bealach Féich 26ú Bealtaine 2002

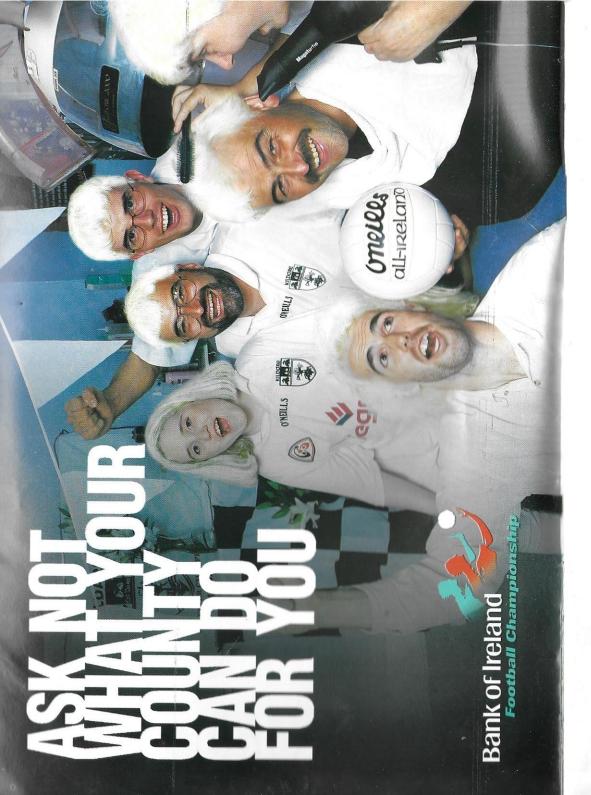


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Bank of Ireland



Football Championship





CLUICHE CEANNAS PEIL ULADH 2002

MINOR

2.40i.n. An Cabhán v An Dún

Eugene McConnell Tír Eoghain) Réiteoir: Linesmen: B Toland (Doire) Stand By Referee

M Higgins (Fear Manach)

Jim Murray (Aontroim) Stand By Linesman

SENIOR

4.20i.n. Dún na nGall v An Dún

Réiteoir: Gerry Kinneavy (Ros Comáin) Linesmen: B Duff (Cill Dara) Stand By Referee

D Goldrick (An Mhí)

P Mullan (Aontroim) Stand By Linesman

i bPairc Mac Cumhaill, Ballybofey 26ú Bealtaine, 2002

Amhrán na bhFiann

Sinne Fianna Fáil, Atá faoi gheall ag Éirinn. Bujon dár slua Thar toinn do ráinig chugainn Faoi mhóid bheith saor, Sean-tir ár sinsear feasta Ní fhágfar faoin tíorán ná tráill. Anocht a théam sa bhearna baoil Le gean ar Ghaeil chun báis nó saoil Le Gunna scréach faoi lámhach na bpiléar. Seo libh canaig amhrán na bhFiann

TIME: Two minutes before the end of normal playing time, in each half, the Referee shall indicate to the Standby Linesman the amount of additional time to be played. The Standby Linesman shall hold up a board to display the amount of time displayed will be added from the expiry of the 35 minutes of normal time.

More than the amount of added playing time displaed may be played if further delay occurs after the Standby Linesman hold up the board.

An Réiteoir

GERRY KINNEAVY (Ros Comáin)

erry is an intercounty referee since 1995. He won a Junior All-Ireland with Galway in 1985. He made his Senior Championship debut in 2001 Tipperary v Louth. He has been very busy in the National League this year refereeing Laois v Armagh and Laois v Wicklow. He was standby referee here in Clones at the National Football League final between Cavan and Tyrone. Gerry's hobbies are fishing and golf.

CLÁR AN LAE: 26ú BEALTAINE 2002

Minor Football Championship

- 14.25 An Cabhán amach ar an bPairc
- 14.28 An Dún amach ar an bPairc 14.40 Start of Minor Championship game
- 15.10 Half Time
- 15.20 Start of Second Half of Minor Game
- 15.50 End of Minor Game

Cabhán v An Dún • Dún na nGall v An Dún

Bank of Ireland Senior Football Championship

16.02 An Dúna amach ar an bPairc 16.05 Dún na nGall amach ar an bPairc

16.12 Paráid 16.18 Amhrán na bhFiann

16.20 Tús an Chluiche: Dún na nGall V An Dún

17.10 Start of Second Half of Senior Game

17.45 End of Senior Game

MinorFocus Belfast Telegraph by John Campbell, by John Campbell, campbell, by John Campbell, campbell,



EUGENE McCONNELL (Tír Eoghain)

ugene is a 35 year old Civil Servant and is Secretary of his club Clogher Eire Og. He is also County Youth Officer and Chairperson of the Tyrone County Youth Committee and in his 6th year on the County GAC.

He is in his 8th year as a Referee and has been refereeing at Ulster Minor League for two seasons. This will be his first Minor Championship but he has experience doing the Provincial Vocational schools Final, the Colleges C Final this year, as well as County Championship Finals at U-16 and U-18 and a County Youth Final along with the Ulster Final for Agricultural Colleges.

Outside of the game he is Chairman of the Clogher Valley Pool League and swims as a hobby oss Carr has a couple of All-Ireland senior football championship medals to bear testimony to his skill and commitment on the park. But the Newry estate agent is still wet behind the ears in management terms.

However, at a period when 'pay for play' has become an emotive issue, Ross is among those many coaches, selectors, managers and development officers who are prepared to put something back into the game, working at the coal face with players without necessarily negotiating conditions of reimbrusement. And as Down Minor team manager today, the Clonduff man is keen to advance his plan of helping to nurture the next generation of Mourne county stars.

That won't be an easy task given that his Cavan counterpart Tony Brady has stolen a march on him by masterminding that useful win over Donegal a fortnight ago. Cavan had four points to spare at the finish but could have won by a much more handsome margin had they taken all their chances.

Indeed it was the manager's son Sean, a dynamic midfielder who is also adept at planting long range frees over the bar, who did much to keep Cavan going forward in that Breffni encounter when the Gowna club's formidable duo Mark McKeever and Patrick Brady, already championship winners at senior level within their own county, also made their mark.

McKeever's fistful of points on that occasion was more than enough to convince Ross Carr that he poses a special threat to Down. Not so long ago Down enjoyed a considerable intake from those famous footballing nurseries Abbey CBS and St Colman's College but both have been out of the MacRory Cup limelight of late with St Michael's Enniskillen and Omagh CBS tending to dominate in this sector.

It all adds up to considerable challenge for Ross and his side today yet not so very long ago Down reigned supreme on the All ireland stage. it only seems like yesterday that players such as Michael Walsh, Liam Doyle and Brendan Coulter were collecting their medals at Croke Park, yet today they will be key figures in the Down senior panel.

That particular side, managed by Gerry Dougherty, set high standards but Ross Carr and the side he has assembled are keen to follow worthy to follow in their footsteps.

GROUND REGULATIONS

- I. All persons entering Mac Cumhaill Park are admitted only subject to the following Ground Regulations and to the Rules and Regulations of the Gaelic Athletic Association. Entry to the ground shall be deemed to constitute unqualified acceptance of all these Rules and Regulations. Any person who fails to comply with these Ground Regulations may be refused entry or removed from the ground.
- 2. Fireworks, smoke canister, gas-horns, bottles, glasses, cans, flags, banners, poles, and other similar articles or containers, including anything, which may be used as a weapon, are not permitted within the stadium.
- 3. The consumption of alcohol is not permitted within the ground and spectators are not permitted to bring alcohol into the stadium.
- 4. The unauthorised climbing of any structure, walls or buildings or seating in the ground is strictly forbidden.
- 5. Unnecessary noise such as that from the use of radio sets, gas-horns and behaviour likely to cause confusion or nuisance of any kind, including foul or abusive language, is not permitted in any part of the ground.
- 6. Under no circumstances is it permitted to throw any object onto the pitch.
- 7. Unauthorised persons are not permitted to enter upon the field of play at any time before, during or after the games.
- 8. The Ground Management reserve the right to refuse admission or to eject any person who refuses to be searched were such a search is deemed necessary.
- 9. A person may not obstruct a gangway, stairwell or circulation area at any time.
- 10. All persons entering or in the ground are reminded of their obligation to ensure that their behaviour does not present a danger from fire or other occurrence to anyone using the premises.
- 11. The Ground Management reserve the right for it's servants or agents to remove from the ground any person who does not comply with the Ground Regulations or whose presence in the ground could reasonably be construed as constituting a source of danger, nuisance or annoyance to other spectators.

Buíochas

Comhairle Uladh wishes to thank both County Boards and all others

for their valuable assistance in the compilation of this Programme.

D. Ó MURCHÚ



An Cabhán

Dathanna: Gorm is Bán

P. O Geallagáin

Patrick Galligan

Fir Ionaid

16. Terry Reilly

Kingscourt

17. John McCabe

Munterconnaught

18.

Paul McEnroe

Drumgoon

19.

Dane Smith

Castlerahan

20.

David Sheridan

Mountnugent

21.

Kevin McConnell

Belturbet

22.

Gary Malone

Drumalee

23.

Peter Monaghan

Ramor

24.

Keith Soden

An Cabhán

ladh Leath

2adh Leath

IOMLÁN

Ballinagh

Cúilíní

Cúil

Ramor

	Killygarry	
2	3	Ą
P. Ó Cathail	R. MacSimain	D. MacAirihinnigh
Pauric Cahill Killygarry	Ronan Fitzimons Ramor	Damien McInearney Ballinagh
5	6	7
C. MacLaid	A. McFhionnbhairr	M. Ó Dhabhóc
Dermot McGlade	Anthony Gaynor	Michael Cooke
Arva	Ballinagh	Cavan Gales
8		9
S. Ó Brada	igh P.	Ó Bradaigh
Sean Brady (C	apt.)	Paddy Brady
Castleraha	n-	Gowan
10	11	12
N. Ó Madáin	S. MacGhillcumhaill	C. MacGillapadraig
Niall Madden	Shane Cole	Ciarán Fizpatrick
Gowna	Ramor	Gowna
13	14	15
C. Ó Gumlaí	S. MacSeain	M. Mac Iomhair
Colin Gumley	Sean Johnston	Mark McKeever

Cavan Gaels

45m

Seachaí

Gowna

Saor Ciceanna

An Dún

Dathanna: Dearg is Dubh

C. Lynchehaun

Colm Lynchehaun Mayobridge

D. MacCuinneagain

Darren Cunningham

Saval

D. Mac Aonasa

Darragh Neeson Bryansford

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5 E. Mac Einri

Eoin Henry Warrenpoint A. Ó Carra Aidan Carr

Clonduff

Bosco

B. Ó Sluain Brian Sloan An Riocht

11 N. Ó Deorgin

Daniel McCusker Annaclone

10

D. Mac Oscair

E. Mac Artain

13

Eoin McCartan Burren

An Riocht 14

Neil Doran

M. Mac Scalai Marcus Miskelly

Darragh Cross

R. O Maoilmheanna Rory Mulvenney

Bosco

M. Ó Ruanaidh

Mark Rooney

D. O Cleirigh

Darryl Clarke Banbridge

12

S. Mac Giolla Riabhaigh

John McAreavey Aghaderg

15

M. Mac Poilin Mark Poland

Longstone

Saor Ciceanna Seachaí 45m An Dún Cúil Cúilíní ladh Leath 2adh Leath IOMLÁN



Fir Ionaid

Seamus Pari Clonduf 17

Michael Lively Mayobridge

Patrick Feeney Banbridge

19 Gareth Dobbins

20 Adrian Mackin

Sava

Rostrevo 21

Jason Brown Clonduf

Gary Haughiar Clonduf

> 23 Neil Muller Bosco

24 Niall McArdle Castlewellar

Put Coaching On The Agenda - Raising the Game through Quality Coaching

Dr Eugene Young Director of High Performance Planning

To be an effective organisation the GAA needs seven key areas that interlink and operate in harmony. It needs a Strategy, Structure Systems, Staff, Style, Shared Values and Skills. We have several of these well established but here I want to focus on staff and skills in relation to coaching.

Achieving Coaching Excellence is a lifetime commitment for those who are dedicated to this aspect of the game. If a team under performs often the coach gets the wrap. A coaching course gets you out of the blocks, but continuing coach development leads to quality. The old Northern Ireland Institute of Coaching (now Coach Northern Ireland) kept Ulster coaches abreast of different generic courses. We all have a need to continually update.

Following my recent presentations to eight of the nine counties, quality coaching was emphasised as a prerequisite to quality players. Coaches need to be prepared to step outside the comfort zone, think outside the box, continually challenge themselves and not give the impression that they have all the knowledge. Quality coaching is needed throughout the system.

PE and Games in Primary schools is fundamental to incorporating good body management and skills development. The lack of full-time coaches in counties and the geographical spread of schools make it impossible for coaching officers to have a regular input into each school where required. School / Club links are key in this respect with the latter being proactive seeking ways of getting regular access to the primary schools to deliver quality coaching on a more regular basis.

The second rung on the ladder is the secondary and grammar schools. This parallels underage

developments at club level. Although some teachers give freely of their time, more need to be encouraged to follow suit. Principles of schools should value the input that success in Gaelic Games gives to the life of the school. After all they are keen to use this success to market the school and recruit young people.

Much criticism has been levelled at the quality of coaching in clubs. This ignores the many hours that volunteers put into the promotion of the sport within their parishes. Club coaches need to be nurtured through one-day coaching seminars as recently took place in Cavan. County Boards need to be proactive and encourage such programmes.

The GAA system is designed to encourage participation and excellence. Quality grassroots development is key to building success at the top. But senior All Ireland success is not plentiful in Ulster. Core basic skills of senior county players are questioned? Strength and conditioning is missing! Key elements for developing quality players needs to be addressed within clubs and counties. Ulster has now qualified over 900 level 1 coaches. How many of you are active coaches. If you are please register with me now (preferable with an email address as well as full postal address) to ensure that you are circulated with regular updates on courses and developments. It time to lift the profile of coaching in Ulster to ensure Quality is delivered.

Contact Sports Institute for Northern Ireland: University of Ulster, Shore Road, Newtownabbey, Co. Armagh, BT37 OQB www.sini.co.uk / email: e.young@ulst.ac.uk

Donegal and Down in the Championship

Donegal and Down have met on seventeen occasions in the Ulster championship and the Down men are ahead with ten wins to Donegal's seven.

Down's Successful Years: 1950, 1958, 1963, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1971, 1986, 1991 and 1996.

Donegal's Winning Years: 1939, 1949, 1957, 1972, 1974, 1985 and 1995.

FIRST MEETING 1939 DOWN 0-6, DOWN 1-1

Donegal and Down first met in the Ulster Senior Football Championship in 1939when Donegal were victorious, defeating the visitors 0-6 to 1-1 when the sides met at Magheragallon on Sunday 2nd July 1939. It was a glorious day for football and Donegal delighted their large home following with a narrow but well deserved victory. Outstanding for the Donegal side were J. McGarvey, P. Quinn, V. McHugh, T. Divir, J. Boyle and P. Gill, while J. Bradley, J. Doherty and H. Roarty were also very much to the fore. J. Bradley got the home side off to a great start with a point and V. McHugh added a second. H. Byrne then had a Down point to narrow the gap, but this proved their only score of the opening half. J. Coyle and J. Doherty finished the half strongly with two well taken scores, to leave Donegal in front at the interval by 0-4 to 0-1. Doherty was again on target with two further second half points, while Down replied with their only score of this period, a goal from J.

Donegal: J. McCole, J. McGarvey, P. Quinn, P. Divir, J. Boyle, P. Gill, E. Cannon, C. McLaughlin, V. McHugh, H. Roarty, J. Coyle, A.

O'Gorman, J. Doherty, J. Bradley and J. Blake.

Down: P. Small, P. Steele, J. Kane, T. McCann, G. Carr, T. McCormack, J. McAlinden, M. King, D. Morgan, J. Carr, P. McClorey, J. Killian, H. Murtagh, T. O'Hare and H. Byrne.

LAST MEETING 1996 DOWN 1-9, DONEGAL 0-11

The sides last met in the Championship in 1996 when Down emerged narrow victors, 1-9 to 0-11, at Clones on Sunday 26th may 1996. Down's narrow win was helped considerably by the fact that Donegal were reduced to fourteen men, a mere forty seconds after the throw in, while the winners were also on the right side of a decision allowing a hotly disputed Conor Deegan goal, much to the chagrin of Donegal supporters. At half time Down led by 1-5 to 0-4.

Down: M. McVeigh, P. Higgins, B. Burns, F. Caulfield, Gary Mason, D.J. Kane, Michael Magill, Gregory McCartan, Conor Deegan, P. Sloan, J. Treanor, J. McCartan, Mickey Linden, A. Farrell and Greg Blaney. Sub used: G. Deegan.

Scorers: C. Deegan (1-1), G. McCartan (0-3), M. Linden (0-2), J. Treanor (0-2) and DJ Kane (0-1).

Donegal: G. Walsh, J. Cunningham, M. Gallagher, M. Crossan, D. Diver, Noel Hegarty, Martin Shevlin, J.B. Gallagher, J. Ruane, D. McNamara, James McHugh, P. Hegarty, B. Roper, Tony Boyle and Manus Boyle. Sub used: O. Reid.

Scorers: Manus Boyle (0-3), J. McHugh (0-2), Tony Boyle (0-2), N. Hegarty (0-1), D. Divir (0-1), J.B. Gallagher (0-1) and B. Roper (0-1).

Attendance: 15,270.

Referee: Brian White (Wexford).

Donegal G.A.A. Coaching & **Games Development**



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Summer Camps 2002

FOOTBALL

July 1st - July 5th

Ballybofey Carndonagh - Elish Rushe - Des Newton

Letterkenny - Michael Murphy

July 18th - July 12th

Dungloe

- John Ward / Myles Sweeney

Dunkineely - Kathleen Campbell / Terence McGinley

Buncrana

- Sean Clerkin

July 15th - July 19th

Donegal Town

- Danny Dunnion / John Joe OShea

Malin

- David Gallagher - Paddy McBride

Downings

July 22nd - July 26th

Ardara

- James McHugh / John McConnell

Burt

- Paul Callaghan

Falcarragh

- Sean Boyle

July 29th - August 2nd

Urris

- John Friel

Kilcar Dunfanaghy - Paddy Sweeney

- Liam McElhinney

HURLING

August 6th - Augutst 9th (Hurling & Handball) MacCumhaills - Eilish Rushe Peter Maloney

August 19th - August 23rd (Hurling Only) Carndonagh - Elizabeth Doherty For further information Camps 2002 Contact: Michael Murphy 074 23106 /

086 6003159 James McHugh 075 41403 / 087 2223277

Summer Days Are Here Again

Ulster championships begin today and summer must indeed be here. GAA members and supporters view their counties championship campaign as the highlight of their years work. For the majority of patrons the championship affords the opportunity to view the GAA team in their county. This is indeed the most sought after prize in the GAA calendar and no effort is spared in preparing county teams for the Ulster Championship.

All players in action today are also key players with their clubs. They play with their local club teams in their respective counties. County players who provide so much entertainment for all also give major commitment to their clubs in their own areas. They best exemplify commitment and dedication. They deserve all our respect and should never be abused by overly enthusiastic supporters. The senior and minor footballers of Donegal, Down and Cavan are truly deserving of our enthusiastic support. Oh yes don't forget the match officials, stewards and workers at today's games, all are club members giving their time and talent to produce this great occasion.

The GAA are currently considering the greatest ever in depth review of the association. Reviews at National and Provincial level are being debated and like all large organisations, the GAA is learning, adapting and changing. One very clear message is emerging. New members, active in clubs, are needed. Many people at today's games commenced their GAA activity before the big match. Teams at juvenile and adult level trained on club pitches, jerseys were washed, fixtures arranged and balls pumped. All clubs have both men and women sections with a menu of activities including football, hurling,

camogie, handball, rounders and scor. A great many clubs are also actively involved with local athletics clubs. To prosper, clubs need fresh input. People who will play, organise, coach, plan, represent, encourage and participate are required by your local club. Sometimes people are shy about coming forward, a perception of not being needed by established members. Why not turn up at the local pitch, this is normally the best point of contact. The juvenile or schools sections of clubs are always in need of new blood. Join

I hope we have a cracking Ulster Championship. Along with our two high profile football games, today also marks the start of the Ulster hurling championship. At Casement Park, Belfast, Down play London in the senior hurling championship while Antrim play Armagh and Tyrone play Down in the junior hurling championship, all at the Belfast

Enjoy today's games. Further changes in presentation will be in evidence today. Further to changes in presentation introduced last year, today will mark the introduction of armbands for blood substitutions, substitutes area located in the stand and over small changes all designed to improve the overall presentation of our games. Let us know what you feel about these changes. E mail us at ulsterproa@gaa.ie

Summer is here and its Ulster championship time. Today's games will be attended by thousands and viewed by millions. Read about the games tomorrow, its all part of summer time in Ireland

Aogan Ó Fearghail PRO Ulster GAA Council

Donegal Senior Panel

TONY BLAKE

Club: St Eunan's, Age: 30 Height: 6'2", Weight: 14.5st Occupation: Engineering Technician

BRENDAN DEVENNEY

Club: St Eunan's, Age: 26 Height: 5'11", Weight: 13st Occupation: Sales Rep.

DAMIEN DIVER

Club: Ardara, Age: 27 Height: 5'10", Weight: 13st Occupation: Shop Manager

MARK CROSSAN

Club: St Eunan's, Age: 31 Height: 5'11", Weight: 13st Occupation: Bank Official

GERARD McGILL

Club: N. Columba, Age: 23 Height: 5'10", Weight: 13st Occupation: Student

CONAL DUNNE

Club: St Eunan's, Age: 19 Height: 6', Weight: 12st Occupation: Student

JOHN GILDEA

Club: Naomh Conaill, Age: 30 Height: 6', Weight: 14st Occupation: Bank Official

PADDY CAMPBELL

Club: N Chonaill, Age: 26
Height: 6', Weight: 14st
Occupation: Mechanical Engineer

BARRY MONAGHAN

Club: Four Masters, Age: 23 Height: 6', Weight: 13.5st Occupation: Tyre Salesman

JOHN HARAN

Club: St Eunan's, Age: 24 Height: 6'4", Weight: 14.5st Occupation: Student

JAMES GALLAGHER

Club: Gweedore, Age: 25 Height: 5'11", Weight: 12st Occupation: Butcher

EAMON DOHERTY

Club: Ardara, Age: 25 Height: 6'2", Weight: 13st Occupation: Publican

RAYMOND SWEENEY

Club: Dungloe, Age: 24 Height: 6', Weight: 13st Occupation: Engineer

BRIAN McLAUGHLIN

Club: Naomh Michael, Age: 25 Height: 6'2", Weight: 13.5st Occupation: Costing Analyst

JIM McGUINNESS

Club: Naomh Conaill, Age: 28 Height: 6'3", Weight: 14st Occupation: Student

NOEL McGINLEY

Club: Naomh Columba, Age: 25 Height: 5'10", Weight: 12st Occupation: Factory Worker

Donegal Senior Panel

BRIAN ROPER

Club: Aodh Ruadh, Age: 27
Height: 5'6", Weight: 10.5st
Occupation: Monumental Sculptor

SHANE CARR

Club: Four Masters, Age: 26 Height: 6', Weight: 14st Occupation: Machine Driver

ADRIAN SWEENEY

Club: Dungloe, Age: 25 Height: 5'10", Weight: 13st Occupation: Plumber

RORY KAVANAGH

Club: St Eunan's, Age: 19 Height: 6'1", Weight: 12.5st Occupation: Student

CHRISTY TOYE

Club: St Michael's, Age: 19 Height: 6'2", Weight: 13st Occupation: Student

KEVIN RAFFERTY

Club: St Eunan's, Age: 20 Height: 6'3", Weight: 12.5st Occupation: Trainee Manager

SEAMUS FRIEL

Club: Fanad Gaels, Age: 22 Height: 6'1", Weight: 12st Occupation: Legal Advisor

MICHAEL HEGARTY

Club: Kilcar, Age: 23 Height: 5'11", Weight: 13st Occupation: Student

PAUL McGONIGLE

Club: Buncrana, Age: 28 Height: 6'3", Weight: 13st Occupation: Accountant

KEVIN CASSIDY

Club: Gweedore, Age: 20 Height: 6', Weight: 13.5st Occupation: Student

CIARAN BROWN

Club: St Vincent's (Dublin), Age: 23 Height: 6'3", Weight: 14st Occupation: Student

BRENDAN BOYLE

Club: Ardara, Age: 20 Height: 6'1", Weight: 13.5st Occupation: Student

COLM McFADDEN

Club: St. Michael's, Age: 18 Height: 6'2", Weight: 13st Occupation: Student

DECLAN GALLAGHER

Club: Kilcar, Age: 23
Height: 5'8", Weight: 10.5st
Occupation: Office Administrator



RATEGIC REVIEW REPORT

Any organisation as big and as complex as the GAA needs to constantly re-assess and re-evaluate its role and approach in a continually charging social and sporting environment. As this country's largest sports, cultural and social group, we must always be able to adapt to meet modern trends and modern demands. Part of that process is currently taking place with the national debate on the report of the Strategic Review Committee, prepared under the chairmanship of former President, Peter Quinn.

The report was inspired by the current president, Sean McCague, when he took office in 2000 and took two years to complete. It is an exhaustive work that has examined every aspect of the association, from games to administration to the role the GAA now plays in the modern Ireland. It had been thirty years since such a major project of review had taken place. The McNamee Commission of 1970 prepared the route that the GAA would take at that very important period of its development. That invaluable document put in place the structures necessary for the time and allowed the GAA sustain its growth and development as a major national body.

The dawning of a new millennium was an appropriate time for a new review.

The GAA has continued to embrace change and is a very different body to that which McNamee examined in such detail. Never before have Gaelic Games been so popular or inspired such media coverage and this is happening at at time when the social structures of society have changed completely from the era of the previous review.

While we celebrate our success, we must also be aware of the pressures and demands that have increased. The social and economic climate has changed completely; we have had to learn how to live in a commercial world where competition has become increasingly intense. Demographic changes have meant that our base support has shifted and there is a need to identify those changes and their effect on the GAA of today and the future. All this is done while recognising just how the GAA has prospered. Who could have envisaged thirty years ago that the GAA would be in a position to embark on the massive project that is the re-development of Croke Park?

The popularity of our games is reflected in the fact that over one million people attended our championships last year. The GAA invested 20 million in games development and physical facilities. Not only are the games prospering at home but more and more units are being formed overseas to cater for the Diaspora.

We need to ensure that at every level of the association we have the structures in place to meet modern demands. The function of the SRC was to review the role and function of the GAA and to recommend the direction, the policies and functions appropriate for the immediate future. The committee has examined how the GAA is controlled and operates. It has made recommendations for change that are necessary to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the association. These recommendations are thought-provoking, some even shrouded in controversy, and have set off a great debate that will culminate at the Special Congress of the Association in October next. This debate will help create an association that is in a position to continue to play its central role in a modern Irish

To assist in the debate a series of questions and answers relating to the themes addressed by the Strategic Review Committee will be printed in match programmes during the Championship.

STRIVING TO RECAPTURE THE GLORY GLORY DAYS

by Michael McGeary, Sunday Life

Twenty eight years on and Pauric McShea can still recall the Down and Donegal Ulster senior football final as if it was only yesterday.

And with good reason for not only was he an inspirational full back, but he also had the honour of leading Donegal to only its second Anglo Celt success after a replay.

"It was an unforgettable feeling winning Ulster for the first time two years earlier, but to win it a second time proved it was no fluke and it really put Donegal football on the map.

"To have beaten Down a county with such a rich and cherished football tradition made it all the sweeter" he said.

Donegal failed to make it past the All Ireland semi final stage, but the importance and value of those victories in 1972 and 1974 cannot be overstated.

After years of being condemned to the championship wilderness they had made the breakthrough ending countless years of frustration and heartache.

Defeat in the 1974 final marked the end of the road for some of Down's bigger names, men who had left an indelible mark at both Ulster and All Ireland level.

But within four years the Mourne men were back in business and crowned Ulster champions after victory over Cavan.

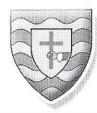
But Down and Donegal then lifted the Anglo Celt trophy in 1981 and 1983 respectively before getting their hands on the elusive Sam Maguire in the 90's.

Under Peter McGrath the men from the Mournes were successful in 1991 and 1994 with Donegal grabbing an historic first in 1992, but those halcyon days are now but a dim and distant memory as both counties strive to recapture the glory, alory days.

Donegal enjoyed a good run in a highly competitive division in the Allianz League and looked the part in disposing of Cavan in their championship opener two weeks ago and certainly any side with Brendan Devenney on board cannot be discounted.

Down's future is a great deal more unsettled as manager Peter McGrath finds himself short a number of key players through injury at the worst possible time of the season. History shows you write Down off at your peril, but nothing short of a minor miracle can keep their championship aspirations alive





Fir Ionaid

16. Gerard McGill Naomh Columba Damien Diver Ard an Ratha **Eamon Doherty** Ard an Ratha 19. **Kevin Rafferty** Naomh Adhamhain Brendan Boyle Ard an Ratha Christy Toye Naomh Michael 22. Colm McFadden Naomh Michael 23. Conal Dunne Naomh Adhamhain 24. Rory Kavanagh Naomh Adhamhain

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Dún na nGall

Dathanna: Glas is Ór

A. de Blaca **Tony Blake** Naomh Adhamhain

2 S. Mac Giolla Chearra M. Mac Chrossain N. Mac Fhionnagaile Mark Crossan **Noel McGinley Shane Carr** Naomh Adhamhain Naomh Columba Na Ceithre Maistrí

5 R. Mac Suibhne B. Ó Muineachain C.Ó Caísido Raymond Sweeney **Barry Monaghan Kevin Cassidy** An Clochan Liath Na Ceithre Maistri **Gaoth Dobhair**

8 S. Mac Giolla De S. MacAughusa John Gildea Jim McGuinness Naomh Conaill Naomh Conail

11 12 10 M. Ó hEighcartaigh B. Ó Ropier A. N. OTHER Michael Hegarty **Brian Roper** Cill Chartha Aodh Ruadh

13 14 15 A. Mac Suibhne B. Ó Duibheannaigh P. Mac Congail Paul McGoniale **Adrian Sweeney Brendan Devenney** Naomh Adhamhain Buncrannaigh An Clochan Liath

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An Dún

Dathanna: Dearg is Dubh

P. Ó Treabhair Peter Travers Bryansford

2 3 S. Ó Cleirigh John Clarke An Riocht

C. Ó Broin Ciaran Byrne Burren (Capt.)

B. Grant **Brendan Grant** Mayobridge

5 S. Mac Poilin Simon Poland Castlewellan

S. Mac an Bhaird Sean Ward Burren

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L. O Dughaill Liam Doyle Liatroim

B. Ó Broin **Brian Burns** Byransford

A. Maolmhuaidh **Alan Molloy** Loughinisland

10 D. Mag Mhuirneachain Dan Gordon Loughinisland

11 M. Breatnach Michael Walsh Mayobridge

12 B. Ó Coltair **Brendan Coulter** Mayobridge

13 N. Mac Giolla Fhiondain Michael Linden Mayobridge

14 A. Apreith Aidan O'Prey Liatroim

15 S. Mac Artain James McCartan Burren



Fir Ionaid

Michael McVeigh Castlewellan 17. Noel Sexton Mavobridge 18. Kevin McGrath Rostrevor 19. Stephen Treanor Castlewellan 20. Sean Featherstone Mayobridge 21. Shane King Bryansford Ronan Murtagh Ballyholland Ronan Sexton R. Seasnain 24. Plunkett McConville Clonduff

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THE TEAM TO WATCH By Adrian Logan UTV

Going by the form book the team to watch today is Donegal.

They were good in the league but perhaps more importantly they already have a championship success under their belt with victory away to Cavan in Breffni.

onship they will have to take the scenic route and in front of their loyal fans in Ballybofey Micky Moran and his team will want to impress, to send the loyal fan base home happy.

Down, if you listen to all the talk, have been struggling with absent players and injury lists and most people will be putting their money on the men from the North West.

But football is a strange game and anything can happen.

I well remember a few seasons back when Tyrone travelled to Casement Park to take on a Down side who had "no chance". Down tore that Tyrone team apart and set football back in the county for several season.

Down travel today with most neutrals thinking the same but under Peter McGrath Down have produced several bright new stars and anyone who takes their challenge lightly will suffer the consequences.

With John Morrison at his side If Donegal are to win this champi- you can be sure that Donegal have left no stone unturned in a bid to "know" their opponents. That attention to detail has paid off in the past and they will be hoping its the same this week.

> The bookies on occasions can give you a good insight into the Championship and its interesting that both Donegal and Down are quoted at 33/1 to win the All Ireland Championship. No doubt a few people have put some money on that.



Down Senior Panel

MICHAEL McVEIGH

Club: Castlewellan, Age: 31 Height: 6'3", Weight: 15st3 Occupation: Forestry Worker

SIMON POLAND

Club: Bryansford, Age: 25
Height: 6'2", Weight: 13st
Occupation: Sales & Marketing
Manager

BRIAN BURNS

Club: Bryansford, Age: 30 Height: 6'2", Weight: 15st Occupation: Accountant

ALAN MOLLOY

Club: Loughinisland, Age: 26 Height: 6'3", Weight: 13st4 Occupation: Joiner

MICHAEL LINDEN

Club: Mayobridge, Age: 38
Height: 5'10", Weight: 12st10
Occupation: Vehicle/Driving Examiner

CIARAN BYRNE

Club: Burren, Age: 24 Height: 6'1", Weight: 12st Occupation: Quantity Surveyor

AIDAN O'PREY

Club: Liatroim, Age: 23
Height: 6'0", Weight: 12st10
Occupation: Stonemason

PETER TRAVERS

Club: Bryansford, Age: 24 Height: 6'0", Weight: 13st7 Occupation: Sales Manager

LIAM DOYLE

Club: Liatroim, Age: 21 Height: 6'0", Weight: 12st Occupation: Student

MICHAEL WALSH

Club: Mayobridge, Age: 20 Height: 5'11", Weight: 14st Occupation: Student

BRENDAN COULTER

Club: Mayobridge, Age: 20 Height: 6'0", Weight: 12st7 Occupation: Bricklayer

PADRAIG BRADLEY

Club: Burren, Age: 22 Height: 5'11", Weight: 12st Occupation: Painter

BRENDAN GRANT

Club: Mayobridge, Age: 20 Height: 5'11", Weight: 12st7 Occupation: Joiner

RONAN MURTAGH

Club: Ballyholland, Age: 20 Height: 5'9", Weight: 12st Occupation: Bricklayer

PLUNKETT McCONVILLE

Club: Clonduff, Age: 26 Height: 6'1", Weight: 14st7 Occupation: Teachers

KEVIN McGRATH

Club: Rostrevor, Age: 24 Height: 5'||", Weight: ||st7 Occupation: Sales Rep

Down Senior Panel

JOHN CLARKE

Club: An Riocht, Age: 19 Height: 6'0", Weight: 12st7 Occupation: Student

SEAN WARD

Club: Burren, Age: 26 Height: 6'2", Weight: 14st7 Occupation: Sales Manager

SHANE KING

Club: Bryansford, Age: 26 Height: 5'10", Weight: 13st7 Occupation: GAA Coach

JAMES McCARTAN

Club: Burren, Age: 31 Height: 5'7", Weight: 12st7 Occupation: Engineer

RONAN SEXTON

Club: Mayobridge, Age: 21 Height: 5'7", Weight: 10st7 Occupation: Student

NOEL SEXTON

Club: Mayobridge, Age: 22 Height: 5'10", Weight: 10st7 Occupation: Joiner

STEPHEN TREANOR

Club: Castlewellan, Age: 22 Height: 6'2", Weight: 12st5 Occupation: Civil Servant

DAN GORDON

Club: Loughinisland, Age: 19 Height: 6'3", Weight: 13st7 Occupation: Student

SEAN FEATHER-STONE

Club: Mayobridge, Age: 20

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AN DUN

1952:- Lost heavily (3-10 to 1-3) to Cavan in the first round of the Championship. Had only one senior win when they defeated Derry in the Dr. McKenna Cup. Minors got to the Ulster Final only to lose out to Cavan. Juniors lost to Derry in the first round.

1962:- With two All-Irelands under their belts, down were Kings of Ulster. Captured the National League, defeating Dublin in the Final, and then toured America. Championship wins over Fermanagh and Tyrone made them favourites to retain the title but slipped up to Cavan, 3-6 to 0-5, in the Final. Minors won the Ulster title but lost to Mayo in All-Ireland.

1972:- A surprise exit in first round of the Championship when they lost to Donegal, I-8 to 0-8, but Donegal went on to win title. Won the Dr. McKenna Cup defeating Derry, 2-13 to I-6, in the Final. Intermediate grade introduction in club competitions for the first time ever in Down.

1982:- Lost to Tyrone, I-12 to 0-11, in the first round of the Championship. Lost to the same opposition in the Dr. McKenna Cup semi final did well in the NFL but lost to Offaly in the quarter final. U-21s fell to Donegal but the minors reached Ulster Final only to fall to Antrim by the narrowest of margins, 2-9 to 3-5.

1992:- Beat Armagh in the opening round but lost to Derry, 0-15 to 0-12, in the semi-final. Won the Dr. McKenna Cup with victories over Armagh (0-11 to 1-6), Monaghan (3-12 to 0-6) in the semi-final, and Cavan (1-11 to 0-7) in the Final. Minors lost to Armagh on the first round while U-21s beat Antrim but lost to Monaghan. Burren reached club final but fell to Lavey.

DUN NA NGALI

1952:- Won Dr. Lagan Cup and reached semi-final of the NFL but lost to Cork, 3-3 to 0-7, Juniors won the Ulster title, defeating Tyrone in the Final, but lost to Meath in a replay of the All-Ireland semi-final. Seniors lost to Antrim in SFC and to Tyrone in Dr. McKenna Cup.

1962:- Lost to Derry, 2-10 to 2-7, in first round of SFC at Magherafelt on 1st June. Lost to Armagh, 1-8 to 1-6, in the Dr. McKenna Cup, and Juniors lost to Cavan. Minors won the Ulster Minor League for first time, defeating Derry, Tyrone and Down (in final).

1972:- Great year for Donegal. Defeated Down 1-8 to 0-8 in first round; drew with Cavan 0-12 to 2-6, in semi final but won replay, 2-11 to 1-9. Defeated Tyrone in final, 2-13 to 1-11, to take their first ever Ulster SFC. Frankie McFeeley was team captain.

1982:- Lost to Armagh I-II to 0-13 in first round of SFC. U-21s made history by taking first ever All-Ireland title to Donegal:- In Ulster:- Donegal I-I0, Cavan I-9; semi-final (replay): Donegal 0-9, Down I-4; Final:- Donegal 0-10, Derry I-5; All-Ireland semi-final:- Donegal 0-5, Laois 0-4; All-Ireland Final:- Donegal 0-8, Roscommon 0-5. Brian Touhy was team captain.

1992:- Donegal's greatest year ever. Won Ulster title with victory over Cavan by 0-20 to 1-6 in replay of first round; over Fermanagh in semi-final by 2-17 to 0-7; and over Derry in Ulster Final by 0-14 to 1-9. All-Ireland semi-final:- Donegal 0-13, Mayo 0-9; All-Ireland Final:- Donegal 0-18, Dublin 0-14. Anthony Molloy was team captain.

DONEGAL V DOWN Suitable & by Seamus McClean

- Down and Donegal first met in the U.S.F.C. in 1939 with Donegal winning by 0-06 to 1-01.
- Down and Donegal have met on 15 occasions in the Ulster Championship. down lead 10 to 5 and their last meeting was in 1996 when Down won by 1-09 to 0-11.
- Down have beaten Donegal in 3 Ulster Finals, 1963, 1966, 1991. Donegal's victory was in 1974.
- In the 1963 Final Down Captain, George Lavery, had the honour of being the first to receive the new Anglo-Celt cup from Ulster President Paddy McFlynn. Down player Val Kane won both a Senior and a Minor Ulster Championship Medal on that day.
- In the 1996 Final Down's Colm McAlarney won both Senior and Minor Medals on the same day.
- The 1966 Final was also the first to be televised live. The B.B.C. covered the game and Jim McKeever was the commentator.
- Down boss Peter McGrath played against Donegal in the 1974 Ulster Final. Donegal won after a re-play. The leading scorer in the Ulster Championship that year was Seamus Bonner with 7-03.
- Down were Ulster Champions on twelve occasions and Donegal on five occasions.
- Former Antrim great, Paddy O'Hara, managed both Down and Donegal in the 1960's. He also managed Antrim, Armagh, Fermanagh and Derry.

New Regulations on Blood Substitution

This year sees a further development in the blood substitution rule. any player with blood on his body or jersey must leave the field of play. The injured player receives attention off the field and may only return when all visible blood is removed and a replacement jersey worn. The injured player may be temporarily substituted and the substitute should wear a distinctive armband in white or red depending on jersey colour. Blood substitutions are not recorded as "full substitutions" and will in future be announced over the PA as "blood substitutes".

Normal substitutions will take place from half way line following checking in with the fourth official. The substitute may only enter the field of play when the player being replaced has come off. Five substitutions are allowed during the course of the game.

Bhfuil fhios agat?

- Donegal have won 5 Ulster Senior football titles, the last one in 1992, the year they won their first and only All-Ireland title. Down have won 12 Ulster titles, their last being in 1994, the year they won their first All-Ireland title.
- Secretary of the Ulster GAA council is Down man Mr. Danny Murphy. Danny is a former player and administrator with the Burren club and was Chairman of the Down GAA board when they won their last Sam Maquire
- The first meeting of the Ulster GAA Council was held in Armagh in 1903 Former President of the Ulster Council Mr. John Vesey will chair an Ulster centenary Committee. A range of commemorative events is planned during 2003 beginning with centenary convention in Amragh next February.
- Last year the GAA invested 20 million euro in grounds and games devel-

opment

- Derry man Eugene Young is the Ulster Council's High Performance director for Gaelic Football. Based of the University of Ulster, Jordanstown Eugene is available to county board across the nine counties to help organ ise and plan coaching programmes for their counties.
- The Ulster Council each year organ ise an annual one week course in spoken Irish. Located in Downings Donegal, the course is open to GAZ members across the province. This years course runs from Monday 22nc To Saturday 27th July 2002. Details etc from Donegal man Seamas de Faoite An Tearmann, Leitir Ceannainn, Ti Chonaill.

On Line Quiz

Answer the following questions correctly and submit them on line and you could win two tickets for the Ulster semi-final.

E-mail to ulsteroffice@gaa.ie before midday tomorrow.

- 1. How many times have Down won the Sam Maguire.
- 2. When did Donegal win their last Ulster title in Senior football
- 3. Who is High Performance Director for Gaelic Football in Ulster
- 4. Where does the Ulster Council hold an annual course in spoken Irish.
- 5. When does Ulster GAA hold its centenary.

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GAA ACTIVITES a Century ago (1902) in.....

DOWN

On Sunday 24th August 1902 the Faugh-a-Bealach Hurling Club in Newry played Tir na nOg of Belfast in a challenge game in Newry. At half time Faughs led by 1-5 to 1-2 and at the premature end were still ahead by 1-6 to 1-2. The second half was cut short when a sudden downpour drenched both players and spectators alike. The Faughs players were: J Lennon, A Lennon, T Rogan, J McGawley, T McCann, James Burns, J O'Callaghan, Francie McCourt, John Burns, J Lavery, J Bulger, P Lavery, W Hughes and H Flanagan.

Two weeks later, on Sunday 7th September 1902, two more teams from Belfast, 'Brian Og' and 'Tir na nOg' played an exhibition hurling game at the Newcastle Feis, later to be known as 'Feis an Duin', an institution that would become a major annual event inthe seaside town thereafter. The football 'Sevens', played in conjunction with the Feis every year, became an extremely competitive tournament ont he Down calendar.

County Championships were still not properly organised, however, and it would be 1903 before there was an official championship, with the Faugh-a-Bealach club of Newry taking the titles in both football and hurling.

GAA ACTIVITES Half a Century ago (1952) in...

DONEGAL

1952 began in tremendous fashion for Donegal. They won the Dr Lagan cup, drawing with Armagh (1-6 each) in the Final on 9th March, but winning the replay, 2-6 to 1-4. In the NFL quarter final they defeated Sligo, 2-5 to 2-4, and then paid their first visit to Croke Park, where they gave a great performance before going under to Cork, 3-3 to 0-7, on 6th April, with this team:

C Halpin, P Brogan, P dawson, B Coyle, H Boyle, J Gallagher (captain), P McGeehin, MJ Gallagher, F O'Donnell, F Brennan, C McCauley, C Collins, P Coyle, T Wickham and S McGettrick. Sub used: A Rogers.

In the Junior Championship they defeated Fermanagh, 3-9 to 2-8, at Glenties on 31st March; beat Cavan, 2-5 to 1-7, in the semi-final at Clones on 20th April, and then took the Ulster title by defeating Tyrone, 4-5 to 1-8, in the Final at Irvinestown on 4th May with this team:

J McDermott, P Dawson, F O'Donnell, TJ Byrne, J McGettigan, S Curran, D Bonner, J Brogan, O Travers, PJ Gallagher, C Collins, D Moriarty, P Coyle (captain), EJ Gonigle, A Carr and A Cunningham. In the All-Ireland semi final they drew with Meath, 2-6 to 1-9, at Bundoran on 8th August, but lost the replay, 4-6 to 1-4, at Navan on 31st August.

The championship was unfruitful, however, losing to Antrim, 1-7 to 2-3 at Belfast on 29th June and losing to Tyrone, 2-5 to 0-9, in a replay of the first round of the Dr McKenna Cup at Letterkenny on 18th May.

FIXTURE LIST 2002

SENIOR FOOTBALL **CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

RESULTS 2002

Sunday May 12th Played at Kingspan Breifne Park Cavan Senior:

Cavan

0 - 15

Donegal

Minor:

0 - 12Cavan

Donegal

0-8

Sunday May 12th Played at St. Tighernach's Park Clones

Senior:

Monaghan 2-11

Fermanagh 4-13

Minor:

Monaghan 0-11

Fermanagh 0-10

Sunday May 19th Played at St. Tighernach's Park Clones

Senior:

1-12 Armagh

Tyrone

1-12

Minor:

Armagh 0 - 12 Tyrone

0 - 12

FIXTURES:

To-day Armagh

Tyrone (Replay) at Clones

Minor

Armagh

Tyrone (Replay)

June 2

Antrim Derry at Casement

June 9 Semi-Final A: Armagh/Tyrone v. Decided

Monaghan/Fermanagh

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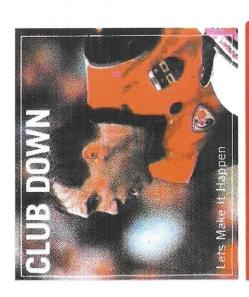
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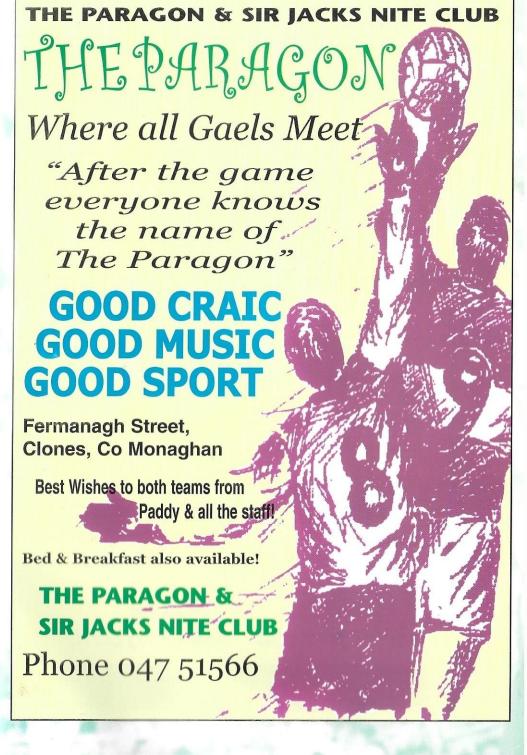
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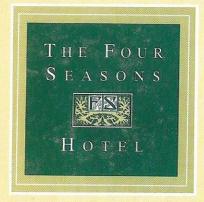


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