

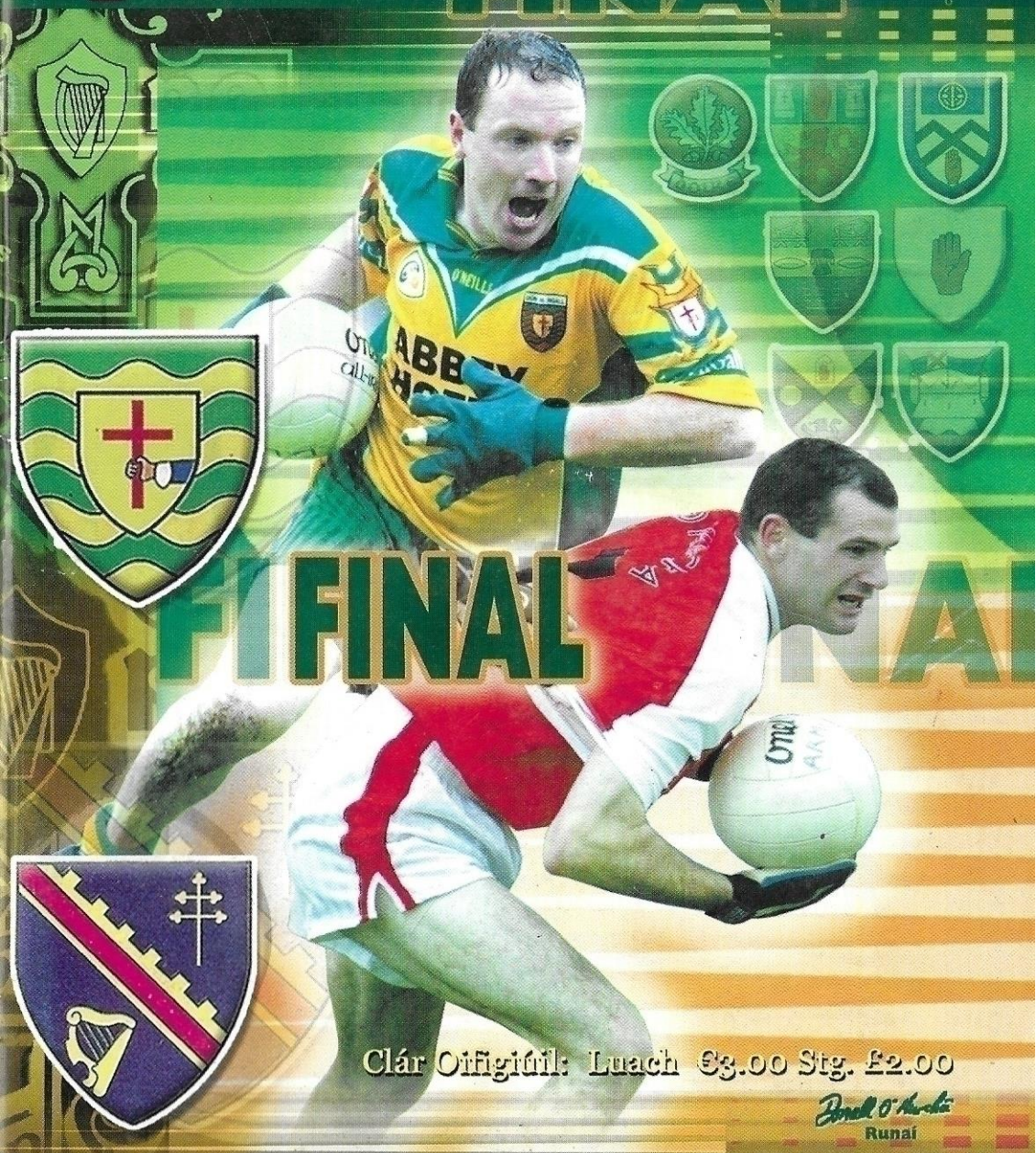


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MINOR

Doire v Tír Eoghain

1.00in: Réiteoir: Jim Murray (Aontroim)

Fir Líne: Joe McQuillan (An Cabhán) Standby Referee

Darren Ward (Muineachán)

Gerry Lynch (Fear Manach) Stand by Linesman

SENIOR (70 minutes)

Ard Mhacha v Dún na nGall

2.40in: Réiteoir: Seamus McCormack (An Mhí)

Fir Líne: Seamus Prior (Liatroim) Stand by Referee

C. Broderick (An Dún)

M. Henry (An Cabhán) Stand by Linesman

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15.17in: Cumann na Bhunscoil

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On behalf of Comhairle Uladh I would like to welcome all followers to our Finals today. I would especially like to extend to the fans of Armagh, Donegal, Derry and Tyrone a hearty Céad Míle Fáilte.

The two winners will have the honour of representing their Province in the concluding rounds of the All Ireland series with the losers of the Senior having another chance through the Qualifiers, and people will remember what happened when Derry and Tyrone met last year.

Without the help of a lot of people the Final could not happen and I would like to thank the match officials, stewards and medics, not forgetting the water boys. Another group of people who many forget on a day like this are the teams who have participated and been beaten, many of them by the smallest of margins. We thank them sincerely for their participation and endeavours.

Bíodh an la spóirt againn igCluain Eois inniu agus go mbeirimid beo ar an am seo arís.

Sean Ó Raghallaigh

MESSAGE FROM BANK OF IRELAND



I extend a warm welcome to all to Clones for this afternoon's much-anticipated Bank of Ireland Ulster Final between Donegal and Armagh. Each year the Championship provides us with very memorable matches and 2002 is proving to be no exception.

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Colm Marley,
Director Branch Services NI,
Bank of Ireland

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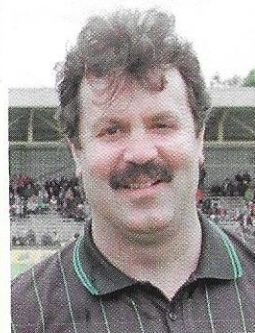
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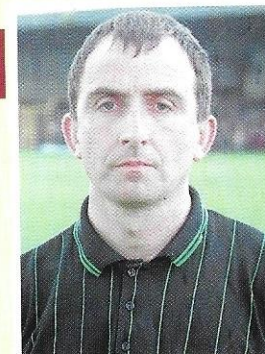
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- 12.48** Tír Eoghain
amach ar an bPáirc
- 13.00** Tús an Chluiche:
Doire v Tír Eoghain
- 13.30** Half Time
St. Michael's CBS Band
- 13.40** Start of Second Half
- 14.12** End of Minor Football Final
- 14.14** *St. Michael's CBS Band*
- 14.15** Presentation of Corn an Sag
Ó Muiri to Captain of the
Ulster Minor Championship
winning team, in
Gerry Arthurs Stand, by
Michael Ó Grianain,
Leas Uachtaráin
Comhairle Uladh

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- 14.22** Ard Mhacha amach
ar an bPáirc
- 14.25** Dún na nGall amach
ar an bPáirc
- 14.32** Paráid
- 14.38** Amhrán na bhFiann
- 14.40** Tús an Cluiche:
Ard Mhacha v Dún na nGall
- 15.17** Half Time:
Cumann na Bhunscoil
Ard Mhacha v Dún na nGall
- St Michael's CBS Band
- 15.32** Start of Second Half
- 16.09** End of Bank of Ireland
Football Championship
- 16.12** Presentation of
Anglo Celt Cup by
Sean Ó Raghallaigh,
Uachtaráin Uladh to
Captain of the
Ulster Champions
for 2002

na réiteoirí
na réiteoiríMinor Referee :: **JIM MURRAY** (Aontroim)

Jim is a member of the St John's club in Antrim. He has played for his club and county at Minor and U-21 level and this will be his fifth Ulster championship game in charge. He has taken charge of major finals in Antrim including Senior, Intermediate, Minor and U-21's. He took charge of last year's Minor clash between Fermanagh and Donegal and the semi final tie between Cavan and Monaghan.

Senior Referee :: **SEAMUS McCORMACK** (An Mhí)

Seamus McCormack is a member of the Walterstown Club and is currently in his sixth year on the inter-county panel. He first came to notice at inter-county level with his handling of the 1995 three game sage, involving Westmeath and Laois, in the Leinster Minor Final. His first Senior Championship game was in 1996 and he has quickly emerged as one of the country's most active and efficient referees.

He has taken charge of Senior Championship matches in Leinster and Munster, and he is a regular for National League games.

He has refereed Ulster Championship clashes, between Antrim and Down in 2001, in May of last year the clash between Cavan and Down, and most recently the Antrim v Derry clash in June at Casement Park. He is currently Meath's No. 1 Referee and has taken charge of club finals at all levels, from under age through senior.

Cuman na mBunscoil :: **MARTIN HIGGINS** (Fear Manach)

The referee for today's half time Inter County Primary School game is Martin Higgins from Lisnaskea, Co Fermanagh. Martin is chairman of his home club Lisnaskea Emmetts and is in his first year on the Provincial Referees panel. He has already taken charge of a number of Ulster Minor Football League matches and refereed at all levels in his own county and is at present President of the Fermanagh referees Committee. Martin, who is married with two children works as an auto claims manager with Quinn Direct.

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Seo libh canaig amhrán na bhFiann

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bhfiann

DERRY Minor Team



The Derry Minor Team which defeated Cavan on a scoreline of 0-14 to 0-10 in the semi final last Sunday at Enniskillen

TYRONE Minor Team



The Tyrone Minor Team which easily overcame Monaghan in the Semi Final Replay at Enniskillen last Sunday on a scoreline of 3-11 to 0-5

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Comhairle Uladh 1903-1953

The Ulster Council was formed in Armagh in 1903 on March 23rd. The provincial council was set up to nurture and grow the young GAA which was struggling to get established and grow in the province. The GAA was established following a meeting in Hayes's Hotel Thurles in 1884. The first GAA club in Ulster was affiliated in 1885, this club was set up in Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan and was to become known as Ballyconnell First Ulsters. The first GAA game under the new association rules was played in Ballyconnell on 7th March 1886 at which the RIC warned the players that they were in breach of the Sunday observance act. GAA clubs followed in Fermanagh, Monaghan, Armagh and Tyrone and the first county to hold a county convention was Cavan in 1887 at Ballyjamesduff.

The GAA was in decline in the 1890's, Ulster included, and in fact almost died out. The establishment of provincial council's was an attempt to nurture and promote the GAA once again and the Ulster body was formed in 1903 with Belfast solicitor George Martin elected as first President. L.F. O'Kane from Derry became first secretary and Victor O'Nolan from Tyrone became Vice-President. The GAA in Ulster has made steady, constant progress since then.

Donegal affiliated in 1905 completing the 9 counties. The first Ulster Final, under the auspices of the provincial body, was played at Clones in 1909 between Cavan and Antrim. Antrim reached the All-Ireland football final in 1912, the first Ulster County to do so, but they suffered a heavy defeat at the hands (or boots) of Cork. The final was played in January and Antrim yet again reached the All-Ireland final the following year though played in December of the same year, 1912. Antrim lost again and to date are the only county to lose two All-Irelands in the same calendar year. In 1912 a Monaghan man Eoin O'Duffy was elected secretary of the Ulster Council. He was to become General O'Duffy during the war of Independence and was commissioner of the Gardaí from 1922 to 1932. He served the Ulster Council until 1934 and is commemorated in the naming of the O'Duffy terrace in Clones. In 1916 the British customs ordered the GAA to collect a one penny "Amusement Tax" from all patrons at matches, the Ulster Council refused to comply. The council got in trouble with the authorities again in 1918 when the Government issued an order that no games could be played without a permit from the Police. The Ulster council refused to seek the permits. The stand off came to head when the Ulster semi-final was fixed for Cootehill in Co. Cavan on July 7th, 1918. The Council refused to apply for a permit and a large force of military and police occupied the ground. Local priest Fr. O'Connell defused a tense situation but the match was not played. 1918 was the first year when all 9 counties took part in the senior football championship. The Ulster convention of 1920 was the first at which all 9 counties were represented. The first county to open a county ground was Cavan in 1923 when Breifne Park was opened at the height of the civil war. The name "Breifne Park" was suggested to Cavan by O'Duffy. The Anglo-Celt newspaper in Cavan donated a cup for the Ulster football championship in 1925 and the name continues. The first All-Ireland title came to Ulster in 1926 when Armagh won the junior championship.

Monaghan won the inaugural Dr. McKenna Cup in 1927 and Cavan reached the senior all Ireland in 1928 losing narrowly to Kildare.

Minor Focus

by JOHN CAMPBELL

Tyrone joint managers, Liam Donnelly and Martin Coyle, needed no reminding that it was a whole new ball game at the outset of the Ulster Minor Football Championship. Only a handful of players remained from last year's all-conquering squad, the side expected to encounter more formidable opposition and the management themselves wondered if the hunger for success would still be as sharp.

But the desire, commitment and drive which the new-look Tyrone side unleashed from the outset of the competition have stood them in such good stead that they are not only back in the provincial decider but find themselves once again cast in the role of favourites.

And if Tyrone faced uncertainty and apprehension before a ball was kicked in the championship, Derry manager Chris Browne had even greater reason to contemplate the championship with some foreboding. After all, Tyrone tucked away the Ulster Minor League title before they kicked a ball in anger in the championship and also boasted a handful of talented players from MacRory Cup finalists Omagh CBS in their ranks.

In contrast, Derry only began meaningful training for the championship when the date of their first game against Antrim was looming rather large on the horizon. If this match eventually represented nothing more than a brisk work-out for the Oak Leaf side, then last week's semi-final against Cavan was rather more demanding although Browne's boys still won with something to spare while Tyrone were making a mockery of Monaghan's resilience in their previously drawn encounter by coming out on top by a whopping 3-11 to 0-5.

It's the kind of scoreline calculated to breed excess confidence but the Donnelly-Coyle management team have been together too long to fall into any sense of false security. The two dismissals that Monaghan suffered jettisoned the Farney county's prospects and smoothed the path for Tyrone's entry into today's decider.

With Dermot Carlin, Joe McCarroll, Patrick Early, Damien Meenan and Colm Donnelly showing the way throughout the championship, Tyrone have already given an indication that their Minor reign could be extended. But that's precisely what Chris Browne's side intend to prevent. Barry McGoldrick, Patsy Bradley, Ciaran Mullan, Ger O'Kane and Ruairi Convery have been setting the kind of example to their colleagues that makes the Red Hand side tread cautiously into what is a potentially fascinating clash.

It's coincidence, of course, that today's clash comes less than twenty-four hours after the senior brethren from both counties renew their intense rivalry at Casement Park in the All Ireland Qualifiers. This makes the little matter of a 'double' very much a live issue and that is the extra ingredient which makes today's mix so attractive.

Whoever wins will have the responsibility of trying to ensure that the All Ireland Minor title remains in Ulster. Now wouldn't that be a huge bonus!



DOIRE

Fir Ionaid

16. Martin Dunne
Steelstown
17. Ruairi Murray
Desert Martin
18. Aaron Cassidy
Bellaghy
19. Stephen Crozier
Ballymaguigan
20. Sean Mullan
Ballerin
21. Martin Carey
Greenlough
22. Jarlath
Mulholland
Slaughtneil
23. Murtagh O'Brien
Magherafelt
24. Conan Brown
Bellaghy

1
E. Mac Niocáill
Eoin McNicholl
Glenullin

2
M. Mac Gualraic
Michael McGoldrick
Bellaghy

3
G. Ó Catháin
Gerard O'Kane (C)
Glenullin

4
S. Mac Fhionnain
Joe Keenan
Magherafelt

5
N. Ó Maoláin
Neil Mullan
Glenullin

6
C. Mac Állin
Ciaran McCallion
Greenlough

7
P. Ó Aodha
Paul O'Hea
Steelstown

8
P. Ó Brólcháin
Patsy Bradley
Slaughtneil

9
R. Mac Aimhíre
Ruairi Convery
Swatragh

10
B. Mac Gualraic
Barry McGoldrick
Coleraine

11
C. Ó Catháin
Cathal O'Kane
Craigbane

12
M. Ó Loingsigh
Mark Lynch
Banagher

13
S. Mac Bátha
James Bateson
Ballinderry

14
P. De Slún
Paul Young
Loup

15
C. Ó Maoláin
Ciaran Mullan
Drumsurn

DOIRE	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seacháí	45m	Saor Ciceanna
1adh Leath					
2adh Leath					
IOMLÁN					

TÍR EOGHAIN



Fir Ionaid

1
C. Ó hUaine
Chris Green
Gortin

2
D. Ó Cearúlláin
Dermot Carlin
Killyclougher

3
P. Armour
Peter Armour
Cookstown

4
M. Mac Srabhóg
Martin McStravog
Derrylaughin

5
R. Ó Néill
Ryan O'Neill
Moy

6
S. Bál
Joe Ball
Clan na Gael

7
P. Ó Catháin
Proinsias O'Kane
Trillick

8
N. Mac Raois
Martin McCreesh
Rock

9
C. Ó Donnaile
Colm Donnelly
Clonoe

10
P. Ó Mochóir
Patrick Early
Coalisland

11
D. Ó Mianáin
Damian Meenan
Killyclogher

12
C. Ó Dúrasa
Colm Doris
Clonoe

13
B. Mac Cearúill
Joe McCarroll
Eskra

14
M. O hAodha
Martin Hughes
Killeeshil

15
G. Ó Rathallaigh
Gary Reilly
Killeeshil

16. Terry Tracey
Greencastle
17. Mark Cunningham
Killeeshil
18. Damian McDermott
Errigal Ciaran
19. Ciaran Bannon
Killeeshil
20. Alan Fox
Brackaville
21. Ronan Lafferty
Urney
22. Ciaran Shields
Clogher
23. Edward Laverty
Stewartstown
24. A. N. OTHER

TÍR EOGHAIN	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seacháí	45m	Saor Ciceanna
1adh Leath					
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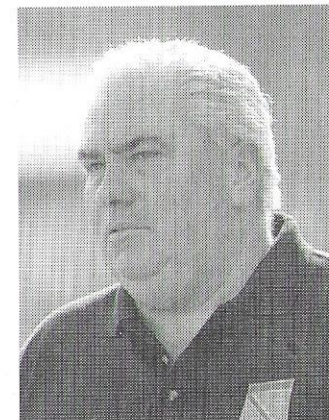
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A WORD FROM JOE KERNAN



It is a great privilege to be involved with this team in today's Ulster Final.

I wish to thank all of the background team, especially Paul Grimley who joined me without hesitation and John McCluskey who I have been fortunate to bring with me from success at Crossmaglen.

Some people may be surprised to see Donegal as our opponents in today's game, but it comes as no surprise to us in Armagh that they have reached this stage.

After three wins, they are certainly here on merit, and knowing Mickey Moran and John Morrison as I do, we will have to be at our best to beat them.

I am delighted with the commitment and dedication displayed by our players. Their hunger for success and experience at this level should prove beneficial.

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Please note you will only be able to enter and exit the ground via the correct colour coded route. Please do not try to gain access at other points.

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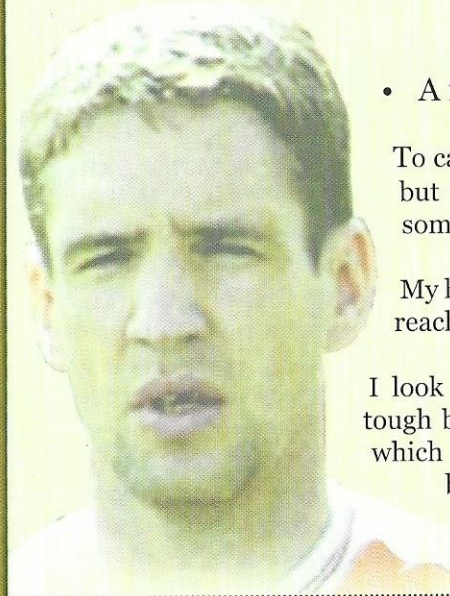
Litter wardens will be on hand and anyone found creating litter may be subject to an on the spot fine.

We would also ask visitors to note that a vehicle exclusion zone will be in operation immediately around the stadium.

Garda tow-away vehicles will be in operation all day throughout the area. All illegally and obstructively parked vehicles will be removed.



the captains



KIERAN McGEENEY

• Armagh Team Captain •

To captain any county team is a great honour but to captain this present Armagh team is something which gives me immense pride.

My hope for today's game is that the team can reach the level of football it is capable of.

I look forward to what should prove to be a tough but sporting contest with a Donegal side which has shown great form in this campaign, but hopefully the Anglo Celt will be returning home with us tonight.

MARK CROSSAN • Donegal Team Captain •



Losing the Ulster finals of 1993 and 1998 have been the biggest disappointments of my career to date. Hopefully we can put that to bed in today's final. This team is a young, developing team, and it is a great honour to be captain. Mickey Moran came in last year and has done a great job, and myself and Jim McGuinness are now the only panel members who were around in 1992. It is now time for Donegal to stop looking back to past glories, and bring this young team through for new ones. Hopefully we can deliver today. We owe it to our supporters who have been with us through thick and thin for the past 10 years. We have been getting great support from the county board and the people of the county and hopefully we can repay that today by bringing the Anglo Celt Cup back to Donegal. Armagh are a very good side, having won two of the last three Ulster titles, and losing out to the eventual All Ireland champions in each of the last three years. We met in the first round in 1999 and the game went to a replay, which they won and went on to win their first title in a long number of years. There are a number of new faces in our team from that game, and hopefully we can reverse that result and win our first title in ten years. We will be doing our best today to do that and give the Donegal supporters a day to remember.

FORM TEAMS MEET IN FINAL

Today's final sees a meeting of the two teams that have shown the greatest form in this year's race for the Anglo-Celt Cup.

Not a game that too many predicted at the outset though, with most analysts plumping for Tyrone and Derry to carve a route effectively to today's clash.

Under Joe Kernan, Armagh have gained promotion to Division 1 of the NFL, before victories over Tyrone after a replay and Fermanagh have been rewarded with a place in today's decider.

The tussles with Tyrone provided no shortage of entertainment and endeavour in just under two and a half hours of high pressure football. After sharing the exchanges in the first game, without gaining the result, but crucial goals from John McEntee and substitute Barry Duffy at critical times saw the men in orange march over the stern obstacle of the newly-crowned National Football League Champions.

Against Fermanagh, the Orchard County reaped a rich second half harvest as the Ernemen's challenge was suffocated in the Clones heat. But last week's victory for Fermanagh in the qualifiers against Westmeath sends out a message that the beaten semi-finalists are certainly no pushover.

An early goal against Cavan signalled Donegal's intentions for this year's Ulster Championship, setting up a platform for success. Down's demise was made apparent when they visited Ballybofey, before the only major score of the game against Derry in the recent semi-final guided Mickey Moran's charges to victory.

Last time the side's met was in the 1999 Ulster Quarter-Final Replay, when Cathal O'Rourke and Diarmaid Marsden goals saw the Armagh men move towards their first Anglo-Celt title in seventeen years.

As was witnessed then and in Dublin's recent victory over Meath, goals have a habit of winning crucial championship matches, and if Armagh can take their goal chances in today's final, they may well have the recipe for success to win a historic third Ulster title in four years.

When Armagh trailed by seven points to Donegal in 1999, a fine display opened up new horizons for the county then. The challenge for this side is to thwart the threats of Sweeney, Devenny, Roper et al., and outgun the Tir Chonaill men to secure a first Ulster Final victory over Donegal.

Brendan McCann,
Portadown Times

A QUESTION FOR THE PURISTS...

When was an Ulster Championship Final played at Croke Park?

...AND WHAT COUNTIES WERE INVOLVED???

As in last year's Ulster Final programme, we ask a question that, surprisingly, has never been asked in a Quiz Programme, particularly in the 'Trath na gCeist' section of the GAA's annual 'Scor' competitions. It happened on only one occasion, in 1939, and the counties involved were Cavan and Armagh. The result was as follows:

1939 FINAL: CAVAN 2-3, ARMAGH 1-4

Cavan had beaten Tyrone (4-11 to 1-2) and Donegal (5-12 to 0-4), while Armagh had beaten Monaghan (1-6 to 0-2) in a replayed semi-final, on their respective ways to the Final, which was now fixed for the Castleblayney venue on Sunday, 6th August. The game aroused unprecedented interest as Armagh had knocked Cavan out of the previous year's series, only to be beaten by Monaghan in the Final. In expectation of a big crowd, special fences and barriers were erected but even these failed to contain the massive attendance that turned up. With ten minutes left Cavan led by 2-6 to 2-4 but the crowd could not be kept back and continually encroached on the playing area. A side-line 'throw' (as it was then) was awarded to Armagh but Jim McCullough, taker of the 'throw', was struck by a spectator and the crowd erupted.

Referee Jimmy Murtagh (Down) found it impossible to continue and the game had to be abandoned. The game was re-fixed for Croke Park the following Sunday, 13th August 1939, as a curtain-raiser to the All-Ireland semi-final between Kerry and Mayo. Armagh led by 1-4 to 0-1 at the interval but Cavan came much more into the game in the second half, and a late punched goal by Big Tom O'Reilly clinched the honours for Cavan on a final score-line of Cavan 2-3, Armagh 1-4.

Two Cavan players, Jim White and Bill Carroll, retired injured during the hour and were replaced by Patsy Clarke and M. Argue. Clarke turned out to be Cavan's top scorer, notching, 1-2 of his side's total. Armagh failed to score during the entire second half. At the same venue the following Sunday, Cavan lost to Meath in the second All-Ireland semi-final. The teams from Ulster that contested the only Ulster Final ever played at Croke Park were:

Cavan: J. Mitchell, E. Finnegan, W. Carroll, M. Dinneny, G. Smith, Tom O'Reilly, Capt. (1-0), Jim White, J.J. O'Reilly, J.W. Martin, T.P. O'Reilly, P. Devlin (0-1), Vincent White, M.J. Magee, P. Smith and P. Conaty. Subs used: P. Clarke (1-2) and M. Argue.

Armagh: Joe Houlihan, Eddie McMahon, Eddie McLoughlin, Jimmy Kelly, Paddy Crilly, Con Short, Leo Collins (0-1), Tom Clarke (0-1), Jim McCullough, Gerry McGarvey (1-0), Alf Murray (0-1), Dan McGeown, Patsy Devlin, Owen Quinn (0-1) and Jackie Reid.

SEAMUS MCCLUSKEY

armagh manager - PROFILE

JOE KERNAN

Joe Kernan, in his first season as Armagh manager, has had a long and distinguished association with Gaelic Football, which has brought a rich harvest of success.

The Crossmaglen Rangers clubman was a great and dedicated servant as a player for both club and county in a career that spanned the seventies and eighties.

As a sixteen year old, he played with his club in the Ulster Club Football Championship against Bryanford before making his debut at county level a year later in 1971.

He burst onto the national scene with great style in 1977 by scoring two goals and a point from the middle of the field against the mighty Dublin side of that era in the All-Ireland final.

This proved to be a special year for Joe, providing several fond memories. It was the year where he won the first of two All-Star awards, a coveted prize which he won again in 1982 from centre half forward.

And that season one of his goals in the All-Ireland Final was adjudged goal of the season by RTE.

Also, amongst his array of success in a glittering player career, he picked up three Ulster championship winners medals (1977, '80 and '82) and five Armagh club Championship medals with Crossmaglen (1970, '75, '77, '83 and '86).

After an impeccable playing career, 'Big Joe' then went on to use his great wealth of knowledge and skill to great effect as a manager.

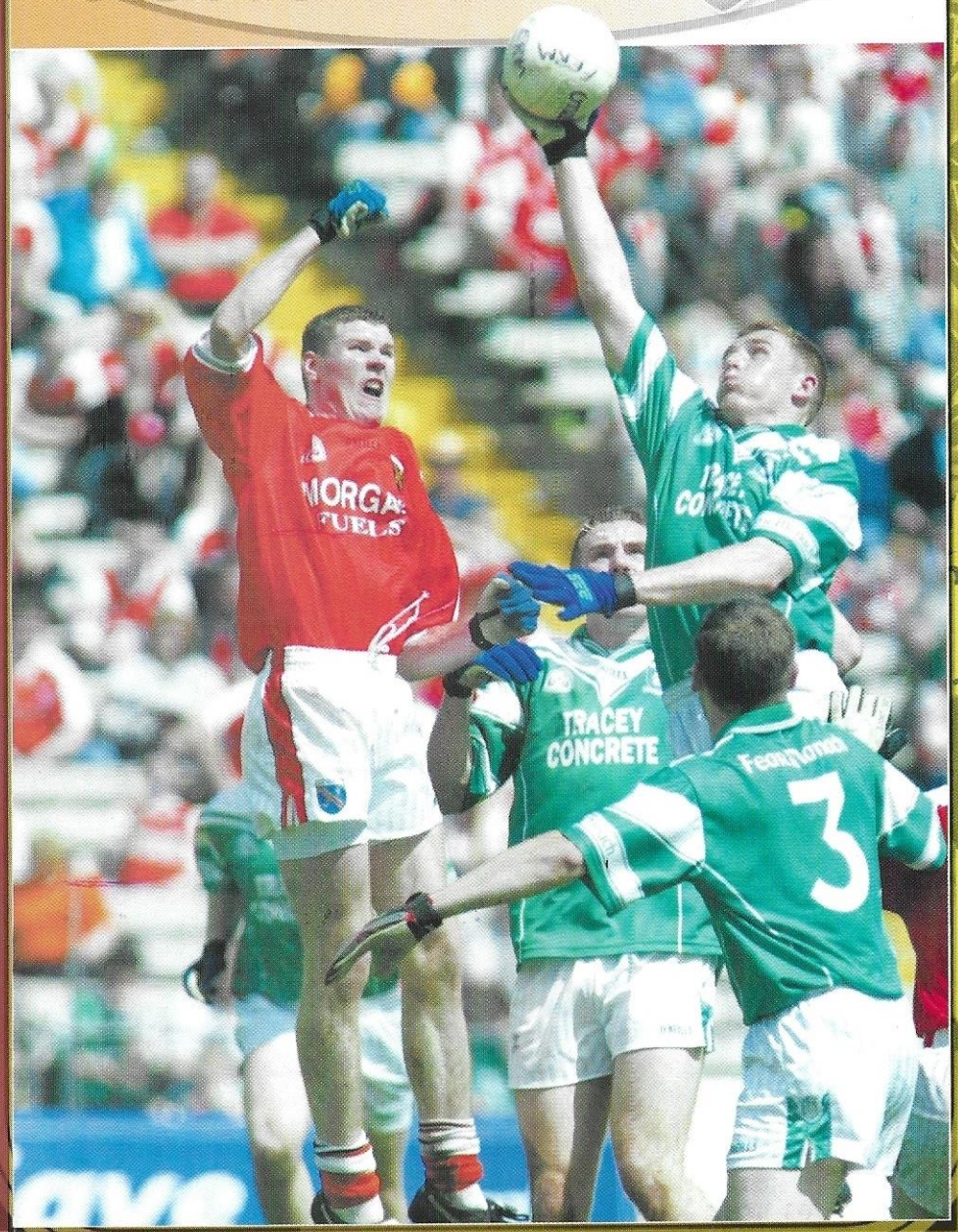
Having been a selector under Paddy Moriarty with the County team, Joe took on the role of manager with Crossmaglen. In his fourth season he ended a ten year drought for Crossmaglen without championship success, and his club have retained the title in the years since.

The success of 1996 proved a stepping stone to further success at Ulster and All-Ireland Club Championship level the following campaign, a feat Joe and his charges were able to repeat not once, but twice, over the next few seasons.

Since taking up the County manager position, Joe has guided his side back to Division 1 status and to today's final, where he will be keen to see his players perform to their potential and bring more success to his beloved county.



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Armagh and Donegal in the Championship

Armagh and Donegal have met 13 times in the Championship with Armagh ahead, 9 wins to 6. Their last two clashes in the Ulster series have gone to replays, Donegal winning in 1993 and Armagh reversing that situation in 1999.

Armagh's Successes:- 1927, 1928, 1949, 1981, 1982, 1984, 1987, 1988 and 1999 (replay).

Donegal's Successes:- 1940, 1967, 1968, 1983, 1990 and 1993 (replay).

Their latest clash was in 1999 when it took the two games to decide the issue. In the first game, the sides ended all-square on a scoreline of Donegal 2-9, Armagh 1-12, at Ballybofey on Sunday, June 6th, and in the replay the following Sunday, Armagh triumphed on a scoreline of Armagh 2-11, Donegal 0-12 at Clones. Armagh went on to win the title.

ARMAGH'S FIRST WIN OVER DONEGAL

1927: ARMAGH 0-8, DONEGAL 1-1

Armagh met Donegal in the first round at Armagh on 22nd May 1927 and won by double scores, 0-8 to 1-1. Outstanding for Armagh were John Vallely, Gene Hanratty and Jim Cooney in defence, Poppy Fearon at midfield, and John Donaghy and Francie Toner in the forwards. Dorris gave Armagh an early lead with a point, followed by a second from McCusker. Taylor then had Donegal's only score of the first half, with Donaghy having Armagh's third point to leave the half-time score: Armagh 0-3, Donegal 0-1. Toner (2) and McCusker (2) put Armagh further ahead in the second period before Woods had Donegal's goal, but it was Armagh who finished the stronger with the final point coming from Dorris shortly before the final whistle.

Armagh: Charlie Morgan, Gene Hanratty (Capt.), Jim Cooney, John Vallely, Owen Connolly, Joe Harney, Harry Cumiskey, Poppy Fearon, John McCusker, John McGerrigan, John Donaghy, Francie Toner, J. Dorris, Jack McCreesh and Jack Corrigan.

Donegal: O'Neill, Hannigan, McDyer, McDonald, Drumm, Harrison, Taylor, O'Flaherty, Farrell, Carey, McGlynn, Duffy, Woods, Dowds and Roarty.

Referee: F. McKeown (Cootehill).

DONEGAL'S FIRST WIN OVER ARMAGH

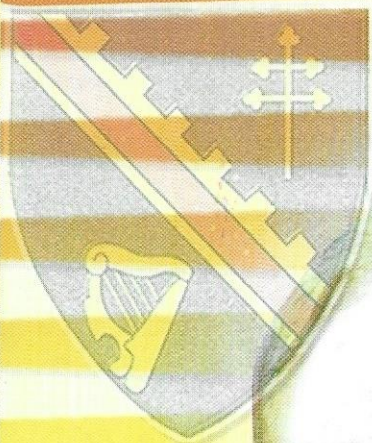
1940: DONEGAL 0-6, ARMAGH 0-5

Played at Armagh on Sunday 23rd June 1940, Donegal had the narrowest of victories over the home side when they recorded their first ever win over the men from the Orchard County. Despite playing against the wind in the first half, Donegal opened well with a point from Doherty, but Alf Murray equalised for Armagh. Hanratty and Murray then put Armagh ahead with points but Donegal equalised per M. Slevin and D. McGee, with Clarke getting the last score of the half, an Armagh point, to leave the half-time score: Armagh 0-4, Donegal 0-3. McHugh equalised for Donegal on resuming but Armagh went ahead again per Murray. It was left to McHugh to get the equalising point for Donegal and then score the all important winner shortly before the end, to give Donegal a well-earned victory, 0-6 to 0-5.

Donegal: H. McGuinness (Ballyshannon), P. Quinn (Castlefinn), P. Gill (Letterkenny), E. Cannon (Dunfanaghy), H. Gallagher (Gweedore), M. Melly (Ballyshannon), S. Slevin (Ballyshannon), A. McBrearty (Donegal), J. McGarvey (Dungloe), J. Doherty (Bundoran), V. McHugh (Ardara), D. McGee (Falcarragh), J. Gallagher (Ballyshannon), D. Gillespie (Gweedore) and M. Slevin (Ballyshannon).

player PROFILE

NAME: Brendan Tierney
CLUB: Mullaghbawn **D.O.B.:** 12/04/1969
HEIGHT: 5'11" **WEIGHT:** 14st
OCCUPTION: Primary School Teacher
COUNTY DEBUT: 22/10/89 v Donegal
COUNTY MATCHES: 118
Ulster SFC Debut: 03/06/1990 v Tyrone
Ulster SFC Matches: 29
Honours College: Dalton Cup/Corn na nOg,
 Rannafast Cup, Hogan Club
CLUB: Ulster SFC,
 Club Armagh SFC,
 IFC, JFC
COUNTY:
 Ulster SFC
 1999/2000,
 Dr McKenna
 Cup 90/94



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Bhéinn den tuairim go bhfuil Ard Mhacha, a raibh an bhua acu ar Mhuineachán agus ar churaidh na Sraith Naisiúnta Tír Eoghain mar rogha na coitiantachta leis an bhua a fháil. D’imir siad le comhionannas le bliain nó dhó anuas agus tá an fhoireann an-chothrom ón líne cúil go dtí na tosaithe. Sílim go bhfuil an líne leath thosaigh ar cheann dena línte is fearr sa tír. Bíonn na himreoirí sa líne cúil mall in amanna ag glanadh na liathróide ar shíúil, ach beidh feabhas ar an tréith seo inniu.

Tá Dún na nGall comhcheangailte le scíl peile atá aonarach ag a lán contaethe. Ghlacadar le nós pas gairid ón lámh agus rinneadar máistreacht thar cionn air, ach ar chúis éigin níl cuid de scríobhaíthe na meáin chumarasaíde claonta í leith an nós seo. Gan dabht, ní chuirfidh seo buaireamh ar bith ar fhoireann Dhún na nGall agus is féidir le Mícheál Ó Moráin agus a chúram a bheith brodúil as a ngaiscí go dtí seo.

Tugann cluiche an lae inniu le chéile dhá cheann do na foirne is taitheoch sa chúige. Tá Ard Mhacha ag cnagadh ar an doras le blianta. Imríonn siad stil dheas peile — beacht agus sciliúil. Tá siad go fóill ag tnúth leis an chraobh naisiúnta a bhua. B’fhéidir go mbeidh an t-ádh leo i mbliana. Mar sin féin is deacar Dún na nGall a chloí. Tá siad righin agus d’imir siad go maith i gcluichí le tamall anuas. Ón bhliain 1992, an bhliain a bhua siad an chraobh naisiúnta, fuair siad lámh an uachtar ar gach contae sa chúige ag am nó am eile. Níl eagla orthu roimh aon duine agus beidh siad ábalta an fód a sheasamh inniu.

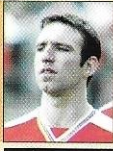
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1



BRENDAN TIERNEY
Club: Mullaghbawn, Age: 33
Height: 5'11", Weight: 14st
Occupation: Teacher

2



ENDA McNULTY
Club: Mullabawn, Age: 25
Height: 5'10", Weight: 10.5st
Occupation: Student

3



JUSTIN McNULTY
Club: Mullaghbawn, Age: 27
Height: 6'1", Weight: 14st
Occupation: Student

4



FRANCIE BELLEW
Club: Crossmaglen, Age: 26
Height: 5'11", Weight: 13st
Occupation: Fitter

5



AIDAN O'ROURKE
Club: Dromintee, Age: 25
Height: 5'11", Weight: 13st
Occupation: Student

6



KIERAN McGEENEY (C)
Club: Na Fianna, Age: 30
Height: 6'0", Weight: 14st
Occupation: Sports Officer

7



KIERAN HUGHES
Club: Pearse Óg, Age: 25
Height: 6'1", Weight: 13.5st
Occupation: Welding Engineer

8



JOHN TOAL
Club: Keady, Age: 23
Height: 6'2", Weight: 13st
Occupation: Student

9



PAUL McGRANE
Club: Ballyhegan, Age: 27
Height: 6'2", Weight: 14st
Occupation: Accountant

10



PATRICK McKEEVER
Club: Ballyhegan, Age: 22
Height: 5'11", Weight: 13.2st
Occupation: Student

11



JOHN McENTEE
Club: Crossmaglen, Age: 24
Height: 6'0", Weight: 14st
Occupation: Occ Therapist

12



OISIN McCONVILLE
Club: Crossmaglen, Age: 26
Height: 6'0", Weight: 12.5st
Occupation: Claims Officer

13



STEVEN McDONNELL
Club: Killeavey, Age: 22
Height: 6'0", Weight: 12st
Occupation: Joiner

14



RONAN CLARKE
Club: Pearse óg, Age: 19
Height: 6'3", Weight: 12st
Occupation: Student

15



DIARMAID MARSDEN
Club: Clan na Gael, Age: 26
Height: 5'10", Weight: 13.5st
Occupation: Sales Rep

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PAUL HEARTY

Club: Crossmaglen, **Age:** 23
Height: 6'4", **Weight:** 15st
Occupation: Electrician

ANDREW McCANN

Club: Ballyboden, **Age:** 28
Height: 6'1", **Weight:** 13st
Occupation: Engineer

CATHAL O'ROURKE

Club: Dromintee, **Age:** 29
Height: 5'11", **Weight:** 14st
Occupation: Design Engineer

PHILIP LOUGHRAN

Club: Clady, **Age:** 21
Height: 6'4", **Weight:** 13st
Occupation: Student

BARRY O'HAGAN

Club: Clan na Gael, **Age:** 27
Height: 5'11", **Weight:** 13st
Occupation: Software Engineer

JOHN DONALDSON

Club: Crossmaglen, **Age:** 26
Height: 6'0", **Weight:** 13.5st
Occupation: Groundsman

BARRY DUFFY

Club: Killeavey, **Age:** 25
Height: 6'3", **Weight:** 13.5st
Occupation: Quantity Surveyor

GERARD REID

Club: Eire Og, **Age:** 31
Height: 6'2", **Weight:** 14st
Occupation: Civil Servant

PAUL McCORMACK

Club: Keady, **Age:** 22
Height: 5'11", **Weight:** 13st
Occupation: Student

SIMON MAXWELL

Club: Pearse Og, **Age:** 27
Height: 6'2", **Weight:** 13st
Occupation: Engineer

PADRAIG DUFFY

Club: Pearse Og, **Age:** 19
Height: 5'10", **Weight:** 12st
Occupation: Bricklayer

COLM O'NEILL

Club: Crossmaglen, **Age:** 29
Height: 6'6", **Weight:** 16.5st
Occupation: Wholesale Distributor

KEVIN McELVANNA

Club: Madden, **Age:** 22
Height: 5'9", **Weight:** 12st
Occupation: Student

SHANE SMITH

Club: Annaghmore, **Age:** 22
Height: 6'0", **Weight:** 13.5st
Occupation: Joiner

TONY McENTEE

Club: Crossmaglen, **Age:** 24
Height: 6'0", **Weight:** 14st
Occupation: Cardiac Officer

The Scoreboard for 2002

SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

May 12	Cavan	0-15	Donegal	1-17	Kingspan Breifne Pk
May 12	Monaghan	2-11	Fermanagh	4-13	Clones
May 19	Armagh	1-12	Tyrone	1-12	Clones
May 26	Tyrone	0-16	Armagh	2-13	Clones (Replay)
June 2	Down	1-06	Donegal	3-12	Ballybofey
June 2	Antrim	0-06	Derry	0-16	Casement Pk
June 9	Armagh	0-16	Fermanagh	1-05	Clones
June 16	Derry	0-10	Donegal	1-09	Clones

MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

May 12	Cavan	0-12	Donegal	0-08	Kingspan Breifne Pk
May 12	Monaghan	0-11	Fermanagh	0-10	Clones
May 19	Armagh	0-12	Tyrone	0-12	Clones
May 26	Tyrone	2-12	Armagh	1-08	Clones (Replay)
May 31	Monaghan	1-08	Tyrone	0-11	Enniskillen
June 1	Cavan	2-13	Down	0-12	Ballybay
June 2	Antrim	0-04	Derry	1-15	Casement
June 30	Cavan	0-10	Derry	0-14	Enniskillen
June 30	Tyrone	3-11	Monaghan	0-05	Enniskillen (Replay)

UNDER 21 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

March 23	Donegal	1-07	Fermanagh	1-07	Ballybofey
March 23	Antrim	0-10	Monaghan	1-10	Castleblayney
March 23	Down	0-10	Tyrone	1-11	Newry
March 30	Cavan	0-12	Armagh	0-05	Kingspan Breifne Pk
March 30	Fermanagh	1-10	Donegal	2-10	Enniskillen (Replay)
April 6	Monaghan	0-07	Tyrone	1-07	Omagh
April 6	Derry	0-10	Donegal	0-13	Celtic Park
April 20	Cavan	0-14	Donegal	0-10	Ballybofey



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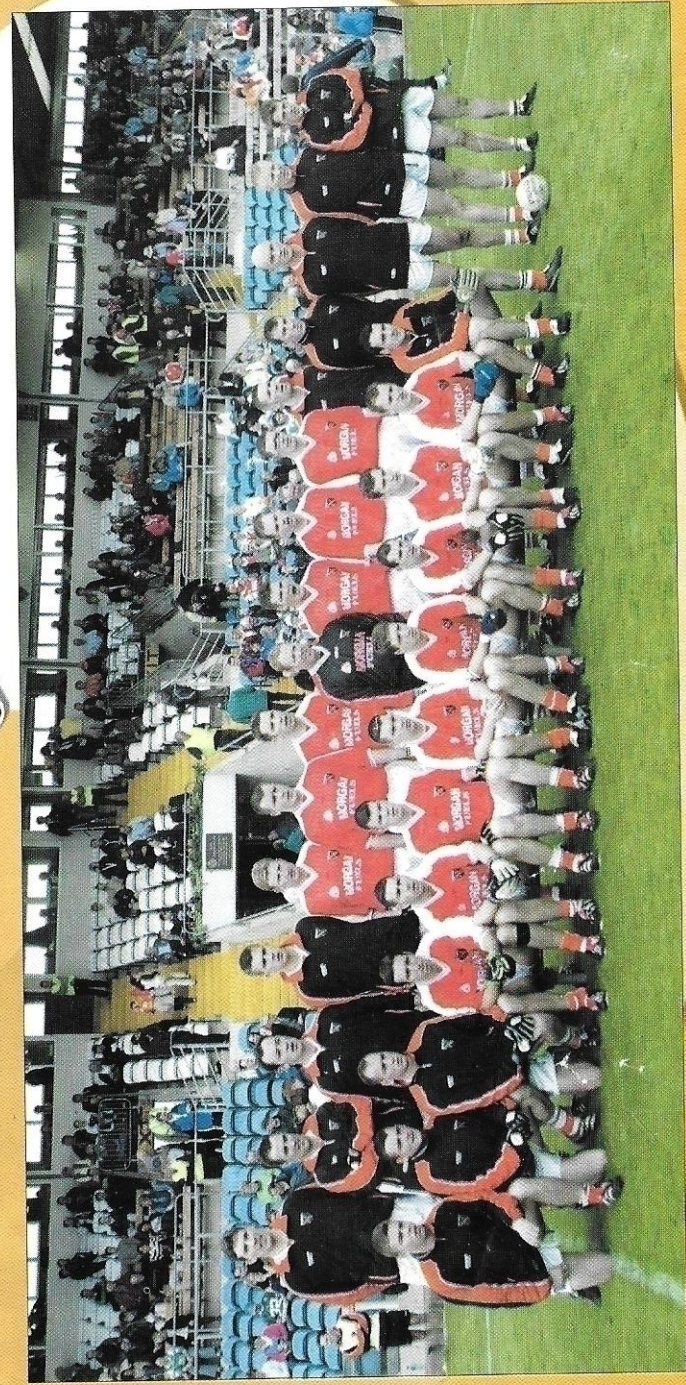
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Árd Mhacha

Dathanna: Óraiste is bán

Fir Ionaid

16. Paul Hearty
Crossmaglen
17. Andrew McCann
Ballyboden
18. Cathal O'Rourke
Dromintee
19. Philip Loughran
Keady
20. Barry O'Hagan
Clan na Gael
21. John Donaldson
Crossmaglen
22. Barry Duffy
Killeavey
23. Gerard Reid
Éire Óg
24. Paul McCormack
Keady
25. Simon Maxwell
Pearsé Óg
26. Pdraig Duffy
Pearsé Óg
27. Colm O'Neill
Crossmaglen
28. Kevin McElvanna
Madden
29. Shane Smith
Annaghmore
30. Tony McEntee
Crossmaglen

B. Ó Tiarnaigh

Brandan Tierney
Mullabawn

2 É. Mac an Ultaigh Enda McNulty Mullabawn	3 S. Mac an Ultaigh Justin McNulty Mullabawn	4 P. Beiliú Francie Bellew Crossmaglen
5 A. Ó Ruairc Aidan O'Rourke Dromintee	6 C. Mac Géibheannaigh Kieran McGeeney (C) Na Fianna	7 C. Ó hAodha Kieran Hughes Pearsé Óg
8 S. Ó Tuathail John Toal Keady	9 P. Mag Ráine Paul McGrane Ballyhegan	
10 P. Mac Íomhair Paddy McKeever Ballyhegan	11 S. Mac an tSaoi John McEntee Crossmaglen	12 O. Mac Conmhaoil Oisín McConville Crossmaglen
13 S. Mac Dónaill Steven McDonnell Killeavey	14 R. Ó Cléirigh Ronan Clarke Pearsé Óg	15 C. Mac an Mháistir Diarmuid Marsden Clann an Gael

ÁRD MHACHA

1adh Leath

2adh Leath

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Cúil	Cúilíní	Seacháí	45m	Saor Ciceanna

Dún Na nGall

Dathanna: Glas is Ór



Fir Ionaid

16. Gerard McGill
Naomh Columba
17. Damien Diver
Ard an Ratha
18. Eamon Doherty
Ard an Ratha
19. Kevin Rafferty
Naomh Adhamhain
20. Colm McFadden
Naomh Michael
21. Brendan Boyle
Ard an Ratha
22. Rory Kavanagh
Naomh Adhamhain
23. Conal Dunne
Naomh Adhamhain
24. John Haran
Naomh Adhamhain
25. James Gallagher
Gaoth Dobhair
26. Brian McLaughlin
Naomh Michael
27. Paddy Campbell
Naomh Conail
28. Seamie Friel
Gael Fhanada
29. Declan Gallagher
Cill Chartha
30. Patrick MacConagly
Fanad Gaels

A. de Blaca

Tony Blake
Naomh Adhamhain

2 S. Mac Giolla Chearra Shane Carr Na Ceithre Maistrí	3 M. Mac Chrossain Mark Crossan (C) Naomh Adhamhain	4 N. Mac Fhionnagaile Noel McGinley Naomh Columba
5 R. Mac Suibhne Raymond Sweeney An Clochan Liath	6 B. Ó Muineachain Barry Monaghan Na Ceithre Maistri	7 C. Ó Cáside Kevin Cassidy Gaoth Dobhair
8 S. Mac Giolla De John Gildea Naomh Conaill	9 S. Mac Aughusa Jim McGuinness Naomh Conail	
10 C. Ó Tuathail Christy Toye Naomh Michael	11 M. Ó hEigheartaigh Michael Hegarty Cill Chartha	12 B. Ó Ropier Brian Roper Aodh Ruadh
13 A. Mac Suibhne Adrian Sweeney An Clochan Liath	14 B. Ó Duibheannaigh Brendan Devenney Naomh Adhamhain	15 P. Mac Congaill Paul McGonigle Buncranaigh

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Ulster Final Seventy Years Ago

1932

The last Ulster Final ever to be played at Oriel Park in Monaghan town took place seventy years ago (1932) when Cavan defeated Armagh in the decider. Oriel Park was then a favourite Ulster venue, but when 10,000 (a record at that stage) thronged into the venue for the 1932 Final, it was obvious that there would be trouble. The playing pitch was invaded near the end following the firing of a shot by a member of the Garda Síochána, but the game was finished with Cavan in command. It was a great day for Cavan as they also won the Junior Championship Final, which always preceded the Senior Finals in those days, at the expense of Down.

Senior Final: Cavan 2-4, Armagh 0-2

Cavan: W. Young, W. Connolly, Tom Crowe, M. Dinnyen, John Molloy, P. Lynch, V. McGovern, Jim Smith, Hughie O'Reilly, Patsy Devlin, P. McNamee, Jack Smallhorn, M.J. Magee, Louis Blessing and Terry Coyle.

Armagh: J. Houlihan, H. Comiskey, Jim McCullagh, John Valley, J. Harney, L. Collins, E. McCreesh, E. McMahon, B. Evans, T. Toner, P. Fearon, Frank McAvinchey, P. Quinn, J. Donaghy and J. McCusker.

Junior Final: Cavan 2-5, Down 1-1

Cavan: B. O'Reilly, W. Carroll, P. Briody, J.P. Dolan, P.J. Smith, H. Smith, J. Sheridan, P. Brady, T. O'Reilly (Cornafean), J. Galligan, E. Briody, J. Somers, F. McKiernan, T. O'Reilly (Cootehill) and T. Mullally.

Down: W. Oakes, P. Gribben, P. Fitzpatrick, H. Murtagh, J. McCarthy, G. Mussen, T. O'Neill, J. Dowling, W. O'Keeffe, G. Johnston, T. O'Hare, J. Heany, T. Breen, B. McCartan and J. Donnelly.

1942

Sixty years ago (1942) WW2 was in full swing and travel restrictions proved a headache for GAA teams at club and county levels. Reigning champions Cavan defeated Monaghan and Donegal, while Down defeated Antrim and Armagh on the way to the Final which was fixed for Dundalk on Sunday 19th July 1942. It was one of the rare occasions when an Ulster Final was fixed for a venue outside the province. The game turned out to be a one-side affair with Down apparently over-awed by the big occasion and Cavan won easily, 5-11 to 1-3. A brilliant display of goalkeeping by John O'Hare saved Down from an even greater humiliation.

Cavan: J.D. Benson, E. Finnegan, B. Cully, Tom O'Reilly (Capt.), T. Cahill (1-0), Gerry Smith, J.W. Martin, J.J. O'Reilly (0-2), A. Comiskey (0-1), D. Morgan, Paddy Smith (1-1), T.P. O'Reilly (1-3), P. Boylan (2-1), S. Deignan (0-2) and W. Doonan (0-1).

Down: John O'Hare, Tom McCann (0-2), Joe Kane, John McClorey, Gerry Carr, J. Darcy, Joe Fegan, M. King, D. Morgan, Liam O'Hare, A. McClean (0-1), Terry McCormack (Capt.), W. McKibben (1-0), J. Garvey and P. McParland.

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TONY BLAKE

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

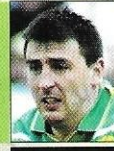
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SHANE CARR

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

3



MARK CROSSAN

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

4



NOEL MCGINLEY

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

5



RAYMOND SWEENEY

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

6



BARRY MONAGHAN

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

7



KEVIN CASSIDY

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

8



JOHN GILDEA

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

9



JIM MCGUINNESS

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

10



CHRISTY TOYNE

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

11



MICHAEL HEGARTY

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

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BRIAN ROPER

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

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ADRIAN SWEENEY

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

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BRENDAN DEVENEY

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

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PAUL MCGONIGLE

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

donegal senior panel

GERARD MCGILL

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

DAMIEN DIVER

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

EAMON DOHERTY

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

KEVIN RAFFERTY

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

COLM MCFADDEN

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

BRENDAN BOYLE

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

RORY KAVANAGH

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

CONAL DUNNE

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

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

SEAMUS FRIEL

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

BRIAN McLAUGHLIN

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

PADDY CAMPBELL

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

DECLAN GALLAGHER

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

PATRICK MacCONAGLY

Club: Fanad Gaels, **Age:** 21
Height: 5'9", **Weight:** 12st.
Occupation: Apprentice Carpenter

roll of honour

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The Last Fifty Yerars of Ulster Finals

1951	Aontroim	17	Cabhan	23	Cluain Eois
1952	Cabhan	18	Muineachan	08	An Cabhan
1953	Ard Mhacha	16	Cabhan	05	Beal Feirste
1954	Cabhan	210	Ard Mhacha	25	Cluain Eois
1955	Cabhan	011	Doire	08	Cluain Eois
1956	Tir Eoghain	35	Cabhan	04	Cluain Eois
1957	Tir Eoghain	19	Doire	010	Cluain Eois
1958	Doire	111	An Dun	24	Cluain Eois
1959	An Dun	216	Cabhan	07	Cluain Eois
1960	An Dun	37	Cabhan	18	Beal Feirste
1961	An Dun	210	Ard mhacha	110	Beal Feirste
1962	Cabhan	36	An Dun	05	Beal Feirste
1963	An Dun	211	Dun na nGall	14	An Cabhan
1964	Cabhan	210	An Dun	110	Beal Feirste
1965	An Dun	35	Cabhan	18	Cluain Eois
1966	An Dun	17	Dun na nGall	08	Beal Feirste
1967	Cabhan	212	An Dun	08	Cluain Eois
1968	An Dun	016	Cabhan	18	Beal Feirste
1969	Cabhan	213	An Dun	26	Beal Feirste
1970	Doire	213	Aontroim	112	Cluain Eois
1971	An Dun	414	Doire	411	Beal Feirste
1972	Dun na nGall	213	Tir Eoghain	111	Cluain Eois
1973	Tir Eoghain	313	An Dun	111	Cluain Eois
1974	Dun na nGall	114	An Dun	211	Cluain Eois
	Dun na nGall	39	An Dun	112	Cluain Eois - athimirt
1975	Doire	116	An Dun	26	Cluain Eois
1976	Doire	18	Cabhan	18	Cluain Eois
	Doire	022	Cabhan	116	Cluain Eois - athimirt
1977	Ard Mhacha	310	Doire	16	Cluain Eois
1978	An Dun	219	Cabhan	212	Cluain Eois
1979	Muineachan	115	Dun na nGall	011	Cluain Eois
1980	Ard Mhacha	410	Tir Eoghain	47	Cluain Eois
1981	An Dun	213	Ard Mhaca	110	Cluain Eois
1982	Ard Mhacha	010	Ard Mhaca	110	Cluain Eois
1983	Dun na nGall	114	Cabhan	111	Cluain Eois
1984	Tir Eoghain	015	Ard Mhacha	17	Cluain Eois
1985	Muineachan	29	Doire	08	Cluain Eois
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1995	Tir Eoghain	113	An Cabhan	110	Cluain Eois
1996	Tir Eoghain	109	An Dun	009	Cluain Eois
1997	An Cabhan	114	Doire	016	Cluain Eois
1998	Doire	007	Dun na nGall	008	Cluain Eois
1999	Ard Mhacha	312	An Dun	010	Cluain Eois
2000	Ard Mhacha	112	Doire	111	Cluain Eois
2001	Tir Eoghain	1-13	An Cabhán	1-11	Cluain Eois

Bhfuil fhios agat...

- The Ulster Council were the first body within the GAA to negotiate a television programme to cover every game in the championship.
- Comhairle Uladh were the first unit to allow live broadcasting of championship games.
- The Ulster Council were the first to transmit championship games across the internet.
- The Ulster Council were first to sell tickets for games on the internet.
- The Ulster Council were first to appoint a full time Performance Director for Gaelic Football.
- All income from gates is spent on reinvestment in games development and grounds development.
- GAA accounts for clubs, counties, provincial and central council are audited, published to all and available to the public.
- Grounds are developed in the main by the clubs and counties that own them with assistance from the provincial body when possible.
- The GAA has development officers working in schools in all counties.
- Croke Park is the world's greatest stadium, provided by an amateur sporting body. The new look Croke Park is our jewel in a crown of achievement.
- Comhairle Uladh wishes all county grounds to be upgraded over the next 10 years. Financial strategies are being put in place by Counties to develop their pitches to the standards required. Much work is already underway.

The GAA is the largest amateur sporting organisation in the world. All clubs and county boards are operated by committed volunteers. More members are always required. Why not get involved with a local club. Help with juvenile teams, pitch development or fundraising. You will be welcome. GAA clubs are primarily involved in the promotion of Gaelic games. We also promote Irish language and culture and unashamedly do so to strengthen our national identity. Tá gá le baill nua sna clubanna. Bí linn. Beidh fáilte romhat.

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An Ulster Championship Medal is the hardest go get!

BY ADRIAN LOGAN UTV

Korea to Clones is something of a trip but the desired result is all the same... No matter the competition everyone wants to win and that's exactly the same here today in Clones.

The ground will be packed to capacity this afternoon for the meeting of the two best sides in the Ulster Championship. It's not something I say lightly.

The scoreboard never lies and these are the two sides who have given the most to this year's race for the Ulster crown.

What a day for everyone involved. Joe Kernan in his new post and already the signs of further progress are there with a final appearance against a team managed by Mickey Moran.

Moran one of the most astute in the game and he knows more than most just how far his side have come on in the past twelve months. I watched them deservedly beat Tyrone in the League earlier this year and they looked a side who would give anyone problems.

In Brendan Devenny they have one of the best forwards in the game and he certainly is delighted to be in the Clones showpiece.

"You can say all you want about the championship but for me to win an Ulster title would be something very special. It will be great to run out in Clones in front of a huge crowd and for me personally it would be great to get a provincial medal. For me the Ulster medal is the hardest to get and I wouldn't take anything like that for granted."

It's typical of the feelings of both sets of players. Other teams may make progress in the All Ireland qualifiers but every Ulster player worth his salt would love to be here in Clones today.

Armagh's Barry O'Hagan is no different...

"If we win it will be our third Ulster title in four years...that's not half bad. It is a major stepping stone to bigger things but I think every player would love to get his hands on an Ulster medal...to win the big prize and not win Ulster would always leave something of a bad taste...I would think...either way I am looking forward to this game..."

It's not just Barry who's looking forward to it. These are two of the heavyweights left in the All Ireland series and a few more questions will be answered by five o'clock this afternoon.

In Korea it was all about crowds, good action and great colour. Clones has always been about that.

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LOST CHILDREN – Lost Children to be brought to Medical Room at rear of Gerry Arthurs Stand or to St. Tighearnach's Club Rooms at South West Corner of pitch.

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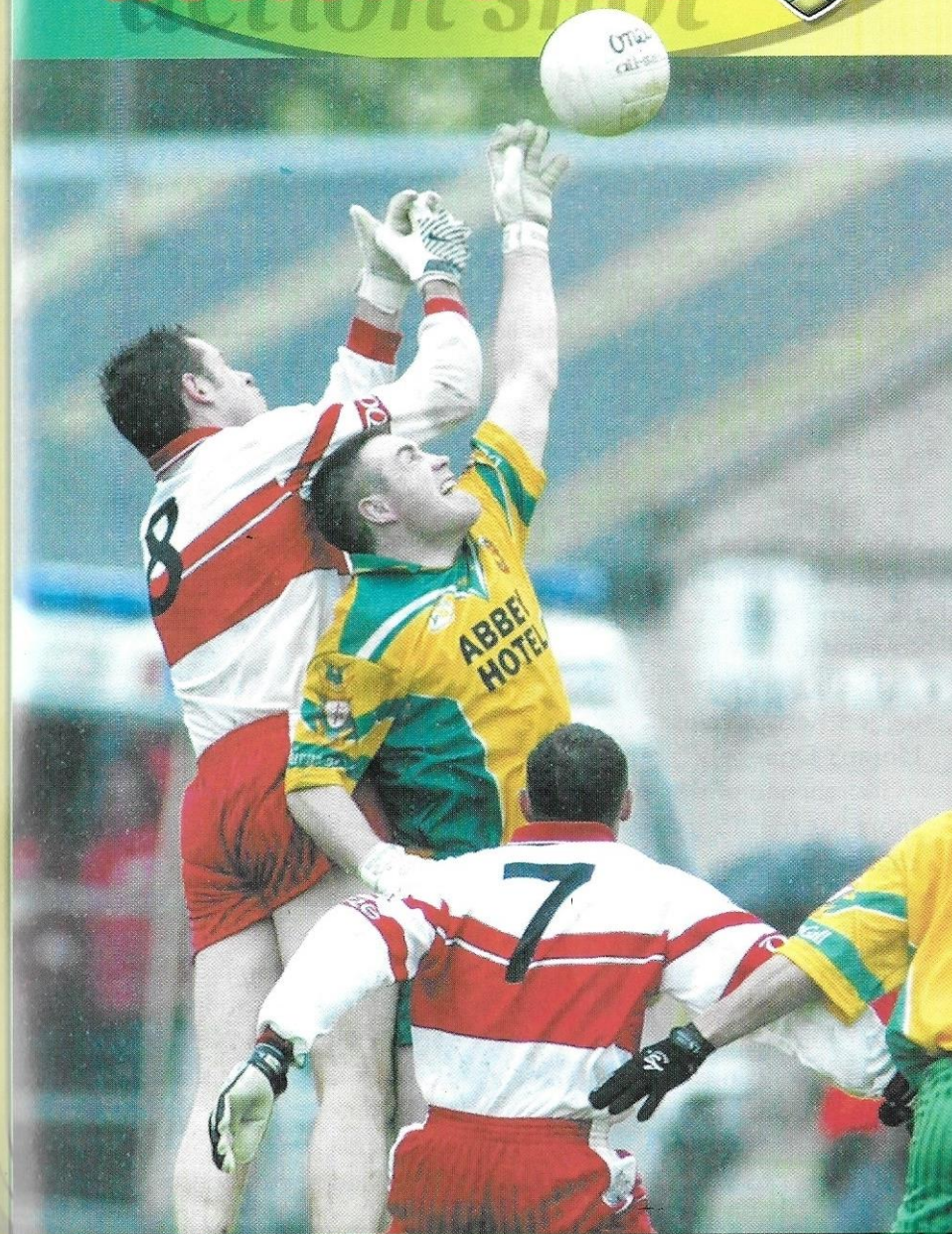
In the interests of safety, patrons will not be allowed to enter the playing area after the games.

The policy to prohibit such encroachment in the future has been taken to avoid injuries and possible fatality and has been taken on the advice and prompting of the safety authorities.

Supporters are sincerely thanked for their co-operation to date and are asked to continue this co-operation in the future to ensure that games can be enjoyed in comfort and safety.

Together we can ensure that your visit to St. Tighearnach's Park is enjoyable and safe, particularly for the young and vulnerable.

donegal action shot



We could well have an Ulster Final to savour!!

BY MICHEAL MCGEARY SUNDAY LIFE

The bookies would have offered you long odds on a Donegal and Armagh Ulster Final at the start of the season.

No disrespect to either county, but it seemed Tyrone were everyone's choice to lift the Anglo Celt trophy so that effectively ruled Armagh out of the reckoning.

Donegal found themselves in a similar situation with both Cavan and Derry lying in wait to ambush them providing they beat Down.

And yet in fairness to both finalists they are in the decider very much on merit for what is a repeat of the 1990 final won by Donegal by a single point.

Three years ago Armagh salvaged a draw in Ballybofey before winning the replay en route to Ulster championship glory. On both those occasions there was never more than kick of the ball between them and don't expect this afternoon to be any different.

Two years after lifting the Anglo Celt trophy in 1990 Donegal brought the Sam Maguire to the county for the first time amid scenes of unrestrained joy.

The biggest prize in the sport continues to elude Armagh, but wisely big Joe Kernan refuses to look beyond today's showdown with Mickey Moran's Donegal.

Moran, one of the most respected and highly regarded figures in the sport has transformed Donegal from championship also rans to genuine contenders in the space of 12 months.

And in Brendan Devenney he has the man for the big occasion, a player blessed with the ability to win a game single handed.

By his own standards he has had a relatively quite championship so far, but you sense he's now ready to explode and make a lasting impact.

Joe Kernan has a healthy respect for Mickey Moran's side and he agrees that his men must play at least as well if not better than they did in the two championship matches against Tyrone.

Providing both teams play to their full potential we could well have an Ulster Final to savour and drool over in the weeks and months ahead.

Donegal, a lot done, more to do!

by Michael Daly, Donegal Democrat/Donegal People's Press/Radio Ulster

There seems to be little doubt outside Donegal that Armagh are hot favourites to win today's Anglo-Celt Cup, and within Donegal there is uncertainty also, with some pundits tipping Donegal more in hope than certainty.

Others will tell you that they are close to the finished article, but not quite there yet. Well, there's an answer to that and today you'll have it by 4.30 p.m.

Last in an Ulster Final in 1998 when a late Derry goal robbed former manager Declan Bonner of an Ulster title his management skills so richly deserved, Donegal have been rebuilding and a new man, with experience in Ulster and Connaught and at International Rules level, has been plotting Donegal's most recent course.

Since Mickey Moran's arrival via Sligo and with his previous involvement with Derry, there have been some very positive soundings, but Moran himself was careful from the outset not to raise expectations.

In his first interview on taking over the position from Declan Bonner, Moran told the Donegal Democrat that he didn't want Donegal fans assuming that he could win an Ulster Championship inside twelve months. "I'm no Messiah, we will take things steady and I will be working very closely with the current squad and in particular with the under 21's," he said two years ago.

But those words gave the best clue as to where Moran saw his and Donegal's future. He's not the first manager to give youth its fling, but he has been working quietly and with real purpose to bring on some of Donegal's best under 21s.

Perhaps the best example of this is wing-back Kevin Cassidy who treated fans in Cavan to – without doubt – the best point scored to date in the Ulster Championship.

Breaking forward from halfback, Cassidy launched a massive score with the outside of his left boot. Were Ronaldo to execute a similar skill we would have seen it more than a hundred times from a thousand angles on tv screens.

Good as the score was, it's more important to point out that Moran the manager has encouraged players like Kevin Cassidy, Christy Toye and Colm McFadden to "go out and show what they can do" and those members of the younger brigade have repaid Moran's confidence in them with some very vital contributions in Donegal's three game race to the Ulster Final.

Moran's coaching style has garnered favourable comment from very respected observers of the game: Colm O'Rourke simply couldn't say enough about him when asked his view of Moran's coaching skills, Moran involved with the Meath man in the Irish/Aussie set up.

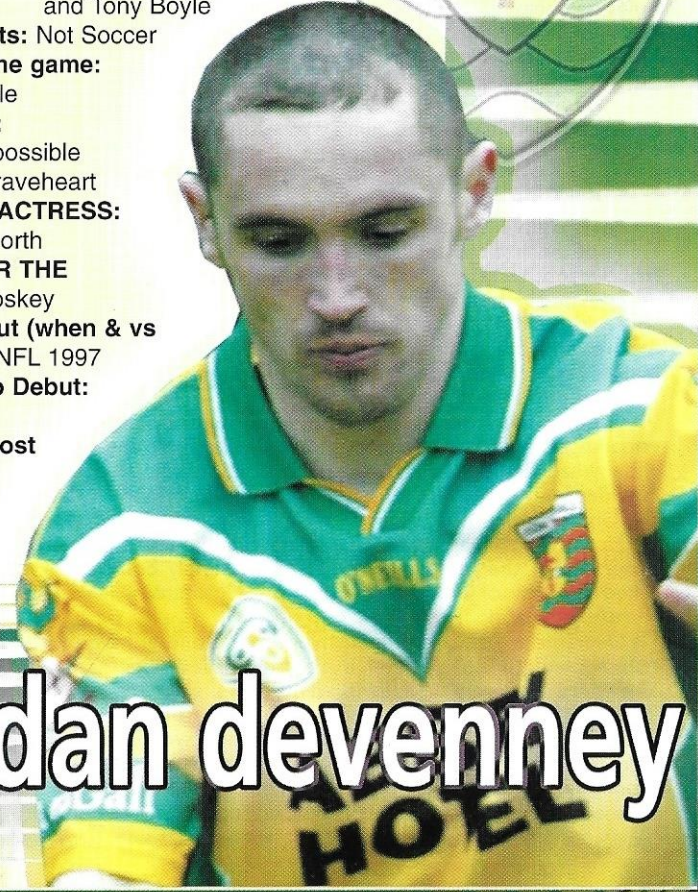
Over three games in the championship Donegal have played what another big game commentator, Michéal O Muirachartaigh describes as "a lovely brand of football". Elsewhere managers in Ulster asked for a view have suggested they are the "most improved team in Ulster" but still there remains uncertainty.

Donegal will hope their much vaunted two-man forward line of Devenney and Sweeney return more scores from play today than they did against Derry, if they do Donegal manager Mickey Moran may not be proclaimed a Messiah, but he's getting there. As the PR gurus working for the Soldiers of Destiny told us during the recent election – 'A lot done, more to do!' might be an apt summation.

player PROFILE

NAME: Brendan Devenney
AGE: 26 **HEIGHT:** 5'11" **WEIGHT:** 13st
FAVOURITE POSITION: Full Forward
HONOURS WON: International Rules Series 2001,
 1 Railway Cup, County U-18, Junior &
 3 Senior C'ships, Div 1 (2) & Div 4 leagues
MARRIED/SINGLE: Neither married nor single
OCCUPATION: Sales Representative
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

Favourite other sports: Not Soccer
Ways of Improving the game:
 Allow forwards to tackle
Hopes for the future:
 As much success as possible
FAVOURITE FILM: Braveheart
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS:
 Al Pacino/Vera Duckworth
YOUNG PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Mark McCloskey
County (Senior) Debut (when & vs who?): v Longford in NFL 1997
Ulster Championship Debut:
 v Antrim 1998
Person you would most like to meet: L'il Kim
 (Hip Hop Queen)



brendan devenney

donegal manager - PROFILE

MICKEY MORAN

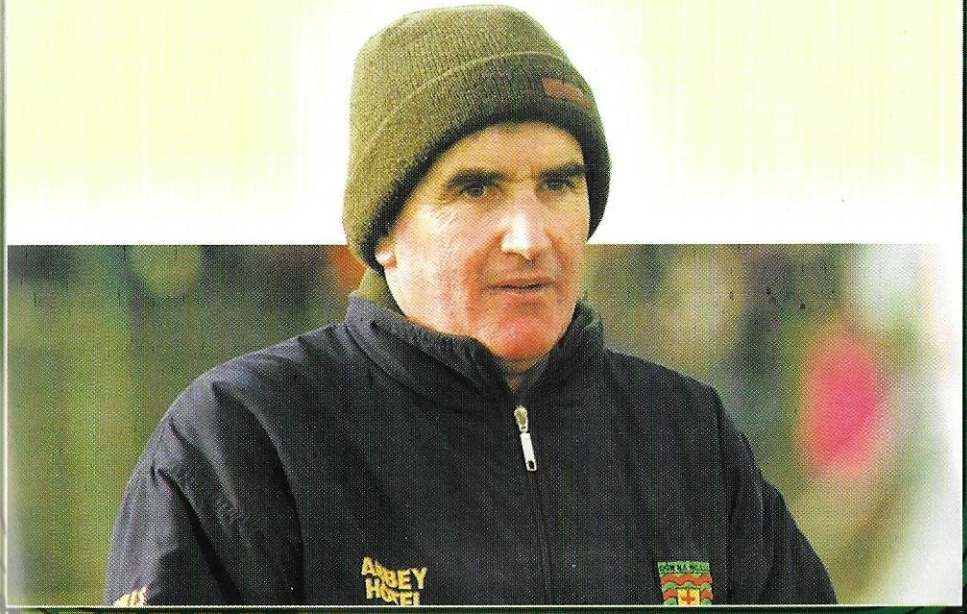
I am delighted today to be bringing this young, emerging Donegal team into an Ulster Final. We are up against Armagh who are an established force in Ulster Football, who are in their third final in four years. They, in everyone's eyes, would have been one of the favourites to succeed in the championship this year.

Hopefully our young players perform to their maximum in today's final so that we can acquit ourselves well and make a contest of it.

Irrespective of the 'back door', every player cherishes an Ulster Championship medal and this Donegal team is no different from any other.

We are delighted, and proud to be part of this wonderful occasion, Ulster Championship Final Day. It has been a tremendous team effort from everyone involved to get this far, and I would like to thank the Donegal County Board, all the clubs, team management, medical back up team, and all the loyal supporters.

Hopefully we can enjoy the day and bring an Ulster title back to Donegal for the first time in ten years, and bring a welcome injection back into Donegal football.



GROUND REGULATIONS

1. All persons entering St. Tighearnach's 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 the County Boards and all others for their valuable assistance in the compilation of this Programme.

D. Ó MURCHÚ

Kernan has instilled belief in his players

BY JOE McMANUS (ARMAGH OBSERVER)

Even before a ball was kicked in this year's Ulster Championship many were talking about an Armagh and Donegal final and it's generally agreed that the two best teams in the province have made it through.

When Armagh's new supremo Joe Kernan took charge at the start of the season his two main priorities were to get the team back to premier league football and compensate their loyal fans for last year's disappointing defeat at the hands of neighbours Tyrone. He succeeded and now a county which has hungered so long for ultimate glory has been lit once more by the flame of enthusiasm.

The Crossmaglen man who has tasted All-Ireland Club success on three different occasions mapped out his plan for this championship away back at the start of the year and subsequently placed great emphasis on fitness and stamina. He has elicited an enthusiastic response from his players and today Big Joe and his helpers believe their side can flourish because they have absorbed valuable lessons from the league defeats against Kerry and Laois and from their championship campaign so far.

They will need total concentration and maximum effort if they are to stay the distance against a Donegal side that many believe can go all the way. And this afternoon could come down to the efforts of the two best forwards in the game — Diarmuid Marsden of Armagh and Brendan Devenney of Donegal. How they play today could have a serious bearing as to who will go home with the Anglo Celt Cup. Armagh have shown great strength and composure in the manner in which they took on the challenges of Ulster and National League Champions (twice) and Fermanagh.

It's a final that feature two teams who are footballing teams and in truth we have two sides who can go on and make an impression in Croke Park. Clones has become Armagh's home from home and the fact that they are back in their third Ulster Final, in four years, having played practically all their matches in St. Tighearnach's Park, speaks volumes as to how much they have warmed to this historic venue.

If anyone can inspire Armagh to victory it's their captain Kieran McGeeney. This fierce competitor, is currently, in the opinion of many, playing some of the best football of his county career. The Na Fianna man is the rock on which many opponent attacks flounder. This most influential leader is an outstanding role model for young aspiring sportsmen who could do no better than mirror the Armagh skipper's consummate application and commitment to the game he loves. He lifted the silverware in 2000. He can do it again today.

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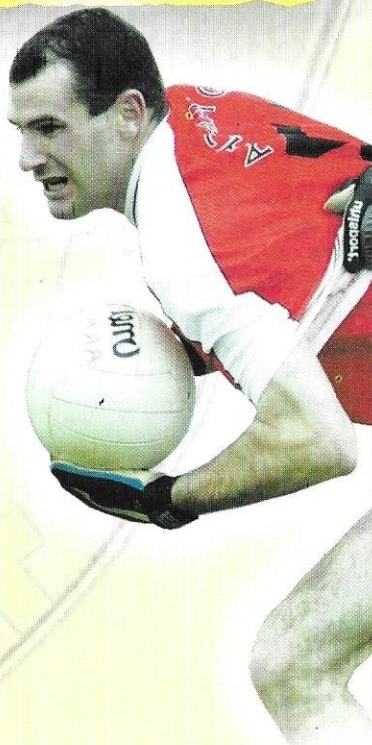
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Tir na nOg :: Wolfe Tones

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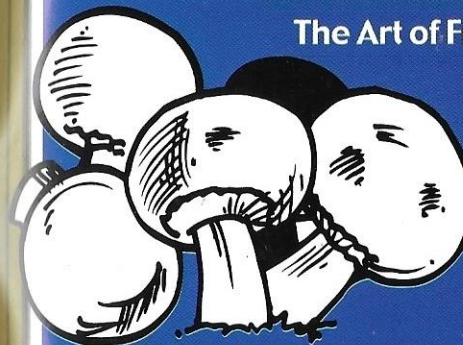
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GOOD LUCK TO JOE AND THE BOYS

STRATEGIC REVIEW**Young People****What is the role of young people within the GAA?**

Young people are the lifeblood of any sports organisations. In the case of the G.A.A. they lie at the heart of what the association does. The youth focus within the G.A.A. is targeted at 10-19 year olds which amounts to about 900,000 people or 17% of the population.

What are the attractions of Gaelic games and the G.A.A. for young people in Ireland?

In a unique way, due to the historical place of the club and the county units within the community and the facilities now available, the G.A.A. provides great opportunities for involvement in sport as a player and as a spectator. It provides a sense of belonging, a community bond, through the club and county structures and it provides games and training in a comfortable and safe environment. An additional attraction is the essential Irishness of the games.

Is the G.A.A. satisfied with the manner in which it is catering for the youth?

It is necessary always to review and make changes. The basic structures are sound but there is a need now to consolidate links between clubs and schools. Clubs should now "adopt" schools within their catchment area to ensure that young people are in a position to continue playing Gaelic games when they finish primary school. Formal links need to be established, especially at secondary level to ensure that resources are utilised to the optimum. Working together, the club and the school can ensure that there is a co-ordinated approach to the promotion of the games.

How important are the schools to the promotion and growth of Gaelic games?

It is impossible to quantify the role of the schools. Suffice to say that the healthy state of the G.A.A. and Gaelic games today is as a result of the work done at primary and secondary schools level since the foundation of the association. Now the association must build on the good work. We must make sure our facilities are available to the schools; we must provide equipment and ensure the school competitions are not interrupted by club or county fixtures. The schools must be given top priority in the future.

What about Third Level?

In some ways the growth in Third Level education has caught everyone by surprise. The G.A.A. is strong at Third Level but it is important that we increase and broaden participation in the seventeen counties that have third level institutions through the efforts of the county committees, with additional help and support from our provincial units and at national level. In addition we must build on the strength of the premier third level competitions and increase participation and representation opportunities for the non-elite player in the third level sector.

Are there any particular difficulties in dealing with the educational institutions?

The timing of intensive training and competitions needs to be looked at. It is important that students are not faced with the additional pressures during exam time periods. Maybe we should move the under 21 championships to a time of year when there is no exam pressure. In addition we must try to unblock the fixtures schedule when the Third Level competitions are taking place during the early Spring period.

Are there other ways of making Gaelic Games more attractive for young people?

Yes. We have to create and develop a modern promotional and marketing campaign, using our big stars, to bring the message home that our games are as good as any other field sports in the world and provide great opportunities for participation and for spectating.

Anything else?

It is very important that in the younger age groups we move away from a preparatory programme that involves intensive training and concentrate solely on the playing of the games; this would involve a properly structured fixtures schedule.

The G.A.A. is seen as a male-dominated association. What is being done in that area?

Historically the G.A.A. was male-dominated but that has been gradually changing and women have become more and more involved. Formal integration of Gaelic football, Ladies football, Hurling and Camogie is necessary to assist in the full promotion of all Gaelic games.

REFEREEING MATTERS
*in 2002***RULE QUERIES**

The implications of rules often become clear only when specific incidents occur in games. The referee must have the answers and that is why inter-county referees must get 96% in their examination on knowledge of the rules.

QUERY 1

Can a player ordered off the field for a Category D offence (second cautionable foul i.e. Yellow Card followed by a Red Card) play in another game on the same day?

Answer: Yes

Rule 138 (2): A player ordered off for a Category D offence shall be suspended for the duration of that game, which shall include extra time, where played.

The last part of the rule is important as some are of the impression that the player can play in extra time. The rule says No. Because a further 3 substitutes are allowed in extra time and a player sent off as above can be replaced, extra time is often inappropriately called "a new game".

QUERY 2

Does a player who is cautioned (shown a Yellow Card) during a game, carrying the provision of the Yellow Card, caution, into extra time?

Answer: Yes. Rule 1.2 vii (a). This means that a player who carries a Yellow Card into extra time, if he receives another Yellow Card in extra time shall receive a Red Card and be ordered off.

DISCUSSION POINT: REFEREEING MISTAKES AND USE OF TECHNOLOGY

Referees do make mistakes. They do not deny that themselves. Nobody is more critical or more disappointed than the referee himself when he views the mistake later on Television.

Every referee, like a player, hopes he will not make a mistake and especially if that mistake leads to a score. Referees are human, are under enormous pressure and must make split second decisions at speed and most time get them right.

Modern technology and numerous camera angles sometime can give the television viewer a better view than a referee.

Shouldn't the referee have the benefit of this technology?

To be fair to GAA referees they have readily agreed to and worked with many changes in the last few years - fitness tests, examination in rules, assessment, use of cards, temporary substitutions, time added on, paging system with linesmen.

The recent World Cup has highlighted the performance of FIFA referees at the highest level. Their playing area is smaller and the game is slower than hurling and football. As yet their authorities have resisted the use of technology. In our own game the use of another official, watching a TV screen would, in some cases, clarify situations for the referee but at a cost.

Are we prepared to accept the inevitable delays that consultation with a Video Official would involve?

When should it be used?

- (i) Only for Scores? But if there is a mistake by the referee on an incident 30m from goal and a score results should this be rechecked?
- (ii) Who decides when there is a doubt? The players? Often we see goalkeepers vigorously waving a wide to influence the umpires. The referee himself does not think he is making a mistake. In our rules, the referee is the only one who gives a free. They do not give that power to linesmen and umpires.
- (iii) At what level of games should the technology be used? Not every game is televised especially now with the number of qualifiers.
- (iv) Non-Stop Action. One of the great attractions of our games is the non-stop action. Spectators get irritated if there is a perceived delay in the introduction of substitutes. The use of a Video Official would certainly cause delays. As of now, there is no great demand for a change.

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Is the GAA just a sports organisation?

No. While the promotion of Gaelic Games is the primary activity of the GAA, there are other very important elements to the association like promotion of Irish language, culture and musical heritage. The GAA is, above all, a community organisation that provides a sporting and social outlet for the locality.

What has the GAA contributed to the wider community?

As well as promoting and managing Gaelic Games since the association was founded in 1884, the GAA has put a great deal of its energy into providing facilities in every parish in the country. At today's prices almost 2,600 million has been spent on the development of an infrastructure for sporting, cultural and community activity.

Why does the GAA place such an emphasis on community?

Because in the 120 years that the GAA has existed its strength has been its connection with the people. Gaelic Games at club and county level have created a sense of identity with one's home place. In turn, that sense of identity has generated a loyalty among the members to a club and/or county team. The GAA belongs to the people.

In the past the GAA has found a place with every section of Irish society. What about the future?

In the future the GAA must be inclusive; it must reach out to the entire community on the island regardless of gender, religious beliefs or political opinions. This is important in ensuring that the GAA continues its growth and development as a modern association meeting the needs of a new century. The GAA can do this while remaining a uniquely Irish association committed to the values and the ethos of its founders.

Is the GAA still a predominantly male institution?

The situation is changing all the time and it is important that the participation of women in all aspects of the association is actively encouraged. The Strategic Review Committee has recommended that both Ladies Football and Camogie be integrated fully into the association and enjoy full membership. Off the field more and more women must be encouraged to become involved as administrators and mentors.

Are there other areas in which the GAA must develop?

One of the most important areas to be tackled in the immediate future is the proper provision of games for everyone. The main focus of the GAA has been the provision of good club and inter-county competitive structures and it has been immensely successful in doing this. But while the elite players at every level are well catered for, the ordinary club player is denied sufficient and regular games. Also, there are insufficient outlets for those who wish to participate solely on a recreational (non-competitive) basis. The Strategic Review Committee has made specific recommendations in this area including: the preparation of agreed fixture programmes, provision of at least 20 games per annum for adult club players spread over a period of not less than eight months, development of recreational games, ensuring club league programmes are not interrupted by the unavailability of inter county panel members.

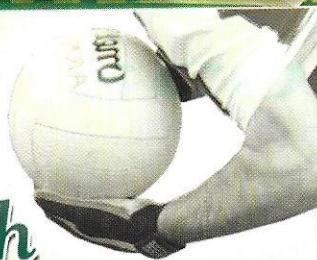
Apart from the promotion of games, what else can the GAA contribute to the local area?

As well as providing leisure and social activities for all ages and genders in the community, the GAA club should also become involved in supporting local development, promoting cultural activities, schools and contributing to community infrastructure.

What are the main challenges facing the GAA in the future?

There is a need to examine the changing demographic structures in Ireland, the shift from rural to urban environments, and to ensure that the GAA is in place to attract new members and provide for them. However, the rural areas must also be given close attention and the GAA club should be at the centre of all activities, including rural renewal projects.

Cumann na mBunscol Uladh



• I.N.T.O./GAA MINI SEVENS COMPETITIONS •

The INTO/GAA Mini Sevens Competitions have been a central feature of Cumann na mBunscol activities for the past fifteen years.

The competitions have given thousands of Primary School pupils the opportunity of displaying their skills at school, county, regional and national level. Many of the boys and girls who participated in the earlier years have already represented their county at Minor, U-21 and Senior level.

One of today's stars, Oisín McConville, participated in the inaugural competitions in 1987. The launch of the competitions allowed the schools with a small enrolment to compete, on an equal footing, in national competitions.

The competitions, which encompass each of the four codes, are staged in three phases.

(a) The internal county competitions can be held any time between September and late April. The winning team represents the county at the Regional Festival

(b) The Regional Festivals are held in May.

The country is divided into 7 regions. The Ulster counties are divided into two groups. Counties Armagh, Cavan, Down and Monaghan together with Louth are in Region 1. Region 2 is made up of Counties Antrim, Derry, Donegal, Fermanagh and Tyrone. Each year two counties within the Region are selected to act as Festival hosts. One county Coiste assumes responsibility for the Football Festival whilst the other County Coiste takes charge of the Hurling/Camogie.

The host county appoints an independent selection committee whose duty is the choosing of the nine most skilful players. Three of the players are picked to play on All-Ireland Day whilst the remaining six feature in the Exhibition Games on the Semi Final Days.

At the Festival a round robin series of matches is played by the five competing teams. The teams are mixed. Each team is made up of two representatives from each of the five county winners.

(c) The Croke Park Exhibition Games are a fitting climax to the competitions.

The children accompanied by their parents assemble at Cloniffe College on the morning of the game. The parents and the teachers of each pupil receive a complimentary ticket to the Senior/Minor Games.

They are treated to a meal and the children are given an opportunity to meet up with their fellow team members.

Each child receives a full team strip in the colours of one of the Senior Teams who are competing in that day's game. The GAA President meets each of the children.

They are taken to Croke Park by their respective managers. The Exhibition Games are usually played at half time in the Minor Game.

At the conclusion of the Senior Game the children meet up with their parents at Cloniffe College.

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GARETH MORGAN

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JACK WILSON

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CIARAN McHENDRY

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RYAN KENNEDY

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GARETH McCRINK

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CAOLAN RAFFERTY

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BRIAN KELLY

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NIALL McCONVILLE

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Fir Ionaid

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DAMIEN DOHERTY
Dooish

3. S Ó Gallachóir
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RYAN LANGAN
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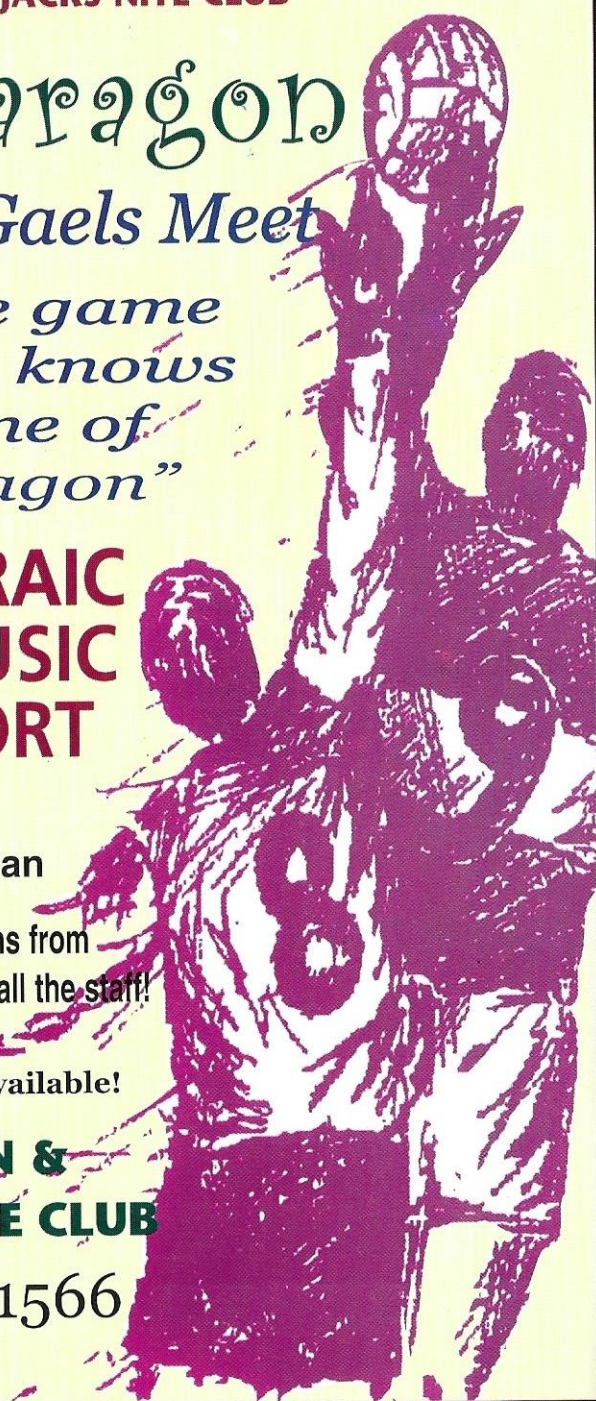
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Strategic Review Report THE NEED

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 changing 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 a 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 society.

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.

Strategic Review Report - Questions Answered

• T H E G A M E S •

Are there any plans to try and spread the Hurling message to counties where the game is considered weak?

Extensive proposals are now in front of the GAA dealing with hurling in the weaker counties. It is proposed that six counties be identified and a programme introduced designed to bring those counties to a competitive level in the championship within years.

That sounds ambitious. How will you go about it?

The programme will be fully costed and money will be allocated by the Central Court and the Four Provincial Councils to support the implementation of the plan.

What about other weak counties?

They will be catered for as well. A special development programme will be produced to help raise the standard of hurling and the profile of the game in other counties, staff to be appointed, on a full-time, part-time or voluntary basis within each county and plan to work on the development of hurling.

What about football?

It is envisaged that 10 counties which have not been successful in either hurling or football over the last fifty years will be selected for special investment to raise their standard.

That all sounds good. But what about the players who do not make it at the top club or county level but who want to play the games?

It is important that these players, whom we refer to as 'recreational' players, are catered for. We need to encourage these people to play by providing them with a proper series of games. Also, we should look at the possibility of developing indoor versions of football and hurling.

Isn't it true that for players who are involved at a competitive level with their club the structure and number of games is not perfect.

Yes, the Strategic Review Committee identified that there is a problem in the provision of a properly structured programme of games for players. We believe a games programme should be agreed at the start of the year at every level and rigorously adhered to. Penalties should be imposed if the fixture plan is not observed.

How many games should a player reasonably expect?

The minimum number we believe should be twenty per year.

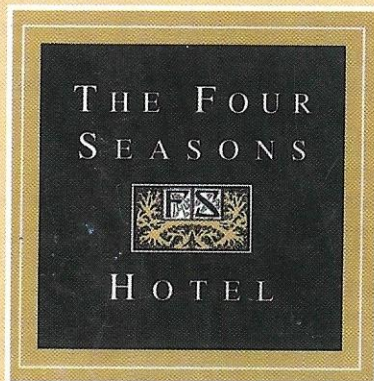
All of that would have an impact on other areas, such as refereeing. Will that be a problem?

It shouldn't be if we work hard on the recruitment and training of referees. While enhancing existing recruitment projects, we should also endeavour to change the environment in which the abuse of referees is commonplace.

That leads us to the rules. Are there any proposals to change the playing rules?

Firstly, it is recommended that changes can only take place every three years. The committee has suggested that for the national league of 2003-2004 teams be reduced to 13 a side in an attempt to increase the flow of the games and eliminate bunching.

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