

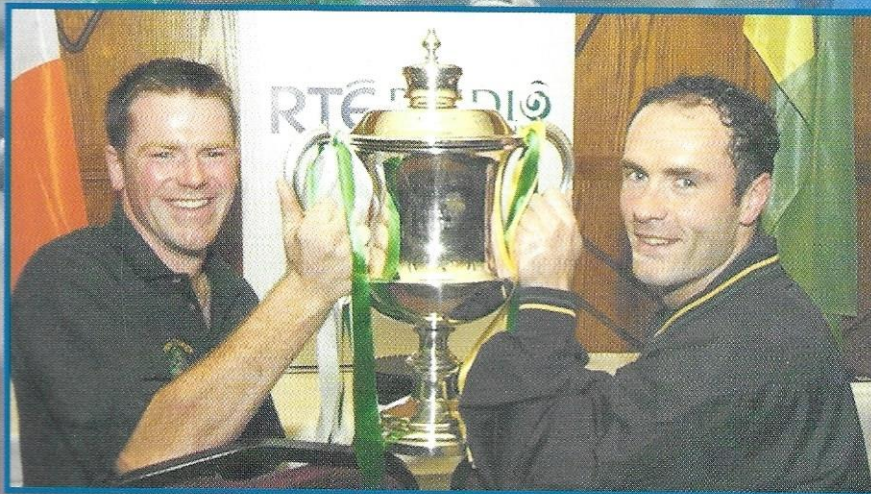


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Dé Domhnaigh, 3 Deireadh Fómhair 2004

4.15 Reiteoir Seamus McGonagle

Cluiche Ceannais Mionúir

Cill Chartha v Naomh Conaill

2.00 Reiteoir Jimmy White

i bPáirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill, Bealach Féich

Clár Oifigiúil

€3.00

Cathal Ó Canainn

CLAR AN LAE

COUNTY SENIOR AND MINOR FINALS

Sunday 3rd October

County Senior Final 4.15.pm.
County Minor Final 2.00.pm.

Senior: **Ard an Ratha V Sean MacCumhailis**
Minor **Cill Chartha v Naomh Conaill**

1.43.pm. Cill Chartha take the field and line up for team photograph

1.46.pm. Naomh Conaill take the field and line up for team photograph

2.00.pm. MINOR COUNTY FINAL

3.15.pm. Captain of the winning team proceed to the presentation area for the presentation of the Minor Trophy presented by Deglain O Cuinneagain Oifig Ogra.

3.20.pm. Saint Catherine's Band Killybegs

3.30.pm. Introduction of the 1979 County Champions Bundoran

3.55.pm. Ard an Ratha take the field and line up for team photograph

3.58.pm. Sean MacCumhailis take the field and line up for team photograph

4.09.pm. Both teams line up for parade

4.14.pm. National Anthem

4.15.pm. SENIOR COUNTY FINAL

Half Time U-12 Skills Exhibition

5.30.pm. Captain of the winning team proceed to the presentation area for the presentation of the Dr Maguire Cup presented by Charlie O Donaill Cathaoirleach Bord na Chontae.

REFEREE FOR THE SENIOR FINAL

SEAMUS Mc GONIGLE

A member of the Aodh Ruadh club Seamus has been on the referees National Panel for the last five years and has officiated at all levels of the game throughout Ireland. Today Seamus takes charge of his second Senior County Final. In 2002, Seamus took charge of the Minor All-Ireland Semi-Final between Kerry and Meath. Seamus has been refereeing in the county for 7 years and in that time he has refereed

Under 16, Minor, Under 21, Junior, Intermediate and Senior Finals.

A much sought after referee, he is highly respected by players, as a man who keeps a game flowing while maintaining authority, control and common sense as he allows things to proceed.



REFEREE FOR THE MINOR FINAL

JIMMY WHITE

Jimmy White is a member of the Killybegs club and has been refereeing for approximately 6 years.

Jimmy has a long history with the GAA and has played in seven senior county finals, winning 5 and 3 of those were as Player-Manager. Jimmy was the Manager of the Donegal County Minor team in 1985 that won both the Ulster Minor League and Championship of that year, and in 1987 was a selector on the Donegal Under 21 All-Ireland winning team.

As a referee, Jimmy refereed the 1999 Ulster Minor League, Ulster Minor Championship Final and the Ulster Under 21 Championship Final. In 2004, Jimmy refereed National Football League Senior Championship, in both Ulster, Leinster and Connacht. He has refereed finals at all grades from Under age to Senior in his native county.



Teachtairacht an Chathaoirligh

Fáilte cuig Páirc Sheáin Mhic Chumhaill i gcóir Cluichí Ceannais Craobh Sinsir agus Mionúr 2004.

Tá Coiste na Contae fíor-bhuíoch do na himreoirí go léir, do lucht leanúna ár gcluichí agus gach duine a bhí páirteach i rith na bliana. Mile buíochas as ucht bhur dtacaíocht agus tá súil agam go mbainfidh sibh fíor thaitheamh as na cluichí inniu. Ní féidir le gach foireann an toradh is mian leo a bheith acu inniu ach 'sé mo ghuí go mbéidh chuichí iontach again.



It not easy being the "man in the middle" but we have two of our finest referee's officiating here to-day, Séamus Mc Gonigle, Aodh Ruadh, in the Senior game and Jimmy White, Na Cealla Beaga, in the minor game and I wish them and their officials well to-day.

St. Catherine's Accordion Marching Band from Na Cealla Beaga will be in attendance today. They are the current County Senior marching Band Champions. Mile buíochas as ucht a bheith linn.

Tá Coiste na Contae fíor-bhuíoch fosta dó RTE Raidió na Gaeltachta, agus go haraithe do Séamus Mac Géidigh, Bainisteoir Réigiúin an Tuaiscirt, as ucht úrraíocht a dheanamh i mbhlíana ar chomórtas na Craobha Sinsir.

Sean Mac Cumhaill's, managed by Brendan Dunleavy, have reached this final having defeated Naomh Mícheál, Cill Chartha and Gaoth Dobhair en route and are anxious to bring the Dr. Maguire cup back to the twin Towns after a long wait since 1977.

Ard a' Rátha, managed by Seán Mac Conaill, defeated the 2003 champions Four Masters, Naomh Conaill and St. Eunan's en route and would like to win their second Senior Championship of this millennium, having last won the title in the year 2000.

Naomh Conaill are defending their Minor title, having won the minor championship in 2003, against Cill Chartha. Naomh Conaill defeated Gleann Fhinne in the semi-final while Cill Chartha knocked out Gaoth Dobhair. This should prove to be a good contest. Their appearance here today is a clear vindication of the amount of underage work being carried out by both clubs and we hope that these young players will reappear here again in the future in a Senior Final.

As I said at our Press Night last Monday night in The Abbey Hotel ' It is every players dream to be inside the wire in Mac Cumhaill Park on County final day'. This is a big day for the players of Ard a' Rátha, Sean Mac Cumhaill, Cill Chartha and Naomh Conaill and I wish them every success.

Twenty five years ago Bundoran defeated Sean Mac Cumhaill's in the County final with An tAth. Seán Ó Gallachoir as referee. Brian Mc Eniff and Seamie Granaghan collected their eighth's Senior Championship medal and An tAth. Seán, according to himself, gave a Bundoran defender "the benefit of the doubt". We welcome them here today as they celebrate the 25th anniversary of their victory of 1979.

Finally, my thanks to the Ground staff of Páirc Sheain Mhic Cumhaill for keeping the grounds in such good condition and to all the stewards who give of their time to ensure that everything runs smoothly on these big match day's.

Le gach deá ghuí,

Charlie Ó Dónaill,
Cathaoirleach Coiste na Contae C.L.G.

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Focail on Eagarthoir

Cathal O Canainn

In keeping with the national tradition the RTE Radio Na Gaeltachata Senior Championship has delivered a surprise final. Few punters outside the Finn Valley area would have considered Sean MacCumhaills as serious contenders at the beginning of the year but they have made it in style and will provide stiff opposition to Ardara today. Sean MacCumhaills last appeared in a final twenty-five years ago, with their current manager Brendan Dunleavy a star player then. In their path to the final McCools have played St Michaels, Kilcar and Gweedore and today will be playing their seventh game. Ardara defeated Four Masters in a playoff; Naomh Conaill and St Eunans and today's match is their sixth championship game. Both teams have contributed immensely to the football entertainment within the county this year. The final itself will hopefully provide a feast of football that will enlighten supporters and contribute to making this occasion the most colourful and enjoyable occasion of the year.



RTE Radio na Gaeltachta will sponsor the senior championship for the next two seasons. As one of our local radio stations they have contributed immensely to the promotion and development of our GAA at parish level. They are delighted to come on board as sponsors and have added much to the excitement of the championship with the various draws for the different rounds going out live on air.

Today is also a first for Ocean FM to broadcast from McCool Park. We welcome them and wish them the best of luck with their new venture. One hopes that they can provide a service equal to what our supporters were guaranteed from North West. North West give great

service around the county and much credit is due to Phonsie, Sean and crew for their time and dedication.

The minor final brings together Naomh Conaill and Cill Chartha. Two teams from the South West. Naomh Conaill is seeking to put back-to-back minor titles in place. Kilcar on the other hand are somewhat of a surprise package and have already defeated Naomh Conaill in the Divisional Final. Today will hold no fear for them and hopefully both teams will deliver a cracker of a match for all supporters to enjoy.

The referees for today's games, Seamus McGonigle at Senior and Jimmy White at Minor are prominent referees that have performed at the highest level. Seamus missed a lot of action last year due to injury but has made a welcome return and today takes charge of his second senior final. Jimmy has had a great season at national level with Senior Championship games in London, and Dublin to mention a few.

In preparing for today's game much preparation has been done in providing safe facilities to host today's game. Credit is due to the Sean MacCumhaill club for providing excellent playing facilities. To all that have contributed to the programme, Michael O Donnell, Jimmy Phair, Mary McHugh Kelly, Fr Sean Gallagher, John Foy, Peter Campbell, Tom Comack, Noreen Doherty, Anthony Harkin Anthony Molloy, Charlie Joe McGinley, Harry Walsh and Mick Murphy I thank you very much for your contribution and trust that you enjoy the outcome. To our printers Impacto print, I thank you once again for your time.

Finally to all attending the games today I trust that all supporters gain satisfaction and enjoyment from the event and hopefully may the best teams win.

MOLLOY'S VIEW

This will be the fifth different County Final pairing in the last five years. At the beginning of the year not many people would have predicted an Ardara v McCumhaills County Final, so, now I understand how different a year it was for GAA pundits.

It is 25 years since McCumhaills have contested a County Final. For a Club with a proud tradition, it is a long time. Brendan Dunleavy has done trojan work with the present set of players over the last number of years. So near and yet so far, three killer goals by Termon prevented Brendan and McCumhaills from their big day out. That defeat by Termon was a severe blow, still I always maintain it is a sign of a good Team, a good setup to bounce back. I know Brendan Dunleavy a long time, played with him and against him. A magnificent footballer, a true gentleman and Sportman in every sense. Brendan's experience and knowledge of the game is immense. He knows what it takes to succeed and I certainly know Ardara will face tough opposition from McCumhaills on County Final day.

John McConnell in his first year in charge of Ardara

has done extremely well. John could be regarded as a rookie in management terms as it's his first year in charge of a Senior Team. In saying that John has had a lot of success within the Club from U-10s right through to U-21 level. John would have managed most of the lads at some stage on this present Team. No stranger to success. He definitely knows what it takes to win. It is four years since we won the County title and I feel overall we have a stronger panel of players this year. We have a good mixture of youth and experience within the squad the youngest being Declan Gallagher (18) to Joseph Doherty (31).

County Championships are not easy win and success always hinges on a few things - attitude, hunger and the will to win. It all marks for an exciting final. Hopefully, the weather will prevail and naturally Ardara to emerge victorious.

Antoín Ó Ludhog.

Anthony Molloy

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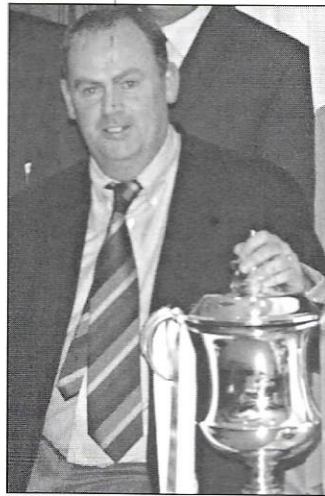
RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta . . . Ar fud na tíre!

Seo an an 30ú bliain do RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta a bheith ag craoladh cluiche ceannais na contae. Sna chéad bhlianta ní raibh ann ach tuairiscí ar na cluichí ach i 1977 rinneadh an chéad chraoladh ina iomláine ar an chluiche ceannais ó Pháirc Uí Dhónaill i Leitir Ceanainn. Suimiúil go leor bhain foireann Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill an cluiche ceannais sin in éadan Ghaoth Dobhair agus ba é Breandán Ó Doinnléibhe a bhí mar laoch na himeartha. Inniu seasann sé ar an taobh líne agus é ag iarraidh Corn an Dr Mhic Uidhir a thabhairt an t-aistear gairid amach as an pháirc agus isteach i gClubtheach Mhic Cumhaill.

Ba trí mheán Raidió na Gaeltachta a chuir pobal na hÉireann, go háirithe san iarthar, eolas ar laochra móra peile Dhún na nGall, imreoirí ar nós Máirtín Beag agus Séamus Mhic Aodha, Déaglán Rua Ó Cnáimhsí, Antoin Ó Luadhóg, Máirtín (Rambo) Ó Gaibheacháin agus Seán Seosamh Ó Dochartaigh. Nuair a bhí na himreoirí sin os comhair na tíre i 1992 ní amháin go raibh éisteoirí RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta ábalta aghaidh a chuir leis an ainm, bhí stair iomlán na n-imreoirí acu ag dul siar na nglúnta ó bheith ag éisteacht le Pól Ó Gallchóir agus roimhe sin le Feardorcha Ó Colla agus Timlín Ó Cearnaigh.

Anois leis an teicneolaíocht nua aimsire ní amháin go bhfuil na cluichí a chraoltar ar RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta ar fáil ar fud na tíre, tá siad ar fáil ar fud an domhain trí'n chóras Satailít Astra. Anois agus muid ar fáil ar SKY 963 tig leis na Conallaigh éisteacht le tráchtairéach bheo ina dteanga Náisiúnta ar chluichí na Contae ina mbailte féin cé acu tá siad sa Bhreatain, i Meiriceá, sa tSín nó san Astráil agus is mór an dul chun cinn é sin.

In imeacht na mblianta ó 1975 chonaic muid sár-pheileadóirí agus foirne agus sár-chluichí ceannais. Ré Mhic Cumhaill le Breandán Ó Doinnléibhe agus Máirtín Ó Grífin sna 70adaí, deireadh le ré órga Naomh Íosaef agus bua Bhun Dobhráin le Brian Mac Con Duibh agus Séimí Mag Reannacháin i 1979. Má d'imigh Naomh Íosaef lean máistreacht an Iar-dheisceart, ó Aodh Rua go dtí na Ceithre Maistrí go Cill Chartha fhad le Ard a' Rátha, ní raibh a sárú le fáil. Bhain na 90adaí leis an Ghleann agus na Cealla Beaga. Ghlan glún úr de pheileadóirí na gCealla rompu - Seán agus Barra Ó Cuinneagáin, Barra Mac Gabhann agus cé in Éirinn roimh '92 agus ina dhiaidh nár chuala ainm Mhánuis Uí Bhaoill ar na meántonnta ar fud na tíre. Cé gur ghlac Seán Seosamh an chéad chorn dena 90adaí go dtín Ghleann b'iomaí lá a chuaigh siad fríd na Cealla briste brúite. Cé a dhéanfadh dearmad de Chathaoirleach



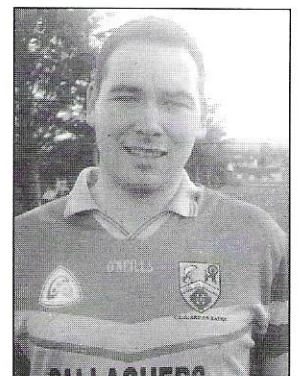
Bhord na Contae Seán Mac Cónaill agus na deora leis, ag bronnadh corn an Dr Mhig Uidhir ar Ard a' Rátha sa bhliain 2000. Sár-chuimhní agus iad ar fad craobhscaolta ar fud na tíre ar RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta le 30 bliain.

Tá ceangal láidir idir Bord na Contae agus RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta i gcaitheamh na mblianta sin, idir craoladh na gCluichí Gaelach, ag déanamh an tarraingt bhliantúil don craobhacha peile agus anois mar urraithe ar Chraobh Sinsear na Contae don chéad uair ariamh.

Is mór an sásamh a thugann sé dúinn tacaíocht a thabhairt do chluiche na contae ar a dtug na mílte a gcuid ama go deonach le 30 bliain. Go fada buan Peil Dhún na nGall.

Séamus Mac Géidigh

Name -	Jonathon Boyle
Age -	27
Height -	6' 1"
Weight -	14 Stone
Occupation -	A.I.B. Bank Official in Crumlin Road, Dublin.
Marital Status -	Single
Favourite Ground -	Nou Camp
Toughest Opponent -	Fergal O'Shea
Childhood Hero -	Eric Cantona
Favourite Food -	Cheesecake
Favourite Other Sports -	Soccer, Golf
Most Memorable Game seen -	All Ireland Final of 1992
Most Memorable Game played in -	County Final of 2000
Biggest Influence on your Career -	My Father John Boyle, Patrick Gallagher & Eddie McLoone
Biggest Disappointment -	Leeds been relegated from the Premiership
Young Player of the Future -	Stefan Boyle (Ardara)
Favourite Film -	"Finding Nemo"
Favourite method of Relaxation -	Socialising with Friends
Favourite Film Star -	Rachel Stevens
Your hopes for the Future -	To win Senior Championship of 2004
Person you would most like to meet -	Elvis (He is still alive!)
Ways of improving the game -	13 a side and pick the ball off the ground



Shane McNulty - A Captains View

By C.J McGinley, Deputy Editor, Derry People-Donegal News

SHANE McNulty might be bidding to become the first MacCumhail's man in 27 years to lift the Dr Maguire Cup but the responsibility does not weigh heavily on his young shoulders. Sean Lafferty was the last MacCumhail's man to captain the club to championship glory back in 1977. Now, McNulty has the chance to go down in the annals of local history but he's taking it all in his stride.

"To be honest I'm just happy to be playing. I'd play in nets just to get the chance to win a county championship," he quipped. McNulty (27) a self employed forestry contractor and consultant spends his days in the hills around Donegal and the evenings toiling on the training field.

"To lift the county championship trophy is any players dream. It would be the pinnacle of my career and something I could always look back on with pride. However, I'm captain of a squad who are representing the club, the town and our families. This is a team effort- it is not about the individual," he stressed.

Shane plays wing back and is joined in the MacCumhail's team by his younger brother, Paddy. Football is in their blood. Their father, Willie John was a founder member of the Cappry Rovers team in Ballybofey.

"That's where the football line comes from. We grew up in a strong football household but over the years Gaelic football has taken over. This title would mean everything to the club, the committee and the people of the town who've worked hard down through the years to bring success back to the club," he said.

Shane began his football days with MacCumhail's at Under-10 level in the Eastern Division playing alongside

his colleagues on Sunday such as Jerome McElchar, Aidan McGinty and Michael McGinty to name just a few.

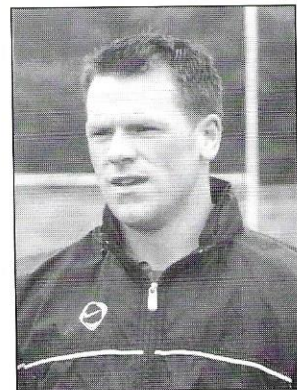
At under-age level he won county championship titles at Under-13 and Under-21 level under Harry Lafferty and Brendan Dunleavy respectively. "We've been waiting 27 years for this day. MacCumhail's is a big club with a proud history. We're in a great position to grab the big prize for everyone in the club who has craved for this title since 1977," he said.

"But, hey, nobody remembers a loser in a county final. People have some trouble being able to recall a winner from three years out. We've got to seize the opportunity now," he said.

Like many of the players, Shane does not work in the town and can escape to some degree- from the euphoria in the build up to the big final. "There is a great buzz around the area. After the semi-final win against Gaoth Dobhair there was a sense of relief-we'd finally made the big breakthrough. That carried on to the Monday but let me tell you Mickey McGeehin brought us right back down to earth again on the Tuesday at training,"

"We're a mature bunch now and realise there is nothing in the pot- no silverware for a semi-final win. Our sole focus is on Ardara. They've been the most consistent team in the county for the past five years. They won the final four years ago. What have we got to shout about- a final win 27 years ago. They're a good side but we're not going there for the show or to make up the numbers. Every team is beatable on a given day," the MacCumhail's captain said.

Name:	Shane Mc Nulty (team captain)
Occupation:	Forestry Consultant
Height:	5-7
Weight:	13 Stone
Marital Status:	Single
Favourite food/drink:	Pasta/milk
Favourite TV programme:	Baywatch
Favourite Actor/Actress	Robin Williams
Favourite Film	Love Story/An Officer and a Gentleman
Honours won:	County Under 14 and Under 21 titles, divisional titles at underage level.
Other sports played:	Soccer and Rugby
Biggest influence on career:	Parents John and Isobel Mc Nulty
Most difficult opponent:	Gary Gallen
Other interests:	Reading, farming, bird watching, stamp collecting.
Sporting Ambition:	To win the county final on Sunday



The men under the strain - Dunleavy and McConnell

By Peter Campbell, Sports Editor, Donegal Democrat, Donegal Peoples Press and Donegal On Sunday

As you take your place on the terraces and in the stands today, the two men

under the greatest strain will be the respective senior managers - John McConnell of Ardara and Brendan Dunleavy of Sean MacCumhailis. Both will have spent the past couple of weeks working out with their assistants the strategy for the day - who will pick up who; the Plan A and B for the kick-outs; who is likely to freeze on the day and who should be brought in to make an impact.

Dunleavy has the edge on experience, having won a Co. medal back in 1977 as a young starlet. He also tasted defeat on final day in 1979 - the last time Sean MacCumhailis paraded in their home ground on final day.

Those were the days when Dunleavy was a student at UCD, setting a Donegal record of winning four Sigerson Cup medals - one that still stands to this

day. Brendan went on to have a chequered career as a defender in Donegal colours, captaining them on a famous day in the Athletic Grounds in 1988, sharing the sporting glory of the day with Ray Houghton as he put one in the English net.

His counterpart in the opposite end of the sideline today, John McConnell, may not be able to match Dunleavy with honours won on the field, but his input at club and county level would match anyone, living or dead.

McConnell's playing claim to fame lies with his inclusion as a substitute goalkeeper when Donegal won their first ever All-Ireland at headquarters. That was with the Donegal Vocational School team of Centenary Year, 1984.

Ever since then he has been synonymous with Ardara and Donegal underage teams, before his elevation to County Chairman in 2000.

His greatest delight that year came when he presented the Dr. Maguire Cup to Eamon Doherty at today's venue. Nobody would have predicted then that it would be four years before Ardara made the final again, or that McConnell would have swapped the suit, shirt and tie for the tracksuit.

That is what makes the Co. final so different. Brendan Dunleavy and Sean MacCumhailis are sampling something that is completely new to the entire panel; for John McConnell it is also new, but a good percentage of his panel have been here before.

When writing this (some ten days before the final) the build-up is in full swing. Brendan and John will be trying to keep their players away from that spotlight; away from well-meaning people giving them 'advice'.

When Seamus McGonigle throws in the ball to get the game underway - only then will John and Brendan begin to know how their plans are being carried out. In the ideal world both would get what they want, but come the end of the game one will be jumping for joy and the other will want some place to hide!



*Good Luck to
Mac Cumhailis
in the county final
from*

**St Columbas College
Stranorlar**

Name	Eamon Doherty
Age	30
Occupation	Publican
Position	Full Back
Height	6' 2"
Weight	12.5 Stone
Marital Status	Single
Favourite Ground	Pearse Memorial Park (Ardara)
Toughest Opponent	Ray Cosgrove (Dublin)
Childhood Hero	John Joe Doherty
Favourite Food	Spuds & Steak
Favourite Other Sports	Basketball, Pool
Most Memorable Game seen	1992 All Ireland Final
Most Memorable Game played in	County Final of 2000
Biggest Influence on your Career	Parents (Eddie & Evelyn), Johnny D. Early, Pat O'Donnell
Biggest Disappointment	Losing last years County semi-final to Four Masters
Young Player of the Future	Francis Boyle (Ardara)
Favourite Film	James Bond
Favourite method of Relaxation	Bed
Favourite Film Star	Morgan Freeman
Your hopes for the Future	To win the Senior Championship of 2004
Person you would most like to meet	Hugh Heffner
Ways of improving the game	Referees



Wishing Good Luck to Sean Mac Cumhails in the County final

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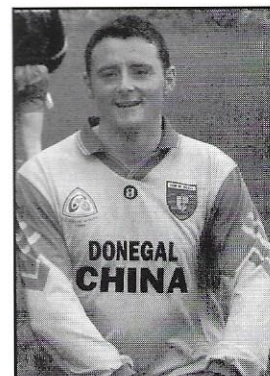
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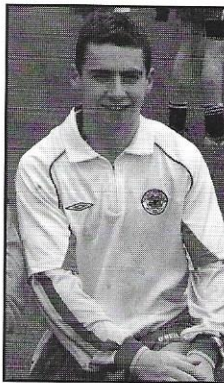
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Name:	Aiden "Ned" Mc Ginty
Occupation:	PVC Installer
Height:	5-11
Weight:	13 stone
Marital Status:	Single for now
Favourite food/drink:	Milk, chicken and spuds
Favourite TV programme:	End to End
Favourite Actor/Actress	Ardel O Hanlon and my brother Seamus
Favourite Film	Braveheart
Honours won:	Under 21 title in 1996, divisional medals at underage
Other sports played:	Handball and soccer
Biggest influence on career:	My brother Sean and other family members
Most difficult opponent:	They're all difficult
Other interests:	Farming and watching TV
Sporting Ambition:	To win this year's senior county final.



Name:	Brendan Mc Laughlin	
Occupation:	Student	
Height:	5-8	
Weight:	11 stone	
Marital Status:	Single and available	
Favourite food/drink:	Tea and toast	
Favourite TV programme:	Match of the Day	
Favourite Actor/Actress	Cameron Diaz	
Favourite Film	Shreck	
Honours won:	Senior vocational title with St Columbas, divisional titles at underage level	
Other sports played:	Soccer	
Biggest influence on career:	Seamus Doherty	
Most difficult opponent:	David Cannon	
Other interests:	Studying and reading romantic novels.	
Sporting Ambition:	To win the county final on Sunday	

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A DIFFERENT HAT

Gaelic games is a great social phenomena which has involved hundreds of active and passive participants in the clubs of Donegal over the Summer culminating in McCumhalls and Ardara reaching this years decider. Both clubs look to today's encounter to bring the Senior Championship cup home as a reward for a lot of hard work put in at club level over the years from underage to Senior level.

I have known Brendan Dunleavy from my days at St Eunan's College when he successfully captained our under 15 Team to an Ulster title and I have watched his career with great interest. He was an excellent player who excelled at all levels. He has brought all that experience to Management and has made steady progress with this McCumhalls team loosing narrowly in the semi final last year after a good second half display. He has reached this year's decider beating some real title contenders along the way. He has a good grasp of what it would mean to the club and people of the town to win a title after such a long wait. Brendan has brought in a former student of mine, Michael McGeehan to help him with the preparation of the team. Michael is a Master Tutor in coaching and is a top class coach with a lot of experience and has played a big part in Mc Cools reaching the final.

John McConnell the manager of the Ardara team has had a long career at all levels in the G.A.A. He has a good personal touch with people. He seems to know every player at underage level by their first name in every club. He is at the top of the ladder in coaching

qualifications and has much under age success. He too will know the significance of a victory to the club and people of Ardara. This is his first year in charge of the senior team and he has brought in Luke Gavigan who is now a resident in Ballybofey to help him with the management. Luke was one of the best underage players Ardara ever produced and has much experience at the top level

For all the players in both clubs this is a special day, savour the moment, it may be some time before it comes again.

I hope we get a nice day so that all the players can play to their full potential in today's show piece and perhaps we will discover some new talent for our county team in 2005. Both teams would appear to have strong panels and this coupled with the team who use their experience I believe, will win today's final. Whichever team wins I hope they will go on and represent Donegal well in the All Ireland club championship.

On a personal note this is the first time in recent times that I have not been coaching the Ardara senior team in a county final and it is nice to see a new generation taking over the mantle of preparation.

I will wear the hat of supporter today along with my neighbours and friends and relish the atmosphere joy/sorrow that will bring and hope it is the former.

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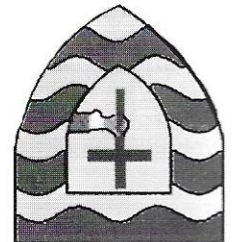
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SEAN MAC CUMHALLS PEN PICS.

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|------------|---|------------|---|------------|--|
| 1 Name | Eamon Mc Auley | 10 Name | Seanie Boyce | 20 Name | Mark Connolly |
| Age | 35 | Age | 29 | Age | 18 |
| Height | 5-10 | Height | 5-10 | Height | 5-9 |
| Position | Goalkeeper | Position | Half forward | Position | Half back |
| Occupation | GAA coach | Occupation | Company Representative | Occupation | Student |
| Honours | Represented county at Under 16 and minor levels. Divisional medals at underage, county medals at Under 14 and 16 levels, junior and intermediate hurling medals. | Honours | Former Cloughaneely player who won Ulster minor and Under 21 medals with Donegal in 1996. | Honours | Vocational schools medal with St Columbas, Represented Ulster in schools inter provincial series, member of Finn Harps under 21 team that won recent Connaught/Ulster Under 21 league, reserve league medal 2003, divisional medals at underage level. |
| 2 Name | Aiden Mc Ginty | 11 Name | Ollie Reid | 21 Name | Mickey Mc Mahon |
| Age | 26 | Age | 32 | Age | 32 |
| Height | 5-11 | Height | 6-1 | Height | 5-10 |
| Position | Corner back | Position | Half forward | Position | Full forward |
| Occupation | PVC Contractor | Occupation | Donegal Creameries employee | Occupation | Financial Consultant |
| Honours | Brother of Michael and Seamus. County Under 21 medal in 1996. Divisional medals at underage. | Honours | Former Red Hughs and Finn Harps player who won division 1 league medal with Red Hughs. Played in 1991 county final with Red Hughs. Played senior with Donegal. Won county Vocational medals with St Columbas College. | Honours | Former Monaghan Under 16 and Minor star who played his club football and won county underage titles with Sean Mac Dermotts. Played with St Macartans College Monaghan in Mac Rory Cup and University of Ulster in Sigerson Cup. |
| 3 Name | Brendan Dunning | 12 Name | Jerome Mc Elchar | 22 Name | Mickey Floyd |
| Age | 32 | Age | 27 | Age | 22 |
| Height | 5-11 | Height | 5-9 | Height | 5-9 |
| Position | Full back | Position | Half forward | Position | Half back |
| Occupation | Building Contractor | Occupation | Engineer | Occupation | Student |
| Honours | Brother of Joe and Gary. Under 21 championship medal (1992). Represented county at Under 16, minor and Under 21 levels, reserve league medal 2003. Divisional medals at underage. | Honours | Under 21 championship (1996). Divisional medals at underage, Vocational schools medals with St Columbas. | Honours | Divisional medals at underage level, reserve league medal 2003. |
| 4 Name | Joe Dunning | 13 Name | Benny Mc Laughlin | 23 Name | Seamus Mc Ginty |
| Age | 21 | Age | 18 | Age | 33 |
| Height | 5-11 | Height | 5-8 | Height | 5-11 |
| Position | Corner back | Position | Corner forward | Position | Full back |
| Occupation | Company Representative | Occupation | Student | Occupation | PVC Contractor |
| Honours | Brother of Brendan and Gary. Represented county at Under 16, minor, Under 21 and Vocational school levels. Represented Ulster schools at soccer. Divisional medals at underage. | Honours | Represented county at Under 16 and minor levels. Represented Ulster in schools interprovincial series. County Vocational medal with St Columbas. Divisional medals at underage. | Honours | County senior panellist, former team captain, brother of Michael and Aiden, divisional medals at underage level. |
| 5 Name | Shane Duffy | 14 Name | Paddy Mc Nulty | 24 Name | Rory Dowds |
| Age | 23 | Age | 22 | Age | 21 |
| Height | 5-11 | Height | 6-3 | Height | 6-3 |
| Position | Wing back | Position | Full forward | Position | Mid-field |
| Occupation | Student | Occupation | Painter/Decorator | Occupation | Optician |
| Honours | Represented county at Under 16, minor and Under 21 levels. Divisional medals at underage, Vocational schools medals with St Columbas. | Honours | Brother of Shane. Represented the county at Under 21 level. Divisional medals at underage level. | Honours | Brother of Conor. Vocational schools medal with St Columbas, All Ireland schools Under 14 soccer medal with St Columbas College, Represented county at Under 16 and minor levels, represented Ulster in schools interprovincial series, divisional medals at underage level. |
| 6 Name | Conor Dowds | 15 Name | Andrew Bonner | 25 Name | Rory Patton |
| Age | 23 | Age | 20 | Age | 23 |
| Height | 6-0 | Height | 6-0 | Height | 5-10 |
| Position | Half back | Position | Corner forward | Position | Goalkeeper |
| Occupation | Computer Programmer | Occupation | Carpenter | Occupation | Fitter |
| Honours | Brother of Rory. Represented county at Under 16, minor and Under 21 levels. Represented Ulster schools at soccer. Vocational schools medals with St Columbas, Divisional medals at underage, played in Croke Park on All Ireland final day 1993 in INTO exhibition games. | Honours | Vocational schools medal with St Columbas. Divisional medals at underage level. Represented county at Under 21 level. | Honours | Divisional medals at underage level, reserve league medal 2003. |
| 7 Name | Shane Mc Nulty (Captain) | 16 Name | Bernard Mc Geehan | 26 Name | Gary Dunning |
| Age | 28 | Age | 28 | Age | 19 |
| Height | 5-7 | Height | 5-7 | Height | 6-3 |
| Position | Wing back | Position | Half forward | Position | Half forward |
| Occupation | Arboretum Consultant | Occupation | Financial Consultant | Occupation | Divisional medals at underage level, reserve league medal 2004. |
| Honours | Brother of Paddy. Under 21 medal winner. Former county Under 21 player, divisional medals at underage. | Honours | All Ireland Vocational schools medal, County under 21 medal in 1996, reserve league medal 2003, divisional medals at Underage level | Honours | |
| 8 Name | Maurice Laverty | 17 Name | Barry Dowds | 27 Name | Edwin Patton |
| Age | 37 | Age | 28 | Age | 19 |
| Height | 6-3 | Height | 5-10 | Height | 6-4 |
| Position | Midfield | Position | Half back | Position | Half back |
| Occupation | Joiner | Occupation | Electrician | Occupation | Construction Foreman |
| Honours | Represented county at Under 16 and Minor levels, Divisional medals at underage. | Honours | Under 21 medal 1992 and 1996, reserve league medal 2003, divisional medals at underage level. | Honours | Divisional medals at underage level, reserve league medal 2003. |
| 9 Name | Michael Mc Ginty | 18 Name | Kevin Mc Cormick | 28 Name | Emmet Mc Cormick |
| Age | 28 | Age | 32 | Age | 31 |
| Height | 6-3 | Height | 5-7 | Height | 5-7 |
| Position | Midfield | Position | Corner forward | Position | Half forward |
| Occupation | Building Contractor | Occupation | Steel fixer | Occupation | Carpenter |
| Honours | Brother of Aiden and Seamus. Captained Under 21 team to county honours in 1996. Represented county at Under 16 and Minor and Under 21 levels. Won | Honours | Captain of Under 21 county champions 1992, Represented county at Under 16, minor, Under 21 and senior levels, divisional medals at underage level. | Honours | Ulster minor medal in 1990, Under 21 medal winner 1992, reserve league winner 2003, divisional medals at underage level. |
| | | 19 Name | Shaun Mc Gowan | | |
| | | Age | 19 | | |



ARD AN RATHA

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Conchur O'Curraighin
(Conor Curran)

3
Eamon O'Dochartaigh
(Eamon Doherty)

6
Caomhin O'Beirn
(Kevin Byrne)

7
Stiofain MacAodha
(Stephen Mchugh)

4
Seamus O'Beirn
(Seamus Byrne)

9
Cionnath O'Dochartaigh
(Kenneth Doherty)

12
Peadar Mac Aodha
(Peter Mchugh)

15
Stiofan Mac Giolla De
(Stephen Gildea)

2
Deaglan O'Gallachoir
(Declan Gallagher)

5
Sean O'hEarrain
(Johnny Herron)

8
Brendain O'Baill
(Brendan Boyle)

10
Michael O'Dochartaigh
(Michael Doherty)

13
Sean O'Luachaire
(Don Earley)

16. Aodh Brennan (Aodh O'Braonainn), 17. Prionsais O'Dhuibhir (Francis Diver),
18. Darren Mac Guibhir (Darren Maguire) 19. Padraig O'Gallachoir (Patrick Gallagher),
20. Maitiu O'Meachair (Matthew Maher) 21. Seosamh O'Dochartaigh (Joseph Doherty),
22. Maitin O'Seibhleain (Martin Shovlin) 23. Gearoid mac Coincearra (Gareth Concar),
24. Maitin Mac Sheain (Martin McShane)

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Team Manager: Brendan Dunleavy

16. Rory Patton (Ruairi O Petaín) 17. Barry Dows (Barra O Dubdha)
 18. Bernard Mc Geehan (Brian Mac Geitheann) 19. Kevin Mc Cormick (Caomhin Mac Cormaic)
 20. Gary Dunning (Gearoid O Duinn) 21. Rory Dows (Ruairi O Dubdha)
 22. Emmet Mc Cormick (Eimeid Mac Cormaic) 23. Shaun Mc Gowan (Sean Mac Gabhann)
 24. Mark Connolly (Marc O Conghaille) 25. Mickey Mc Mahon (Micheal Mac Mathuna)
 26. Damien Bradley (Damien O Brollachain) 27. Mickey Floyd (Micheal O Maolille)
 28. Edwin Patton (Eamon O Petaín) 29. Jamesy Donnelly (Seamus O Donalle)

13	Benny Mc Laughlin	Brendan Mac Lachlainn
10	Jerome Mc Elchar	Jerome Mac Giolla Chearr
8	Michael Mc Ginty	Micheal Mac Fhionntaigh
5	Shane Duffy	Sean O Dubhaigh
2	Aiden Mc Ginty	Aodhan Mac Fhionntaigh
1	Eamon Mc Auley	Eamonn Mac Amhlaigh
3	Brendan Dunning	Breandan O Duinn
4	Joe Dunning	Seosamh O Duinn
6	Conor Dows	Crothuir O Dubdha
7	Shane Mc Nulty (Captain)	Sean Mac an Uitaigh
9	Maurice Laverly	Muiris O Laibhartaigh
11	Ollie Reid	Oilibhear O Maoildeirg
12	Seanie Boyce	Sean O Buagh
14	Paddy Mc Nulty	Pádraig Mac an Uitaigh
15	Andrew Bonar	Aindreas O Chnaimhsí

SEAN MAC CUMHAILLS



The cream comes to the top

By Tom Comack

Few people would have predicted last May when the first shots were fired in this year's championship, that Ardara and Sean MacCumhaill's would be squaring up to each other on the first Sunday, in October.

And even less would have forecast this pairing when the second leg games were played 12 weeks later. And this was especially the case of Ardara who took a bit of a pasting against reigning champions Four Masters second time around.

But while favourites and the fancied have come and gone, it's Ardara and MacCumhaill's that are still standing, and there should be no great argument about it. They might be still crying into their milk down in Gweedore, St. Eunan's maybe bemoaning a few gift horses. By this stage, that sinking feeling may be on the wane in Donegal Town, and Kilcar have their minors in the U18 decider.

The cream always comes to the top, and while neither of today's finalists were in the hot favourite category, when the balls came out of the drum last February, they have seen off all comers, and are here on merit.

Ardara have been lurking about for a few years, and have been there or there about ever since they came in from the cold in 2000. And of the two, are the most likely finalists.

The men from the south west with a mix of youth and experience have taken the scalps of Four Masters after a playoff, neighbours Naomh Conaill, in the quarter final, and St. Eunan's in the semi-final.

Conor Curran, Eamon Doherty, Damian Diver, Brendan Boyle, Peter McHugh, Michael Doherty, Don Early, Jonathan Boyle, Aodh Brennan and Joe Doherty are still about from 2000. But it's the fresh legs of Declan Gallagher, Johnny Herron, Kenneth Doherty, Stephen McHugh and the Byrne brothers Kevin and Seamus that has them dreaming the dream again, in Ardara.

MacCumhaill's who came within a whisker of making it through to the final last year, regrouped well after a 'Wapa' eight minutes in the semi final to make it back to their first decider, in 25 years.

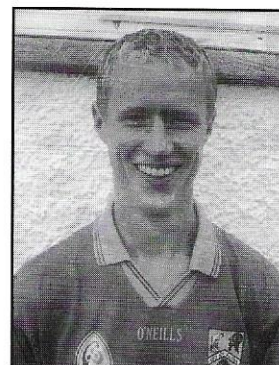
And while they dived with death in their marathon clash with Kilcar, they were convincing first round winners over the Brian McLaughlin, Christy Toye, and Colum McFadden powered St. Michael's. It may have been close in the semi-final with Gweedore, but few would argue but that the team that deserved to win crossed the line at the finish.

Like opponents Ardara, they have a good mix of the young and the not so young with goalkeeper Eamon McCauley and midfielder Maurice Laverty defying the sands of time to remain key cogs in the teams make up. Former county man and Red Hugh's player Ollie Reid, Brendan Dunnion, Shane McNulty, Sean Boyce, Jerome McElcar, and Kevin 'Keegan' McCormack all have been around for years and have bagged loads of experience in that time. And, it has stood to Brendan Dunleavy's side more than once in the campaign.

But, like in Ardara, it's the contribution of new kids on the block Joe Dunnion, Aidan McGinty, Shane Duffy, Conor Dowds, Michael McGinty, Andrew Bonner, Paddy McNulty, and Benny McLaughlin that have set pulses racing around the Finn Valley. And then you have Sean McGowan who has been sprung on a number of occasions this year with great effect and of course semi-final hero Bernard McGeehan.

It may not be the anticipated final, but going on both teams form to date it promises to be an entertaining affair between the two form teams of 2004. And while there are many predictions, only the next 60 minutes will tell whether Ardara will join MacCumhaill's on the honours list with six county titles or the Twin Towns men will move on to number seven. Sit back and enjoy it.

NName-	Johnny Herron
Age -	21
Height -	6'
Weight -	11 Stone
Occupation -	Quantity Surveyor Student at Bolten Street.
Marital Status -	Single
Favourite Ground -	Pearse Memorial Park (Ardara)
Toughest Opponent -	Kevin McGlynn (Glenfin)
Childhood Hero -	Maradona
Favourite Food -	Steak & Chips
Favourite Other Sports -	Soccer, Golf
Most Memorable Game seen -	County Final of 2000
Most Memorable Game played in -	Playoff match against Four Masters this year
Biggest Influence on your Career -	James McHugh, John Boyle and Paddy McGill
Biggest Disappointment -	Losing the Co. Minor Final to Gweedore in 1999
Young Player of the Future -	Kevin Herron (Ardara)
Favourite Film -	"Snatch"
Favourite method of Relaxation -	Sleeping
Favourite Film Star -	Brad Pitt
Your hopes for the Future -	To win Senior Championship of 2004
Person you would most like to meet -	Mohamed Ali
Ways of improving the game -	Pay Players



ELEVENTH CLASH

An tAth. Seán Ó Gallchoír

Is furast altanna staitisticiúla a scríobh ar Ard a' Rátha anois ó foilsíodh leabhar éachtach s'acu i mbliana. Writing statistical articles on Ardara is a piece of cake since the publication of the monumental labour of love 'Idir Peil agus Pobal'.

The Twin Towns' own splendid publication 'Golden Memories' takes us up to 1966 and therefore, does not feature any Seán Mac Cumhaill's v Ardara Championship matches.

Bunaíodh fóchumann Ard a' Rátha sa bhliain 1921 agus tugadh 'Seán Mac Cumhaill' ar fhochumann Bhealach Féich / Shrath an Urláir i nGeimhreadh na bliana 1956. Níor casadh Ard a' Rátha agus Seán Mac Cumhaill ar a chéile sa Chraobh go dtí 1971. Ardara and Mac Cumhails did not meet in the Championship until the first year of the new home-and-away order in 1971.

They have never met in the County Final but have met 10 times since 1971 - three semi-finals, three quarter-finals and four first round matches. Ardara have won six (the last six), Mac Cumhails have won three and one was drawn. It is 25 years since Mac Cumhails have beaten Ardara in the Championship.

Seo na torthaí :

71	Q Final	Seán Mac Cumhaill	2-7	Ard a' Rátha	1-4
72	1st Round	Seán Mac Cumhaill	2-3	Ard a' Rátha	1-6
		Seán Mac Cumhaill	5-10	Ard a' Rátha	0-13
79	S-Final	Seán Mac Cumhaill	1-9	Ard a' Rátha	1-7
80	S-Final	Ard a' Rátha	1-11	Seán Mac Cumhaill	0-7
83	Q Final	Ard a' Rátha	0-8	Seán Mac Cumhaill	0-6
84	S-Final	Ard a' Rátha	1-15	Seán Mac Cumhaill	0-1
90	Q Final	Ard a' Rátha	2-7	Seán Mac Cumhaill	0-11
93	1st Round	Ard a' Rátha	2-14	Seán Mac Cumhaill	0-6
		Ard a' Rátha	2-13	Seán Mac Cumhaill	1-8

AN CHÉAD CHLUICHE

Present County Chairperson, Charlie O' Donnell, was indisposed (the newspaper said) and couldn't take his regular place on the Ardara team that faced Mac Cumhails in their first-ever Championship clash in July 1971. Mac Cumhails had to play without the outstanding Frankie Mc Feely. The match was played in Tírconnaill Park and Mac Cumhails were always on top although a fine Martin Sweeney goal gave Ardara a glimmer of hope for a while.

BALLYBOFEY AND ARDARA

Although Mac Cumhails and Ardara have met on only ten occasions in the Championship there had been two previous Ardara – Ballybofey Championship clashes. The first was the County Final of 1922-23, played in Glenties on April 8, 1923. This game is well-documented and is covered in 'Idir Peil agus Pobal' and in 'The Story of the Donegal Senior Football Championship 1919-2001'. It was one point each at half-time - Con Breslin getting Ardara's, Maxwell Ballybofey's. Charles Gallagher (whichever!) added two Ardara points in the second half to leave it 0-3 to 0-1 and so give Ardara its first Senior Championship.

Ballybofey exacted revenge eight years later in their second Championship meeting with Ardara when they won their semi-final by 1-5 to 1-2 in Mountcharles. Dungloe beat Ballybofey by 1-7 to 2-2 in the 1931 final.

So, today's 2004 meeting is the eleventh Mac Cumhails – Ardara clash in the Championship but the thirteenth Twin Towns – Ardara clash.

CRAOBHACHA

Bhain Ard a' Rátha Craobh an Chontae 5 huairé - 1923, 1926, 1928, 1981, 2000.

Bhain Seán Mac Cumhaill an Chraobh 6 huairé - 1959, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1971, 1977.

It is a great tribute to the loyalty and the perseverance of the Mac Cumhails club that they have participated in the Senior Championship every year since the renaming of the club in 1956. That loyalty and perseverance are matched by Ardara who have now participated (as Ardara) in 70 Championship campaigns.

Mac Cumhails are one of three clubs who have achieved the three-in-a-row, along with Gaoth Dobhair (twice) and St. Joseph's. It appears that eight men played in all three finals 1962, 1963 and 1964 - Joe Leeper, Micky Laverty, John Dan Mc Menamin, Brendan Mc Feely, Frankie Mc Feely, Dan Mc Cool, Harry Laverty, Tommy Mc Menamin.

And finally, to the last winning Mac Cumhails and Ardara teams

1977 - Seán Mac Cumhaill 0-8 Gaoth Dobhair 0-5

Seán Mac Cumhaill : Gerry Murray, Sean Lafferty, Martin Griffin, John Kelly, Joe Mc Menamin, Brendan Dunleavy, Andy Curran, Terry Reilly, Michael Lafferty, Kevin O'Hara, Noel Mc Gowan, John Bradley, Liam Patton, Frank Coyne, John Foy. Sub : Hugo Lafferty.

Gaoth Dobhair : Packie Mc Ginley, Francie Carroll, John Diver, Cathal O' Donnell, Paddy Bonnar, Antoin Carroll, Paul Sweeney, Vincent Breslin, Séamus Mc Garvey, Seán Mulligan, Peter Breslin, Neilly Gallagher, Paddy Breslin, Thady Kearney, Donnchadh Mac Niallais.

Subs : Mick O' Connor, Mícheál Gallagher.

2000 - Ard a' Rátha 1-9 Naomh Adhamhnán 0-7

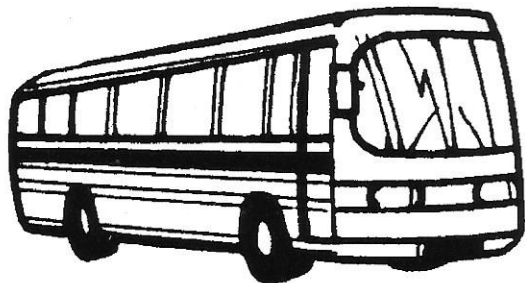
Ard a' Rátha : Conor Curran, Seán Whyte, Eamonn Doherty, Joseph Doherty, Martin Mc Shane, Brendan Boyle, Kevin Byrne, Damien Diver, Francis Diver, Fergal Heena, Peter Mc Hugh, Conal Doherty, Don Early, Jonathan Boyle, Michael Doherty.

Subs : Adrian Cunningham, Aodh Brennan, Patrick Gallagher, Ted Breslin, Jimmy Brennan.

Naomh Adhamhnán : Tony Blake, Brendan Roache, Mossie Mc Geehin, Jonathan Scanlon, Damien Daly, Mark Crossan, Terence Gallagher, John Haran, Shane O'Donnell, Vernon Gallagher, Kevin Winston, Rory Kavanagh, Brendan Kilcoyne, Kevin Rafferty, Brendan Devenney.

Subs : Brian Mc Dermott, Conal Dunne, Paul Crampsie.


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*Johnny, Gretta & Family
wish the Team every good luck in today's final.*

Name:	Kevin Mc Cormack	
Occupation:	Steel Fixer	
Height:	5-7	
Weight:	10 _ Stone	
Marital Status:	Married with two children, Ciara and Conor	
Favourite food/drink:	Stew/milk	
Favourite TV programme:	Sunday Game/End to End	
Favourite Actor/Actress	Al Pacino and Robert De Niro	
Favourite Film	The Shawshank Redemption	
Honours won:	County Under 16 and Under 21 championships, divisional titles at underage level.	
Other sports played:	Soccer with Cappry Rovers	
Biggest influence on career:	Father Peter Mc Cormack, the late Eugene Boyle and Willie Lavery	
Most difficult opponent:	Fay Devlin	
Other interests:	Spending time with family	
Sporting Ambition:	To win on Sunday	

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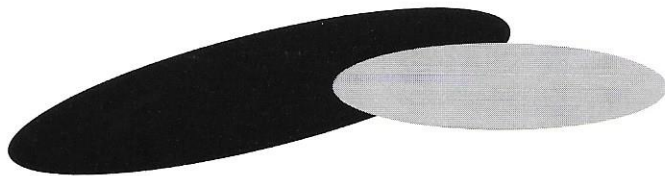
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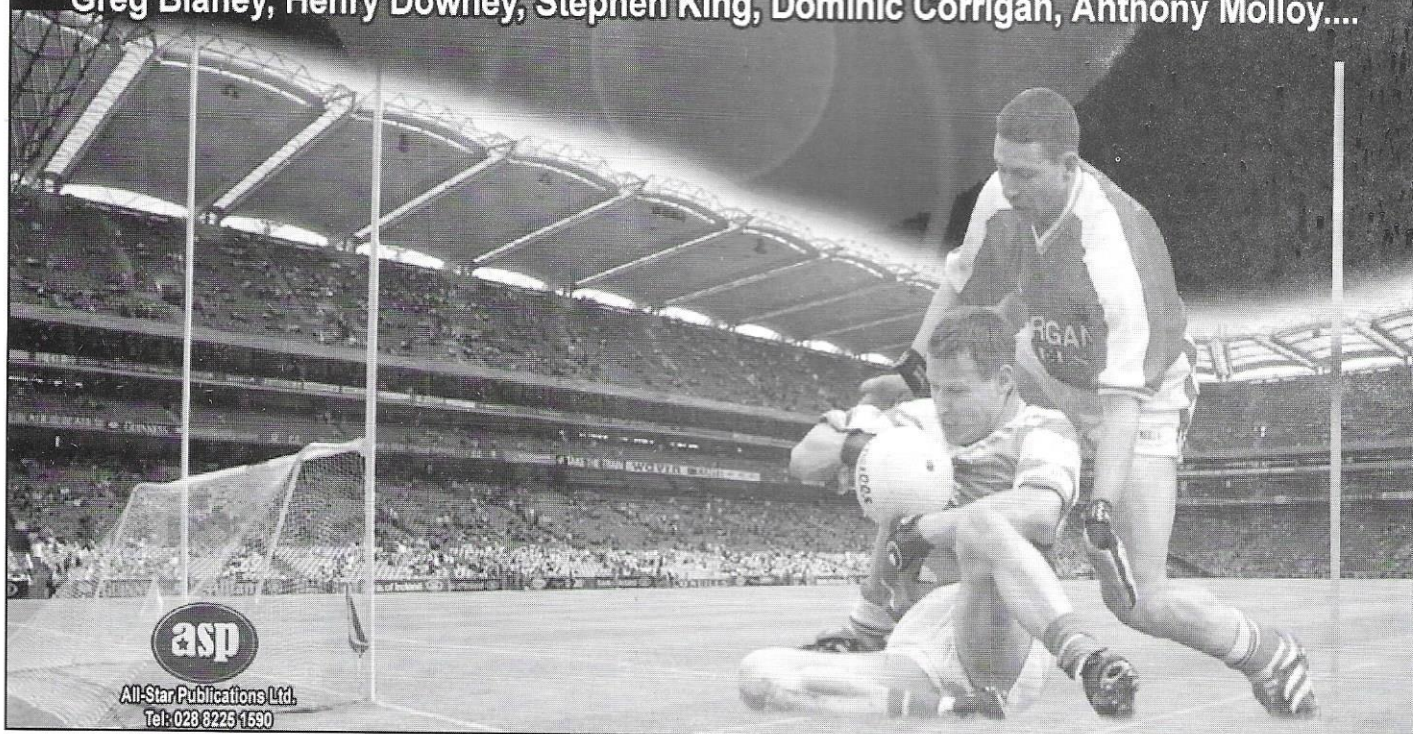
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THE Boyle Connection

By Harry Walsh, Derry People-Donegal News

TWENTY TWO year old idfielder Brendan Boyle is bidding to win a second Senior Donegal Championship medal. A Civil Engineering graduate from Sligo Institute of Technology, Brendan was centre half back on the Ardara team which defeated St Eunan's to win the 2000 title. On Sunday he will line out a centre field, a position he has made his own at both club and inter-county level over the past two seasons. His older brother Jonathan (26), scorer of 1-2 in the 2000 decider, will also be hoping to win a second county medal. Their father John, who was Donegal Player of the Year for 1970, is also the proud owner of a county medal (1981) while younger brother Derek (21) played a pivotal role in helping Donegal to Ted Webb success at U-16 level. Unfortunately, a back injury has cut short his promising career. A civil engineer with Galway based company Ward and Burke, Brendan is busy working on the new multi million euro Ardara Sewerage Scheme but he'll be hoping to drill his way through the heart of the MacCumhail's defence come Sunday afternoon. "It will be a fifty fifty game. Any team which knocks Gweedore out of the championship two years in a row has to be respected and we'll be giving them every respect next weekend. 'It's an old cliché but it all depends on who performs better on the day. They'll be helped by the fact that the game will be played on their home pitch but we'll give it everything," Brendan said. Pearse Memorial Park is just a few short steps from the Boyle house and Brendan, Derek and Jonathan spent many happy afternoons playing football with the Byrne brothers - Seamus and Kevin - who lived just down the road. Today, the Byrne brothers earn their living as fishermen; Jonathan is a bank official in Dublin while Brendan has only recently completed his studies in Sligo.

"I suppose it's the nature of a small, rural club like Ardara that lads have to leave the town to make a living but the team spirit is as good today as it ever was," he said. With six or seven of the panel based in Dublin, the Ardara squad have been travelling to Virginia, Co Cavan for training on Wednesday evenings for much of this year's campaign. "It shows the commitment of the players who are all prepared to travel that extra mile. We're all friends and there is good morale right throughout the panel. Substitutes have come off the bench to win two games for us already this season and we're all fighting the same cause," he said. A winner of U-16, minor and senior county medals, Brendan has also helped Sligo Institute of Technology to two Sigersons. In 1999, as a seventeen year old, he travelled to Australia with the Irish compromise rules team. "I've been lucky enough in my career to date but nothing beats winning a county title with your home town club. A win on Sunday would be right up there with anything I've ever won the past," he said. Not surprisingly, that trip down under is listed among the highlights of his young career to date together with the Dr Maguire win in 2000 but he is not prepared to rest on his laurels. 'I would like nothing better than to help the lads bring the Dr Maguire Cup back to Ardara. In the longer term I would like to become a regular in the Donegal midfield and win an Ulster title,' he said. Fellow inter-county player Damien Diver has been struggling with injury for much of this year's campaign and Brendan believes that his absence has resulted in a number of other players stepping up to the plate. 'Everybody has been given a huge lift that Damien is now back to one hundred per cent fitness but we've also shown this season that we can win games without him,' Brendan said. A superb athlete Brendan has played his part in getting Ardara to this weekend's final and he is determined to do his bit to make sure that Dr Maguire spends the next twelve months in the Ardara Parish.

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Minor Preview

By Tom Comack

Minor championship final day is a big day in football, and for the second year in a row, it is the curtain raiser to the senior decider in the biggest day in Donegal football.

Circumstances more often than not dictate that it is not possible to have the minor showpiece on this day, but thankfully in recent seasons it has got the show on the road. Today's finalists Naomh Conaill and Kilcar have made it all the way through to the final after what has been a highly competitive championship.

Defending champions Naomh Conaill - who bridged a 31 year gap last year to claim their second minor crown in last year - defeated neighbours and great rivals Glenfin in the semi-final. Before that they had seen off the challenge of Four Masters and Dungloe with considerable ease. Ironically, the only blip on their season so far was a single point southern regional final loss to today's opponents Kilcar.

And that defeat will be a mighty motivation force for manager Martin Regan, who still has the bulk of last years team on board again this year. Kilcar who are managed by Glenties native Neilly Byrne, are somewhat the surprise package of this year's campaign, but there is no doubting their right to bidding for third minor crown. But a quick glance at their path to today's decider, gives that notion the short shift. They have taken the scalps of neighbours Naomh Columba along with three fancied sides Killybegs, Ardara, Gweedore. And of course there was that victory over this afternoon's opposition.

It has been a hectic summer of football for Kilcar after the exploits in the senior championship. And it has been a real rollercoaster for Noel Hegarty- brother of county senior Michael- Oisin McFadden, and Pauric Sweeney all in the starting senior 15 and central figures in today's team .

Mention of central figures, Donal Cape, Anton Thompson, Conal McNelis, Leonard and Brendan McDyer, and Daire Gallagher fall into this category for Naomh Conaill. Two final appearances and two wins, is Kilcar's record in finals. Though, they must be regretting that Four Masters are not their opponents as they defeated the Donegal Town boys in their victories of 1964 and '68.

The hand of history weighs heavy on Naomh Conaill this afternoon. After winning their first minor championship in 1962, defeating Bundoran in the final, they lost out in the following year's showdown to Ballyshannon. So they will be very anxious that it is not a case of history repeating itself this afternoon.

Cill Chartha - Na Mionúir – Player Profiles

Name	Age		Position	Achievements
Eamonn Mc Ginley	17	Student Sligo I.T.	Goalkeeper	U13, U16 Champ
Philip O' Donnell	18	Student Sligo I.T.	Defender	U13, U16 Champ
Luke Carr	17	Student Sligo I.T.	Goalkeeper	U13 , U16 Champ
Shovelin	16	Student Carrick V.S.	Defender	U12, U13, U16 Champ.
Barry Mc Ginley	16	Student Carrick V.S.	Defender	U12, U13, U16 Champ.
Noel Hegarty	18	Student	Defender	County minor 2004. U13,U16 Champ.
Jonathan Mc Brearty	18	Stone mason	Defender	U13, U16 Champ.
Oisin Mc Fadden	18	Student U C D	Midfield	County minor 2004. U13,U16 Champ.
Patrick O' Donnell	18	Student Sligo I.T.	Midfield	U13, U16, Champ.
Declan Sweeney	17	Student Carrick V.S.	Forward	U12, U13, U16 Champ.
Pauric Sweeney	18	Student Maynooth	Forward	U13, U16 Champ.
Mark Sweeney	16	Student Carrick V.S.	Forward	U13, U13, U16, Champ.
Barry Mc Brearty	15	Student Carrick V.S.	Forward	U15 County Dev. Panel U12 Champ.
James Boyle	18	Farmer	Forward	U13, U16 Champ.
Ashley Carr	16	Student Carrick V.S.	Forward	U12, U13, U16 Champ.
James Carr	16	Student Carrick V.S.	Goalkeeper	U12, U13 Champ.
Kieran Mc Ginley	15	Student Carrick V.S.	Forward	Co. U15 Dev. Panel. U12 Champ.
Declan Carr	18	Student L Y I T	Defender	U13, U16 Champ
Christopher Mc Fadden	18	Apprentice Carpenter	Forward	U13, U16 Champ.
Declan Callaghan	17	Student Carrick V.S.	Forward	U12, U13 Champ
Paul boyle	17	Student Carrick V.S.	Forward	U13, U16 Champ.
Eoin Breslin	16	Student Carrick V.S.	Defender	U12, U16 Champ.

John Carr

Manager

Neilly Byrne

Coach

Bundoran's last hurrah recalls remarkable era of football

1979 marked the definitive end of a remarkable period of football domination by Bundoran, who along with neighbours Ballyshannon, stood like a colossus over the club scene for the best part of a decade and a half, in their previous guise as St. Joseph's. The year of the Papal visit was also a special year for the seaiders themselves, as they were appearing in the county final - in their own right - for the very first time since 1934.

In the tightest of finishes they won the senior championship of 25 years ago by a single point, 0-9 to 1-5 against MacCumhaills. And while it was Bundoran who were in the final, with St. Joseph's previously taking their last senior title in 1976, it was the last hurrah, for the Bundoran contingent of one of the most talented bunch of footballers, ever to have graced the Donegal football scene.

What had sprung up as a initial minor combination in the early sixties, continued through to senior level and ultimately at senior level from 1963 - contesting and winning myriad county finals, provincial and ultimately,

All-Ireland honours, before the GAA recognised it as an official competition. Indeed, 'Joseph's' remain the only Donegal senior club team to have ever won the later official Ulster Club championship at senior level, a feat they achieved against Castleblaney Faughs in 1975.

By 1976, Bundoran had become a force in themselves with ten of the first fifteen on county final day playing with the seaiders. In 1977, Bundoran won the senior league as well as the inaugural Intermediate Club championship title. Backboned by an All-Ireland De La Salle college victory in 1980, Aodh Ruadh of Ballyshannon were to re-invent themselves, to take two senior titles in 1986 and 1987, but 1979 still marks the highpoint for Bundoran, for they have sadly never reached the same heights since.

Eight championship medals It was the first final refereed by An t-Ath Se-n "Gallchoir and their victory also recalls a remarkable achievement for both Brian McEniff and Seamie Granaghan, as they were to pocket their eight Donegal senior championship medal, a feat only matched by Danny Gillespie of Gweedore. Both had picked up their first medals at senior level in the 1965 final, which went to a replay against Glenties; later both were part of the four-in-a-row success from 1973-1976. Two of that successful 1979 Bundoran team are no longer with us, the late Brendan McHugh and Seamus Reilly. Both made appearances in the Donegal jersey as well as Sligo(Brendan) and Mayo (Seamus), the latter also serving as Donegal u-21 manager. While both died much too young, their contribution to the GAA epitomised the attitude to Gaelic Games in that era. A young Bosco Moohan was another notable member of that squad, as he still plays competitively for his beloved Black & Amber and as recently as last year, captained the Donegal team to victory in the All-Ireland masters series. While many of the '79 team were still relatively young, the team was affectionately dubbed 'Dad's Army' as a result of a number of the older players, some in their mid to late thirties, who made the first

fifteen that October day.

Path to the final Back in '79 MacCumhaills had earned their way to the final with a semi-final victory in Ballyshannon against Ardara, winning by two points 1-9 to 1-7 with Frank Coyne bagging a goal and two points while Enda McMenamin notched up 4 points.

In Bundoran's case it was a splendid victory over their old pals Ballyshannon on a scoreline of 1-13 to 3-4 at Ballybofey which earned them the right to a final date. The most notable aspect of that game was going into the last ten minutes Bundoran led by 1-11 to 1-2, but Ballyshannon scored two goals and a point within the space of three minutes, to make it a nail biting and "pulsating finish" as described in the Donegal Democrat.

The final itself was played on Sunday October 7th in Ballybofey with Bundoran taking the title by a single point. "Fifty give minutes of hard, keenly contested but seldom thrilling football and five minutes of heart stopping, fever pitched excitement, was what the spectators witnessed and experienced at MacCumhaill Park," the match report read. Bundoran lead by six points at the interval, but the Finn Siders came back bravely in the second half and made them battle all the way. "It was a team victory for Bundoran with each player contributing his part to the success. Bundoran contested each ball, battled to make the best use of each chance and throughout played a more positive style of football than MacCumhaills," the Democrat declared.

"To individually mention the best players on the Bundoran team would necessitate naming the entire fifteen players because it really was a team victory and each man played his part. However special mention must be made of player manager Brian McEniff, Christy Murphy and Billy Gavigan and indeed the whole defence. John Murray and Peter Doherty were in control at midfield and Fintan Lynch, Seamus Granaghan, Seamus Reilly and Brendan McHugh were the pick of a strong forward line." Best for the Finn Siders, according to the match report were Hugo Lafferty, Martin Griffin, Andy Curran and P.J. McGowan. In the forward line Enda McMenamin, made useful contributions, as did Frank Coyne and Francis Lafferty, when he came on.

The Bundoran team which lined out that day included Sean Murphy, Niall McQuillan, Tom Connolly, John Gavigan, Brian McEniff, Christy Murphy, Billy Gavigan, John Murray, Peter Doherty, Fintan Lynch, Michael Burke, Seamie Granaghan, Seamus Reilly (RIP), Brendan McHugh (RIP) and Bosco Moohan. Subs pictured on final day included Emmet Travers, Michael Corbett, Michael Travers, Patrick Carty and Fred Dowd, while other squad members in the pen pics, in advance of the final included John Doherty, John McEniff, John Keenaghan, Jim Gavigan, Daniel Keenaghan, Mickey Dunne, Jude Barnes and Paul McElhinney.

(Michael McHugh is a journalist with the Donegal Democrat and eldest son of the late Brendan McHugh who lined out at full-forward on the 1979 Bundoran championship winning team.)



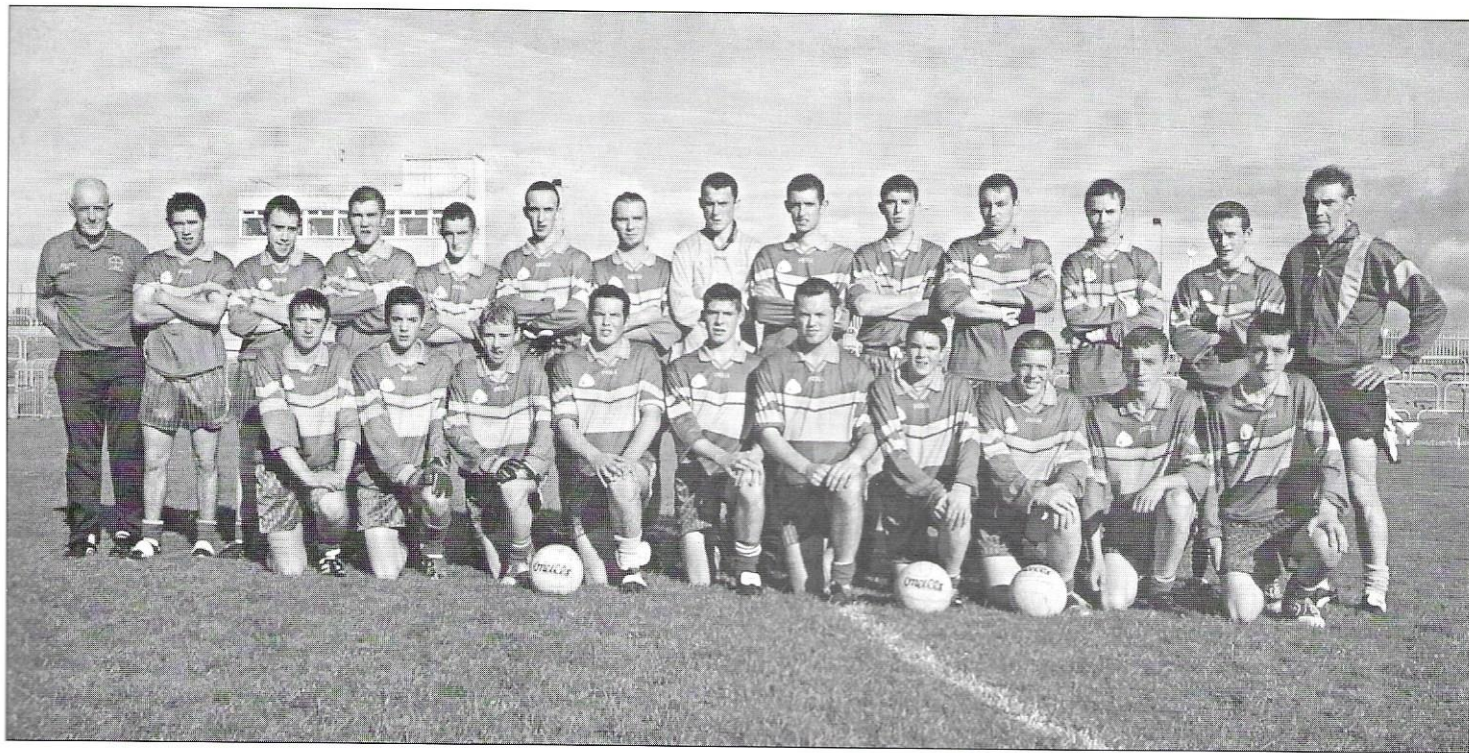
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22. Eóin O Breisleán (Eoin Breslin)

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